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Dear Fellow Graduates:

Our football team last fall was truly a team of destiny — destined to lose the games we wanted most to win, principally through our own errors. Except for the Michigan game, in each of our losses, two or three mechanical lapses of our own making cost us victories we otherwise earned. However, the team and the Corps never quit.

As a matter of fact, initially, cadet enthusiasm and procedures with regard to such things as after-taps rallies, uniform (costumes) at Mess Hall rallies, and singing in ranks kept me in a quandry all fall to be certain that Corps "spirit" did not transgress proper military discipline. The way in which the football team dominated the Navy in Philadelphia is a fair indication of the degree to which the intensity of the spirit that exists in the Corps was transmitted to the team. Of the many Navy games I have seen, the last game was the first time I have ever seen a Navy team unable to cross mid-field sometime during the game under its own steam. Remember that this effort was achieved not only after the debacle at Michigan, but after two games against the best teams in the East (Pitt and Syracuse), each of which we could well have won except for the two or three mechanical errors I have already mentioned. After such successive disappointments, the unflagging spirit and determination of our Corps and of the team are ample testimony to the quality of the character of our Corps and of the Cadets who comprise it, and to the quality of job done by our coaching staff.

Since last I wrote, I have had some opportunity to become acquainted with the present academic course of instruction although, to date, I have been able only to scratch the surface. So far, I have been pleased by what I have seen. The curriculum appears to have been kept progressive and abreast of the times. The quality of instruction and the extent of cadet discussion have improved immensely since the days when I used to teach F equals MA. I have been particularly impressed with the advanced education and training our present-day instructors receive. We not only get pretty much the cream of the graduate crop to start with, but almost every instructor is given at

least a year of graduate study at some civilian college or university before reporting for duty here.

Each of our departments has maintained a realistic approach to its course of instruction and has kept very much abreast of the times in course content and instructional methods. Space limits comment on each. But, as examples: Recent years have seen the introduction of subcourses in electronics and nuclear physics by Electricity and greater stress on mechanics of materials in Mechanics. The social sciences are presented in a most interesting manner. They give the cadet a comprehensive and realistic appreciation of current national and world problems and provide a foundation for further reading and study to insure a clear understanding of them throughout his service career. English stresses clear, complete, concise self-expression, oral and written. The course in the history of military art is an exceptionally fine one; it provides a professional foundation far beyond anything my contemporaries and I ever received. The other departments are equally modern.

The brighter cadets are provided an opportunity to advance beyond the standard curriculum. Those who demonstrate mastery of subjects above the average are given advanced work both during the term and in lieu of written general reviews. Additionally, in some subjects, separate courses are conducted for the more advanced students. I hope to see this practice extended even further during my tour here.

The soundness of the system our Alma Mater has pursued since Thayer's day has been so thoroughly proved through the years, and courses have been kept so progressive and up-to-date, that it is difficult to determine where one might add his mite to help toward the goal of perfection the Academy continually seeks.

In my search, I have come to several conclusions. The margin for improvement at most will be slim. The people who can best suggest the area in which that margin lies are those who best know our West Point product and the requirements placed upon it—our graduates. The best way to obtain the ideas of our graduates is to ask them. Therefore, we are drawing up an

extensive questionnaire to be sent to all graduates, in order to canvass your experiences and views. The results can be a tremendous help to West Point, provided: we do our job in presenting the questions properly to you, and; you give your replies the careful consideration and study their importance warrants. I hope you will.

A second area in which I plan to solicit your help is in the problem of interesting the best potential leaders among the youth of our country in coming to West Point and pursuing a military career. Heretofore, we have stressed the dissemination of accurate information about USMA to all young men in our secondary schools with the aim of awakening interest in attending the Academy. We should like now to stress *the seeking out, the locating of*, particularly promising young men of the type we should like to see come to West Point. We are working on a plan to place a request for specific help on many of you, particularly those out of the service. We feel that, if all will share a small portion of the load, the total effort that can be made will produce large results. We are in a continual quest for the highest possible quality of graduate. As you can well appreciate, the potential quality in our graduate to which we can aspire is predetermined to a considerable extent by the quality of the material with which we have to work. We seek the best potential leaders among the youth of our country. We want your help in locating them and in getting them interested in a military career and coming to West Point.

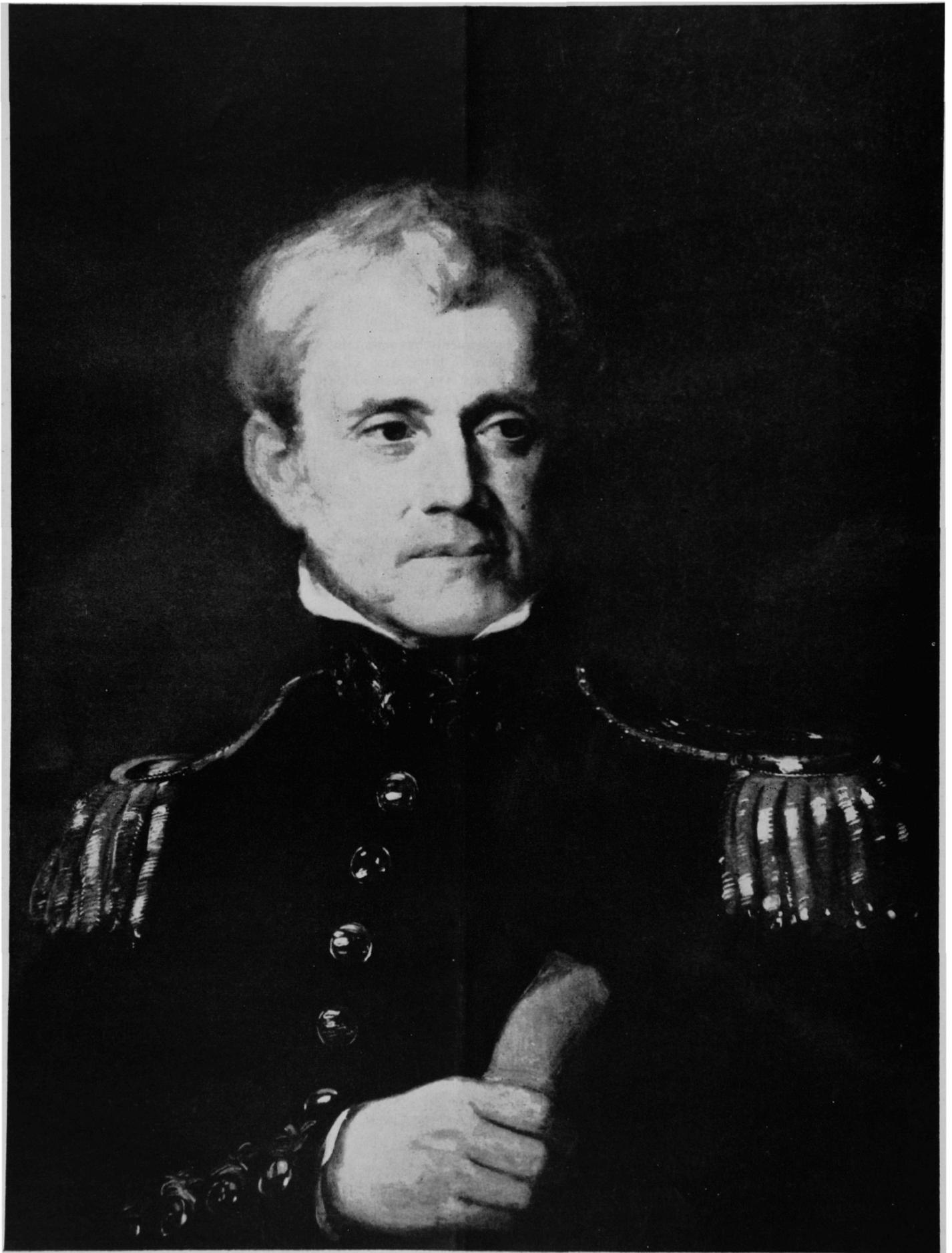
Again, I find I have much more about which to write you than space permits. So, I must wait until April to say more.

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and that this New Year will be one of the happiest for each of you.

My best regards.

Sincerely,

GARRISON H. DAVIDSON
Major General, USA
Superintendent



SYLVANUS THAYER, from a painting by Robert W. Weir

The Life and Character of General Sylvanus Thayer

*Address delivered to the officers of the United States Military Academy
at West Point, N. Y., December 14, 1922, by*

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*EDITOR'S NOTE: The year 1957 marks the 150th anniversary of Thayer's
entrance to the Military Academy. In commemoration of this event, this issue of
ASSEMBLY is dedicated to SYLVANUS THAYER.*

The life of Sylvanus Thayer was, from birth to death, typically American. There was no environment, I should say, anywhere else in the world that could produce such a character. His life was deep rooted in the soil of New England. He was of the seventh generation in direct line from Richard Thayer, a Puritan immigrant, who came from the parish of Thornsby in Gloucestershire, England, and settled in Braintree, Massachusetts, about 1635. He was born in Braintree June 9, 1785, the fifth child of Nathaniel and Dorcas Faxon Thayer, one of a family of seven children. His parents were a sober, God-fearing couple, intelligent and upright; without pretension and without humility. Theirs was a home of probity, piety, strict justice, and straight grained honesty.

The boys of Sylvanus Thayer's day felt dimly perhaps, but certainly deeply, that days of hard struggle and high achievement were before them. They sensed that a time was coming when to them should be sounded the strict admonition of the apostle: "Quit ye like men; be strong and fight." Our Puritan forbears most assuredly were not puppets of an arbitrary control, or ritual, or pageantry of life; they early transmitted to their sons that vital lesson in democracy that they as young men should have the liberty, unhampered, to explore and bring to light, and to set in action the unfathomed mysteries of their powers.

Such a challenge came early indeed to Sylvanus Thayer. The Thayer farmland was far too rocky to be profitably productive, and seven young children were a heavy burden of support on Nathaniel and Dorcas Thayer. Faithful daily toil verged on honest poverty. Shortly after the seventh child, Livia, was born in 1793, Azariah Faxon, Dorcas Thayer's brother, sent a letter to his sister urging her to send her youngest son, Sylvanus, to live with him. So it was that Sylvanus Thayer, a lad scarcely nine years of age, left his home and mother, and took up residence with his uncle at Washington, New Hampshire.

Azariah Faxon had been a soldier and officer of the American Revolution; he had been compelled to grapple with the flintiest of hardships. He did not intend to have his nephew spoiled by the soft theory of life. From the very start, he impressed upon him that sturdy character can only be

forged into final shape by the blows of obstacles, by sharp and persistent struggle. It was rugged training by a realistic soldier. Out of it came that finely tempered nature of the man whose memory you and I have come deeply to revere.

At the age of twelve, Thayer was clerking in a town grocery store. At the age of seventeen, he had followed the example of his soldier uncle and was teaching in the Washington District School; thence forward, his ambition was to obtain a college education. In a few months he had mastered the rudiments of the Latin and Greek languages and the elements of Mathematics, in which he excelled. In September 1803, he was admitted to Dartmouth College with "honorable mention."

Thayer's vigorous intellect began at once to assert itself, and he grew markedly in mental power and achievement. At the close of his sophomore year, he ranked in the low first quarter of his class. By the close of his junior year, he had risen to the rank of second. In his senior year, he was the highest ranking scholar. He had competitors for highest honors, I assure you; among them I would mention particularly George Ticknor, the distinguished author who became his life-long friend, and Joseph Bell, the eminent jurist. But Thayer finally surpassed them all, made highest honors, and was designated to deliver the valedictory of his class.

It had been steady, persistent, intelligent, courageous work. His valedictory was not delivered! Duty had called him, as he believed, to another field of service; he had been appointed a cadet at the West Point Military Academy and the summons had come to report immediately.

Sylvanus Thayer was of the stuff of which good soldiers are made. In becoming a West Point cadet he sensed at once that he had taken upon himself a covenant that made him, in a very special sense, a son of the nation. He seemed to realize that every act of his life would form a part of the public record of the West Point Military Academy, and that that record would be a part of the history of his country. If ever a cadet walked always and steadily in "the path of duty, virtue, and honor," that cadet was Sylvanus Thayer. Within a year, to be exact on February 23, 1808, he was graduated from West Point, the most brilliant cadet in his class. He had been trained under the wise and effi-

cient supervision of Colonel Williams, at that time superintendent of the Academy.

"From that date till he was called to the field in 1812"—I am quoting from General Cullum of the West Point Class of 1833—"Sylvanus Thayer was actively employed on engineer service; in giving mathematical instruction at West Point, where he was also the Adjutant of the Academy; and upon ordnance duty, there being then scarcely an officer in our Army who knew how to make even a musket cartridge."

At the outbreak of the War of 1812, Lieutenant Thayer entered immediately into active service as an officer of engineers. He was chief engineer of the Northern Army under the command of Major General Dearborn in the campaign of 1812, of the right division of the same army under command of Major General Hampton, to whom he was aide-de-camp in the campaign of 1813, and of the forces under command of Brigadier General Port in the defense of Norfolk, Virginia, in 1814. "For distinguished and meritorious services" against the British in the defense of Norfolk he was brevetted a Major, February 20, 1815.

The United States government had discovered Major (General) Thayer's marked ability and great promise. Almost immediately he was selected, with Colonel William McRee of North Carolina, to accompany Commodore Decatur's expedition to chastise the Algerine pirates who had been preying upon American trading vessels in the Mediterranean. But, happily for West Point Academy, before the expedition set sail, these two men were entrusted with that greater responsibility of studying the military systems of Europe, particularly the science of war as practiced in the army of Napoleon Bonaparte. A voyage of a month in the frigate Congress brought them to the English Channel. As they sailed into the Channel, the news reached them that the Battle of Waterloo had been fought only two days before! But they had the honor of riding into Paris with the staff of the Duke of Wellington. In Paris, occupied immediately after by the allied forces they had unique opportunities for perfecting a military education by witnessing and studying daily the evolutions of the troops who had defeated Napoleon's army on the field of Waterloo. Sylvanus Thayer spent two years in the



Thayer Academy, Braintree, Massachusetts.

mastering of this government trust. The military organizations of the Great Powers—their armies, their equipments, their arsenals and their military schools—were carefully examined, and the fundamentals thoroughly mastered.

Shortly after Major (General) Thayer's return from his mission abroad, in the spring of 1817, President Monroe visited the West Point Military Academy. The President's eyes were opened! I am adhering strictly to facts gleaned from your most trustworthy records when I summarize conditions as follows: first, nearly all the cadets were missing. Evidently they had left for the different parts of the country on furlough. Moreover, there was no registration enrollment which gave the cadet's place of residence. When Major (General) Thayer took the helm he had actually to resort to the newspapers to advertise for the return of the cadets. Some never came back and were, by order of President Monroe, dismissed on March 1st of the following year.

The cadets remaining at the Academy ranged in age between 12 and 34. Some were deformed and altogether disqualified for the profession of arms. Both physical and mental examinations had been dispensed with; there was no merit list whatever. The law of 1812 regulating attendance at West Point specifically required

that cadets should go "through all the classes." Yet the evidence is conclusive that cadets at this time were becoming full fledged officers in four months' time.

President Monroe was firmly convinced that conditions were chaotic, without system or regularity in administration. He immediately took the matter in hand and scarcely a month after his visit, President Monroe relieved Colonel Partridge of his superintendency and sent Major (General) Thayer to reorganize the Military School of the nation.

It is manifest to me that Major (General) Thayer's work was far more than reconstruction or reform; it was a new creation of the Academy. He found when he came, to use the words of General Cullum, "a drowsy school of supine students;" he left it a great seminary of science and military art. It is only just to say that Major (General) Thayer gave to West Point its unique character among the educational centers of the country and laid the foundation for its wide fame.

Major (General) Thayer's first great problem was to bring order out of chaos. His advertising in the papers for the return of the cadets was, as I have already pointed out, an irregularity forced upon him by conditions.

Major (General) Thayer must have had a tremendous fight on his hands in ridding

the Academy of attempted domination by members of Congress. Drawn as the cadets were, from all sections of the country, appointed by the Secretary of War, on the recommendation of members of Congress, I can readily see how the interest of Congressmen persisted in their appointees. Many Congressmen insisted on seeing that justice was done their protégés in the examinations; that none were found deficient who, in their judgment, had the brains to pass, and that no needless severity was exercised in discipline.

A few months after his appointment as Superintendent, Major (General) Thayer faced a storm cloud. 194 cadets denied their amenability to trial by court martial, and asserted the right of free criticism of their superior officers; they brought the matter to court. Thank God the man they dealt with had an iron will! Sylvanus Thayer knew that in ancient times a little band of Spartans had withstood a whole army. He knew that epitaph that commemorated their noble death at the pass of Thermopylae—"Go tell to Sparta, that thou passest by; that there, obedient to her laws we lie." He did not hesitate, he did not falter. He wrote in no uncertain way to the Secretary of War that the cadet corps at West Point should form a part of the land forces of the United States and be subject to the Rules and Articles of War.

The resolute action of Sylvanus Thayer was upheld by John Calhoun. "It spelled obedience and established," as Lieutenant General Schofield has so pertinently said, "a principle which has been of untold value to the military service of the Republic."

Let me say right here that insistence on obedience to law was with Sylvanus Thayer the quintessence of patriotism. He believed with all the strength of his moral fibre that in the scrupulous maintenance of our laws lay the supreme safeguard of our democratic institutions.

Major (General) Thayer never could have brought about the reorganization of West Point which he did if he had not been supported so strongly and surely by that iron minister of war, John Calhoun. I have always looked upon the eight years Calhoun served as President Monroe's Secretary of War as the golden age of his service to the nation. At that time he looked upon the state of South Carolina and the nation as one and inseparable. He had a deep sentiment of nationality. The fact that Sylvanus Thayer was a New Englander did not bias him one jot or tittle. Calhoun's first examination of the West Point problem developed to his mind all its conditions. He saw that the Academy, to be successful, must be placed under the dominion of law and positive regulations; and he saw at once that Sylvanus Thayer was the man to do it. A friendship sprang up which was warm and constant. Probably at no other time in the life of the Academy were inter-meddling influences more strongly exerted, and at no other time were they so firmly and wisely resisted.

Nothing is more admirable than the masterly way in which Major (General) Thayer surrounded himself with a group of picked men to build up the scholastic standards of the Academy. He put in the Department of Natural and Experimental Philosophy, Colonel Jared Mansfield, one of the most distinguished scholars of his day; in the Engineering Department he placed a brilliant graduate of the schools of France. Sylvanus Thayer knew how to blend the theories of the French with the practical methods of the English. Professors Douglas, Davies, and Courtenay developed the analytical sciences; Professors Torrey, Hopkins, and Mather instructed in chemistry, mineralogy, and geology; Crozet and Mahan skillfully applied all these branches to military and civil engineering and the science of war.

"But the directing mind," reflects General Cullum, "was the great Superintendent himself, a ripe scholar, acquainted with every science taught, passionately fond of military literature, and singularly gifted for his elevated command."

Morris Schaff in "The Spirit of Old West Point" pays this sterling tribute to Sylvanus Thayer: "When he left the Academy, as we all know, every feature of West Point life, and especially its martial features, were softly illuminated by the inherent glow of scholarship; not merely technical scholarship, not the patchy stenciling of pedagogy, but that deeply reflecting scholarship which comes from a mingling of science and literature with idealism."

In bringing Major (General) Thayer's administration at West Point to a conclusion, I want to present to you two pictures of Sylvanus Thayer, from the diary



Thayer School of Engineering, Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire.

of his dear friend, Ticknor. Here they are: June 12, 1826. Breakfast precisely at seven; then we have all the newspapers, and, a little before eight o'clock, Thayer puts on his full-dress coat and sword, and when the bugle sounds we are always at Mr. Cozzens', where Thayer takes off his hat and inquires if the President of the Board is ready to attend at the examination-room; if he is, the Commandant conducts him to it with great ceremony, followed by the Board. If he is not ready, Thayer goes without him; he waits for no man.

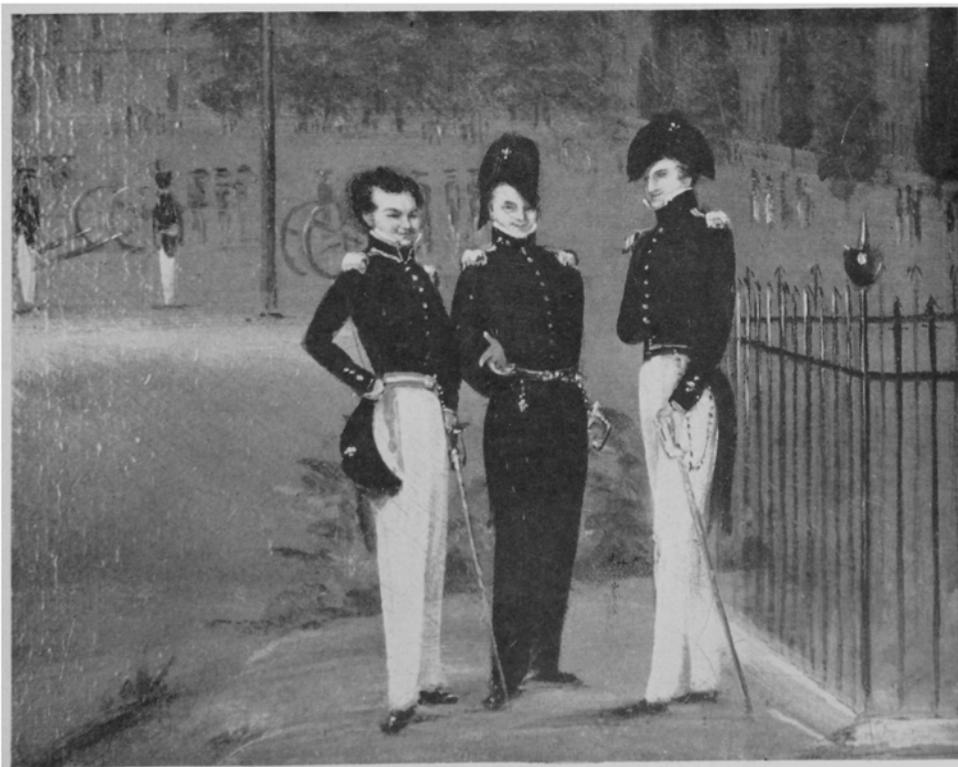
In the examination-room Thayer presides at one table, surrounded by the Academic Staff; General Houston at the other,

surrounded by the Visitors. In front of the last table, two enormous blackboards, eight feet by five, are placed on easels, and, at each of these boards, stand two cadets, one answering questions or demonstrating, and the other three preparing the problems that are given to them. In this way, in an examination of sixteen young men lasting four hours on one subject; each of them will have had one hour's public examination on it; and the fact is, that each of the forty cadets in the upper class will tonight have had about five hours' personal examination. While the examination goes on, one person sits between the tables and asks questions, but other members of the Staff and of the Board join in the examination frequently, as their interest moves them. The young men have that composure that comes from thoroughness, and unite, to a remarkable degree, ease with respectful manners toward their teachers. . . .

June 17. Thayer is a wonderful man. In the course of the fortnight I have been here, he has every morning been in his office doing business from six to seven o'clock; from seven to eight he breakfasts, generally with company; then goes to the examination-room, and for five complete hours never so much as rises from his chair. From one to three he has his dinner-party; from three to seven, again unmoved in his chair, though he is neither stiff nor pretending about it. At seven he goes on parade; from half-past seven to eight does business with the cadets, and from eight to nine, or even till eleven, he is liable to have meetings with the Academic Staff. Yet, with all his labor, and the whole responsibility of the institution, the examination, and the accommodation of the Visitors on his hands, he is always fresh, prompt, ready and pleasant; never fails to receive me under all circumstances with the same unencumbered and affectionate manner, and seems, in short,

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Detail from painting by Catlin on page 6.





View from Trophy Point, looking south. Cadets at Artillery Drill. Painting by George Catlin.

as if he were more of a spectator than I am. I do not believe there are three persons in the country who could fill his place; and Totten said very well the other day, when somebody told him,—what is no doubt true—that if Thayer were to resign, he would be the only man who could take his place—“No, no man would be indiscreet enough to take the place after Thayer; it would be as bad as being President of the Royal Society after Newton.” . . .

Time forbids me to trace the honorable career of Sylvanus Thayer after he left the Academy, which he had so faithfully served for 16 years. He was immediately appointed to take charge of the fortifications between Boston and the British provinces. In December 1843, he went a second time to Europe, under a commission from the government, to examine the estate of military science and the fortifications on that continent. You know how he returned to this country and how the colleges of the land united to do him honor. In 1846 Dartmouth College conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws; five years later, Harvard College conferred a like degree. Throughout these years, he was an esteemed member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and of the American Philosophical Society. He retired from active service January 1, 1863, his name having been borne in the army register more than 55 years. Two days before his retirement, he was brevetted a Brigadier General. In 1867 he generously remembered his Alma Mater by founding at Dartmouth College, the Thayer School of Engineering.

Slowly his life grew old and rich like wine. When lengthening shadows marked the evening of his day, how natural and fine it was for him to return to the town of his birth in the land of New England that he loved so well. I can see him in his garden close to the soil, starting his hoeing with the streaks of dawn. I can see him reminding his leisurely workmen

that the donning of their overalls was not a part of the day's job in *his* garden. I can see the look of disgust that swept across his rugged face as he rebuked the politician who came to curry favor with him with the crisp comment, “I will never shake hands with a dishonest man.” I can see his set expression when he first surveyed that load of oak wood ordered for his fireplace and discovered crooked sticks among them. “I want straight sticks. Send the crooked things back and bring me straight ones.” How he hated sham! How he detested crooked things! I can see him bending over the big antique mahogany table in his study, on which are spread plans and maps of the Civil War. Beside him are his life-long friends, Winfield Scott, Ticknor, and Mahan. Too old for active service, General Thayer is now the master adviser of the Northern Army, using every ounce of effort to pre-

West Point Parade, 1828. Painting by George Catlin.



serve the Union cause. A sturdy patriot, a staunch defender of Abraham Lincoln. Finally, I can see him, before his earthly labors ended, preparing, out of the bigness of his heart, and with a delicate sense of honor, his last will and testament. If ever the face of a man writing noble and generous words glowed with a solemn joy, it must have been the face of Sylvanus Thayer, as he wrought into shape the disposition of those legacies accumulated through years of self-denial for friends, relatives, and the generations yet to be.

The richest legacy he left was for the founding of a school in his native town—a school that should offer to the youth the opportunity to rise through the pursuit of duty, industry, and honor, from small beginnings, to honorable achievements. On the site of his home in Braintree, the Thayer Academy was reared.

To his parent earth, near his father's grave, Sylvanus Thayer, at the advanced age of 87, was laid to rest in the Old North Braintree Cemetery, on September 7, 1872. Simply and appropriately he was buried there. But you also revered his memory, and five years later, November 8, 1877, you demanded the earthly tenement of the master soul of this great and good man, “the Father” of your Academy. May you vow a more tender veneration for his memory as you recall how he loved, revered and served the West Point Military Academy. He set before you the standard of honor,—it is nowhere higher; he laid deep the foundation of respect and reverence for law and liberty; he taught you by precept and example how a soldier and a citizen should live; he made his life the incarnation of the delicate honor of honesty. He taught you that the supreme test of life is its consecrated serviceableness. These are the foundations of your faith and mine.

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JOINT TASK FORCE SEVEN

Address Delivered to the West Point Society of the District of
Columbia at Fort McNair, D. C., September 12, 1956

By REAR ADMIRAL B. HALL HANLON, U. S. Navy

EDITOR'S NOTE: This article was submitted for publication by Brigadier General Perry B. Griffith, USAF, '34, Chief of Staff, Joint Task Force Seven. Rear Admiral B. Hall Hanlon, Commander Joint Task Force Seven, was graduated from the Naval Academy in 1921. He has had a very well-rounded naval career, embracing particularly the technical field. During the war he commanded the battleship NORTH CAROLINA and later a task group. He is also the founder of the underwater demolition forces, commonly known as the frog men. Since the war he has served as Superintendent of the Naval Gun Factory and as deputy for the Navy and for Economic Affairs in the Far East Command during the Korean War under Generals Hull and Clark. He holds thirty-one decorations, among them the Navy Cross, the Navy DSM, Army DSM, Legion of Merit, and the Bronze Star.

General Wheeler, General Fenton, distinguished fellow Service Academy graduates:

I am indeed honored to be able to talk informally to you today. Probably at no time in history has our Nation looked to the leadership of graduates of our Service Academies as it does now. It has become fashionable in some circles to decry a life in the military, but it seems quite significant to me that in times of strife and stress the mantle of high place appears inevitably to fall on the shoulders of West Point and Annapolis graduates, from your illustrious fellow graduate, our President, on down.

It has been my pleasure, on several occasions, to be a member of Joint staffs, and I probably have as close friendship with senior Army and Air Force officers as I have with my own fellow Naval offi-

cers. I might say, with pardonable pride, that it is my honor to have been decorated by the Army with its Distinguished Service Medal.

You may be interested in hearing about the operation we have just completed, so within the confines of security, I shall try and fill you in with a picture that, I hope, will not be too innocuous because of the foregoing restrictions.

My command, is a joint command, and, incidentally, my senior Air Force officer, Brigadier General Perry Griffith is a graduate of the Military Academy in the class of 1934. My Air Force Task Group Commander was Colonel John Samuel, and my Army Task Group Commander was Colonel Roger Lilly, both out of '38.

Joint Task Force SEVEN is a permanent organization established by the Joint Chiefs of Staff in March 1953. Its mis-

sion is to conduct overseas atomic tests. Before 1953, tests were conducted on an emergency basis with staffs more or less hastily brought together as time might allow. By 1953 it became obvious that such temporary forces were inadequate to handle the enlarging scope of atomic tests. Hence the decision creating our Task Force. My staff is about equally divided between the three services, incidentally, with a general or flag officer from each, as my deputy, for his own service. Generally, the Executive Agency, which is now Navy, changes with each series. For example, the Army was the agency for CASTLE—which was the test prior to REDWING.

Prior to operation REDWING, the one just terminated by us, there were six overseas tests, all except one conducted in the Pacific Proving Grounds, which consists of Eniwetok and Bikini Atolls located

some 530 miles southwest of Wake Island. Aside from these overseas tests, there have been five atomic tests conducted in the Nevada testing site under sponsorship other than ours.

My force in the Pacific consisted of five task groups; an Army Task Group; a Navy; a third the Air Force; the fourth was the Scientific Task Group; and the fifth was the Construction Group. The Construction and Scientific Task Groups were predominantly civilian and scientific types. The rest were military. My total force was on the order of 13,500 bodies, about 4,000 of whom were civilians.

Operation CASTLE, in 1954, established some thermonuclear principles and opened the way for further development. The two AEC weapons laboratories at Los Alamos and Livermore, California, had been working on the development of these principles theoretically since then, so, by the Spring of 1956, the point had been reached to detonate devices based on laboratory calculations.

This together with the need for additional information on defensive weapons, was the primary reason for our test series. There were other pressing needs which were satisfied by the series also. For example, our knowledge of weapons effects had to be broadened. New advances in the gathering and correlation of weather data had to be checked and reevaluated; and weapons systems testing had to be conducted also.

We planned a very extensive weapons effects program. Generally speaking we were interested in all of the primary and delayed effects concerned with atomic detonations. These, non-technically, break down into three groups:

First, Blast and Shock, which result from the abnormally high air pressure and wind velocity created by a nuclear blast.

Second, Nuclear Radiation which can be divided into two areas of interest:

(a) *Prompt Radiation*, mainly consisting of neutron and gamma rays and

(b) *Delayed Radiation or Fallout*, and

Third, Thermal Radiation. Our objective here was to determine thermal damage to objects and living things.

The Department of Defense and the Atomic Energy Commission planned for a period of almost two years for this test. It remained then but for the Services to furnish to us the Task Groups for execution of our mission. In order to accomplish our mission we started moving troops and equipment into the Proving Grounds shortly after last Christmas. Early in April, I moved with my immediate staff to the Pacific and assumed command for the operational period.

As you may well imagine, an operation of this magnitude demands a large number of ships, and considerable naval support. My Navy Task Group consisted of over 22 large type ships and 37 smaller

ones, ranging from an aircraft carrier to destroyers. It also furnished certain aircraft which it was best fitted to lend us. The Army Task Group was preponderantly concerned with security in the area and the logistic support needed for over 13,000 persons. The Air Force Task Group, with over 120 first line aircraft, a considerable percentage of them jets, provided some of the aerial lift to and from the U.S. before and during the tests, furnished instrumented aircraft for the gathering of effects data, also the drop aircraft, and all airlift in the proving ground. There were no drones. All were manned aircraft.

The members of all three Services should be proud of their parts in the operation. Of particular significance to me was the way the Air Force's young fighter pilots, some of them not over a year out of flying school, handled their jet aircraft. All our flying was done at night, under the most adverse weather conditions, and it was necessary for these young men to put their machines at a point in space with very small error, and yet be able to acquire the information necessary for our scientists without wrecking their own planes from the blast. In all of the many thousands of hours flown, only one major accident occurred, when the pilot and observer of a B-57 were forced to bail out from 20,000 feet at night and in a thunderstorm. Within 18 minutes our search and rescue aircraft picked up the pilot's flashlight in the water 50 miles from the nearest land. In less than three hours we had a destroyer on the scene and the pilot was saved. Unfortunately, even though a very extensive search followed, we never did find the observer.

I should like to describe for you something of the sequence of events involving a shot. On the morning of D minus One, the last day before a shot is scheduled, all experimental equipment is ready except for the final loading of cameras, the setting of switches, etc. The bomb is checked out and readied for loading into the drop plane, if it is a drop. All personnel except those needed for final check outs are evacuated from the atoll and the big question left is, what will the weather be like. At about 8 A.M. on D minus One, the Task Force Weather officers brief my deputies and me on the weather estimate for shot time. If the situation is clearly desirable, I say the shot is on, and it is then officially D minus One. If it is clearly undesirable, I call the shot off; and if it is marginal, I just wait for later briefings when more data are available to decide.

Obviously, the first consideration in setting up such an operation as this is safety of the public of *whatever* nationality, and the second consideration is safety of persons conducting the test.

If the weather and wind vectors are unfavorable, delays can go on for some time. During CASTLE there was a wait of 28 days for one shot. When a favorable pre-

dition does arrive, the shot is turned on, everyone concerned is notified, and then final film loading and switch checking begins. All known ships and airborne aircraft have already been advised as to the courses they should take and a search of the danger area for other planes or ships, is in process.

Actually, there are many more informal weather briefings, right up to about 30 minutes before shot time. If at about 0300 hours, the shot is still on, I tell General Griffith to launch the aircraft. The first plane takes off then, and following aircraft depart on split second timing until all are in position around ground zero.

These aircraft are monitored by radar scope operators in the Combat Intelligence Center on my flagship, and in the Aircraft Operations Center in the Air Task Group Headquarters. It is, as I have said, absolutely essential that they be in an exact place at an exact time. So, at shot time, you can expect to have the aircraft all orbiting in their positions, closely monitored by the scope operators.

Let us now assume that conditions have been satisfactory and the bomb has been dropped or the device detonated. The bomb leaving the plane starts a sequence time on the ground which sends out signals opening shutters, starting cameras, etc. After the detonation, we wait about an hour for the dust to clear away and then send in a helicopter to survey the damage and to determine the radioactive situation in the lagoon and around the recording stations. If the report is favorable, highly protected recovery parties may then start in, and the naval surface vessels, which have been stationed about 30 miles from the lagoon, are cleared to re-enter. By the end of the day most of the recovery will have been accomplished and work will have been started to get the next shot ready.

This, then, is a picture of our activities on D-Day. It is a fascinating operation, fraught with tremendous responsibility and hard work. The most difficult periods are those between shots when excitement lags and there is an opportunity for loneliness to set in. We did not have many serious or very unusual situations arise during the entire operation, however, and I think it is a tribute to my fine staff and commanders that they conducted this operation so magnificently.

Our first shot was detonated May fifth and the test series was completed in late July. I cannot divulge the total number of shots for security reasons. Suffice it to say that the programmed number of tests was composed of nuclear devices ranging widely in yield, from the kiloton to the megaton range.

In closing, I think it is indeed a melancholy fact that such tests of death-dealing instruments seem to be necessary in this world of ours; but I can assure you that the results of REDWING have served immeasurably to bolster the defense of our Nation and of the free world.

BULLETIN BOARD

FOUNDERS DAY 1957 155th Anniversary, U.S.M.A.

Traditionally the anniversary of the founding of the United States Military Academy on March 16, 1802 is celebrated by West Point Societies and other groups of graduates and former cadets throughout the world in March of each year. The Saturday evening nearest March 16 is often chosen for this annual "Founders Day Dinner", however, the exact date is a matter of local option.

The Association of Graduates acts merely as a coordinating agency for the dissemination of pertinent information regarding the dates and places of meetings on this occasion, and does not prescribe the scope or time of meeting of any group. It is felt that these matters are of a local character and are best determined by the groups themselves. It would greatly assist the Association in its exchange of information between groups which plan to celebrate the anniversary of the Academy if each group would furnish, as early as possible, the following information to the Association of Graduates: Date of meeting; place of meeting; approximate attendance expected; and the name and address of the individual representing the group. The Association of Graduates will compile this information and disseminate it to all known groups for their information and for any exchange of greetings between groups that may be desired.

Many inquiries are received at West Point each year concerning various items which may be made available to groups for their programs in connection with their dinners. To assist in the advance planning for these dinners, the following information is furnished:

PROGRAM: The pattern for the program to be followed by any group in its anniversary observance of the founding of the Military Academy is one of the group's election. Usually each group selects a toastmaster to officiate during the program, which may consist of the reading of greetings from other groups, songs rendered by the entire gathering, skits concerning the Academy or cadet life, and toasts and speeches given by selected graduates or distinguished guests. Appropriate films are sometimes shown during the program and recordings of West Point songs are often played at the beginning, during, or at the end of the program.

FILMS: Frequently motion picture films about West Point and the last Army Football Season, if available, are shown at these meetings. Copies of the Signal Corps motion picture, "This Is West Point", Miscellaneous No. 7726, are avail-

able at most Army posts throughout the country. In addition, the major command film libraries overseas and the six Army libraries in the U.S. have copies. The colored documentary, "The Making of a West Pointer", Miscellaneous No. 45-8521, has been distributed to each Army film library. These films may be reserved by contacting your nearest Army film library.

It is anticipated that a small number of copies of the film "Highlights of the 1956 Football Season" will be available for use during the time around Founders Day as follows:

The Army Athletic Association will dispatch copies of this film, giving consideration particularly to the promptness of a request, the expected audience, and *the number of Founders Day Dinners that can be serviced by that particular film.* (Last year there were 15 copies of "Highlights of the 1955 Football Season" for world wide distribution. It can be seen that *it is highly desirable that there be a spread in dates of Founders Day Dinners within geographical areas,* so far as the distribution of football films is concerned. *Send your request to: The Secretary, Association of Graduates, West Point, New York,* telling him the date the film is desired and the size of the expected audience.

If the 1956 film is not available for your Founders Day celebration, would you like to have an older football film? If so, include this statement in your request for the film.

Finally, please cooperate by returning the film promptly after using it.

PHONOGRAPH RECORDS OF WEST POINT MUSIC: An album of records of typical West Point Music is available on order directly to the West Point Army Mess, West Point, New York. 45 RPM costs \$1.95, 33-1/3 RPM and the new HF 33-1/3 RPM costs \$3.50. Prices include insured postage.

INTERCHANGE OF GREETINGS: This is customarily carried out directly between the various groups.

SKIN LISTS: No skin lists concerning any graduate are available at West Point for loan to local groups, and all applications therefor must of necessity be denied. These records are boxed and stored, and research in them for the information of local groups is quite beyond the capacity of any agency at West Point.

TV AND RADIO BROADCASTS: No data available at present. Plans are being made for radio programs on the major networks. Information may be obtained by watching your local newspaper during the week of March 16.

THE SYLVANUS THAYER MEDAL

Recently Lieutenant General Willis D. Crittenger, President of the Association of Graduates, sent the following message to each member:

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

January 4, 1957

DEAR WEST POINTER:

The purpose of this letter is to tell you about the SYLVANUS THAYER MEDAL.

At the meeting of the Board of Trustees, Association of Graduates, USMA, held at West Point, New York, June 4, 1956, the President of the Class of 1931 presented a Class Project proposing an annual West Point award to be given to a citizen of the United States whose record of service to his country, accomplishments in the national interest, and manner of achievement, exemplify outstanding devotion to the principles expressed in the motto of West Point—"Duty, Honor, Country"

The following Special Committee was appointed to study the proposed project and to make its recommendations at the fall meeting of the Board of Trustees:—

J. L. Devers '09
R. A. Wheeler '11
T. D. Stamps August '17
L. R. Groves November '18
E. W. Garbisch '25
C. E. Saltzman '25
L. W. Johnson '26
E. R. Heiberg '26
D. F. Callahan '31
F. H. Warren '31

At the November third meeting of the Board the Special Committee made its report and the Board approved its recommendation that the Association of Graduates award an annual SYLVANUS THAYER MEDAL.

The SYLVANUS THAYER MEDAL will be given by the Association of Graduates as a symbol of the Academy's ideals. The award will not be directly sponsored by, nor is it to be considered an honorary degree of the Military Academy.

The recipient of the award will be selected annually by an Award Selection Committee. The Awards Selection Committee will be named by the President of the Association of Graduates, from a list of graduates approved by the Board of Trustees.

It is planned that the ceremony will be closely coupled with the Founder's Day ceremony at the Academy and in a way

that will best reflect nationally its colorful appeal.

It is hoped to make the first presentation of the SYLVANUS THAYER MEDAL at West Point sometime during the month of March 1957.

Sincerely yours,

Willis D. Crittenberger

Lieutenant General, U. S. Army (Ret.)
President

RHODES SCHOLAR WINNER

Cadet James R. Murphy, United States Military Academy, has been announced as one of the 32 winners of a Rhodes Scholarship. Murphy, who attended Yale University for two years prior to entering West Point, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Murphy, 122 Ardmore, Shreveport, Louisiana.

Presently holding the rank of Cadet Captain, Murphy will be graduated in June 1957. His year of study at Oxford University will start in the fall of 1957.

Murphy was appointed to the U. S. Military Academy by Senator Russell B. Long of Louisiana.

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Cadet Murphy is the 34th member of the Corps of Cadets to win a coveted Rhodes Scholarship since 1923, the first year in which cadets were permitted to compete.

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At the time of their founding in 1903, under the provisions of the will of Cecil Rhodes, the Rhodes Scholarships constituted a pioneer effort in the field of international educational exchange. The Scholarships bring students to Oxford from the nations of the British Commonwealth as well as from the United States, so that the total number of Rhodes Scholars who go into residence at Oxford every year is about 68.

During his lifetime, Mr. Rhodes felt that winners of his Scholarships should possess a balance of the qualities of character and personality, as well as those of literary and scholastic ability. Selection criteria are accordingly based upon the four qualities of intellect, character, leadership, and physical vigor.

While in Oxford, a Rhodes Scholar lives and studies as a member of one of the 26 men's colleges which, together with 5 women's colleges, constitute the independent units of Oxford University. The Oxford colleges vary in size, having from approximately 100 to 350 students in residence, and serve as the center for tutorial instruction, intramural athletic competition, and social activities. Academic work, chiefly prepared under the supervision of college tutors, is supplemented by optional attendance at university lectures and by research in the university libraries.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE INVITES SUGGESTIONS

The Nominating Committee elected by the Board of Trustees consists of the following: T. Dodson Stamps, August '17 (Chairman); Howard L. Peckham, November '18; Russell P. Reeder, '26; Walter J. Renfroe, Jr., '34; Ivan Sattem, '40. The Committee will soon be engaged in the preparation of a slate of nominees for officers and trustees for presentation to the Board of Trustees in March and to the Association at its annual meeting in June. In making up the slate, the Committee proposes to follow, in general, the policies that have been in effect for the past two years and which seem to have met with universal approval. The Superintendent has suggested that special consideration be given to the nomination as trustees of several men of recent classes who are stationed at West Point, and who will therefore be available for work on certain projects that he has in mind to recommend to the Association.

The Nominating Committee solicits suggestions and recommendations from members of the Association and asks that they be sent to the Chairman at the Dean's office, West Point.

USMA Participation in 1957 Inaugural Ceremonies

A provisional regiment composed of the First and Second Classes of the United States Corps of Cadets (approximately 1,153 men) and the USMA Band (approximately 114 enlisted men and 3 officers) is representing the United States Military Academy in the Inaugural Parade in Washington, D. C., January 21, 1957.

USMA Fourth Class Christmas Activities

For the fifth consecutive year, the families and guests of the Fourth Class at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, New York, ate with the cadets at a Christmas dinner in Washington Hall, the Cadet Dining Hall. This family dinner was a part of the Christmas holiday activities at the Academy during the time when the upper classmen were away on leave and the only class present on the Post was the Plebe Class. Certain members of this class were given temporary appointments in The Corps and handled the administration of their class during the absence of the upper three classes.

The families and friends of the Plebes joined them not only at dinner on Christmas Day but at many other events of a religious, social, or informational nature, which had been arranged for them during the holiday period. They were afforded the opportunity to visit the cadets in their barracks rooms for a few hours preceding the Christmas dinner and to accompany them on special tours of the Cadet Dining Hall and kitchen. This marked one of the very few times when women were permitted to go through cadet barracks and to dine in Washington Hall.

During this period, also, the Academic Departments and the Department of Tactics at the Academy held "Open House" for the visitors. Parents thus were able to gain an insight into the academic instruction and tactical training given their sons at West Point.

Religious services were held at the Cadet Chapel and at the Catholic Chapel throughout the entire period, and especially on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

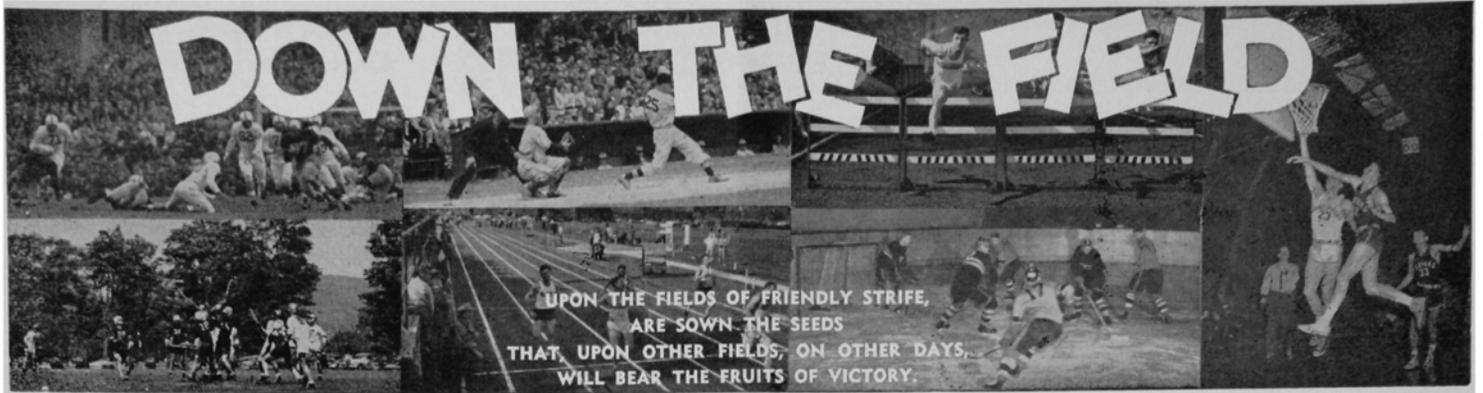
Other events were scheduled, too, including several formal hops, motion picture showings in the Army Theatre on the Post, and skating parties.

Classes for all cadets at USMA resumed on Thursday, January 3rd, 1957.

ADDITIONS TO STATISTICAL STUDY OF WEST POINT Men Who Were Members of One or More U.S. Olympic Teams FROM 1896 TO 1956

Editor's Note: In the October 1956 issue of *Assembly* we published a list of 59 West Point Men who were members of one or more U.S. Olympic Teams from 1896 to 1956. Recently we have received some additional information which raises the number of West Pointers who were Olympic athletes to 64. Following are the additions to the statistics published in our October issue:

Class	Name	Olympic Event or Sport	Year	Highest Rank
November 1918	Thomas R. Denney	Track & Field (tug-of-war)	1920	First Lieutenant
1919	Henry I. Szymanski	Wrestling	1920	Lieutenant Colonel
1922	Charles J. Barrett, Jr.	Mod. Pent.	1928	Brigadier General
1946	Edward F. Crowley	Ice Hockey	1948	Captain
1951	Frederick L. Denman	Mod. Pent.	1952	First Lieutenant



By Joe Cahill

The winter sports program, dormant over the Christmas holidays, is being revived at this writing. Until recently, it has been customary for the winter sports aggregations to delay their inaugurals until after the holiday hiatus. Basketball was the first to deviate from the precedent. Other sports have gradually followed suit. Now this season we find all but track and gymnastics have opened action. The over-all picture, after a few weeks of pre-season practice and the early openers, looks something like this:

BASKETBALL

The court team has lost two of its first three games. In the opener the Cadet Cagers won decisively over Ithaca. Lehigh eked out a one point victory. Columbia, with probably the best team in New York, simply outclassed the locals. Despite the mediocre start, Coach Orvis Sigler is optimistic that this team can surpass the record of its two immediate predecessors. The return of seven lettermen provides a nucleus of speed and experience. A general lack of height still remains the perennial problem. The increase in the Academy's height limitation to 6 foot 6 has not, of course, proved beneficial to the basketball squad as yet. The loss of Mark Binstein, the team's leading scorer, is a definite handicap. However, Coach Orvis Sigler has the other four starters on tap.

Gene Fisher, Don DeJardin, Bill Melnik and captain Bob McCoy figure to retain starting jobs. Fisher is the steadiest and averaged 12 points a game. Melnik's strength lies in the rebound department, while McCoy is a talented playmaker and floor man. DeJardin picked up some badly needed experience, but has not reached his peak.

Spirited competition is being waged for the fifth post. Harper Keeler, who gained some experience as a reserve last year, has the edge. He is being pressed by two talented yearlings, Dick Peffenbach and Chuck Darby.

Darby, a substitute quarterback in football, is considered a strong prospect. He played freshman basketball at Purdue, and led the Plebes with an 18 point average.

This marks Coach Sigler's third season at West Point. Prior to coming here, Sigler coached at Missouri Valley College and

Southwest Missouri State. His assistant is Mike Newell, who was a Little All-American at Missouri Valley last season.

The Cadets play a typical 20 game slate, with more of an accent on night games. The Cadets have been playing Wednesday and Saturday afternoons, generally, but this season five Saturday night tilts are listed.

GYMNASTICS

The gymnasts should be as strong as last year's Eastern titlists. Coach Tom Maloney, who just returned from officiating at the Olympics, has strength in every event.

Outstanding performers should be captain Willis Thompson, defending Eastern champion, on the Hi-Bar; Bill Giallourakis, rings; Garland O'Quinn, side horse and parallel bars; and Paul Dean and Bob Degen, rope climb. Dean was second in the Nation last year in this event, and Degen has been almost his equal in early season performances.

Penn State and Navy are expected to provide the toughest competition on the Cadets' schedule, as both are reported as strong, or stronger than they were a year ago.

HOCKEY

A one-sided win over Holy Cross was offset by three successive defeats in the Christmas tournament at the Boston Arena which was won by a strong Harvard sextet. Army's record may not reflect a noticeable improvement over the 1956 mark of 10 and 5, which represents one of the best in West Point hockey annals. Nevertheless, the cadets have moved out of the "breather" class and pose a challenge for most teams in the sector. This could be the finest aggregation yet developed by Jack Riley. Now in his sixth season, Riley cites the return of nine lettermen. The two first lines are back intact, as well as three leading defensemen. Principal returnees are wingmen Lenny McCormack, Jim O'Connor, Mike Harvey, Barry Sturgis, Larry Asbury and Skip Hettinger. Veteran defensemen include captain Ed Hickey, John Evans and Pat Mellin. McCormack led the team in scoring with 25 points. Hickey was the highest scoring defenseman in the East. Harvey is the only Cadet ever to register the "hat-trick" in the traditional encounter

with Royal Military College. New-comers who figure prominently in Riley's plans are Larry Palmer, goalie, and Jack Farrell, center, both of whom were Massachusetts all-Scholastic; and Pete Dawkins, defenseman, who holds down an alternate halfback post in football.

PISTOL

A one-point loss to the Coast Guard Academy last winter marked the first setback in four years for an Army Pistol team. The Cadets offset this one blemish by retaining their National title in a match at Tampa, Florida, and placing five men on the USRA All-America team. The Army team returned from Tampa with 16 awards, and gained 26 prizes at the Camp Perry matches this summer.

Master Sergeant Huelet Benner has returned from competing in the Olympics and will again coach the Cadet team. He lost only Tony Ortner and Fred Holmes from last year's once-beaten squad, and expects that his current team will be as strong as the '56 aggregation.

RIFLE

Army should again be a strong contender for National honors. Seven members of the 1956 team, beaten only by Navy, are back. Top shots individually should be captain Gordon Rogers, Gene Reget, and James Jones. M/Sgt O. L. Gallman is starting his third year as Army coach.

SQUASH

Despite the shellacking (9-0) handed Pennsylvania in its opener, Coach Leif Nordlie feels that Army will be extremely fortunate if last year's 9 and 2 record can be equalled. Harvard, Navy, Yale and Princeton look especially strong, and all teams on the schedule appear to be better than they were a year ago. Army has six returning lettermen, and Nordlie is hopeful, if not optimistic.

Captain George Bailey, Art Ellison, Claude Gaspard, Don Williams, George Huff, and Church Matthews are returning regulars, while Ed Burba and OK Lewis are top prospects from the '56 Plebe team.

Last year's loss to Navy marked only the second time in eight years that the Cadets

have been beaten by their arch-rivals, and the primary goal of Nordlie and his current squad is to upset the Middies when they meet in Annapolis.

SWIMMING

Coach Gordon "Slim" Chalmers feels that his squad has only an outside chance of finishing above the .500 mark. Don Kutyna, record-breaking National AAU breaststroke champion, is still a cadet, but a year of swimming at the University of Iowa makes him ineligible for intercollegiate competition this season. The loss of Kutyna, and a lack of help from last year's sub-par Plebe team, leaves Chalmers with the task of facing a tough 13 meet schedule with very little depth.

All-American Frank Knight is back to defend his Eastern Intercollegiate diving championship, and captain Nick Robinson should score in the sprints. Yearlings Stan Bacon in the sprints, Pat Kirk in the backstroke, and Gordon Goodman in the distances will be among the Cadets' top point-getters. Army is especially weak in the breaststroke and butterfly events, but Chalmers looks for future help in these departments from a better than average Plebe group.

TRACK

With a nucleus of some half dozen who scored in the Heptagonals, plus three former titlists, the Cadet thinclads appear to be at least as strong as the '56 team, which finished four in the championships. Champions include Jim Edgar, who copped the high hurdles diadem last winter, Mike Keating and Bob Kyasky, who garnered the pole vault and broad jump accolades, respectively, two years ago. Keating and Kyasky were on the injured list throughout the last winter season and had no chance to duplicate their championship performances. An all-East fullback, Kyasky, holds the Academy record for 220 at 0:20.6, and tied Glenn Davis' mark for the century at 0:09.7. He will concentrate on the sprints to the exclusion of either the broad jump or high jump. Others who are in a position to challenge for titles are captain Stan Johnson in the 1,000; John Kilpatrick, 35 pound weight; Jerry Jagrowski, 600; and Louis Quatannens, 2 mile.

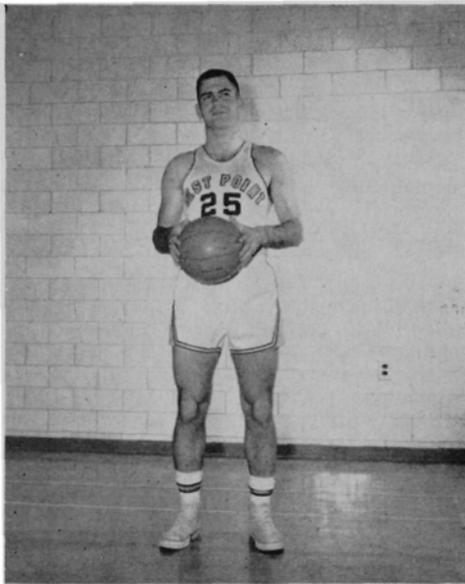
WRESTLING

The squad looked impressive in subduing Columbia in its opener. Although he definitely has a better team than the '56 aggregation which split even at 3-3-2, Coach LeRoy Alitz rates the matmen only an outside chance of finishing above the .500 mark.

Army's nine match schedule includes many of the top teams in the nation. Alitz feels that Pittsburgh is a top contender for National honors, and Lehigh and Syracuse will remain at the top among the Eastern colleges. Springfield and Yale are the two best teams in New England. In the key

test of the season, the cadets will meet Navy for the first time in dual meet competition. Perennially strong Iowa State also appears for the first time.

The Cadets' top performers are Jerry Weisenseel at 130 pounds, Glenn Phillips at 147 or 157, and captain Loren Reid, a regular football tackle, who will probably go in the 177 pound class. Light heavy-weight Jack Nicholson was a major graduation loss, but unlike a year ago, Army is two deep in almost every weight, and the team will not be crippled by one or two injuries to first stringers.



Robert McCoy. . .

'57 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

An imposing nine game football schedule was announced recently. It features the renewal of the heralded Notre Dame series, which was discontinued in 1947. The upcoming game, the first of a two game set, will be played in Municipal Stadium in Philadelphia. The '58 game will be played at South Bend. No future dates with Notre Dame have been set at this writing. A newcomer to the slate is Utah of the Skyline Conference. The schedule is as follows:

Sept. 28—Nebraska
 Oct. 5—Penn State at University Park
 12—Notre Dame at Philadelphia
 19—Pittsburgh
 26—Virginia at Charlottesville
 Nov. 2—Colgate
 9—Utah
 16—Tulane at New Orleans
 30—Navy at Philadelphia

PLAIN POINTS

The 5-3-1 record posted by the football squad can hardly be classed as "impressive". . . By the same token, no one will doubt that this was one of the most rugged assignments handed any Army team. . . Four opponents finished the season in the top twenty, namely; Michigan (7), Syracuse (8), Pittsburgh (13), and Navy (16). . . Syracuse and Pitt went on to play

in the Cotton and Gator Bowls, respectively. . . With the possible exception of the Michigan game, the Black Knights turned in creditable performances against all foes. . . The peak offensive performance of the collegiate season was seen at Michie Stadium when Army nudged Colgate by the phenomenal score of 55 to 46. . . Colgate's total was the greatest number of points ever amassed by a losing team. . . Flay Goodwin, tackle, and Bob Kyasky, fullback, earned the plaudits of the Eastern College Athletic Conference by being named to the all-East squad. . . Jim Kernan, captain-elect of the '57 squad, was signally honored by being named to the all-American Academic team consisting of players who starred on the gridiron and in the classroom. . . Kyasky ranked 15th in the Nation in rushing, and was 6th in scoring with 85 points. . . The team finished 4th in rushing offense, and was 12th in total offense. . . And isn't there some satisfaction, too, in the realization that Navy was twice snubbed in its bid for a Bowl, for the simple reason that the Middies failed to prove their superiority over the Army. . . When Kernan was named captain, the election was of historical significance in that it marked the first time that a center was to succeed a center in West Point history. . . It was interesting to note that Brigadier General Ed Suarez, '32, was named among the Silver Anniversary all-America winners by Sports Illustrated. . . The new all-America aims to "emphasize the pursuit of rounded human values in which athletics and education are joined." . . Only senior football lettermen of 25 years ago who have distinguished themselves in their chosen careers and in community service were honored. Suarez was a tackle on the '31 team which compiled a 8-2-1 record. . . Other new fall captains include Bob Puff, soccer, and Jerry Lewis, cross-country. . . Coach Earl Blaik receives the annual award of the New York Press Photographers in January. . . The award is given annually to "the most cooperative figure in the sports world." . . Colonel William Bessell was appointed to the Athletic Board by General Gar Davidson to fill the post vacated by General Stamps, Dean of the Academic Board. . . Almost a dozen football players figure prominently in the winter sports scene. . . A few of the more outstanding include Loren Reid, wrestling captain; Bill Melnik, starting center in basketball; Kyasky, sprinter; and Pete Dawkins, hockey defenseman. . . In winter competition with Navy, the Black, Gold and Grey hold comfortable victory margins in gymnastics (13-6-2), pistol (8-2), rifle (11-7), and squash (6-2). It is all even in swimming (9-9). Basketball went on the deficit side (16-17) last year after the Middies had won all but one of the last six games. . . Army will be represented for the first time in the Eastern 150 pound football league. . . Navy has been dominating play in this league the past five years. . . Some of the major teams included in the set up are Princeton, Yale, Columbia and Rutgers.



New Members

We welcome to our membership 5 graduates and ex-cadets who have recently joined the Association. The total number of members is now 13,787.

APPROXIMATELY 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.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE MARCH 1, 1957

1895

We regret to report the death of Mrs. Conrad, widow of our classmate, Caspar H. Conrad, Jr., at San Antonio, Texas in September. She and her late husband were buried in Arlington Cemetery in a double ceremony on October 8th.

While on a trip East from her home on the West Coast, Mrs. Susanna Charles, widow of our classmate, Oscar J. Charles, visited Bennington, Vermont and very thoughtfully sent us a picture of the Bennington Monument. Old timers will recall that, during our plebe year, the Corps of Cadets went by rail to Bennington and then marched from the depot to the site of the Monument as escort to President Harrison, who unveiled the Monument. It will be remembered as a scorching hot day and a difficult march.

Classmates please note Dixon's change of address to 1432 Borah Ave., Moscow, Idaho.

Miles has written memoirs of his interesting life in the Army. We hope they will be published soon, Perry.

Good reports were received from Herron and Nissen.

—L. M. N.

1897

Attention for our 60th Reunion! We must make plans. It is requested that all '97 men, whether they graduated with the class or not, let me know whether they can attend. (Address C. D. Roberts, 7210 Maple Ave., Chevy Chase, Maryland.)

Pope was the only '97 man who could attend the funeral of "Sheriff" Conley. However, Connor, Conklin, Ferguson and Roberts, C. D., are now back in Washington.

The undersigned has undertaken to write "B.J." Arnold's obituary for the *Assembly*. If anyone can contribute any item please let me know,

—C. D. Roberts.

1899

The 1956 Register of Graduates is out, with less change for the Class of '99 than might be expected. We are one less than we were a year ago, Clyffard Game having left us. Of the 72 who graduated in the great February storm of '99, 23 now remain. Of them, Clark, H. B. is the oldest and Woodruff the youngest. The former is 82 and Woodruff will be 80 in April.

The only visitor to the Washington group in the fall months was Clark, C. B., who with Mrs. Clark has been touring Canada and the northern states and has now returned to St. Petersburg. He reports seeing Jesse Nichols in Ithaca, as did Herron last summer. Mrs. Nichols, the well-known authority on antiques, has sold her collection of—believe it or not!—buttons. Jesse says it is all right with him—he uses zip-pers anyway!

—C. D. H.

1900

During the year just passed the Class has been saddened by the death of its greatly loved president, Walter Grant, on March 3rd; Joe Kay, on April 1st; Jerry Pillow, on April 7th; Willie Graham in August and "Bull" Wesson, on November 24th.

Replies to a round-up call for news indicate that, for many members of the Class, their grandchildren and great grandchildren are the focus of their interest — and, along with Grandfather's clock (if any) their chief treasure and pride. Space limitations preclude mention of all but a very few.

Bernie maintains the comfortable even tenor of life, managing his own home in Washington in winter, and summering near his former cottage in the Blue Ridge. In July he drove to Rhode Island to act "in loco parentis" at the marriage of a granddaughter who had just graduated at Wellesley — then, still driving his own car, "got back all in one piece" — clear evidence

that he is still young and his reflexes are all good.

Callison "bases" at the home of a cousin near Chillicothe, Missouri, but "after 47 years in the West (Wyoming) he finds his boyhood locale too cold and is looking toward the Southwest", (Arizona).

Carson and Jackson operate on a seasonal circuit which, in the winter, includes Florida — Mt. Dora for the former and Winter Park for the latter. Carson's routine embraces "a little quail hunting, a bit of archery and a lot of reading" Jackson foregoes the quail and the bow-and-arrow. Glynn continues his law practice, but confines himself to cases involving liens against public improvements. He permits his son to take care of most of the other "trial work".

Godfrey's older son is a professor of law at the Albany Law School, and as a member of the bar has "been doing the dirty work" required in an effort to improve the quality of the state bar examinations. A younger son is a Major in the Air Force of the New York N.G. As for Godfrey, himself, a few years ago he was necessarily immobilized for about six months, with a consequent bad effect on his under pinning so that he "does not get around so well".

Si Hopkins is still with his home town bank, but spends much of his time with his wife in hospital at Battle Creek. He indulges in some golf, some fishing and watching the top flight football games in his general vicinity.

McVicker is back in Iowa. A son-in-law is an exchange Professor of Public Health at the National University of Engineering at Lima, Peru. One grandson has served in the Armed Forces, and two others are still in the Service.

In answer to the call for news Mitchell reports his situation is that of some plebe who, when called upon by a Yearling to sing, replied "What can I sing when I don't know anything to sing". The Plebe was directed to chant just that. If you will attune your hi-fi ear you will hear Baer, Fen-

ner, Hurt and Roth, sounding off in a similar refrain.

Most distressingly it seems necessary to report that Neely, Rockwell and Westervelt, are incapacitated in varying, but serious degrees. For two years or more Neely has been quite a recluse by reason of arteriosclerosis. In September '55 Rockwell suffered a stroke which affected his vision and his legs, so that he, all over again, "had to learn to walk". Early in 1955 Westervelt also suffered a stroke which prevented him joining us in our last Class Reunion. He is able to get around in a limited way on his own but, in Rockwell's words, they have all lost their "freedom of action" which was the indispensable requisite of "every good Cavalryman" (Cap'n Jim Parker).

Thanks to a sound selective sense, and a persuasive courtship, they are now blessed with capable and devoted wives, who, with loving care, look after their every want and smooth over the jolts of a severely restricted way of living.

Eli Perkins' life has been going on in a quiet sort of way, but, after a motor trip to Mount Lassen, his wife "caught a virus bug" which has been troublesome. After a lifetime of moving from place to place they have simplified their living by settling down in a modern apartment—"Dunn-gripin".

Simmons is seen from time to time, loping along on the streets of Jacksonville, Florida, attending to his real estate and insurance business.

Sunderland writes "my health is good, but I am slowing up", and that after a retrospective survey of his activities during the past year he detects nothing noteworthy.

Tidball returned early in the year from Panama. He recommends enthusiastically that all who have never made the trip to the Canal Zone should, by all means, do so via Government Military Transport. He and his wife divide their time among their three habitations — Wallingford (Pennsylvania), Fisher's Island (New York) and New Port Richey (Florida).

Harvey has just "made the dead-line", saying that he spent two months in Germany with his daughter and her Army husband, Colonel J. F. Conden, and he then toured many of the countries in Europe, and thoroughly reconnoitered Rome, Paris, Munich and Copenhagen, and other localities. As to his health — he still enjoys dancing.

Bob Wood is greatly occupied in certain phases of Social Security for his former employees, and in the Social Welfare of his fellow citizens in general.

From time to time the latter sensibly award him his well deserved honors now, instead of waiting until some posthumous date. A few months back he attended a ceremony at which a very large bust of himself was unveiled in recognition of his constructive service in the mercantile world. Only four or five such honors had been awarded theretofore.

For a number of years Bob has been the active and very busy president of the Chicago Boys' Club, which has nine or more club houses, including a city farm. The organization takes care of 14,000 underprivileged boys on a budget of \$700,000 a year (1955). On November 19, 1956, there was a dedication of "The General Robert E. Wood Boys' Club", which was built in his honor.

Youngberg is still in good health; is now in his 35th year as executive engineer and right of way man for the construction and maintenance of the Florida East Coast Canal, which is the Florida link of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway from Trenton, New Jersey to Miami, Florida.

In conclusion, it is gratifying to be able to report that Carson, McVicker, Westervelt, Fenner and Sunderland, having com-

pleted 80 years of living and learning, became members of Le Coterie des Vieillards (*Assembly* January '56). For want of others more justly qualified, Youngberg, Glynn and Harvey, retain their respective offices as L'Ainé (Oldest Old Codger); Avoué (Law Shark), and Farceur (Jester). But Sunderland, being some fifty weeks younger than Tidball, out-ranks the latter as Le Moins Ancien (Junior Old Timer). For the current year, 1957 the aspirants are Mitchell, Davis, F. E., Birnie, Neely, Hurt and Jackson.

—Gilbert A. Youngberg.

1902

Troup Miller, Junior, has been promoted to Major General, Air Force, and now commands the Arnold Engineering and Development Center at Tullahoma, Tennessee. Troup Senior and Rosa have just celebrated their fifty-third wedding anniversary.

The Gilbert Stewart family, on September 19th, celebrated the arrival of their eleventh grandchild—a girl, Margaret Elizabeth.

There were many summer visitors at "Wenoit" on lovely Cape Cod, including Dent, of 1901. The roses and chrysanthemums bloomed through the soft autumn days almost till Thanksgiving, when the Longleys went to Albany, New York to visit son John and his family, and to Houston, Texas to spend the Christmas holidays with son Bill; then on to Florida for the winter.

Frank Bell, as an Associate Editor for Foreign Affairs, has had momentous events these days to deal with. He has also prepared a Memoir about Kid Hannum for *Assembly*. Mrs. Bell expects to return from Europe for Christmas.

The Pegrans have been enjoying the Spanish island of Mallorca in the Mediterranean, to which after a visit to Italy, they expect to return.

Dorsey Rodney regrets that the cold wet spring in Pennsylvania spoiled the crop of pheasants and the ducks won't leave the north.

Dockery has had another delightful visit from his sister (who lives in Mississippi) for six weeks during September and October. He later left his cottage in Carmel, California, to the care of his housekeeper and Japanese gardener for short trips to San Francisco and Santa Barbara.

Oscar Foley who has been attending a bridge tournament in San Francisco reports that he found while there that "Wild Eye" Williams has been bed ridden for over a year. Our sincere sympathy goes to "Wild Eye" and to Hiram Cooper, who has also endured a long siege in the hospital.

—W. W. E.

1903

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Benny Ristine in the loss of his good wife. Some of you who do not have too much to do ought to drop him a note of sympathy. Don't just sit around letting the dust settle on you.

Speaking of Ristine, he has kindly consented to write Benny Grey's memoir for *Assembly*. Mrs. Benjamin E. (Abby W.) Grey has decided to settle in St. Paul, Minnesota, and her address is 497 Otis Avenue, St. Paul 4.

The Roses celebrated their golden anniversary on September 20th, with the Max Tylers and "Pat" Lynches (1903) and Ganoy (1907) assisting in the festivities.

If the happiest people are those who have no history, 1903 must be a very happy class these days, because that is all the news of

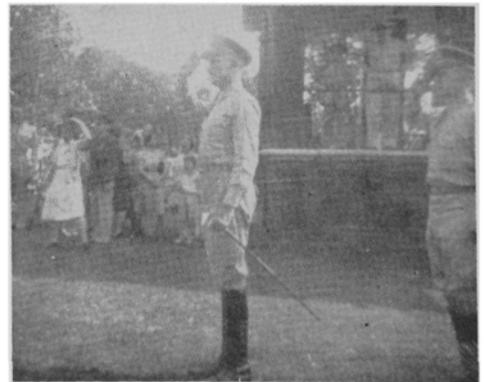
its members that your editor has been able to dig up.

—U. S. Grant, 3rd.

1904

Two more good 1904 men have gone! On September 16, 1956, Diller died at the convalescent home in Braddock Heights, Maryland, where he had been for several months. Burial, at Arlington National Cemetery, was attended by several classmates. Mrs. Diller will continue to live at 2 West Second Street, Frederick, Maryland. A heart attack was the cause of McIlroy's death on December 3, 1956, at his home in Gahanna, Ohio. He and McKell had been together on December 1 at the time of the Army-Navy football game, and McKell says that Mac seemed as usual that day. Burial was local.

On November 11, 1956, at Fort Myer, Virginia, a special ceremony was held honoring the Governor, the staff and the soldiers of the United States Soldiers' Home and the dedication of The Army Song by the Secretary of the Army, Wilber M. Brucker. With only a modification of the words, this song is the Field Artillery song, "The Caissons Go Rolling Along", which was composed by our own "Snitz" Gruber back in March 1908, at Camp Stotsenberg in the Philippines on the occasion of the relief of the 2d Battalion of the 5th Field Artillery by the 1st Battalion. For the dedication, Gruber was represented on the reviewing stand by his wife, Elsie, and their daughters, Molly (Mrs. John O. Stoddart) and Barbara. Also present on the reviewing stand were Bryden and Danford, two of the survivors of those who as lieutenants were present when Snitz introduced his song. Another of the survivors, Waldo Potter ('07), was invited to attend but he lives too far away, in Oakland, California, to make the trip. The Secretary of the Army dedicated the song, now known as "The Army Goes Rolling Along", with a few well-chosen words in which he gave full credit to Gruber, and upon the completion of the review, the new song was rendered excellently by the United States Army Chorus accompanied by the United States Army Band. For the old-timers present, the occasion brought nostalgic memories and, although the words were not spoken, each one felt like saying, "Oh, if Snitz could only be here today!" Now that the Field Artillery, as we knew it, has disappeared, it is indeed fitting that Snitz's well-known song should have been adopted by the Army as its own.



BRIGADIER GENERAL EDMUND L. GRUBER
November 11, 1879—May 30, 1941

This picture was enlarged from a chance snapshot taken as General Gruber gave his last salute during the Memorial Day ceremonies at the Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery.

LINES FOR GENERAL GRUBER

On Phillipine duty, in nineteen-eight,
A young lieutenant, one evening late,
Declared the artillery needed a song
To sing as the caissons went rolling along.

So he wrote the words and music, too,
And the men who began to sing it knew
That here was a lyric to lift men's hearts
As the caissons headed for distant parts.

And back to the U. S. A. it spread
To shorten the dusty trails that led
To Benning, and Snelling, and Grant, and
Custer,
The cannoneers sing it wherever they
muster.

It rollicked and rode on the far-flung
breeze
And it cheered artillerymen overseas,
At Belleau Wood and at St. Mihiel,
And the Argonne's days and nights of hell.

The young lieutenant who did his best
Became a general, now gone West,
But his heart sings on in that grand old song
Wherever the caissons go rolling along!

From the column "A Line o'
Type or Two"

Chicago Daily Tribune, June 6, 1941.

Taking advantage of Danford's presence
in Washington, an unscheduled class luncheon
was held at the Army and Navy Club
on November 12. It was fine to see John
looking so well. He still lives in New York
City but is no longer connected with The
American Economic Foundation. Recently,
however, he has been busy as a volunteer
worker with the local Republicans and help-
ed carry New York for Eisenhower.

The following letter, telling of Fenton's
recent travels, is of interest:

"During last summer I was asked to make
a short talk at the quarterly meeting of
the West Point Society of the District of
Columbia on September 12 at the Fort Mc-
Nair Club. It was a great pleasure to be
at the Society meeting and I met many old
friends. While in Washington we stayed
with Edith and Earl McFarland ('06). Dur-
ing our stay a class luncheon was organ-
ized and the following were present: Bry-
den, Corbin, Gregory, Moody, Pickering,
Scott, Woolnough, McFarland and Fenton.
It was a most enjoyable occasion.

"On October 9 Marguerite and I boarded
the Bankers' Red Special train (17 cars) at
Harmon, New York, bound for the Annual
Meeting of the American Bankers' Associa-
tion at Los Angeles (October 21-24). There
were 182 in the party. The trip lasted
twenty-five days and the train stayed with
us the entire time. We made many stops
on the way out and back and stayed in a
number of very fine hotels. Our first stop
was at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado
Springs where we were met on arrival
(October 11) by Colonel Wilson, Professor of
Electrical Engineering at the U. S. Air
Force Academy. Colonel Wilson took us
over the site of the new Academy and then
to Lowry Field where the Academy with two
classes is now functioning. With General
Stillman (Class of '35, USMA), Command-
ant of Cadets, and other officers, I had lunch
in the mess hall with the cadets. There
followed very interesting discussions of the
various courses of instruction. It was a
very enjoyable day. The next day we went
with other bankers to the top of Pike's Peak
(14,000 ft.). A wonderful trip.

"Our next stop (October 14) was at Sun
Valley, Idaho. A beautiful place where we
had a delightful barbecue and were able to
ride on the ski lift.

"We then went to Salt Lake City (October
17) where our headquarters was the Hotel
Utah. We had lunch in a beautiful canyon
and then visited a Kennicott Copper open
pit mine which was a most interesting sight.
They were mining on about 50 levels and
the mine was very deep and the shape of a
cone with the apex at the bottom.

"Our next stop was at Las Vegas where
we saw the most elaborate gambling joints
that I have ever seen. Innumerable places
were filled with slot machines, roulette
tables and other gambling devices. The
number of people gambling was simply as-
tounding. The bankers left some money
here but not much. While here we visited
Hoover Dam and Mead Lake. What a won-
derful feat of engineering to build this dam
and the roads leading thereto.

"We went to the Mission Inn at Riverside,
California, where we enjoyed seeing its
wonderful Museum and Chapel.

"From Riverside we went to Los Angeles
(October 20) where we spent four days at-
tending the Annual Meeting of the Amer-
ican Bankers' Association. While in Los
Angeles we were entertained at dinner by
Russell and Ruela Alley ('04), by Goop and
Mary Worsham ('16), by the Chick Leeds
('03). In between ABA meetings we were
able to see Disneyland and other interesting
sites.

From Los Angeles we went to Yosemite
National Park (October 25) and stayed at
the Ahwahnee Hotel for two days. It took
one whole day to go by bus to the giant
Sequoid forest where we had lunch and
then to Glacier Point. The grandeur of
Yosemite is beyond description. El Capitan
and Half Dome are two giant mountains of
solid granite that one, once seeing, could
never forget.

"From Yosemite we went to San Fran-
cisco (October 27) where we stayed only
one day but were able to make a tour of
the city and have lunch at The Grotto, Fish-
erman's Wharf. We stayed at the Fairmont
Hotel, one of the finest I have ever seen.
While in San Francisco we had the pleasure
of having dinner with Laddie and Jim Hay-
den (April '17) in their beautiful home in
Berkeley.

"From San Francisco we went to Phoenix,
Arizona, and stayed at the beautiful Ariz-
ona Biltmore Hotel for two days. While in
Phoenix we had the great pleasure of hav-
ing lunch with Tuie and Edith Kinsolving.
Tuie was Chaplain at West Point for seven
years and has been Episcopal Bishop of
Arizona eight or ten years.

"We then went to the Grand Canyon
(October 31) and made an extensive tour of
the southern rim. No one could ever be
disappointed in the Grand Canyon no mat-
ter how many times he had seen it or heard
it described.

"Our last stop was at Albuquerque. We
made a tour of the city and visited the In-
dian Museum. Some of us Rotarians at-
tended the Rotary meeting in the Hilton
Hotel.

"We had good weather throughout the
trip but we left Albuquerque in a snow-
storm.

"We arrived back at Harmon, New York
at 5:15 P.M. on November 3 after a most
wonderful trip."

—William Bryden.

1905

At the November Class Luncheon in
Washington, Dad Gibson brought in an old
press photograph which showed Calvin
Titus having the Medal of Honor pinned on
him by President Theodore Roosevelt, be-
fore the whole Corps, in June 1902. It cer-

tainly stirred many memories. Titus now
has a contact lens for his right eye from
which he had a cataract removed in August
1955. He can now see wonderfully well and
he uses glasses for reading. "This new
seeing is just like a miracle", he writes.
He never lets a day pass without giving
thanks to God.

Red Starkey has moved from San Diego
to 520 Geary Street, San Francisco, Cal-
ifornia.

Allan Rutherford and wife who have been
living in Washington, are now located at
1502 Kingsway Road, Baltimore 18, Mary-
land.

Leonard is still active in the trucking
business in San Francisco. He sees Ralph
Talbot and Jimmie Walker frequently and
reports them in good shape.

Burns Magruder speaks very highly of
a fellow townsman in Rumson, New Jersey
who was recently appointed as Associate
Justice of the Supreme Court. Burns and
Mary Blue have a new granddaughter, Sarah
Beall, who came to the Burns' Jr.'s in Wil-
mington where he is with the DuPont Com-
pany. Lloyd Jr. is now Deputy Manager
of the First National City Bank of New
York at London.

Another member of the Class has passed
over into the Great Beyond. Mike O'Don-
nell died December 6th, after a long illness
in a local hospital, in San Antonio, Texas.
Interment was in the Fort Sam Houston Na-
tional Cemetery the following day. His
widow has been extended the sympathy of
the class in her great loss.

—Norman F. Ramsey.

1906

The Golden year of 1906 — the election
year of 1956, in which West Point was high-
ly honored, — the 180th year of our in-
dependence, — the 154th year of our Alma
Mater, — the 10th year of the United Na-
tions and the First year of the class of
1956, — all passed into history on Decem-
ber 31. Wonderful year, wasn't it?

George and Christine Morrow spent the
summer of it looking over Tugboat Annie's
waters on the peninsula, but they are now
back on the Halifax River. Bill Gance is
expected to have a fish and a joke with them
and Joe King called on them last Fall
when he was on a trip to Miami which I
missed. The Morrows stopped in Birming-
ham to see little Christine and her family.

The Joe Kings and the Joe Greens spent
the summer at Okeboji in the hills of Iowa.
Both families are back in San Antonio,
where Dick Burleson recently as last Fall
visited them bringing back good reports.
Jim and Gene Riley report a cold summer
in the Maine lakes and lots of worries about
their two girls, Nanie and Betty who are
still in Europe on their husbands' missions.
These trigger-happy people around the Med-
iterranean sure can stir up a mess, that
threatens to involve us all. Hugo and Elsie
Selton, the Rileys, and the Hoyles were
seen at Michie Stadium a couple of times
last Fall. Red still looks after the Red Cross
relief agencies in Connecticut,—a real job
in the flood days and still an active one.
Helen and Henry Finch are supposed to be
snugly housed in their new home in Clare-
mont, California, and to have the cement,
soil and sawdust out of their hair, after
the building operations. Earl and Edith
McFarland are staying at their Quebec street
home in Washington while their children
are stationed in that area. Earl holds the
monthly meeting of the class at the A&N
club the first Fridays, with Tubby Loughry,
and Dick Burleson as regulars and 1906
visitors now and then. Tubby went to Fort

Leavenworth last Fall to see his daughter and her family.

John Merrill claims to have taken off 56 pounds in 1956 and has ten more to take off in his scheme to live long and happy with a damaged heart. He checks in at 160, ante Christmas. His son remains at Columbia. Ruth Akin still insists that the reunion was the best party ever and praises the class for photogeniety at the class tree and in the museum. On the way back to California, the Akins stopped twice in Canada with relatives and for a week at Ashland, Oregon, for the Shakespeare festival and will spend the holidays of 1956 in South Pasadena, Bill, the deacon has made a reputation as a church leader in his area.

Around here all the kids are humming and whistling Army Blue but they call it "Love Me, Tender". There are twenty canvas backs out front and the pelicans are fishing among them, on Biscayne Bay.

—Charles G. Mettler.

1907

Roger Alexander spent Thanksgiving in Maryland and afterward went into Washington where he was guest of honor at a class luncheon with twelve members of the class present. He spent Christmas with his daughter Ruth and her family in Falls Church, Virginia and stayed over for a short visit. Roger has appointed Ben Castle and Paul Larned a committee on arrangements for the 50th reunion with power to name any additional members whom they might select. They have sent out post cards regarding accommodations for wives and daughters who are planning to attend with the notation that a detailed bulletin will follow. If you failed to return your card, you are urged to do so without further delay so that the committee will know how to plan for those who expect to return.

Ben Castle wrote that Jesse Drain won the prize for low gross in his age bracket in the Senior Golf Tournament at the Burning Tree Club in Washington last September and Ben who was his partner won the low net in his bracket. They play together quite frequently and Ben says Jesse is really good. Ben was rather modest about his own game but we have a hunch that he does pretty well himself. Jesse's son by the way is to be in command of Camp Perry for the next two years.

We received word from Geoff Bartlett that Alice had suffered a stroke and passed away quite suddenly on November 13. We know that all members of the class will join us in extending deepest sympathy to Geoff and his family.

We had a letter from Bob Glassburn which came just too late for the last *Assembly* in which he reported that he and Genia had had a disturbing time due to the illness of little 'Gene and had taken him up to Walter Reed for a consultation. They were assured that the boy was going to be all right but it promises to be a rather protracted affair. When he wrote, Bob's daughter, Mary, wife of Colin Greenly, was awaiting the arrival of a new member of the family. Colin Greenly has a studio in Georgetown and teaches art at Miss Madeira's School.

Johnny Jenkins is living in Washington at The Woodner, 3636 16th Street, N.W. Bill Ganoe's address has been changed by the Post Office Department to 4196 Roberts Point Circle, Sarasota, Florida. Shoestring Chalet, Siesta Key sounds much more interesting.

Paul Larned forwarded a letter from Jimmy Collins written in Rome while on their recent trip abroad. He and Virginia

spent a couple of weeks in England seeing the cathedrals and then went to Paris where their son joined them with his Renault. The latter had a ten days leave which they spent together on the Riviera and when he returned to duty he left the car with Jimmy and Virginia. They motor-ed to Switzerland and Germany before returning to France and then went on to Rome. They had planned to fly to Istanbul, stop off in Athens, and return home by the first of November but actually they did not get back until about a month later. An unusual incident occurred in Paris when Jimmy, who was out for a walk, met Jim Steese, out for a stroll also.

Cincinnatus Somers wrote that the only news of his family was that their youngest daughter, born at West Point in 1915, is now in Cambridge, England with her husband and three children. She is the wife of Allan H. Brown, Professor of Botany, at the University of Minnesota who is spending his sabbatical year at Cambridge University on a Guggenheim Fellowship.

We have just received word that Throop Wilder passed away suddenly in New York City on November 20 and extend our sympathy to his family.

Jim Laubach reported that he is still interested in gardening but has been slowing up somewhat partly from desire and partly from necessity. During the past summer he and Edith went on a conducted tour of the Great Northwest and visited Banff, Lake Louise, Vancouver, B. C., Victoria, Seattle, Portland, Glacier National Park, Yellowstone, Denver and Chicago. Jim found a conducted tour most enjoyable with no responsibility nor concern for reservations or timetables.

We asked Dick Park for news of Park Place and were interested to learn that he and Winifred have become actively interested in skiing. At a meeting of the Titcomb Ski Slope members he volunteered to undertake the engineering work for their Pomalift project which kept him steadily occupied from September first up to Thanksgiving. Dick's and Winifred's interest in skiing came about through learning to ski at Sugar Loaf Mountain last winter. Dick said they never had so much fun and became as accomplished as anyone could expect for persons in their age bracket. They were considered pretty much as curiosities on the T-bar lifts and down hill trails. This winter they have season tickets at Sugar Loaf so health, weather and vigor permitting they expect to be on the slopes each week day from 9:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Regarding their family, Colonel Richard Park, Jr., wife and two teen age grandchildren who were with them last winter are now in Europe where Dick, Jr. is on the staff of EUCOM. Isabel, wife of Brigadier General John S. Guthrie, after a year at Fort Sill is in Washington where General Guthrie is a military aid to Mr. Gordon Gray. Captain Joseph D. Park returned from Alaska last April after having acquired two more baby girls and is now on duty at the University of Maine, not far from Park Place.

Rick and Audrey Morrison are back in Washington. They were in Philadelphia for their usual family party at Thanksgiving and had the family all together again at Christmas.

The McNeils have announced the marriage of their daughter, Mary, to Lieutenant Waldo Douglas Sloan, Jr., U.S.N. on November 9 at the National Presbyterian Church in Washington. Lieutenant Sloan is a graduate of the Naval Academy.

Paul Larned sent us a clipping from the Roanoke World News announcing that Lucian Booth has been appointed Managing Director of the forthcoming Roanoke Diamond Jubilee. Lucian has served his city

before on various civic boards and committees and this appointment is a recognition of his ability and popularity in his adopted community.

Enrique White passed through Washington recently on his way to Texas and had a periodic checkup at Walter Reed.

The Bruce Clarks gave a cocktail party in mid December which was attended by many of their classmates and friends.

The reunion committee has received responses to their post cards from many members of the class who are planning to come back for the reunion. If you have not already done so, start now making plans and we will look forward to seeing you in June.

—Hayden W. Wagner.

1908

The annual Class dinner will be held at the Army & Navy Club, Washington, on the exact anniversary date of graduation, Thursday evening, February 14th. This will mark the 48th anniversary. Fifteen men of 1908 were present at the dinner of last February 18th, including some who came from a far distance. Some were prevented from coming because of illness, so this year we should have more. Others, too far away to make the trip to Washington, will no doubt meet in their own localities to honor the date.

Looking farther ahead, it is not too soon to plan now to be among those who will be present at the Fiftieth Reunion—June 1958. That is a *must* occasion for everyone who can possibly make it. Steps are already being taken to reserve necessary place at the Officers Mess for the Reunion Dinner.

Recommendation has been made that an island in the Saint Johns River at Jacksonville, Florida, be renamed in honor of John Randolph Peyton ("Alligator" Peyton), who retired in 1952 after 43 years' distinguished service in various civilian engineering capacities with the Jacksonville Army Engineer District, including many years of service as senior civilian engineer of the district. This "made" island was the result of the dredging of Terminal Channel in 1936. It was our classmate who conceived the idea of creating the island as a means of disposing of the spoil from the dredging operations. In strongly endorsing the suggestion that the island be renamed for him, the District Engineer heaped high praise on Peyton for his accomplishments in the field of engineering and as an outstanding authority on river and harbor work.

Several members of the Class have enjoyed trips abroad since publication of the last *Assembly*. Bob Fletcher and John Kennedy engaged in extensive tours in western Europe and Bob Fletcher's travels carried him to the Scandinavian countries and as far as Finland. John Kennedy stopped off in Washington about the end of October, enroute returning from his trip to his home at Columbia, South Carolina. Spec Pendleton was a visitor in Washington at Thanksgiving time; he reported that he had recently taken a trip to Japan. Spec Edgerton departed in early November to attend a meeting at Paris in connection with the Suez Canal Company, with which he has the position of consulting engineer. Upon completion of his duties in Paris, he contemplated spending a month vacationing in Sicily.

Harry Crea, concerning whom a local change of address at Memphis, Tennessee, was reported in the October *Assembly*, now reports a much more extensive change. He and his good wife will be located the next several years at Wiesbaden, Germany, with his new address reading Hq. A.M.F.E.A.,

c/o Directorate of Engineering, A.P.O. 633, New York, New York.

Your Marks has a new street address, 2412 Santa Clara Drive, at Las Vegas, Nevada. He and his wife "have been living in this desert for a year and a half and find it better for our health than the seacoast where we have lived for so many years." He is quick to add, however, that both enjoy excellent health.

Everett Hughes, Clarence Sturdevant, and your scribe, John Schulz, were among those who attended the biennial convention of the Retired Officers Association at the Mayflower Hotel, Washington, on November 30th—at which a number of important resolutions were adopted vital to the interests of retired officers. Spike Dougherty, Punk Ellis and John Schulz represented the Class at the hard-fought Army-Navy game on December 1st.

—J. W. N. S.

1909

Frank J. (Frutos) Plaza died in Madrid, Spain on November 14. He had been traveling in Spanish speaking countries for the California Exploration Co., a subsidiary of Standard Oil of California. Burial was in San Antonio, Texas. Ed Marks has expressed the sympathy of our class to Frank's widow, Pauline D. Plaza, who has been living temporarily in San Francisco. Frank also leaves a son, Joseph B. Plaza, of 229 E. Vanderbilt, Corpus Christi, Texas, and a daughter, the wife of Lieutenant Colonel Carlton Johnson, Infantry, who is on duty with MAAG at Bonn, Germany.

Lillian Ford is reported seriously ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. L. Williams, Clermont, Florida.

Hermey and Iilmah Meyer lay claim to the honor of the first great-grandchild in '09, born to one of the children of their daughter Marguerite about June 1, 1956.

Ethel Whitaker announces that her address is changed to 38 Sunnyside Drive, Yonkers, N. Y.

—G. L. Van Deusen.

1910

It is a pleasure to report that Esther Polk, Harding's widow, has recently moved from Burlington, Iowa to Washington and has taken an apartment at 1884 Columbia Road, N.W. Her son and our class godson, Jim, is now a Brigadier General and Assistant Division Commander of the 3d Armored Division stationed in Germany. Wouldn't Harding be proud of this achievement? The class certainly is and we extend to Jim our sincere congratulations. Esther's other children are: Colonel John F. Polk now Military Attache to the Dublin Embassy in Ireland, Thomas H. Polk, U.S. Navy, a Lieutenant Commander in the submarine service and Mollie Polk, wife of Colonel Arthur H. Wilson stationed at Fort Monroe, Virginia.

We were most happy to get the news of the wedding of Eleanor Aleshire, Joe's widow, to Dr. Edmund Horgan on September 6, 1956 at the Prytania Street Presbyterian Church, New Orleans, Louisiana. They now reside at Ashly in Delaplane, Virginia. We send our love and best wishes.

Another wedding of note was that of Louise Uhl, P. D. and Julia Uhl's daughter, to Mr. Edward Wm. Girard on October 27th at the Fort Myer Chapel. A most enjoyable reception followed the ceremony at the Officers Club of Fort Myer. The young people

will live at 4519 Sangamore Road, Bethesda, Maryland. Best wishes always. A daughter, Catherine Totten, was born on September 27th to Pete and Dolly Selleck at Princeton, New Jersey. Pete (Clyde A., Jr.) now a 1st Lieutenant in the Engineers, U.S. Army, is Pappy's son and is pursuing engineering studies at Princeton University. This is Pappy and Gertrude's sixth grandchild and all are to be congratulated.

We were delighted to see Charlie Hines on his return from Walter Reed Hospital, feeling fine after a successful operation. Spec Wallace came up to Washington from his farm in Charlottesville, Virginia to attend the West Point Society's luncheon on September 12th at Fort Leslie J. McNair. Spec looked very well and it was good to see him again.

A fine report has just come in from Sam Edelman telling of his activities in arranging for the dinner and dance for the Corps of Cadets after the Navy game in Philadelphia on December 1st. The dinner was at Gimbels big store, the dance at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel. Both were very well attended and most successful. Sam has been instrumental in arranging this entertainment for the Corps for a number of years now and deserves a lot of credit. He has a pleasant apartment at 4920 City Avenue with an extra bed and a big welcome for any classmate stopping off in Philadelphia. Jim Muir went up to the game from his home down in Easton, Maryland. From all we can learn Jim and Sam were the only representatives of 1910 at the game.

Your secretary takes this opportunity to send to all classmates and their families his best wishes for all the joys of the Holiday Season.

—Robert H. Dunlop.

1911

Again we close ranks. Our Bill Hardigg succumbed to a heart condition on November 29, in the hospital of his home town, Madison, Indiana. Funeral services were there, where he had commanded Jefferson Proving Ground '43 to '45. At the committal at Arlington on December 3, with full military honors, the Washington classmates participated. The alumni and his Ordnance colleagues need no briefing on his sterling qualities and distinguished service, his high potential and attainment. His classmates, and particularly his roommate for two years, know well the gentle humor, the quiet patience with those he helped, the modesty that never exploited his consistent engineer standing as a cadet, nor deplored the near miss as Number 6 in 1911 that gave Ordnance one of its outstanding arsenal and proving ground commanders. Remember in 1907 "Smile, Mr. Hardigg!"?

Florence and Jesse Ladd, returning from Europe in October, paused in Washington for dinner at 1600 Pennsylvania with a 1915 alumnus who had training as an executive on Jesse's regimental staff in the 30's. The Ladds' projected visit on son Fred and family in Iran was prevented by the situation there, but compensated by a comprehensive tour of Europe from a base with the Jim Ladds. In early December our VP made a quick ambulance trip to Letterman, characteristically insisting when able: "Just a damn bache"; but a week later the medicos are still checking. Your reporter's trip there last Fall couldn't be bached, and the resulting surgical slug kept him there a month.

Spec Wheeler has been appointed special advisor to the Secretary General of the United Nations for the clearance of the Suez Canal. As an ex-Chief of Engineers

our classmate is pre-eminently able to cope, along with his continuing duties as engineer consultant to The World Bank. It helps that his associate in the latter, Joe Me-haffey, has the extra time accruing to him as 1911's only bachelor, and the experience with canals and bridges gained as Governor of the PC Zone and genius of Arlington Memorial Bridge. The Suez will be open when you read this. "1911, etcetera, etcetera!"

Bluntie, Polly and Beth, returned mid-November from six weeks in the British Isles and Europe. In Dublin they visited nephew Colonel John Polk, MA there; in Frankfurt, nephew Brigadier General James Polk, assistant division commander, 3d Armd. Division; both sons of Polk '10 and Phil Fleming's sister Esther (Polly Blunt's sister). Sounds Old Army. Daughter Ellen Key Blunt is also in Frankfurt. Fortified with a recipe for Irish coffee, the Blunts endorse The United States.

Dave Cowles will be in Letterman Army Hospital, PSF, for January, the September cataract ordeal having been postponed thrice; so Dave saw the A-N game on his own TV with class company which essayed a consultative Long Corps Yell.

Early in November Howell Estes went to Patterson Air Force Base at Dayton to pay his respects to newly promoted Major General Howell Estes, Jr., USAF, USMA '36. 1911's first two-star son!

Our Exes: Charlie Calley, retired colonel, writes from a new address in Hawaii (there since retirement in '46): 746 Hunakai St., Honolulu 16, Telephone 743385. John Churchill retired October 31 as patent examiner, US Patent Office; and is now associated with Dicke and Craig, patent attorneys, Pennsylvania Bldg., Washington. That's a thought, if you have another to go with it.

Ben Delamater, '12, with us for a year, died October 14 at Brooke Army Hospital, Fort Sam Houston. Our classmate Ike Spalding '12, and Alice represented us at the services at Ben's home, Coldwell, Texas, and at his interment at Bryan beside his second son, John, injured as a paratrooper. He, like his surviving brother, Lieutenant Colonel Ben III, USMA '40 (Asst. G-4 at Fort Sam Houston), and their father Ben Sr., was an alumnus of Texas A&M, near Bryan. Also surviving are his wife Rachel, his father Benjamin, Sr. at 93, and his sister, a student at the Castle during our cadet days. Ike Spalding with dual responsibility to '11 and '12, saw to it that the floral tribute of yellow chrysanthemums whose black and gray ribbons bore "His West Point Classmates" was proportionately provided by 1911 and 1912.

Ike, vigorous treasurer of the San Antonio Quarterback Club, is well situated to pick good prospects for USMA. Jim Mooney '12, with Marie and Patsy autoed last Fall to their old home in Ysleta, El Paso County, Texas. Their prospective three weeks doubled; and Jim, going Texas after thirteen years away, boasts that El Paso is now the fifth U.S. city, in area that is; and its lighting system, what with cloudless skies, outshines that of Washington.

Word is desired as to the following Class widows, if surviving, and children: Mesdames Baxter, Bowley, Byrne, Christian, Clay, Dargue, Evans, Finch, Floyd, Gildart, Gray, Hall, Hicks, G. R., Hicks, F. H., Holland, Keeley, Kern, Kimball, A. R., Lucas, McKinney, McLaurin, Murray, Reinicke, Simpson, Stewart, Walker, C. A.

Thanks to contributors herein; and concern to the areas of silence. Next critical date—5th of March.

—J. R. N. Weaver.

1912

By the time this column reaches its readers all members of the Class of 1912 should have received a copy of the annual Christmas Bulletin, the result of much work on the part of Arch Arnold, our Class Secretary. If it strikes a responsive chord why not let Arch know how much his labors are appreciated?

Barrett: Leonard, to make sure that Howard Bennion will have suitable reading matter to while away a bit of retirement time at his new address, 2136 Hubbard Ave., Salt Lake City, Utah, presented Patriarch Howard with copies of Leonard's two most recent books on mathematics, pointing out "the parts dealing with electromagnetics may interest you." Leonard also paid high tribute to the Sunday morning broadcasts from the Mormon Tabernacle in Salt Lake City and requested Patriarch Howard to use his good offices toward including in future programs several of Leonard's favorite selections. Leonard, whom we recall during Cadet days as the Cadet organist assisting Mr. Mayer, composed in recent years "A Short West Point Anthem" which we may hear next June at the Cadet Chapel.

Bennion: A recent letter from Howard describes in minute detail his travels throughout Europe and the Near East this past summer, covering Germany, Italy, Greece, Israel, France (where he visited his World War I headquarters and camouflage factory at Dijon), Switzerland, Denmark, Sweden, England, Scotland and Wales. Now that he is back home in Salt Lake City his time is taken up in establishing his new home and in fixing up his yard, this in addition to his important duties with the Mormon Church.

Chatfield: "Count" John is the latest one to report his intention to join the clan at the Point in June, preferring the comforts of the Bear Mountain Inn to the Spartan simplicity of bunking in Cadet Barracks.

Crawford, R. C.: In November "Red" and Nancy had a delightful motor trip to Kentucky to visit Nancy's home. Red reports seeing Bill Wilbur at Walter Reed where the latter was undergoing treatment. Red reports that Bill is looking well and that he related a most interesting account of his recent trip to Russia where he met the big bosses of the Kremlin.

Delamater: The sad news of Ben's death at Brooke Army Hospital, Texas, on October 14th, was communicated to the class scribes by our good representative in the San Antonio area, "Ike" Spalding, who attended to every detail, including class flowers, and being present at the services in San Antonio, Caldwell, and the burial at Bryan, Texas, setting a record of travel of 360 miles in twelve hours the day of the funeral. Our sympathy to Rachel, his widow, Lieutenant Colonel B. F. Delamater, III, and his daughter, Mrs. James H. Keller, wife of Colonel Keller now attending the National War College.

Dick: Carl broke away from his busy routine at Athens, New York, to take in the Penn State game at West Point and was surprised and delighted to find himself sitting next to P.D. and Lottie Paules, "the first time we had seen each other since 1912". Reports Carl, "Winter ain't no fun no more—since jingle bells went out with horses and sleighs. Wish my job was in California".

Hinemon: Despite his difficulty in moving about, Heinie continues active as a correspondent. He and Mildred are busily and happily engaged in helping daughter Betty take care of their four grandchildren who live a short distance from Little Silver, New Jersey, while Betty's husband, Colonel John W. Grant, Signal Corps, is on duty in far off Korea. Two of Heinie's grandchildren

sat in the 1912 section at the Army-Navy game on December 1 and met the three members of 1912 who braved the elements to be present. They were: Drake, Maxwell and Snow.

Holliday: Marguerite, Ralph's widow, now residing at 114 Cherry Ave., Hampton, Virginia, proudly reports on her tribe of 16 grandchildren (Count 'em) Ralph Jr. has 4; John 4; Bill 3; Dorothy 4; and Donald 1. She wants to know if she does not lead the 1912 pack as regards grandchildren, and unless someone disputes this claim by naming a higher figure she gets the award. Geoffrey Keyes leads the Class of 1913 with 15 grandchildren and in view of his membership in 1912 he seems to be the runner up!

Lewis, H. B.: "Monk" and Florence are scheduled to take off again for several months in the Far East, spending most of their time at their favorite spot, Hong Kong. Their daughter Frances and her husband, Colonel Frank H. Stone, AGC, and their three children are now stationed in San Francisco. The "Monk" plans to return in time to attend the 45th reunion of his original class at West Point in June.

Larrabee: "Loopy", at his "Kings Prevention" home at Chestertown, Md., writes to the effect that he can never think of anything to write for the annual Class Bulletin, noting that most of the stuff the boys write in tells of their several ailments, operations, or their grandchildren, none of which dope gives him much of a thrill. His main interests are game shooting, turkey and pheasant raising and yachting in Chesapeake Bay, a little less strenuous than riding to hounds in years past at his then home in Warrenton, Virginia.

Lindt: Johnny and Pattie motored up the West Coast early in the fall to see Pattie's mother, Mrs. Merriman, in San Francisco, and to welcome their new (and first) grandson into the world. Later they motored up to Edmonds, Washington, where they assisted Mary Hochwalt for several weeks with her problems of adjustment following Earl's sudden passing in April. On their return trip to Riverside they visited with classmates in the Bay area and stopped overnight to see the Hobsons and the Andersons on the Monterey Peninsula. Both John and Pattie look mighty fit and they are more than willing to do their parts in any good project, especially in class matters.

Littlejohn: It is not often that we get word at length from old man "Big John" but this time when we saluted him as he passed his 66th milestone he came right back with quite a masterpiece. Says John: "Now that I'm 66 I ought to feel like an old man but I do not. I still have my hair and my teeth. My hair is the same color it was when I first entered the East Sally Port on March 2, 1908. We have had two very good class luncheons—one in particular. We even got Sid Spalding out; also B. Q. Jones! Charlie Drake was elected Vice-President of the Class so that we shall have a class official located here in Washington, and a nominating committee to consist of Bob Snow, Ham Haislip and Charlie Drake was appointed by our group so that we'll thus save time at the business meeting at the Reunion next June at West Point for other class matters to a smooth continuity of class affairs in the future. I was up at West Point in August and I found the 1912 Class Tree in bad shape but I now have word from the chief horticulturist that after pruning and fertilization our tree is back in good shape. I certainly do hope that every classmate who can walk or crawl will make it to our 45th reunion next June, for I am most anxious to see the 'old bums' once again, realizing, as we all must do, that another five years will thin our ranks further."

MacGregor: Helen reports that Mac has been out of the hospital for three months and manages to get around the hotel (Hotel De Soto, Savannah, Georgia) a bit. Hope the Class will continue with their letters as Mac enjoys them. Reading is his main exercise.

Malony: Harry and Dorothy returned recently from a European trip, with much time apportioned to Ireland—as might be expected.

Maxwell: Early in November Maxie reported as follows: "Last Saturday at West Point brought back memories of cadet days

Critt went up with us as a passenger . . . trustees meeting at 10:00 and then review on the Plain with Prince Ranier taking the review. We were in the Supe's section with beautiful Princess Grace close by. I saw Paules and his charming wife at the Columbia game and had a chat with them. The Kuldells were in New York about a month ago and as usual we saw them a couple of times and found them in good form. One of the finest things that has happened in 1912 circles was to see Tom Hayes at Aberdeen on October 4, for the first time in ten years. Spent a few days in Santa Barbara where I saw d'Alary Fechet, also Los Angeles and Denver where I had to make two speeches. After Thanksgiving we started to get our furniture out of storage and work on our apartment at the Westchester to get it ready for our stays in Washington, with Christmas holidays as a dead line."

Mooney: Jim and Marie returned from an extensive trip to the south and southwest, with especial emphasis on going over their former haunts in the area around El Paso.

Paules: "P.D." and Lottie had a pleasant visit through the eastern section of the country late in the fall, visiting their son John at West Point where he is instructing in Spanish, and taking in the Army-Penn game, the Army-Columbia game, and visiting historic Boston. P.D. says he is still active in business, spends six hours a day at the office and has made no plans for retirement.

Richmond: Frank has changed his address from Cookville, Tennessee, to 3107 Knobdale Road, Nashville 14, Tennessee.

Rose: 1912 can well be proud of the contribution that our Buddy made, during the period that he continued on active duty in the AGO's office after his retirement, toward legislation that finally ended up in Public Law 881, better known as Servicemen's and Veterans' Survivor Benefits Act which establishes a new system of benefits payable to the survivors of military personnel, effective on January 1, 1957. This Act is spelled out in detail in Circular No. 608-12, Dep't of the Army, Washington, 25, D. C., August 1, 1956, and is of special concern to the widows of our classmates who are now drawing compensation from the Veterans Administration because of service-connected causes of their husbands' death. It is recommended that those widows who have received from the Veterans Administration VA Form VB8-4178 should complete the form and return it to the VA without further delay.

Spalding, S. P.: Sid's bride gave birth on Thanksgiving morning to their seventh child, Ellen Gove Spalding. Salutes will no longer be rendered to the former Ass't Chief of Ordnance who at the age of 67 has sired his seventh child at a most remarkable pace to make up for the time lost when he was a confirmed bachelor. In lieu of the official salute made when wearing the head dress members of the Class of 1912 should render the proper salute by removing the head dress and bow from the hips.

Sullivan: Following a bout with the Letterman medicos our Sully is back home

looking fit as ever but under doctor's care to the extent that he must lose some weight and take life a bit easier for a while.

Thomas: Tommy and Gladys report a pleasant visit in August from their California children Booth and Millie and a delightful trip early in the fall to points north, including Canada.

—R. T. Snow and W. H. Hobson.

1913

Dan Calhoun and his family are at their winter home at Box 263 A, Gulf Stream, Delroy Beach, Florida. His second son, Howard, is in his third year at Princeton in Engineering. Dan says drop in on him if anyone comes to Florida.

Falkner Heard reports having a tussle with Walter Reed Hospital in late summer but is now better and back at San Antonio at a new address—609 Morningside Drive—a new one story house with all new gadgets plus no stairs. His son Falkner, Jr. is at Fort Bliss, Texas. He expects to report a new grandchild shortly.

"Cooper" Foote is as active as ever in gathering news of the Class, which is as follows:

"I am taking it easy, not going to college this year.

"Bill Schmidt says he has nothing to report. The same for Louis Craig and Gordon Young.

"Billy and Doris Johnson expect to go to the Army-Navy game and also take the usual winter trip — this winter to New Orleans and Columbus, Georgia.

"Pinky Crane and Lois are at their Kingdom Farm in Virginia, busy with their cattle—also preparing for the wedding of one of their daughters.

"Hans Herwig is busy in Japan on his business adventure."

Carlos Brewer is still working at his job in the O.S.O. Research Foundation at Ohio State University. While on a trip to Washington he talked to Jimmy Peale who is reported to be in fine fettle. Carlos' daughter, Betty Shulden and her three children are with him while her husband is in Korea.

Archie Dorst reports talking to "Monk" and Florence Lewis who by this time are on the Pacific for a trip to Manila. His Christmas letter may tell us why.

Archie Dorst ended his term as President of the West Point Society of S.F. He is chairman of the Berkley Disaster Committee—What a job! All power to him!

Mildred and "Moose" Ardrey report buying a new home at 4692 East Washington Avenue, Fresno, California, so he can live a quiet and routine life—adjusting his activities to his age. He reports having contacted Dave and Anna Falk and Bob Von Volkenburgh. Bob had some sort of an operation which he may expose in his Christmas letter to us.

Copthorne is yet at Babson Park, Florida. Hope to see him this winter on my trip to Florida. Will also see Bob Crawford and "Shorty" Williams.

Joe Viner and Dasha went to Europe for two months this summer. He hopes to go to Florida and also to Tucson this winter so will see those in San Antonio and the West Coast on this trip.

At the Army-Navy game we had a small 1913 gathering—Doug Greene, "Tex" Davidson, Joe Viner, "Pinkey" Crane, Rosevear, "Bug" Oliver, Billy Johnson and with them, were most of the wives.

Pat and Virginia Rafferty were in Chicago to the International Live Stock Show. They spent much of their time at cattle shows and fairs. Pat says he will be in Florida again this winter. Our paths

crossed there last year and we had a wonderful time with the Crawfords, Copthornes, Viners and Raffertys.

"Tex" Davidson announced the marriage of his daughter Julia in September to a Mr. John Rutledge Cheshire.

Get the rest of the class data from our class Christmas letters mailed to each of you by Doug Greene.

Sincerely,

—Joseph W. Viner,
President Class of 1913.

1914

I know that all classmates have been concerned about the news in our last letter that Arthur Harris, while traveling in Europe, had to undergo an operation for the removal of one of his eyes. We now have more news about this from Skimp Brand, who writes that the operation was successful, and that Arthur returned home about October 1 and attended the October class dinner in Washington. He was looking fine, and has gone to Hobe Sound, Florida for the winter. Skimp says the Washington group had an extra get-together in October because Pug Lampert was in town. Skimp recently left Washington on his annual trip to Los Angeles and Phoenix. He plans to see Bruz Waddell, Bill Houghton, Flip Lewis and perhaps some other classmates.

Ralph Royce reports that last summer he and Agnes took a two months trip through South America. It was a leisurely trip with no set itinerary, and it was very pleasant and interesting. He writes that Howard Milligan left Florida for a trip to Long Island, New York, last summer but had to return to the land of sunshine somewhat sooner than he had planned, because of the arthritis in his back.

Jim Cress writes that he and Eleanor recently went to Seattle, Washington to attend a ceremony at which the big ship locks between Puget Sound and Lake Washington were named the Hiram M. Chittenden Locks, in honor of Eleanor's father, the late Brigadier General Hiram M. Chittenden, who had so much to do with their design and construction. Also attending the ceremony were Eleanor's brothers, Hiram M. Chittenden, Jr., Professor of Civil Engineering at the University of Washington, and T. P. Chittenden, an official of the telephone company in Seattle. Jim mentioned that he saw Don McRae and his wife, of San Jose, California when they attended a party in Palo Alto given by Lieutenant General Paul Kendall, and that he and Eleanor are planning to leave on December 11 for a trip to the Far East. They will go by boat to Manila, then fly to Bangkok for a visit with Brigadier General and Mrs. Eddie Plank. Returning, they plan to stop at Hong Kong on their way to Manila.

Phil Thurber sent me a newspaper clipping with a photograph of the ceremony of naming the Hiram M. Chittenden Locks, in which Eleanor Cress and her two brothers are shown. Phil and Muriel will leave Seattle early in January to spend three months in Hawaii.

Bruz Waddell's letter mentions Skimp's visit to Los Angeles. Skimp was to be with Bruz and Vera for one evening, and they were to be joined by Florence and Bill Houghton for dinner. Bruz and Vera were presented with a grandson on October 14 by their son Bill and his wife Mary, who live in Baltimore. Bill, who graduated from the Academy in 1950, resigned after three years commissioned service, received a Master's degree in engineering at the University of Southern California, and is now an engineer with the Kaiser Aluminum

and Chemical Company. Bruz and Vera will fly to Baltimore to spend Christmas with their children and grandchildren. Bruz hopes to be able to run into Washington for a few days to see our classmates there.

The San Antonio group gathered at the home of Ike and Lillian Gill for a luncheon and the Army-Navy game. We enjoyed their hospitality very much, but of course we were disappointed over that tie score. Army certainly outplayed Navy and should have won.

On December 3 I plan to fly out to San Francisco for about a week—that is why I am writing this letter earlier than usual. I am going to visit our son John and our youngest daughter Dot, and their families. Earl is already with Dot, the occasion being the arrival of Dot's third child and our seventh grandchild, a boy. Dot's husband, Dr. Ralph H. Potter, Jr. recently resigned his commission as a Lieutenant Colonel, Medical Corps, to enter private practice.

When you read this the Christmas Season will be over. I hope you had a very Merry Christmas, and that 1957 will be full of health and happiness for you and yours.

—John Carruth.

1915

I am learning to be careful about the items I include in these notes. I mention this because I have a hunch that "my reading public" is unaware of the tortuous ramifications that go in the making of these literary master-pieces. For example, the last notes were written early in September in order to reach the editor by the September 10th deadline. Believing that the October issue would be published in October (a fair assumption) mention was made of the very excellent speech delivered by our distinguished classmate when he accepted the Republican nomination. Unfortunately, the October issue was published late in November when the whole world knew that Ike had been elected by a landslide (Thank God!). Many who read this statement must have concluded that this writer is a bit balmy and fit only to record ancient history. Which, after all, may be correct since he has become somewhat of an antique himself.

At this time, I believe I am safe in sending the congratulations of the class to Ike for his election by an overwhelming vote of confidence from the American people. After all, these notes are supposed to be published in January 1957 and Ike will be in office until January 1960. So hearty congratulations to you, Ike. We shall all pray for your health and continued success.

And now for such news as have reached me through the courtesy of a few—and I say again a few—classmates. One of these, obviously achieving a passion for anonymity, signed his name, "Anonymous". I wrote "Anonymous" that I didn't remember a classmate by that name, so I assumed he must have been in the first section. Whether your name is anonymous or synonymous, I would appreciate news letters. Surely in three months' time some of you guys must have broken a leg, broken a hundred, broken a record or broken down. Tell me about it and I'll tell the class. I do declare honey child—I just love gossip!

The monthly class luncheons of the Washington, D. C. contingent are now being held on the SECOND Monday of each month; reason:—too many holidays fall on the first Monday. Time and place remain the same viz.: 1230 o'clock ARMY-NAVY Town Club.

It is my sad duty to announce the deaths of:

A—Dutch Miller, in Mexico City, October 27. His son, Richard, a Second Lieutenant of Ordnance, stationed at Letterkenny Ordnance Depot wrote that his dad was buried in the American Cemetery, Mexico City. As soon as circumstances permit, the body will be moved to the West Point Cemetery, where Mrs. Miller is buried. Dutch is survived by his son and two daughters: Joan, who is married and lives in Holland and Marcia, age 14, who will live with her brother in the United States. Another of our grand classmates has joined "the long grey line". May God rest his soul.

B—Billy Covell's wife, Kay, on November 6. Our heartfelt sympathy to Billy. Only detail I have is that Det Ellis wrote Ike's secretary the sad news and received the following reply, "Thank you for your letter. The President learned, the evening of the election, about Mrs. Covell's death, and we sent General Covell a telegram as soon as we could pull ourselves together the next morning."—What a man!

C—Woody sent me a clipping announcing the death of Thomas J. McCormick in Syracuse, New York, October 30. Tom (Ex 1915) was a member of the Syracuse University faculty for thirty-four years.

From Jody Haw, I learned that that intrepid Irishman, John Aloysius McDermott, retired from the oil business last summer and is now settled with his fine family at 1760 La Vuelta St., Montecito, Santa Barbara, California. If that Shanty Irishman doesn't drop me a line soon and explain his long silence, I'll tell the Mrs. about the goings on at 45 Avenue, Marceau, Paris, France circa 1919. "Avez vous le rent money mon commandant?"

I hear P. J. Mueller was laid up with a sacro-iliac last fall. The disability was well-timed. It occurred just about leaf-raking time. Result: Margaret had to manipulate the rake while Paul supervised. Nice planning, Paul. Several of your classmates who are owners of deciduous trees would like to know how you done it.

Jody Haw thinks that the gift fund is to provide gifts for instead of by members of the class, so what do you suppose old man Haw requested as his gift? A blonde stenographer in black lingerie. Haw, Haw! Haw!!! Did any of you fellows realize that Jody had such heavy correspondence?

Hume—I mean George—Peabody is heading up liquor reforms in Leonardstown, Maryland. His fellow citizens have dubbed him "The Knight in Shining Armor". I believe George resented my franc expose of his nefarious schemes in my October notes. He addressed me as "Dear Mr. Drew Pearson Wogan". Funny how guilty persons always accuse others of the very self same crimes of which they themselves are guilty.

Mason Young mentions not the cold in Labrador, but states that come Michaelmas day, he will seek some warm sunshine in Southern Europe. If he is looking for real warmth, I suggest he go to the Middle East. Information received from several sources would seem to indicate that "the Doodle" is on the mend. Tom Hanley said that Doodle even referred to the possibility of a golf game in San Antonio this winter.

Hermie Beukema says he and Peggy are planning a visit to the U.S.A. shortly "to take care of a backlog of problems" and, although he does not list them among his problems, he does report an aggregate of twelve—count 'em—twelve grandchildren. Cheaper by the dozen, no doubt, eh Herman?

Ed Hyde ran into Oscar Straub, one of our long missing classmates, last October. Oscar was "well, slightly stout and in good spirits". He now resides at 137 East 18th Street, New York 3, New York.

Gibby and his bride are enjoying life in Florida. The Doug Wearts visited them

last November. Doug must be o.k. since he drove down from Chicago. Gibby suggests that I quote Russian instead of French, since I never learned either the Russian language nor the Russian customs (Thank God) I shall stick to the Francais, some Espanol and a poquito de Ingles.

Pearl Stickney flew from Boston to the West Coast in December to visit her son, Al, who is in the Airplane business. During Al's vacation this spring, they will fly to Hawaii.

Det reports that at least two 1915 widows were turned down for social security benefits on the grounds that the Cadet service of their husbands had not counted. You are reminded that Cadet service counted for all those who entered West Point prior to August 12, 1912. If you know of any widows turned down on these grounds, it is suggested you go to bat for them.

Following changes in addresses:

Henry Aurand, 2527 A, Tantalus Dr., Honolulu 13, Hawaii.

Hubert R. Harmon, 312 Westover Road, San Antonio, Texas.

Harold (Venus) Small, 37 Paulding Ave., Cold Spring, New York.

That's all for now. I must stop before the deadline catches up with me; and also I must send my bill for professional services to John Wallington. My fees are small, a mere \$500.00 per note. John says the class is rich and can afford it.

As of December 8, the date these notes were written, I wish you all a Blessed Christmas and a Happy, healthy and prosperous 1957. As of January, February, or March, when you read this, I hope you had an enjoyable holiday—God's blessing always.

—Wog.

1916

Since the October issue of the *Assembly* your reporter has been taken over the hurdles for failing to note in the Reunion write-up the communications received from those too distant to attend. So to make the record complete, we wish to acknowledge and thank the Gallaghers, Neylands and Jack Nygaard for their wire messages which were received at West Point and read at the Class dinner. They were deeply appreciated.

Gallagher writes from Rome that he will return Stateside next February and will go on the retired list after 45 years of continuous active duty. Jack Nygaard also informed us that he has hopes of returning Stateside for a visit sometime next year. If his letters are any indication of his activity there will be hardly a place in North Africa or Europe outside of the Iron Curtain which he will not be able to tell us about from first-hand knowledge. Calvin and Marjorie DeWitt have returned to their home in the Washington area after a short and enjoyable trip to Europe this summer. Red O'Hare and Bobby are also back in Washington where they will probably remain until the severe winter weather sets in. They spent last summer at what Red describes as a delightful little town in the White Mountains of New Hampshire.

We have more information on Joe Tully and his wife. They are in Turkey and he is connected with the Associated Pipe Line Contractors, Inc. We have not yet heard precisely what he is doing but are told that he will be away for a year or more at least. His wife is with him and their address is c/o American Embassy, Ankara, Turkey. Judge John Abernathy, who up to the last minute had planned to be at the Reunion last June, tells us that the cause of his absence was a sudden acute attack of inner-

ear trouble. This is the second Reunion when sickness prevented his attending. We missed our Judge. Another one who missed the Reunion was Spence Merrell. He wrote at the time that he had had a slight heart attack and his doctor made him stay at home. More recently a letter from Tom McDonald informs us that Spence is still not too well. It's hard to slow him down but he seems to be genuinely trying to take it easier now. Holland Robb has moved from LaCrosse, Wisconsin to Chapel Hill, North Carolina. He planned to locate there immediately after retirement but illness in his wife's family required their presence in LaCrosse instead. At the time he wrote he had hopes that his dream house would be completed shortly. After more than a year of living in their country home at Bedford Hills in Westchester County, Parker and Margaret Kuhn have reopened their apartment in New York at 150 East 73rd Street, New York, New York.

Here are some odds and ends of news: Doug Page reminisces about the hunting he used to enjoy near San Antonio in 1916 and 1917; says it is all citrus ranches now and posted against trespassers. Eddie Shaifer at Laredo, Texas explains his absence at West Point last June. Says he lives at land's end. He is pretty nearly right — two years ago the Rio Grande flooded him. Incidentally, he is writing a political column in the local paper. From what we have read we may expect to hear he is Mayor if the reform party gets into power. Krayenbuhl, who moved from Washington to Winter Park, Florida tells us that he has found the ideal life—golf, bridge and informality. Toohy Walbach at Wilmington, North Carolina reports that he has no news—that he is principally occupied with painting, carpentry and gardening at his beach cottage and town house.

The principal news around here is the Army and Navy game. What a game it was and what a team. We have no complete record of 1916 attendance. Bob Walsh was there and says that he saw Scofield, Mumma, DeWitt and Brundred, who had come all the way from Tulsa, Oklahoma. If we missed any names we apologize but the above are all so far reported to have been there.

This about completes the news but before signing off we want to wish all of 1916 a very Happy New Year.

—E. G. B.

April 1917

Twelve members of the class had lunch together at Fort McNair on December 5. Those present were Bradshaw, Compton, Cowgill, Crump, Eagles, Eley, Erler, Irving, Olmsted, Schroeder, Sam Smith, and Yuill.

The Fortieth Reunion committee has made some preliminary plans for June Week. A request will be made for a room at the West Point Officers' Club for one or two class assemblies. Classmates will obtain assignments to barracks by answering cards which will be sent out by the Alumni Committee about April 1. A group reservation for wives was not considered practicable, but individuals may arrange for accommodations for their wives where desired. The committee will obtain armbands for men and pins for wives. More details will be announced next spring.

Gladys and Joe Collins returned from their European trip the middle of October and have taken an apartment at 4000 Massachusetts Ave. in Washington. Joe has volunteered to assist The Honorable Tracy Voorhees in handling Hungarian refugee problems. As executive chairman for placing Hungarian refugees, with an office in the

Pentagon, Joe is working long hours on this big undertaking.

Dorothy and Lawrence Mitchel are back from Europe too and are now visiting relatives in Massachusetts. By Christmas they expect to be back in their Winter Park, Florida, home, where their charming daughter Barbara will join them for the holidays.

We were pleased to hear from Sterling Wood down in Miami, Florida. Although Sterling manages to relax on the beach weekends, he is busy during the week as chief inspector of a group of Florida banks. He says that he does nearly the same work as on his last Army assignment—IG of the Army Forces, Far East. He hopes that any classmate coming down to Florida "will stop for a visit, swim, and a little fishing."

Mary and George Wooley are busy putting up Christmas decorations in their Chevy Chase home in preparation for three Christmas parties they are giving for their friends. Their son, Bob, and his wife and five-year-old daughter Marilyn, will be with them the last week in December. Bob is moving to Phoenix, Arizona, where he has a new job as a managing electronic engineer for General Electric's new ERMA plant in Phoenix.

Jack Nygaard plans to sail for the States in May. Unfortunately, because of opera commitments Anna Maria can't be here for the reunion. However, she plans to make her first visit to the U.S.A. in September, 1957. Jack said that Seff Clark, on a tour of Europe, paid him and Anna Maria a visit. Jack's address is: Via della Formica, San Concordio, Lucca, Italy.

—Harold R. Jackson.

August 1917

Bill Chapman writes that Jack Bissell on December 1 got the Christmas season off to a good start in Carmel with an eggnog party for the Williamsons, Chapmans and Willie Wilsons. Bill has dieted off fifty pounds and no doubt whipped temptation.

Paul Cole mailed in a clipping from a San Francisco paper advising that young Bill DeCamp has finished at the top of his class at Benning. Paul and Kernan will definitely be back for the 40th in June. Reyes is in Manila, but is expected back in San Francisco this winter.

Lew Griffith was elected president of the Virginia Society of Professional Engineers. The Washington papers published a good photo of him with a nice write-up.

Emily Bingham spent the month of October in England with Bill's brother and his family and reports a wonderful trip.

Dent Sharp pens from Dennysville, Maine, that he and Eleanor will visit New York, spend January in Washington, and then head for San Francisco with a stop-off in Arizona. We in Washington are looking forward to their visit.

Des O'Keefe, after two operations and nine weeks at Walter Reed is now making a nice recovery at home.

Jules Schaefer, our most faithful correspondent, is also making good recovery and expects to resume his travels at an early date.

Our latest report on Swede Sarcka was that he was also progressing nicely and will spend the winter in Cuba.

Gus Hoffman is now living in Grosse Pointe, Michigan, and has enjoyed teaching physics for the last two and a half years in the Highland Park Junior College. This year he has also been teaching two days a week, 4 to 6 P.M. at Wayne University.

Jack Johnson, after eight years in Mexico, still raves about life south of the border. He and Florence love San Miguel, an old university town of 10,000, full of historical and contemporary interest. Fishing

and the hunting of orchids have lured Jack and Florence on frequent trips. He reports the fishing as really big league and says he has collected many new, strange and wonderful orchid species, which thrive with little or no care in his patio. He adds quote "And if you'd care to climb trees, I know places aplenty where there are some particularly fine orchids in colonies a little high for me" unquote. Men, here is a classmate with trouble! Will some one volunteer or must I go myself?

The notes from this point on are lifted from a circular letter composed by the amanuensis of our Washington group, Leo B. Conner.

Forty-two of us assembled for the Class Luncheon at the Army and Navy Club, November 12, for what Miriam described as the best time in the seven years we have been in Washington.

The first man we saw as we entered the Club was Ed Leavey who happened to be in town on business. He hadn't known of the Luncheon and couldn't stay, but it was wonderful that so many of us could see him.

Present were Emily Bingham, Rena and Jack Carroll, Joe Cohen, Miriam and Leo Conner, Loyd Durfee, Marguerite and Cheri Eyster, Helen and Pop Goode, Elaine and Llewellyn Brooks Griffith, May Heavey, Anne and Gordon Heiner, Dorothy and Prentiss Huff, Ruth Jank, Elizabeth and Biff Jones, Mary, Edie and Jack Knight, Dorothy Matlack, Carobel and Norm McNeill, Louise and Al Paca, Gertrude and Pete Purvis, Bee and Bill Reeder, Dad Riley, Dave Schlenker, Edith, Sarah and Red Shaffer, Dot and Honus Wagner, and Dorothy and Red Warner.

Jack Knight, in Virginia on a business trip, occupied the place of honor at the largest gathering of the Class he has seen since graduation. He definitely promises that he and Mary will be with us at West Point next June.

Speaking proudly of his preeminence in the Class as the father of six children, he subsided on hearing of Dorothy Huff's eleven grandchildren. Dorothy herself was in rare form as she spoke of her efforts to get Prentiss in a rut.

Prentiss has competely recovered from his recent surgery and is himself again; so much so that Honus Wagner, who has gone into West Virginia politics, had difficulty in holding his own, even though he has been able to break up a Democratic machine that had been in power for 28 years.

Bee Reeder announced that her trouble was trying to get Bill out of his rut. She's really very proud of Bill and his position at Syracuse where he serves as a counter balance to an otherwise young and vigorous faculty.

Jack Carroll, whom we hadn't seen since he used to play polo at Fort Huachuca, appears to be a typical country squire, and in fact does operate a 28 acre place at The Plains. No horses though; they're too much work.

We are sorry we hadn't been able to induce Tommy and Phil Day to stay around long enough for the party but Phil just had to get to Florida before the Washington winter struck. You know how these New Englanders are.

Llewellyn Brooks Griffith (we aren't usually so formal but he doesn't answer to that horrid nickname any more) spoke several times and paid tribute to one of our great men—Pop Goode—for his efforts in establishing the Casemate Museum at Fort Monroe. Pop is also an author and his book on the Soldiers' Home is about to hit the presses.

It was especially nice to have three pretty representatives of the younger generation with us: Cheri Eyster, Edie Knight, and Sarah Shaffer. Cheri, recently with the State Department in Addis Ababa,

is preparing for an assignment in Seoul. How these children get around.

Young Gordie Heiner for instance. Anne and Gordon came to the party direct from the National Airport where their son was awaiting a plane for Cambodia. The Heiners are nicely tucked in at Lexington in the home they bought while on ROTC duty. Fortunate people.

Fashion Note: Elizabeth Jones and Miriam Conner, both noted for impeccable taste and extreme smartness of appearance, attracted even more attention than usual in their identical new suits. It appears that they had shopped together without success but each, after separating, quickly found just what she wanted.

Lone Wolves: The Jank family was represented by Ruth as Otto was in Europe on a business trip. Joe Cohen represented Baltimore, Dad Riley, Leesburg, and Dave Schlenker, Hampton.

So much for the Luncheon. We missed the Bellingers who had to attend a family reunion, the Blacks, the Fyes, the Gantts, the Hasbroucks who were in New York, the Lewises, the Woodburys, and Loessa Coffey, who was at Fort Monroe visiting daughter Mara and her family.

The big thing now—and the biggest thing yet—is the *Fortieth Reunion* at West Point next June. Dodson Stamps, Jerry Counts, and Biff Jones are getting things ready and you'll be hearing from them in January. You must be there.

—L. McC. Jones and Leo B. Conner.

June 1918

It is with deep regret that I must report the death of Dorr Hazelhurst on 19 August. Last spring or early summer when Charlie Lifsey paid a brief call on the Hazelhursts he found that Dorr was slowly recuperating after his third ulcer operation—still had not regained his weight. Dorr is buried at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery.

Last September Sam Sturgis retired. Since then he has been appointed the chairman of the U.S. Section of the International Passamaquoddy Engineering Board. Gene Coffey has applied for retirement at the end of December 1956. Pat Tansey has re-retired after a two year stint with CIA.

These 'notes' cover the past football season and the games provided a means of bringing some of us together. George Aigeltinger, Laddie Bellinger and Clarry Townsleys had season tickets for all the games at West Point, and had seats together high on the 45 yard line. The Townsleys arrived very early and stayed late. George arrived on time and left before the end, the Bellingers arrived late and left before the end of the games. Chesty and Bunny Ward made two of the games but because of tardy application for tickets, were not so favorably situated. Bitt and Mary Barth were observed in the far distance at one game. Dot and Pat Casey, Jack and GG Grant, and Bob Horr also attended the Penn State game at West Point. The Navy game brought together Cas Casman, GG and Jack Grant, Sarah and Duncan Hodges, Fran and Sam Sturgis. Bob Horr with his daughter Elizabeth, Fenie and Bud Miley with Joanne and Jack Miley—1946, and Harry Underwood, Reg Whitaker was there too smoking the longest cigar seen since the crash of 1929.

The October lunch of the West Point Society of New York held at Leone's found our class represented by Bitt Barth, Pat Casey, Jack Grant, Jim Marshall, and Ollie Oliphant. At the annual society dinner held at Governors Island, Chesty Ward, Laddie Bellinger, Jack Grant, Jim Marshall and Clarry Townsley did the representing.

I don't remember if I reported that when Bunny and Chesty Ward were in Greece a year or so ago, they adopted a twelve year old Greek boy. The lad is taking to America like a duck to water, and is now a student at the Kent School. Bunny and Chesty have laid on plans for a visit to the Madeira Islands come February.

Jack Grant has published an article in the December issue of "The Journal of Legal Education" entitled "Justice in Grading." Jack contends there is a practical solution for a problem, that still baffles educators, of how to establish valid and objective standards for grading the work of students. He is very flattered that some authorities on academic measurements have highly praised his proposals and that a number of law schools have expressed their desire to participate in further studies he has suggested on the subject. Incidentally, Jack has recently been made a full professor of law at Seton Hall University School of Law.

—C. P. Townsley.

November 1918

MAKE A DATE FOR '58!

The December Class Luncheon at the Fort McNair Club brought together: Badger, Barnes, Bennett, Canan, Colson, Conrad, G. B., Christiansen, Evans, Griffiths, Jewell, Moss, Norman, O'Grady, Pinto, Schow, Twitchell, Valentine, Van Voorst, Whelchell and Yoder.

There was some discussion of the proposition suggested at the Moss's party for the A. M. Wilsons earlier in the autumn, that we have a Homecoming at West Point on November 1, 1958. It was suggested that the actual anniversary of our graduation was the more appropriate day to celebrate. Opinion appeared to be evenly divided, pro and con. As no conclusions could be reached and strong arguments for the traditional June Week date were presented. Elmer Barnes suggested that we go on with plans for our 40th Reunion during June Week 1958, and during the Reunion discuss the advisability of a "Homecoming" at West Point Saturday, November 1, 1958, to attend the football game together and a dinner later. This idea seemed to meet with rather general approval.

Your committee, therefore, continues with preparations for our 40th Reunion, at West Point during June Week 1958. The same private dining room at the Bear Mountain Inn, with the "vanishing bar" that we used for our 30th and 35th reunions has been engaged. Several classmates have already asked that double rooms be reserved as near West Point as possible. The Thayer is out of the question. Rooms there are always all set aside for parents of the graduating class. The Bear Mountain Inn is really our best bet. There is plenty of parking space. Access to West Point is good. Several of our Reunion functions will probably be held there. The surroundings are agreeable and the manager most helpful and accommodating. Consequently three of the Bear Mountain "cottages" have been engaged. These contain accommodations for six couples each — a total of eighteen couples. Reservations are already booked for the Wicks, Holbrooks, Badgers and Hillards. Others planning to come en famille should notify the committee or the Manager of the Bear Mountain Inn now. It is easy to cancel a reservation, but very hard to get one.

"Maude" Muller writes: "As you no doubt read, I plan to retire from active service, voluntarily without physical disability, the 30th of the month (November). John Stokes is here and is retiring with me the same day. We have purchased a home at

Hillsborough, California, where we are now living, at 1800 Black Mountain Road.

"My daughter, Elizabeth Anne, now married to Captain Hudson, is at Fort Benning, and my son, Second Lieutenant Muller is also there. I hope to be able to see them when I fly to Fort Benning the middle of this month to give an address to one of the graduating classes.

"As you know, there are many of our classmates in this area whom I have seen from time to time, including Freddie Butler, John Dietrich, Ericson, Gilland, Mike Gillespie, Johnny Hughes, Hammond M. Monore, Harrison Shaller, A. M. Wilson, Bull Kendall, and, of course, Johnny Stokes and Lemuel Pope III, who lives about a block from me in Hillsborough."

A letter from Fred Pearson includes: "My wife and I spent Thanksgiving down at Mission in the valley with our son who is taking his flying instruction there. We called on Jake and Henrietta Freeman at their beautiful home in McAllen. Both are enjoying their home there and are in excellent health, although Jake had to get a repair job at a local hospital this summer. They had been to Fort Bliss with their son David, who is an instructor at the guided missile school. Their son John is a jet pilot and is stationed in England and was one of those sent to Europe to participate in the farewell ceremony for Al Gruenther. Andy and Josephine March are getting along fine. Jo had a throat operation several months ago and has completely recovered physically but is still having a bit of trouble with her voice. Chris Knudsen's son won a scholarship to Rice Institute at Houston and is taking an engineering course. He is still thinking of entering West Point. "Harry" Hilliard was flown in from Shreveport to Brooke General Hospital and has undergone chest surgery. As I write this the operation is over and he is making a good recovery. Willie Webster has been having trouble with his eyes. His progress towards recovery is slow and painful. Talked to the Charley Moores and Alex Mackenzies and all are in excellent health. Charley appears to have licked his physical trouble that he had several months ago. Duke Dunkleberg is keeping himself busy and happy at his insurance job. His daughter and her husband are now located just outside London, England. She wrote Duke just before this crisis came up over in Europe and told him that a tank of gasoline cost \$11 over there. No wonder those people like to ride bicycles. Well that is all for this time. Lots of grief in these notes, but we are all getting to that stage of life where we run into these physical ailments and I am glad to state they are getting along all right."

The San Francisco Chronicle of December 4 carried a picture of a handsome and distinguished looking officer and, "Frederic B. Butler resigned his \$16,800-a-year job yesterday as general manager of San Francisco International Airport. The 60-year-old retired brigadier general asked to be relieved after February 15, 1957, the third anniversary of his appointment to the post. Butler said he believed the 10-year job of supervising the spending of last month's \$25 million bond issue should be undertaken by a younger man."

Dave Griffiths is poised to depart for Baghdad to build the Derbendi Ischan Dam. Mail will reach him addressed either to the Harza Engineering Co., 400 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois, or to 442/A/1 Rachid Street, Derbendi Ischan Dam, Baghdad, Iraq.

Puss Stokes has retired and will live in California.

Howard Peckham has retired. The Peckhams will live this winter at Tampa Bay Gardens, MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa, Florida.

Frank Valentine is full of their summer home in Maine which seems to be having a complete rebuilding job.

As everyone else seems to have been enjoying hospital life in one form or another, I may as well report on my own month in the West Point Hospital. A picnic followed by a nap on the grass on a deceitfully beautiful Indian Summer day in October at the Millbrook Hunter Trials led to chills and fever beyond belief and a month in bed being tested for, I think, all known diseases. I have never experienced such efficient and sympathetic care in my life. My hat is off to the Army Medical Corps.

A note has just come from Pansy Walker. She says that it's a date for '58 for the Walkers. They are coming. Pansy also writes: "The John Niles were here. We like his wife very much and of course he is loads of fun.

"We still have not gotten to Gainesville to see the gang up there, among which are the Niles, George Prices and Carsons.

"Mike Jenkins was here in September getting his farms ready for planting. Always the same old Mike ready for fun and full of new jokes.

"A long report from Gwyn and Sammy on their settling in Alaska—Same old Army—No quarters on the Post — The only ones available off the Post very inferior. Fortunately Gwyn is the type that takes it all in her stride. They were not allowed to take any furniture so they have no rugs, etc., etc. Gwyn sat and looked at a bare concrete floor as long as she could stand it and then went out and got a job at \$345.00 a month"

The Badgers leave in January on a trip through the south, combining business and pleasure. They expect to see many Classmates on the way. They will be gone, in all, about five weeks and will include Cuba, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands in their itinerary.

—Bryan Conrad.

1919

As this column is being written Al Gruenther is scheduled to retire on 31 December after more than 38 years of active duty, the last 6 of which have been at NATO. As you all know he becomes President of the American Red Cross. I am sure I speak for the entire class in extending him heartiest congratulations upon his tremendous accomplishment in his military career, and wishing him continued success in his future public service, which we hope and expect will be equally distinguished.

Al gave a fine address at the annual banquet of the English Speaking Union at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York on 26 November. On 8 December he was given a farewell review by the Corps of Cadets at West Point. At the review the first captain presented him with a plaque in appreciation of his distinguished military career. In accepting the plaque Al made brief remarks to the Corps in his inimitable fashion. All their friends here regretted very much that illness prevented Grace from accompanying Al to these festivities.

The last Washington news letter from Horace Speed brought the sad news of the passing of John McCarthy at the Ft. Benning Hospital on 18 October. Burial was in the cemetery at Benning. He will be greatly missed. Horace further reports the death in October of Colonel William J. Barden, '94, father of Stu Barden. The Class sent flowers and the burial at Arlington was attended by several representatives of the Washington group.

Congratulations are in order to Herb Jones upon his becoming The Adjutant General. Bob Montague has been designated Commanding General of the Caribbean Command with headquarters in the Canal Zone, after completing a tour commanding the 1st Corps, FECOM.

Al Wedemeyer has been recuperating at his farm, Friends Advice, at Boyds, Maryland, following another round with the surgeons last July. During his enforced rest he is raising cattle and working on some memoirs. He hopes eventually to return to something more active, probably in industry.

Your scribe was much distressed to learn from Chris Hildebrand that he had to undergo further surgery for his old ailment in November in the VA Hospital in Reno. This recurrence is particularly disheartening as it had appeared that Chris was on the mend, but his courage remains good. He writes "Clara visits me twice daily with the mail, news, gossip, etc. She's more concerned about my disabilities than I am". Mail should be addressed to 1225 Monroe St., Reno, Nevada.

Miller, R. J. writes Kyke Allan from the VA Hospital in Oteen, North Carolina, that he is getting up and about, though he probably will not be able to work again when he breaks out. He has heard from Joe Dalbey that Joe is in love with Tucson, and is developing into quite an artist in water colors.

The members of the Class living in the Washington area normally hold three Class Parties a year (the last Saturday in October, the Saturday nearest Valentine's Day, and the last Saturday in May). Any out of town classmates in Washington at those times are cordially invited to attend. For specific information contact Horace Speed, Jr., 19 Fort Hunt Rd., Belle Haven, Alexandria, Virginia.

The last Class Party, Horace writes "was a cocktail-buffet at the Army and Navy Club on October 27 in celebration of the 38th anniversary of our first graduation. Present were Kyke and Emmy Allan, Stu and Helen Barden, Mike and Marjorie Brannon, Jim and Betty Cole, Louis and Gladys May Ely, Les Flory, Elton and Georgina Hammond (they have just acquired a seventh grandchild), Jimmie and Edith Harbaugh, Ed and Mary Hopkins, Wes and Phyllis Jervey, Herb and Anabel Jones, Doc and Opie Loper, Doc and Patty Martin, Gene and Peggy McGinley, Urban and Kay Niblo, Joe and Margaret Odell, Willie Palmer, Jim and Mary Philips, Harris and Gretchen Scherer, Horace and Minette Speed, Nate and Maud Twining (he has been trying to get to one of our parties ever since he arrived in Washington, we hope they can come often), Ham Young, Wayne and Ruby Zimmerman, and Helen Bryan (widows of classmates are always welcome). We were very happy to have Ed and Polly Sebree and Jack and Irene Murphy (who came up from Fort Monroe); Bill and Buzz Dunham (who drove down from Charlottesville); Joe and Frances Tate (from Royal Oak, Maryland); and Roy and Rosalind Green (who drove down from Bound Brook, New Jersey.)

Visitors to West Point during the football season have included Tony McAuliffe, Pat Echols, Lee and Peggy Syme, Stu Little and his family, and George Horowitz. Tony made a quick trip to talk at a rally in the Mess Hall. Pat came up with the VMI team, he now being Director of Athletics there. The Symes are still living in New Vineyard, Maine, and enjoying it. Stu Little is with the public relations firm of Selva and Lee, 500 Fifth Avenue, and is a member of the Superintendent's Advisory Committee on Public Relations. He sends in a picture from Editor and Publisher showing the Luther Hills "winterizing" in Florida, where they have bought a winter home

at Naples. Luther is publisher of the Des Moines (Iowa) Register and Tribune. George Horowitz has just joined the Glickman Corp. as Executive Vice President.

Tom Waters has settled at 10 Katy Hatch's Road, Falmouth, Massachusetts. He writes "The latest *Assembly* indicates that your past quarterly correspondence from classmates was rather thin. I might have written you that Sarah and I were in the San Francisco area last June to attend the wedding of our daughter, Sally, to Mr. William Letts Oliver III, of Oakland, California. Ike and Charlotte Ritchie and Babe and Ruth Ruth were on hand for the affair. At the quarterly dinner of the West Point Society of the S.F. Bay area late in June, I recall seeing Buddy Ferenbaugh, Ike Ritchie and Count Wilson. Had a chance to catch up with Jack and Betty Vance who are now in Corte Madera and taking active interest in the community. When we saw Hobey and Bickey Hewett at the Presidio they were about in the final stage of packing up and taking off for Hobey's new assignment in Europe. The short time with them was all too brief."

Bob Samsey writes that he saw Bill Barton at Ann Arbor for the Army-Michigan game. Bob's son Phil is now at the Armored School, from where he hopes to join the T.D. next June. Bob also reported that Rooney Taylor was at the Michigan game. Your scribe was there, too, but saw only Bill Wyman of our classmates. We also bumped into Bill and Ethel after the Navy game, and thought both looked fit and as if Fort Monroe agreed with them.

Thomas F. (Si) Morgan, one of our foundlings, has recently become President of Marts and Lundy, 521 Fifth Avenue, New York, one of the largest fund raising firms in the country (they have run multi-million dollar drives for M.I.T. and Case Institute of Applied Science, among others). Si and his wife, Babe, were hosts at the annual dinner of the English Speaking Union on November 26 to the Bill Regans and the Brick Bartletts. George Lewis has a new job in Paris, France, according to Horace Speed, so will be leaving the Washington area. Bob

Hill was placed on the Honorary Retired List in November, and has bought a home in Anthony, New Mexico (P.O. Box 691).

—B. W. (Brick) Bartlett.

1920

On the 17th of November in the Fort Myer, Virginia chapel Miss Mary Ann Farrell, daughter of Lieutenant General and Mrs. Francis William (Frank) Farrell of Fort Myer, was married to Mr. John Randolph Bryan Jackson, son of Mrs. Grinnan Jackson of Washington, D. C. and Mr. Guy Shull Jackson of Norfolk, Virginia. A reception was held following the ceremony at the Fort Myer Officers' Club.

In October this reporter received a letter from Dinty Moore written from his home in retirement at Point Clear, Alabama. Dinty reported that he and his lovely wife were in good health and enjoying life. He inclosed a clipping from the August issue of "Civil Engineering" which announced the death of Ray Warren, Ex-1920. Ray Warren died on May 23d at Greensboro, North Carolina, age 59. At the time of his death he was Executive Director of the Greensboro Public Housing Authority. He had begun his career working for the City of Washington, North Carolina as Assistant City Engineer. In 1922 he joined the staff of the City of Greensboro as Assistant Engineer. During his 34 years of service for the City of Greensboro he held positions as Highway Engineer, Director of the Department of Public Works, City Engineer, Chief Building Inspector, and most recently Director of the Public Housing Authority.

Dinty Moore said that Ray Warren worked with him in 1942 when Dinty was District Engineer at Wilmington, North Carolina, and later also helped him by serving as Area Engineer at Camp Davis, North Carolina, the Goldsboro Air Base and elsewhere.

At the Navy game this year I saw a great deal of the Crosses, Fritz and Jean, who

The Uncles and the Mathewsons join the Watsons at Munich in September on the occasion of Numa's retirement.



were up to be with their First Classman son, Freeman, Jr. It is planned that the Crosses will make their headquarters with the Gillettes during the next June Week ceremonies, which this year will include the graduation of their son.

—E. C. G., Jr.

1921 and 1922

With time growing short until the big get-together (it's less than six months now), be it said that reunion plans are not being overlooked. Control is necessarily exercised over nearly all the social facilities in the neighborhood of West Point, and the choice of times and places must await decisions which will not be made until about the time this issue of *Assembly* reaches you. So you may expect soon to receive news as to reunion program, expenses and such. Just keep Saturday, Sunday and Monday, June 1-3, available, and you'll soon be having the details.

Numa Watson retired in September, with a couple of top-ranking Orioles on hand to wish him well. After a trip to Spain and a little time in other parts of Europe Numa and Mildred returned to the States where they have been temporarily located in Pennsylvania but plan soon to start a reconnaissance for pleasant living sites throughout the country.

Bob Raynsford writes from France that he has a son graduating this June from Williams and hoping to join the Foreign Service of the State Department. Bob's daughter is in what corresponds to the junior class of a high school in this country. Bob himself is hoping to be on hand for the 35th reunion.

Pat Wardlaw's son is the owner and manager of a radio station in Erie, Pennsylvania, a Mutual network outlet. Keeps him busy, Pat says, but "he's hitting the line hard" and getting along well.

Gus Nelson ran for Congress from Florida but that state, though it went for Eisenhower, refused to change its political complexion in Congress so Gus didn't win.

There are no complete records of the Oriole attendance at the latest Navy game, though it is known that Barrett, Johnson, Lawton, McGrath and Watson were planning to be there. You may be sure that that's only a small fraction of the Oriole attendance.

Johnnie RH is planning a safari in Africa for February and March and a tiger hunt in India after that. Johnnie has kept his rifleman's eye all through his years in civil life.

D. J. and Madeleine Crawford are enjoying the Caribbean life in Santo Domingo, from which country D. J. made a business trip to Panama in November. Air transport keeps them close to the U.S., and one need never feel far from one's old friends these days.

The deaths this year of Webb, Molloy and Kessler serve to point up our current statistics: on active duty, 13 (11 Army, 2 Air Force; 10 in the U.S., 3 in Europe); retired, 59; resigned, 23; dead, 24. We should try to make this our biggest reunion ever; retirement makes more people independent agents, so let's have a real turnout at West Point in June.

—C. J. Barrett.

1923

Kenner Hertford wrote to announce the birth of a daughter on the morning of Sep-

tember 26th. The following is his own account of the great event.

"In view of the fact that my only child and daughter arrived three hours after the close of my 56th birthday celebration, I thought I should inform you that this surprises me about as much as it will most of my classmates. I remember making rather slighting remarks about Gjelsteen's new daughter during our 30th Reunion over three years ago. Little did I dream that I would be having a daughter who celebrates her birthday the same as mine but, if my arithmetic is correct, when she is enjoying the 44th I shall be celebrating my 100th.

"I was somewhat dismayed and amazed when I first looked at the child three hours of age. First, the red nose and ruddy complexion made me immediately think that the Martini and Bourbon habit had been inherited and, second, I wondered whether all human beings looked like little pigs or monkeys when they arrived. Yesterday, however, there seemed to be some very definite human characteristics appearing. Having gone through this first crisis with everybody in good shape, except me, I am bracing myself for some weeks and months of a new type of ordeal about which I know very little. However, I shall read some good books on what to do and maybe survive long enough to get used to the changed life.

"We had planned on moving out to my ranch in the country this summer but will defer that now until next year. I came out here to start a new life with the Atomic Energy Commission but never meant it literally. At any rate, a daughter is better for an old man since ten years from now I will not have to try to play baseball with her but can sit quietly and reminisce."

"Drummond, our ever alert reporter in Albuquerque, almost scooped Kenner on the news. He wrote:

"I called Kenner up last night and asked what has been happening around his house.

"He couldn't tell me, but he did say that he had been doing a little figuring, and when this girl is 44 years old, he would be 100 years old.

"I said, 'Don't you worry. When she is about the age to get married, you will be 80—and I want to reserve now the job of helping you totter up the aisle.'

"He is just as nutty as a 20 year old father.

"They have named the baby ANITA FROMME HERTFORD.

"The ANITA is the New Mexico influence, as Kenner has a ranch near here. FROMME is Anne's maiden name. And I suppose we can trust where the Hertford comes from."

Another happy event, for which details are lacking, is the birth of a posthumous son to John Noyes at Oneida, New York, on September 23rd. His name is Eric Rutherford Noyes.

Frenchy Grombach recently published an interesting book entitled "Olympic Cavalcade of Sports." It covers the history of all the sports that figure in the Olympics and is full of unusual facts. Frenchy wrote a few weeks ago that he had been appointed Brigadier General, N.Y.N.G., Reserve List. He also said that he had been in Sweden and had talked to Larry Barroll.

Stu Beckley has just gotten out a new class address list, which you should have received by now. If you haven't, his address is 2330 N. Vermont, Arlington 7, Virginia.

Gene Ridings came on an official inspection of West Point and remained over the weekend of the Colgate game. I had an opportunity to see and talk with him.

Howard Serig, with Christine and Howard, Jr., came to visit us and to see the Colgate game. We also attended the Superintendent's cocktail party after the game.

Howard is employed by N.Y.U. to head a government research project for which it has a contract.

We saw John Chambers at the William and Mary game. Harry Scheetz wrote to say that he saw the following at the Navy game: Eddie Love, King, J. C., Tully, Krueger, Duke Albrecht, Howard Serig, Hanson, Jim Early, Raymond, A. D., White, W. W., Dick Russell, Woggie Towle, Frenchy Grombach, and Timberman. He says he saw Ringsdorf and McInerney in the distance and that Woggie Towle told him that Roper was there also.

Harry Roper, who is chief of Defense Planning, General Electric Co., has been made a member of the Council of Trustees, Association of the U.S. Army.

Workman is studying for a master's degree in education at Emory University.

Bill Carraway has been appointed Director of Industrial Development of the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce. His job will be to service industry now in that area and to secure new industry for it.

Jazz Harmony, as head of the Army's Officer Augmentation Detachment at the Pentagon, serves as president of two boards to screen and select 7,000 officers for Regular Army appointments.

We regret to report the interment at West Point on November 13th, of First Lieutenant James R. Lindsay III, the son of our deceased classmate, James R., Jr. The boy was killed in an aircraft accident at George AFB, California, on November 5, 1956.

—Bill Morton.

1924

The annual meeting of the Class Association was held at the Officers' Club, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D. C. on Friday evening, October 19, 1956. The attendance totaled sixty-eight. The out-of-town members included Zar Parnly from Cascade, Colorado, — Fred and Helen Pyne from Birmingham, Michigan, — Stub and Mildred Stubblebine from Newark, Delaware, — Lowell Limpus from New York City. Since they aren't required to pay District of Columbia income taxes we probably should include as "out-of-towners" — Ray and Elizabeth Beurket from Baltimore, Maryland, — Doc and Evelyn Coates, College Park, Maryland, and Tom and Nancy Forman, North Severn Park, Maryland. It is always gratifying to see Classmates who make the effort and travel considerable distances to be present at our Annual get-together. In addition to transacting Class business a delectable buffet and plentiful bar were enjoyed by all.

The following officers were elected for 1956-1957:

President, Sexton; First Vice President, Brinson; Second Vice President, Royce; Treasurer, Watson; Secretary-Historian, Graling.

Standing Committees have been appointed for the ensuing year:

Correspondence — Graling, Chairman, and Elmore, Lee, R. V.; Entertainment — Glasgow, Chairman, and Hulley, Outcalt; Personal Services — Ely, Chairman, and Maglin, Stephens, R. W.; Ways and Means — Watson, Chairman, and Blanchard, Erskine; Contact — Lanham, Chairman, and Beurket, Coates.

A new address list was mailed out in November 1956. We tried to save the Treasurer money and took the lowest bid for printing the four hundred copies with the unfortunate result that several errors were made in the list. We have learned our lesson and this will not happen again. Our apologies to all concerned. Please correct your lists: Cy Caywood is shown as living

in Aurora, "California" — he lives in Aurora, Colorado. Jimmy Clyburn's address is 606 Hope Mills Road, Fayetteville, North Carolina. Clem Dabezies' correct address is—Hqrs., Air Force Operational Test Center, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida. George H. Doane has been reported as being at 5614 Brouse, Indianapolis, Indiana. Fred Keeler has moved to 1127 North Louise St., Glendale 7, California. Howie Ker's rank should be shown as Major General — we should have anticipated that. Bill Liebel's first name is given as "William" — of course we all know that it is Willard, but apparently the printer didn't know that. Bill O'Connor has settled at 275 Old Mill Road, Manhasset, Long Island, New York. Ed A. Robins — correct "Butter" Hall to read Butler Hall—400 West 119th Street, New York City 27, New York. George J. Smith's new P.O. Box No. is 1329 Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Bob Stika is listed as living on 53rd Street in San Diego—the printer made a mistake in only one number—but the postman didn't know that, so back to us came Bob's mail. He really lives at 5114 *Sixty-third* Street, San Diego 15, California. Colonel James G. Pratt, USAF—Ex-1924 retired a year ago and is now living at 2098 Myrtlewood Drive, Montgomery, Alabama, according to the Pentagon.

Clint and Mary Robinson have rented their home in Washington and moved to Carborundum House, 335 Buffalo Avenue, Niagara Falls, New York.

Dave Page is contending that the Class Cup should go to the last Class Son—not the first. Dave and Diana report the arrival of David Perkins Page, 5th, on December 3, 1956—weight nine pounds.

Howie Ker, Acting Deputy Chief of Engineers for Military Operations and Assistant Chief of Engineers for Troop Operations, was promoted to Major General on December 1, 1956 and Pete Lee (R.V.) received his second star on the same day Pete becomes The Deputy Adjutant General, Department of the Army on January 1, 1957. Art Trudeau was promoted to Lieutenant General in October and assigned to command the First Corps (Group) in Korea. Em Itschner, who become Chief of Engineers, U.S. Army, on October 1, 1956, is one of the youngest officers to be appointed Chief of Army Engineers. Not since 1838 has a younger man been selected for this important post. Val Evans has been appointed the first Logistics Inspector General—this is a newly established office in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics. Les Simon, who is now with The Carborundum Company, Niagara Falls, New York, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, for exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service in a position of great responsibility during the period December 12, 1949 to November 11, 1955. Charlie Stevenson, Staff Judge Advocate, New York National Guard, was elected to the Board of Governors of the West Point Society of New York City on December 6, 1956, for a three-year term. Dennis Moore and Sam Smithers have been elected to the Board of Directors of the newly organized National Bank of Fort Benning, Georgia. Bill Liebel returned from Portugal in October and took over command of Fort Devens, Massachusetts in early December 1956. Frank Kreidel, who has been Provost Marshal, Far East Command, is due to return to the U.S. on March 12, 1957. He is scheduled to report for duty with Headquarters, First Army, Governors Island, New York, on April 1, 1957. Dick Stephens (R.W.) is now Chief of Military History, Department of the Army.

Gordon Rogers reports that although he was sorry to leave Washington and his many friends, he finds his new job as Commanding General, Southern Area Command,

is proving very interesting. He took command on October 1, 1956, and his headquarters is located in Munich, Germany. In addition to providing administrative and logistical support to the personnel in Southern Germany, Southern Area Command operates the two USAREUR Rest Centers at Berchtesgarden and Garmisch. He says that there are some very good golf courses in this area, and the hunting and fishing opportunities are the finest in the world. Gordon and his wife, Mary Lou, have a lovely home in Gruenwald, a suburb of Munich. Son, Gordon, Jr., is a First Classman at West Point; daughter, Dorothy, is a student at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee; and daughter, Mary Alice, is attending the National Cathedral School for Girls at Mount St. Albans, Washington, D. C. The Rogers are looking forward to having the children join them next summer for their vacations.

Sam Strohecker writes from Seattle, Washington, that he sees Paul B. Nelson, Ex-1924. Paul is Chief of the State of Washington Military District and Commanding Officer, Fort Lawton, Washington. He is due to retire in the Spring of 1957 and plans to remain in Seattle and according to Sam, he should have no trouble in locating there and finding a promising job after the fine work he has done in his present assignments.

Tom McCulloch was instrumental in locating George Doane's address for us. Tom is retired and although he and his wife had planned on settling in San Antonio, where he had served for ten years, off and on, at Fort Sam Houston, and where his wife's sister who is married to Cecil Henry lives — the McCullochs nevertheless bought a home and settled at 5701 Carvel Avenue, Indianapolis. This was mainly brought about by Governor Craig of Indiana offering Tom a job as Chief Clerk Comptroller) of the State Highway Department. Tom says the job was an interesting one but last August he became involved in a jurisdictional political dispute and resigned. Evidently the move was a proper, or a lucky, one because the

Lieutenant Governor whom Tom supported has been elected to succeed Governor Craig and now Tom is scheduled to return to his old job. Incidentally, he added that he and his wife still maintain their Army contacts through Fort Benjamin Harrison and the Army Finance Center, and if any Classmate has a pay problem he will be glad to try and get an answer or expedite service.

George Claussen wrote us in October saying that he had very little in the way of news except that he and his wife spent three and one half months this summer making a trip around the world, and they had a wonderful time. His son, George, Jr., is a Tech Sgt. in the USAF in Japan.

Frank Gillette has moved to 916 Highland Drive, Vista, California. He decided to try country living and has acquired a ranch. He assures us that all members of the Herd will be welcome to stop by and enjoy perfect, smog-free climate, citrus—avocado and other fruits—fishing and the place is convenient to everything. He may join the Chamber of Commerce later — (N.B. — Sounds like he already was a member).

Jake Moon has moved to 1618 Northeast 11th Road, Gainesville, Florida. His daughter, Winnifred and granddaughter, Cynthia Smith, are both in college at the University of Florida. Son, Jake, Jr., is married and living in New York City — one six-month old son. Jake, Sr., has 12 or 15 pretty good horses and was fortunate enough to own Top Miss who won the Chicago International this year.

Reporting from the Chicago area, John Hincke, who is with Merrow Sorley, working in Civil Defense Planning, advises that five Classmates attended the local showing of the Army-Navy game at the Fifth Army Officers Club — namely, Sorley; Raymond, C. S.; Smith, M. E.; Halligan and Hincke. A good time was had by all, but would have been better had the Army not handed the Navy that touchdown. John also noted that he had received word via a Christmas card to the effect that Fred Keeler's address had changed from Palo Alto to 1127 North Louise Street, Glendale 7, California. This

Secretary of the Army Wilber M. Brucker congratulates Major General Emerson C. Itschner, '24, after he was sworn in as the Chief of Engineers, while Mrs. Itschner looks on. Ceremony held in the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.



actually is the address of Fred's sister. Fred sold his home in Palo Alto and is taking off for Mexico for an indefinite period. Also from Chicago, Mark E. Smith writes that he visited Monticello College, Alton, Illinois in September and found there Sandy Goodman and his very charming wife, and the result of the visit was that the Smiths entrusted their 16 year old daughter to Monticello College. In October the Smiths took in the Army-Michigan football game and among others from the Class of 1924, they saw, were the Otto Nelsons, the D. D. Martins, the V. R. Millers, the Les Fletchers, the Frank Lyndalls, the C. S. Raymonds, Dave Stanley, Bob Paton and Harold Palmer. Later, Hap Palmer had those in the vicinity to his home for cocktails and then all went out to dinner together. Also present at the Palmer's were the Robert F. Smiths and Doc Bakers, both Ex-1924. All seemed to enjoy the evening get-together in spite of the lack of enthusiasm as the result of the outcome of the football game.

As noted above, Bill O'Connor's new address is 275 Old Mill Road, Manhasset, Long Island, New York. After Bill retired last summer he joined Standard Oil of New Jersey and has been traveling about the country looking at refineries, marketing and other installations. He also has been observing production in the Oklahoma and Texas area including off-shore drilling and activities in the Louisiana area. A few days after he moved to Manhasset his wife, Muriel, had the misfortune to fall down a flight of stairs in their new home and broke a collar bone, a rib and fractured a vertebra. She was in the Mitchel Field Hospital for some time but at last report was progressing and Bill expected her home in early December but said that she would have to wear a special brace that they had made for her in the hospital for at least six months and possibly a year. Bill mentioned that while he was in Houston, Texas, he visited Zero and Betty Wilson and watched the Oklahoma-Notre Dame game and had the additional pleasure of the company of Joe and Karla Burrill, who were also visiting the Wilsons.

The Reverend Steve Ackerman has given up his church in Toccoa, Georgia and moved to 1289 Beech Valley Road, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia. He wrote us the end of September saying that he had been very busy visiting in New Orleans to acquire first-hand information by observation on the ground with Father Wattley who is the Canon Missioner for the City of New Orleans doing the same type of work that Steve will start in Atlanta, Georgia. In addition to the work in the city of Atlanta proper Steve will be performing, he has been asked to conduct the Episcopal services at Fort McPherson, Georgia and hoped that he would be seeing some of the Class in and about Atlanta.

Charlie and Mair Stevenson visited their son and daughter-in-law at Fort Benning, Georgia in November and on their way home stopped by and visited George and Nora Smith at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, where George is Professor of Air Science at the University of North Carolina. Charlie reports that the Smith's daughter Virginia, has been accepted by both the New York University Medical School and the University of North Carolina Medical School for entrance in 1957. Charlie suggested that she might be the first female doctor the class has produced. Be that as it may, it is a great honor, and we congratulate Virginia and her proud parents on her success. Charlie suggested that we should run a picture of Loren Reid along with these notes since he is the first Class son as far as we know, to make the first team in football. We certainly hope that Jerry and Olive Reid were able to make the trip from Fort Cullens, Colorado to Philadelphia to see

their son in the Army-Navy football game. Our congratulations to them on the fine work Loren did.

Max Tracy is still enjoying the beauties of the Shenandoah Valley and the Blue Ridge mountains from his home at 1 Pendleton Place, Lexington, Virginia. He and Betty have two daughters, one, Lisa, now eleven years old, and one, Jeanne, who is attending William and Mary College. She is there under a scholarship from the Daughters of the Cincinnati. Max ran a self service laundry in Lexington for eight years but has sold it and now is engaged in a part-time job selling insurance for Prudential.

Deck Reynolds, although he travels a great deal, assures us that he wants his address left as it is at 4961 West Pine Boulevard, St. Louis 8, Missouri. Deck could not make the Annual Class party but did take the evening off to write us a letter that night giving us news of his doings and his family. His wife, Erminie, has been in Santa Barbara, California where her elderly father has been quite seriously ill. Their younger son, Roger, is a senior at the University of Missouri, majoring in Agriculture and taking a number of business courses in the Graduate School of Business Administration. He is specializing in the milk industry and Deck called our attention to the fact it was after the milk had left the cow. Roy, their elder son, is a Lieutenant, Senior Grade, in the US Navy, and has been Gunnery Executive on the USS Northampton. We too wish that Deck and Erminie could have been with us on the 19th of October.

John and Nona des Islets, after leaving London, England, moved the first of September 1956 on his retirement from the Air Force, to Vernon View, Box 275, RFD 3, Savannah, Georgia, and then John was recalled to active duty for five months immediately following his retirement and without a break in service, so he actually hasn't found out yet what retirement means, and won't until January 31, 1957. He has been Assistant to the Division Commander, 38th Air Division. He has promised that the next time they go through Washington they will let some of us here in the city know and will try to get together with some of the Class.

To return to the Annual Meeting and Class Party, a number of nice letters were received and telegrams on the occasion of the meeting. Miriam Tacy telegraphed her regrets from Tappan, New York, and Wolcott Dudley wired that last minute business had forced them to cancel their trip. Les Skinner had notified us earlier that he planned on attending the meeting from Asheville, North Carolina, but again, was not able to make it. Bill Eareckson has moved to 6729 Peacock Road, Sarasota, Florida where he says that if all goes well, he hopes to build a proper house on the property in 1957 and thereafter will be equipped to entertain the visiting firemen. Bill said that he had heard of many Classmates in the West Coast area of Florida, but that he seldom saw any of them, and suggested that a periodic roster of names and addresses would be helpful. As a matter of fact, that is one of the projects we have in mind here at Class Headquarters, namely, to get out a roster of the Class by States and if we do, Bill will get one of the first ones since he seems to think it would be helpful. Bob Lawes has moved to Route 4, Box 71, Brooksville, Florida, where he is teaching math and science in the Hernando High School. Mrs. Frank S. Kirkpatrick, 3306 Bryker Drive, Austin 3, Texas, said that she was looking forward to the Massaros and Wrockloffs visiting Austin on Thanksgiving Day for the Texas A&M game. Mrs. Elmer E. Count has moved from Valley Stream, New York to Falls Village, Connecticut and

says that her son, Elmer E. Count, III, graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1955 and is now a Second Lieutenant in the Army, stationed in Germany with the 18th Engineers. He is married and has two children and plans on staying in the Army. Mrs. Charles R. Bonnett has purchased a home in Birmingham, Michigan and is now living at 977 Purdy in Birmingham. Mrs. Fisher Blinn, 3232 Kensington, Richmond, Virginia also sent in a nice card regretting that she was unable to attend the Class party.

The Registrar, USMA, has furnished us the following-named "Sons of 1924" as entering the Military Academy as members of the Class of 1960:

Name of Cadet: Alford, Barry D.; Baker, David; Crosby, George T.; Sexton, William T., Jr.; Wrockloff, George, III.

Name of Father (1924): Carl W. Raguse (stepfather), Russell Andrew Baker, George D. Crosby, William T. Sexton, George E. Wrockloff.

—F. J. G.

1925

Very few visitors this past quarter even though it encompassed football season. Ran into Dave Tulley, looking well-pleased, at one game, and Ed Garbisch at a post-game party. Ordney phoned for a chit-chat on his way out from a visit to his youngster, Paul Seleen, based NYC, up for some PX shopping and a game. A press release announcing retirement parade September 28 at the Presidio for MG George Peopoe, Deputy CG, Sixth Army. A passing Hello! to Joe Denniston at Penn Station in the mad rush for Navy game train. A note from reliable Agnes Toms in Wiesbaden. Moved to smaller quarters but still can provide a bunk and a bone for anyone passing through. Ray attained civil service retirement eligibility and eyes are turning toward USA. With this and Army retirement looks like one of the old Newport mansions might be reopened.

Re Navy game—never saw Navy perform so pathetically. Actually felt sad about it. We were great in spots and should easily have won by a minimum of 21-7, but eight fumbles!!! We'll never have it so good again. However, the cadets put on a before-and mid-game show that was outstanding. Monmouth and Belvoir helped build about a dozen huge and real professional floats depicting phases in the life of a midshipman. All were splendid; two hilarious. One titled Seamanship showed a middle leaning over the rail, tongue hanging out, face a vivid green; the other titled First Command showed a new ensign on the bow of a tug pushing a scow labelled Garbage. Before the game started a truck rolled on the field and, under cover of smoke screen, eight goats emerged each bearing a placard with a letter of the phrase Beat Navy. Unfortunately, a few of them apparently had become car sick and could not keep up with the parade around the field. The E stumbled and was carried in place by a cadet. The B gave up completely half way around and was carried off the field. A little intermingling ensued among the others and at the finish of the lap they spelled TAANVY. The middies had a good series of floats also, depicting events of June Week. Barebacked lasses and middies dancing at Ring Hop (and enthusiastically, as it was cold). A middle and a lass standing within a huge class ring going into a clinch at every ten-yard line brought more cheers than the game.

"Red" Reeder asked for an explanation of Leland Kuhre's new science of "Atorgenica",

I gave him a few simple equations and symbols, referred them to Nick Nicholas for interpretation. Nick gave him further material and Red, in desperation, sent the whole file to Joe Cleland. Joe's reply was a masterpiece of evasive action and Red now walks the paths with head bowed depicting complete frustration.

Conversion of the Riding Hall, directly under my window, proceeds with the clang and clatter of every conceivable type of construction equipment. After months of this, the sudden silence, when everything stops at 1615, becomes unbearable. The outer walls are being left intact to preserve architectural harmony and an entirely new building of four floors is being constructed within. The entrance is on the third floor by an ingenious system of ramps and bridge. No windows in the place. Illumination by luminous ceiling. Air conditioning throughout. Newest type of equipment including glass blackboards and magnetic projection screens. Newest system of training aids and projection. In fact, we are having today, December 14, a demonstration of these by commercial concerns and TV people. Each room will be wired for TV in the event of ultimate adoption. The flat roof will be used as much needed parking space. When the project is completed in early '58 the West Academic Building will be evacuated by academic departments and converted into additional cadet barracks. Eventually, the old hospital will be converted to barracks and a new one built elsewhere.

By way of personal news, my oldest boy who graduated in June was married December 8 and leaves for his first permanent station, Hawaii, on January 4. My boss was elevated to Dean of the Academic Board in August and I became Head of the Department of Military Art and Engineering ("P" Mitchell's old department). There is one intangible benefit in this. Permanent professors are classified as "Heads" or "Not Heads" There is a sinister connotation in the latter category and long association with it is damaging to the soul.

Nick Nicholas is on a sort of six-months academic leave, based here but wandering about the country on occasion. He is engaged in amplifying and extending the studies of Einstein. What kind of egg he will lay remains to be seen. My advice to those who were not among the first five in Math and Engineering and have since not earned their Ph.D. is to forget the whole deal else you will be in Red's sad state with "Atorgenics"

The Editor wants "hard" news in these columns. We get little here and I hesitate to repeat the news in "Daddy" Dunn's quarterly poopsheet, hence the above idle chatter for which forgive me.

—Mike Esposito.

1926

The Class really has clammed up since retirement and only a few have expended the energy to send in information for this column. We hope that this is only a temporary lethargy and that you will soon be able to lift a pen and at least mail us a postcard bearing your address.

Alex Sewall brightened the West Point scene by paying a visit during the fall. He was wearing a beautiful, blond, ten-gallon hat which had been hand-made for him in Phoenix. Alex was on his way to France and was shortly embarking with Ruth aboard the SS United States. He caught up with your correspondent who was watching a plebe football game, and Alex effectively blocked all view of the gridiron while a member of the visiting team broke loose for

a dazzling touchdown run covering 60 yards. The play was described later by friends whose line of vision had not been similarly obliterated by an oversize Arizona sombrero. Alex looked fit and sassy. Let's hope he will be able to straighten out our European problems.

Anky Ankenbrandt retired rather unexpectedly on the thirtieth of November. He made his decision after Jane had suffered a heart attack during the summer. We are glad to report that Jane has had a steady recovery and, at last report, was resuming most of her normal activities. Ank has joined the Radio Corporation of America in their Defense Electronic Products headquarters in Camden, New Jersey. He is living temporarily in nearby Haddonfield and will not permanently move his family until later in the winter. A near neighbor will be Skinny Ringle who has bought a home in the same community. Anky reports that his new office is very close to that of Bill Bayer who has been appointed Executive Vice President of Teledynamics, Inc. with headquarters in Philly.

Ev and Bill House are basking in southern sunshine at their new address which is 135 Palmetto Lane, Harbor Bluffs, Largo, Florida. I am sure that the locale is as attractive and exotic as it sounds. Bill has not indicated whether or not his activities include any remunerative operations other than basking, but there really is no need to be hasty.

Ludy Toftoy has been promoted to major general in recognition of his outstanding work as Director of the Army's guided missile program at White Sands. He has been the subject of a lot of laudatory publicity in recent months and was even featured in the November issue of Oldsmobile's Rocket Circle Magazine.

Bob Nourse writes from San Rafael Military Academy (where, as reported in last Assembly, he is Commandant of Cadets) that Paul Hamilton is also at that Academy as a teacher in math and general science. Bob also advises that Bill Hawthorne and Roy Kaylor are studying to be teachers under the San Francisco School Department (along with Brook Brady as previously reported). Bob says he will be glad to give details of this program to anyone who is interested. He may be reached at 5th and Cottage Avenue, San Rafael, California.

The good-looking civilian in the scene showing the football team send-off in one of the December episodes of the nationally televised show, "West Point", was none other than Red Reeder. He has also gained fame as a sportsman, artist, and author. Those who heard the radio broadcast of the Army-Pitt game were pleasantly surprised to hear the golden (or is it brass?) tones of the voice of Red Reeder, sports commentator and analyst. The only entertainment field he has not entered recently is that of crooner, and we are getting worried about it. Can you imagine Red with side-burns?

—Vald Heiberg.

1927

Gar Davidson visited Washington in September and after discussing reunion plans with our Washington group, was prevailed upon to carry the ball. Gar writes that he is digging into the mass of data which he took back to West Point with him and "will lay out a plan of attack for making our 30th the biggest and best." Questionnaires are being forwarded to Gar as received and future announcements concerning the reunion will come to you from West Point.

As a result of the election mentioned in the October notes, Trapnell was elected President of the Washington Chapter and

Ginder Vice President. At this writing, the new Secretary-Treasurer is still undecided and action has been deferred until June when more lasting arrangements than now exist can be formulated, it is hoped, during the reunion. Meanwhile, your Secretary-Treasurer since 1954 will continue to function until June 30 unless sooner relieved.

Peggy McGown extends heartfelt thanks to the Class for our floral offering to Dana, who died September 15 at Walter Reed. Dana was buried at West Point beside his son, Dana Alden McGown, who died August 14, 1939 and was buried August 16, 1939. Funeral services for Dana were held at 1430 hours, September 18, 1956, in the Old Cadet Chapel. The Reverend Dr. William J. Woon of Port Washington, Long Island, assisted the Cadet Chaplain, Reverend George M. Bean, in the chapel and at the graveside committal services. Honorary pallbearers were: Colonel Jim Greeh, Jr., Colonel John D. Billingsly, '28, Colonel Peter D. Calyer, '28, Colonel Alexander J. Sutherland, '31, Colonel Curtis A. Schrader, '32, and Colonel James E. Godwin, '32. The funeral was attended by Dana's wife, Peggy; his mother, Annie B. McGown, and brother, Monroe G. McGown, both of Ellsworth, Maine; General Harry W. Crandall, Chief of Finance, '25; Ray Stanton, Ken Thiebaut, Howell Jordan, and others from West Point. Our deep sympathy to the McGown family. Peggy is at home at 3424 S. Wakefield Street, Arlington, Virginia, and has accepted a position in Washington.

Bill and Peggy Verbeck spent a week in Washington in late November and also attended the game. Bill received his second star on November 29, and anticipates a change of station from Puerto Rico soon.

Hall Isaacson writes from Cuba where he is Chief of Mission that he plans to retire in Northern California somewhere near San Francisco. The Nathan McLambs have settled there at Apt 203, 3299 Washington Street, San Francisco.

The Association of the U.S. Army annual meeting at the Sheraton Park Hotel, October 25-27, was the focal point for a number of class contacts—Ray Bell and Joe Felber came from New York, Jack Doty from Chicago, Chubby and Margaretha Doan from Fort Monroe, Willis Matthews from Fort Riley, and P. D. Ginder from the Pentagon.

Ray and Becky Curtis attended the National Horse Show at Madison Square Garden, New York, in October, where Ray had been invited to judge.

It is sad to report the loss of Marianna Floyd Burgess due to lung cancer at Fort Belvoir Army Hospital on November 4. Funeral services were held at the Fort Myer Chapel at 1000 hours on November 7. Woodie; First Lieutenant George M. Burgess, USAF, Mather AFB, California; Woodbury M. Burgess, Jr., and Anne F. Burgess of 5939 Brook Drive, Falls Church, Virginia; a brother, Charles L. Floyd of Evanston, Illinois; and friends and classmates from the Washington area attended the funeral. Our deep sympathy to the Burgess family.

Joe Vincent of Sears, Roebuck and Company writes that he has been transferred from Chicago to Boston and "will be most happy to see any classmates who are in Boston."

Add Joseph William Hutchison, USMA 1960, youngest son of Charlie and Ester Hutchison, to your list of '27 sons at West Point.

Toni Luebberman, 21 Sunset Drive, Sarasota, Florida, passed through Washington on September 20 with Toni Junior, 14, who is a freshman at Deerfield Academy, Massachusetts. Look for them both at the reunion. Founders Day dinner in Florida will be in Sarasota in 1957, so communicate with Toni if you can attend. Toni is in real estate.

1929

Word has been received from Al and Mabel Lepping of Fort Bragg that they will be present at the class reunion, so look for them too. Their daughter Mabel, is a recent graduate of Texas Western College.

Captain Stuart Wood, Jr., USMA '50, and Miss Patricia Rose Meredith of Ormond Beach, Florida, were married at the Post Chapel, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, on September 1 and are at home at 1120 C-4 E. C. Knight Street, Lewis Heights, Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

The long Korean tour is over for Jimmy Thompson and he and Sue are back at Fort Benning where Jimmy is Deputy Commanding General of the Infantry Center. Bixel also is due home from Korea soon and is under orders to Hq Second Army, Fort Meade, Maryland, with an ETA of early February. Meanwhile, Oley Kyster will leave his command at Fort MacArthur, California, for a Korean tour with UNCMAC in February.

Parmer Edwards, who rates our salute for attainment of his second star, has taken over the 2AA Regional Command, at Fort Meade, Maryland.

Cal and Iris Whittle, long-term settlers at Presidio of San Francisco, are planning on attending the reunion if possible; however, Fred and Janet Thorpe of Route 1, Vaston, Washington, are uncertain at the moment. Herman and Helen Schull, APO 834, Balboa Heights, Canal Zone, will definitely be there. Herman Jr., 21, is a graduate student at Columbia and Edwin Gunner Schull, 19, is an undergraduate at Duke University, North Carolina.

Ed and Betty Farrand are on the way home from a full tour in USAFFE and are bound for Fort Polk, Louisiana. Hall Trapnell and Elizabeth E. Jones of Coral Gables, Florida were married at the residence of Jack and Ova Hines, Jr. in Chevy Chase, Maryland on November 30.

—R. G. Lowe.

1928

Our news this time is all from Washington. Aug Kissner wrote Stu McLennan saying that Verdi Barnes has left Aug's Hq. in Spain and is now CG of the 4th Armored at Fort Hood. Spike Hefey is also in Europe CG of the Air Materiel Force European Area with his Hq. in Weisbaden, Germany. Poo Smith is in France commanding the AF Depot at Chateauroux. Jack Gilchrist was thru Madrid on a visit a few months ago.

Sam Brentnall retired on October 1. He and Natalie gave a farewell party at Fort McNair on November 7.

Jim Lamont is planning to retire on January 31 and live in New Cumberland, Pennsylvania. He is presently in Valley Forge Hospital.

Parson Howard was in Walter Reed for a short time but has now returned to duty commanding the Fort Worth general QM Depot.

Stan Mason is returning stateside after a tour in Korea as CG of 24th Division. He is enroute to CONARC Hq. at Fort Monroe.

Stu says his G-2 "system" is far from perfect so if any new arrivals have checked in and are not on the roster please call him at Na 8-7923 or Ke 8-2756.

That's about it. How about dropping a line to either Billingsley or Calyer at West Point with some news so we can keep this Column in print.

Best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season and a prosperous 1957—

—Pete Calyer.

A quick look at the deficiency lists does not bring to my attention any son of the Class of '29 thereon. My records do not include complete info on the Air Force Academy, but we are here glad to record a note from Norman Congdon, sunning himself in his retired status in Florida since '46, that Norman Congdon, Jr., is a member of the Class of '60 of the Air Force Academy. The Air Force Academy team of two cadets for the West Point Student Conference this December included Bat Carns' son, a very impressive young man according to the senior professors coming in contact with him. Bat is reported to have just taken over command of the 1st Cavalry Division in Japan.

Among shifts of people we note that Carns, Lasher, Quill, and Costello are new major generals, that Henry McKenzie has gone from Tokyo to the Chicago Quartermaster Market Center, Jimmy Hannigan to the Far East, Bill Thompson to Europe, Bob Ward goes from Dix to the Far Eastern Command as Chief of Staff for Plans.

The Air Force has made Dick Wentworth and Zeke Napier brigadier generals. I am wondering if the preponderance of general officers doesn't indicate that our 30 year reunion should be financed by this group. Comments on this proposition are invited. Perhaps along with the comments you will give me some class news for the next edition.

Bill McCulla has joined the lengthening list of retired army people in important jobs with industry. He is Chief Engineer for Superior Steel Company and Dot and Bill ask classmates to drop by at 117 Lambeth Drive, Upper St. Clair, Bridgeville Pennsylvania.

The last time we interviewed Jeff Seitz he was concerned about being lonely out in Iran. Surely the class joins in best wishes on the occasion noted in the following from Time Magazine:

"Married. Jesse Royce Landis, veteran actress of Broadway (Kiss and Tell) and Hollywood (To Catch a Thief, The Swan); and Major General John Francis Regis Seitz, 48, commander (since May) of the U.S.'s Military Assistance Advisory Group in Iran in Teheran."

The class members continue to collect recognitions for jobs well done: Ken Nichols received the DSM from the Secretary of the Army in a review at Fort Myer in October, Renny Renshaw received the Legion of Merit for his difficult labors on Okinawa.

There is an incomplete report that Daddy Woods, now in Europe, has had a heart attack. It is to be hoped that Daddy is as fortunate as your reporter who experienced what, in a parlance alleged by some to be Republican, has been called a "mild coronary" a couple of days before academic work started this year (thereby making him even more sympathetic to the cadet approach to such matters) and has only recently been marked "duty" after a 40 minute lecture by medical friends as to their rather narrow current interpretations of that word.

My personal morale has been promoted by many messages including a signed menu, consisting of a wine list, sent along by Kai Rasmussen from the September 25 Washington Class Party engineered by Weary Wilson and George Bush. Of the forty or so signatures and comments thereon I will record only that of Bill Maulsby: "They haven't found the bug that will kill '29"

The Class of '29 apparently now communicates by menus. From Camp Zama, Japan, by hand of Weary Wilson, comes a luxuriously printed one. This one records notes and doodles to the effect that on September 15 Phil and Ethel Draper assembled those of '29 there present to dine with Weary. Phil and Weary (it says) won 50c as golf

partners before the assembly. The names, as I decipher them, are the Milwits, Vanderheides, Caraways, McNallys, HalWhiteley, and, recorded as unavoidsly absent, Hayes, Parks, McKenzie and Freddy Smith.

George Reilly sends a clipping to the effect that on September 9 the Svensson daughter married Lieutenant (jg) McAdams at Wellesley, Massachusetts.

Among odds and ends of advanced technological activities of our class, we will record a telephone message via a local ham cadet radio operator who put "George" on the phone. George turned out to be George Griffith living down in Pennsylvania who chats regularly with the cadet operators and, on this occasion, was inquiring into the health of the local Class of '29.

The sports reports record George Keeler's boy as Army's basketball center making a creditable number of baskets in the first game or two.

Eddy Murphy, head of the manpower division of the Industrial College, has spent a few days with us as an observer at the Student Conference. He is as slim and in as good voice as ever.

Just as I dictate these notes a letter from Jake Reynolds arrives. He offers his phone number of Crescent 5571 Extension 395 at his headquarters of the Louisiana Military District in New Orleans, with the hope that some classmates will use it. Jake says that in traveling about his territory in the last year and one-half he has seen more classmates than in the previous 20 years. Billy Greear is Deputy Chief of Staff for Administration at Fourth Army in San Antonio. Cal Partin is Chief of the Kentucky Military District. Jake's West Point roommate Jimmy Hannigan, is just leaving the First Armored Division. Jack Cone deals with Reserve Affairs at Fourth Army and Lefty Mace, is Deputy Post Commander at Camp Chaffee. Bill Maulsby is Executive to the Assistant Secretary of the Army Manpower and has been junketing about the area and George Coolidge is arriving to be Chief of Staff of the III Corps at Fort Hood, Texas.

Our thanks and appreciation for the many messages from classmates and a belated, but very sincere, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to the Class of '29.

—Abe Lincoln.

1930

Dear Gang:

For a number of reasons, trying to get back into the swing of being the Class Scribe has not been easy, so I apologize in advance for any shortcomings of this, my first issue after four and a half years. I'll try to pick up the rhythm again and build up the newsworthiness of these periodic blurbs. And may I remind all hands that your contributions of news are the real flesh and blood of such an enterprise. Even a change of address card is worth its weight in gold—and often results in tangible benefits to the one who is moving!

For a quick resumé of my own activities since I dropped this business in Ster Wright's lap in June of '52; Army War College in 1952-53, where Charlie Olin and Phil Wehle were among my co-students. To Germany in July 1953 where, after a year in a staff job, I went to VII Corps Artillery as assistant to Bob Booth, finding Jack Dudley there as Corps Engineer, Ham Howe as DC/S of Seventh Army, Bob Ports as Executive of Seventh Army Artillery, and Happy Brooks as C.O. of one of our artillery groups. Jim Richardson came in a few months later as VII Corps C/S. When the Booths left in 1955 Bob was succeeded by Ham Hamlett, and in the meantime Seafood

Garton showed up from Paris to take the group that Happy had formerly had. Bob Ports and I organized a Class reunion in connection with the West Point dinner in March of '55 that saw 17 of the gang, nearly all with wives, converge on Stuttgart for a gay weekend. Before I left last July Ed Beauchamp had succeeded Jim Richardson as VII Corps C/S and Jimmy Wilson had come in as VII Corps Artillery commander when Ham went to take command of the 10th Division. We settled in here at Fort McNair in August and have found life very busy ever since.

Two matters of relative importance are on my mind at the moment, on both of which I need some help. The first is the question of the 25-Year Book, for which a lot of material was accumulated during the reunion in 1955. Arrangements for assembling this material into some sort of booklet were undertaken by Ray Brisach, but he was (understandably) unable to go through with them. I have the poop here at McNair and will be glad to pursue the matter if enough people are interested. I would appreciate some sort of indication from those who are willing to leave the details to me.

The other thing is whether I should try to resume the quarterly bulletins sent to each individual. This project is a considerable clerical chore, besides involving some expense for postage, and largely duplicates what will appear in Assembly. It may be better to send the "social" notes to *Assembly* and use circular letters to each individual for specific pieces of Class business as they come up. I'd like to get a reading on what the majority favor.

In the Washington area we seem to have about twenty classmates. George Gibbs who had this post before me, now sits on the D/A Council of Review Boards in the Pentagon. Also in the five-sided madhouse are Andy O'Meara, Deputy Chief of Research and Development; Al Watson, Director of Personnel Plans for DCSBERS; Jim Richardson, Chief of Career Management; Ham Howze, Chief of Army Aviation; Prep Bradley, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Materiel (Air Force); Millard Lewis, Director of Intelligence (Air Force); Spooky Swofford, Director of Research and Development (Air Force) and Rock Dodson, his assistant; Ted Bogart, recently arrived and assigned to DCSOPS; Jimmy Curtis, Director of the Standing Group of NATO in OSD; Fritz Urhane, Chief of Research and Development for the Chief Signal Officer; Ned Moore, Chief of the Foreign Aid Division in DCSLOG; and Johnnie Guthrie, Director of the European Region in the office of the assistant Sec Def for International Security. Also nearby are Art Peterson, here with the Army Security Agency; Paul Yount, still Chief of Transportation; Al Dennis, Comptroller in OQMG; Jac Rothschild, CG of the Chemical Corps Research and Development command; and Herb Mitchell, Chief of Personnel Research and Procedures in the AGO. Sam Emery is successfully pursuing his law activities. Wiley Ganey is Deputy Commandant of the National War College and lives next door but one to us here at McNair; Pie Nyquist is also here as Vice Deputy Commandant of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

Frank Kowalski is commandant of the Command Management School at Fort Belvoir. When I took the course there last month I had the pleasure of seeing Tommy Dunn and Wank Ewbank in the class. Tommy is the CG at Fort Chaffee and Wank is Chief of Staff of Army Forces in Alaska. Both look well and report their families in good shape. Fifteen members of '30 have taken the Command Management Course since its inception in 1954 and Frank says he'll keep on running it as long as anyone will let him.

It's a most interesting school—(this is an unpaid plug for Frank!) — that ought to help anybody who has problems, as who hasn't? We're expecting Brainard Cook from Fort Knox to join us in Washington next month — he's to help administer the new RA augmentation program. Also next month Clif Blackford is due to go to Korea — he's just had a refresher course at Benning — and Bill Perry should be coming back from England to go to the 47th AAA Brigade at Fort McArthur.

I've had good letters from Bob Wood at Bliss and Bob Ports at Bragg, as well as one from Dick Hutchinson, who is at Amarillo (Texas) Air Force Base and (a pleasant surprise) from Troup Miller's father who, though retired for more than ten years, maintains an active interest in Class affairs. From these and other sources I've learned some bits of information that may qualify as news.

Max Janairo sailed for France with Amelia and son Toni in late October, Max to take some job in SHAPE. He told me that Max Junior, who graduated in '54, has already done his stint in Korea and returned this past summer to an assignment in the Omaha Engineer District. They left their daughter in Trinity College, to join them in Paris next summer. Max will have plenty of company in France: In addition to our especially distinguished friend, Larry Norstad, he will find Roy Bartlett, Ben Beasley, Bill (W.H.) Harris and Mandy Mandelbaum all at SHAPE (APO 55, NYC); Johnny Greco, Ed Sachs and Ster Wright at EUCOM (APO 128 NYC); and Bill Whipple at the headquarters of Base Section, ComZ. Al Dennis, who has spent a considerable portion of his career in OQMG, is retiring on January 31. He plans to pursue electronics research work at Georgetown University and will live in Alexandria in a fine old Colonial house that he bought this past summer. He tells me that it is very commodious and that any classmate wandering into this vicinity will always find their welcome mat out.

Troup Miller (according to his father's letter) came home last June after commanding the Northern Air Materiel Area at Burtonwood, England for three years. He has just gotten a second star and has been assigned as CG of the Arnold Engineering and Development Center of Tullahoma, Tennessee. He and Julia have bought a home there and are now enlarging it to accommodate all the lovely furniture they picked up in England. Judy, their eldest, is married and in Germany; Marilyn is a freshman at the University of Tennessee; and Katherine, the young horsewoman of the family, is trying to persuade Troup to buy her a horse and build a stable.

Word from Harry Boyd, via Bob Wood, finds him busy as DC/S of the 1st Logistical Command at Bragg. His son, Hap, is attending the USMA Prep School at Stewart Field, along with Frank Corr's son Jim and several other Class Sons. Also at Bragg are Bob Ports (with the XVIII Corps Artillery) and Fritz Weber (with the Station Complement).

Dick Hutchinson, as noted above, is CO of a technical training group at Amarillo, turning out jet aircraft and engine mechanics at the rate of 1,500 a month. He reports that Mrs. Hutch and their son are with him and that all of them have grown rather fond of the Panhandle country, notwithstanding the dust. Casey Odom is holding forth as CG of the San Antonio Air Materiel Area at Kelly AFB. Carl Brandt is CG of the Technical Training Air Force at Gulfport, Mississippi. Buster Perry is a Master Sergeant in the Finance Corps at Fort Hood, Texas. And Johnny Murrel is apparently living a life of considerable affluence in Dallas.

There are a number of other subjects I hope to cover in the next few months. Class finances are in reasonably good shape but my lists need some policing. Prizes for graduating Class Sons have to be kept track of. A new address list is long overdue. Plans should be made for the 30th Reunion. It will take me a while to get caught up on all these things, but with your patience and help I think we can swing it. Remember that occasional notes about items of personal interest often start a chain reaction of contacts that have most pleasant results. *Changes of address are especially important.* Changes of status — promotions, children's activities, weddings, and the like — are also of prime interest to all of us.

That's all for this time, gang. Glad to be aboard again and only sorry that this is such a hodge-podge. Merry Christmas and a fine New Year to all of you. I'll be "seeing" you again soon.

—Sandy Stone.

1931

Through the hometown news center, we find that Charley McNair has moved from Heidelberg to Richmond as adviser to the Virginia National Guard; Augustus—George to you — Elegar has left Fort Amador and is now at the Army War College; Charlie Densford writes that he is in Moenchengladbach, Germany, as senior USAF Representative on the staff of Air Marshal The Earl of Bandon; Charlie liaises between his SHAPE unit and Karl Truesdell at Fontainebleau, Bob Lee at Trier, and Chet Young at Naples. He wishes a change in the class status report which he states contains a grievous error. He has five grandchildren — not two. Be at ease on the subject of Tex Hightower and his broken leg. The docs nailed the bones together, put a brace on the leg, and he was back at work as Deputy Commanding General, U.S. Army Caribbean, only two weeks after his fall. Wending their way through the labyrinths of the Pentagon recently were John Westermeier, now Deputy G-3, First Army; John Inskeep, Commanding Officer at Camp Wolters, and the Barney Oldfield of the Helicopterites; George Speidel on his way to go to work as Division Artillery Commander in Stuttgart (if you don't like the new dependents medical care system or the operation of the survivors benefits, write to George — he handled it all while he was at top level in DOD); Big Swede Carlson shifts from the Technical to the Diplomatic and joins MAAG in Viet Nam; Don Webber spent the weekend nailing down everything in his apartment — Percy Lash is coming to town and will be his house guest; Phil Stiness strolls about with a hieroglyphic look these days prior to going to Egypt as military attache. Don Webber is scheduled to go to Spain as military attache — however, he won't leave until late spring because Phil says it takes longer to train Don; Eddie Brown moves from the Office of Chief of Information to the Office of Chief of Engineers — look out for the Engineer propaganda barrage.

Barlow Coolidge is G-3 at Sixth Army; Paul Mayo is at Sixth Army — there are rumors that Paul is going to Fort Benjamin Harrison, unconfirmed — it is no rumor that they know all of Paul's prestidigitations around San Francisco and he is looking for a new audience.

Paul and Kelly Little advise that their daughter Myra will be married on December 27.

There was a class dance at Magnolia Gardens in Virginia on November 16. After much discussion the classmates voted for live music rather than the phonograph and

for roast beef rather than chicken — we are going up in the world. Present were: Andy and Dee Adams, Bob and Rosalie Alan, Eddie and Mike Brown, Dan and Mary Callahan, Bell and Fran Dick, Big Swede and May Carlson, Little Swede and Jo Carlson, Gordon and Jeanne Cusack, Gus Heiss, Budge and Betty Howard, Charlie and Martha Hoy, Patsy and Pat Hunter, Don and Kelly Little, Clyde McBride and Wife, Vic and Myrle McLaughlin, Grov and Florence Powell, Phil and Betty Stiness, Willie Ragland and Spouse, Trick and Lucy Troxel, Fred and Marie Warren, Steve and Bindy Hanmer, Bill and Truxton Jones, John and Kay Daley, Ned and Margaret Parker, Sam and Marguerite Smellow.

Luke Cron was in Washington for the Information Officers Conference. He has Fort Slocum, a 9-bedroom house, and a private launch.

Al Greene says it all goes well in the Caribbean; he was in Washington for the Army Commanders Conference as was Sid Brown, G-4, First Army and Jim Maloney, Deputy Post Commander, Fort Jay.

Fred Warren, having left his stamp on General Dynamics, is now busily engaged as private consultant on atomic energy matters in Washington.

Fred Warren and Dan Callahan have carried through with the 1931 special project. The plans have been approved by a committee of the Association, chaired by General Devers. It provides for the establishment of a West Point Award Program under which the Sylvanus Thayer Medal will be awarded annually to that citizen who best exemplifies outstanding devotion to the principles of "Duty, Honor, Country". Except in extraordinary circumstances, recipients will be limited to non-graduates. Presentation is planned at a special dinner with the Cadet Corps present in the Mess Hall, on or about Founder's Day each year. Class members can take just pride in a project which drew heavily on their support and lightly on their cash.

—Charles L. Decker.

1932

Ordinarily it's difficult enough to devise an appropriate opening for this column (people have a brutal tendency to ask why open it at all) but the gambit for the January issue is always easy; viz., party politics. In late October the Loyal Order of the Taupe Toupées ushered in our jubilee year with a Grand Oyster Bake and Dance Recital at the Fort McNair Officers' Club with tales taller, gals prettier and voices louder than ever before.

As is customary, class officers were picked in the traditional joke-filled room. For President in the "safe" 25th reunion year, the committee dredged up a party hack named Zitzman whose colorless record is unblemished except for a tour as Vice President some year ago. (Brother, are you going to hear more of *this*, if you make a noise like not showing up in the North Area barracks next May 30th.)

Vice President is Bill Davidson, Sec.-Treas. Bill Smith, Asst. Sec.-Treas. Jim Churchill, and Councilmen are Bus Wheeler (outgoing president) Olie Hansen, George Mather, El Davis, Mike Riley, Dick Hunt, John Keating and Dick Coiner.

Although the concentration of classmates in the local locale is regrettably decreasing from what it once was, the 40 odd who attended the cocktail/buffet dansant at McNair had fun. One of the most pleasant features was the presence of Johnny and Noi Kambhu who drove down from New York for the occasion. Since they spent the weekend with us there was plenty of chance to catch up

on news of their family:—no idle chit chat when you consider that there are 12 brothers and sisters in Johnny's family and 14 in Noi's.

It's a good afternoon's entertainment, for example, to hear Noi's amusing account of Johnny's place in the Royal Family which is in direct but increasingly remote line with the throne. Like a U.S. Army manning level, the number of T/O and E vacancies is fixed and whenever someone is born in an echelon above Johnny (which happens not infrequently) his place in the hierarchy is downgraded another file.

If the product is any indication, however, the family seems to have done pretty well without worrying much about that. His two older brothers went to English universities, then Johnny permanently diverted the trend by going to West Point and all brothers following him have gone to American colleges. One studied medicine at Harvard under Dr. Paul D. White, the president's heart specialist, and is now practicing in Thailand. Others have graduated from Cornell, Michigan State and Georgia Tech while the youngest is presently a junior at Tufts studying banking.

An older brother is one of the leading irrigation engineers in his homeland and was recently made a member of the Thai Cabinet. A sister is married to a member of the World Bank staff here in Washington and with luck the Kambhus themselves will be transferred here in the Spring.

Bill Smith's four page newsletter was distributed class-wide yesterday so I shall not repeat any of the items here except to compliment him on a very informative and well done piece with lots of new news.

On the other hand, a letter just received from the Editor of *Assembly* encloses a news release on George Campbell, Jr., but it's not our George. (We're spread from Master Sergeant to Major General, Ed., but have no majors). He is probably a nice guy, however, and since everyone's deadline is tomorrow we invite the hard working editor of June '43 to be our guest.

George T., Jr., has received the Certificate of Achievement in recognition of superior performance of duty as the Anti-Aircraft Liaison Officer, U.S. Army Section, Joint Brazil-U.S. Military Commission during the period August 6, '53 to May 22, '56. He has five children ranging from 12 years to 21 months and two Bronze Stars (no wonder).

For his part, George D., Jr. is in good health and probably telling a funny story to Polly right now.

Many out of town classmates were attracted to the annual A.U.S.A. convention here where George Mather was the only speaker smart enough to bring a sergeant along to help him. Confirmed that Johnny Bowen is C.G. of the 82nd Airborne Division and promoted to major general, while El Davis who is on the list for B.G., is now Chief of Staff at Fort Belvoir. Chuck Anderson over at SHAPE got his second star as did Dick Coiner, who with redhaired Helen is one of our staunchest class supporters here on the local scene. The fact that Dick was promoted right after he was elected to the Council probably had nothing to do with it but it certainly helps to tone up the joint.

At the same time Chris Dreyer, Director of Installations at the Strategic Air Command; Joe Gill, Director of Facilities Support, Hqs USAF; and Harry Porter, C.G. of the 3079 Aviation Depot Wing of the Air Material Command, all got their well deserved first stars. You couldn't pick a better bunch if you tried.

Phil Pope is now commanding an Artillery Group in the XVIII Airborne Corps, Bugs Cairns has gone to the Army Aviation School at Rucker and Dave Schorr, of all people, to the Provost Marshal General

Center at Fort Gordon. (They probably need a Chinese speaking cop.)

Charlie Allen moved up a rung recently when he was named Deputy Commander of the Ordnance Ammunition Command at Joliet, Illinois. This means he will assist the C.G., Major General R. G. Butler, USMA '28 in directing the Ordnance Corps' nationwide ammo program which during the past 5 years, has ranged anywhere from \$800 million to \$2.8 billion annually. A tidy bundle of dimes in anyone's book.

News from Europe states that Harvey Fischer relieved Mike Michaelis as commander of the Southern European Task Force (SETAF), the very important and satisfying independent command whose headquarters is at Leghorn. Also in Europe, Steve Mellnick, C.G. of the 34th AAA Brigade, largest non-divisional command in the Seventh Army, will start converting his unit to NIKE guided missiles this summer. Returning from USAREUR is Jim Woolnough who will go to the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations in February.

Nice letters from nice gals who will always be members of the class. Marilou Bache Swearingen writes that she is very happy in Gainesville, home of the University of Florida and in fact becomes a career girl from June to December every year handling football tickets in their Athletic Department. Margaret, Bob and Bill are all in Gainesville High and young Emory, Jr., has just started in the first grade.

From Colorado Springs, Mary Blair says that the 20th reunion was so much fun that she and her 15 year old daughter are coming East for the 25th. We couldn't agree more with such spirit and if any other class widows read this please consider it a special and personal invitation to attend. Write Pete Hinshaw and tell him to reserve you a place in the ladies' dorm at Ladycliff.

Significant reports on the juniors indicate that Miss Suzanne Foley, who graduates this month from Syracuse University is engaged to Lieutenant Bob Hewitt, Jr., USMA '56. Also, two of my very favorite peach-cakes, Jodie and Mary Hinshaw, are engaged to first classmen. Jodie, who is a hostess for Trans-World Airlines is linked with Cadet Jerry C. Scott of Ada, Oklahoma and Mary, a student at the University of Connecticut, with Cadet Herman E. Day, Jr., Flint, Michigan. The big day for both is June 5th.

And speaking of juniors, do you want to know how wrong you can get? I'll tell you how wrong. Even as I wrote the last issue stating lightly that "Sandy Beach is still a cadet in good standing, etc." he was starting out on the customary 396 mile hike which is one of the more repulsive features of a six months slug. Fortunately, however, he was caught at the 200 kilometer post by visiting royalty to the vast relief of several plebes who were required to announce the time to the nearest whole second until A- (for amnesty) Day.

In closing, let's not forget the reunion. When you receive this it will be about three months away; just the right time to convert a bond, announce your intent for leave before the major who does your work plans his, and to get your estate in order. Even Chip Lavigne, one of our leading exponents of applied atrophy has already stated his intention to let the Michigan state banking system fend for itself long enough for him to take part in our wholesale houseparty. Remember, our Silver Anniversary needs your silver-thatched noggin there to be a success.

Well, there it is for another session. Shaved the deadline margin two hours closer than usual by watching the Miami Pitt football game on TV but was rewarded by a rather intriguing situation. Kicking for Miami was a guy named Jack Johnson who

everyone knows kayoed Jim Jeffries for the world heavyweight championship many years ago. It turned out not to be enough for the margin of victory however, because kicking for Pitt was a guy named Tom Jenkins who not only slammed the Terrible Turk for the world heavy championship ("He gouged my eye so I broke his leg for spite") but tossed most of our classmates high against the ceiling as well. Too bad it had to happen to good old West Points like Andy and Mandy Gustafson, but we all know how they feel.

—Ken Zitzman.

1933

The new Class management arranged for a joint Army-Navy '33 luncheon at Fort Meyer a few days before the game. There was a very good turnout (over 50) with the representation about as evenly divided as the score. Strangely enough, there was very little tendency to wager on the outcome. Whether this was due to premonition or the caution of age is a moot question. At any rate, there was no lack of enthusiasm, and the joint arrangement proved to be a great success.

The "winter season" was officially initiated with a Class dinner dance at the Officers' Club, Fort Meyer, on the evening of December 8. As Amaury Gandia said afterwards: "When I first arrived at the party everybody else looked so old, but after a while I realized that they were all just as young as I am." "Spic" will deny this, but I have witnesses. We stretched the party to the allowable limit and thoroughly enjoyed the shindig. Here's a list of the "we": Gordon and Puddi Bartlett, Eddy and Louise Bastion, Lyle and Katherine Bernard, Virginia Blatt, Doug and Lil Cairns, Bill and Annie Calhoun, Ruth Carroll, George and Helen Chapman, Billy and Betty Clarke, Ted and Eleanor Conway, Cy and Pauline Dolph, Bing and Bimby Downing, Chuck and Dana Dunn, Frank and Barbara Elder, Bus and Virginia Evans, Ken and Frederica Fields, Steve and Mary Ann Fuqua, Amaury and Antonia Gandia, Dave and Ann Gray, Emory and Mary Hackman, Fritz and Dot Hartel, Leo and Allyn Heintz, Bev and Betty Jones, Harry and Gracie King, Dick and Lovey Meyer, Ole and Billie Olson, Dan and Helen Parker, Pete and Jennie Pittman, Roy and Eleanor Reynolds, John Schmelzer, Reverend and Lisa Shinberger, Solly and Molly Solomon, Dodd and Evelyn Starbird, Bob and Effie Tripp, George and Marge White, Red and Sue White, Ethan and Fran Chapman, and Harry Sweeting.

Dave Gibbs reports from Fort Monroe, November 30: "Classmates assigned here at this writing are Blandford, Merriam, Sparrow, Lane, Frame, Gibbs, Gee, and Lonning. Blandford is under orders and will leave in a few days—destination Formosa. He is expected to sprout stars before many months have passed.

"Freddy Gibb was here for a while and is now a fairly frequent visitor. He has assumed command of CDTEC (Combat Developments Test and Experiment Center) in California. This is CONARC's newest child and Freddy is its midwife. There could be no better—and I envy him only the climate, not the job. * * * Regards from all of us."

Fred Zierath reports from Fort Benning, November 30: "Billy Harris reported to the 3d Division as CG Div Arty. in September from SHAPE. By the time this appears in print, he should be sporting his stars."

"Jim Boswell is the new Chief of the South Carolina Military District with headquarters in Columbia, South Carolina. His last tour was Chief of Staff JUSMAG Greece. * * *

"Clay Bridgewater is the Chief of the Army Section with the Air War College at Montgomery, Alabama. His last tour was with the mission in Turkey.

"Tom Beck is chief of a department in the Infantry School and has a perfect coffee-call attendance record for the past six months.

"Kay Kaesser (retired) is located at 2624 Gulf Stream Lane, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and we hear by the grapevine that he is now in the teaching business."

Bob Thompson reports from Norfolk, November 29: "As free lancers * * * John Honeycutt and I jointly report that our favorite pastime, as members of the faculty of AFSC, is to watch the parade of classmates who visit Norfolk as guest speakers of the College * * *."

"Within the calendar year '56 and harking back to the fall of '55, the roster of platform performances has been an impressive one. From Washington have come Dodd Starbird, E. A. Chapman, Fred Gibb, Chet DeGavre, and Steve Fuqua. Bill Ely came too from Paris to help General Decker with his EUCOM team in the local show. All have given us "the word" and * * * have acquitted themselves with dignity and assurance in the inevitable question periods where no mercy is shown.

"Bill Due's visit was of somewhat greater duration by virtue of his having been a student in the 18th Class with the added duty of the presidency thereof. He and Dora left for Germany right after graduation in January '56. Shortly before that time, Adrian Hoebeke had closed the typewriter and office he had used here on TDY and taken off for Korea to see if his preliminary drafts of the Korean National Defense College could be implemented. * * *"

"Other visitors have been Ben Harrel who came down to assure the doughboys of two successive classes that their careers are really being managed and Johnny Lane from CONARC who was a member of our audience recently * * *."

"When not engaged in acting like faculty adviser slant instructors, John and I try to play the roles of apprentice home owners of the residences we have purchased off-station (off-post to you green uniform types). John has also found time to excel in archery—an "M" Company Robin Hood, no less. Johnny and Mary Honeycutt are not quite as well qualified yet. My own activity, when not building that patio, seems to be limited to writing checks for the only daughter, Marsha, who is boarding as a high school junior at Stuart Hall in Staunton. Meanwhile, Ann H. and Lucy Lee T. survive all this and wonder occasionally what people in the Army are doing these days."

Cal Smith reports from Sixth Army, November 28: "Since my last report from this "hardship post" bordering downtown San Francisco, I have had an opportunity to become intimately acquainted with the internal functioning of Letterman Hospital. Apparently while trying to stretch one of my drives beyond the normal 200 yards, I acquired a hernia which necessitated repair. Speaking of drives, I'd like to put in a small plug for my niece, Wiffi Smith, who won the British, French, and Trans Mississippi Championships during the last year. I am now shuffling about in great shape * * *"

"Cy Dolph and family have departed from Fort Ord (for the Pentagon) and we were all sorry to see them go; however, the 'Mo' should become 'starborn' * * *". Walt Jensen is in command at Camp Irwin and he should also be due soon for congratulations. This is Walt's second tour at Irwin and he seems to thrive on the desert. I like it too if I am just passing through.

"George Powers, Teeny, and the seven (last report) chips are at Fort Lewis. George

has the 2d Division Artillery, and seems most happy in the new assignment. If my information is correct, Bill Quinn will soon be coming to Lewis to command the 4th Division. Bill is now at Carson and I last saw him in Paris about two years ago where we made the usual rounds through the museums and libraries. Mais naturellement!

"Ab Huntsberry still has Sharpe General Depot well under control * * *. We don't get together very often, but he calls in now and then about the training program for the umpteenth Optical Platoon, which some classmate had attached to his domain.

"Gwinn Porter is going strong as G3 of the 6th Regional AA Command at Fort Baker. John Schmelzer (Idaho Military District) is attending the Command Management School at Fort Belvoir. Haven't heard recently from Herbie Plapp, PMS&T at the University of Utah; assume that no news is good news.

"Hadley Richardson and his new bride of three years, Esther, dropped in on us recently. Hadley is the engineer at the Visibility Laboratory, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California, San Diego. If I didn't lose you on the title, he seems to be thriving on the complexities of his assignment. I might add that he left me during the first few fathoms while explaining the intricacies of undersea research. In any event, he said the welcome mat is out for any classmates coming to San Diego. I believe that Bob Rayburn is also in San Diego and has a good job with the Convair plant.

"I am still trying to run down the location of other classmates reportedly in this area; i.e., Benny Ray and John Kimmel. * * * Gary (money bags) Porter joins me in sending best regards."

Adrian Hoebeke reports from ProvMAAG-K, Korea, October 18: "I'm airborne at this moment, on my way back from the Philippines * * *. I saw Ratcliffe in Okinawa; he just finished his year as AAA group commander and is now RYCOM G3. He is with his wife and three children, appears hail and hearty and likes Okie.

"I saw Mrs. Haskin at Clark Field. Milt was on a trip to Bangkok. I was sorry to miss him, but I did see a gorgeous set of quarters and a maze of installations under his cognizance as SAMAP (Southern Air Materiel Area Pacific). He apparently has a terrific responsibility, and from what I heard he is bearing it well.

"Doug Gilbert and Bowen have arrived in Korea. Gilbert is Deputy Chief of Staff, KMAG, and Bowen went out as G3 advisor to the Korean Army Training Command. Both are in good spirits * * *. Bowen does so have hair. Pugh Pearson is advisor to the ROK Army Artillery School. Freddie Coleman (Chief of Staff, ProvMAAG-K) is boning the States, expecting to leave here in February. He's done a bang-up job in the MAAG.

"* * * I've got the best job in Korea (Senior Advisor to the National Defense College) from the standpoint of interest, satisfaction in accomplishment, etc. The College is the ROK counterpart to our schooling from AFSC through NWC * * *."

"I saw Pinkie Webster in Okinawa. He's with FEAF as director of installations. He says he spends about five nights a month at home, travelling all the time." Hoebeke expects to return to the States in the summer of '57.)

Bob Speiser will be reporting to Washington (December 17) to serve on the Army Augmentation Board. Bob and Carol have bought a house at 5626 North 26th Street, Arlington, Virginia. Incidentally, any classmates who are contemplating home ownership in the Washington area should have a little talk with Ole Olson. He and Billie made a real study of the problem and now have a beautiful (and unique) home in Vir-

ginia. Ole apparently came out with colors flying in the usual tilts with contractors (which is rare indeed) and his techniques may be of value to others.

Around town I hear that quite a number of '33 are due for stars in the near future, but my information is neither definite enough nor official enough to mention names for publication (speculation from the field always acceptable). Sufficient to say here that '33 is still "in the groove." In town for the Army Commanders Conference: Rollo Hain (Colorado Springs), Hap Tubbs (Chicago).

My apologies to Bob Arnette (526 Normandy Avenue, San Antonio). Fate ordained that I should mislay a piece of paper this month, and unfortunately it was your letter. Let it be known that I am duly repentant. If you venture down Fort Bliss way, give my regards to Bill Frentzel (Commanding School Brigade, AAA & GM School).

This is my swan song for this column, and hereby express my appreciation for the fine support I have received from the field reporters, regular and free lance. Lyle Bernard and Bing Downing will take over from here. Bing's address is Weapons Systems Evaluation Group, Room 1E 871, Pentagon.

—Harry Sweeting.

1934

The most important "block" of news we have to pass on this time comes from Jabo Jablonsky, who wrote the following from Fort Monroe on November 3: "We old-timers here at Fort Monroe—Simenson, McPheron, and Jablonsky—have been augmented by the recent arrival of Charlie Brown, Russ Jenna and Charlie Elliot. Brown heads up the Information Section, Jenna is in G-3, and Elliot is in the Artillery Section. Mc and I are in G-3, while Simenson is in Combat Developments.

"On a recent visit to Leavenworth I enjoyed seeing Johnny Franklin, Secretary of C&GSC; Bill Kern, who is G-3 of Fourth Army; Bill Craig, G-3 of Second Army; and Yarbrough, who is at AFSWP, Sandia. Needless to say, we had a few gatherings."

Jabo and Vergie also made a point of being at the Navy game in Philadelphia on December 1, and they attended the reception given by the Supe at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel after the game. Seen by your correspondent at Municipal Stadium during the game were: Bill and Myra Stone, who brought Susan and young Bill along; Bob and Sis MacDonnell, up from Fort Belvoir; and Ralph Bucknam, who also had Ruth there with him but was momentarily

separated from her when seen. There were undoubtedly a few score other classmates there, but in the prevailing confusion we just didn't make contact. Apologies to all those who were present but are not receiving due recognition here!

A couple of months ago Russ Volckmann was nominated for promotion to Brigadier General, with assignment as Assistant Division Commander of the 82nd Airborne Division, at Fort Bragg. We assume that by the time this appears he will have taken over that job and will be going strong. Congratulations, Russ!

Johnny Stevens wrote from Kaiserslautern, Germany, during the Fall to request some pamphlets of various types from USMA, for use in his outfit, the 12th AAA Group. He mentioned that Don McPheron had visited him on October 5, as member of a CONARC inspection team.

On December 1 Tom Rogers took over a new assignment, as District Engineer in New York. . . Ted Hoffman is about to be reassigned, giving up his position with the 18th AAA Group, in the Pittsburgh Area, around the first of February. Ted will go to school in the Pentagon until June 1957, and then to the Army Language School in Monterey until June 1958. Thereafter he is due to become Army Attaché in Viet Nam. . . Another classmate heading for Southeast Asia is Lee Miller, who has just completed his tour with the 1st Division, at Fort Riley, and is probably en route, as this appears, to an assignment as Deputy Chief, MAAG, Cambodia. Lee's address there will be: Box C, Navy 150, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco.

A Happy New Year to all!

—Renfroe.

1935

A joint Army-Navy Class of '35 luncheon was held at the Naval Gun Factory just before the Navy game. It was a red-letter occasion and, all told, there were about a hundred present. The Navy outnumbered us about two-to-one, but those present fought a valiant fight.

The Class prexy, Carmon Rogers, introduced our poison of twenty-two years ago—Slade Cutter. His field goal looks even bigger now than it did that damp afternoon we swam to the Navy game, our first-class year. Cutter made a fine non-partisan speech, except for his closing remarks. He then made an ill-considered forecast of a Navy victory this year, stating some bosh to the effect of a "hungry" Navy team. Anyone who has observed a football training

table knows that any hunger they feel is purely theoretical. A few blocks, a well-aimed pass or two, and/or a few fast backs usually will do the trick. Anyway, Charlie Rich responded for the Army in a few well-chosen temperate remarks. With respect to the "hunger" matter Charlie observed simply that the Army team would be present and was not conceding anything. Charlie noted that the game our first-class year was also on December first. He recalled two unfortunate incidents. The first was his lost coin and clothing, and the second was the fact that he personally was not present at the game since he had a previous engagement to check the accuracy of the clock in the area of Central Barracks as a gun bearer for the Commandant.

Bill Proctor followed Charlie with a discussion of the Air Force Academy. He showed us a propaganda film of the AF Academy, read an unbiased message from Moose Stillman to Slade Cutter ("lucky"), and suggested we all send our sons to the AF Academy.

At the Navy game twenty lusty members of the Class cheered the team and took aboard anti-freeze to stop the chill. We find ourselves, after 21 years, right next to the Corps. If one leans toward mid-field, the ten-yard line comes into focus.

The Washington Class activities continued with luncheons in the General Officer Dining Room in the Pentagon on the third Tuesday of each month and our quarterly Class party. If you come to Washington, be sure to contact one of the benumbed contingent here, as we would like to see you.

The Class party was a picnic in October at Cameron Station. Jim Alger took the Class picture which is included in this news (?) bulletin.

In spite of his gravel pounding at West Point Charlie Rich has joined our small group of general officers. Tommy Tucker has been assigned as Assistant Division Commander of the 101st Airborne Division, so it looks like he may be knighted right soon. Lee Davis, Tommy Musgrave and Jim Walsh have added their second stars and thus joined Kenny Bergquist in that select society. Of perhaps even greater importance is the fact that Autrey Maroun has become the first-class grandfather as far as can be determined. The only unusual aspect to the matter is that Autrey never did bother to become a father.

An added interesting note on Tommy Tucker is that he has made a movie short for the BBC on the World War II Arnheim operation.

The Penn-Sheraton in Pittsburgh was the scene of Class festivities on the eve of the

1935 CLASS PARTY, CAMERON STATION VIRGINIA.



Army-Pitt game. Those present, with wives, at the get-together included: Jeffus, Throckmorton, Mente and Booth. Bob Booth is clearly busy as professor of the Military Science and Tactics at Duquesne University, while Jeff is advisory engineer with the Westinghouse Atomic Power Division. George Oglesby couldn't join the group for pre-game festivities but his wife June enjoyed the Army-Pitt game. Oglesby is also an advisory engineer with the Atomic Power Division of Westinghouse.

There isn't too much individual class news this go-round, but here goes. Willie Root who retired for physical disability not long ago has gone to Cincinnati to work for GE we hear. Art Fickel has retired. Dave Wallace will retire come the first of the year. Joe Anderson and Nanie are again new parents. The same for the Glass'. The Clarkins have Number 5 on the way. The Murdocks are also expecting.

A prosperous looking Herb Gee was in town in September. Reed Hatfield and Henry London are in business in Hickory and Fayetteville, North Carolina, respectively. Ed Gray is Assistant Production Engineer for Chevrolet. Dunc Sinclair is Exec of 3d Div Arty at Benning. Johnny Wright reports he saw Pat Mente at the Michigan game. Glenn Cole, Bidgood, John Duffy, Hille and Sawyer have entered slavery in Washington. Russ Smith is commanding a regiment at Benning according to reports. Martin and Everett are faculty members at the War College, while Bare, Walter and Tucker are on the receiving end at the same location. Sandy Horstman is at the Industrial College, following a hitch in G-3 in the Pentagon.

Slumming in Washington after the Navy game were Farnsworth, Russ, Weichman, and Cox — AWOL from Panama. George Eckhardt somehow found business away from Hawaii.

On a recent trip to the Middle East, one of our classmates encountered the following: Curly Edwards and Jim Worthington enjoying life in Naples; Tom Gillis a new arrival at SETAF in Northern Italy; Bill Grieves and Moon Ferris staked out at Athens, Greece; Jimmy Totten at Izmir; Al Robbins and Mac Peeke at Ankara, Turkey,

OCTOBER DINNER AT CORDES' FOR DELESDEBNIERS

Bottom (Left to Right): Greene, Jane Del, Pat Cordes, Sam Gooding, Harriet Gooding, Marion Haneke.

Top (Left to Right): Dale Jacoby, Cordes, Maxine Cordes, Delesdernier, Liz Gage, Jacoby, Gage, Haneke, Helen Greene.



Milton Caniff (right) studies portrait of Brigadier General Clinton D. Vincent, as Mrs. Vincent expresses her appreciation.

with Mac on emergency leave. Incidentally, Dutch Koehler's older brother is Mac Peeke's assistant in the Attache Office; and finally, Jack Williamson and Walt Bryde in Madrid, Spain.

The Class fund has a little over 500 bucks, and when it drops below the 500 mark, one rock will be assessed each member per the Class SOP. ETA of the dun—perhaps next Spring. Keep the news coming in to Mitchell, C. B., RFD 3, Box 567, Fairfax, Virginia.

—C. B. Mitchell.

1936

On September 21st, Johnny Jakle was killed in a plane crash in a heavy rainstorm in Korea. His untimely death is a very great loss to the class and his family. Florence

Jakle has acknowledged the class' sympathies in her critical moments. She is living at 121 Eleanor Avenue, San Antonio with her five children, ranging from one to 17 years of age. Fortunately, I am sure she has plenty to keep her busy—and I am confident, happy.

On October 12 a great honor was bestowed upon one to whom honors are justly deserved; Milton Caniff, General Partridge and others dedicated Vincent Air Force Base at Yuma, Arizona. We are certainly proud not only for the class, but also for Peggy and her beautiful family. Those fortunate enough to be at the ceremonies were Combs, Shores, Twaddell, Terrell and Gross.

Deacon Barlow has had three years in Heidelberg and is now reassigned as National Guard advisor for Ohio. He is stationed at Fort Hayes, Ohio. I received a nice letter from young Jack who is a plebe at the Academy. Skippy Beard is at Camp Wolters, Texas, according to my informant Jacoby. There appears to be a good little class contingent at Fort Ord, California: Hank Benson is CO. 2nd Infantry; Al McCormick still has his regiment; Bill Landry is QM; and Dave Chaffin is in Engineers. Champion is at SHAPE in Paris and was seen by Wallnau not too long back in New York. Don Christensen is now in Combat Development at CONARC, Fort Monroe. Brigadier General "Bub" Clark has left his air wing and is newly Chief of Staff, Hq USAF. Chet Clifton is back in US at CINFO, DA with a "star" due him any time. I have a few loyal helpers to whom I am deeply indebted every *Assembly*. Again Cec Combs is my "Man of the Quarter". Among other sterling accomplishments, he sent in a great mass of 8 x 10 Air Force classmate photos, that you laggards haven't previously produced. Bill Connor sent out a new class circular (and I hope the last) which Jim Goodwin promptly distributed to over 50 of the Washington group—and which I hope I get the balance mailed before you read this. I should like to state that an alarming number of replies to the question of whether or not you subscribe to *Assembly*, are being answered "Not"! As was recently explained to me by General Crittenger, President of the Association of Graduates, we are considerably below the average of classes in this respect. My very great concern, as many of you have heard before, is to get greater communication among us—selfishly, I have no other axe to grind. "So for those

of you who do not read this because you don't subscribe to *Assembly*—please send in your order immediately”!

If in size we are smaller than other class groups, at least we have Maxine and Cliff Cordes, who regularly entertain those of us here once a year. The occasion this time, was Lew Delesdernier's departure for Saigon. Naturally, it is appropriate whenever possible to memorialize with pictures (see cut). Fairly new as an assignment is Bill Davis at Rochester Ordnance District, New York. Jane Delesdernier is staying in their home here in Atlanta while Louis is overseas. Randy Dickens changed jobs in Washington and arrived at DA Personnel. Jerry Duin is at NSA in Washington, and this is fairly recent. Fred Gaston left Norfolk for OPS, DA. Goldie recently dropped into the Piccadilly with his family. He is stationed at Stewart AFB outside West Point. Outside of distributing Connor's circulars for me, Jim Goodwin announces that his newest boy walked at 10 months. And again while on circulars, I heard last night that Dave Edwards is vehement in his belief that the class of 1936 recognize graduating sons of USMA "period". I haven't seen the answer to his circular, nor have I begun to tabulate those replies already received. On the other side however, Bud Hosmer is a plebe at the Air Academy, and Clark certainly thinks his son should be recognized. (What a sucker I am. I'm just keeping the pot boiling. But I don't mind reporting what y'all say; what I want to do is have the Association of Graduates print it and *mail it*.) Heintges was in print recently on General Ruffner's staff in Germany. Wright Hiatt sent in the first Christmas card; said he was coming home soon. Red Holton last wrote from "outpost duty" on Quemoy. He is stationed at Taiwan. Says he and family had a hectic trip out from Frisco. Their quarters were not ready when he wrote in September—so presume they've moved in by now. He also stated that he was near but had not seen B. O. Davis. Jack Kelly is due a new baby now; I hope he is also due a "star" soon; after all, they're on sale for the class of '36 right now. Bill Kimball and Odette's horses came through Atlanta in September on their way from Parks, California to Hq CONAC, Mitchel, Long Island. By-the-way class, I am in the Life, l-i-f-e insurance business; and I can't do any of you any good on horses, camera equipment, cats and dogs, your neighbor's disposition, etc. (And you can't do me any good!) Kinards leaving Norfolk for Japan early in the year. Ralph King is operating out of Burbank, California. He retired several months back and is with Lockheed's Missile Section. Another retiring is Dave McCoach, but have heard no details. Sandy McCorkle moved up to command his Guided Missiles in AF. Do I see another star?—I hope! Major General Johnny Michaelis hit Capitol Hill, and I believe he'd like to voice the statement—probably as an epithet—he'd prefer the Hills of "Korea" or of "Northern Italy." Have heard of and from Jean and Ace Miller several times in Rome. They are apparently gracious diplomats who have been visited by Combs, Michaelis, Sibert, my niece, and a daughter Margaret August 31, to mention probably only a few. Ed Wallnau had a very pleasant visit in Louisville with Dave Milne. He is a VP with Kentucky Stone Co. and doing very nicely since retirement last summer. Heard from Meredith Robbins that she, George and their 10 year old Sandy are at Camp Stanley (Red River Arsenal), 28 miles outside San Antonio. Have been hearing almost as frequently from our godson George Sibert as I used to from his illustrious father—who still hasn't commented since my baby-sitter crack. George and Ronald Gooding have been serving the class secretary well by pro-

viding escorts for my niece, Sally. George I have also commissioned to keep an eye out on the new '36 plebes, Barlow, Ben Evans, Lampert, Cato, Finley, and Sievers. Glenn Sikes is a G-4 in Seoul, but has been living predominantly in Pusan where he is supervising construction of a hospital. Dorothy is still in Florida. Charlie Stewart is at McNair. He was last in Mexico. Ben Whipple reports he was sick and that stopped his attendance at our fine reunion last summer. Currently he works for a "different" oil company. Now it's Esso Export. He says he thinks I'm lucky in the insurance business. Gosh! the oil business MUST be dreadful! Mainly Ben says he commutes 4 hours daily into New York City from their home in Massachusetts. Yeah, I DO prefer this job. Whipples and McElhenys were together several times during the autumn. "Inch" Williams sneaked out of Benning last summer and I didn't know it. He's in Turkey. Got a nice letter from Ed Leach, President of the Jack Tar Hotels in Galveston. He, you may remember, was with us until Christmas plebe year.

Lastly—and really quite important—I wish to congratulate all our new makes: Major Generals Carmichael, Estes, Michaelis, Nazzaro, and Westmoreland. Brigadier Generals Clark and Shores.

Hope you all have a most prosperous, successful and happy New Year.

—Phil Gage.

1937

"Since it is the new year let's start off with congratulations to J. D. Stevenson on his promotion to Major General, USAF. Likewise congratulations to Obie Oberbeck for his promotion to Brigadier General, USA and Paul Scheidecker for promotion to Brigadier General USAF. While we are on promotions, Carl Lindquist has recently been named Chief of Planning Branch of the Test Division of the Atomic Energy Commission's Albuquerque Operations. Carl resigned his commission in 1950 to join the AEC's Sandia Field Office Staff.

"Thanks to Stu O'Malley we have a little information from Hawaii. Stu and Kate are enjoying his new (relatively) job as C.O. of the 35th Infantry Regiment at Schofield Barracks. Stu reports that Red Dougan is at Hickam Field and that Day Surles is arriving in January to become C/S of USARPAC. Jim Scott recently passed through Hickam Field enroute to Korea. Knobby Suriya was also passing through but direction of travel and mission unknown. I wonder if Knobby still remembers Tom Jenkins falling on top of him and then saying, 'Now get up, son'?

"Battle Barksdale has been assigned to the recently established Combat Developments and Experimentation Center at Fort Ord, California. George Simmons has been assigned to the Korean Military Advisory Group as has Jimmy Reeves.

"In the Washington area, the biggest social event for '37 was the class party held at the Officers' Mess at Fort Myer on November 17. Present were Fred and Isabel Clarke, George and Jo Walker, John and Pat Frazier, Frank and Mary Taylor with Ellen Surles, Coy and Helen Curtis, Dick and Betty Fellows, George and Ray McDowell, Jack and Dorothy Donohew, Luke and Florence Hoska, Willy and Irmgard Williams, Fred and Sunny Campbell, Ed and Lorraine Spaulding with Ann Chase, Bob and Jerry Stumph, Ray and Eloise Clingerman, Ed and Doty Ingmire, Eph and Dottie Graham and Emmette and Pudge Burton. Eph and Emmette were in charge of all party arrangements and did a swell job."

—E. J. I.

1938

Dear Classmates:

A belated Merry Chrishmish and Ha (hic) py New Year to you too. Enterprising entrepreneurs in the Washington area (particularly in the vicinity of domiciles of members of the Class of '38) did a lucrative business in head-shrinking compounds following a very stimulating (liquid that is) holiday season. Many old flames were rekindled, I am told, but no adverse effects more serious than heart burn were reported.

G. G. O'Connor, reports that George Bixby and Chub Chubbuck are in the Staff Engr. Div. at Com Z; Mert Singer has taken over the Petroleum Distribution Command and Dick Stilwell is assigned to SHAPE. G. G. pointed out that his headquarters is in Poitiers, France, on the main route (N-10) from La Pallice to Paris. La Pallice (a suburb of La Rochelle) is the port of entry for private automobiles of personnel stationed in France. The port of La Pallice is operated by BASEC. G. G. is C/S, BASEC, USAREUR, COMZ, APO 44, New York, New York. Dick Stilwell's car was unloaded on Bastille Day and this in France is impossible. Any questions? Take Boards! In all seriousness, G. G. tendered an invitation to all who come through Poitiers to stop and visit with him.

Willie, Marge, Ann and Clarence, Jr., Langford received orders the other day assigning Willie to OARMA, Rio de Janeiro, to arrive OS destn NLT May 15, 1957. Bon Voyage, happy landings, good luck and all that sort of thing. See you all at the 20th reunion? You can come back on R&R you know.

Received a very welcome letter from an "H-Co" file, one Robert L. Harrington, Ex '38. If my memory serves me right Bob was found Plebe year. At the present time Bob is a partner in the law office of Harrington and Harrington, 202 Odd Fellows Building, Van Wert, Ohio. He is an associate life member of the Association of Graduates and reports that he is organizing a chapter of the West Point Society for Northwestern Ohio. Nice going Bob, keep up the good work. Incidentally Bob would like to hear from some of you "H-Co" files as well as former members of fighting "Section Sixteen"

On the school front we have a report from Carlisle Barracks. Ed McKee, Al Burke and Desloge Brown are matriculating at the Army War College as members of the Class of 1956-57. Mac was previously stationed in Izmir, Turkey, Al came from the Army Electronics Proving Ground, Fort Huachuca, Arizona, and Brown had been chief of engineers division's supply and maintenance branch in Heidelberg, Germany. Bill Vail is still at the Air University at Maxwell and reports that the honeymoon is over. He is working like a dog. As of this writing he has reduced his golf handicap to 6. He believes he can do better by the end of the course.

Harvey Barnard breezed through Washington the latter part of September and I mean breezed. He called from the airport to let us know he was here and would be on his way to other parts in the next few minutes. Harv was retired after the war for physical disability but is doing very nicely now. He is assistant to the president of the Frontier Airline and lives at 4045 East 18th Avenue, Denver, Colorado. Incidentally this is only a short distance from the Denver airport and Harv and Peg always keep the latch-string out. 'Nough said.

Since the last issue of the *Assembly*, two '38ers were promoted to BG and two were bumped up to MG. Paul Preuss, (USAF), Deputy Commander, Field Command, AFSWP and Don Saunders, Commander, 57th Air Division, SAC were promoted to BGs in the USAF. Butch Blanchard and

Jack Ryan were promoted to MGs on the same order. With Bert Harrison and Freddy Dean in grade of BG, this brings the total to 6 general officers for '38. Congratulations *Sirs*, keep 'em flying.

Ted Sawyer who is Chief, Inspections Br, DA, IG, reports that on one of his recent nit-picking expeditions he ran across Pat Patrick, Comptroller USAREUR, Dave Sherard, G-1 USAREUR and "Chivo" Williams, Army Aviation Officer USAREUR. Evidently Ted was not inspecting USAREUR or he'd never been able to return to make his report.

It is with the deepest regret that we report the death of Phil Hawes. Phil was killed October 1, 1956 about 25 miles SE of Birmingham when a yet undetermined failure in his T-bird caused him to evacuate the aircraft at presumably too low an altitude to allow the proper functioning of his safety equipment. Phil was buried at West Point October 12. As many of the class in the Washington area as could make it attended the services and appropriate flowers were sent as a token of sympathy and respect from the Class of '38. The Hawes family sent a very nice letter of appreciation to the class officers and requested that their sincere thanks be passed on to Phil's classmates. Phil, "Well done!" —*E-busch*.

1939

A few thoughtful souls have sent in some excellent letters. Our one year old, Mike, has scrambled them like this:

Sammy Kail reports from Leavenworth that the Class of '39 decided to have a party on the evening of November 17 and did so as you can see from the photo. Those attending were the Dick Bowies, Dick Wolfes, Walter Vanns, Sid Martins, Rich Crandalls, Shields, Warrens, Charlie Fredericks, Joe Dietzes, Bud Lasches, Sam Kails, and Bob Matter.

The turnout represented a 100% affair for those stationed at Leavenworth except for Jim and Fran Shepard; Jim being away from the Post. We also invited Riggs Sullivan from Forbes Air Force Base, Topeka, Butter Wilson from Smoky Hills Air Force Base, Salina, and Dan Minihan from Ann Arbor, Michigan, but none of them could come.

The class had a net gain of two at Leavenworth this past summer—Cantrell and Wohlfiel left but we picked up Vann, Wolfe, Bowie and Warren as pedagogues, and Joe Dietz and Bob Matter as schoolboys.

From Fort Sill "Bur" Showalter reports that "Bur" is Director of the Dept. of Gunnery at the Artillery and Guided Missile School at Fort Sill. Roger Lilly has just returned from duty as "Mayor of Eniwetok" and is now in the Combat Development Department at Sill. "Bur" reports that: Jim Sykes Billups stopped at Sill in July on his way to Korea, and Tom Smith stopped on his way from Okinawa to AWC.

West Point itself is a beehive of '39 activity. Harvey Fraser says that Bull Davis is resident secretary now. Frazer himself has just returned from 15 months at the University of Illinois, where he undoubtedly was working at the old game of trying to keep ahead of the cadets academically. As usual, the Fall social season at West Point has been vigorous. The Bull Davises entertained 39ers after the VMI game including the John Walds freshly returned from Vietnam, and Mickey Laitman from New York.

For the Penn State game, the Point had the company of the Matt Leglers and "Dick" McConvilles, both civilians from Buffalo.

At the Colgate game the Mounts entertained with cocktails and what have you. The Cantrells and the Muirs were visiting

from Carlisle Barracks, "Pink Puss" Patterson, "Livy" Taylor, Ray Allen, George Winton, and Walt Higgins all came in by air. They got weathered in and stayed over night. After consuming the Mounts bottled goods they didn't care much where they ate and slept so the classmates shelved them here and there. These temporary bachelors decided to approach the Mount residence across country rather than by roads and sidewalks. In the charge through the brush one classmate was wounded. However, Millie Mount applied the cauterizers and a disabling casualty was avoided. John McDavid flew in for the game but had to leave without attending '39 festivities, and hence escaped unscathed. Bel Evans was on hand from Washington with a bunch of boy scouts in tow. For the William and Mary game the Art Allens from Washington were in attendance.

"B" Kerwin sets a good example for lady correspondents by sending along the word on the 39ers get-together party at Carlisle Barracks. The class gathered first at Bill and Nan McConnell's house and warmed up for a formal dinner and dance at the Club. Present were Walt and Marilyn Wells, Jim and Lucille Muir, Walt and Ann Higgins, Art and Mary Allen, Ray and Ginny Allen, Bill and June Bradley, Lew and Elizabeth Cantrell, Chris and Pam Coyne, John and Chris Davis, Dave and Betsie Goodwin, Bob and Glad Hill, Seth and Duval Hudgins, Dutch and "B" Kerwin, Wil and Buzzy Kouns, Pat and Hallie Patterson, Bill and Celeste Reilly, Al and Bertille Rillins, Ed and Teddie Schroeder, John and Louise Scroggs, Shep and Jean Shepard, Tom and Fran Smith, Livie and Jim Taylor, Gene and Georgie Traham, Walt and Marge Wickboldt, Bob and Peg Williams, and George and Lucille Winton.

"B" adds this worthwhile statistic: the families at Carlisle from '39 have 60-odd sons and daughters among them.

The 39ers in the Washington area had a most pleasant stag dinner at Fort McNair Officers' Club to organize for the coming year. By an original and most unusual perversion of the democratic process, a committee was chosen to plan and direct the year's work. Charlie Duke is Chairman, assisted by Bill Smith, George Howard, and Sailor Byrne. These worthies will consider ways of mixing a group of our age, pressing responsibilities and propensity for inaction.

Here is a list of the culprits who ate

everything in sight, and took part in the so-called electioneering: Bristol, Florance, Howard, Matheson, Mial, Merrell, Mildren, Newcomer, Pennell, Ploger, W. T. Smith, Thomason, Watt, Brownfield, Dillard, Duke, Boye, T. M. Crawford, R. J. Rogers, Byrne, Dobson, Habecker, Keller, Ed Smith, Simpson, McClellan, Lane, Tuttle, Holt, Clev-erly, Winegar, Goodpaster, Latoszewski, W. L. McDowell, Van Harlingen, J. L. Collins, Rippert, Kunzig, G. E. Picket, D. F. Hull, and McConnell.

Around the world: Buzz and Dottie Chapman are happily settled in Japan; J. W. Walker is in KMAG; Frank Forrest is Chief of the Sixth Army Aviation Section. The lead story in the October issue of ARMY was written by "Pat" Mulcahy. Pat is Chief of Human Research, Unit No. 2 (CONARC), Fort Ord, California. Title of the article "Where Do We Go From Here". Seen at the Army-Navy game: Fraser, in Professor's Row; Bull Davis, Frankie Joe Kobes and John McDavid in the ex-footballer section. Bob Ploger, up to see his plebe son; Ray Allen, Bill Bradley, Charlie Duke, Tom Smith, Dick Curtin, Lew Cantrell; Chan and Dorothy Lewis from Pittsburgh (U.S. Steel); Jimmy Muir, junior; and Legler.

Send in some news for next time!

—*Sailor Byrne*.

1940

After holding several class meetings with Freudendorf here in Puerto Rico I resolved to strike for bigger game and set out on a safari to the United States where I encountered big and wondrous things. In order to start off moderately and not be confused by a great many people my first stop was West Point for the Army-Colgate-Grace Kelly game. Mike Bavaro loaned me an attic in which to set up my base camp. Sallying out I saw Raymond the Rock LaRose now teaching in the New Jersey public school system, Don Baumer the poor man's Marty Mahr who operates from Highland Falls, Tom Monroe, Stub Oseth, George Larkin and from afar Chuck Oglesby. George Mueller came in from Washington and Pinky Minor was also present. Worthy of honorable mention was Donovan Yeuell who was released from his sanctuary in the War College at Carlisle Barracks to see the game.

With the fine training I received at

1939 CLASS PARTY AT FORT LEAVENWORTH



USMA in meeting classmates I headed south for Washington and there is the greatest game preserve of the class of 1940 now in existence. It is hard to realize that the Department of the Army depends so much on our class for there in all the separate little Pentagon caves the majority of our class seem to spin and weave. At the expense of hurting some because of failure to mention them I am going to try to give a thumb nail sketch (the only kind of which I am capable) of what we have there. It is awesome.

First at the National War College there is Dick Abbey teaching, and Budge Bingham, Bryce Denno, Lee Cagwin and Bill Clark learning. Looming up on the horizon over in the Pentagon is Featherbelly Woodward and a host of others. Featherbelly I remember best because he acted as my chauffeur to get me to the class party at Bolling Field. From "A" Company there was Colligan, Davis, T. W., Joe Hardin, George Mueller and Carey O'Bryan. From "B" there was Denno, Chuck Esau and Lanny Witt. "C" Company was represented by Bingham, Jerry Brown and Larry Legere. Rust, Wohner, Loofbourrow, and Jack Wright checked in from "D" Company. "E" Company was represented by Abbey, England, Mayor, and Lou Mendez who reported the birth of his tenth recently. However Lou sadly states that it was not a five and five deal but rather six and four. Andy Delia and Dean Epley were there from "F" Company. Wally Clement Mastran, and Phillips from "G" Company and Sam Goodwin there from "H". Bill Kintner was away but Xandree made a charming dinner partner for me. Shagrin held up the reputation of Company "I" "K" Company batted one hundred percent with Banks, Clark, Free, and Woodward. From "L" and "M" Companies I saw Coats, Davis, Page Smith, Addington and Brewer. Should you be in Washington and want some orientation call Jerry Addington at JA 5-5312 or Pentagon extension 52954. He is the scribe in that area and knows who is where.

Since most of our class clutter up the Pentagon it was natural to expect that a move to the West would not uncover many. However in the Omaha Athletic Club I flexed my muscles with Skip Fowler and Bev Campbell. We talked about the engineers, the air force, and other trivia. Rasmussen was at nearby SAC headquarters but was unable to be present for the roundtable discussion. Last stop before heading back to the island was at the palatial residence of Spider and Dorothy Heidtke in Donelson, Tennessee. No one of the class should be anywhere near Nashville without going over to Casa Heidtke and have the old master regale you with tales of civilian life. Dorothy is a wonderful hostess and the price is right. Everything free and that includes boat trips and fishing on the TVA lakes if you are lucky enough to get there in the summertime. The address, 2600 Bluefield Drive, Donelson, Tennessee. The day after I got back to the island I had another class meeting with Freudendorf. It was good to be home.

News from other sources: Walt Swank has been assigned as Comptroller of the Gulf Transportation Command in New Orleans. Larkin has the Infantry Section of the Ground Arms Detachment at USMA. Salvo Rizza is with the 101st Airbn Div at Fort Campbell. Johnny Townsend being brainwashed at Fort Jackson, South Carolina after returning from Attache job in Ethiopia. French stationed in Alaska. Warren in the office of the Secretary of the Air Force. Tony Wermuth and Manzolillo in Korea. Beaudry at Frankfort Arsenal in Philadelphia. Ray Clock at Fort Campbell. Marston in the Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Devlin at Army Language school prior to assignment as attache in Czechoslovakia. Yeager goes to Princeton. For you

late arrivals . . . Page Smith, the Daddy of a boy after a string of five girls. End of problem.

Ray Renola reports from Germany that he is still a bachelor. Also reports that Crocker is with V Corps, Farthing in Civil Affairs/Military Govt Section in V Corps, Woody Vaughn eating high off the hog as CO, QM Market Section and Don Bennett newly appointed C/S 3rd Armd Div. Harry Stella is Exec of 10th Inf Div Arty, George Bayerle and Woody Smith in Stuttgart with HQ 7th Army as is Lucas. Bill Saunders and George England are with USAREUR and Mel Rosen is commanding a F.A. Bn. Newly married Del Munson and Rosita arrived in Germany where Del commands a regiment with the 11th Abn.

Tom Hargis now retired and living in Tucson has opened up a law practice known as Jarvise and Hargis. His address is 206-208 N. Church, Tucson, Arizona. Jacobs sends a Xmas card from Tokyo that he may be assigned soon to Hawaii. Bonham now back to duty after a long and serious illness. Assigned to the Staff and Faculty of Armed Forces Staff College and his new address is 6419 Avon Road, Norfolk 13, Virginia. Pat Merchant is on the faculty there and George Aubrey is a student with next assignment to G-1 DA. Charlie Hazeltine and Sam Peterson at Fort Monroe. Mike Kuziv commands a Msl Bn at Fort Monroe and reports that Loewuss, Bill Bennett, Moore, P. J., Podufaly and O'Donnell are also there. Dixie Lederman goes to school at Fort Bliss and will come back to Norfolk to command 38th Msl. Bn. Mike's boy now an eagle scout. Made it on his 14th birthday. Klunk is the Comptroller of the 2nd Army at Fort Meade. Barry is the 2nd Army Judge Advocate General after getting his Doctor's degree in Law. Norris commands an AAA Bn. also at Meade. Bert Lane is back in the states and is on duty with Civilian Components. Assigned as Army Advisor to 36th Inf (Texas) Div. Arty. Reports Art Frontzack stationed at Lackland Field AFB. Hank Arnold, Jim Milner, Paul Cullen, Don Stewart, and Bert Johnson are all stationed at Fort Sill. Bert also reports that Hank Arnold's Tom Collins is the only answer to hot summer days at Fort Sill.

Bill Kintner reports on one of his trips to London that he attended a 1940 reunion party with Al Richards. Finally arrived at the Rick Ferrill residence to join the Colaciccos, the Reubels, the Smith, S. T.s, and the Jones. Reubel carried the evening by displaying remarkable ability in charades. Bill further reports that he saw Dice in England and then at SHAPE saw Ted Biswanger and Jim Tyler. Bob Fate and John Coontz on Board 4 at Fort Bliss and Ross and Jake Taylor still there. O'Keefe just received orders to Washington, de la Tour to handle the AA defenses of Chicago. Al Gee made trip with Orman to Bliss and seems to like civilian life. Burt Haessly, Hank Cunningham, John Spengler, Jim Walters and Swampy Marsh are also at Bliss. Jack Harnett writes from San Francisco that he is Executive Officer of South Pacific Engineer Division. Don Bierman is the CO of Alameda Administration and Oakland Quartermaster Market. Leo Dunham is the Exec in the Los Angeles Engineer District and John Graf is District Engineer in San Francisco. O'Brien, R. A. has left Pennsylvania Military College and is with the Korean Advisory Group. The present class at the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks includes: Reinecke, Strauss, Floyd, Bowly, Brown, H. C., Green, Rogers, Shanahan, Parker, D. S., Lemley and Belt.

This is it for 1956. You can help the cause tremendously by dropping me a card or a letter to 2167 Caoique Street, Santurce, Puerto Rico. Send no money. Just poop.

—Hank Brewerton

1941

Well, we scared the Hell out of them. Our line looked like the Detroit Lions. Most everyone who saw the game would have to agree that the better team was Army.

Have received many kind words about *Black, Bald, and Grey*, but I want you to know the company has agreed to do it over again. They made three serious mistakes besides the generally inferior photographic reproduction and layout in the Family Section. They "lost" one of Bill Vaughan's cartoons (the one for the tenth reunion) and instead of telling me had one of their own artists dream up a rather poor substitute. They just "forgot" to put the printing under the In Memoriam pictures. And they obviously goofed on the baby picture of Chip Thomas. Apparently they had a new crew working on it and were consequently quick to agree the product was not up to their usual standards. The revised copy will be out some time after the first of the year, so if you have a new address, please let me know ASAP.

The South American contingent seems to be getting along in fine shape. In Panama's Fort Amador the Knowles and Garretts are neighbors and apparently really living. Woody is the Post Commander and doing a great job. He recently managed a fat cat trip to the states and was reported in Denver and Washington. Pat and Dave Cooper find life very much to their liking in Bogota. Wendy Knowles sent me the address for your old Francis Cornelius Fitzpatrick. He is with JBUSMC in Rio, APO 676 New York and scheduled to endure there until July '58. Wendy also had a visit recently from Dan Salinas who is with the mission at El Salvador. From La Paz Jess Unger announces, "My wife and I celebrated 15 years in a little different way from any other '41ers. Exactly on time, on June 11, '56 our first son, Jess Bradley, made his appearance, fifteen years to the day from graduation. He is thirteen years younger than his only sister, so he gets plenty of attention. We won't have any trouble remembering his birthday, anyway. Ash Ascani may be good at mass production business, but he doesn't have the old precision the Engineers specialize in."

John Easton, the Adjutant General, Hq. SAC writes of a trip East where he saw John Henschke at Westover and Dick Aldridge, Dick Scott, Bill Seawell, A. Wray White, John and Janey Brooks and Dave and Marilyn Kunkle in and around Washington. Rip Collins says he has been alerted for a move to Japan in May with a stop over at Sandia and Benning enroute. He is glad he will have one more season of deer and bear in Pennsylvania before he goes. Bill Cummins, Director of Intelligence, NEAC says, "When not engaged in gazing soulfully into the crystal ball, I spend my time fishing—which is mighty fine here—or supporting the Officers' Club bar—which is even finer."

Perk Perkin, 1807 AACS Wing, APO 132 New York at Bitborg finds himself Director of Flight Facilities which responsibility leads him all over Europe and North Africa. He saw Jack Harris, Base Commander at Sculthorpe, England recently, and a few days later picked up a couple of bottles of rare sherry from Rod O'Connor who is combining his fluent Spanish and Irish charm to get a great deal done in the land where time is a commodity without much value. Father Ascani, Commander of the 50th Ftr Bmr Wg at Hahn brought his USAFE Champion Gunnery team to Las Vegas for the worldwide meet in October. He was unable to get to March but we had a chance to talk on the phone after the meet. He saw Spike Briggs briefly before he left. Spike is A-2 of the 317th TC Wg, APO 13 New York.

Fred said he and Kay find it real cozy with eight kids in a double trailer.

Lynn Lee has a new address: 1544 Mount Eagle Place, Alexandria, Virginia. He says when they sailed from Oki there was more paper work on the cat than on the kids, hold baggage and household effects combined. Tom Ward checked in from his busy law practice in Antioch, California. Ditto Bob Edger from the Rossford Ord Depot, Toledo and Tommy Thompson from Andrews AFB. Dunk Brown, 1709 Jackson St., Omaha (Dist Engr) observes after receiving the book that, "Most of our classmates, with the exception of you and me of course, seem to have aged. Most of them also seem to have married pro and begat prodigiously!"

Fox Rhyndard, Commander 58th Ftr Bmr Wg, APO 970 San Francisco finds things not too bad in Korea. He says Joe Silk recently moved to the D/M shop at Fifth Air Force. At a recent commanders' meeting he saw Atkinson who was up from Clark. "Two weeks ago down in Formosa, got involved in the Chinese double ten celebration at Taipei (45th Anniversary Chinese Independence Day, 10th Day of the 10th Month). Jack McClure is Asst Air Attache in Taipei so we had quite a reunion. He is really having a ball on that job and speaks Chinese like a native so he really manages to get around. This is a great advantage, he also assured me, when he wants to say something his charming bride can't understand."

Bob Elsberry checked in from Fort Monroe to ask a question about the picture of Paul Ramee. That was not a mistake but the result of an evil plot between his lovely wife, Marcie, and me at a very good party at the reunion. Bob Horn, Box 1117 Craig AFB, Alabama wrote and picked up one of the extra books I had ordered for such cases—there are still a few left. Ed Dillard writes from his law office in Denver that Charlie Busbee passed through in August. In July he saw Charlie Murrain in Kansas City, and J. D. Thompson spent a couple of days with him in Denver recently. He got a call from Woody Garrett who was out at Lowry visiting Ted Brown en route back to Panama. Cuz also reports that he sees Bob Cooper at Fort Morgan now and then and that he is doing well as a C.A.P.

Ben McCaffery just got orders for Saigon, leaving January 3. He got a letter from Charlie Fletcher who will be coming home from there soon. John Oswald is advisor to the Viet Nam Military Academy, Paul Monson and Baron Von Schrlitz came home from there recently. Jim McKinley is in Cambodia.

New Addresses: Tom Curley to Fort Monroe; John Meador to Ent AFB, Colorado; Bob Clark, 4906 33rd Rd, North Arlington, F., Virginia. Dave Kunkle is back from India and has joined the Pentagon Punjab. Sandy Matheson to Myrtle Beach AFB, South Carolina. (From the Palm Beach Post) "John S. Telfair resigned Florida's top job in water control engineering effective October 1 to join the staff of the Miami consulting firm of Maurice H. Connell and Associates."

That's all for now; best of luck to all of you and a very Merry Christmas!

—Burt Andrus.

1942

Of course we should have won the Army-Navy game. If more of you slackers had been there to cheer on the Big Team, I'm sure we'd have been victorious. Anyway it was a good game. Classmates that I saw there included Tom Iulucci, Pete Russell, Cy Manierre, Ec Cutler, Fran Roberts, Bob Evans, and Miles Wachendorf; Tom Rienzi was below chaperoning the cadets, I under-

stand, but was not visible from the '42 seats on the goal line.

Our Washington contingent looks like this now: Bart Bartholomees, Berman, Blair, Brice, Buchanan, Cockrell, Cooperhouse, Corcoran, Crittenberger, Davies, Deane, Duffe, Evans, Fishburne, Frank, Grimshaw, Halpin, Hamilton, Hanst, Hozier, Hunter, Hyde, Jaynes, Jones, Kraft, Leavey, McAdam, Matina, Morey, Obenchain, Offley, O'Neal, Orme, Rubenstein, Roecker, Ryan, Schmidt, Short, Smith, Standish, Stapleton, Terry, Trainer, Uhler, Vivian, Van C. Warren, Bill Warren, Weeks, Weigel, and Woodward — 51 in all. My wife tells me that Eric Orme and Roy Smith are proud new fathers of baby girls.

The West Point and Stewart AFB group for the current academic year are: Baker, Cage, Cutler, Flanagan, Lewis, Murray, Rew, Rienzi, Roberts, Thompson, Ernie White, and Zimmerman. Understand each man has a primary task in organizing the '42 15th Year Reunion.

In view of the recent news letter, dispatched just one month ago, there is little to add in this column. However, anyone knowing the current addresses of Mark Burke, Al Scullen, and Ed Pezda please drop me a card. Their news letters were returned by the PO Department.

Plan for the 15th Reunion.

—Dale E. Buchanan.

January 1943

By the time you read this, Christmas will have come and gone, with its annual parties where our own well-behaved and disciplined youngsters can meet, kick and hit the undisciplined children of other members of the Year of the Blizzard. As Joe Benson put it, "It's not that I don't like children, but there are just too many of them and the room is just a little too small." At this writing, plans are also being laid for the annual hegira to Leone's where Tom and Louisa Mesereau lay on the best January party seen in the Big City. Several members of the class have been seen in physiotherapy oiling up their elbows for this vigorous conditioning exercise. Speaking of conditioning exercise, a new rule up here has all the tactical types taking PT tests each November or December to show the cadets how to do it (?). Old timers like Tut and Dan Moore have no trouble. Jack Armstrong reports finding muscles he had forgotten existed. Roy Bowlin leaves shortly on thirty days leave; I am not sure if there is a connection.

Rex Minckler helps master-mind the cub scouts, exhorting the troops at monthly den meetings in the Theater. Your correspondent has gotten caught on a merry-go-round of patriotic speeches before PTA's and VFW groups, culminating in two trips before the Corps at rallies. For those who may not have realized it when we were here, the young gentlemen are a rough group when released from the normal restrictions of discipline at such occasions. Visitors to the Student Conference were treated to a lecture by Tom Griess on R. E. Lee. (Local papers please copy).

Some returns from last column. I had hoped that my misplacing of CONARC would rouse some members there into such a fury that they would blast us by letter. That, plus a needle, did rouse Grey Wheelock from his lethargy. While not saying just what he and Caroline are doing there, he gives a complete run-down on other members at Monroe. I quote from his epistle: "Stu Meyer and I have adjacent desks. Stu, basically a Red-leg, is busy straightening out the tank development program. Right now I have to ask permission to speak to him since he has been named personal representative

of four star gentlemen at some industrial confab. In his spare time, Stu tries to beat me at handball. Howard Wehrle, moustache gone apparently for good, also in material development. He is mixed up in communications and electronics and speaks a language all his own."

Further quote. "Ed Bennett and his slipstick are in Engineer Section where he copes with organization and doctrine in an effort to enlarge the Engineer Empire. He has won the reputation of being a fine golfer, practicing gamesmanship by sleeping late before matches to upset his opponents. He offsets this gambit by managing four really stinking holes in an otherwise good game. T. Q. Donaldson is in combat developments as custodian of the crystal ball or ouija board which foretells our future. He is frequently AWOL playing polo."

Still more. "Paul Croonquist is also in combat developments war-gaming. Further information is under wraps. He plays better golf than the others, even though he spends Sundays pushing a pram. Bill Waters broke up the Saturday morning golf foursome by being named ADC to the CG. This does save me money. Bill, however, still speaks to the rest of us."

End of the Monroe poop. This golf and polo routine gets me. Somebody must be taking the athletics directive seriously. Among miscellaneous bits of info, Hal Barber and little Hal set out for Paris in June. Hal is to be liaison officer from Leavenworth to the French staff school. DeWitt and Kate Armstrong report the birth of Kate Ellen; they are setting up house at Princeton where Dee is M.A.'ing. Various PIO blurbs report on famous classmates. Kirby Gean maneuvered in Germany with the 593rd Field Artillery Battalion. Hank Greenberg is reported as SGS of I Corps in Korea while Mary stays in Texas. Don and Dawn Thompson are reported on a very commercial handout as living at 4757 Sherwood Drive, Pittsburgh, where Don has joined the Bettis Plant of Westinghouse working as an advisory engineer on a nuclear core project (it says here).

Arch Hamblen reports that Ben Edwards did *not* take out Japanese citizenship, but is back in Washington doing something with airplanes. Jim Richardson checks in from National Guard duty at Centerville, Tennessee. He arrived a year ago after Korea, and has been setting up a Guard Engineer Battalion. Rich has seen no one since George Rebh in Korea (now at Leavenworth) and asks any classmate traveling between Memphis and Nashville on Route 100 to stop in.

Bob and Marie Muldrow replied to my plea for poop and sent in the latest on Norfolk. His endorsement of the school as almost estatic: "gentleman's course"; a solution, not the solution; big picture; no hazing with details; etc. He strongly recommends it. They leave for Wiesbaden his month. George Maertens goes to Leavenworth to teach after the course. Al Hughes, the man who taught the Germans how to run Garmisch without skiing, is on his way to cloak and dagger in the Pentagon. Art Sebesta, also finishing the course, will go to Monmouth. Ben Baber turned up here, also now at Monmouth, for a football game.

A long letter from Don Wilbourn who is senior artillery advisor at the Vietnamese Artillery School (South Vietnam, that is). This institution is apparently located at Thudaumot, 20 miles north of Saigon. The only recreation appears to be tennis. He reports that Joe Nett and Burt Hood are both stationed in Saigon itself, and that Swifty Nygard is also somewhere in the area. What a place for a Finn! Dan Bogan voluntarily sends in a report that he actually received the assignment he listed as No. 1 on a preference card; the Pentagon machine must be out of adjustment. Returning from

Taiwan (I guess that's Formosa to the peasants), he will be with the 5th Infantry Regiment at Lewis. Dan is another guy who has seen few classmates since we slid down the hill fourteen years ago; he fell out of airplanes 'til '50, then Benning, ROTC at Mountain State College, and Taiwan. Thanks for the blurb, Dan, even if it hurt when you mentioned that our Tacs were younger in those days than we are now.

Our final blurb is from good old Pat Wardell at Fort Bliss. It came in just after the last issue went to press and may be dated. Ed Willcox is with CONARC Board No. 4 (Don't ask me what these different numbers stand for). Dutch Shultz, the old chain hoist man, is OSWD'in, at Bliss, having just blown up some Pacific Island. Leo Blanchette is Head of the Missile Science Division of the AAA&GM School. And now I know why the Sunday polka programs in New York have dropped in quality! Frank Kajencik, the Polish Accordion Maestro, is way down there as Exec of the 1st GM Battalion. Pat himself is Deputy CO of the new McGregor Guided Missile Range. Johnny Healy is apparently a student, copying the poop all these others hand out at the School.

Pat further reports a farewell party at Vic Franklin's house for Jim and Marge Aleveras who were leaving for Leavenworth. (I must explain that the reason I have no recent CGSC poop is that Willy Hensel fails to reply to my exhortations on this subject). Vic and Jane also left for SHAPE, (which can sometimes mean anything from Oslo to Izmir). Bob Davis, S-3 of a Nike Battalion in the Chicago area was there. Al Toth and Phil Bischoff are both at Sandia. Paul Ellis, who resigned last year, is with an engineering firm in Albuquerque. Pat saw Fred Spann and Johnny Johnson in Heidelberg on TDY, but missed Ed Murray who was out golfing! (Another one! I thought they were all at Monpoe). Hank Ebrey and Snuffy Smith also reported again in the Paris area with EUCOM. John Stephens left Bliss a year ago to take his 557th Corporal Battalion to Germany — probably Ansbach. Among people managing the Get-rich-quick seven-day course at Bliss were Al Toth, Ken Buell, Bill Starnes, Ed Bennett, and Flip Fenili. Stabler occasionally visits from Colorado Springs, reporting Moe Dworak as there. And lastly, Pat reports his roommate, Johnny Baer, as C.O. of a Fighter Group in Japan.

That about does it, friends. The football season here was less wet than last year. Some of our prosperous civilian cousins turn up for the games with regularity—notably Jack Upchurch and Paul Andrepont. Kidder Meade appeared for the Columbia game in New York, but disappeared again before we got a word with him. Linton has joined their ranks at IBM (THIMK), while still living at the same place. He speaks darkly of "really working." Once again I close with a scream for poop. We are interested in you, even if you aren't interested in appearing in the column. Let us have the scoop. A few letters like Wardell's and Wheelock's would be greatly appreciated.

—Bill Knowlton.

June 1943

A sizeable crew of us from the Washington area went up to Philly on December 1 to see the Big Rabble outplay Navy. Zowie, zowie but I'm glad I brought back a pair of Long Johns from Korea. It would have been ruff in that cold stadium without them. Buck and Mary Ann Coursey went up with Si and Annabelle Silvester and found George and Billie Cantley from USMA right behind them. Dale Sweat, Mo Anderson and Bethel Edrington were close by. Hank and Becky

Fletcher, Norm and Marion Williams, Sonny Giffin, Ed Blount all put in a "Rah Rah Ray" for the DC area. Ginny and Jack (resplendent in a gay Scottish tam) Kidder found Hal and Evelyn K. Rose sitting right in front of them. (Hal retired in 1945; now lives at 1201 South Barton St., Apt 146, Arlington, Virginia. He is in the intelligence business and Evelyn K. works in the Pentagon.) The Rock was well represented at the game by Bob and Florence Plett, Jim and Helen Phillips, George and Eleanor Moe, John and Virginia Moses. Steve and Edith Gordy made the trip from Fort Monroe, Virginia.

While some of us were freezing in Philly, many others were having a hot time at post-Navy game class gatherings. One such affair was held in Jim and Bobbie Keck's basement in Arlington, Virginia. Celebrating were Ray and Barbara Blatt, Bill and Martha Brabson, Gus and Lynn Brill, Buzz and Nan Bucher, Bill and Marie Calnan, Rex and Nancy Cocroft, Dave and Nancy Conard, Ted and Emmy Connor, Bill and Marion Deekle, Bill and Janie Glasgow, Dale and Georgene Hagen, Bob and Harriet Hersberger, Ed and Sybil Hertel, Bob and Nancy Hoffman, Pat and Colby Hurley, Gabby and Breck Ivan, Johnny and Dotty Johnson, Betty Johnson (Tom was on a trip), Jim and Bobbie Keck, Bob and El Mathe, Eddie and Helen McCabe, Dick and Marion McCord, Jack and Lois McGregor, Dick and Jean Orphan, Nick and Cynthia Parker, Charlie and Suzie Pence, Fred and Mary Proctor, Art and Mary Rasper, Bernie and Ann Rogers, Hank and Betsy Romanek, Trev and Helen Sawyer, Harry and Ann Schroeder, Bill and Harriet Scott, Art and Jean Surkamp, Jack and Anne Teague, Larry and Betty Thomas. A committee headed by Marion McCord which included Barbara Blatt, Nan Bucher and Marion Martin arranged this highly successful spree. At 0230 Nancy Hoffman was still washing dishes. By threatening to withhold liquid refreshments, Jim was able to glean this poop for the column: Ted and Kathleen Watkins arrive in New York December 19th from Germany. They go to Texas for a month and then duty in DC. Noney Sparhawk (ex '43, old I Co), Virgie and their three kids hold forth in East Lakefield, New Hampshire. One of his many activities includes caring for 2,000 chickens. Wick phoned Bill Calnan twice recently from Leavenworth. It seems the Academic Dept there is conspiring to keep our gay Lothario from the bright lights which yearn for him in KC. Dick McCord ran into Tony Durante at Wright-Pat where Tony is going to school. The McCord's had a long letter from Cliff and Jay Cornell who are living with their son and daughter in Columbus, Ohio. Cliff is in the electrical business for himself — even built his own home. He is active as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Ohio National Guard. Archie and Shirley Hill are renting a hacienda off-post in El Paso while Arch is in school at Fort Bliss. Lew Francisco has increased his battlefield mobility at Bliss by buying a foreign make, ultra modern motor scooter. When last seen, he and Arch were flying along at 35 mph. Knobby Oswald, instructor in AFSWP at Sandia was with a team at Fort Belvoir for 4 days in November. Bob McDowell and Hank Romanek were students in the course Knobby was teaching. Gabby Ivan, working for the Sec of the Army, frequently does business with Espey Espailat, a real wheel in the affairs of the Dominican Republic. Espey is presently their Consul General in NYC as well as Minister to the UN. Prior to this position he was the Deputy Sec of Defense of the Dominican Republic. In July on a trip to Europe, Art Surkamp (R&D Pentagon) saw Hal and Pat Parfitt in Paris. Hal is with SHAPE Hqtrs. Art saw Bob Rooker in Heidelberg and Dave

Chase in Stuttgart. Recent staff visitors to the Pentagon were Ace Parker from Albuquerque and Dick Wheeler from Ladd Field, Alaska, where he works with the Arctic Aero Medical Lab. Dick (house guest at Si Silvester's while in DC) had recently seen Tim Ireland who is in Air Sea Rescue near Anchorage, Alaska. Jim Walker and Bud Rundell are both at Wright-Pat in Guided Missiles, and appear on the Pentagon scene now and then. Hank Rosness who telephones Buck Coursey periodically from Kansas says he will visit his folks in Seattle over the holidays. Hank reports to Buck that Dick Stoddard is returning to the States from Hq USAFE for Pentagon duty.

Gary Black, our sharp and prompt observer at Fort Leavenworth, informs us of their post-Navy game cocktail-dinner dance. Organized by Les and Betty Hardy, George and June Alexander, George and Olivia Campbell and Bill and Ginny deBrocke, the other students joining in their fun were Jake and Ginny Brier, Gary and Margie Black, Wick Wickert, Clarke and Bettie Baldwin, Charlie and Betty Benson, Joe and Norma Weyrick, Don and Lee Spiece, Basil and Thed Spalding, Gordy and Dee Schraeder, Bill and Beenie Peak, Sid and Rose Katz, Dutch and Pat Ingwersen, Jess and Jane Fishback, Jon and Jeffie Vordermark. Our faculty classmates were on hand to keep order: Wally and Peggy Magathan, Harvey and Skippy Short, Pinky and Phoebe Winfield and Frank and June Dirkes. Tate and Patty Taylor add class to this group. Tate is legal officer at the US Disciplinary Barracks. The Dirkes, Magathan's and Winfield's tossed the initial class party in September. At an affair Don Spiece and Joe Weyrick threw over the Thanksgiving holidays, Bill and Dickie Greenwalt appeared via Fishback's. Bill is probably eating dates now in Saudia Arabia. Dickie settled at 522 Pottawatomie, Leavenworth for the next 13 months. Recently at Fort Leavenworth Les Hardy was presented a Certificate of Achievement for his fine work at 4th Army Hq.

Bob Dwan who works in Armor Branch Career Management has agreed to keep us posted on you iron horse drivers. Coiled and ready to strike with violence here's where we find our June '43 tankers: Quint Atkinson is the US Ln Officer with L'Ecole de l'Armee Blindee et de la Cavalerie (even tho I once worked up to "chef de la dernier section" I had to get that master of all military knowledge Mark Boatner—now teaching History at USMA—to explain it really means French Armored School); Clarke Baldwin and Jake Brier students C&GSC; John and Barbara Brady are together in Japan where John is in the G-4 Section, 8th Army Rear (AFFE); Johnny and Joyce Stockton, 3d Div Avn Co., Fort Benning, Georgia; Danny Cullinane, Military attaching in IRAQ—due back in the States about February '57; Hal Dunwoody, XO, 11th Armd Cav Regt, Fort Knox, Kentucky; Charlie Jones, Army Mission in Columbia, South America; Bill Spahr, somewhere in glamorous USAREUR (9893 AU, APO 742, New York); Stan Staszak, Hq 4th Armd Div, Fort Hood, Texas; Johnny Cobb, Asst PMS&T, Kansas State Teachers College, Pittsburg, Kansas; Bob Danforth Asst PMS&T, Univ of Georgia at Athens; Frank and Arlene Williams (civilian—ex-Armor), 4834 W St., NW, Washington, D. C.; Ed Rhoads, XO 6th Tank Bn, Japan (AFFE); Duke Hunt, G2 Sect CONARC. Now all you armor types check into the net and write Bob Dwan at 2705 South 13th St., Arlington, Virginia. Give him the low down so we can keep up to date on your doings.

Recent arrivals in the DC area were Hal and Marianne Aaron. Hal comes from two years duty with MAAG, Taiwan where he put his Leavenworth book learning about

field armies and such to use in his job with the Army G3 Section. Marianne and their three youngsters joined Hal for his last year there. From Hal, we learn Bud Bolling did not get concurrent travel to Formosa as I had heard. When Hal saw Bud in October, Bud was changing from duty with a Chinese division to a job in the G3 office Hal was leaving. Fran and the family were due to join Bud in December. While in Formosa Hal had seen Frank Ball who is assigned to the 13th Air Task Force with the IG. On the way through Japan to the States the Aaron's saw George Newman. George had been with the 1st Cav Div G4, but was on his way to OTSU for duty with one of the regiments of the 1st Cav Div. Hal is now XO, 2d Bn, 3d Inf Regt stationed at Fort McNair, Washington, D. C., with quarters on Post. Hank and Evelyn Morgan left Fort Douglas, Utah, for a seign as a student at Georgetown where he is now slaving for a Masters in International Relations. They have bought a new house in Alexandria and hope to move in January. Hank was waist deep in Plato when I saw him last, but alas he likes his work.

Ralph Jones our CONARC reporter from Fort Monroe, Virginia, is with Plans Div, G1 Section. Ralph and Evelyn live at 503 North Mallory, Phoebus, Virginia, with their three children. In the same office with Ralph is Steve Gordy who also was Pentagoning recently when I saw him. Edith must be keeping Steve happy at 22 Whitaker Ave., Hampton, Virginia, for he looked fine. Their brood includes 2 femmes and a fella. Completing the crew at CONARC is Duke Hunt who is with G2 Plans and Development Div. Still batching it, he lives at Randolph Hall, Fort Monroe. Fletch Veach is with CONARC's Infantry Section. Dorothy and Fletch have two daughters with them at 523 Marion Rd., Hampton, Virginia. Fletch, recently visiting the Pentagon, stopped by to see Ham Carter. Ham announces Fletch, with his senior leaper trooper badge sparkling, is in better shape than he was 14 years ago. With Combat Developments at CONARC is Jim Lothrop. Trev Sawyer on a trip to Fort Monroe had a chinfest with Jim and Dottie at their Wherry Apt on Post (Apt "C", 352 Gulich Drive) and their two daughters.

Trev is organizing a world wide gathering of poop for us on all our Engr classmates. He has a long job title but in substance he handles assignments for all CE officers, Lieutenant Colonel and below. Trev and Helen live at 3014 Lakota Rd., Alexandria, Virginia, so you hives pour to them the poop. From him we learn that Bruce Koch who has been CO, 16 Armd Engr C Bn, Fort Polk, Louisiana, with the 1st Armd Div is enroute for duty with office, Chief of Engineers. With their two boys and new daughter, Frank and Connie Smith have left the Engr School at Fort Belvoir for duty with Combat Development Test and Experiment Center, Fort Ord, California. Jug Crawford joins Frank for the same duty Ham Carter says.

Snuffy Rhea is still in the District Engr office at Rock Island, Illinois. Four children—three boys and a girl add to his and Judy's enjoyment at 1204 46th St., Moline, Illinois. Harry and Ann Schroeder pass on cheery greetings from Jack and Jerry Morris in Labrador where Jack is the resident Engineer at Goose Bay. Address: Office of the Area Engr, Eastern Ocean District Area Office, APO 677, New York.

Bob and Val Sonstelie gyroscoped with the 5th Div from Germany to Fort Carson, Colorado. Bethel Edrington saw Bob when he passed thru DC in mid-October. Father Joe Hartman, serving at St. Matthew's Cathedral, 1725 Rhode Island Ave., N.W., Washington, D. C. has agreed to check up on our other priest classmate Jim Keenan. Al and

Fran Shipstead write of a very pleasant island-hopping air trip of 25 days from the US to Bangkok, Thailand with the VIP treatment all the way. Here is an up to date address for them; Asst Military Attache, American Embassy, Box B, APO 74, San Francisco. L. D. Pavy, recently physically retired, is the PMS&T of Cardinal Harley Military Academy at Rhinecliff-on-Hudson, New York, only about 50 miles above West Point. Bill and Cecile Cover are at 812 South Ode Street, Arlington, Va., until Bill finishes the Strategic Intelligence Course in March. Then to Monterey and Arabic. Egypt still is to follow if all goes well. Clyde and Marie Earnest and Barbara, 10, are in Qtrs 801, Quantico, Virginia, where Clyde is the CONARC liaison officer to the Marine Corps Development Center. Working with the National Security Agency is Bob Campbell. He and Shirley live at 411 Green Hill Ave., Laurel, Maryland. Remember Bob's address when racing season opens. In Baltimore with Hq ARDC are Paul Atkinson, Walt Burnette, Dick Hensley, and Mike Zubon. Ralph Hallenbeck is taking a large trip with General Rosy O'Donnell, hitting Far East Hq, Philippines and an incidental stop over for the Olympics in Australia. Bernie Rogers, junketing with the Army Chief of Staff saw John Bell in Athens in early November where John is the MAAG Engineer Advisor.

Harold Saine sent a long, newsy letter from South Vietnam where he is a regimental advisor with the 4th VN Field Div about 20 miles from Saigon. In addition he is advisor to the Div Honor Guard. Only catch is that the CG wants to use US Army drill and manual for the Honor Guard. Any file who has FM 22-5 translated into French please send it toute suite to Harold. His address: Box 11, Navy 150—c/o FPO, San Francisco. Chuck Puckett (from Fort Monroe) and Jack Butterfield flew over to Vietnam in July with Harold. Jack got the choice assignment with the VN Military Academy at Dalat. (Charlie Pence has heard from Jack who says Jane and the kids, Merrie Jane and Johnny, are flying over to join Jack shortly, bringing their dachshund). Choice also is Jack's spot because in that area they use commercial fertilizer. Guess what type they use around Harold's area? Ruth Saine and the children are at 210 Henrietta Ave., Greenwood, South Carolina. Merci pour le poop, Harold.

Allen Burdett writes from the AF Academy of a successful deer hunt he and Lee Hogan had in the Rockies, each getting a deer. On another occasion Allen bagged an antelope. One weekend in October Antonette and Allen journeyed to Colorado Springs for a gay time which included swimming, ice skating and a football game. What havoc this news will bring to many of us whose wives can say "Isn't Allen thoughtful, you never take me anywhere."

Our production of new models has been good. Bethel and Joan Edrington are beaming over their first born—Joan (October 12, '56); and Dale and Georgene Hagen delighted with their second daughter Joan Elizabeth born August 20th. On October 12 Elizabeth Steinbring presented Milt with a new girl, Lisa. Milt is with Hq, 4th Army at Fort Sam and lives at 109 Seford Drive, San Antonio. I've just learned of another first born—Bob and Gerda Dwan were joined by little Eddie on November 12, '56. Quint and Acey Atkinson had a petite m'selle born in Saumur, France late this August. Out at Leavenworth Bettie Baldwin presented Clarke with Clarke 3d on September 1 and Steven Peter Ingwerson was born to Pat and Dutch on November 20. Bill Cover reports that Jr. Lloyd's wife Mary Lou thrilled Jr. with 6 pound 5 oz David Francis on September 28, '56 at Fort Bragg, where he is with the 82d Abn. Of course

Jr. had to be fancy and he was on TDY at Fort Campbell when the big event took place. Congratulations to the new crop. I understand there's a parcel of chillen to join our '43 ranks during the next few months.

News gleaned from our USMA Correspondents follows. Frank and Betty Saul live at 633 Cumberland Avenue, Syracuse 10, New York. Frank is working for the American Steel Institute in Syracuse. Walt Mitchell is now with Royal McBee Corporation and resides in Tarrytown, New York. Ed and Pat Curcuro are now at home at 26 Longview Avenue, Madison, New Jersey. Ed is preparing manpower development programs and management education programs for the Prudential Home Office in Newark, New Jersey. Bill and Dorothy Tomlinson stopped at West Point in October enroute from EUCOM to Fort Carson, Colorado. He is S-3 9th Division Arty. John Bowley, here for a weekend, is assigned to SAC Headquarters at Omaha. Seen at the Navy game were Leo and Dot Hayes and Charlie Crane. Leo is at Fort Hamilton with an AAA Battalion and Charlie, out of the service now, has just started to work for General Electric in Philadelphia. Jim Cain has left Knox and is to go to Indo-China in January; Elaine and kids will remain in Alabama. Hal Neill came thru West Point this fall on the way to Iraq to relieve Danny Cullinane. Lemon and Katy Blank were at West Point for a football game; they are now stationed at Middletown Air Material Area, Pennsylvania. Bob Sonstelie and son passed through here recently enroute to Camp Carson. Bob is S-3 of the 39th Infantry Regiment 9th Division.

—Arch.

1944

The new class at Leavenworth which began back in the Fall had 31 from 1944 as students: Brady, Burr, Capka, Carlson, Connell, Cooch, Desmond, Dunham, Bob Flynn, Guild, Humma, Lindell, McGuire, Mickelwait (Air Force), Mitchell, Molloy, Morrison (Air Force), Neilond, Nalle, Ott, Parson, Patton, Pettigrew, Fred Porter (Air Force), Harry Rogers, Sciolla, Selton, Steel, Toon, Weathers, and Wessels.

Coots Mitchell and Jim Connell still living in BOQ. Before long they will have to drop out of the "eligible" ranks because of age.

Jack Cushman, Bill Enos, Fred Smith and Tom Tarpley are on the staff with Bill, Fred and Tom in the academic department and Jack working with the Current Analysis section.

John Donaldson was to have taken the course but at the last moment was transferred to Paris as aide to General Norstad.

Jim and Lynn Scoggin with the three young ones are living in Charlottesville while Jim finishes work at University of Virginia on a Ph.D. in Physics. He is to graduate again in June. Bob Murphy is not too far away at Lexington where he is on the ROTC staff at VMI. Bob, too, is still a gay bachelor.

Bob Dart is now at Camp Polk in Louisiana. Frank and Susie Mahin are due at West Point for a tour in June after some time in Germany.

Jim Dunham, before going to Leavenworth this Fall, had been commanding a missile outfit at Fort Bliss and from what I hear had done a bang-up job.

Bill Enos, Tom Moore and Al Dancy were assigned to the newly reactivated 101st Airborne this Fall and are now at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

The Gregorys' have built a new home in Wyoming, Ohio (285 Fleming Rd.) which is just outside Cincinnati. I think I'd men-

tioned earlier that several of the class who are retired or resigned are working there together. This airplane building business must be a good deal.

Bob Algermissen has been at Kirtland AFB in Albuquerque for the better part of two years now doing guided missile work. He and Margaret adopted a baby girl back in June and she must be quite a cutter. Congratulations—maybe this is just the beginning. Hal DeArment is also at Albuquerque at Sandia and incidentally has helped organize a West Point Society there. More of you should follow suit.

The gloom period will be in full swing when you read this. If things are really dull write me and tell me all about it. There was some talk a year or so ago about trying to get out a round-robin class letter at least every other year as a supplement to the ten-year book which was so successful. If I ever get around to it and go through all my old letters and files someone could get a good start on a letter from them. Each of us keeps in touch with a few of our closer friends and some track is kept through this column but by and large there is very little contact through the class as a whole. Why don't two or three of you who will be at West Point or Washington for two or more years give this a little thought and maybe something could be done. The class is attaining a rank now where things are really being done and I think each of us would like to know what the class as a whole is doing once in a while. It's a long time to 25th reunion—and have you noticed how much closer we are now to the front of this magazine?

Let me hear from you.

—*Buford Norman,*
1748 Vinton Ave.,
Memphis, Tennessee.

1945

This column here underway is definitely your erstwhile scribe's "Farewell to his readers." 'Twas fun for awhile, but I suppose that with the passage of time more people let their *Assembly* subscriptions lapse, and those who don't get too lazy to write. The upshot is that the poor slob who is supposed to grind out two or three columns of print every three months is left with doggone little poop when that hideous moment comes when he must face up to the typewriter again. If this publication accepted fiction, I could go hog wild in a vein that would make CONFIDENTIAL look like the CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR; but they don't. So I'm reduced to a few items from birth announcements and the PIO releases that the Association forwards me. So I'm not gonna fight it anymore and to hell with all of ya who didn't write!

Did we say birth announcements??? OK Let's start with those. Add a boy, David Burdette, to the Ira Coldrens on September 9, '56. Not only add a boy to the Colin Carter's menage but the footnote that John Stephen is fat and has lots of dark hair, this info volunteered by the not so proud (Oh no!) parents who greeted him on August 1 in Paris, France, that is. The Barney Schneckloths over in Vienna had their second baby girl on November 28. They reported that the Tom Gleasons were among the American contingent who were evacuated from strife-torn Budapest and were their house-guests for awhile. Shirley and Bates Burnell, incidentally, will be Austria bound in about a year as soon as Bates is language qualified by the Monterey language school where he now is. At Benning, the Walt Roots swelled the fold to number of 4 kids with the arrival of third girl, Diane, recently. Walt is teaching with Atomic Sub-Committee of TIS on which the

name Root had previously been made known (for good or bad) by brother Jim a few years previously. A welcome early Christmas card from Betty and Art Lozano locates Art as ROTC instructor at University of Oregon and appends news of very young Miss Amy Sue who bounced in on September 26. Betty says Art's hobby of the moment is lawn cultivation. Inasmuch as their previous assignment was on the barren Oklahoma plains of Fort Sill, the fetish is understandable!!

The Lozano's birth-Christmas card news paves the way for an early gander into the few other holiday greetings we've on hand at time of writing. A festoon of ornaments on the outside of the Ed Gudgels' from Europe but, shame on them, no news inside! Alice Herbert did much better. From Fort Richardson in Alaska a card from herself and Jim and a page of newsy notes. She places on the map Tiger Adkins, Joe and Cita Kovar and 3 kids, with herself and Jim and their two young misses at that post. Joe is with USARAL G-4 and was one of five lucky "live righters" who walked away un-injured from an L-20 crash last October. Tiger and Jim have companies with 23rd Infantry. A classmate item is provided by the fact that the Herberts moved into the quarters vacated by Elizabeth and Al Sheppard. 'Twould be coincidence compounded if we were to learn that the Sheppards had moved into the Leavenworth quarters vacated by the Herberts when the two swapped assignments.

From Covina, California, Eunice Hogan wrote Alice that Hal is now an advance design engineer with Douglas Aircraft. Says the class group in the L.A. area includes the Bacons, the Allens, Hibbards, Tom Fitzpatrick, Johnny Sherwoods, Givens, W. D. Clarks, and the Hartwigs.

Bev Wallace writes from Leavenworth for herself and George that the only complaint the gang out there has is that the classes occasionally interfere with the social life. Hmhmhm! Alice Burgess' card jottings disclose that she and Bob recently encountered Janis and Larry Jones at a conference in Stuttgart. The Bill McNamee's happy greetings came from Heidelberg where Bill is with Ordnance Division of Special Weapons Branch, USAREUR. Reports Shoaff, Zook, Johnson, Velie, Myron, Love, Waggonhurst, and Saxby also there. Shorty Harmon and George Forssell recent departures. Lou and Lee Shoaff and Johnni and Bill recently pushed through a transatlantic COLLECT call to Lei and Bob Fye. They did not disclose urgency of call or subject matter but would guess it was an inquiry as to timing of an eagerly anticipated event for most of the class. The effervescent Johnni has adopted Dodie Powers thoughtful custom of a mimeographed letter to all friends to accompany their card and bring us up to date on their doings for the year. Johnni's details the joys of parenthood in terms of Greg's bout with the measles, German meales, natch; their own trip to Paris which paragraph abounds in beaucoup of superlatives; finally the happy outcome of the hired boy's misappropriation of the family car and its demolition by same hired hand. The insurance though, prodded the Macs along to acquiring an English sport car, a Triumph III. Can't you just see it!!

Just as was the case last year, Marie and Larry Foxes card is a shimmeringly and glitteringly handsome one. Inside is the not so glowing news that Larry in October commenced his Korean tour and is with 34th Infantry of 24th Division. Marie is staying close to the port in preparation for a happy reunion in January of 1958 by choosing San Francisco as her residence. Can't imagine a nicer place to be, myself. I mean San Francisco and NOT Korea, of course.

So much for news YOU sent. Now our

thanks to the "friendly" PIOs, wherever they are. They report that the Aus Yerks and the William C. Woods are together again at Leavenworth. I say "again" because this release, in detail foreign to most such releases, relates how the two had gone to the 19th Infantry in Japan, together, in '45; their wives come over together in '46, and presented them with their first child apiece just 14 minutes apart in 1947! Glossy photo attached probably depicts those same two kids at birthday celebration and further coincidental info added that they sit next to each other in the 4th grade. How time DO fly! Another release reports Alex Belmont as a member of Sigma Xi as well as W.P.A. '45 and that he is now with 593rd FA Bn Headquarters Battery in Germany. In September Bill Sibert received a Certificate of Achievement in recognition of his work with Staff and Faculty at Benning. Bob Parr reported with CONARC at Fort Monroe.

In preparation for this evening's chore, stopped by to see Jim Root and his shuffleboard at Infantry Career Management. He had previously given me hell for disclosing that he was in a slot where he could do anything for any of you poor slob in the Infantry. That was an error on my part. Career Management does NOT do for you; only TO you. But I figured Jim's moan must have been based on his having heard from some of you, so I went down to pick his brain. No small task. But herewith some jottings. Peggy and Dale Wolaver in Japan. Joe McCarthy is reported to have shot a tiger somewhere in the Viet-Nam area, but it might be safe to catalogue that with the rumors. Janis and Bob Krebs just reported to Benning where he will do the instructor bit. Bob McDaniel just completed flight school at Camp Rucker while Rachel and 6 kids stayed behind in Columbus. Al Froede recently seen in the Pentagon en-route to some Air Force Base in Southern California. Les Ayres has a company with the 1st Division. Bob Waggonhurst seen at Navy game and later at Pentagon where he accompanied General Hodes for Army Commanders' Conference. Bill Zook with headquarters USAREUR. Bobbie and Put Monroe just joined our D.C. group. Put to be with Special Research of Intelligence. Ronnie and Bick Sawyer also slated for here where Bick will be a speechwriter for Secretary of Army after finishing his studies at University of Missouri. The family now numbers 3 kids. Bob Tobias and George Calvert also recent checkers inners at Pentagon home base. At Leavenworth Jane and Don Rattan have had a run of bad luck with the kids. A broken leg and an operation got their tour there off to a depressing start. Gene Gasior recently left the San Francisco Presidio for Fort MacArthur on an aide assignment. Bob Hall and Bill Ochs both with Combat Development Department at Benning. Faye Worthington with 1st Regt Combat Team at West Point involved in construction of the new academic building there. Thanks James for all the foregoing; now honest, anyone who can recollect that much news in one sitting ought to write this damn thing. Anyone to second???

Here in D.C. Jane and Tony Parrish recent additions from Hawaii. Took trip to Navy game for us to encounter them! Elizabeth and George Daoust also here but not seen yet. George is taking International Relations at Georgetown. Here's a jolt for those of you who imagine D.C. area as a hive of gossipy chit chat and social activity. The scouting movement in this area has replaced martini drinking as the area's most popular pastime. Betty Root; Doodie Adams, as well as Hap; C. B. Maertens, Joan Kane, and John Murphy are all Akelas or something similar thereto. Now if someone would enlighten me as to WHAT is an akela I could perhaps guess what would be similar

thereto. But no matter. It's a fact that C. B.'s birthday from Tommy and the boys was NOT a new cocktail frock but her den mother's uniform, mind you!

However, there is SOME social life in these parts. Big class party last October at Bolling Air Force Base. About sixty persons showed up for affair masterfully laid on by Archie Patterson. Small world department furnished an item when Bill Perry showed up from noplac. He had hopped a trip up from Maxwell, and wondered into the club for supper when he encountered Jean Bennett and Joan Kane who immediately directed him to the ballroom where he was warmly greeted by damn near every classmate in the area.

Next big gathering of the clan took place in Philadelphia for you-know-what event. Seemed to us that the number was smaller than ever, though it does actually seem logical that such will continue to be the case as time passes. But WHY do the seats keep getting worse too????? The largest away contingent was that from this Washington area and we all rode up on the same train car. In car 800 of the 9:20 special you'd have found Betty and Jim Root, C. B. and Tommy Maertens, Shirley and Bates Burnell, Nancy and Bob Mackinnon, Joyce and Dink Nelson, Stella and Chuck Curtis, John Murphy and Keith Nusbaum. The Nelsons and Mackinnons had journeyed up from Bragg for the big event. The big chuckle and subject of many jokes en-route was the Mackinnons' almost missing the game due to their leaving the tickets behind. Their expeditious mailing air-mail special from the other end resulted in a 5:30 a.m. arrival this end after the Roots and Bob and Nance had sat up waiting for them 'til 4. Result some very bleary eyes next day and not merely from loss of sleep. BUT they made the game. Sam Lessey turned up with Grace Kelly's younger sister. Axel Briggs, the Al Prices, and Bill Nichols represented West Point. The lovely Merry Hunt and Jim were on leave from Detroit in Philly, Merry's home town. Glimpsed from afar were Fred Kochli, the Ted Adairs, Frances and George Garman, Jim Hamilton, Smitty Chamberlin, Dick Smith, Bill Gilbert, Lou Gingras, and Patrick. Among the regulars were Bill Snow who left his better-half Margaret behind in Carolina; the chic Lois Rutledge and the irrepressible Rut over from New Jersey; and Jack Lawrence and the glamorous Ruffie who held open house for friends and classmates (not necessarily synonymous!) in their Ben Franklin suite after the game. There we saw Joe Byron, in town from Portsmouth, who pinpointed the elusive Ken Bloods as being at Plattsburg Air Force Base in New York. We had also had a visit with Tom Findlay's sister, Jeff, who told us that "Sack" was a fat (200 lbs.) and happy insurance salesman in Richmond.

And this issue of the column is as fat as it's gonna be. Hope '57 is good to y'all. All best from
—Jim Alfonte.

1946

Congratulations on the excellent Ten-Year Book! I hope every classmate has had a chance to see the results of a long hard job done by Editor Kibbey Horne and his staff. Believe me, everyone of us extend to you who did the job a gigantic—WELL DONE! I think it only proper to list the rest of Kibbey's staff: Walt Frankland, Business Mgr; William C. Parker, Recording Sec.; Vince Gannon, Corresponding Sec.; Ed Flaherty and John Treadwell, Treasurers; as well as the following wives—Rae Bresnahan, Betty Elsaesser, Carol Frankland, Connie Grosz, Emily Jansen, Sue Knapp, Lucy Roxbury, Joanne Simmons, Elizabeth Stringer and Connie Treadwell. Thank you!

New assignments:—Now that Kibbey has done his job we have sent him overseas with G-2 Sec, Hq, VII Corps, APO 107 New York. George Miller left West Point to be aide to Major General Gordon Rogers, Commanding General, Hq, Southern Area Command in Munich, Germany. Nancy is overseas with George. Herb and Mary Leta Flather, with children Herb III and Elizabeth are in Brunswick, Maine, where Herb has been appointed Asst. Prof. of Military Science and Tactics at Bowdoin College. Walt Dumas is now commander Co. B, 3rd Inf. Regt., Fort Myer, Virginia. Walt left Fort Sam Houston, Texas, for the above job. Hal Hallgren left Fort Sill, Oklahoma, for assignment to the development and test section of the Continental Army Command Hq. at Fort Monroe, Virginia. Jim and Betty Loomer left Fort Leavenworth where Jim was at Command and General Staff School for assignment as Operations and Training officer with Army AA Command at Ent AFB, Colorado. Al Futrell left Fort Benning for assignment as Commander Co. A, 3rd Inf Regt., Fort Myer, Virginia. Bob and Caroline Rheault are at West Point where Bob is an instructor in foreign languages.

Graduation time again for Herrold E. Brooks, John C. Fischer, and Richard W. Brunson, from 10 week Ordnance Guided Missile Operations Officer Course at Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Alabama. Brooks was the 5,000th graduate of the school and Fischer the Honor Student of the class. Enclosed with report I have a photo showing above 2 men being congratulated by Major General John B. Medaris. Brooks will remain at Redstone as an instructor in the Collective Subjects Div. Fischer received the Association of the US Army Medal for being first in the class.

Wayne Yeoman has received the George F. Baker Scholars award from the Harvard Graduate School for Business Administration. Wayne is class of '57 there and along with 14 classmates received this award which is bestowed each year on the top five percent of the second year students at the school. This is the highest honor given to students before graduation.

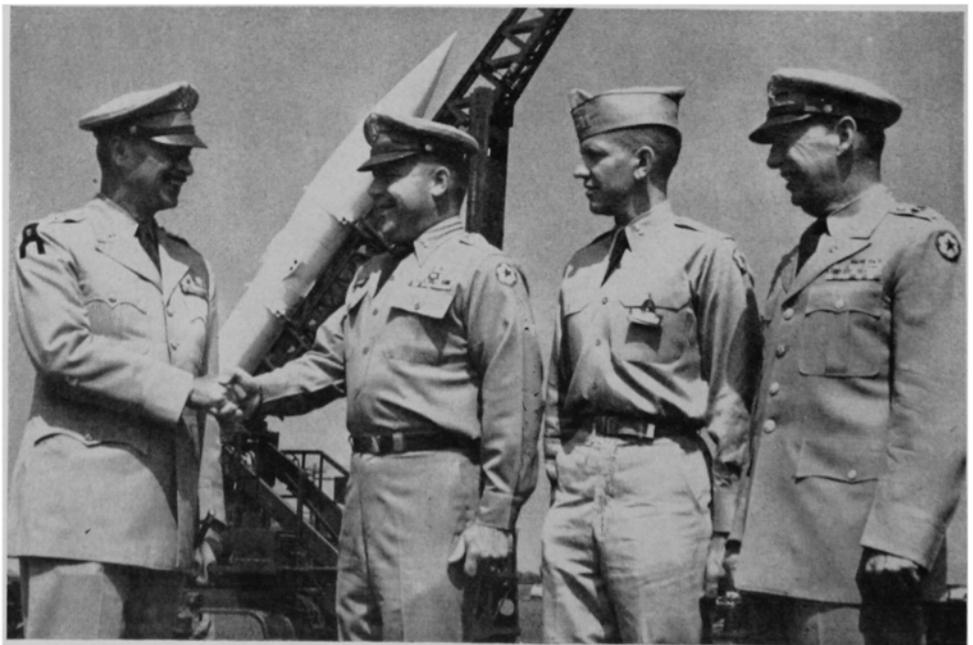
John Schmitt, 7318 Fairchild, SE, Albuquerque, New Mexico requested that the fol-

lowing letter be part of this column: TO THE CLASS OF 1946: Elsa and I want to thank each of you for the most handsome cup presented to your godson. We are all very proud of the cup, especially Johnny. He has insisted on bringing all his friends in to view it and to listen to his very enthusiastic three minute dissertation on, "What's It For?" We are sorry we were unable to get back during June Week so that we could express our appreciation to all of you there personally, but leave at that time was impossible. Again, thank you all. Signed: John J. Schmitt.

Received a nice letter from Charley Daniel who is with Hq. 2nd Armd Div. Arty, APO 39, New York. He and Ann were up at West Point in September before they flew to Europe September 19. They found their furniture waiting for them, so immediately set up house in their apt. They have yet to see much of Europe, but expect to see lots before the tour is over.

Received Guy Troy's annual Armor poop sheet in time this year for January issue. Thanks Guy! I'm using most of the poop as received. Armor '46 has finally made the Leavenworth list. Attending now are Jim Day, Peg, Bruce and Kevin, Bud Martin still a happy bachelor after three years in the New York City area, Dick Streiff, Marion, Rickey and J. D., Andy LaMar, Jule, Julie, Anday and Bill. There were many transfers this year with more than half of our people moving. Dick and Donna Beckner are with 3d Armored Div, 32nd Tank Bn in Friedberg, Germany. Dick was a Company Commander at the last word. Also with the 3d Armored are Steve Edwards, Mary Clare and Chip. Steve is with the 32nd Tank Bn. Ben Hansen, wife, Jacker (girl) and Ben are with the 7th Tank Bn. Ben is a Company Commander. Stan Blum, Winelda, Jo-Jo, Adrienne, and S. D., Jr. are in Germany with the 14th A/C. Don't know what job. Also, with the 14th A/C are Frank Conant, Joy, Marsha, Susan and Donna; Oscar Traber, Peggy, Biff, Robbie, and Meg. I have no word on what they are doing in the Regiment. Russ Burn, Mary Van, Keith, Nancy and Dennis are in Las Cruces, New Mexico, where Russ is making millions as a contractor. We hope to see the Burns' often in the future. Jake Burney, Mary,

MILESTONE AT OGMs—Major General John B. Medaris (left) congratulates Captain Herrold E. Brooks, Jr., '46, 5,000th graduate of the Ordnance Guided Missile School. Looking on are Captain John C. Fischer (second from right) Honor Student of the class, and Colonel Henry S. Newhall, Commandant of the Ordnance Guided Missile School. General Medaris delivered the commencement address to the graduating class.



Loren and a new addition are at Fort Knox where Jake is with Combat Development Group in T.A.S. Jake has kept me pretty well up to date with his whereabouts and he is mighty glad to get back in the Armor business. Thanks for the letters, Jake. Jack Cassidy is still a bachelor working with ACF Industries. He is in the home office in NYC now and living at home with his folks. Finally heard from Bob Duncan, Lucy, John, Bobby, Lucy and Susan. Bob is teaching Physics at the Citadel and they have bought an old set of quarters on Fort Moultrie overlooking the Atlantic, (13 rooms, no less). Glad to finally catch up with you folks. Sorry you couldn't make the reunion. Lary Elder finally resigned, and I believe is at 180 Patterson Road, Santa Maria, California. Sally, Andy, Bonnie, Candy, Lary and Sherrie make up the Elder clan.

Bob Frantz, Sue, Chris, Bob, Jr. are now J.A.G. Bob was in JA office, 24th Div. Korea. Now in U.S. somewhere, possibly as an instructor at the U. of Virginia, Army Law School. Dick Fuller, Sue, Tippiie, and Page are enjoying the sunshine and pineapple juice in Hawaii. Dick is still mixed up with the Psych, Warfare business following civil schooling. Sue and Dick had a new baby in September. Fee Hardin, Janice, Doug, and Susan are living in Monmouth, Illinois where Fee is running the bank. Address is 324 N. 3d Street, Monmouth. Will Joffrion is now in Korea while Beebe, Dave and Marion are in Baton Rouge, Louisiana at 5058 Woodside Drive. Willy has just taken over D Company of the 73rd Tk Bn which is at the end of nowhere. The former company commander was relieved so Willy has things cut out for him. Jack Gilham, Ann, Connie, and Gail are at III Corps, Hq. Fort Hood, where Jack is wheeling with the G-3 Section. This summer we stayed with Kit Sinclair, Ginna, Bryan, Chris, and Steve, also at Hood. Had a wonderful time visiting with everyone there. Kit has Hq Co. Div. Tns, 4th A/D.

Our West Point detachment has lessened somewhat but we are still strong at the "Rock." Nipper Knapp, Sue, Bobbie, are with the Social Science Department as are: Charlie Simmons, Joanne and a new addition in the person of a daughter; Roger Nye, still a bachelor; Rox Roxbury, Lucy, Mark, Susan and Laura, who took wonderful care of the Troys during June Week. John Treadwell, Connie, Bonnie and Debbie complete the roster of the S.S. Dept. Vinny Gannon, Vince, Mark and Kevin, also still at W.P. where Vinny is now Adjutant of the 1st Regt. Vinny did yeoman service during the reunion. Art Lockrie, Karma, Jane, and Karma are at Fort Knox where Art is with the Automotive Department, T.A.S. They were living in Valley Station.

Bill McMasters and Polly are in Livermore, California. Bill is now Signal Corps. Moose Musser, Jan, Alan and Lynn are at 32240 Arlington Drive, Birmingham, Michigan. Moose is Chief Engineer with the Defense Section of Chrysler Motors. We had a very enjoyable visit with George Otte, Betty Buzzy, and Lois in Washington this summer. Their address is 5955 5th Ave., Glencarlyn, Virginia. George is one of the officers writing the weekly summary for the Chief of Staff to the major commanders. A very interesting job, according to George. Willy Persons, Chris, Charlotte, Alice and W. B. III (September 23) are still in Washington. Willy writes the various Army bills which go to Congress. We tried to get him to attach a small-print rider promoting the class of '46 to Lieutenant Colonel. Willy and George have established (with other classmates) a permanent '46 organization in the D.C. area.

Phil and Dodo Rogers are still in the Attache's office in Athens, Greece. I was very

fortunate to visit with them last February on returning from a trip to Cairo, Egypt. Our plane was grounded for two nights, so we hoisted many a scotch and they fed me well. Phil spends a lot of time out in the country, but they have a lovely home and enjoy it very much. They will probably be there one more year. Mase Rumney, Mary, Mason, John and Susan are at Fort Bliss, Texas. Mase is briefing the wheels at the Special Weapons Orientation Course. They live at 1309 Grissom Rd., El Paso. We haven't had an opportunity to see them yet, but hope to in the very near future. Any classmates ordered to the Special Weapons Course let Mase know ahead of time. Jack Schram, Janice, Happy, Jean and Patricia are now living in Hartsdale, New York. Jack resigned following the tour at West Point and is now working with classmate Saul Horowitz. Norm Stanfield, Anne, Norman, and James are still in Pakistan with the Attache office. Haven't heard from Norm in some time, but presume he was not lost in the desert. Had seven servants when last heard from. Wally Wallis is still at an ROTC assignment. Haven't heard from Wally since last Christmas, but believe his tour is finished next summer. He is still a bachelor. He is at Culver, Indiana. George Webb, Lynn, G. S. III, Kathryn, James and Matt are still at Bragg at last report. I believe George is with the Psych, Warfare Center. Ben Landis and Biquet recently joined the Armor group and Ben is now attending the French Command and General Staff School in Paris. He just finished a tour instructing French at the Academy. Percy Wheeler, Rickie, Carol Ann are believed to be in Japan. Percy was working on a transfer to Japan following a tour in Korea, and planned to have his family join him there.

Harry Smythe, Marie, Donna, Doug are finally out of the classified fences of Killeen Base and back at Fort Knox where Harry is catching up on Armor at the Advance Course. He expects Korea upon completion. Bill Kelly, Elaine, Tim and Janet finally left the Army and Bill is with Olin Mathewson Chemical Corp., Cleveland, Ohio. Their address is 4455 W. 226th Street, Fairview Park. Lew Tixier, Phyllis and Mike are at Fort Polk with the Old Ironsides, 1st Armored. Lew gave us all a real scare with a serious illness, but has recovered and is presently supposedly on limited duty recuperating. Lew is Assistant S-3 of the 1st Tk Bn, so you know how much recuperating he is doing. It is the same battalion that Lew joined as a Second Lieutenant after graduation. We stopped through Polk on the way west this summer and had a wonderful visit with Phyll and Lew.

George Patton, Joanne, Margaret, George are at Annapolis where George is a T.A.C. George did a fine job selling Armor while a TAC for two years at the Point. Do we get any Armor Sailors, George! Harlan Koch, Dottie and Donnie were in Bangkok, Thailand, expected to make the 10th reunion but were conspicuous by their absence. They are in the states somewhere now but have not heard where. I believe they may be with the 4th A/D at Hood. Duke Wolf, wife, two sons and daughter are somewhere in Iran with the MAAG group. I imagine Duke's family were with those evacuated during the Suez crisis, but imagine Duke is still there. Guy, Wynne, Pam, and Kent have had a busy year. Thanks to Les Shade in 7th Army Troy rotated six weeks early from Germany in time for reunion. Spent some leave in Florida and visited many classmates on the way to his present assignment on ROTC, New Mexico Military Institute, Roswell, New Mexico. Kent was born October 20, '56. Write to me at 3 Spruce Lane, Verona, New Jersey.

—Samuel E. H. France.

1947

For the past two weeks I have been so involved in SCUSA VIII that I had to get a special dispensation to get this column into Assembly at all. For those of you who don't know what SCUSA VIII is, I will endeavor to explain in the next issue. (Fear not. I shall not use our valuable class column space. As a matter of fact, said explanation, as currently envisioned, would probably require all the space allocated to all the classes since the turn of the century!)

At this point I would like to issue a special plea to all of you who read this column. Frank Boerger has got the 10 Year Book well under way. So far only 170 classmates have replied to the original poop-sheet which asked if you were interested and if so, asked for a two dollar deposit. I urge all of you who did not receive or did not reply to the original letter to contact Frank Boerger at once. The second mailing of information on the book, TAKE TEN, is now in the mail. Please take necessary action as soon as you receive it. If you haven't received it by the time you read this, write Frank. In addition, mention our 10 Year Book efforts to all classmates that you see or write to and urge them to contact Frank if they have missed out on the distribution.

A letter from large Dave Odell who must have established a homesteading record at March AFB by this time informs me that Evie and Jim Coolbaugh and two or three boys now live in Louisiana. I'm sorry about the lack of more specific information — consider the source. Dave says the Kuykendall's had another boy in September — present count 1 girl and two boys.

A PIO release furnished by the Association of Graduates says Wally and Pauline Veaudry are in Heidelberg where Wally is working in the Logistics Division at USAREUR.

Frank Boerger furnishes the following unofficial list of classmates believed coming to West Point next year: Bernie deGil, Bernie Gardner, Milum Perry, Doc Haskin, Joe Addison, George Lynn, and Junie Bleiman. Frank reports Jake Jacobson, 7601 Hq. Co., APO 221, New York is Post Engineer at Vicenza, Italy. He lives near Duquemin, has seen Sam Starobin and Jim Smith recently. The Jacobson's expect number 4 around Xmas. Julius Ickler has transferred from Infantry to Ordnance and is now at Aberdeen living at 474 Roberts Way. Julius says George Bland is in D. C. being trained in intelligence work.

George Harrington finally succumbed to my pleas for news—George is studying for his MBA at Harvard—expects to get it in June '57. George and Ruth have two—Joanne and George. Address: 110 Holden Green, Cambridge 38, Massachusetts. Thanks George and see below.

A very nice Xmas card from Glen and Milt Chamberlain who are now located at 124 Lockerbie Lane, Wilmette, Illinois. Milt has just finished the Michigan and Patent Bar exams and is now preparing for the Illinois Bar. Milt expects to be placed on a committee of the National Association of Mfrs. and hopes to get to New York once in a while.

Another nice card from the Coghills — Gerry, Bill, and Billy—at 7115 Crestwood Drive, Alexandria, Virginia. My apologies to Bill for graduating him from the Harvard School of Public Administration instead of the Business School. Bill is now on the Army General Staff with the Office, Director of Accounting. He reports that Jim and Nancy Mattern and Hugh and Jean Bartley live nearby.

And now for news of the game. For those of you who were not there, take heart—this year we were only about two yards behind the goal line at the warm end of the

stadium. You will have to be charitable about mistakes in what follows—these notes were taken midst chattering teeth, numb fingers, clinking bottles, screams of recognition, and a football game, at an A altitude of some 500 feet in Municipal Stadium.

Ed and Elaine Greene—2 boys and 1 girl—363 Upper Mt. Ave., Upper Montclair, New Jersey. Ed is the Superintendent of the Maintenance and Service Division of the Eastwood-Nealley Corporation which makes Fourdrinier (he spelled it!) Wire Cloth.

Jack and Betty Schuder—2 girls—6500 Brooks Lane, Washington, D. C. Jack's still with Army Map Service.

Don and Doris Litt—1 girl and 2 boys—41 Corell Rd., Scarsdale, New York. Don's in the men's clothing business with his Dad.

John Novemesky — still a bachelor — 90 Church St., New York 7, New York. John's in Air Force Construction—expects to go to AF R&D at Englewood, California in February.

Goose and Mary Ann Gossett—1 girl, 3 boys and 1 dog—same address—Goose still in Pentagon with ACSI. Gossetts were recently visited by Bill and Ruth Clark from White Sands. Clarks have 2 boys. Goose reports Hugh Bartley in Pentagon in Comptroller's Office. John Gerrity gone to Fort Ord, and Al and Lou Learmonth somewhere with AF in Pentagon—expecting to go to California in January.

Jerry and Helen Wojciehoski—3 girls—MacGuire AFB, New Jersey. Jerry is with Hq. ATLD, MATS. He expects to be off for Ankara, Turkey in January.

Bob and Anne Lane—1 boy and 1 girl—at the Advanced Course, QM School, Fort Lee, Virginia. Bob expects to go overseas next summer.

Don Steininger—wedding announced last summer—At the advanced course at Aberdeen. Hank and Judy Paul and three also there.

Lou and Mary Lou Rachmeler—2 boys and 1 girl—Still at Redstone.

George and Ruth Ann Goldsborough — 4 girls and 1 boy—Lawyer—Same address.

Mal and Sue Wright—2 girls and 1 boy. Mal is now doing cancer surgery.

Tom and Jackie Hayes still in Lynchburg, Virginia.

Wink and Mimi Scoville—3 girls and 2 boys—3632 Tolenas Court, Sacramento 25, California. Wink is flying an Early Warning Radar Constellation.

Al and June Sapowith—1 girl and 1 boy—Tunbridge and Andover Roads, Haverford, Pennsylvania. Al's with the Daisecki Aircraft Corporation. Al reports that Lee Christensen is due back from Europe and that Joan is now in Kalamazoo, Michigan. He says the Reckmeyers, at Fairborne, Ohio, are expecting their seventh!

Bud and Carol Vockel—3 boys and 1 girl—Still in Pittsburgh—expecting number 5 in January!

Raul and Chiquita Roca—vital statistics and address in last time's column.

Bill Cooper there with his Mother.

Jim and Bobby Cosgrove—1 girl and 1 boy—132-41 Avery Ave., Flushing 55, New York. Jim's with IBM.

Mike and Marguerite Maloney—3 boys—same address—still with IBM—expecting number 4 in February.

Don Dexter reports that Charlie Shields and wife were also there. They live at 303 Aspen St., Middletown, Pennsylvania. Charlie's in Air Force Procurement.

I also saw A. J. Ellis, Bill Smith and George Lynn. Present from West Point: Dexters, Burners, Snyders, Haucks, Dunhams, Richardsons, Edingtons, Haldanes, Bensons, Egger, Emerson, Karters. If I've left you out, sue me.

Jack Palmer made his annual pilgrimage from Texas A&M to the Student Conference, bringing A&M's cadet delegation. He's still

teaching Air Science—He, Bunty, and Bruce invite anyone who gets close to College Station to drop in to see them.

I hear from Dick Brown, one of our old Amherst Alumni, that the Hightower's are back in the States — Don't know when or where.

The following Air Force classmates are to become Majors effective April 19: Jim Breedlove, Jim Heironimus, John Lerohl and Doc Blanchard. Our congratulations.

Lenore Curtis submits the following address for Bob: Hq. 7th Div. Arty, APO #7, San Francisco. She also reports the Nickel's have had their fourth, a girl, the first, in El Paso, Texas.

Before closing this column for this time, I might point out that the Hoover's are expecting their second right in the middle of June Week! Let's have a party!

—John Hoover

1948

"Home base" proved to be an interesting but erratic news gathering spot during the football season. We had several get-togethers and many visitors from nearby but few long absent from ye olde column. Having "scrounged" to the very last, my back is to the wall so without additional fanfare, let's take a look at '48 as of early December.

Prince Rainier and Princess Grace were up for the Colgate game along with Don Swenholt and Andy Anderson who flew in from Offut Air Force Base, Omaha! Both lads with families are now stationed at SAC Hqrs. Without exception 48ers previously reported as living near West Point got up for at least one game.

As usual the biggest news came from the annual Cadet-Middle knockdown, drag-out in Philadelphia. Unfortunately the Egberts couldn't make it this year but thanks to my staff headed by Bob Cushing and Tom Cormack celebrities in attendance were carefully recorded! The class turned out in strength and whooped it up for the Big Team in true style. With due apologies for any omissions, here is a list of the lucky ones at the game: Bellingers, Cushings, Cormacks, Hughes, Jones (Wes and Bushy), Robertsons, Brennans, Whitsons, Hank Parry, Tom Tyree, Starrys, Herberts, Dick Stein, Al Quanbeck, Brills, Whitleys, Cudahys, Webers, Mathises, Taylors, Creeds, Keans, Sunders, McGinnesses, Russ Ball, McCuens, and Gene Forrester. The Herberts now live in Philadelphia so, including Russ Ball, we now have two stalwart sons in the City of Brotherly Love to help coordinate future get-togethers!

Details from such a noteworthy gathering are slim indeed. "Cush" reported that Charlie Sunder is attending American University so he and Link are living in Washington. Starrys were up from Baltimore; Jones, from Statesville, North Carolina; and the Robertsons, Brennans, Bellingers, and Whitleys, from the Washington area. Al Quanbeck came East from USAFA and even stopped by West Point in the bargain. Ah, for the mobility of you flyers! Excluding those mentioned and the West Point Clan, I plead ignorance to exact locations. How about some cards?

Noted from a news release that Arne Sargent and family were still at Seattle as of last June. Arne is Ass't PMS&T and, I trust, is still there. If not, I need more information! Scottie tells me that the Marshalls are at Florida State where Bob is also an Ass't PMS&T. Had a nice letter from Lem Robinson too late for the last issue. He and Betty are presently living in Louisville (3038 Wedgwood Way) where Lem is in the last 6 months of his 3 year training program with GE. Not the least

of their news is a new son, Gary, born last June. Many thanks for the letter, Lem, and congratulations to you and Betty.

While on the subject of babies, I'm sure we want to congratulate the Burns, Starrys, Kaulas, Hartnells, Eakins, Whitleys, Brattons, and J. J. Buckleys on new arrivals. The fairer sex leads this parade. All except the Kaulas, Hartnells and Eakins had young ladies. Caron Ann Burns was born here at the station hospital on October 15; Maureen Ann Buckley arrived on November 8th; George William Hartnell III arrived on September 28; Charles William Kaula came September 15th, and James Nelson Eakins was delivered by the stork on September 25. Names and birthdays of Miss Starry, Miss Whitley, and Miss Bratton are unfortunately unknown right now. My usually reliable sources are slipping.

To complete the domestic news, I should note that Mary McInerney left about two weeks ago to join Frank in Sidi Slamain (North Africa). The car went too though I wondered about a used camel!

This issue we will travel East first. From Korea Ed Callanan reports via Ann that Jim McCray is in I Corps Hqrs., exact job not clear although I think he is in the Headquarters Commandant's Section. Al Pabst has a company in the 21st Regiment—ditto for Walt Meinzen in the 19th Regiment. Somehow Chloe Swearengen got separated and went to the 7th Division! Let me see now, oh yes, I got a press release locating Flick Fleming in sunny Hawaii. He is with the 725th Ordnance Bn. of the 25th Div. How about a card after these silent months, Flick? Back to Japan where Squeak and Charlotte Webber arrived in November and Squeak's address includes "Det. M-OACSI-8582 Div." If you can figure that one out, please notify me. Guess it's up to Squeak.

On our way to Europe, we should delay long enough to note that Fran and Nancy Schless are due back from the Canal Zone in May, destination presently unknown. We have several items of interest from the large contingent in Europe. Bob and Phyllis Hallahan with three girls are located in Munich. Bob is a battery commander with the 457ABN F.A. Bn. Via Liz and Jack Chitty, the Wares report their station as Butzbach. Tom is with Hqrs. of the 17th ABN Div. (as best we can make out!). Hank Parry tells me Jim and Patsy Blakeslee are living in Frankfurt. Jim is with Hqs. 4th Armored Gp. and expects to return next summer. The Doyles also landed in Frankfurt a la the 3rd Armored Div. "gyroscope." The Chittys also reported on John and Babs Wadsworth. John has been hospitalized for an operation and is now on a month's convalescent leave after which he goes to the 6th Inf. Regt. in Koln as S-1. Here's wishing you a speedy recovery, John. I'm sure everyone in the class feels the same way. Could use a note sometime! Bob Cushing just phoned in a gem before deadline. Tom and Betty Bowen report news from Mannheim. (It's Christmas card time!) Tom now has B company of the 57th Tank Bn. It seems that Tom and Smockie Hoffman live right across the street. I'm not sure whether this reflects a change in jobs for Tom so please send me some poop! The Bosses, Kelseys, Buckleys, Dodys, and Doyles are also in Mannheim. According to my news sources, the Doyles must be maintaining two residences! How about that, Lee.

Speaking of Christmas card news, Tom Jones writes that he is now a company commander with the 17th Arm'd Engr. Bn., 2d Armored Div. Getting plenty of that old field training, I guess! Over to dear old Africa and news from "Flapps" Capps in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Flapps says the Ethiopian Military Academy is presently

non-existent so he is literally going to be a founding father.

So much for now, boys and girls. If only I could wait until all the Christmas cards roll in, we would have lots more news but alas deadline is inflexible. I can't resist a "Happy New Year" anyway, even though you will read this about February. Hope you all will make a resolution to drop me a line in the coming year!

—Johnny Egbert.

1949

The first important news item is that Bob Kemble has been elected to act as head of the group at U.S.M.A. and, therefore, correspondence should be directed to him or myself as everyone sees fit. Both Bob and I will welcome any suggestions and desires of the class as to any projects or suggestions they might have. Bob's address is Dept. of English, West Point, New York.

A number of the class have visited West Point during the football season, particularly, Claire and Ben Suttle who were up for the Penn State game. Ben is now working with the Navy Department as a liaison officer representing the Transportation Corps Aviation Section. Ann and Andy Lay also came down from Griffis AFB, Rome, New York, for the game.

Also, Frank and Jane Wolak—Frank is studying nuclear energy and engineering at M.I.T. Ann and Fred Gallagher came up from New York, and Fred is now out of the service working for a small firm in New York writing technical articles.

Ken Miller announces a baby boy born in October, and the last word I had from Ken, he is still working for Ford Motor Company as their service representative in the North Carolina area. Teddy and John Costa announce the birth of a son in November.

Ward Goessling visited the Point in September on his way to the 101st Airborne Division and some preliminary schooling at Fort Sill. Since graduation, Ward has seen the world as he has been in Korea, Trieste and Germany; however, he is still a bachelor.

Johnny Costa is at the language school in Presidio, California studying Russian, he expects to attend Columbia starting in January and reports to West Point next year to the Language Department. Bill Moore is reported as a post engineer somewhere in Germany. Some more births—the Rumneys a third child, and the Klemmers a 3rd red-headed boy in September.

The following attended the U.M.I. game, Jim Steel, Ted Wagner, Stan Ellerthorpe, and Fred Johnson and wives.

Tom Coughlin is C.O. of Heavy Mortar Company, 17th Inf. Regiment, 7th Division in Korea (APO 7, San Francisco). John Burrell is C.O. of "D" Co., 17th Inf. Regiment; Andy Dilts is C.O. of "F" Co., 17th Inf. Regiment and Doug Stickley is Mortar Officer, 32nd Inf. Regiment.—All the above are in Korea.

Phil Feir after having completed the Airborne course at Fort Benning is enroute to Korea (probably there by now). Phil recently became engaged to a Columbus, Georgia girl, Marilyn Miller. Bob Estes visited the Point recently and is in the office of the OMC. Jack Bender is no longer in the Comptroller's Office in Germany but has been reassigned to an Infantry Regiment in Berlin.

Some late news, Ed Hilton was married to an English girl, Barbara Morvyn Tracey in July in Birmingham, England. Congratulations, Ed!

The Ken McIntyres are on their way to Hawaii for a three-year assignment as Post Engineer. Jim Willson is working with the

Stanford Research Institute in Menlo Park, California. Bill Street, Hugh Jenkins and Gil Kirby just earned degrees in Civil Engineering at Cal. Tech in Pasadena. I don't have their present address. Dave Bolte is in the S-3 section of one of the regiments in the 10th Division. Joe Gilbreth is working for Bell Labs in Whippany, New Jersey, and is living in Morristown. Bob Ronald and family have settled in Seattle, Washington, with Wright Outboard Marine Co. Pete Hiskin is living in Muckleteo, Washington. Pete's working for Scott Paper Company. Whitey Underwood is in Long Beach, California with Proctor & Gamble. Joe Sencay is with Douglas Aircraft in California. The Jack Rusts are living in Bloomington, Illinois and Jack is commanding a tank company in the National Guard.

I expected to see some of you at the Pitt game and did see "Doc" DeCorrevont at a distance, but could not get to him to talk to. Chuck Reed was supposed to have come out for the game and we were to get together afterwards, but understand he unexpectedly went to the hospital.

Bill and Jean Lake visited George and Elaine Sylvester at West Point on the weekend of the Colgate game. Bill is in the Math Department at the Naval Academy and is being given a rather rough time by the mid-dies. Jerry and Ann Lauer drove down from Providence for the Colgate game and a weekend visit with the Metzgers. Jerry is on the ROTC faculty at Providence College.

Ray and Nan Klemmer were all set to leave West Point when their oldest son got nephitis. Consequently Ray has been given a one year extension. Latest reports indicated their boy has recovered.

Recent additions to the family include a son to Bob and Millie Lichow, and daughters to the Ranks, Sara Ann, and Bill and Marilyn Ross, Maris Lynne. The Griffiths are expecting in March.

Seen at the Army-Syracuse game were Dick Toth and Andy Lay, stationed at Griffis Air Force Base, Ken and Nancy Main who drove over from Watertown, New York, and Bob Gilroy.

A letter from Art and Barbara Kingdom at Fort Sill indicated that there is a little partying going on at Fort Sill sponsored by the Kingdoms, the Ted Marleys's, Norm Hopkins, Skeeter Meek (going to Iran after January 1), George and Carolyn Pollin, Ed Ross, Clay Moran, Orton Spencer, Bert Turner, and the Smiths.

John Krasko was married recently. Congratulations John!

Jim Poore resigned from the Army, but immediately joined the Air Force Reserve, underwent pilot training, and is now copilot in a super-constellation squadron in the Isle of Palms, South Carolina.

The post Navy game celebration was a tremendous success this year. The combined efforts of Bob Kemble, Bruce Peters, Al Sarcione and a few other stalwarts enabled approximately 39 members of the class and an equal number of wives and friends to gather at the "CR" club in Philadelphia for cocktails and dinner. It was a wonderful occasion and an opportunity to renew acquaintances that tend to lag except for events like this. Attending the party were Bell, Bullock, Brunhart, Hale, Lake, Luebert, Madison, Oliver, Reed, Rust, Ford, (E. P.), Gorog, Goering, Griffith, Kemble, Lombard, Meyer, Morton, Peters, Rose, St. Clair, Swantz, Wolak, Judd, Mayer, Marfaggi, Brown, A. G., Gerometta, Steffy, Fagg, Sarcione, Stemple, Bumpus, Dougherty, Hawn, Steele, Krimendahl, Scholtz, and Earthman. No intent to slight the wives or friends is meant here by omitting their names. Things just happened so fast that we were not able to get them all.

I hope this gets to all of you before

Christmas and the New Year, but if not, both Til and I send each of you our best wishes for the Holiday Season.

—John I. Saalfeld,
700 Hyde Avenue,
Ridgway, Pennsylvania.

1950

Received a few more letters this quarter, but the response is still under our standards of a year or two ago. Most of the news is several months old by the time you read it but you can help reduce this time lag by sending me your letters prior to the following dates: March 1, June 1, September 1 and December 1. That way I can make the deadline on the 10th of each of those months and the news as you read it will be only a couple of months old.

Letters this time were from Boyd Bashore, Jack Loughheed, Dan McDaniel, Steve Cameron, Lloyd Darland, Sally (Hal) Strickland, Janice (Volney) Warner, Carolyn (Vic) Cuneo, and Malvene (Ben) Lewis.

Before we get to your letters, let's take first things first. Congratulations are certainly in order for the six classmates whose names appeared on the list of outstanding Captains to be promoted to Major within the next few months. They are Bill DeGraf, Charlie Eshelman, Al Griebing, Chuck Hayward, Jim Lee, and Joe Love. Well done and let's have many more on any future lists.

Boyd Bashore, chairman of the election committee, reported the results of the election to fill the vacancies of Vice-President and Historian, originally held by Pete Monfore and Bob Pierce respectively. As you know, at class meetings at the 5th Reunion, it was decided to conduct a post card election to fill the vacancies created by the deaths of Pete and Bob.

Nominations were made at those meetings, an election committee was formed, ballots were sent out to us, and the results, as Boyd sent them from the Philippines are as follows: Vice-President, George Vlisides; Historian, Lou Genuario.

Congratulations George—you too Lou!

Jack Loughheed writes from Dallas, Texas where he is Division Sales Supervisor for the Farmers Insurance Group. Jack was with Philo Lange and Sid Wright in Indianapolis sometime ago—Sid is now managing a Hubbell Metals Plant in Memphis, Tennessee. D. S. and Jane Wilson, commuting between Fort Bliss and Fort Sill, (Artillery Advanced) passed through Jack's territory last summer.

A note from Dan McDaniel, prompted by my heart-rending poem in last issue, . . . I knew there'd be some response . . . tells us that he is now a Battery Commander of a NIKE missile unit in the Seattle AA Defense Area. Since Dan last wrote in 1952, he has acquired a wife, a daughter, and a son. That's about par for the course Dan. Po Cornay, also commanding a NIKE Battery in the Seattle Area, was married last fall to the daughter of the Brigade S-3. (No name reported.) Of interest though, is the fact that Po and his bride rode to their reception on a NIKE missile trailer rather than the traditional caisson. The picture appeared in Life Magazine at the time—did you see it? Andy McFarland is at the University of Washington on an ROTC assignment. Dan added that he, Corney and Jim Matthiessen expect to go to the Artillery Advanced next year.

Short note from Steve Cameron requesting information about any pre- or post-Navy Game Parties. I didn't get your note until after the game Steve, so I couldn't be of much help.

Nice note from Lloyd Darland, also prompted by last issue's poem. . . Let's see

now 2 out of 650—that's roughly 0.31% . . . I'd better try something other than poems to get your letters. . . At any rate, Lloyd made a deal. He said he'd send me some information if I would remind Assembly to correct his address. (Please Sir . . . Captain Lloyd E. Darland now lives at 1113 Winthrop Ave., Lafayette, Indiana.) Lloyd is at Purdue with John Cragin, Karl Weber, Bill Gearan and George Middleton. He said that he found an unusual use for his tarbucket which he discovered in a packing box. He "lovingly filled it with concrete" (weren't they all filled with equally dense material, Lloyd?) and now uses it as a doorstop. Any more deals Lloyd? Just send in some more news.

Sally Strickland writes from Niagara Falls AFB. Hal is with the 47th Fighter Interceptor Squadron and returned (last September) from Yuma, Arizona where the unit practices rocketry for thirty days each year. Harry Steffensen is at Oklahoma U. working for his Masters Degree (What Field Harry?). Kent and Sherry Cooley are in Greenville, Mississippi where Kent is with the Training Command.

Ann and Vern Kinner are out of Service now and living in Larchmont, New York. Sally, you say you're confused on the Nibley's whereabouts because Betty Nibley wrote you from Tyndall AFB, Florida and I reported in July's issue that they were at Maxwell? How about clearing that up for us Pete? And while you're at it, add a thousand words about classmates you've seen recently.

Carolyn and Vic Cuneo and children arrived in Naples where Vic is with the Post Engineers office at the NATO Post.

Janice Warner writes from Verona, Italy where Volney is Secretary to the General Staff at SETAF H.Q. Bruce Leiser is there also with the Engineer Section, SETAF. Bob and Troy Chambers left Europe last summer and are now at Benning—Inf. Advanced I believe.

Malvene and Ben Lewis are in Frankfurt living high off the hog. There also are Al and Betty Griebeling, Ding and Johanna Price and Phil Bolte. Jim and Ann Tormey—Heidelberg; Burke and Lish Lee—Mannheim; Jim Lynch—Stuttgart; John Fox—Darmstadt; Bill and Trema Berry—Paris and Jim and Pattie Kelly—Guissen. Emmett and Rowland Lee—somewhere in France. (Where Emmett?)

Several press releases—Frank Borman is at Cal. Tech; Frank Henning, Jim Curtis, Roswell Round, Dean Schnoor are with the 24th Inf. Div. in Korea; Howard Mitchell with the 7th Div., Korea; Gus Hergert—25th Div. Hawaii. Recent graduates of the Ranger course at Benning are Otto Kuckhan, Bill Mastoris, Jim Drewry, Graham Sibbles, Mark Jones, Tom Hughes, Lyman Hammond, Ray Maladowitz, Bill Baxley and Joe Elliott. Phil Bardos is C.O. of Co. D, 3rd Inf. at Fort Myer; John Vanston is with the 97th AAA Group on Okinawa.

Our crew at U.S.M.A. now includes the following: Math.—Don Kreuziger, Harvey Prosser, and Jim Workman. Mechanics—Monty Coffin, Charlie Osterndorf and Jere Sharp. French—Blackie Bolduc and Jack Palmer. Spanish—Reg Lombard. English Dave Hughes and Philo Hutcheson. MT&G—Ken Ebner, Ray Singer, Bob McCutcheon, Bill Miller and Bill Lamdin. Electricity—Bill DeGraf and Jim Ross. Social Sciences—Jay Durst, Paul Gorman, John Wickham, and Dick Wyrrough. Chemistry—Bill Howe. TAC—Sandy Oliver. AF Detachment—Bill Schwoob. 1 RCT—Winnie Skelton. Combat Arms Det.—Nel Thompson. Physical Education—George Vlissides. Stewart AFB—Herb Liechty. MP&L—Walt Price. One name on the list which I can't make out—Hall (Ken or John) Dept. unknown. Now maybe we'll get letters from both.

Income Tax Deductions reported this quarter: Future Cadets to Harry and Lois Steffensen, Dick and Gigi Slay, Bob and Peggy Hoover, Pete and Betty Nibley, Jack and Louise Wagner, Bill and Trema Berry.

Future Cadet Drags to Hal and Sally Strickland, Ding and Johanna Price, Jim and Pattie Kelly and Lou and Rose Genuario—Hey That's us. (4 girls—1 boy—although not a record, still a decent average.)

That's it for now, so between now and next March 1st—just—W R I T E!

—Lou Genuario.

1951

"Down in Maryland there's a sale on men, All repaired they've declared since the fray. . ."

Market closed with—Girls up 4 (Baileys, McLeans, Ottens and Waldmans). Boys up 2 (Knapps and Deans).

Letter from Bruce Bailey lists *Herb Albritton, Bruce Baily, Pat Brian, John Casson, Bill Crouch, Charlie Crowe, *John Derrick, *Henry Evans, George Filchak, John Hill, *Larry Kelly, Bill Malouche, *Charlie McLean, Rocky Milburn, Wayne Miller, Ed Pelouquin, Walt Phillips, *Joe Sites and Dick Szymczyk as members of the Artillery Advanced Class of 1956-57 (* indicates tracks as of September 11.)

Grapes from the vine: Bob Bowers, Paul Coughlin, Bob Dean, Bill Depew and Red Forrester in Guided Missiles at Fort Bliss . . . Mike Davis, Otto Doerffinger and Dick Ryan at Fort Sill. . . Frank Hamilton, E&E Department at Fort Bliss. . . Pete Thorson, B.C. in 168th A.A.A. Bn. at Fort Bliss. . . *Joe Luger, Board 4 at Fort Bliss. . . Lane Holman, G.M. Department at Fort Bliss. . . Myles Grant, Civil Schooling at Harvard. . . Gus Villaret, 457th F.A. Bn., with the 11th Airborne. . . Bill Spence, Executive Officer of Hdqts. Co., 3rd Bn. of the 511th Airborne Infantry Regiment. . . Carl Arnold with the Orangeburg Manufacturing Co. in Kansas City.

Visitors to "The Rock": George Psihas, escorting an R.O.T.C. group from Detroit. . . Bill Bradley, Pud Keesling, Ron Milam and Walt Russell as a cheering section for the 504 Regiment's win over "B" squad.

Extracts from a letter from Bud Richardson: (List of new Air Force Captains) "Allen, W. A.; Anderson, L. A.; Anderson, R. D.; Baird, W. J.; Ballard, J. G.; Barnes, D. S.; Brantley, A. L.; Buffington, L. C.; Chandler, D. F.; Collins, M. M.; Cook, P. E.; Corrigan, J. P.; Croan, J. W.; Crocco, J. P.; Cunningham, J. W.; Cuthbertson, W. H.; Danforth, G. E.; Des Islets, J. C. M.; Dingman, R. G.; Dozier, W. M.; Giordano, B. A.; Gordon, J. B.; Guild, S. M.; Haggren, R. A.; Headlee, H. E.; Hechinger, R. M.; Hendricks, G. K.; Henney, F. A.; Huff, D. W.; Hutson, J. C.; Jacobs, R. L.; Jacobs, S. A.; Jeans, H. E.; Landry, B. M.; Long, L.; Marsh, H. G.; McDonald, R. F.; McGann, D. A.; Miller, P. R.; Moretti, W. G.; Norton, A. D.; Osborne, J. R.; Powell, J. C.; Prince, E. R.; Reed, I. B.; Richard, F. B.; Rogers, D. E.; Roloff, D. H.; Rose, E. G.; Samotis, J. A.; Schlatter, D. M.; Scraggs, S. W.; Sheridan, P.; Sisson, F. E.; Sprague, C. K.; Starrett, J. P.; Umstead, S. M.; Young, J. R.; Zurawski, D. D." Bud, who is now a history instructor at the Air Force Academy goes on to write, "There is no other Class of '51 member here, in spite of the fact that the place is loaded with Pointers. Rudy Prince is due in next year and there's a chance Bruno Giordino will be assigned. Ken Hite visited us from Nellis and said he was requesting Academy duty, so perhaps after a while we'll have a quorum.

"As for cadets I was pleasantly surprised. When the cadets get their permanent uni-

forms, which are really distinctive, and we move to the permanent site (in '58), with its closed circuit T.V., wind tunnels, year-round air conditioning, etc.; there will be no stopping this outfit—mark my word.

"My address is 1180 Iola St., Aurora, Colorado. We have a spare bedroom for anyone who cares to use it and I'll gladly conduct tours of the temporary site for those interested. The phone number is Empire 6-3196."

For those of us who still wear the single bar of faithful service, I've just heard a rumor about a special order numbered 242. Until it becomes a fact let's BEAT MRU.

—Russ,

Box 242, Cornwall, New York.

1952

Well, another year has rolled to a close classmates. Hope you all had a very merry holiday season and the best to everyone for the new year.

Reunion planning is showing a fine spurt of progress. The reunion is being handled by those classmates here at West Point under the able Chairmanship of Bill Boyles. The details will be handled by committee. Bill was elected (unanimously) at a meeting of those in the area in October and Ken Simonet has given his blessing and support to the entire operation. Early information points to a good big attendance. Our reunion will be held from Friday, May 31, 1957 through Tuesday June 4, 1957. Each class member will receive a letter shortly requesting information on who and how many will attend and your prompt reply will be appreciated. In the event we do not succeed in contacting you please send in this info anyway. Regrets as well as acceptances are essential to proper planning. Housing will be on a first come basis so far as reservations are concerned. The men will sleep in barracks and the girls will be in dorms or houses of classmates in the area. It is not necessary to come for the entire time though it is obviously desirable. There will be a reunion ball on Saturday, a class picnic on Sunday, Alumni exercises on Monday, June 3. For reservations and information write to Lieutenant Wm. B. Boyles, Hq, 1st RCT, West Point.

Mail has been good this time and if I don't get all the letters covered in this issue due to lack of space I will catch up next issue. Ken Simonet is soon to head for Okinawa and will not be here for reunion. Incidentally, you all will please forgive my inability to answer each letter when you write, but accept the appreciation of the class. Rabbit Palmer has resigned as has Bill Linkenhoger. Bill and Ann and daughter Gail are at 7106 Bintliff Dr., Bellaire, Houston, Texas. Bill is in transportation business, homeowning and happy. Jack Mauer stopped by West Point in November and he and Joanne with Mike (3 yrs) are with 29th RCT at Fort Benning with Owen Holleran (who I saw at the Navy game). John Garver is at Benning with the Weapons Department. Terry Allen is scheduled for the advanced course this January. Jerry Kutz is with SAC in Rapids City, South Dakota.

The Air Force's and Army's last promotion lists have begun to catch 52ers (not considering those early birds) for promotion to Captain. Good! Hope we all end up on promotion lists, and soon.

Ed and Jean Thompson wrote from 13th Inf Regt in Ulm. Bud is Exec of M Co. Edmund Jr. is now 9 months old. They left Camp Carson with the 8th Div. Henry Lowder passed by the Point recently enroute to Formosa as General Bowman's aide. They have a new daughter Elizabeth Ann.

Lou and Terry Beasley have a second son, Keith as of November 7. Lou saw J. G. Hill's folks while in summer camp. J. G. is now married to the former Ann Dawson of Madison, Wisconsin. They are in Munich with M Co, 503d Inf APO 29. Gator also met Charley Sell at the Michigan slaughter.

George Barkley and Frau are at E Co, 502d Inf at Campbell and want to hear from Carl Dupke at Purdue and Tom Courant. Carl Broadbent is in Recon Co, 101st Div at Campbell, Otis Moran and Tom Leggett are in 508th School Command, Charlie Hoenstine is in Div Arty, Dick Miller and Hank Moseley and Jim Bremer are in 187th Inf, Pinto Holt and Bobby Jo Wheeler are in 506th Inf all there at Campbell. Ken Good and Ralph Girdner are also in 502d and P. B. Malone is with the jump school, Art Deverill is at Campbell and I know you will all be saddened to hear of the untimely death of their young daughter in October.

Dick Ray and Jack Kleberg have resigned and Bill Raiford is at the Advanced course at Belvoir. Tom and Bobbi Brodin welcomed their second son, Drake Thomas. Tom is CO F Co 5th Inf. Nib and Mid Niblack along with Ray and Juanita Koestner are at U of Oklahoma studying Aero-Engr. course for USAFIT. Niblack has 2 girls, 1 boy, Koestners have 1 boy. They live in Midwest City, Oklahoma. I saw Bill Reilly at the VMI (and every other) game this fall. He is at MIT. Also saw at various games Ev Richards, Warren Hayford, Denny Mullane (in Nassau, Long Island phone book for those in the area), T. D. Pace, Ernie Condina, Jerry Brisman and at the Navy game Jim Tow, Owen Holleran, Dave Martin, Bill Raiford, and many I did not get to speak to.

Bob and Audrey Dunn have left Fort Dix for Fort Benning where Bob is teaching after a California vacation. Don and Nadia Lasher (and William) are at Stanford where Don is studying Data Processing for his Masters. Also at Stanford are Hank and Adrian Hollender (and second girl Judith, June 20, '56), and George Rule. Hank is studying EE and George is studying English for the AF Academy. At Ames, Iowa, at State, are Bob McCrindle, Bob Ackerson, the Sells, Picketts, Nelsons and Welchs.

A retraction . . . I reported last issue that the Lichtenwalters had twins. Bud wrote me and informed me that Lang is the proud father. Lick and Wink discussed the possibilities of trying to make the statement I made correct but due to lack of time have set me straight instead. Sorry I made the error but congratulations to the Langs. The twins are girls. Bob Pfeil is back home managing his father's properties and flying for Alaska Airlines, Bert Stubblebine is headed for advanced Armor school.

My old friend John Keeley finally got around to writing in and pooped me up on things at Princeton. He and Joe Hannan are studying Social Sciences for instructor duty at WP. Pete Selleck and Drake Wilson and Gene Stokes are there studying Civil Engineering. The Sellecks have a new daughter Kathryn as of last October. Thanks Cholly.

"Mr" and Mrs. Tom Walls announced the birth of their second child, 1st son, Thos., Jr., on August 30 in Norfolk, Virginia. Tom Fitzpatrick married Leone Brisben on September 29 at Alameda Naval Air Station. Not many bachelors left. Leone, welcome to the class. Howard Jelinek is A Btry CO, 376FA Bn at Bragg, and was at Camp Buckner with the yearlings last summer. Dave Eachus is with the 451st AA Bn at March AFB. Ed Eckert has B Btry 64th FA Bn in Hawaii. Bob Durie is also there with the 25th Div 35th Regt E Co. Bob Rounding is studying math at Oklahoma A&M to teach at AF Academy. Ralph Cline and wife re-

cently had a baby boy but I have no further details.

Jack Hettinger sent in a most complete coverage of 11th Div in Germany so here goes. Div Hq is in Augsburg and with it the 188 Inf and 511 Inf. In Munich is the 503 Inf and Recon Co. With 188th Inf are: Phil Hamilton, Bob Sears, Wally Hastings, Milt Sullivan, and Jack Hettinger. With 511th Inf are: Mone Asensio and George Miller. With 503d are Lloyd Riddlehoover, Jim Turner, John Hill, Paul Gray, and Tom Collier. At Div Hq is Lou Davis (aide), and Bert Kidwell is with Recon Co. Jack has volunteered to report on the 11th's doing so you people over there give him the poop.

Champ Edwards is another long lost 52er returned to the fold this month with a long letter bringing us up to date on his news. Champ wrote from his civilian address at 607 Highland Way, Hagerstown, Maryland. He resigned after returning from the Far East. He is an engineer for Fairchild Aircraft. Champ and Sue have one child, Teresa born last August. Champ works very near AGW Biddle and they generally draw the curves that tell the salesmen how well the plane will fly. Champ plans on going back to school soon probably in Texas. Jack and Bonnie Biddle are at Long Meadow Apts, Hagerstown. Bill and Doris Duncan with Chuckie and Laurie are in Philadelphia where Bill is at Temple studying for his MD on the Korean GI Bill. They may be reached at 4538 13th St., Philadelphia. Marty and Gerry Celec with Mike was at Andrews AFB until recently then off to school at Maxwell. Anyone on the campus at U of Texas look Champ up. He is happy as a civilian and we are glad. I appreciate your letter and good luck, Champ.

Classmates, I may well run over my limit so have to quit for this issue. Keep the letters coming, see you at reunion, and spread the word. The new issue of the Register is out and will bring you all up to date on who is who in '52, summarizing all that has happened in nearly five years.

—Dave Lyon.

1953

There is so much to write about I hardly know where to begin. Christmas is here again, and by the look of things here in Chicago, we might have a white Christmas at that. The West Point Society of Chicago has started to have a monthly luncheon at the various hotels around town. I have attended several of them, and so far, old Jeff has had to be all alone in representing our class. Seems as if all the '53ers have moved out of the area.

The Society was host this year to the Army-Navy party which is a television party with the Naval Society to watch the game. It was held at 5th Army Headquarters, and a delicious lunch was served. The game was enjoyable too. Even though we did not win, the team pretty well ran all over Navy. And finally, I ran into a classmate! Emily and I had a nice visit with Joan and Frank Mleko. Frank resigned last summer and is working for the Illinois Bell Telephone Company. They bought a house in Skokie, Illinois, which is the suburb next to Evanston, so we aren't very far from one another. Joan was expecting their first child momentarily, and we learned later that she had it that very evening! More about their baby girl in Baby Corner.

Cliff Neilson sent news and some stamps from Butzbach, Germany. Thanks, Cliff. Butzbach, as he puts it, is "a quaint hamlet some 30 miles up the autobahn from Frankfurt." Also in Butzbach are: Jim Donahue, Dave Horner, Hal Rhyne and John Seigle. Cliff has been keeping track

of resignations through the Army, Navy, Air Force Journal. According to his calculations, as of September 1, the Class of '53 has lost 52 via resignations from the Army, and none from the Air Force.

John Nave's mother, Genevieve, dropped a note to bail John out of the Lost Dept. She said that he has been at March Field in California, but was recently sent to the 303rd A.R.S. in Bermuda. Mrs. Nave was down to visit him in August, and she said that he looks fine and is enjoying the tour to the fullest.

Henry Purcell sent news from the West Coast in general and Fort Ord in particular where the main body of the 5th Division had gyroscoped to about six months ago. Bruce and Jeanne Hardy are there and Bruce is Assistant S-3. Stan and Dorie Weilga are also there. Stan is presently technical advisor for a series of TV films on West Point, so he is busy travelling between Fort Ord and Hollywood. Both the Hardys and Weilgas are due to become parents soon. Jim Dare is at the Presidio of Monterey studying Chinese-Mandarin. Although Jim speaks Chinese, he says the Chinese-Mandarin is quite different, and he can't coast on his previous knowledge. Leroy Ades is working in the 5th Division G-3's office and Hiram Tompkins is assigned to Fort Ord's R.F.A. Regiment. Henry Purcell and his wife, Judy, had a boy in July, Robert William. The same day Willy was born, Henry received orders to Army Language School to study Turkish for 11 months. Henry finds the school interesting and the foreign instructors even more so. Some of them were distinguished diplomats, etc. in their own countries. Henry is out of touch with Jack Morton, Jack Merrigan, and Bob Ayers. If any of you see this, write me and I will give you Henry's address.

From South of the Border came news of Tony and Kathy DeLuca. They are at Fort Kobbe, Canal Zone where Tony is working in the S-3 Section of the 20th Inf. He is also coaching the Kobbe basketball team which has won the Panama championship for two years and is trying for a third. The DeLucas now have three children, two girls and a boy which I am sure keep them busy. They are scheduled to remain at Kobbe until April. Others there are: John and Billie Wise, Jim and Lee Jackson, Bob and Sally Zargan, Bill and Steph Jewell. Duffy and Dot Martin left in November for Camp Rucker, Alabama, and Don and Bev Meyer left for Fort Lewis, Washington.

I received a startling letter from Jack Johnson the other day. Seems that Jack broke his neck back in April in an auto accident while driving from an air base in England to his home in Colchester, England. His right arm was paralyzed, and he was sent to Germany for treatment. While there, Bill Yuengel and Leo Morton visited him. Yuengel has since resigned and is out now. In June it was decided to send Jack back to the States, so he was sent to St. Albans Hospital. He can use his right arm now, and Jack hopes to be back to normal by January. He has seen Frank and Diane Gay and Stan Touchstone and wife since arriving at St. Albans. Jack is now living at home in Rumson, New Jersey with his wife, Dot, and receiving out-patient treatment at the hospital. We certainly are glad that you are coming along all right, Jack.

From the land of parkas and perma-frost came a note penned by Bob Porter who is beginning a three year tour in Fairbanks, Alaska. His old roommate, Derek Van Wyk, dropped by to see him the other day and announced that he was embarking upon the short tour of 18 months without dependents. Derek left his family in Washington, D. C. John Olsen cracked up an F-86 somewhere and barely got out. While recovering they found other complications

and grounded him. At last report John was at Foster AFB, Texas as a finance officer. Wally Leland is still flying interceptors at Anchorage. Spark Jones is with District Engineers at Seattle and expects to be there another year. Dick Benz has resigned and is in production engineering at Minneapolis-Honeywell.

Don Davis sent news from Fort Campbell, Kentucky and let me know that his wife's name is Claire, not Ann, as I had previously reported. Mistakes will happen! Speaking of mistakes, I noticed in the October report that several names were misspelled. Please forgive the printer for those, I am very careful to check names 'cause I know how strange it seems to see your name misspelled. Anyway others at Fort Campbell are: Joe Wilson, Jerry Brophy, Dave Rice, Joe Rears, Joe Perlow, Felix Liveoak, and Rocky Ventrella. Craig Coverdale was there, but resigned and is now working for a small firm on Long Island. Don and Dave Rice have been on an interesting assignment testing new organizational setups for the Airborne Division. Don heard from J. P. Wade who is in Paris at the NATO Staff College as an aide. J. P. has received permission to go through the French jump school—the first American officer to attempt this.

Pauli Smith dropped a line to tell of their family addition and also to give the whereabouts of Rodger and Betsy Roderick who were on the lost list. The Rodericks are now in Germany and get together frequently with the Rod Smiths ex-wives—Bill and Marie Wubbena and Bob and Jeanne Glasgow. Rod and Pauli are at the U. of Illinois along with: the Kirk Ehlers, Roger Petersons, Larry Crevoiserats, Rich Leonards, Bernie Hughes', Chuck Fialas—and one bachelor, Jerry Goetz. Back in September Max and Priscilla Noah stopped by to see the Smiths while on their honeymoon. The Noahs were married in Washington, D. C. and were on their way to South Dakota where Max is on a Civil Works project.

Early Rush wrote of the birth of his son and the fact that the boy was quickly indoctrinated to Army moves. The day he came home from the hospital, the furniture was moved out of the Rush's home. They drove to a motel near Fort Dix that night. The next day they moved into new quarters—the baby's second home in 24 hours! Early is assigned to the Post Eng. Office at Fort Dix.

Joan Townsend let me know that their first bay hadn't made the column when she announced their second. Their first boy, David, was born 2-11-55 at Reese AFB, Texas. Dick is a flight instructor there. Hal Gartrell is due to return to Reese after Sqd. Officer's School is completed at Maxwell AFB. Dave and Helen Lodwick are also at Reese. While on leave, the Townsends saw the Army-Syracuse game and ran into Fred Reynolds who has been working on the St. Lawrence Seaway project.

The "Red Dog" Smiths finally reported in. Bob and Nancy are back from Germany now and are presently at Fort Carson, Colorado. They won't be there long, however, since Bob is going to Purdue for two years of study in May. Others at Fort Carson are: the Art Ackermans, the Bill Sneads, the Doc Stinsons, and Dick Neu. The Smiths have lost contact with the Chad Friedersdorffs and Bob Boxell. Report in and I will pass on any information.

Baby Corner

1. To John and Billie Wise, a girl, Lella Elizabeth (6-21-56 Canal Zone).
2. To Tony and Ann DeLuca, a girl, Jeanne Marie (6-28-56 Canal Zone).
3. To Dick and Joan Townsend, a boy, Keith (7-15-56 Lubbock, Texas).
4. To Bob and Nancy Smith, a girl, Victoria Lynette (7-30-56).

5. To Mike and Jacquie Kallman, a boy, Michael Edward, Jr. (8-2-56 Ames, Iowa).
6. To Early and Pat Rush, a boy, Robert Joseph (8-26-56 St. Albans, Long Island).
7. To the Don Ramsays, a girl, Leigh Sumner (9-3-56 Dayton, Ohio).
8. To John and Ann Cooper, a boy, John Olin IV (9-4-56 Munich, Germany).
9. To Jim and Lee Jackson, a boy, Bruce Robert (9-9-56 Canal Zone).
10. To Art and Lee Phipps, a girl, Amy Suzanne (9-12-56 Chambley, France).
11. To Don and Sarah Shaw, a girl, Patricia Ann (10-20-56 El Paso, Texas).
12. To Rod and Pauli Smith, a boy, Rodney Howe, Jr (10-30-56 Champaign, Illinois).
13. To Lamar and Carol Appleton, a boy, Thomas Hayne (11-16-56 California).
14. To Frank and Joan Mleko, a girl, Kathy Lynn (12-2-56 Chicago, Illinois).

Tom McKenna wrote that he has resigned and is working for IBM at Poughkeepsie, New York. Tom went to the Navy game and sat with his old roommate, Spike Holman. Tom relates that Spike was such a goat at school that it took Tom three years to convince Spike that BTU wasn't a school in the midwest! Others sitting nearby were: Frank Snyder, Jim Loedding, Jack Hughes (both Loedding and Hughes have resigned), Dick Flather, and Jerry Dresner. They all topped the day off at the reception at the Ben Franklin Hotel. Tom isn't married yet, but since he owns a new sports car and lives near Vassar, he isn't in any hurry.

Gail and Pat Lusk sent news from Fort Benning, Georgia. Gail let me know that they are the parents of a boy, Gary, born November 21, 1955. Tom and Tardy McGregor are now at Fort McPherson where Tom is aide to General Garvin. Sam and Joan Fisher are at Fort Sill going to school. Pat is S-2 and has been doing quite well in the Division Pistol Matches. His team won the championship, in fact.

Now for some quickie tid-bits: Lamar and Carol Appleton, Bob Ayers, Spike and Betty Flertzheim, Jim and Nancy Sibley are all at California Tech. in Pasadena, California studying for their MS's in Civil Engineering. Bob Segal, Norm Delbridge, John and Pat McDonald, Lee and Lucy Crosby, and Mike and Jacquie Kallman are studying for their MS's at Iowa State College at Ames, Iowa. Don Shaw, A. S. Merritt, J. B. Oblinger, C. A. Brewer, D. A. Best and E. L. Chambers are at a Guided Missile Course at Fort Bliss. Bob Maehr has resigned and is working for an advertising agency in Cincinnati, Ohio. Bob Kaplan attended a course at the Transportation School, Fort Eustis, Virginia. Walter Stepanek graduated from the officer's communication course at Fort Benning. Bob White is in Germany. Walter Cousland received the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant in recognition of meritorious service performed while serving as Artillery Advisor to the Government of El Salvador. Ray Eineigl is an aide to General Powell at Fort Benning. Ralph Sanders has resigned and is going to North Carolina State College to get his MS in nuclear engineering. Walter Parker, Bob Day, John Ceglowski and Fred Siebert graduated from the officer's communication course at Fort Benning. John Brinsko has resigned and is working for the ESSO Research and Engineering Company. Jim McCluskey is in Germany in Ordnance. William Bell is at Camp Zama, Japan.

Pete Clements, Class President, sent a letter which just made this issue. Pete wrote Don Ramsay and asked him if he would be in charge of publishing the Five Year Book. Don has accepted the job. Here is the statement which Pete asked me to publish concerning the tentative plans:

"First, the most important item is class support. If, after reading the proposal you as a member of the Class are interested in

having a Five Year Book published and are willing to pay your pro rata share, drop a postcard to Don Ramsay stating that you are in favor of the Five Year Book and will pay the cost of it. Don's address:

First Lieutenant Donald A. Ramsay
2687 Bellbrook Road
Dayton 10, Ohio

"If a majority of the class is for the idea, the plan is briefly as follows: Print 512 copies—one available for each living graduate and one to be presented to the widows or mothers of deceased classmates. The book would contain a picture of each graduate and his family plus a short biography on what he is doing and had done since graduation. A questionnaire would be sent out by Don to collect this information and the photograph. The book would be printed on a reasonably good grade of glazed paper with a cardboard cover and stapled together to save binding costs. The book could be made up by one of the publishing companies which does the extracurricular printing for West Point functions.

"How much will it cost and how much does each individual have to do? As to the cost, it is too early to get an accurate estimate on the cost to each member. The fact that there will be no advertising might be offset by the inexpensive binding to help keep costs down. However, I think that a maximum figure should be set above which we will not go. Personally, I would be willing to pay \$5.00 for the book including all expenses. I have no idea how close the actual cost might come. We might be able to publish the book for \$1.00 or less a copy. But to set a figure from which to plan, I propose an absolute maximum of \$5.00 a copy. If Don's publishing estimate is above a pro rata share of \$5.00 then we will revise the plan or vote on a Ten Year Book. Here is all the work that each of us has to do. Fill out the questionnaire and secure a suitable photograph and mail both of the items to Don Ramsay by the deadline.

"Assuming that the Class does indicate they are for the idea of the Five Year Book, I recommend that the Class Treasury underwrite such expenses that Don Ramsay would incur for stationery and postage.

"Finally, this is not the complete plan as Don has suggested, but I believe in consideration of Don's time as a student in Graduate School, the details can be best completed if Don makes those decisions. I'm sure he is open for suggestions and a helping hand if his plan is approved. If you would like more details on the plan, please write me, and I will be happy to answer any of your questions.

"Remember, if you approve the idea, send your approval to Don now; he can not do a thing until he is assured that a majority of the Class wants a Five Year Book."

Sincerely,

(signed) Pete Clements

That takes care of the report for this time. Be sure and mail a postcard to Don Ramsay. I already have mine in the mail. Emily and I extend to all of you our best wishes for the coming year. My address remains: Bill Jefferson, 148 Clyde Ave., Apt. 2-B, Evanston, Illinois. Keep up the good letter writing.

—William J. Jefferson

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Greetings: to all of '54. And a belated Happy New Year. Here's the latest news.

Babies—Firsts: Robert Edward to Joan and Bob Bullock at St. Albans Naval Hospital, Long Island, March 5; David Jeffrey to Nancy and Dave Dimick in Germany, April; Laura Lee to Cherie and Dick Farmer in Germany, June; Douglas Donald to

Marie and Don Panzer at Fort Lewis, June 22; Elizabeth to Elvie and Ted Sanchez at Baguio City, Philippine Islands, July 16; Deborah Kay to the Bob Keeners at Fort McPherson Hospital, October 11; Scott Corbett to Evelyn and Phil Brewster at Turner AFB, Georgia, October 11; Steven Lloyd to Bob and Shirley Washer, Fort Knox, October 23; Edleen Frances to Janice and Ed Pawloski in Germany, November 7; John Harold to Barbara and Audrey Short, Fort Sill, in November; Roger III to Roger and Ginger Browne; a boy to Lil and Gene Allred; a boy to the Pete Halls; and a girl to the Spike Briggses.

Babies—Seconds: Diane Marie to Greta Mae and Ken Haff at Williams AFB, June 24; Stephen to Ann and Vince Suppicich, Portsmouth AFB, New Hampshire, September 4; Robert Joseph to Kathy and Tom Flaherty, Fort Bliss, September 29; Edward Arthur to Joan and Ed Hart at Bad Nauheim, Germany, October 3; Catherine Ellen to Eleanor and Frank Sweeney, Fort Sill, November 9; and a second boy to Dorie and Pat Murphy.

Weddings: Lloyd Matthews and Sara Anne Johnson at Griffin, Georgia, July 7. John Woodyard was best man; Bob Weeks, Tex Bacon and George Perrin were ushers.

George Riess and Joan Payne at West Point, September 1.

Prop Walker and Alice Wylie at Albany, Texas, September 22. Ushers were Ed Knoff, Ken Brant, Bill Hauser, Jerry Vigeo, and John Lohman.

Ed Passmore and Donna Roberta Ramsey at West Point, November 25.

Celebrity: Dick Kavanaugh leaves in January for twelve months in Teheran, Iran. He'll be training the Imperial Iranian Army as a member of the ARMISH/MAAG field team.

Germany: Dick and Sherie Farmer, Dave and Nancy Dimick, and Bob and Carole Reid spent a "wonderful" six weeks at the Oberammergau Intelligence School just outside Garmisch, the recreation center. Then the Farmers went to Stuttgart where Dick is S-2 of the 70th Engr Bn; the Dimicks to the 15th Engrs in Nurnberg; and the Reids to Amberg where Bob is patrolling the Czech border with the 3rd Armd Cav.

Bill Schulz managed a transfer from the 370th AIB in Munich to the 6th Armd Cav in Landshut, about 35 miles away. Bill finds the work interesting and likes the speed and control of recon work. He and Lee have motored through much of Switzerland, France, England, and Scotland and are gaining quite an education, besides a lot of fun. Also at Landshut with the 6th A/C are Lee Gilbreth and Harry Sullivan.

Quite a few have settled down in the Munich area. With the 370th AIB are Andre, Madeleine and John Lucas, Bill Odom, Dave Thorsen, and the Bob Lykenses. All are company execs but Bob Lykens who is Assistant S-3. Bill Odom switched recently from Infantry to Armor. Dave Thorsen has been sporting a yellow Mercedes convertible.

More Munich: With the 127th Engr Bn are Lou, Gladys and Ricky Mentillo, Jack and Barbara Miller, Glenn and Lou Creath, and the Jim Chandlers and son. The John Eitels and son are with the 76th Tank Bn. Colby Ross is an instructor at the 7th Army NCO Academy, and Chuck Luce is with the 371st AIB at Munich.

Many of the Armor contingent have left for Germany. Bob, Shirley and Steven Washer to the 3rd Armd Div at Gelnhhausen; LuVerne, Dorothy and Carol Jean Wooge, John and Evelyn Wisniewski, and John and Ann Hudachek to the 14th Armd Cav.

With the 1st Bn of 5th Inf Regt are: Don Old as a P&A platoon leader; Fletch Ware as Assistant S-3; Lowell Sisson as regimental football coach; and John Woodyard as a

company exec. Lloyd Matthews is an instructor at the 8th Inf Div's NCO Academy.

Ben and Cynthia Schemmer are leaving Germany in January for Fort Ord, California. Ben is aide to General Breckinridge, and they have orders for the 5th Inf Div.

And a Germany roundup. Frank Meador is aide to Brigadier General Beauchamps with the 7th Corps. Jim Spruill is aide to Brigadier General Larsen, ADC of 10th Div at Wurzburg. Jim Hays is at Stuttgart with the Engineer Section, 7th Army Hq. At Drexheim are John and Marilyn Poteat, Andre and Gene Broumas, and Hank Debelius. Hank Butler is with the 25th Sig Bn at Karlsruhe. Bob and Patricia Wells are with the 2d Armd Div at Bad Kreuznach. In the Mannheim area are Dick and Maxine Littlefield, Bill and Anne Lyn Welsh, Chuck and Dot Luce, and Jack and Dot Logan. And we're told that Sandy Samouce married the General's daughter at Rougencourt, France.

Philippines: Ted Sanchez is now an instructor of mechanics at the Philippine Military Academy at Baguio City. He has also been assigned to revise some of the courses and to study changes of textbooks. Ted and Elvie had a small reunion recently with Max Janairo who was passing through the Philippines. Ted writes that he's anxious to see or hear from any of the class.

Korea: Bill Paul and Yale Weatherby spent eleven months in Korea and then got out the easy way in December by taking an inter-theater transfer to the 8235th Overseas Communication Bn in Tokyo. Their families are supposed to join them in January. Still in Korea are Dick Diller, Bill Thompson, and John Gilboux with the 24th Inf Div.

Hawaii: Don Newnham writes that a boatload of captains arrived on Hawaii and ranked him out of his company. So he's now S-1 for the 65th Engr Bn. Also enjoying life in Hawaii are Joe Ganahl, Dick Hobbs, and Chet and Monica Piolunek.

Other Overseas Outposts: Sam and Elizabeth Levensky, Pat and Peggy Patterson, and Dion Johnson gyroscoped to Fort Richardson, Alaska, with the 2d Inf Div. Dave Harris got orders to Iceland with the choice of two years there with his wife Bea, or one year without. They decided on the one without. Al Lieber returned in September from more than a year in Indo China away from his wife Joan.

Air Force: Ken and Greta Mae Haff and their two daughters are quite happy with life at Williams AFB, Arizona. Ken is an F-86F gunnery instructor in the 3527th Combat Crew Training Squadron. Incidentally, one of his best students is Les Pruitt who spent three years with '54 and then joined '55. As an extra good deal, Ken is also the squadron film assessing officer. Says he's really been able to make use of that MIT training from the Point.

Howard Hunter stopped by on his way to Rome AFB, New York, and gave many miscellaneous addresses: Al Schalk at Travis AFB, California, Ken Lucky at Mountain Home AFB, Idaho, Al Devereaux at Plattsburgh AFB, New York, Bill Egan at Lockbourne AFB, Ohio, Walt Schrupp at Lincoln AFB, Nebraska, Bob Linton and Bill Booth at Homestead AFB, Florida, Ted Saville at Smokey Hill AFB, Kansas, Ron Knapp and Jim Moss at Bergstrom AFB, Texas, Ron Morris and Jack Moore at Mather AFB.

Warren Alverson is with a B-47 wing at Pinecastle AFB, near Orlando, Florida. Gene Procknal and Scott Wetzel are putting in a tour at the Air Force Academy. Pat Murphy is flying F-89's out of Truax, Michigan. Jack and Sherill Arnet are in B-47's at Little Rock. Phil and Evelyn Brewster are at Turner AFB, Georgia, where

Phil is flying the F-84F. Stan and Betsy Beck are at Forbes AFB with the KC-97.

Army Air: At Fort Rucker, Alabama, are John, Myla and Leslie Young, and George, Jean and Georgie Olmstead. John and George are in an experimental aviation class. They are working with two new planes, the Cessna 180 and 182, and are taking instruments and contact simultaneously. Norm and Joan Mattmuller are also at Fort Rucker, and the Bill Harpers are at flight school in San Marcos.

AAA: Quite a few of the class are attending a Surface-to-Air Missile Battery Officers Course at Fort Bliss. Some of them are: Bob Bullock, Ed Judd, Tom Flaherty, Roger Browne, Frank Colpini, Bob Badger, John D'Aura, Paul Erickson, Jay Gould, Dick Grinder, Paul Powers, Dave Richards, Bill Royals, Ron Salvador, Jim Slogar, Tom Stark, Jim Surber, Al Walser, Paul Jenkins, Bob Marcrum, and Glenn Matsumoto.

Still boasting of his bachelor status, Jim Williams is enjoying life at Fort Meade, Maryland, with the 35th AAA Bn. One of his more difficult duties was coaching a WAC basketball team. On a trip to a football game at the Point, Jim saw Sam Walker, Don Larsen, Lee Revere (all three with the 324th Fighter Squadron at Westover AFB), Joe Gerda (gyroscoping to Germany with the 8th Inf Div), and Mark McDermott and Bob Mischak (both stationed at the Point).

Bill and Marie Weafer are commanding a Nike battery at Reading, Massachusetts, right next to their original hometown. Bill and Helen Stroh are living at Detroit where Bill also has a Nike battery.

Field Artillery: Thirty-one members of the class reported to Fort Sill in early September for a nine-month Field Artillery and Surface-to-Surface Missile Battery Officers Course. They represented 45 per cent of the class who went Field Artillery, plus Ed Knoff who "saw the light" and transferred from Infantry.

The 31 students are: Bob Adams, Ken Bailey, Bill Baldwin, Brick Brickwell, Ken Brant, Jim Chapman, Bob Clarke, Bob Cottle, Bob Egelston, Paul Garneau, Wendell Gilbert, Dick Griffin, Bill Hauser, Les Kirshner, Ed Knoff, Marty LaChance, John Lohman, Art Lykke, Mac McKenney, Ed McNair, Dick Moulton, Jerry North, Don Panzer, John Shafer, Audrey Short, Charlie Stodter, Doug Stuart, Dick Sugg, Frank Sweeney, Gerry Vigeo, and Tom Young. Their address is: FASSMBOC No. 1, 1st Off Stu Btry, Fort Sill.

After the mass exodus of artillerymen to Fort Sill, the lone remaining artilleryman at Fort Bragg is Prop Walker, now adjutant of the 98th FA Bn. But Prop isn't lonesome—he has a brand new wife, Alice, and a flashy new yellow-and-white Plymouth convertible. Doesn't sound like the conservative Prop Walker we used to know.

Stateside Roundup: The Benning crowd is scheduled to clear out at last. Jerry Curtis, Gene Donnelly, Tom Brown, Andy Underwood, and Bill Klein received orders for Korea, departure in March or April. Dick Zeigler lucked out with Japan.

Len Fuller, Clyde LaGrone, and Bill Purdue joined the 101st Abn Div at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. George Kourakos and Mac McKenney spent the summer training National Guardsmen at Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky. While there George learned that he was headed for Korea in January.

Larry and Nancy Skibbie are at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, after a switch from AAA to Ordnance. Also there is Bill Allan who is with the Student Officer Detachment. At Fort Dix are Bill and Eddice Jessee and their two daughters. And the confirmed bachelor, Walt Schrupp, is headed for the altar with a young lady from Waco, Texas.

That's all for now. Thanks for all your grand letters. Let's hear from more of you by March 1st. How about a good group photo? Same address: No. 1 Hawley Terrace, Yonkers, New York. Best wishes to all.

—Jim Plunkett.

1955

I take great regret in reporting the death of Lieutenant John Daly, USAF, in an automobile accident last August. On behalf of the class, I should like to extend to John's family our deepest sympathy.

Although it is nigh on to One Hundredth Night at the Big Rock Candy Mountain as you read this, it was still the panicky I-should-have-sent-my-Christmas-packages-two-weeks-ago period as this article went to the editorial offices.

Let us fit first, this issue, about the world for brief reports from the eastern and western fronts.

Sam Lowry, back "home" in Korea after three weeks R&R in Japan, discloses that the Land of the Rising Sun is still the Wonderland that captains who chortle about visits there in the early fifties said it was. Sam is now with Hq Co of the 17th Inf Regt. Tom Craven is in the Engineers in Korea. Don Isbell is with a Heavy Mortar Company, Dan Dienst is with the 17th Inf, and Dick Bean is with the 34th Inf. Bob McClellan now commands a 155 towed howitzer battery. Tom Brooks is with D Co, 51st Sig Bn, on Okinawa.

Norm Smith also had a holiday in Japan some time ago, when he took leave there from his station in Hawaii. Dick and Dottie Stemle, at Hawaii, expect a new arrival in February. Dick was awarded the Expert Infantryman Badge last autumn. Bob and Pat Doerr in Hawaii are expecting an addition to the family soon also.

Up in Alaska, Dave Pettet is selling refrigerators to the Eskimos. Dave is with M Co, 23d Inf Regt, APO 949, Seattle. Howie Whittaker and Graham Wood are in I Co of the same regiment. Gil Batchman is in F Co, and Jack Griggs in E Co. Jack was married to Miss Susan Brick on July 21 at Fort Lewis. Susan is with Jack now at Fort Richardson, knitting little things.

Joe Thomer is in Alaska with the 9th Inf. Joe, at the time of Dave's letter, was returning soon to Fort Lewis to marry Miss Mary Ann Drysdale. Dan Troyan and Frank Ceglowski are both still with the 2d Signal Co. Art Follett is with the 4th AAA Gp. Bill Hadly is with the 38th Inf Regt.

On June 9 at Fort Lewis, Dan, Jack, Howie, and Joe were ushers, and Dave Pettet best man, at the wedding of Miss Pat Ryan to Sterling "Nick" Nichols.

Jerry and Ginny Hagan and Jim and Mary Ellen Cooper are in Panama.

In Germany, a few of our classmates are making news. The November 1 Stars and Stripes ran an article on the Grafenwoehr mock village, mentioning the exemplary demonstration of an attack by the platoon commanded by Don Buchwald of the 13th Armd Inf Bn.

Dan Dugan and Jim Bergen have both made news by being Draper Platoon Leaders. Draper Platoon Competition is held to select the best Armored platoon in the United States Army. Final results are not available at this writing, but by the next issue I hope to list one of the above pair as top Draper Platoon Leader.

On December 27, all classmates whom we can contact and who can get there will assemble at the Frankfurterhof Hotel in Frankfurt. This gathering should prove one of the highlights of the year. Also, it will

undoubtedly yield a volume of news for the next issue.

Speaking of reunions, on a smaller scale there are at least two to report. Here in Baumholder, Jim Currie, '53, and wife Ginny, had an Army-Navy game listening party. Present were Charles and Ann Daniel, '46; Bert and Gerry Stubblebine, '52; Art Cates, '53; George and Georgeanne Chancellor, Skip and Susan Forman, '54; Don and Peggy Poorman, Bob and Pat Strati, Clancy and Patsy DeLong, Eck Hayes, and myself, '55. At the 42d AIB, Bob Schofield, '53, had another gathering to root for Army. Jim Torrence and Jim Town of our class were among those present. Jim Torrence, by the way, and Bill Peters are being assigned to Berlin soon with the 6th Inf Regt. Jim and Carla Town are with the 42d AIB.

Clancy DeLong recently graduated top man in a Second Armored Division Artillery FDC School conducted at Wackernheim. Herb Finger finished second. Speaking of schools, Dave Gilpatrick and Jack Trawick were partners in Escape and Evasion School at Wildflecken. Marty McNamee is stationed with Dave in Gelnhausen.

The Bob Stratis and Don Poormans are looking forward to new members of the family soon. Likewise, Ann and Roy Dunaway, and Edie and Walt Landers.

Bill Wilcox helped set up a German Military Academy. Bill and Natalie are with the 1st Bn, 85th Inf Regt. Also working with German officers is Del Jacobs. Del and Shirley have been in Germany since Del was assigned here as an instructor for the new German Air Force.

More locations: Don Giza is in France with the Air Force; Pete and Angeline Fikaris, 826th Tk Bn, APO 36; Dick and Helen Struss, D Co, 32d Sig Bn, APO 175; Dave and Betty Polly, 70th Engr Bn, APO 46; the Lou Tebodos, 3d Armd Cav Regt, APO 696; Skip and Marty MacDonald, 899th Tk Bn.

And to the land of the round doorknob and the non-folding nickel.

Presently at Fort Polk, but not for long, is Norm Blahuta, with C Co, 100th Tk Bn. Norm reports to Hawaii in March. Bob Shaffer with the 4th Tk Bn, Ray Shideler, with an Army Aviation outfit, Dick Shimunek, with the 13th Tk Bn, Bill Burrus, with the 634th AIB, and Bill Cummings, an armored infantry platoon leader, are also at Polk.

Vince Singer is with the Air Force CIC in Washington, D. C. Across the continent, with the 9th AAA Msl Bn at Fort Baker, California, on Angel Island, is Bill Wildermuth. Bill and Jane are the proud parents of son, Davie, born in September.

Bob Strickland, married to Miss Lynn Dartnell last summer, is now with the 82d Recon Squadron at Larson AFB, in Washington. He and Lynn are awaiting assignment to Luke AFB, Arizona. Bob writes of some of his fellow graduates from flight school at Laredo: Bob Millard went to Air Observer Training at Waco, Texas, in preparation for B-47's; Al Sheldon, Chuck Ewing, and Carl Bossert went to Tyndall for F86D School; Joe Davis and Ron Murray went to Moody AFB for F-94's.

Bill Carrington writes from Harlingen AFB, Texas, where he, Al Buie, Reed Stone, John "Rosey" Cohan, and Tom Sims are gathered. Al and Reed are flying T-29's. Bill graduated from Navigator School, receiving his wings in October, and now is a Tac in the 3612th Student Squadron at Harlingen. Dick Baker was one class behind Bill and now is at Mather AFB. Tom and Rosey are due to graduate from the school the summer of '57. Jack Carter, formerly our classmate in Co F-2, was also at Navigator School, due to graduate December '56.

Bill and Joan Carrington have a fine young blue-eyed lad, Bill Jr., better known

as "Scooter". Joan is to be matron of honor on December 30 at the West Point wedding of Mike Stevenson and Miss Ada Dudman.

Bob Pheiff sends word from Tucson between TDY's. Bob, his wife, and baby girl, Loretta Anne, live in Tucson where Bob is with the 65th Bomb Squadron at Davis-Monthan AFB. Bob was the only one of his class at Reese to go directly to SAC. In addition to his flying duties, Bob was able to survive the 17 day Survival School, which he claims is the Air Force answer to the discomforts of Airborne and Ranger Training. While at Reese, Bob saw Ken Donaldson, who was reporting to Wright-Patterson AFB in Dayton, and Skip Massey, on his way to Fort Lewis as a pilot for the 38th Infantry. Jim Darrah is at Lewis in the same capacity, while Bob Camp is a general's aide, enjoying the assignment thoroughly. Rich Cardillo is at 2d Div Hq at Fort Lewis.

Bill Goodwin, Norb Glidden, and Dale Ward are instructors at Lubbock, Texas. The Goodwins dropped in on the Russ Hodges' at Craig AFB not long ago. Norb ran into Jim Seay in Reno one weekend.

The October 2 European Edition of the Army Times ran an article describing Ira "Woody" Black, "an All-American soccer player from West Point who was first introduced in football pads just a few weeks ago," as a "grid gremlin with giant-killing talent for 60 minutes in the Fort Riley football bowl." Woody was a big factor in the 16th Infantry's 13-6 win over the 18th Inf Regt.

Jim Howard received pilot wings in September at Enid, Oklahoma, from where he went to Florida for eight weeks training prior to reporting to his current MATS assignment at Travis AFB, California.

Al Coleman and Ed Nidever are among those stationed with the 3d Inf Div at Fort Benning. No news from anyone at Benning in a long time, by the way.

Bill Edwards is with the 81st Recon Bn, 1st Armd Div, and recently turned in his bachelor card.

The Reb Youngs and K. V. Wilsons, in loyal Air Force Blue fashion, boast of baby girls. Ralph and Coreen Henry, living in Oklahoma City are expecting a baby in December '56.

Miss Sandra Smith and Roy Lynn, USMA Class of '55, and son of General and Mrs. Roy Lynn, USAF, were wed December 27, '56 in Washington, D. C. Will Holbrook was one of the ushers.

That's it for now. To those who have written, thank you. To those who have not, for the price of an air mail stamp, you can join the fun. (Air Mail is preferable, if you are anywhere but here in Europe. We here still have not received the October Assembly, sent regular mail.) Those of you who are among the "missing" to us, please locate yourselves to us. Bill Goodwin is wondering where Bill Wix is; Bob Strickland is looking for Don Smith, Jim Howard, and the other H-1 files; Bob Pheiff is out of touch with Dick Lilly, Don Andrews, Dick Dinwiddie, and Reb Young; and I am on the lookout for anyone whose name has not appeared in the past few issues of Assembly So write. My address has changed again. I am now with Hq 2d Armd Div Arty, APO 34, New York, New York.

—J. L.

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Even though your reporter has been a bit slow in compiling the information for this article, it should be very evident from the size of this report that the class as a whole has really been "movin' on".

The letters from Fort Knox have been pouring in, and the Armored Officer's Basic Course No. 2, comprised mainly of '56 grads, by all reports has been making a lasting impression on the venerable old school. The Class of '56 has been walking off with all the honors, and the permanent party at Knox has exhausted all of its superlatives to describe our class and its performance. Zuke Day, Rich Frederick, and Skip Ross walked away with the range firing ribbons in that order, and in a recent parade, by class vote, the entire chain was made up of '56. Jim Sewell was CO; Jerry Huff, Ex O; Loffert was 1st Sgt; Day, McCahan and Palmer were Plt. Ldrs. According to the wives, our boys were by far the sharpest on the parade grounds, but the judges took a dim view of one of the squads tripping over a deep hole as they passed in review. Shades of "the Plain!"

On the "fields of Friendly Strife" Knobby Glock and Chester Chesnauskas starred for the undefeated Knox Golden Horde football team. Zuke Day and Jim Harris also were recruited to the team and, when last heard from, were still not in the hospital. Speaking of hospitals, the Class of '56 has proven to be a prolific lot, and Greg and Iline Wold, Bob and Mary Sorley, Gus and Ellen Johnson, Bill and Doris Westcott, Don and Carol Lee, Frank and Pat Smith, Don and June Graesser, all are expecting a tax exemption in the near future. Jim Sewell dropped me a letter and says that he and his wife Susan plus Zuke and Lucy Day, Rick and Ann Brown, George and Gloria Loffert, Bill and Sandra Haponski, Tom and Georgia Harding, Skip and Francis Ross, Charlie and Pat Poole, George and Evelyn Martin, and Verne and Bobbie Ebert have all taken over the local Newgarden Apartments near Knox and have converted it into a '56 haven.

Jim Dozier has moved into the BOQ because his wife, Judy, has gone back to school and is awaiting the arrival of a baby. As for the bachelors (and that breed is fast becoming extinct), Bill Hooker claims that he's personally killed half of the flies in Kentucky, Jim Harris is living a wild single life and is anxious to get out in the field, Bob Nicholson has spent the majority of his time trying to beat down the local store profiteers (I just missed seeing him at Greg Wold's home in Chicago), and Jerry Huff has been spending most of his time writing sweet things to Barbara Davlon in New York. Woody Woodmansee settled for nothing less than "Miss Tennessee" and will be married in December, and Chester and Knobby did not spend so much time on the football field that they could not also join the ranks of the engaged.

Moving on across the country to the artillery files, Art Boudreau wrote while pulling targets at Bliss that he and Dave Larr had a very dull summer at one of the popular Cape Cod resorts teaching water skiing and skin diving. He also mentioned that he and others figured in the diving for the wrecked Italian Liner, the Andrea Doria. Dave Larr, Dick Rinker and Bob St. Louis have been running around a good deal together trying to reclaim some old addresses at Fort Sill, and Mel Wuest reports that he, Jim Bolin, Roger Redhair and Phil Elliot were sent from Sill to Bliss because their school was moved. Mel also tells us that he and his wife are now rabid bull fight fans. In addition to this, Masters Swezey, Holloway, Munsey, Lee, Boylan, Hammel and "Catfish" Cody are doing their best to foster good relations across the border in Juarez. Ah—Mexico!

Harry Crandall writes that '56 at Bliss is coining money because they are all on "per diem" (an overcrowded camp condition) and many of the boys are centering their lives around local "bachelor" apart-

ments. Tom Masterson, Warren Keinath, Harry Crandall, and John Wagner (who will marry over the holidays) all have a two bedroom house in El Paso. Others enjoying a rare time in their "dens of deceit" off post with gin at 80 cents a quart are, Steve Boylan, Bill Cody, Art Boudreau, Joe Gleason, Gerry Goldberg, Don Hammel, Joe Haydon, Rupert Kinsloe, George Lee, Jack Munsey, Jack Polickowski, Dave Scales, Jack Scholz, Chuck Swezey and Charlie Trefzger. Those in the category of "expecting" are Win and Bobbie Frank, Jesse and Cynthia Blackwell, Ed and Nancy Redline, Jim Bolin and his wife—and possibly others by this writing. Carl Croft, noticing the example being set by his classmates will marry over the holidays. As usual, '56 occupied all the key positions at a recent parade at Bliss, and Rog Redhair is "maxing" many of the courses there. Charlie Glenn and Art Boudreau are acting as Tac Officers for their respective groups and Jack Munsey has traded his '56 Ford hardtop for a station wagon. Gene Fox is the proud owner of a '57 "swept-wing" Plymouth.

The word at Bliss is that the married men are putting on weight and that the only fun they have is at "bachelor thrown" parties (this is debatable). At any rate, seen at these parties are Dex and Marsha Shaler, Skip and Rita Rajala, and Harry and Gwenn Christopher.

Looking down Benning way, we note that '56 is still ready and willing to challenge all comers on the athletic field. Recently a football team was formed there which reminded me very much of the '55 Black Knight team. Pete Vann was at quarterback, All-American Don Hollender was at end, "Big John" McGinn was a tackle, Paul Lasley held down the center post, and Gerry Burcham played halfback. These men were backed up by some very worthy substitutes in the form of Russ Mericle, qb; Dave Horton, hb; Roy Suddath, e; John Nicholson, fb; Bob Quackenbush, fb; Doug Williams, e; and Keith Barlow, hb. They put their talents together and beat a strong 3rd Division team at Benning.

Those families laying in a supply of cigars for the coming "blessed events" are Randy and Ann Parker, Ed and Ellen Neary, Ivar and Ellie Rundgren, the Teddy Grants, the J. J. Clarks, Dave and Gail Muntz, Paul and Nancy Merola, the Day-harshs, and Larry and Dorothy Wange. Filed under miscellaneous, Bob Devoto recently successfully completed the Benning jump school. Incidentally, Dick Sylvester on his way to Oxford, took off enough time to complete both the Ranger and the Airborne courses, and has the distinction of being the first in our class to accomplish this feat. George Stapleton and Doug Williams are roommates in the BOQ. George writes that the training at Benning is repetitious (Now George—when wasn't it?). Jim Spires is still cracking his home-spun jokes, and Norm Schwarzkopf banged up his knee on the local "confidence course." Dave Horton hustled himself off to D. C. one romantic weekend and married. Art Harris also left the bachelor ranks recently. Mike Conrad is staying busy as the Class President and is very happy with Ann. It was a thrill to see Don Hollender in the All Star-Cleveland Brown football game and he acquitted himself well.

Nick Beal wrote to tell me that he, Carl Coulter, Bill Keefe, and Roy Lindquist are all living together off post in Columbus. They had a house warming "small ball" and had about 50 classmates and their wives in for "tea." Nick tells me that 25 of the Infantry files were present at the Army-Navy game. Good showing! He also mentioned that all those muck tests at West Point were paying off, because the '56 Basic Infantry Officer Course broke the school record

in the P. F. test by averaging 332 points per man in each company.

Not to be outdone by Benning, the Belvoir engineers also formed a team of the touch variety coached by Mark "the smile" Sisinyak, and captained by Scott Smith. Tom Winter, Hughie Munson and Sam Alward lent their pigskin talents to this eleven, and, when last heard from, they still had an unblemished record. Bob Farris is Assistant Line Coach on the Belvoir Post football team.

In the hardluck department, Jim Skidmore is sporting a cast on his hand since he very carelessly placed it under a girder before somebody dropped it (Shades of Buckner!). John Wall is complaining about the "civilian hives" at Belvoir. Tom Winter will marry June in December and Mike Esposito will also succumb in that same month to Janice. Tom, presently, is residing in the Eglin AFB hospital after ripping a cartilage in his left knee during the ranger course. He and Dick Curl, nevertheless, maxed the 10 mile compass course. Dick made friends with an Italian captain in the ranger course and is cultivating "zee language." The word about this Ranger training is that it's "rugged"—and Dick Thompson had to retire early because of a pulled tendon. George Ward got a twig in his eye, but told the medics that "twas nothin'" and was promptly sent out to complete his training and grapple with the elements.

The only word from Monmouth is that Dick Chase has been castigated for being late to class and traveling 27 mph in a 25 mph zone. As the old saying went at West Point, "If you're behind Dick, you're late!"

The news from the Air Force has been scattered and sparse, but here it is kiddies. The boys at Tucson swear that Jim and Denise Linden are a cinch to win the Class Cup, but Butch Harbold and Ann are still in contention. Incidentally, Kathy and George Leonard are also expecting. Bill Skidmore's wedding in D. C. will be attended by Bill Crum, Tony Jezior and Dave Scales. Doug and Nancy Johnson are happily settled just north of the border in Mission, Texas, and Doug has taken over the editorship of the Mission yearbook. It should be tops. Harper Gordon is getting the most out of his bachelor's existence and has been busy whipping the boys into shape on the drill field. At Mission, Gerry Irwin was the first man to solo, and Bob Barrett leads the pack in PE. In Arizona, all the non-married types are living it up with the U. of Arizona girls, and Ray Cannon and Jim "Shoulders" Reinhardt are in the same car pool. Ray's wife Carolyn won a huge turkey before Thanksgiving and they had a big '56 feast on Turkey Day. Lee Denson and Al Hoffman complain that all isn't glamour in the Air Force, but they still like it.

Not to be outdone by the men in uniform, Jim Stroope is making rapid headway with the SOHIO Oil Company. He will be at Woody Woodmansee's wedding in Memphis, and I imagine that he'll have a few tales to tell. As for myself, I'm living in California (my first love) and working as a test engineer with the North American Aviation people testing rocket motors. Quite a bit of "brass" passes through our portals in the test laboratory, but I'd like nothing better than to be able to see anybody from '56. In the meantime, my address is: 21817 Hart Street, Canoga Park, California.

So write often and keep me posted on the latest as you make the news. Now that I've broken the ice with this article, I hope to keep '56 well represented in Assembly from this time forward. This is up to you and your response to my appeal. Thanks for the terrific response to my post cards.

—Stan Wilker '56

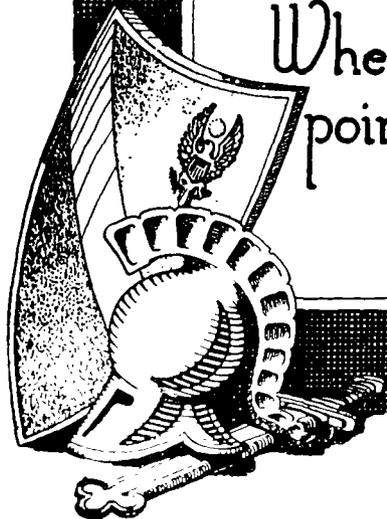
LAST ROLL CALL

Reports of deaths of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of the October 1956 ASSEMBLY

Name	Class	Date	Place
Samuel P. Townsend	Ex-1885	October 15, 1956	Maplewood, New Jersey
Horace G. Tennant	Ex-1889	February 12, 1956	In a nursing home in Gallupville, New York
William J. Barden	1894	October 2, 1956	Washington, D. C.
Charles M. Wesson	1900	November 24, 1956	Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, D. C.
Omar F. Telford	Ex-1901	June 14, 1956	Salem, Illinois
James G. McIlroy	1904	December 4, 1956	Columbus, Ohio
Torrey B. Maghee	1905	September 25, 1956	Veteran's Hospital, Long Beach, California
Louis A. O'Donnell	1905	December 6, 1956	San Antonio, Texas
Throop M. Wilder	1907	November 20, 1956	New York, New York
Gibbes Lykes	1908	August 30, 1956	Lykesland, South Carolina
Edward L. Kelly	1909	August 13, 1956	Venice, Florida
William B. Hardigg	1911	November 29, 1956	Madison, Indiana
Benjamin F. Delamater, Jr.	1912	October 14, 1956	Fort Sam Houston, Texas
Silas M. Ratzkoff	1913	August 3, 1956	New York, New York
Ernest F. Miller	1915	October 26, 1956	American-British Hospital, Mexico City, Mexico
John E. McCarthy	1919	October 18, 1956	Fort Benning, Georgia
Alfred A. Kessler, Jr.	1922	November 30, 1956	Hospital at Hamilton AFB, California
Harold T. Molloy	1922	October 1, 1956	Palo Alto, California
Forest A. Hornisher	1927	September 17, 1954	California
John O. Kilgore	1927	December 11, 1956	Tokyo Army Hospital, Tokyo, Japan
Charles H. Treat	1929	October 16, 1954	Miami, Florida
Philip R. Hawes	1938	October 1, 1956	In an aircraft accident near Birmingham, Alabama
Edison K. Walters	1941	May 18, 1956	Sawtelle Veterans Hospital, Los Angeles, California
Gene A. Dennis	1950	December 31, 1953	Korea
James R. Lindsay 3d	1953	November 5, 1956	In an aircraft accident at George AFB, California
Guy E. Waller, Jr.	1953	December 5, 1956	In an aircraft accident at Bentwaters, England

In Memory

We sons of today,
we salute you,
You, sons of an
earlier day,
We follow, close
order, behind you,
Where you have
pointed the way.



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“Be Thou At Peace”

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BRUNER, G. F.	1925	AUGUST 12, 1956	65
CARSON, J. M.	1885	JANUARY 18, 1956	55
DAVIS, J. M.	JUNE 1943	APRIL 24, 1953	67
EDWARDS, A. M.	1893	NOVEMBER 24, 1955	56
EFFER, J. R.	1953	DECEMBER 11, 1956	69
FREEMAN, J. W., JR.	JANUARY 1943	JUNE 23, 1944	66
GRINDER, R. H.	1926	MAY 23, 1956	65
HASTIE, J. C.	1945	JANUARY 18, 1951	68
HOISINGTON, G.	1911	JUNE 16, 1956	62
KELLY, E. L.	1909	AUGUST 13, 1956	61
KUNZIG, L. A.	1905	AUGUST 7, 1956	60
LOWE, T. H.	1905	MAY 19, 1956	61
OLIVER, P. A.	1901	MAY 20, 1956	59
PRITCHARD, G. B., JR.	1895	JUNE 3, 1956	57
RATZKOFF, S. M.	1913	AUGUST 3, 1956	63
SAMPLE, W. R.	1888	SEPTEMBER 12, 1956	55
SELBE, J. P.	1953	FEBRUARY 11, 1956	69
SHEBAT, R.	1949	JUNE 23, 1955	68
STEPHENS, E. L., JR.	1918	JANUARY 19, 1955	63
TREAT, C. H.	1929	OCTOBER 16, 1954	66
TSCHAPPAT, W. H.	1896	SEPTEMBER 22, 1955	58
WALTERS, E. K.	1941	MAY 18, 1956	66
WEEKS, W. S.	1905	MAY 24, 1956	59
WILSON, H. M., JR.	JUNE 1918	MAY 7, 1956	64

John Miller Carson, Jr.

NO. 3071 CLASS OF 1885

DIED JANUARY 18, 1956, AT FORT JACKSON, SOUTH CAROLINA, AGED 91 YEARS.

JOHN MILLER CARSON, JR., son of an officer of the Union Army, was born in the last year of the great war between the States. When he came to his end, he was one of the oldest living graduates of the Academy. In his time, he was that mirror of perfection, the Cadet Adjutant. Tall, slender, erect, and of fine voice, he approached the ideal for that position. In it he seems to have been very efficient, for only a few years after graduation and while, in the eyes of the gray-beards much too young for such an important and demanding position, he was recalled to be Adjutant of the Academy. In turn, this detail led to another — that as Constructing Quartermaster for the great rebuilding of the Academy, just after the turn of the century, during



which period he did mightily for his Alma Mater. Under his supervision, the new was skillfully blended with the old and the beautiful group of buildings that graces and adorns what is unquestionably one of the beauty spots of America, was produced.

His father, another John Miller Carson, was a Captain of the 27th Pennsylvania Infantry during the Civil War; later, Washington correspondent of the "Philadelphia Public Ledger", confidant of Presidents, the originator and a founder of the famous and influential "Gridiron Club", foremost of newsmen's clubs. The son vastly admired his father's military career and his military friends and listened often to their discussions of campaigns and battles and perhaps on that account early prepared himself for West Point, which he entered before his seventeenth birthday. Well adjusted and well prepared, he was unawed by the competition of his older and more experienced classmates and always had plenty of class rank and excellent military rank. In a class that had an attrition of more than 50% he graduated well up and took the Cavalry.

His first station was Fort Reno in the then Indian Territory. Fort Reno was one of the primitive dobie and log posts built in the west in the late sixties and seventies as protection against the Indians. The Ter-

ritory was largely populated by restless and still dangerous Indians, with a very considerable sprinkling of white desperadoes, outlaws and cut-throats who could be most unpleasant. The frontier of those days was a very real thing! Reno, far from the railroad, hot in summer and cold in winter, had its inconveniences and even hardships, but for the young in heart there were many compensations. There were riding and hunting and fishing and camping and gay parties and visits to other posts and above all there were the free and generous friendships of youth. At the post the young lieutenant met and rode with and danced with the lovely Margaret Sumner, daughter and granddaughter of the distinguished Civil War and Indian fighting family of that name, who became his companion and helpmate in a happy married life that endured for sixty-eight years. Life at the post was very full and gay and as befits young married people, they were very happy, but there could not have been many heart-burnings when the orders came in 1890 for West Point.

West Point of course has always been an exceedingly pleasant and interesting station and there must have been a real thrill for so young an officer as Lieutenant Carson, in being the Adjutant of the Military Academy. And the authorities there must have deemed his service unusually efficient and satisfactory, for he was kept on that duty for five years. Back again in 1895 to duty with troops, his Colonel promptly made him Regimental Adjutant! Later he transferred to the Quartermaster Corps, to become within three years a Captain and war-time Major of the Spanish-American War. In this war he served as Transport Quartermaster, as a Quartermaster in Puerto Rico and in the office of the Quartermaster General.

But to Academy graduates his most conspicuous and interesting Quartermaster service will be the part he played in the rebuilding of the institution that began soon after the turn of the century. Selected by the Quartermaster General and the Academic Board as the officer best suited for the task, he took an active part in the planning, built much of it himself and, as Constructing Quartermaster personally and unceasingly supervised the building of what was done by architects and contractors. The product is undoubtedly one of the finest of American architectural monuments. Perhaps the part nearest his heart was the new chapel that so worthily dominates the group, with its splendid organ, now grown into one of the greatest. Those whose memories go back fifty years will recall his extensive research into the subject of organs and their building, in order that he might fit himself to write the specifications, and supervise the installation of the one for the new chapel. And graduates will always be grateful that he had the vision to save the old chapel that stood in the way of the new construction, plus the practical ability to move it stone by stone to where it now stands in the cadet cemetery, where he now most fittingly rests.

His Spanish-American War Service was first in Puerto Rico, and then as Transport Quartermaster on the long Manila run. After that came various Quartermaster activities, including duty in the office of the Quartermaster General. When World War One came on, the Quartermaster General, perhaps sensing the coming importance of the Port of New York and Colonel Carson's unusual competency, detailed him as Depot Quartermaster, later to become Superintendent of the Army Transport Service there. At first little happened, but on May 21st, 1917 Washington overnight made up its

mind to a "token expedition" to sail in two (2) weeks from that date! Then ensued a period of terrific activity, in which even Colonel Carson's unusual capacity for sustained mental and physical activity was well tested. In those fourteen days he scoured the Seven Seas for ships, dealt with the ship magnates of the world, cajoled them into immediate leases, for troop transport, stocked and provisioned the ships of the fitted first expedition, installed anti-aircraft and a thousand other necessities, laid the ground-work for future expeditions, yet had the quite considerable fleet necessary for the "token expedition" ready within a matter of hours after the troop assembly was completed. This strenuous activity went on for some months, at the end of which time he was doubtless happy to have granted his request for European service.

In France there was much for experienced Quartermasters to do and he had a variety of duties, in which the quality of his performance and the character of the more important duties is perhaps best shown by citing the tribute that accompanied his Distinguished Service Medal, which is that it was awarded "For exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service as Chief Quartermaster, Line of Communications, American Expeditionary Forces, a position of great responsibility. Due to his energy and ability he perfected and directed the organization and operation of the Quartermaster Line of Communications. Later, he skillfully carried out the plans and projects to make the Quartermaster Corps an unflinching auxiliary to the combat troops of the American Expeditionary Forces. He rendered services of much value."

After the war, there was duty in Washington as Chief of the Construction Service and Assistant Quartermaster General and retirement in 1922 at his own request. This final duty he performed, as he had every duty since his first day as a cadet, strenuously and well and with enthusiasm.

His military career being over, he soon took up farming, a liking for which he perhaps acquired as a boy, visiting the farms of uncles in Pennsylvania, of which state he was a native. At "Chandler Farms," Pomfret, Connecticut he was happy and interested and active until a short time before he came to the end of his long and useful life, surviving all but one of his Class of 1885. He is survived by Mrs. Carson and his daughter Margaret Carson Holt and three granddaughters. For the present, Mrs. Carson and Mrs. Holt are remaining at the Farms.

—C. D. H.

William Roderick Sample

NO. 3266 CLASS OF 1888

DIED SEPTEMBER 12, 1956, AT FORT MCPHERSON HOSPITAL, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, AGED 90 YEARS.

GENERAL SAMPLE died at Fort McPherson Hospital, Atlanta, Georgia on September 12, 1956, in his ninetieth year. At this age there are few friends and classmates left to write a memorial tribute to an old cadet. As I know of no one in the class of '88 to undertake this task, I would like to send in a brief summary of his career, and to simply say that he was truly a Christian gentleman with always a deep love and devotion to the Army.

He was born in Memphis, Tennessee in 1865 later moving to Fort Smith, Arkansas. From there he was appointed to the U.S. M.A., West Point, New York. After his graduation with the class of 1888 he had forty-two years of commissioned service with various stations in the states and abroad. He participated in the Spanish-American War, commanding a company at the battle of San Juan Hill, where he was cited for gallantry in action. Later he saw action in the Philippine Insurrection and



served under General Pershing on the Mexican Border. In 1917 he was promoted to his final rank of Brigadier General and assigned command of the Advance Section, Service of Supplies in France, which command he held until 1919. For this service he was awarded the Distinguished Service medal by the United States and the Legion of Honor by France. After other stations in the States he retired from the service at Governors Island, New York, in June of 1930.

Both his sons, whom he outlived, saw military service. His older son Rolf S. Sample as a Major in the First World War and his son William D. Sample as an Admiral in the Second World War in which he lost his life. General Sample is buried in Arlington by his wife who pre-deceased him by a few years.

After his retirement he made his home in Atlanta where he continued to lead an honorable, dignified, and Christian life. He was an inspiration to his friends and family who consider it a privilege to have known and loved him.

—His Stepdaughter.

Arthur Morris Edwards

NO. 3545 CLASS OF 1893

DIED NOVEMBER 24, 1955, AT CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE, AGED 84 YEARS.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL EDWARDS was born May 14, 1871 in Carthage, New York, the oldest of five children. Both parents were professional educators, his father, Professor Lindley M. Edwards, being Superintendent of Ulster County Academy at Kingston, New York. Arthur's first introduction to West Point was in 1879, when as a small boy he

visited the graduation exercises with his father and mother. Thus was kindled a desire to attend the Academy, resulting in his admission exactly ten years later.

In 1881 his father died and his mother moved the family to Ann Arbor, Michigan, and, unusual for women in those days, entered medical college. In 1886 both mother and son graduated, she as a Doctor of Medicine, he as the youngest member of his high school class.

In order to establish a practice in a growing section of the country, the family again moved to Hastings, Nebraska and it was from here that Arthur won his appointment to West Point in 1889. The following four years were far from easy but on June 12, 1893, one of the happiest days of his life, he graduated, number 34 out of 51. His military career included service in a campaign against the Chippewa Indians in Minnesota, service in the war with Spain, and jungle fighting against the forces of Aguinaldo in the Philippine Insurrection. An incident recalled of the latter campaign was his account of an action he was engaged in with a scouting patrol against a large force of insurgents bent on massacring his regiment. Miraculously his party escaped to give warning. He remembered the date, the thirteenth of August 1899.

Stricken with a partial paralysis received in his Philippine service, Arthur was sent to the Army hospital in Washington, D. C. for treatment and upon his later recovery was promoted to Captain in the Commissary department. He became a valuable member of this branch, making such improvements in the preparation of meat for Army use that he received a special commendation from the Commissary General. He did relief work at San Francisco following the earthquake and fire there in 1906 and later was in charge of the Army cooking school at Fort Riley. While there he developed a better food ration which was adopted by the Secretary of War in 1907. Shortly thereafter he was promoted to Major. Later he served as Purchasing Com-



missary at New Orleans and also at San Francisco. In December of 1911, because of injuries received in Philippine service, he was retired for disability, receiving at the same time a commendation from the War Department for his years of service.

Following his retirement he became interested in mining operations and was quite successful in private life. On January 2, 1916 he married Miss Mary E. Douglas of

Grass Valley, California. They had a happy life together until her death in 1939.

His active duty during World War I included service as Quartermaster of the Presidio of San Francisco and also at Vancouver Barracks, where he outfitted the 41st Division for France. He was Adjutant General at Camp Upton, Instructor in Infantry Tactics at Fort Sheridan, and Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Norwich University. He wrote a book, "Aims and Purposes of Military Training in Schools and Colleges" which was approved by the War Department. In 1922 he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and placed on the retired list.

In World War II he received an Air Observer Merit Medal for over 800 hours duty in the aircraft warning service.

Colonel Edwards had a host of friends and maintained a large correspondence with them. Deeply religious, he was active in behalf of his church. He composed music and wrote poetry, some of which was published. He was fluent in three languages. He was interested in genealogy and did research on his family's history. He served for seventeen years as Chaplain in his local American Legion post. Besides various Masonic organizations he was a member of the Sons of the Revolution, Order of the Founders and Patriots of America, Sons and Daughters of Old Newbury, Massachusetts, New Hampshire Historical Society, Army Athletic Association, and the West Point Society of Boston. Service medals were; War with Spain, Philippine Insurrection, Indian Wars, World War I. Degrees held were; Bachelor of Science, Master of Arts.

Colonel Edwards was a very kind and generous person who sacrificed much for others. He was proud of being a West Point graduate and really lived by the motto "Duty, Honor, Country." His "Ode to West Point", published in the 1907 Annual Register follows:

Thy martial sons of thee with pride
can tell
Thy glory, West Point, whom we love
so well;
With virtue joined when matchless
valor calls
Our Alma Mater's charm at once
enthalls.
Since Honor's wisdom urges martial
skill
Our nation's saviour role thou dost
fulfill.
Those with thy nurture yield their
faithful breath
For love of honor since they fear no
death."

His strong faith is well expressed in his beautiful poem entitled "The Easter Hope":

On this glad day of Holiness
Dear Risen Lord, Thyself reveal;
Most Holy One, divinely bless
Renew, inspire, our Christian zeal.

The candle burns and melting down
Is changed to forms of light and air,
Our bodies die, our souls live on
To meet Thy Heavenly Love and Care.

Decaying seeds the earth receives
Until in joy they burst in bloom;
Through Thee, dear Lord, my soul
believes
That we shall live beyond the tomb.

Earth's close eternal dawn cheers on;
Faith's shining armor has no rust;
Immortal Life is surely won.
My Risen Lord, I love and trust.

O make each soul supremely Thine
Untarnished, Lord, by earthly dross;
May in each heart resplendent shine
Thy hallowed lustre of the Cross.

To a Christian gentleman, farewell —
until we meet again.

—A. D. E.

George Barnard Pritchard, Jr.

NO. 3653 CLASS OF 1895

DIED JUNE 3, 1956, AT WASHINGTON, D. C.,
AGED 82 YEARS.

OUR classmate, Barney Pritchard's grandfather was a colonel in the Confederate Army serving with General Hardee in defense of his home city, Savannah, Georgia when that city was captured by General Sherman's Federal forces in the War Between the States. After the withdrawal of the Confederate forces, the Pritchard home in Savannah was left with Barney's father, a youth 13 years old, as the senior male member of the family present. Although one of Sherman's staff officers was quartered in the same house, Barney's father succeeded in sheltering three spies, sent by General Hardee, furnishing them information and aiding in their escape.

Barney's father joined a militia unit at an early age and belonged to it during all of Barney's boyhood. This military background doubtless had much influence in turning Barney's thoughts toward West Point and in his decision to seek a military career. He was only 15 years old when he graduated from high school and at this early age evidently knew what his life's objective was. As one of his preparations for the Point, he organized and commanded a company known as the Bartow Light Infantry and served with it until he left for West Point.

As a consequence of all this, West Point did not reveal to Pritchard as it did to some of us an entirely new world of strange appearances and unexplored expanses. Nor did he ever experience any of the little humiliations or self-abasements of the awkward squad.

Barney was one of the younger members of his class. Partially for this reason but probably more importantly for the reason that he kept his aim always on his career with no defections by extracurricular matters, he never was a cadet leader nor an outstanding scholar, but he took the course in his stride, realizing then and during his whole life thereafter the value of the West Point system. He was a good gymnast and one of the best riders of his class. Upon graduation his first objective was won when he was assigned to the cavalry.

George Barnard Pritchard, Jr. and his classmate, Harry LaT. Cavanaugh were both assigned to the 9th Cavalry at Fort Robinson, Nebraska. There began a friendly rivalry inspiring to both. However this spur to performance was cut short only too soon by the march of events. The Spanish-American War had brought Pritchard in parts of May and June 1898 to Tampa, the port of embarkation for Cuba. This Florida city became a monument to the ignorance of our Army at that time in sanitation. Pritchard was one of the victims. He survived but missed the war in Cuba. After recovery he was on General Gordon's staff until he rejoined the 9th Cavalry at Fort

Grant, Arizona where he commanded for a time a detachment of Indian scouts.

The aftermath of the Spanish-American War, that is, our advent into the unexpected and unprepared-for activities of colonialism, became much more important to our country than the Spanish-American War itself. The hostilities of the Philippine Insurrection, the Moro troubles there and the later campaign against the Pulajanes in the Visayas became the practical school of application where our young Army officers at the turn of the century were often in small, isolated stations alone commanding small units dependent on their own initiative, resources and decisions for the safety of their commands and for the successful execution of their missions. This practical schooling and the system of service schools following it prepared the senior commanders of World War I.

After his first promotion in May 1899, Pritchard became part of this practical preparatory school when he arrived with his regiment, the 9th Cavalry, in the Philippine Islands in 1900. A number of small engagements incident to the pacification



and occupation of Albay Province of Luzon furnished his baptism of fire and stimulated the confidence he soon acquired in himself under fire.

As evidence of the way he impressed his immediate commanders in this sort of fighting I quote from official reports to the Adjutant General, District of Camarines, Province of Albay, Luzon, Philippine Islands, December 8, 1900: "Captain _____ and Lieutenant Pritchard in particular were in very trying positions and acquitted themselves in a commendable manner". And again in the same campaign: "Lieutenant _____ and Lieutenant Pritchard distinguished themselves in a gallant manner at Bantonan".

Promotion to his captaincy took Barney to the 5th Cavalry stationed at San Fernando Pampanga where he joined in December 1901 and continued in the same kind of occupation service he had become used to in the Philippines until he returned with his regiment to the States at Fort Huachuca, Arizona.

Barney was married to Alice Winifred Henderson in Chicago in October 1904 and returned with his bride to Fort Huachuca where three of their five sons were born. While still stationed at this old Arizona post, a fourth son was born in San Fran-

cisco. The fifth son was born at Lexington, Missouri where the Wentworth Military Academy was located and where Barney was doing a tour of duty as P.M.S.&T.

Considerable length about this family of boys is being gone into because all persons with whom I corresponded about Pritchard's Army service have mentioned the exceptional devotion he had to his family and to his duty and responsibility for the proper training of his boys. His eldest son states that his father and mother always held up to him and his brothers the ideals of West Point. Duty, Honor, Country evidently had been ingrained in their training as evidenced by the fact that all the sons living at the time of World War II responded to the call of duty and served their country honorably as officers in the fighting throughout the hostilities. Barney once told me a remarkable fact about these five sons: The birthdays of all of them were spaced apart exactly by fourteen months and fifteen days except for the second and third who were twins and of course had the same birthday.

Another foreign tour of duty, this time in Hawaii, another return to Fort Huachuca with the 5th Cavalry and the 10th Cavalry, a year at the School of the Line at Fort Leavenworth and another one at the Cavalry School brought Pritchard's career down to the time of Villa's raid on Columbus, New Mexico and to Pershing's Punitive Expedition into Mexico in 1916. When Barney joined his regiment in Mexico a few days after the expedition had started he found in temporary command of his troop Second Lieutenant B. F. Hoge, who had been the senior cadet officer at the Wentworth Military Academy when Barney was there. Now a colonel, retired, he tells me how favorably he was impressed by Barney's "quiet, sure and intelligent leadership" in the occasional brushes with the enemy they had and throughout the hardships of the campaign. One of those hardships was the suffering from a broken collar bone which he did not permit to alter the thoroughness or efficiency of his service. Colonel Hoge had first been impressed by Pritchard's efficient manner of accomplishment at the military school where a cadet soon after Barney's arrival had executed a prank designed to show up the new P.M.S.&T. unfavorably. A quiet, systematic investigation soon uncovered the guilty cadet and put a definite end to such behavior "as the cadets realized that they were dealing with a man who would go to any amount of trouble to correct something wrong and that he would not tolerate any infraction of regulations or of ungentlemanly conduct".

In World War I, Pritchard was destined to be one of that very large part of the Regular Army officers of experience who were retained in the United States to organize and train new units. First as a colonel of infantry, then at a different station to organize a new cavalry regiment, next to participate in the general conversion of cavalry units into those of field artillery, followed by successive commands of the 64th F.A. and the 47th F.A., he was kept in a flurry of varied duties that permanently broke down his health. Following the Armistice he had between hospital treatments commanded the 4th and 15th Cavalries. An unsung casualty of the war, he had to be retired for physical disability in 1920.

Colonel Selwyn D. Smith, who served at different times with Pritchard, had this to say about his friend: "Colonel Pritchard in garrison, in the field or as a retired officer, lived up to the highest traditions of the service learned as a young man at

West Point. Also as a husband and a father he was everything that could be desired".

Colonel Dorsey R. Rodney, another Army officer who had served with Pritchard at various times and stations, makes this estimate of his service and character: "Colonel Pritchard, then a captain, 5th Cav. was one of the most conscientious officers with whom I served and he rendered loyal service to his country. He was recognized as a very energetic and capable officer and I think his home life with his family was an inspiring example to everyone in his regiment".

Here is an enlisted man's, John O. Chikok's tribute to his commander: "I will always remember my C.O. Colonel Pritchard, * * * schooled at West Point. * * * I was one of the soldiers who had the good luck to soldier under a man of this caliber * * *, strict, just, honest and considerate".

The testimony furnished in this appreciation of Barney Pritchard by contemporaries, by a commander and by those commanded, represented by a subaltern officer and by an enlisted man, prove that Barney never forgot the ideals of his alma mater but lived up to them to the end, bequeathing them to his offspring and to others with whom he was associated. He would be proud to know that he had been deemed worthy of his place in the Long Gray Line.

—Percy L. Miles, Class of '95.

William Harvey Tschappat

NO. 3673 CLASS OF 1896

DIED SEPTEMBER 22, 1955, AT WALTER REED ARMY HOSPITAL, WASHINGTON, D. C., AGED 81 YEARS.

GENERAL TSCHAPPAT was of Swiss descent from both his father and his mother. He certainly inherited all of the traditional Swiss conscience as regards performance of every task with exactitude and faithfulness.

A member of his family has furnished the following information concerning his background:

"In the year 1812 one hundred families from the vicinity of Bern, Switzerland, under the leadership of two brothers, Jacob and John Tschappat, set out to make homes in a new country, the United States of America.

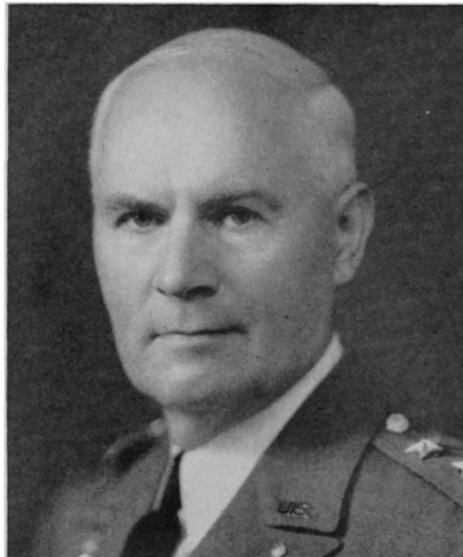
"They landed in Baltimore early in the summer and there transferred their families, and the many prized possessions they had brought with them from the homeland by those great Conestoga wagons which were built by the Pennsylvania Dutch. They started over the mountains with Pittsburgh their next objective. Late in the Fall they reached Pittsburgh and decided they had better winter there.

"In the Spring, being anxious to push on further West, they once more started out, this time on great rafts, which the men had built during the winter months. They started down the Ohio, and after many days reached that point on the Ohio where it forms the boundary between West Virginia and Ohio. The terrain here reminded them of Switzerland, and as they were weary and also anxious to get some crops planted so they could be ready for winter, they decided to land.

"They cleared the land, terraced the farms as in the homeland, and took up their occupations, mainly farming, wine and cheese making. This section of Ohio is not its best farm land, but it is very scenic and has been called the Switzerland of America. Even today the Swiss cheese produced in Monroe County is considered some of the best produced in this country.

"The Jacob Tschappat family settled near the little town of Cameron. There were several children, one of them being Philip Lewis. When a young man Philip Lewis married Mary Katherine Kinsey, the daughter of another Swiss family who had emigrated to this same territory at a later date. The young couple continued to live in this same area where Philip followed his occupation of farming. Here ten miles north of the little town of Cameron in a log cabin William, the tenth of eleven children, was born on August tenth 1874. All of the family are now deceased except one sister, Miss Malinda Tschappat of Beallsville, Ohio, and a brother George A. of Utica, Ohio.

"In 1881 the family purchased a farm near the town of Beallsville, Ohio. This



farm is now in possession of a great grandson and has been continuously owned by some member of the family. Here in the town of Beallsville William attended school. It was a three-room schoolhouse with three teachers, the superintendent being one David McVay, a very well educated man and considered an excellent teacher. William graduated from this school at the age of fifteen and then took a teacher's examination which he passed and was issued a teaching certificate.

"He taught two terms at Jerusalem, a little town near Beallsville. He lived at home during this time and continued to help on the farm mornings, evenings and during vacations. As a young boy he had loved the farm animals, especially the little calves; and he and his young brother George had much fun training them in harness, and delighted in hitching them to their sled and driving them to town."

In the summer of 1891 the Congressman from the Ohio congressional district in which Beallsville was located decided to have a competitive examination to fill a vacancy for a cadetship which would exist in June of the following year.

William H. Tschappat took the examination; and competing with twenty-three other young men he attained first place and

was designated a candidate for admission to the Military Academy. He entered the Academy as a cadet on June 15th, 1892.

In each of his four years at West Point Tschappat stood in the first five in academic class rank. While he was always a diligent student and lived a quiet unobtrusive life he was genial in his contacts and had many friends.

On graduation Tschappat stood Number Five in a class of seventy-three members. He was assigned to the Fifth Artillery and was stationed successively at Forts Slocum, Hancock and Hamilton.

It was while he was stationed at Fort Slocum that Tschappat married Miss Alice McCrea, the daughter of Lieutenant Colonel (afterwards Brigadier General) Tully McCrea a distinguished officer of Civil War service. The wedding took place July 30th, 1898 at the residence of the bride's parents, and it had a brilliant setting.

He took the examination for the Ordnance Department in which at that time the lowest commissioned grade was first lieutenant. The examination took several days. It was a very thorough one and covered both mechanical and chemical engineering.

Tschappat passed the examination and was commissioned a first lieutenant of the Ordnance Department October 4th, 1898. From then on his whole active service was in that staff corps, and in it he acquired every sort of distinction that it was possible for an officer to attain.

His first Ordnance assignment was at the Watertown Arsenal in Massachusetts where he served for nearly two years. This was followed by over a year's service in the Office of the Chief of Ordnance. Then came nearly two years experience at the Sandy Hook Proving Ground, followed by nearly three years duty as inspector of ordnance at the Bethlehem Steel Company at South Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

While still a captain Tschappat served as Chief Ordnance Officer of the Army of Cuban Pacification and Depot Ordnance Officer at Havana, from September 1906 to May 1907.

Captain Tschappat was then transferred to Picatinny Arsenal. He became a major in September 1907. Because this arsenal was a powder plant it became a large laboratory for highly scientific investigation by Major Tschappat.

From August 1912 to July 1917 Major (later Lieutenant Colonel) Tschappat served as Professor of Ordnance and the Science of Gunnery at the Military Academy. The following is quoted from a recent communication received from Brigadier General Earl McFarland who for several years was closely associated with Lieutenant Colonel Tschappat in the work of the Ordnance Department:

"Having had duty at the ordnance powder plant at Picatinny Arsenal for the five years prior to his detail at West Point, he was steeped in the science of powder design, and in the specific effect of the design on the action of the projectile before it left the gun.

"An explanation of the new method had never before been printed; but Tschappat had his tabulations of Picatinny's tests and proceeded to build up and explain this new system which differed widely from that of the French scientist Le Duc.

"Colonel Beverly W. Dunn (Class of 1883 U.S.M.A.) also an Ordnance Officer of great

distinction, having tried from various sources to secure a mathematical solution to a ballistic problem said that he would refer it to Tschappat, and that if Tschappat couldn't do it he would have to send it to some mathematician in Germany.

"It was during 1913 and 1914 that General Tschappat prepared a great part of the manuscript for the new text-book on Ordnance and Gunnery, which was published in 1917 'For the use of the senior class of the U.S. Military Academy'. The preceding text was that written by Major Ormond M. Lissak, and many new methods and items of equipment had been introduced into the Army since Lissak's book. General Tschappat worked long and hard in the preparation — he enjoyed doing the original work himself — and one of the outstanding features of the text was the first exposition of a new method of solving the essential problems of Interior Ballistics."

As soon as his tour of duty at West Point was completed Tschappat was given the important assignment of ordnance officer at the Port of Embarkation at Newport News in Virginia. He was on duty there until February 1918. After serving a few months again as Professor of Ordnance and the Science of Gunnery at West Point he was transferred to the Office of the Chief of Ordnance in July 1918. He reached his colonelcy in September 1919.

From July 1922 to May 1925 he held the important post of commanding officer of the Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland. Tschappat's next assignment was as chief of the Technical Staff in the Office of the Chief of Ordnance for four years until May 1929.

Tschappat served as Ordnance Officer of the Philippine Department and commanding officer of the Philippine Ordnance Depot for several months until June 1930.

Tschappat became Assistant Chief of Ordnance with the rank of brigadier general June 10th, 1933 and he was designated as Chief of the Manufacturing Service. He was appointed Chief of Ordnance with the rank of major general June 3rd, 1934. He served in this capacity for four years. He was retired from active service on account of physical disability August 31st, 1938.

During World War II Tschappat assisted the War Department in the problems concerning civilian employment.

Colonel Leo A. Codd of the Army Ordnance Association has recently written the following tribute;

"General Tschappat was recognized as an international authority in the science of ballistics and a leader in the development and improvement of artillery, particularly anti-aircraft guns. His influence in artillery design is evident in many of today's modern weapons.

"General Tschappat was acknowledged to be one of the foremost mathematicians and ballisticians in the history of ordnance in the United States. While Professor of Ordnance at the United States Military Academy he was the author of 'Ordnance and Gunnery' the standard text-book used at the Academy for many years.

"His prowess as a mathematician was instrumental in solving many of the most complex engineering problems which faced the Ordnance Department during a transition period when the strength of metals, range of weapons, and striking power of missiles were undergoing basic advancements. His kindly, quiet manner of engineering application and administration befitted his intellectual genius."

The following is quoted from Brigadier

General Earl McFarland's recent communication:

"Some three or four years prior to his retirement General and Mrs. Tschappat bought a plot of twenty acres of ground about two miles northeast of Falls Church, Virginia. Here in the woods they built a very comfortable brick house which they thought exactly fulfilled their specifications, and almost immediately added rooms to it. In this house they lived busily for the next twenty years, improving the native trees, planting dogwoods and other trees and plants, many of which were sent to them from the old Ordnance arsenals, creating an apple orchard, making a large strawberry patch each year, and raising all types of vegetables.

"General Tschappat's mechanical interest did not wane. He had all sorts of farm machinery and did his own plowing and cultivating, made most of his own repairs, bought new models of equipment, and during the months of good weather spent all of the daylight hours out of doors. He built up a good workshop in his basement, procured many power tools, and took great delight in making articles of utility to meet various needs.

"He constructed new wooden gutters for the entire house and installed them without an assistant: wooden gutters because he thought they were better than metal. He made a china closet that was a professional job as were all his works. He put up shelves, book-cases and desks wherever they would add to the convenience of living. It was in this basement workshop that he fell, in 1953, and broke a knee-cap. In a few months however he was walking with a strictly step and with no limp whatever.

"His life was full, contented, joyful. Quiet and retiring, of many, many fine qualities, never talking of himself or his accomplishments, never forwarding his interests, always pleasant to others, he led a direct, positive, purposeful life that must have held great personal satisfaction. I never heard him find fault with anyone nor fail to be sympathetic and helpful to every friend with a problem.

"When General Tschappat was Chief of Ordnance The Assistant Secretary of War was heard to say: 'I like General Tschappat. When he comes to my office to see me I enjoy the visit more than that of almost any other person who regularly comes in.'

"General Tschappat exemplified the best traditions of the Military Academy and the Service in fineness of character, in soundness of thought and judgment, and in loyal devotion to duty."

And likewise thought all his classmates.

The funeral with full military honors including an artillery salute of thirteen guns, took place at the cemetery at West Point September 27th, 1955. Tschappat's grave is close to that of his gallant father-in-law, Brigadier General Tully McCrea.

Mrs. Tschappat is continuing to reside at their home near Falls Church, Virginia.

—Langdon '96.

Prince Albert Oliver

NO. 4048 CLASS OF 1901

DIED MAY 20, 1956, AT SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, AGED 79 YEARS.

ON graduation in February 1901, Sep was assigned to the 5th Cavalry en route to

the P. I. He married Grace Robeson March 2, 1901. He resigned from the Army in 1905. He wrote for the 25th Anniversary 1901 Class Book: "Nineteen hundred and five to nineteen hundred and seventeen, twelve happy prosperous years. Vice-President and Manager of an industrial corporation * * * in the beautiful Genesee Valley, Western New York. December 1917 back in the Army as Major, Air Service * * * October 2, 1920, back to 'cits'. 1920 to 1926 a resident of San Mateo, California * * * head of a modest but prosperous financial institution, the Peninsula Building and Loan Association. Summarizing Dame Fortune has dealt kindly with me these twenty-five years, to-wit: one good wife and two daughters; just enough worldly goods to make me rich in contentment."

Sep's wife died in 1943. He was married again February 12, 1945, to Helen Wunderlich of San Jose, California, and from a letter I have received from her:

"We had eleven happy years together, for which I am grateful. Life was never dull with him, he had such an active, keen mind. Of course, his sight was failing since 1948,



but he took his handicap with very good grace. I did all his reading and writing for him and he said I was his eyes. He so much wanted to take me to West Point and to see his classmates again. The last moving picture we saw together was 'The Long Grey Line'. As I write this Sep's framed diploma and commission are hanging in front of my desk and over the corner of the frame hangs the woven leather necktie with W.P. pendant which Mollie Maguire gave to each member of 1901 at the 50th reunion."

Sep wrote regularly for the bulletin and about reunions. Letters were always cheerful and full of pep talk. He was a loyal and devoted member of our Class of 1901.

—Beverly F. Browne.

William Seward Weeks

NO. 4426 CLASS OF 1905

DIED MAY 24, 1956, AT THE HYDE PARK HOTEL, LONDON, ENGLAND, AGED 73 YEARS.

WILLIAM SEWARD WEEKS, the son of Elijah Williams Weeks and Lucia Lay Weeks, was born in Lyons, New York and received

his early education in his birth-place. He entered West Point in June 1901 and upon his graduation four years later he was assigned to the 4th Infantry, to one of the two companies stationed at Alcatraz Island.

In 1910 he was assigned to duty at the University of West Virginia and there he found time to study law. He received a Bachelor of Laws degree two years later and was admitted to the West Virginia Bar. During World War I, after being admitted to the New York Bar, he served as Judge Advocate and Provost Marshal in China. In 1918 Seward was transferred to the Judge Advocate General's Department and became the Executive Officer in the Chief's Office with the rank of Colonel.

After World War I his legal training and innate business ability turned his thoughts towards a business career and in 1920 he resigned his commission to become the Secretary of the Calco Chemical Company. After the company became the Calco Chemical Division of the American Cynamid Company, Seward continued as Secretary and headed the Legal Department until his retirement in 1949. But Seward was never one to sit still, even in his retirement. His strong

don and cremation followed. Seward's ashes have been placed in the family burial plot near Lyons, New York.

Seward is survived by his widow, Mary, Middlebrook Road, Bound Brook, New Jersey; a brother; and two children, Mrs. Arvey S. Wikstrom, Skaneateles, New York and Mrs. Clifford Miller of Relay, Baltimore County, Maryland. He had five grandchildren.

Throughout his life Seward was motivated by "Duty, Honor, Country", and he lived it out in all of his relationships with his wife, his children, his classmates, his friends and his business associates. We miss you, Seward, and we shall always cherish the fine heritage of happy memories you have left us.

—Norman F. Ramsey.

Louis Albert Kunzig

NO. 4431 CLASS OF 1905

DIED AUGUST 7, 1956, ON A BALTIMORE & OHIO TRAIN NEAR MONROE, MICHIGAN, AGED 74 YEARS.

LOUIS ALBERT KUNZIG, the son of Henry and Wilhelmina Kunzig, was born in Altoona, Pennsylvania, January 6, 1882. There he received his early education and graduated from the Altoona High School in 1899. In June 1901 Louis joined the Class of 1905 at West Point. As a consequence of a previous year as a cadet he was most helpful to his new classmates and his attachment and loyalty to them never faltered. For his four years as a cadet he was a member of the football and fencing squads. Upon his graduation he was assigned to the 3rd Infantry in Alaska.

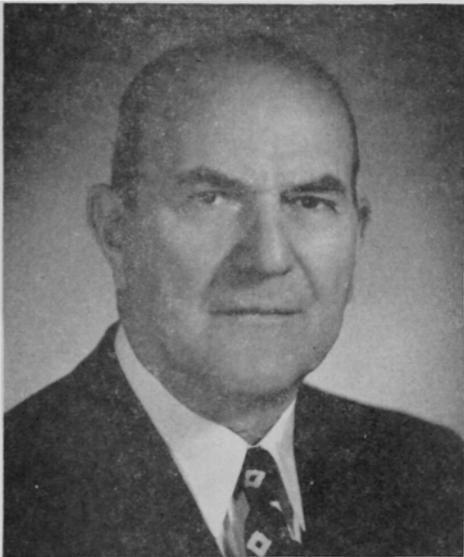
Dutch, as he was affectionately known to his classmates, later served in Fort George Wright, Washington, where he married Dorothy Bing in October 1907. He also served in the Philippines, and then went back to Alaska in 1913 as Member of Board of Road Commissioners in that territory. Louis was called to the Mexican Border in 1916 and was an Instructor in Training Camps at Monterey, California; American Lake, Washington; and Fort Douglas, Utah. As World War I developed Louis was designated as Assistant Chief of Staff, 85th Division and became Commandant of Machine Gun School at Camp Hancock, Georgia.

After World War I Louis was stationed at Fort Wayne, Michigan, commanding that post and Motor Transport Corps. Louis' professional ability and his tactfulness brought him assignments of Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Lafayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania; and Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. After his graduation from the Command and General Staff College, at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, in 1926, he was assigned as an Instructor Minnesota National Guard for four years. From there he went to the Army War College and on his graduation to command Fort Washington, Maryland for three years. Dutch then became G-3 Third Corps Area at Baltimore, Maryland for three years until he went to Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana in command of the 11th Infantry for another three years. After a short tour as Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the University of Pennsylvania, he was called in 1940-1941 to establish Camp Croft, South Carolina. From there he went to Camp Blanding, Florida from 1941 to 1944. He was promoted to

Brigadier General May 1942 but to his great regret was retired for physical disability in January 1944. Louis was awarded the Legion of Merit for his outstanding service as Commanding General of Fort Blanding. His professional ability, his alertness, tactfulness and good judgment were outstanding in his responsibilities in the servicing of nine infantry divisions, an infantry replacement training center and many other troop units. His training experience and education and his energetic performance were most effective.

After his retirement from the Army, the Governor of Michigan called on Louis to become Business Manager of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission, after there had been considerable criticism of liquor control in that state. He held that position until his Civil Service retirement in 1952, upon reaching the age of seventy years.

Louis has long been interested in Masonry, as he was made a Master Mason in the Mountain Lodge at Altoona in 1903 while still a cadet. In 1916 he became President of the Army Class in the Scottish Rite in Detroit. In 1933 he was crowned a 33rd



sense of honor and loyalty to the right, as he saw the right, and his reputation for dependability, had won him so many friends in his chosen community, that he was continued as a consultant for five years, after which he was elected President of the Raritan State Bank. In addition to this, at the time of his death, he was an active member of the Board of the New Jersey Taxpayers Association of which he was President for three years. In spite of all of the heavy responsibilities he still found time to take an active part in the welfare activities of his community and as a Director of Civil Defense. For several years he was President of the Bound Brook Planning Board, and was elected a Life Member of the Board of Directors of the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce.

Seward and Mary Weeks celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on September 12, 1955. Theirs was a very happy life together. In later years they had made several trips to the Southland and abroad. Their last trip together started on Easter Sunday 1956 with a flight to Spain where they spent several days with Clifford and Harriet Early. They continued their travels through France and Germany and had just checked in to their hotel in London, en route home, when Seward collapsed and died of a heart attack in Mary's arms. Private funeral services were held in Lon-

Degree Mason at Columbus, Ohio. Upon his Civil Service retirement from his political job he became Executive Director of the Scottish Rite in Detroit. His services in this responsible and important position were greatly appreciated by the Supreme Council.

Early in 1956 Louis was hospitalized in Detroit by a heart attack but after a rest there were heartening prospects for his complete recovery. He decided to go to Walter Reed General Hospital in Washington, and he was on his way there when he was fatally stricken. Louis was buried in the cemetery at West Point on August 10th. His widow, Dorothy; two sons, Colonel William B. Kunzig, Class of 1932; Colonel Louis A. Kunzig, Class of 1939 and a daughter, Dorothy Ann, were present with classmates and friends. Another son, Colonel Henry B. Kunzig, Class of 1930, stationed in Saigon, was unable to be present. Louis was rightfully very proud of his family and they had a reunion with all members present at West Point in 1955 at the Fiftieth Anniversary of his graduation.

Louis, you have always been a tower of strength in your loyalty to West Point and your classmates. We have been very proud of your accomplishments, in your outstanding service of your country for so many years, and for your successes in important

civilian positions. You have always been a real friend and comrade, and we shall always feel that you are marching beside us.

—Norman F. Ramsey.

Thomas Hixon Lowe

NO. 4444 CLASS OF 1905

DIED MAY 19, 1956, AT WASHINGTON, D. C.,
AGED 76 YEARS.

WHILE Washington was in its springtime beauty on May 22d, Tom Lowe was laid to rest in Arlington where slumber so many of our comrades and friends of Auld Lang Syne.

As with the prayers, the three volleys and taps, the small and thinning group of 1905 said farewell to him, we had the comforting thought that Tom's spirit of kindness, loyal friendship, and devotion to the service of his country would long remain with us as a heartwarming and enduring memory.

Tom's long record of undeviating, loyal and efficient service to his country in two major wars and many minor operations, won him among other commendations the *Well Done* of the Department of the Army in a Legion of Merit Citation—"For exceptional and meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service." But of equal importance it may be said of Tom that from the long and varied ranks of those whose lives he touched in his more than three score and ten years, comes a deeply sincere *Well Done*.

When Tom entered West Point from Missouri in 1901 he was among the older group in our class. However, as a cadet and later as a regular officer he was in spirit and physical activity among the youngest of his classmates. As a golf enthusiast he was the winner of many Army tournaments. On the day of his death he was at the Chevy Chase Country Club prepared to go out on the golf course. While chatting with a friend at the club, he was stricken with a heart attack and passed away with a blessed absence of suffering.

During more than half a century he served his country and his community with a solid, substantial, faithfulness that in the aggregate means so much to the effectiveness of any military force and constitutes the guidance and cohesiveness which in time of war give esprit to, and bind together, the varied components into which our Army is then hastily expanded. Tom's military service had the regional scope and varied facets which inevitably mark the career of a regular officer during two generations of military duty.

Upon expiration of his graduation leave in 1905 he joined his first organization, the 28th Infantry, at Fort Snelling, Minnesota. He soon thereafter took part with his regiment in the second occupation of Cuba under the Platt Amendment. Later he saw service on the Mexican border and in the Vera Cruz Expedition. This experience made him one of the relatively few regular officers who had experienced field service just before we entered World War I in 1917. He was correspondingly valuable as an instructor in officers' training camps preparing troops for overseas service. As a result he spent the war period in training troops on this side and as in the case of many other regular officers of

special qualifications, the war ended before the completion of his training mission permitted him to enter the combat zone.

After long years as an infantry officer training and instructing officers, students and troops in the several components of the Army, Tom transferred to the Adjutant General's Department. Among other duties in that department which he performed with marked efficiency and high commendation, he was in charge of the Appointment Section Officers' Division, Adjutant General's Office, Washington, D. C.; Adjutant General at the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; later in charge of the Reserve Division, Adjutant General's Office at Washington; Assistant Adjutant General Philippine Department at Manila, P. I.; Adjutant General Fourth Corps Area, Fort McPherson, Georgia; and Adjutant General and Acting Chief of Staff of Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. From September 1939 to the date of his retirement in 1942, he was Officer in Charge of Publications Division, Adjutant General's Office, Washington, D. C. He was recalled to active duty in World War II as Chief of the Appointment and In-



duction Branch, Adjutant General's Office, Washington, D. C., which duty he performed until final relief from active duty at the close of the war.

On June 8, 1910, Miss Isabelle Wolfe, only daughter of Mr. Leroy Wolfe of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, became the bride of Lieutenant Thomas Hixon Lowe in what was described as "a brilliant military wedding." Tom at his death was nearing his golden anniversary of happy married life. Being on duty in Washington at the time of his retirement, he made Washington his permanent home, where Mrs. Lowe now resides.

In taking inventory of a life that has passed, the following quoted lines make an excellent guide: "*The best portion of a good man's life are his little unremembered, nameless deeds of kindness.*" By this standard, the evaluation of close associates and friends gives us a heart-warming glimpse of Tom.

"Tom Lowe has left us; it will be a long time before we cease to miss him. He was always such an agreeable person, so dependable, so considerate. . . Taking things all in all Tom was a delightful person to be with, no matter on what occasion, and I am going to miss him for a long time."

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"In my associations with Tom over the years I have found him to be an agreeable companion, a good sportsman, and above all kind and considerate. It was a pleasure to be with him."

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"Tom Lowe is affectionately remembered by me as a gentleman of dignified, honest, reserve; an honor to his military profession; a genial friend."

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"While I was in the Pacific War my wife and teen-age daughter were next door neighbors of Tom and Issy Lowe. Although retired and none too well, Tom had been called to active duty. But despite his heavy Army assignment, Tom found time to be the best possible neighbor. It was wonderfully comforting to me (in the combat area) to know that should any emergency arise (at home) Tom and Issy were in daily touch with my loved ones and would spare no effort to extend understanding help if needed."

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"Tom was one of the greatest exemplars of the West Point motto: 'Duty, Honor, Country.' His duty not only to his country but to his friends was a sacred matter. . . Tom's life was further enriched by love of sports and all the good things of life. I don't think he had an enemy. He was one of the highest types of officer and gentlemen I have ever known. We shall miss him."

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Tom lived his three score years and ten, plus. But in evaluating living, what is more important than the time test is the test implied in these lines from Philip James Bailey's "Festus":

"We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breaths;
In feelings, not in figures on a dial.
We should count time by heart-throbs.
He most lives who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best.
Life is but a means unto an end, that end Beginning, mean, and end to all things,
—God."

Hail and farewell to a gallant comrade, friend and classmate of 1905.

—A. G.

Edward Luke Kelly

NO. 4797 CLASS OF 1909

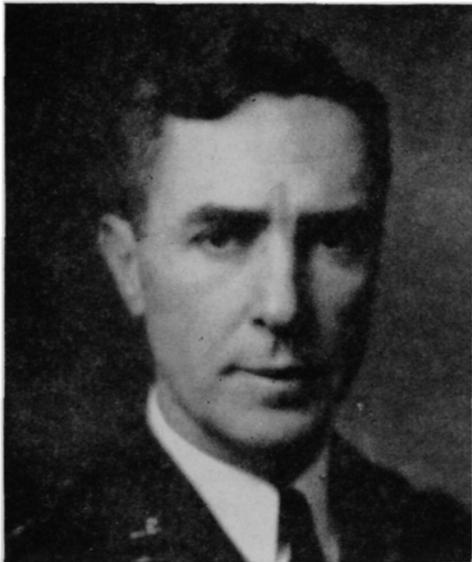
DIED AUGUST 13, 1956, AT VENICE, FLORIDA,
AGED 71 YEARS.

AMONG our many Army contemporaries it is doubtful if any enjoyed a greater degree of popularity than "Mike" Kelly. His exuberant, outgoing personality won him friends in all walks of life. Wherever there was a job to be done, there would be Mike, ready and eager to do his full part. And whenever a party was to be given, there also in the van would be our Mike.

Edward Luke Kelly (as the AGO called him) was born in Neosho, Missouri, in 1885. When he was eight years old, his family moved to Washington, D. C., where he graduated from Central High School and was Captain of the winning company in the Cadet Corps. Appointed to the Military Academy from Missouri, he soon established

himself in the hearts of his classmates. Never given to boning tenths, he graduated in the upper half of his class. Playing on the class football team as a yearling and being on the track squad, he was appointed Assistant Manager of the Corps football team in his second class year and Manager for our first class season. Here, as dispenser of the meagre allotment of football tickets to the cadets, his persuasive power and Irish wit kept even the most demanding souls in good humor.

Assigned to the Coast Artillery upon graduation, he served for several years at coast defense stations in the United States and Hawaii. Ordered to the Tac Department at West Point in early 1916, he was relieved in the fall of '18 for harbor defense duty. In March 1919, he was named Director of Basic Courses in the Coast Artillery School at Fort Monroe, Virginia. That summer he accompanied the recently graduated West Point class on a tour of instruction in France. Three years in the Canal Zone followed, after which he returned to the Coast Artillery School for a year, bringing with him his bride, the former Mary Landers. In 1925 he was grad-



uated from the Command and General Staff School and was detailed as Assistant to the Coast Artillery District Commander at the Presidio of San Francisco. In the spring of 1926 Mike commenced a four years' tour at the Military Academy as Assistant and as Master of the Sword, carrying on the fine traditions of Colonel Herman Koehler. Here was a task close to his heart and that he "maxed" it is attested by the many unsought tributes paid him by the cadet classes which developed under his firm hand and understanding mind.

From 1930 to '35 he was Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Fordham University, an assignment in which he showed uncommon ability in molding the citizen soldier. He later commanded the Harbor Defenses of San Diego for nearly three years, but in February, 1940, was retired upon his own application. Mary and he then proceeded to develop a home at Sandy Hook, Connecticut. Upon our entry into World War II Mike was recalled to active duty and spent over three years as PMS&T at the University of Pittsburgh, reverting to retired status in January 1945. His increasingly poor health compelled the Kellys a few years later to sell their home in New England and to move to Venice on the West Coast of Florida, where they lived quietly until Mike's sudden death in the summer of '56.

And so, Mike, we have loved and admired you for all that you have been, — a faithful son, a loving husband, a loyal friend, a patient teacher, an inspiring leader, a true soldier! And we are proud to say that we are the better for having known you.

—G. L. VanDeusen.

Gregory Hoisington

NO. 4979 CLASS OF 1911

DIED JUNE 16, 1956, IN COTTAGE HOSPITAL,
SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA,
AGED 68 YEARS.

ONCE assembled at West Point, it did not take his classmates of 1911 long to realize Greg's sterling qualities. And as time went on, our admiration and esteem grew steadily. A more sincere, dependable, friendly classmate with two feet firmly on the ground at all times, was hard to find.

Nor will those of us who were in the firing pit of the 10 inch disappearing gun ever forget his quick thinking, and quicker action, when the gun was tripped into action with the breech block but partially closed. His leap to the ladder and "slamming home" of the breech block — is still vivid in my memory. But for that act, many of us who graduated more than likely would not have.

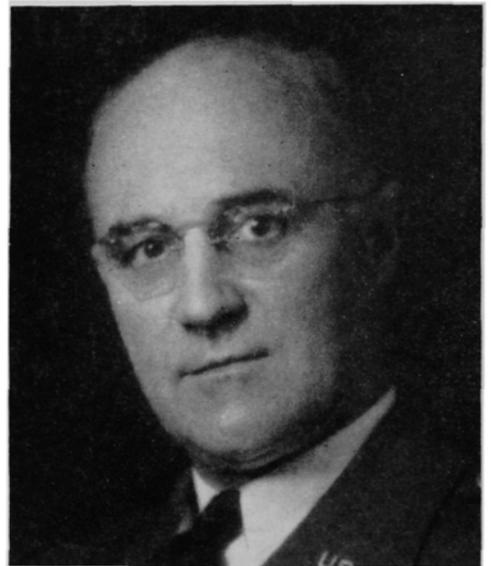
Greg hailed from the great Wheat State of Kansas, Newton to be exact, and of this fact he was inordinately proud. His Dough-boy assignment at graduation took him to the Northwest, Fort Missoula and Fort Lawton; eventful assignments for Greg, for it was while at Fort Lawton that he met Josephine Suing. They were married on October 22, 1913, at Spokane, Washington. Like most of us, his future stations took him all over the country — Madison Barracks, Fort Hays, and of course Fort Benning and Leavenworth. And for Foreign Service the Philippines and Alaska, where he commanded the 4th Infantry with great distinction. But Greg's greatest asset was as a leader and instructor of our youth. This was early appreciated by the War Department when he was detailed to West Point as an instructor in Drawing 1914-1918. But his abilities as an instructor, as well as an administrator, blossomed out to their full extent during his two five year tours as Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Johns Hopkins University, in the late twenties and again in the late thirties.

In World War I, Greg was assigned as Inspector General of the 99th Division — and as such, and later in the Inspector General's Department, performed his duties with marked distinction. During World War II, following his return from Alaska and his recuperation at Army Navy General Hospital, Hot Springs, from a very serious attack of defective yellow fever serum injection, he was assigned to command of a training unit of the Infantry Replacement Center at Camp Roberts, California. Here again his clear insight into the best way to handle youth stood out in the exemplary manner in which he succeeded in bringing his unit to the highest standards of efficiency — one of the reasons that made the replacement of our battle casualties so successful.

Greg was always very much interested in Marksmanship, and early demonstrated his ability along this line by qualifying as Ex-

pert Rifleman as a cadet. And later in his career he was frequently detailed to important Posts at the Camp Perry Rifle matches. But his interest along these lines also was the cause of his first serious illness. While on the range at Fort McKinley in the Philippines in 1923, a rifle exploded and seriously damaged his right eye. For a long time the doctors wanted to remove the eye, but Greg resisted and eventually the eye was saved, but with greatly damaged vision. Early in 1929 he underwent a very serious operation for thyroid at Walter Reed, and from then on was never a really well man. The Yellow Fever Serum ordeal in 1942 almost prevented him from continuing his service to the country during the war, but his staunch determination enabled him to continue, and he was assigned to the Infantry Replacement Center at Camp Roberts, until stricken with a heart attack in May 1945. After treatment at Hoff Hospital, and at Letterman, he finally was forced by his damaged heart to retire in September of 1946.

Greg and Josephine had six children, and a finer or more closely knit family would be hard to find anywhere. Greg, the oldest



son, was a Second Lieutenant, Air Corps, when he met his untimely death in an automobile accident in September 1941. Perry is a Colonel, Air Force, now stationed with SAC at Lincoln Air Force Base. He is the father of three fine boys. Elizabeth is a Major of Wacs, now stationed at Headquarters Sixth Army, at the Presidio of San Francisco. Mary Jo is married to Major Jimmy Maertens, now stationed in Washington, D. C., and they have two adopted sons. Bobby enlisted in 1943, and while a Corporal in an Armored Tank Battalion was captured in March 1945, and remained a prisoner until freed in May of the same year. On his return to the States, he entered West Point, graduated, and is now a Captain of Infantry, stationed in Korea. He married Dolores Archambleau on graduation and is now the father of 3 girls and a boy. Nancy married Rufus Smith, now a Captain of Infantry with the First Division at Fort Riley, Kansas, and they are the parents of 1 girl. When Greg finally retired, the family settled down in a beautiful, and beautifully located home at 1800 Las Tunas Road, Santa Barbara, California. Here they enjoyed many happy days during Greg's retirement. It was a Mecca for the family, and for their many friends from far and near. He shall be missed by us all.

—Paul W. Baade.

Silas Miram Ratzkoff

NO. 5149 CLASS OF 1913

DIED AUGUST 3, 1956, IN NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK, AGED 68 YEARS.

SILAS RATZKOFF, or "Ratzkie" as he was called, was born in Russia to a family consisting of six children. The family emigrated to America from Lithuania as political refugees. His father settled in Boston but died shortly after arriving. The family then moved to Roxbury, Massachusetts, a suburb of Boston.

Silas worked while going to high school and also on entering M.I.T. he worked as an usher in a theater and at one time as footman for the famous actress, Fritzi Scheff. "Ratzkie" won a competitive appointment to West Point from the 9th Massachusetts District, resigned from M.I.T. and entered the Academy with the Class of 1913. Studies were of no particular trouble to Silas; always standing in the upper half of the class, he graduated No. 37.

We, as all classes do, quickly sized up our classmates. In "Ratzkie" we found a quiet chap, with great dignity; and after getting to know him, we found him to be one who inspired deep respect and affection. Though he was quiet, he was a tiger when riled.

One of the great events at West Point took place at the Indoor Meet in February 1913. Way back when we were plebes, "Ratzkie" was standing in line with the rest of us in the Cadet Store waiting to draw some equipment when one of the members of the Class came walking up to the front of the line, shoved him out of place and took his place at the head of the line. Protest being made, "Ratzkie" was called out and got a bad beating. The Cadet who gave "Ratzkie" this uncalled for beating was a so-called "champion boxer", on his own say so, prior to coming to the Corps and was later turned back to 1914 due to deficiency in studies. After this affair, "Ratzkie" went to Tom Jenkins and asked him to teach him how to box. For four years the lessons went on until the Indoor Meet of 1913, when the two again met. This time, under Tom's supervision, the bout lasted until the middle of the second round when "Ratzkie" used his good left and his opponent went out cold for several minutes. "Ratzkie" got his revenge much to the delight of the Corps. From that time on, whenever Silas met any of his classmates, or fellow cadets of that day, their salutation was, "How's your left?"

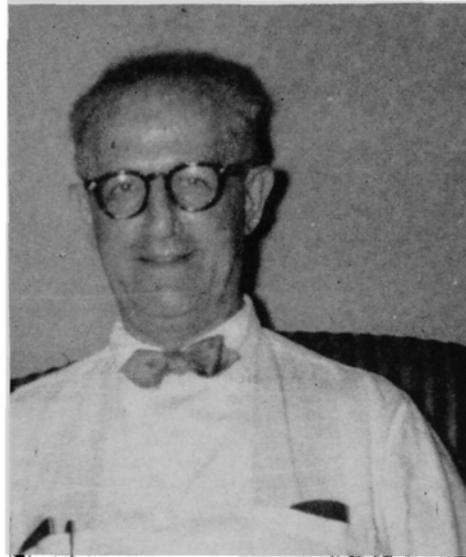
On graduation, Silas joined the 2nd U.S. Cavalry at Fort Bliss, Texas, but the regiment soon moved north to Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont. While at Vermont, he was assigned to the training of the Burlington Camp and the two Plattsburg Camps. I have been told by Lieutenant General George Brett and Lieutenant General Frank Andrews, who were among his superior officers at that time, that "no shave tail" ever worked harder, nor won more respect than "Ratzkie".

Soon Silas wanted more than just Cavalry. He wanted further study in either law or engineering at Harvard or M.I.T. The opportunity of being appointed was denied him by the 2nd Regiment Authorities, who refused to allow his name to be sent to the War Department, so in 1915 "Ratzkie" resigned from the Army to go into Engineering. He left the Army with General King's fine endorsement of "his being a fine officer and a loss to the Army." Silas went to work for the Union Metallic

Cartridge Co. and just before World War I broke out, he joined the Winchester Repeating Arms Co., where he soon became production superintendent of the gun department with some 7,000 men under him.

During this period, Silas invented an automatic shell-loading device and revolutionized the processes for heat treatment of metals. Prior to this, only "old experts" could judge the proper temperature and duration of exposure to heat; but Silas reduced it to a mathematical formula, whereby trained crews could do it with better results. Under his supervision, the productive capacity increased many times at this plant. He was the chief instructor at a Government sponsored school for training experts in the munition field. He was also called upon to help unsnarl the bottleneck on munition shipments to the Allies before we entered World War I.

When we entered World War I, "Ratzkie" wanted to rejoin the Army but was told by the War Department that he was indispensable where he was and to stay on the job. He disagreed, and after a severe bout of "flu" resigned his job and offered himself to be drafted as a Private in the Army.



and constant illness. He had his first heart attack in January 1953, while on a business trip to Florida, and never really recovered from it. He spent many months of these last three years in and out of hospitals, in great pain. He passed away August 3rd, 1956. Honoring his wishes, he was cremated.

Silas Miram Ratzkoff's attitudes toward life, his philosophy toward soldiering, his life in general and his love of his classmates were notable; and those of us who met him often, now realize what a good friend we have lost. He had deep affection and admiration for his classmates. He was a gentleman, most courteous and sincere, an idealist. We shall all miss this soldier.

It is saddening not to anticipate seeing him at our 45th Reunion in 1958. All of us remaining of the "1913" Class wish Miriam, his widow, lots of success in her business and we ask her to join us in Silas' place at West Point in 1958, at our 45th Reunion.

—Doug Greene, Joe Viner, Cooper Foote.

Ernest Lenwood Stephens, Jr.

NO. 5977 CLASS OF JUNE 1918

DIED JANUARY 19, 1955, AT READING PENNSYLVANIA, AGED 60 YEARS.

ERNEST STEPHENS arrived at West Point from Martinsville, Virginia, a fine looking young man with a serious manner, deliberate movements, a drawl and considerable Southern charm. While he lost his deliberateness, along with the rest of us during that summer of 1915, the other qualities characterized the rest of his life. About this time, and certainly not without precedent, Steve actually did say: "While I'm catching the devil alright, you ought to hear them give it to that fellow Ducrot."

Ernest had inherited from his German grandfather an aversion to Prussian militarism. This added to his VPI experience gave him a relatively relaxed attitude toward the pressures of plebe year and also served to make him a popular yearling among the plebes of the class that followed us.

The other outstanding characteristics of this young man that persist in my memory were his strong streak of romanticism and his completely sober attitude toward life. Not that he was devoid of humor but when all was said and done, life was a pretty serious business. On the lighter side, Steve liked horses and rode well. He liked the hops and danced well. He liked a good story and read a great deal. He had an interest in, and talent for, business which later led him to solid success. The man then and later was a good friend and a loyal companion.

Graduating in the middle of World War I, Steve chose the Coast Artillery with visions of serving with the big guns in France. Like most of us, he was bitterly disappointed and forced to serve the remainder of the war in the States. During this period he was Assistant Adjutant at Fort Totten, New York.

This made it easy for him to see the girl he took to the Graduation Hop. She was Dorothy Radley, the granddaughter of William Meuschenheim, one of the two brothers who operated the Hotel Astor.

Steve and Dot, though very much in love, had their feet sufficiently on the ground to wait until the war was over before they married. Their wedding, on Washington's Birthday of 1919, in the Grand Ball Room of the Hotel Astor was an occasion long remembered by those attending.

While in training camp as a Private, he renewed his interest in boxing and became "Camp Champion". He was finally assigned to Fortress Monroe, where he served many weeks as a private among many of his friends of West Point days, who were then Majors and Lieutenant Colonels. The officers recommended "Ratzkie" for a Captaincy; but by the time it took to go through channels, World War I was over and he was discharged as a Private.

After the war, Silas turned to civilian pursuits. First, he ran a camp for children in Pennsylvania, but his love for engineering came to the fore and he joined a laundry machinery company. Soon he became Chief Engineer of the Consolidated Laundries, and later joined the Knott Hotel Laundries.

Sometime later he decided to go into business for himself and organized the Sira Brush Co., a wholesale distributor of paint and art brushes. This enterprise he pursued until his death. Miriam, his devoted wife, who founded this business with him, is continuing to operate this company at 119 W. 23rd St., New York City.

Silas was a roommate of Lester Siff of our class, who resigned as a yearling. "Ratzkie" married Lester's sister, Miriam, a most devoted and charming wife.

Death to Silas came as a result of heart failure, after three and a half years of pain

The young couple stayed at Fort Totten for the next year and a half and then sailed for Panama. In the meantime, Ernest Lenwood Stephens III had arrived and accompanied them to their new station.

After a few months at Fort Randolph, Steve and Dot had had enough of the tropics. This, coupled with Steve's desire to try the business world, caused him to decide to leave the Army. Hence, in May of 1921, they arrived back in the States and shortly thereafter entered civilian life.

After a year's apprenticeship in shoe manufacture with the Miller Shoe Co. of Brooklyn, Stephens joined the Greenberg-Miller Shoe Co. in Allentown, Pennsylvania. He stayed with this firm until 1925, when the name was changed to Stephens, Embry Co. with Ernest Stephens as President.

In 1928, the company was merged with Curtis-Jones of Reading, Pennsylvania; the new manufacturing company becoming Curtis, Stephens, Embry Co. with Ernest as vice-president in charge of production.

During World War II, Stephens gave his services to the War Production Board in Washington. After the war he returned to



his company but was forced to retire by a bad heart in December of 1952.

The inactivity of retirement was hard for him to bear and the prospect of impending invalidism was irksome to a man who had worked hard all of his life. His death, therefore, in January of 1955 was not entirely without its compensations to him.

His widow, Dorothy, continues to live in Reading, Pennsylvania. Her mother, the widow of Colonel Herman Koehler, was recently reported in good health.

Dot and Steve have two grandchildren by their son, and a granddaughter by their daughter, Shirley.

Of our classmate, Ernest L. Stephens, Jr., himself; one can say this: what he put his hand to, he accomplished. What he accomplished was done in a straightforward manner with malice and injury to none. He was a modest man and a sincere one. He was able.

On his way to financial success, he had time to serve his country in two wars and between wars he served his community in many ways as a quiet but effective, public-spirited citizen. He was a good husband and father.

My poor efforts cannot, however, really tell the story of a small-town Virginia boy who came to the big world in 1915 with a head full of ideals and bright dreams. The ensuing forty years can only be filled in from the outline above, if you bear in

mind that the man was strong, his motives good, his patience great and his quiet zeal unending.

May his soul find rest and peace eternal.

—His Roommate.

Hugh McCalla Wilson, Jr.

NO. 6021 CLASS OF JUNE 1918

DIED MAY 7, 1956, AT SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO, AGED 60 YEARS.

It was a sad day indeed for his many friends and classmates to receive the news of the death of their admired and beloved friend, Colonel Hugh McCalla Wilson, Jr., "Pat" as he was known by all who knew him.

"Pat" was born June 9th, 1895, in Birmingham, Alabama. His parents, Hugh McCalla Wilson, Sr. and Ada Herren Wilson moved from Birmingham to Opelika, Alabama when he was an infant and there "Pat" spent all his childhood. He attended Elementary and High School in Opelika. Upon graduation from High School, he attended college for two years at Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Alabama, and one year at the University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, before entering the United States Military Academy, as a new cadet, June 15th, 1915. He joined the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity at Auburn.

Upon graduation from West Point in the Class of June, 1918, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Infantry, U.S. Army, and assigned to the 45th U.S. Infantry as Platoon Commander in the Machine Gun Company. While serving in the Infantry, he had many interesting stations among which were: the 8th Infantry in the Army of Occupation in Germany after World War I, the 8th Infantry, Fort Screvens, Georgia; 6th Infantry, Jefferson Barracks, Missouri; 30th Infantry, Presidio of San Francisco, California; Fort Benning, Georgia as student, The Infantry School, and as aide-de-camp to Brigadier General L. M. Nuttman at the New York Port of Embarkation, Brooklyn, New York.

It is fitting to pause here for a quotation from a recent letter to Mrs. Wilson from General Nuttman: "A General could not ask for a better aide than "Pat" was. He was intensely loyal and was always so cheerful and willing. It was almost uncanny how he could anticipate events and prepare for them. Added to that was his charm and kindness which endeared him to everyone. He was one of God's finest. I shall always cherish his memory".

He transferred to the Quartermaster Corps in March of 1941 while serving at Fort Hamilton, New York. Early in this same year, he was detailed to Camp Lee, Virginia to take an active part in activating the Quartermaster Replacement Training Center for two very busy years. From Camp Lee he was assigned to the Antilles Department, Puerto Rico where he served in the capacity of Depot Q.M. Supply Officer and Department Quartermaster until his retirement in 1946.

In addition to graduating from West Point, he attended the Officers' Special Composite Course, School of Arms, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, September 1919 to November 1919; The Signal School, Camp Alfred Vail, New Jersey, July 1925 to December 1926 and the Regular Course, The Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia September 1934 to July 1935.

The U.S. Decorations and Awards which he received during his service were: Legion

of Merit, Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant, World War I Victory Medal, Army of Occupation-Germany Medal, American Defense Service Medal, American Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Meritorious Unit Emblem and the Mexican Border Service Medal.

While serving at Fort Hamilton, New York, "Pat" met Miss Joanna Edith Hansen of New York City to whom he was married in 1942 when serving at Camp Lee, Virginia. Joanna was a beautiful and charming woman who always saw "eye to eye" with "Pat" and who was a constant companion and his beloved wife the last fourteen years of his life.

In December 1946, he was retired from active duty with a physical disability after twenty-nine and one-half years of honorable service to his country. In Puerto Rico he developed a heart ailment from which he suffered until his death May 7th, 1956 in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

After retirement he accepted the position of Supply Manager for the Caribe Motors Corporation, San Juan, Puerto Rico, where he endeared himself to all his fellow work-



ers and which position he occupied continuously from retirement to death.

"Pat" made many friends, both civilian and military in Puerto Rico and his charm, good sense of humor and kindness will be greatly missed down there.

The Lord was good to "Pat". He started out by blessing him in fullest measure with the ideals of his Alma Mater: "Duty, Honor, Country". As though these were not enough, he was further bestowed with a marvelous sense of humor, enthusiasm and understanding. Thoughts of "Pat" will always be accompanied by a smile; that's the way "Pat" would have wanted it, for smiles were a part of him. All who knew him would readily agree to this.

He was unassuming but firm; yet soft-hearted and always a gentleman. He had a deep love of mankind. The little and the big men loved him. He had no enemies. He lived by the Golden Rule, and if there were more men like "Pat" in this world, it would be a better place in which to live.

His friends will remember him by his motto: "I do so hope to live my life that when I cease to enjoy it, it will have been used up".

He was buried in the cemetery at his beloved West Point, May 11th, 1956. He is survived by his widow, Joanna Hansen Wilson, who resides at 60 West 76th Street, Apt. 6-D, New York 23, New York, one brother, Walter H. Wilson and two sisters.

Mrs. Walter Scott Farley and Mrs. Herbert Hartley of Opelika, Alabama.

Thus passes another wonderful life — another good soldier has answered his last Roll Call and gone on to the Great Beyond. "Pat" was dearly loved by all who knew him and we shall miss his cheerful smile and sincere friendship.

—Levie W. Foy.

George Frederic Bruner

NO. 7771 CLASS OF 1925

DIED AUGUST 12, 1956, AT SOUTH CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA, AGED 53 YEARS.

My husband, George Frederic Bruner, was born in Wheeling, West Virginia, June 14, 1903, the youngest child of Henry and Annetta Louise Bruner.

He attended Wheeling High School and graduated in 1921. Although small in stat-



ure, he played football and had an intense interest in athletics.

"Gus," as his classmates called him, was delighted with his appointment to the Academy. He entered at the age of 18, only a few months out of high school. His studies required that he work very diligently, which to his regret left him little time for athletics. However, his hard work gained for him Sergeant stripes in his fourth year class.

His athletic interests and a few favorite words by an "Anonymous" writer expressed his philosophy of life. "For when the Great Scorer writes against your name, he writes not how much you won or lost, but how you played the game." "Gus" applied this axiom to his life.

He lived a Christian life and was very active in church work. His life was devoted to helping his fellowman.

To accomplish his goal of a good life, he spent his years after West Point as a Safety Engineer. During his career he worked in several of the States, Newfoundland and finally his work was completed in Anchorage, Alaska with the Corps of Engineers, Seattle District.

The inherent teachings of West Point were always with "Gus". In all his work he always made an "estimate of the situation" and applied that criteria to problems in accident prevention.

We were married June 12, 1937, in Wheeling, West Virginia. In March 1955, while we were in Anchorage, he had his first heart attack. Another attack came one year later and made necessary our flight back to the States in June 1956. Seemingly, he was on the road to recovery, but his third and fatal attack came August 12, 1956. He was buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Wheeling, West Virginia.

DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY and West Point were ever a part of his living. The whole measure of his life can be expressed by James J. Metcalfe's Prayer for Success.

"I say this prayer, Almighty God . . . That I may have success. . . But not the kind that merely means . . . my earthly happiness. . . I do not ask for fame or wealth. . . Or comfort in this life. . . But only that I rise above . . . The struggle and the strife . . . That I may be successful in . . . My duty unto You . . . To my America, my home . . . And to my neighbor too . . . That I may have the might to be . . . of more important worth . . . To give encouragement and help . . . To other souls on earth . . . This is my prayer, Almighty God . . . And this my daily creed . . . And in no other way do I . . . Desire to Succeed."

His beloved wife.

—Locelle Virginia Bruner.

Richard Hanson Grinder

NO. 7965 CLASS OF 1926

DIED MAY 23, 1956, AT PHOENIX, ARIZONA, AGED 54 YEARS.

PINKY's fighting heart was finally stilled on May 23, 1956 and while many of his sorrowing classmates were returning to their homes and duties after attending the 30th class reunion, others remained to pay homage to this fine soldier who selected our great Alma Mater as his final resting place.

Richard Hanson Grinder was born in Oil City, Pennsylvania on February 17, 1902. His family later moved to Burlington, Vermont, where Pinky attended grammar and high schools. He was appointed to the Military Academy in 1922 from the Vermont National Guard and was one of the select group that the Academic Board saw fit to graduate in the class of 1926.

A week after graduation Pinky married his "Kaydet" sweetheart, Dorothy Aileen Brooke, at Hempstead, Long Island. "Dorf," as she was affectionately called by Pinky, mothered two children:—a daughter, Dorothy Aileen was born on April 4, 1929; and a son, Richard H., Jr. was born on November 24, 1931. Pinky's daughter was graduated from William & Mary in 1951 and at present is residing with "Dot" in Phoenix, Arizona. His son, "Dick" was graduated from USMA in 1954 and selected the Artillery as his branch of service. Grandson Richard H. III was born January 30, 1956. Pinky's immediate family would not be complete without mention of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Brooke or "Tillie" as he and her myriad of friends in the Service called her. "Tillie" once said of Pinky, "No woman ever had a kinder or more considerate son-in-law and he is everything that a mother could wish for as a husband for her daughter".

Pinky was commissioned in the Coast Artillery Corps upon graduation and drew Fort Eustis as his first duty station. Thereafter, in the finest tradition of the CAC in days past, he was rotated quite frequent-

ly between foreign service posts and state-side assignments. Two years after graduation he moved to Hawaii; in 1932 he was assigned to Fortress Monroe as a student in the Battery Officers' Course; in 1933 he was on CCC duty in New Jersey; and in 1934 Pinky was stationed at Fort Totten, New York. As a brand new Captain in 1936 he was ordered to Fort Amador in the Canal Zone where he was an able and proud battery commander. His hard work at this time turned out a fine firing battery and the few rounds of shell that were furnished for live firing produced superior results. In 1938 the family returned to the States and Pinky was a Battery Commander at Fortress Monroe, Virginia. The following year he went to Fort Miles, Puerto Rico for a short tour before being assigned to Fort Preble, Maine in January 1941. He was sent to England in early 1942 and then returned to the States in the middle of 1943 for a brief assignment at Camp Stewart, Georgia. He went overseas a second time in March 1944, serving in the ETO until early 1946. Pinky was wounded twice at Antwerp, Belgium and besides his two Purple Hearts he was



awarded the Legion of Merit w/OLC, the Bronze Star Medal w/OLC, the French Croix de Guerre w/Palm, the Belgian Order of Leopold, the Belgian Fourragere, and the Belgian Croix de Guerre w/Palm.

Upon return to the States after the War, Pinky was assigned to Hampton Institute in Virginia as PMS&T. He and his family were quartered on campus and early social contact was established with classmates stationed at Fort Monroe to the mutual enjoyment of all concerned. This assignment was one that required an abundance of patience, tact, and hard work all of which were supplied by Pinky in full measure. The ROTC Program was being completely revised as a result of World War II experience and there were no firm plans, no text books, and a very hazy training program. Instead of besieging Army Ground Forces for tailor-made books and plans, as was done by many of his contemporaries, Pinky spent his time in solving the problem as it applied to the students in his particular unit. As a consequence he had a fine ROTC Unit in a relatively short time. Classmates stationed at nearby Fort Monroe had the opportunity to inspect his unit on several occasions and it measured up in a superior manner.

From Hampton Institute Pinky was ordered to Yokohama, Japan and was assigned as Executive Officer in the PIO Section and later as PIO for Headquarters Eighth Army. His inherent kindness, friendliness, and consideration for others were demonstrated

over and over again during this assignment: he visited classmates who were sick in hospital; he frequently invited DAC employees, who were far away from home-ties, to his lovely home for lunch and parties; and he found time to worry about the health of one DAC employee who owes her life to an operation that Pinky arranged after observing her listlessness at work.

Pinky was one of the founders of the so-called "Five-Thirty Club" in Yokohama. Dot's arrival was the forerunner of other dependents of club members and the evenings that Pinky entertained lost nothing by being transferred from his room in the New Grand Hotel to his re-hab house on the hill. Pinky enjoyed Dot's mastery of the piano and every social function they attended was rounded out by at least one session around the Grand Piano.

It was during this tour in Yokohama that Pinky's health began to fail noticeably. He was a fighter and could hardly believe that he could not control his body with his mind. He had to curtail his beloved game of golf and was returned to the States due to failing health. He refused to hang up his suit, however, and was assigned to the AFF Board at Fort Knox, Kentucky where he was fairly active until 1953. When he came East for his son's graduation in 1954 he and his family spent one night at Fort Dix at which time it was noticed that he was a very sick man. Indicative of his spirit was his dogged determination to do those things that he desired.

Pinky was retired for physical disability on March 31, 1955 and made his home at 8042 North 12 Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona. Here he spent the last year of his life under the watchful care and devoted attention of his beloved wife. He attended his 30th Class Reunion in spirit only because his body was no longer his to command.

—E. L. R.

Charles Howard Treat

NO. 8727 CLASS OF 1929

DIED OCTOBER 16, 1954, AT MIAMI, FLORIDA, AGED 47 YEARS.

COLONEL CHARLES H. TREAT was born in Indianapolis, Indiana. He graduated from



the Greencastle, Indiana High School and entered West Point Military Academy at the age of seventeen.

During his High School years he became interested in dramatics and played the lead in the senior play—"Nothing But the Truth." He also successfully experimented with radio and built several crystal receiving sets.

While assigned to vital defense work in Puerto Rico and the Canal Zone he belonged to the "Little Theatre Group" and took an active part in several plays. He was a fair violinist and an enthusiastic collector of rare phonographic records. As a sportsman he preferred golf altho he enjoyed spectator baseball.

His practical nature asserted itself in such hobbies as rug hooking, leather tooling and oil painting, always striving for perfection in whatever he undertook.

He easily could have become a lawyer, musician or radio expert had he chosen one of those fields but he followed a Military career and I would say he became an expert in that field.

Colonel Treat was an avid reader and his command of the English language was most impressive. He was a member of the Christian church and was a 32nd degree Mason.

To those who knew him best his attributes of truthfulness, fairness and gentleness, remain unforgettable.

—Nellie L. Dowd.

Edison Kermit Walters

NO. 12616 CLASS OF 1941

DIED MAY 18, 1956, AT SAWTELLE VETERANS HOSPITAL, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, AGED 38 YEARS.

BORN in 1917, Edison Kermit Walters spent his earliest years near the mountain section of North Carolina. After the death of his mother in 1926, he lived with his grandparents until 1931 when he was re-joined with his family in Pennsylvania.

Kermit graduated from High School in 1933 and spent the next two restless years waiting until he was old enough to enlist in the Army. He had been possessed from a very early age with the idea of becoming a career Army Officer. At eighteen, 1935, he enlisted in the Infantry and went to Hawaii where he attended the Army's West Point Preparatory School and obtained an appointment to West Point.

He acquired the nickname "Kerry" while at the Academy. After graduating in 1941, his interests turned to aviation. He received his wings at Randolph Field in 1942 and saw extensive action in medium bombers in the South Pacific.

In 1945, he served as Director of Flight Training at West Point's Stewart Field. This same year he married Miss Doris Blasky of Orlando, Florida. In 1946, he was an observer at the Bikini A-Bomb tests, after which he entered Georgetown University's Foreign Service School. After obtaining his Master of Arts Degree in Foreign Service, he was assigned assistant Air Attache, later Air Attache, to Moscow, Russia. His last assignment was with Central Intelligence at the Pentagon.

It was with great shock and sorrow that Kermit entered the hospital in July 1953 where he remained for most of the following year. His illness was undeterminable at that time, therefore he was put on temporary retirement. He died of Hodgkins Disease at Sawtelle Veterans Hospital, Los Angeles, California on May 18, 1956.

During these last two years, Kermit found himself extremely restless again, but optimistic and overly ambitious — looking for something to replace the loss of his great love, THE MILITARY. His last position in civilian life was that of Weapons Research Engineer with Lockheed Aircraft Corporation.

He is survived by his wife and three daughters.

In loving memory of Lieutenant Colonel Edison Kermit Walters, whose life was



spent upholding the highest standards of honor, sincerity and complete truth—may his genuine concern for his fellowman, deep seated determination, and inspiration always remain fresh in our memory.

—Joseph J. Walters, Brother.

James Wentworth Freeman, Jr.

NO. 13316 CLASS OF JANUARY 1943

KILLED IN ACTION, JUNE 15, 1944, IN FRANCE, AGED 23 YEARS.

JIM FREEMAN's life reached its tragic climax just a few days after he jumped into Normandy in June 1944. He was killed in action in the mightiest military effort his country has ever mounted. It is certain that Jim was proud to be a part of that great campaign; it is also certain that one of America's finest young officers was lost in the grim struggle that followed the invasion.

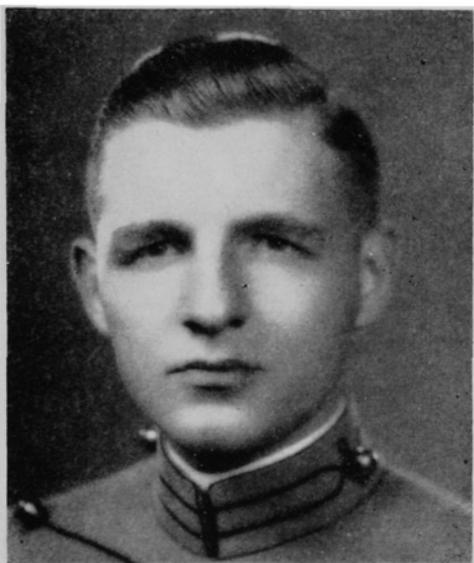
Looking into the past, it would seem that Jim's entire life was pointed toward a battlefield. Born in the Station Hospital at Camp Pike, he spent his boyhood at various Army posts in the United States. His father, Colonel J. W. Freeman, USA Ret., remembers that even as a youngster Jim showed a marked liking for the Army. One might almost say that he grew up to the tune of a military march, for as a very small boy he surprised everyone with a sense of rhythm developed by keeping step with parade music. As the years went by, he passed through High School ROTC at Omaha, and CMT Camp at old Fort Creek, Nebraska; and then, after a year at Doane College, on to West Point.

Jim was a natural success as a cadet. He combined the virtues of a keen, disciplined

mind and a wiry, rugged physique, with a profound sense of integrity and duty. He applied himself with great diligence to his work, but he managed to find ample time for the more pleasant aspects of cadet life. Like many other cadets, Jim thoroughly enjoyed an evening walk around the Plain. It was Jim's custom to take a leisurely stroll after supper—in good weather and bad—in the company of his friends. Everyone who has shared such a walk with Jim Freeman will remember his quiet humor, his dry wit, his imagination and his vital interest in the world he lived in. He had a fine sense of satire, and he made many a laugh out of little incidents in the routine of life at USMA. Jim was a great "chuckler"—he would chuckle to himself as he told his friends of an incident that struck him as amusing.

Jim was a wrestler at USMA, and the wrestling uniform he wore earned him the nickname of "The Phantom." He seemed to like this name and, in a way, it was very fitting. Jim had a quiet charm about him that had an elusive quality to it.

On graduation, Jim was assigned to the Infantry. After going through the paratroop



school, he was assigned to the 515th Parachute Infantry, where he rose to the position of battalion S-3. In early 1944, he was moved overseas to England to join the 507th Parachute Battalion. He jumped safely into Europe on D-day, but was killed on June 15, 1944. He was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

His Bronze Star citation reads:

"James W. Freeman, 0-25706, First Lieutenant, 507th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 6th June 1944 near La Fiere, France. A composite group of approximately 100 paratroopers were defending an orchard position near the eastern approach to the bridge over the MERDERET River. The single 57mm AT gun located there had already knocked out two German tanks approaching on the causeway when German artillery zeroed on the position with overwhelming fire in an effort to knock out the gun. The troops went to cover, but First Lieutenant FREEMAN, with another officer and two enlisted men, stayed beside the gun with Thompson Sub-Machine Guns as protection for the gunners. Because this gun covered the only tank approach from AMFREVILLE available to the enemy, these two officers were determined to maintain it in action at any cost. Their example induced about twenty men to come from cover and man ATR's and

LMG's to further protect the area. The courageous determination of these officers kept the AT gun in action and prevented the German Tank Company of five tanks from crossing the causeway and penetrating our positions."

—J. M. C.

John MacArthur Davis

NO. 13703 CLASS OF JUNE 1943

DIED APRIL 24, 1953, IN AN AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT OVER LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK, AGED 31 YEARS.

It was on a classified experimental flight test mission over Long Island that Johnny Davis met his Maker. He was flying an F-84 Thunderjet that day, seeking advanced technical knowledge which would provide added capability to our Air Force. Fully aware of the hazard involved, Johnny edged his plane with precision up to the B-29. As the wings gently touched he relinquished control of his aircraft, leaving his fate to a mechanical device. That device had not been properly adjusted by technicians of an aircraft manufacturer. Once again a brilliant, brave, young American gave his life that others might live.

John MacArthur Davis was born December 5th, 1921, at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. His father, then an Army officer, returned to civil life soon after, and the Davises went home to Richland, Texas, near Corsicana. Here Johnny grew to be a handsome, ruddy, rawboned youth. Air tales spun by his uncle, a Navy flier, turned young Johnny's interest toward aviation. When Johnny was graduated from Corsicana High School in 1939, he entered Texas A&M College. There while enduring the rigors of a first year "fish", he became increasingly interested in the Army, particularly the Army Air Corps.

Out of the frying pan and into Hell-on-the-Hudson went Johnny that hectic July 1st, 1940. His dry wit and open honesty soon became well known in "A Co." where plebes were usually ignored except for disciplinary crinations. Stern members of the '41 "Les Terribles" often were observed stifling smiles while interrogating sober-faced Mr. Davis, the ever-present twinkle in his eyes scintillating answers which normally should have been far from humorous.

Yearling year found "Wild Hoss" fully enjoying his new found freedom. However, World War II brought accelerated academic schedules and optional flight training to USMA. Of course Johnny's heart was with the boys-that-fly, so off he went that summer of '42 to the primary flying school at Decatur, Alabama, with "A Co." buddies Hughes, Shipstead and Carson. Returning to the Academy that September, Johnny continued his flight training with his classmates at Stewart Field, and tackled the tough, telescoped academic program. Extremely busy, he nevertheless found time to participate in the Camera Club and on the Hop Committee. He stood in the top half of his class academically and held the rank of Cadet Lieutenant, leading off many a parade in front of "A Co.'s" first platoon. Like many other tired "firties", Johnny was glad to pin on the gold bars and silver wings that June 1st, 1943.

The B-25 transition school at Mather Field, California was Johnny's first station. Six months of A-20 combat training in Oklahoma followed. Then, armed with glowing enthusiasm, overseas to England he went,

with the 409th Bomb Group. Impatient because of inactivity as a transient, he contacted Red Carson at a nearby AAF base and invited himself on board Red's Martin Marauder for his first combat mission. In the remaining sixty-seven missions, he flew A-20's and A-26's over France and Germany.

During this combat tour Johnny was promoted to Captain. He was decorated with the Air Medal with twelve oak leaf clusters and the French Croix de Guerre. Group policy decreed that each pilot completing a combat tour would write his own citation for award of the Distinguished Flying Cross. Johnny's modesty and humility characteristically would not allow this, and so he went without.

Johnny voluntarily flew extra combat missions above those required. This also was characteristic of the man — he was conscientious to the point of doing more than expected of him, rather than just enough to get by.

Johnny returned to the States in mid-1945 where he was assigned to the Power Plant Laboratory, Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio. Here Johnny joined the Masons.



Here he was the instigator of many good times, his cream colored '46 Ford carrying BOQ buddies to town for fun and frolic. And here Johnny met and courted a pretty young lady, Bette Sink.

Always generous with his time and efforts, Johnny often bestowed unexpected favors on his friends. Car wash assists, surprise parties, out-of-the-way passenger flights, academic coaching of two USMA classmates while he and they attended Wright Field's Air Institute of Technology — these were part of considerate Johnny's make-up.

In mid-1948 Johnny realized three noteworthy accomplishments: He was graduated from the Air Institute; he was assigned to the Flight Test Division, Wright Field; and, most important, he was married to Bette in June at the Base Chapel.

Except for one year in England at the Empire Test Pilot School and three months at the Instructors' Fighter Gunnery Course at Las Vegas, Johnny and Bette remained at Wright Field. Their children, Nancy and John, Jr. (alias Dusty), were born there. Devoted to his wife and children, Johnny also loved his flight test work. He was never happier. He was now assigned to the Fighter Test Section, a select group of skillful daredevils. Promoted to Major in early 1951, he participated in many experimental programs, notably the develop-

ment tests on the F-94C Starfire and the F-84F Thunderstreak.

Johnny was recognized as an outstanding pilot. Few on-lookers will forget his thrilling acrobatics at various USAF Air Shows in the F-94 interceptor. Major General Boyd, Commander of Wright Air Development Center, selected Johnny to participate overseas in evaluations of foreign super-sonic fighter aircraft. During this period his boss, Colonel Dick Johnson, rated him officially as an outstanding officer and one of great potential. In early 1953 "Big John" was advanced to Chief of the Fighter Test Section. It was common for him to schedule himself for the most hazardous missions; thus Johnny became attached to the exciting test program which led to his untimely accident.

This then was Johnny Davis as he joined the ranks of the Long Gray Line. He was a man of many shimmering facets: devoted husband, father and son; enthusiastic and conscientious officer; skilled pilot; modest, considerate and faithful friend and classmate.

"Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth . . .
 . . . put out my hand and touched the face of God."

—A Classmate.

John Collingwood Hastie

NO. 14720 CLASS OF 1945

DIED JANUARY 18, 1951, WHILE A POW IN NORTH KOREA, AGED 26 YEARS.

ACCORDING to a report released by the Communists after the Korean Armistice in 1953 and confirmed by his surviving comrades, Captain John C. Hastie died while a prisoner of war in a North Korean prison camp on January 18, 1951. Thus ended a brief but full life marked by devotion to duty, aggressive courage, never-failing cheerfulness, and physical and moral strength. Though saddened by this premature end to a rising career, his many friends and loved ones can gain from the assurance that John's spiritual strength carried him through the ordeals of war and captivity with his head held high, and that he never compromised his ideals and devotion to his country, even in the final battle.

John was the eldest of four sons and one daughter in a family bound together by close ties of love and mutual respect. He joined the Class of '45 at the Military Academy in July 1942. His cheerful smile and aggressive spirit served him well through the trials and tribulations of the battles for tenths and against demerits, and he was consistently guided by the principle that the best things in life are those for which the struggles are hardest. After graduation and award of his coveted commission in the Corps of Engineers, a tour with an aviation engineer unit in the Far East developed the foundation of technical competence and leadership that was to contribute to his unit's success in later years in combat.

The technical competence was sharpened and deepened by a year at Cornell in 1948-49, leading to a Master's degree in the field of his choice—Civil Engineering.

John returned to Japan in 1949 and was assigned to an old and proud outfit — the 3d Engineer Combat Battalion of the 24th Infantry Division. When the North Koreans crossed the 38th Parallel in June 1950, the 24th was alerted, and early in July the Third Engineers moved to Korea to play an

important role in the gallant holding action which allowed the UN forces time to gather strength for the long push back up the peninsula. John was ready to carry his share, and his commanding officer, Colonel Peter C. Hyzer, later wrote to his parents as follows:

"Throughout his Korean service John gave his utmost in the highest tradition of the Army and the Military Academy. He was a tower of strength both physically and morally. His only purpose in life was the good of his unit and he gave no thought to his personal safety or comfort.

"As Communications Officer during the early days of retreat from Osan and defense of the Naktong River Line he achieved outstanding results through his own super-human efforts under the worst possible conditions of weather, terrain, confusion, and enemy action and with a section that was not adequately manned, trained, or equipped for such a war. In recognition of his leadership he was given a battlefield promotion to Captain in August 1950.

"In September our pursuit of the North Koreans from the Naktong to the Yalu shifted emphasis and John was shifted to



the critical spot of Reconnaissance Officer. He armed his jeeps with mounted machine guns and built a fine, aggressive esprit. He worked unceasingly to fill the great need for vital engineer intelligence. His 'reckless' courage became known throughout the Division, but John was never foolhardy. He became canny and combat-wise, but he took calculated risks which usually paid high dividends.

"On November 24, 1950 he was reconnoitering an area between the prongs of the Infantry advance near the northwest corner of Korea. When he failed to return, a tank patrol went into the area and found grim evidence of a fierce battle. Native witnesses stated that a Red Chinese unit had killed or captured all of John's patrol. Nothing further was heard of John until a long-delayed report announced his death while a prisoner of war on January 18, 1951.

"His comrades during those trying days will always remember John Hastie as a fine officer and one of those principally responsible for the successes of the Third Engineers."

An Army surgeon who shared those dark days in a sub-zero North Korean prison camp, Major William R. Shadish, has recalled vividly John's heroic defiance of the Communist attempts at intimidation and his uncomplaining acceptance of death rather than submission to Communist demands for

information and endorsement of propaganda lies. John's last acts were a strengthening inspiration to his fellow prisoners which can best be summed up in Major Shadish's brief statement: "He was a MAN."

There is little that can be added to such tributes from those who lived and fought with him in combat and in Korean prison camps. Johnny Hastie was a soldier of whom his Alma Mater and his country may be justly proud; he was a man whose warm heart and thoughtful, selfless manner will be sorely missed by all who were his friends. The memory remains of a cheery grin covering a truly invincible determination to uphold his high ideals of Duty, Honor, Country.

—A Friend and Classmate,
 William B. Taylor, '45.

Robert Shebat

NO. 16934 CLASS OF 1949

DIED JUNE 23, 1955, NEAR QUONSET POINT, RHODE ISLAND (AIR ACCIDENT), AGED 27 YEARS.

In the warm sun of a summer day, a small group of relatives, friends and classmates gathered at West Point to say our last goodbye and bid "well done" to Robert Shebat.

Who was this man who we—many of whom had known him as a boy—were now saying goodbye to? He was many things . . . devoted son and brother . . . beloved husband . . . close and true friend . . . a classmate. But, he was more than that . . . a modest man . . . a good man . . . an outstanding pilot of great ability . . . a top-notch officer devoted to the service of his country . . . a credit to his alma mater. Even that is not enough . . . he was still more. He was a spirit who lived in the air.

Bob lived to fly. Long before he joined the Class of '49 to enter plebe year with us, he had qualified as a pilot. I can remember him telling of sitting on his father's lap and holding the "stick". He had already made up his mind he wanted to



fly. All of us can remember incidences of Bob's devotion to the air long before we graduated. And after the bars were ours, fly he did! His record included a period as multi-engine instructor, 55 combat missions in Korea, and on his final assignment was multi-engine check pilot and flight

leader in an all-weather interceptor squadron flying F-94C's and F-89D's.

Then, suddenly, on June 23, 1955, while teaching another to love flying as much as he, Captain Robert Shebat, USAF, made his last landing. The air he loved, through carbon-monoxide poisoning from a malfunctioning aircraft, had claimed them. Suddenly, too, parents lost a son, a wife lost a husband, '49 lost a classmate, and I—a roommate.

It is fitting that what we say here should not exceed Bob's modest desires of what he would say or want said, and so, the hand which is raised in salute, falls, and passes, in memoriam. . .

—His Roommate.

James Richard Effer

NO. 19085 CLASS OF 1953

DIED DECEMBER 11, 1955 NEAR SPANISH MOROCCO, NORTH AFRICA. AGED 24 YEARS.

I CANNOT remember the first time I met Jim—for his was not the type of personal-



ity which creates the immediate impression of comradeship and unending kinship. Rather, Jim's personality was such that friendship grew quietly and unspectacularly. It was, therefore, months after I had met Jim, I realized I had gained a friendship that would continue forever—not just for a lifetime, but forever.

In the three years that followed, the million and one daily incidents that make up the days of all cadets and roommates forged a bridge of closeness between Jim and me.

Those years now remain more as an impression than a series of individual incidents. An impression of a boy with a ready smile, an easy, unaffected manner, and a love of sports; an impression of a cadet with the class standing of a "hive", the sacking ability of a "goat" and the constant drive of an athlete; an impression of a young man with an unsurpassed devotion to his God, his country, his duty and his family.

As these days passed, Jim and I became as close as brothers. I met his folks and I immediately adopted them. "Our" Mom filled me in on Jim's earlier life. She told me of his days at Central High where he

developed his love of track. She described the many details that went to make up the personality of Jim Effer. Jim lived each of these days for the enjoyment it brought—the meeting of a new friend, the winning of a race, or the performing of a kindness to someone he knew. This was his way of life.

Cadet life was ended and graduation arrived. Jim had always wanted to be commissioned in the Air Force. His eyes prevented him from becoming a "jet jockey" so he entered the Air Force Observer Training Program. Here, too, Jim graduated in the top of his class. He advanced rapidly in experience and technical proficiency and soon was rated as an Observer Instructor. During this period, Jim remained very close to his old friends. He would drop in between flights to visit, call by phone if time was too short for a visit, or write when he could not stop at all. He never gave up his dream of becoming a pilot. He requested a re-examination for flight training. He passed and was scheduled to enter flight school early this year. So the future was to have held a great deal for Jim—Christmas leave with the family, the announcement of his engagement to the lovely Patti Quinter, flight school and . . . but the crash of his plane on its return from Tripoli, Africa brought an end to all these events.

Of the people Jim left behind, all retain wonderful memories. His mother and father retain the memories of a loyal, loving, and devoted son; his girl, Patti, the memories of a terrific guy with whom to share the future; his brothers, Jack and Jerry, the memories of a fun-loving companion and a fine example of manliness; all others, his relatives, his friends and acquaintances, the memory of a man who lived life as life should be lived—close to his God, his country, his duty and his family.

It might be said that Jim's life ended before it started, but this is not true. Jim lived each day of his life to the fullest. Death at such an early age only makes those of us who knew him realize that his life was complete and we are much better persons for having known him.

May he rest in death as he lived in life—Close to Almighty God.

—Rick Gilmartin.

James Preston Selbe

NO. 19259 CLASS OF 1953

DIED FEBRUARY 11, 1956, IN AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT NEAR CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA, AGED 25 YEARS.

IN an attempt to express the feelings of remembrance of a friend who was so very close to all who knew and worked with him, one would like to avoid thinking in terms of the many trite phrases which we often hear. These expressions somehow lack the emphasis needed to describe adequately our feelings for Jim.

His dedication to his country, the service, and humanity had no limit. His character could never be questioned, as loyalty and integrity governed his life. His reputation as a leader marked him as one who would advance to a position of the highest level. His performance of duty won the highest respect from his superiors and subordinates, as well as his contemporaries. Because firmness and kindness were perfectly balanced in all his decisions.

For all who knew him during his cadet life, his flight training, and while he was making immeasurable contributions to the

nativity of the United States Air Force Academy, these statements bear irrefutable accuracy. However; for those of us who were so privileged as to have a closer relationship with Jim, these are only the beginning of our tributary remembrances.

It is not unusual for an officer to be an inspiration to his men, but never have I known anyone who unknowingly was so inspiring to his associates. Jim's friendship was treasured by all who knew him. His manner always related his regard for the feelings of others, and he seldom criticized their shortcomings. Yet from his own example and high ideals, anyone who respected his opinion, and everyone who knew him did, would unconsciously strive for self improvement.

In the fast moving world in which we live it is easy for one to become hard to please. Such was not the case with Jim. He never became dissatisfied with the relaxations which others might take for granted. He could be perfectly contented for hours just to sit and listen to the classical music which he knew so well, and loved so much. A game of chess or handball, a trip through the mountains, a flight into the blue sky among the white puffed clouds, a browsing moment in a library, a letter to or from home, the completion of a heavy



task, or just a friendly conversation; these were all it took to make Jim happy.

In exploring the past I can easily say that I have never known a more comforting friendship. It is no wonder this friendship was valued by so many. Nor is it surprising that I chose Jim to be my best man just two weeks before his untimely accident.

Needless to say the suddenness of this unexpected accident was a shock to all of us, his loving parents, his relatives, and his friends. An early morning flight in a T-33 with unfavorable weather and a difficult landing approach, these were the conditions which resulted in our great loss, as Jim and his companion pilot preceded us into the great beyond.

Perhaps the most difficulty arises in trying to solve the mystery of death. When we have thought it through for endless hours it still remains an enigma. And somewhere in our thinking there is always the unavoidable "why". Why should it be that one who offered the world so much is allowed to only start adult life? It brings to mind that our faith in life itself is based on the departure of the most Perfect many centuries ago. He is still a guiding inspiration.

—Lieutenant Frank S. Wilkerson.

