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PLAIN TALK



Fellow Alumni:

As I write this letter, we have just completed a most unhappy week-end at Annapolis. The Navy gave us a good walloping' in all four events contested there: winning basketball, 58-47; wrestling, 17-8; squash, 8-1; and pistol, 1389-1383. (Incidentally, until our basketball team has one or two outsized flankers among its members, it is going to continue to operate under a severe handicap, which I estimate costs it from four to twelve points a game, depending on our opponent.) Unless we do better in the spring sports, we will come out on the wrong side of the ledger for the year.

The outcome at home was more pleasant. Our swimmers turned in their best performance of the season. They surprised Navy in what had been forecast as a tight contest by taking seven of the ten events and winning, 47-39. Our gym team won, 57-39, for their ninth straight victory over Navy; and our rifle team ended a 33-match Navy winning streak by beating them, 1439-1434.

This is the first issue of *Assembly* using the format recently approved by the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees. The thinking behind the new arrangement is explained in the "Bulletin Board" (page 12). I hope you will find that it will make our publication more effective.

The mission and objectives we have recently adopted for the Academy's public-information program are also described in "Bulletin Board". We plan to change the slant of our public-information program to some extent. Of course, we will continue to try to insure that the public, to whom we must look for support, knows and understands West Point. However, rather than pointing our efforts toward interesting a great mob of the youth of our country in West Point, we plan to try to be more discriminating and to make a particularly strong appeal to the youngsters of the highest quality. The more intimately I understand the total education we offer our student body, the more convinced I become that we have the basis for such an appeal; for we offer an education of a breadth and of an across-the-board quality unequaled by any other college or university in this country.

Last quarter, I mentioned this problem of interesting the best potential leaders from among the youth of our country in coming to West Point and pursuing a military career. This problem causes me such considerable concern that it may be well

for me to explain further my apprehension.

The competition for potential leaders among the youth of our country is becoming progressively more keen. Not only are the colleges and universities, of their own accord, intensifying their efforts to insure that they receive their fair share, but an ever increasing number of business firms, industrial groups, and similar organizations are also seeking out top secondary-school talent and offering more and more and larger and larger scholarships to entice attendance at the various civilian institutions whose products suit their needs. Since the private civilian colleges and universities can be selective in their admission procedures, I am fearful that they will skim off the cream of the talent, forcing the less gifted people to seek an education at institutions, such as ours, that are severely restricted in their abilities to choose their student bodies.

Legislation in regard to appointments to be proposed to the current Congress reads as follows:

"For categories 1-7 (Congressional and similar appointments), the selecting authority concerned may select for each cadet allocated to him for the calendar year a principal candidate and as many alternate candidates as the Secretary of the Army may prescribe, OR HE MAY NOMINATE AS MANY CANDIDATES AS THE SECRETARY MAY PRESCRIBE AND AUTHORIZE THE SECRETARY TO SELECT THE PRINCIPAL CANDIDATES IN ORDER OF MERIT AS DETERMINED BY COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION."

If we could persuade a reasonable number of Congressmen to avail themselves of the latter provision of this legislation, which, in effect, places the selection in the hands of our Academic Board here, it would help considerably. We plan to try.

As I have already pointed out, business, industry, the colleges, the services, and everybody and his brother are making every effort to obtain the talent they want. I see no reason why an important institution such as the United States Military Academy should not also make every reasonable effort to obtain its fair share of the talent from among the students of the secondary schools in our country. We are embarking on a project to this end. It will take some time to get it organized and rolling, but we have our sights set on making our efforts felt in the class that enters in July of 1958.

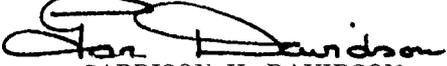
As I pointed out in my letter of last October, the physical development program here is no longer merely a physical-training procedure concentrated principally on the plebes. It is a four-year program of physical education designed not only to put the cadets in sound physical shape, but also to keep them there throughout their four years, and, further, to develop in each cadet habits and qualities that will enable him to preserve his physical condition throughout a lifetime of service. This is an important part of our mission. At the present time, we have twenty-one professors responsible for the mental development of our cadets. There is no one permanently assigned who is responsible for their physical development. To correct this deficiency in the permanent organization of the Military Academy, we have also asked for legislation to establish the position of Director of Physical Education, as a permanent professorship on a par with those of the academic departments.

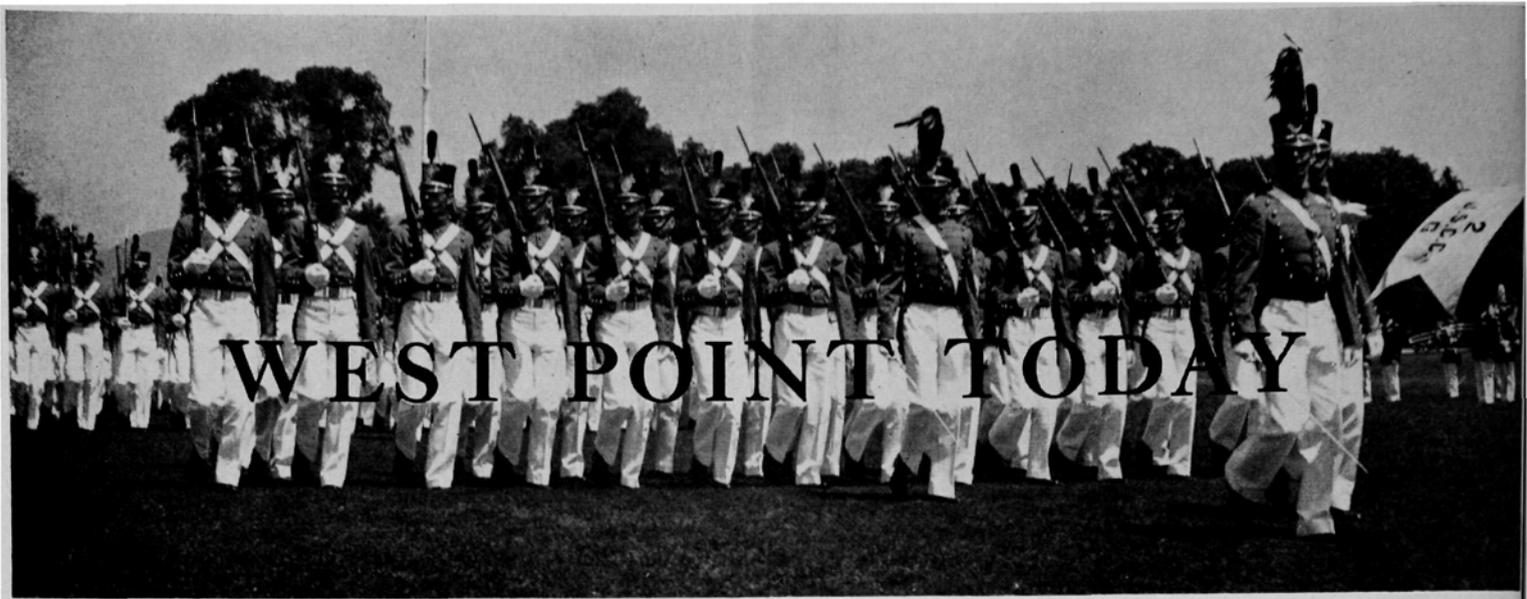
As you know, the "guts" have been torn out of the Riding Hall, leaving the exterior granite shell. The steel work for the new academic building that is being constructed inside the shell has been completed and the contractor started pouring concrete about two months ago. When this project is completed next year, the building will provide 191 modern type classrooms and permit the conversion of the present West Academic Building into barracks, to provide us much needed living space for the cadets.

Our post-development plan and construction program considers first things first: academic facilities, living accommodations, and then recreation and other facilities. The Board of Visitors, who visited here in February, were much impressed by the lack of suitable places for the cadets to entertain their parents and friends and to relax outside of their barrack rooms. They were strongly of the opinion that we should start the ball rolling now for a "Student Union"-type building for our cadets. As you know, when this is built, it will be located on the site of the old hotel, just east of Trophy Point.

My best to you all.

Sincerely,


GARRISON H. DAVIDSON,
Lieutenant General, USA
Superintendent



FOUNDERS DAY 1957

USMA graduates stationed at West Point, retired graduates in the Mid-Hudson Valley area, and their guests joined with USMA's sons throughout the world in commemorating the 155th anniversary of the founding of the United States Military Academy in March. The West Point celebration was held on Friday, March 22nd, in Washington Hall, the Cadet Dining Hall. This year, members of the three upper classes in the Corps of Cadets were present at the Founders Day Dinner.

Following the address of welcome by Major General (now Lieutenant General) Garrison H. Davidson, Superintendent, USMA, the Founders Day address was given by Lieutenant General Willis D. Crittenberger, Ret., '13, President of the Association of Graduates. William T. Huckabee, Cadet First Captain and Brigade Commander, spoke on behalf of the Corps of Cadets. The Cadet Glee Club also participated in the ceremony. Colonel E. R. Heiberg, Head of the Department of Mechanics, was the toastmaster of the ceremony and read messages of greetings to West Point received from graduates and alumni groups all over the world.

THE ARMY HOUR, a public service program over the Mutual Broadcasting System, devoted one program in early March to the USMA Founders Day Celebration. Taped recordings of the Founders Day messages from the Superintendent, USMA, and from the Cadet First Captain were used as a part of the broadcast.

The following messages and letters were disseminated by the Association of Graduates to all West Point Groups holding Founders Day dinners in the various Army areas and to the West Point Societies throughout the United States.

THE WHITE HOUSE

Washington

Mar 9 1957

Lt. General W. D. Crittenberger
President, Association of Graduates
United States Military Academy
West Point, New York

"The Founders' Day celebration of the United States Military Academy gives me a welcome opportunity to salute once again my friends and fellow graduates, and to extend my best wishes to the Corps of Cadets.

For over a century and a half, West Point has filled a major role in preparing our citizens to defend their native land and heritage. That this job has been well done is evidenced by the stature of our Nation as leader of the free world.

On this day, as we gather to renew old friendships, to pay tribute to our Alma Mater, and to reaffirm our dedication to Duty, Honor, Country, it is a privilege to send warm greetings to you all."

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

"On Founders Day, as West Pointers, we feel in a special sense the spiritual tie which binds us to the great school which shaped our minds and hearts in our cadet days. Although the scope of education offered at West Point is being constantly broadened to prepare its graduates for the new challenges of military leadership, the emphasis on character and integrity which has been the distinguishing characteristic of cadet training remains unchanged. In the flux of new concepts in tactics, strategy, and logistics, there is a continuing need in the Army for those virtues which are exemplified in the Corps of Cadets. On Founders Day let us salute the Corps and the promise which it holds for the Army leadership of the future."

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR

General, United States Army
Chief of Staff

"Personally, and on behalf of the United States Air Force, I extend

warmest congratulations and best wishes to the staff, cadets, and fellow graduates of West Point on this 155th Founders Day. This marks 155 years of West Point's constant service to the nation and to the world. In every generation since its inception West Point has furnished great leaders who have helped to guide the United States through times of crisis. Our nation faces continuing tensions and potential dangers in the world scene. In these times the words 'Duty, Honor, Country' are ever more important and those who serve our nation are confronted with unprecedented challenge in fulfilling our code. West Pointers and the things West Point stands for will help us through these times. We in the Air Force are proud of our close ties with the Military Academy and of our airmen who are West Point alumni."

N. F. TWINING,

Chief of Staff
United States Air Force.

"On this, the one hundred and fifty-fifth anniversary of the founding of our Alma Mater, I bring you greetings from all at West Point who, in our turn, are doing our best to preserve and enhance the fine traditions and rich heritage handed down to us by The Long Gray Line.

"This is the annual occasion when we pause from our daily duties to pay homage to the rock-bound highland home to which we all owe so much. It is at once a joyous and a meditative few hours. It affords us an opportunity to renew old friendships and in communion to relive many of the happy and memorable hours of our cadet days. More importantly, it provides us an appropriate occasion to review and recall with justifiable pride the unparalleled service to country rendered by our fellow members of the Corps down through the years, and to rededicate ourselves to making our contribution to the prestige of West Point a prideful one.

"Our Alma Mater is still the fine place you remember it to be. During the short eight months I have been Superintendent, the more I have observed, the more I have marveled at the exceptional quality of our West Point education. Our standards are traditionally high. The instruction is thorough and intimate. It is presented by dedicated, eager and capable officers. It is balanced and extends equally to all facets of the cadets' development: moral, mental, and physical. It is carried on in the pursuit of daily duties, extending from reveille to taps. I am more convinced than ever that our Alma Mater offers an all-around education, unequaled by any civilian college or university.

"So, it is with a distinct feeling of pride that I greet you today from West Point. My very best personal regards to each of you. I hope your celebration of this auspicious occasion will be both a merry and happy one."

GARRISON H. DAVIDSON,
Major General
Superintendent, USMA.

"We of the Corps of Cadets extend best wishes to all graduates in the Armed Forces. Your outstanding record of service to our country, your keen competitive spirit so vital to men of our profession, and your high sense of integrity have provided us with goals to which we all aspire. In discharging the duties and responsibilities that the people of our nation entrust to us, we will always strive for a manner of per-

formance which is in keeping with the traditions we have inherited from you."

WILLIAM T. HUCKABEE,
First Captain and
Brigade Commander.

CADET-MIDSHIPMEN EXCHANGE VISITS

The 1957 series of Exchange Visits between Second Classmen at the United States Naval Academy and those at the Military Academy began the weekend of January 24 to 27, and will conclude the first weekend in April. These exchange weekends were inaugurated some years ago as a means of acquainting the students of one service academy with the curriculum and training of the other, and as a means of establishing close personal relationship between the cadets and the midshipmen. Through these visits it is felt that the future officers of the Armed Forces gain a mutual understanding and respect which will be of benefit to them throughout their service careers.

On each of the designated weekends, the Midshipmen arrive at West Point late Thursday afternoon and are met by their cadet escorts. From that time until they depart for Annapolis following dinner in Washington Hall Sunday noon, the "Mid-dies" accompany their hosts to all classes and formations, to all social and athletic events, and to Chapel services on Sunday. They receive briefings on the tactical and academic training given at West Point, and are conducted on a tour of the Post which includes visits to the Library, the Museum,

and the Chapels. A similar program is arranged for the Second Class cadets visiting the Naval Academy.

WEEKLY "WEST POINT" TV SERIES

The popularity of the weekly "West Point" television series on the CBS network, (Fridays at 8:00 PM in most areas), has been increasing steadily since it first went on the air last October. It now has an estimated audience of 25,000,000 people weekly; and its TV rating has risen from 13.9 in the fall to 23.9 at the present time. In addition, USMA has received, directly and indirectly, a great many letters praising the programs and their value to the Academy.

The series, produced by Ziv Television Programs, Inc., of New York and Hollywood, with the approval and cooperation of Department of Defense, Department of the Army, and the U.S. Military Academy, is commercially sponsored. Approximately thirty-six of the initial thirty-nine half-hour shows have been produced, portions of each being filmed in Hollywood; the remaining portions are filmed at West Point with professional actors and actresses taking the lead parts and with cadets in the background, thus assuring realism and authenticity. Each show is a complete story in itself. Scripts are reviewed and production supervised by a Board of Officers at West Point, with Colonel E. R. Heiberg, (Professor of Mechanics), as Chairman, and with representatives of the tactical and academic departments, the Registrar's Office, and the Public Information Office as members.

At the present time, approximately 150 CBS stations show the programs, either on Friday nights or on a delayed basis. The programs are filmed and are circulated additionally through the Armed Forces Television Network in areas where they will not conflict with commercial stations. Steps have been taken to have the film circulated also through the Army-Air Force Motion Picture Service; but again this service is permitted only in remote areas and those which would not conflict with television programs.

VISIT OF USMA BOARD OF VISITORS

Members of the Board of Visitors for the United States Military Academy made their annual inspection at West Point the weekend of February 14-17, 1957. The Board included Senators and Representatives appointed by the Vice-President and Speaker of the House, and appointees of the President of the United States. Members of the Board were Senators Sam J. Ervin, North Carolina, (representing Chairman Russell, of the Committee on Armed Services), and John O. Pastore, Rhode Island; Representatives Melvin E. Price, Illinois, (representing Chairman Vinson of the Committee on Armed Services); Olin E. Teague, Texas; Louis C. Rabaut and Gerald R. Ford, Michigan; and Jackson F.

Lieutenant General Garrison H. Davidson, Superintendent, USMA; Major General Henry C. Hodges, Class of '81, Oldest Living Graduate, and Cadet L. O'Neill, youngest member of the Corps present at the dinner, talking together in Washington Hall before the West Point Founders Day Dinner on March 22.

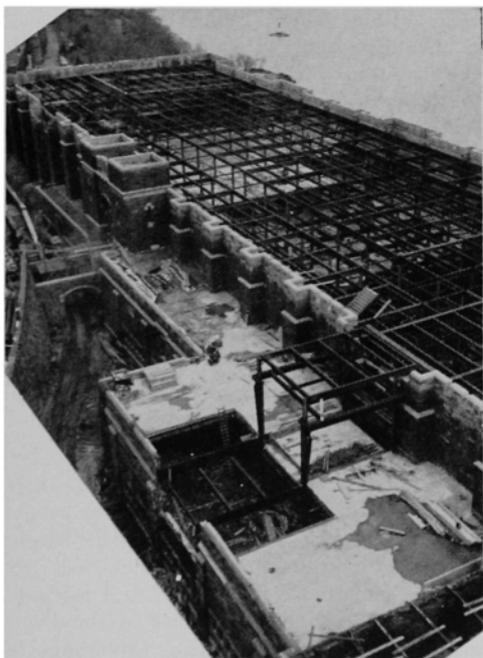


Betts, Ohio. Presidential appointees to the Board were Dr. Leonard Carmichael, Secretary, Smithsonian Institution; Dr. Francis M. Dawson, Dean of the College of Engineering, State University of Iowa; Dr. James P. Baxter, 3d, President, Williams College; Dr. John A. Hannah, President, Michigan State University; Dr. William V. Houston, President, Rice Institute; and General (USA Ret) Anthony C. McAuliffe, American Cyanamid Company.

The custom of having the Board dates back to 1815; but the present group operates under the provisions of a 1948 Act of Congress. This Act specifies that a Board of Visitors will visit the U.S. Military Academy each year and inquire into the morale and discipline, curriculum, instruction, physical equipment, fiscal affairs, academic methods and systems relative to the Academy; and that, upon completion of the inspection, it will make a written report to the President, stating its views and recommendations.

CONVERSION OF OLD RIDING HALL TO ACADEMIC BUILDING

Conversion of Thayer Hall, (the Old Riding Hall), to an academic building, which was begun about a year ago, is progressing rapidly, with occupancy scheduled for early in 1958. Constructed in 1909 at a cost of three million dollars, the Riding Hall was the largest masonry building of its type in the world; but it has not been fully utilized since instruction in horsemanship was discontinued at USMA in 1946. The new building will provide 191 classrooms, offices for eight academic depart-



Thayer Hall Under Construction.

ments, two auditoriums, and additional study and laboratory space. In addition, the new West Point Museum will be located in Thayer Hall and will contain public exhibit areas, study collections, storage and administration facilities, as well as four main halls devoted to the development of

the institutions of warfare, American military history, weapons and arms, and the arts and sciences that support armies. Smaller galleries will be devoted to West Point itself, medals and decorations, and portraiture. One hall will be set aside for rotating exhibits of fine arts and history, geared to the social sciences curriculum of the Academy. One of the special features of Thayer Hall will be parking facilities on the roof for approximately 200 cars.

JUNE WEEK 1957

June Week 1957 begins on Saturday, June 1, and culminates with the graduation of the Class of 1957 on Tuesday morning, June 4. It is anticipated that the graduation speaker will be General Maxwell D. Taylor, Chief of Staff, United States Army. At the present time, there are 548 men in the First Class.

ELEVENTH NATIONAL INVITATIONAL DEBATE TOURNAMENT

The U.S. Military Academy once again will be host to the foremost collegiate debating teams in the country at the Eleventh National Invitational Debate Tournament to be held at West Point April 24-27, 1957. The national topic to be debated at that time will be: "RESOLVED: That the United States Should Discontinue Direct Economic Aid to Foreign Countries."

During this tournament, young men and women from the nation's colleges and universities gather at West Point to debate on topics of national and international interest. These students represent the finest debating teams in the country, and are well versed in the national topic.

These annual Debate Tournaments are sponsored by the Cadet Debate Council, one of the many extracurricular activities available to cadets at USMA.

USMA TO GET NEW ARMY FLAG

Secretary of the Army Wilber M. Brucker plans to visit West Point on May 11 to present to the Corps the newly adopted official flag of the United States Army. Presentation of the flag will be made at a Brigade Review on the Plain on the afternoon of May 11.

The new flag was adopted as a result of the efforts of the Association of the United States Army, and the Association has made available the flag which the Secretary of the Army will present to the Academy.

The design of the flag follows the old War Department Seal, and the flag itself will carry streamers for each of the 145 battles and campaigns of the United States Army, beginning with the streamer for the battle of Ticonderoga fought during the Revolutionary War on May 10, 1775 and ending with the Korean Summer-Fall 1953 campaign streamer.



The Corps at the Inaugural Parade.

USMA PARTICIPATION IN INAUGURAL CEREMONIES

First and Second Class cadets, and the U.S. Military Academy Band, participated in The President's Inaugural Parade in Washington, D. C., on January 21. The cadets, marching as a provisional brigade, were part of the first division for the parade. Immediately in front of them were the massed Colors of the United States Armed Forces. Brigadier General John L. Throckmorton, (Commandant of Cadets), was the Deputy Marshal for the first division.

RESERVE OFFICERS' CONVENTION AT WEST POINT

Officials of the Reserve Officers' Association Department of New York, today announced the selection of West Point as the site for their 1957 convention, May 2nd thru the 4th.

Colonel L. E. March, Commanding Officer, Division Artillery, 98th Infantry Division and chairman for the convention committee, made known the Association's decision to Lieutenant General Garrison H. Davidson, Superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy.

In acknowledging the announcement, General Davidson extended to the delegates and their guests best wishes for a successful meeting and an enjoyable visit to the home of the United States Corps of Cadets. He added that facilities at the Military Academy would be made available to the Association for the session.

This year the Schenectady chapter of the ROA will be host for the convention.

ARMY'S CHIEF OF INFORMATION LECTURE TO USCC

Major General Guy S. Meloy, Chief of Information, Department of the Army, recently lectured to the First Class on the importance of information activities in the career of the junior officer. The lecture was a part of the Junior Officers' Responsibilities course sponsored by the Department of Tactics at USMA.

Plaque Honoring Filipino West Pointers

KILLED IN THE PHILIPPINES DURING WORLD WAR II

A bronze plaque honoring six Filipino West Pointers killed in the Philippines during World War II was unveiled on February 16 at the Philippine Military Academy, Baguio City, at an impressive ceremony commemorating the 52nd anniversary

of the founding of the PMA. The plaque was a gift from the Association of Graduates, USMA, to the Philippine Academy.

Following an Invocation by the PMA Chaplain, Mrs. Pilar H. Lim, widow of Brigadier General Vicente Lim, one of the six officers being honored, unveiled the plaque. She was assisted by Lieutenant General Alfonso Arellano, Chief of Staff, Armed Forces of the Philippines and PMA Alumni President; Colonel Marcos G. Soliman, Superintendent, PMA; and Colonel Robert Johnston, Secretary, USMA Association of Graduates. The unveiling was followed by "Volleys and Taps", remarks by Colonel Johnston; presentation of the plaque by Minister Horace B. Smith, Charge d'Affairs, US Embassy, Manila; a reply by Mrs. Lim; acceptance of the Plaque by Mr. Jose Estrada, Chief of Protocol of the Philippine Foreign Office; and

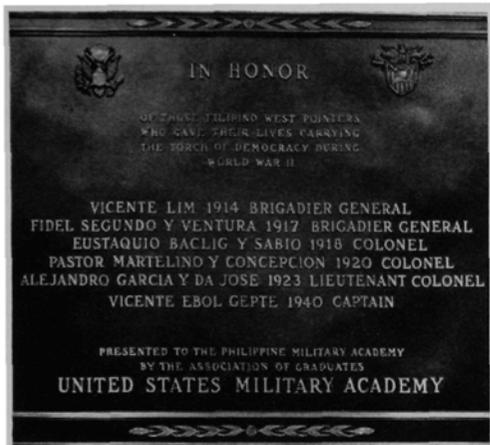
singing of the USMA Alma Mater by the PMA Cadet Choir.

Colonel Johnston represented the Association at other official functions held in connection with the two-day celebration of the 52nd Anniversary of the PMA. These functions included Parades and Reviews by the PMA Corps of Cadets, receptions, and official luncheons. Colonel Johnston served in two campaigns in the Philippines during World War II. He is a personal friend of the PMA Superintendent, Colonel Soliman, and was acquainted with all but one of the officers whose names appear on the plaque.

The Association's gift to the PMA grew out of a proposal of the Class of 1920, first suggested at its 35th reunion, to honor Colonel Pastor Martelino, USMA Class of 1920, who was executed by the Japanese during World War II. The Class later modified its plan to include all Filipino West Pointers killed during World War II and made the recommendation that this be a project of the entire Association of Graduates. The Association's decision to present the plaque was welcomed by Colonel Soliman who wrote the Association that he was sure that the plaque would "serve as an inspiration to the Filipino youth who have decided to embrace the military career as their profession."

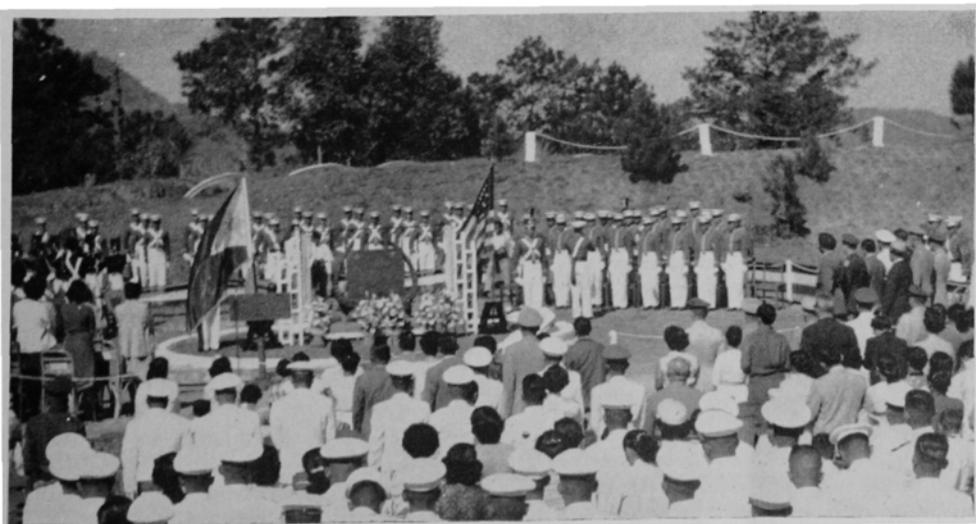
The careers of the six graduates honored by the plaque are vivid examples of devotion to the ideals of West Point. Brigadier General Vicente Lim, '14, was a leader in the Filipino underground; captured while enroute to Mindoro to board a submarine for Australia, he was executed in 1944 by the Japanese. Brigadier General Fidel Segundo, '17, a former commander of the 1st Regular Division, USAFFE and an advisor to the underground resistance movement, was shot to death by the Japanese at Manila on December 19, 1944. Colonel Eustaquio Baclig, '18, executed by the Japanese on January 7, 1945, was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart by the U.S. government and the Distinguished Conduct Star by his own government. Colonel Pastor Martelino, '20, awarded the Distinguished Conduct Star for his gallant actions in the Filipino resistance movement, was executed by the Japanese on January 8, 1945. Lieutenant Col. Alejandro Garcia, '23, after a brilliant combat career, was killed in action at Manila on December 31, 1944; he was awarded the Gold Cross Medal, the Distinguished Conduct Star, the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. Captain Vicente E. Gepte, '40, was captured by the Japanese and sentenced to twenty-five years in prison for espionage. Missing since 1944, he is presumed to have been executed by the Japanese.

In addition to Mrs. Lim, many other relatives and friends of the officers honored by the plaque were present as official guests for the dedication ceremony.



Colonel Robert Johnston, Secretary, speaking on behalf of the Association of Graduates.

Dedication Ceremony, PMA, Baguio City, P.I.



Leadership Evaluation at the Military Academy

THE APTITUDE FOR THE SERVICE SYSTEM

By COLONEL ROBERT H. SAFFORD

EDITOR'S NOTE: Colonel Safford, Class of 1936, is the Director of Military Psychology and Leadership, Department of Tactics. His office is responsible to the Commandant of Cadets for the operation and administration of the Aptitude System.

Can Leadership be evaluated? As yet no leadership mold has been developed which will fit all of our great leaders, past and present. They vary from short to tall, from brilliant to modestly intelligent, and from audacious to deliberate. Much like a masterpiece of art, each leader is composed of a combination of characteristics, inspirations, and techniques different from any other leader. In some subtle way one man in a group causes his personality to prevail over all others in the group. Some elements of this personality come with the package at birth; others are engendered by the human experience of the individual. Can we determine what men at college age possess qualities of leadership to the highest degree, and can we improve the leadership qualities of those who are slightly less fortunate? The Academy has been striving to do these things since its inception.

Graduates are well aware that leadership training is accomplished in many time-honored ways at West Point. They know that it is taught by example through selected officers who act as instructors and tactical officers; by exacting mental and physical training; by stern disciplinary training; by performance in positions of responsibility in all types of Corps activities; and by formal classes in leadership and management. However, there are many in the Long Gray Line who are either uninformed or misinformed concerning another valuable facet of West Point leadership training—the Aptitude for the Service System. No subject has been the center of more controversy in the past decade. This article is designed to present—in proper perspective—a factual picture of the Aptitude for the Service System. Be assured at the outset that this system is not considered the 'be all and end all' for turning out qualified commissioned officers. It does not replace proper academic training, thorough physical training, or military training and discipline. It does reinforce these strongly, however; and in effect, the ratings received under this system encompass performance in all of the areas mentioned above.

Since 1820 some form of an aptitude evaluation has been utilized in varying degrees. At that time, the Academic Board in forwarding academic discharge recommendations included a simple evaluation as to the cadet's "capacity, habits, moral

conduct, and dominant propensity—whether military." In one form or another, such an evaluation by the professors and tactical officers was a factor in the thinking of the Academy for the first hundred years. In the 1920's, Colonel Robert M. Danford, as Commandant of Cadets, instituted for the first time an over-all leadership standing based on weighted performances by cadets in academics, athletics, extracurricular activities, and conduct. This was used solely to determine cadet officers. Later, Major John W. Harmony, as Master of the Sword, contrived another means of evaluating leadership among cadets for his own information. He required each Fourth Classman—armed with a drill roll of his class in his company—to make an adjectival rating (Superior to Below Average) of each man; in addition, each cadet was directed to name the five best and the five poorest leaders. Follow up studies three years later indicated that these ratings had predicted, with amazing accuracy, those cadets who were awarded rank in the then First Class. This apparently was the first use of multiple ratings by contemporaries for leadership evaluation. The idea was not actually used for evaluation by the Tactical Department at the time.

The present aptitude system is traced to difficulties encountered in trying to separate a specific cadet who lacked qualities essential to an officer. The decision of the Secretary of War in the case of this cadet included the following directive (Letter of 3 July 1941):

"The Secretary of War directs that the Superintendent place into effect at the United States Military Academy a system whereby it may be determined as early as practicable, consistent with fairness to the individual cadets, whether or not a cadet is unsuitable for commission in the United States Army by reason of undesirable temperament, habits or traits of character."

On the face of it, this seemed to call for a negatively oriented system since it was concerned only with elimination of cadets. The Superintendent and the Commandant were vitally interested in the identity of the outstanding cadets in the Corps as well, and had been for years. Since these two bits of desired information were obviously at opposite ends of

some kind of a continuum, a Board of Officers was appointed "to develop a new and complete system for determining the aptitude for the service of all cadets of all classes." As a result of the Board's findings, the first formal Aptitude for the Service System came into being in December of 1943. Basically, in orientation and concept, the system in effect at the Military Academy today has not changed appreciably.

Although the original directive for the formation of the Aptitude System was concerned only with elimination of inept cadets, the system was not set up to serve this purpose alone; and it should never be so oriented. The mission of the Military Academy is: "To instruct and train the Corps of Cadets so that each graduate shall have the qualities and attributes essential to his progressive and continued development throughout a lifetime career as an officer of the Regular Army." Within this framework the mission of the Aptitude for the Service System is to assist in the maximum development of the leadership capabilities of each cadet and to insure that each graduate meets the leadership standards required by the Army. This mission therefore emphasizes the developmental factor and minimizes the discharge factor.

The specific objectives of the system are:

- a. To give each cadet the knowledge and experience which derives from observing and evaluating individuals in terms of leadership and military effectiveness.
- b. To determine those cadets who possess outstanding leadership ability and are thus best qualified to occupy positions of responsibility in the Corps of Cadets.
- c. To identify those cadets who are weak in leadership ability, to determine their specific areas of weakness, and to provide the necessary counsel and guidance to enable them to improve their leadership.
- d. To provide for the elimination of any cadet, who, after receiving assistance over a reasonable period of time, is unable to meet the leadership standards of the Corps of Cadets or who is misplaced in the military service.

e. To provide the Military Academy with permanent data on leadership for use in continued study of this important aspect of an officer's career.

The order of presentation of these objectives in no way implies the order of their importance. Each individual concerned with the administration of the Aptitude System is impressed with the over-riding importance of the counseling and guidance function. As stated by the present Commandant of Cadets, Brigadier General Throckmorton, this objective "is the most important of the group and the one which demands constant study by Company Tactical Officers and the Regimental Commanders. The system is not a one-way street and only after the maximum effort has been expended in the area of objective c. can we move to the elimination phase provided for in objective d. We should all bear in mind that we have a heavy responsibility to train cadets to be leaders and that the discharge of a cadet because of deficiency in Aptitude may be a reflection of our own shortcomings as a leader and teacher unless we can demonstrate that every possible effort has been made to help him in this area without success."

Aptitude ratings are conducted twice a year, with both cadets and Tactical Officers participating. Within each company each cadet is rated by his Tactical Officer, by cadets of classes senior to his class, and by his classmates. Cadets in the same class and in the same company are placed in a rank-order of merit (top to bottom) by the rater. This is done according to the rater's appraisal of "each cadet's ability to command a group of men and in so doing accomplish the assigned mission while maintaining high standards of discipline, morale, esprit, and administration." All ratings and the information derived therefrom are confidential in nature and are so treated by all concerned.

Once the aptitude ratings have been obtained from all sources, the Tactical Officer's rating is combined with the mean of the cadets' ratings. The resulting figure is then treated in the same manner as an officer's Over-all Efficiency Index in which the average rating is equated to 100, the maximum to 150, and the minimum rating being approximately 50. In keeping with the confidential nature of specific aspects of the system, cadets (and their parents) are informed only of their general standing, i.e., top quarter, middle half, or bottom quarter in the Aptitude Order of Merit.

In order to provide information for the counseling and guidance of those cadets who display leadership shortcomings, the rating cadet is required to execute a signed statement on the two cadets in each class whom he rates lowest. He must state his reasons for rating the man at the bottom, and he must recommend steps which the cadet should take to improve his leadership ability. The Company Tactical Offi-

cer, who is responsible for guidance of cadets in his company, thus has available through the eyes of many cadets a summary of weaknesses and suggested improvements of cadets who are most likely to need advice and help.

The most important phase of the entire system is this advisory and guidance function, through which individual cadets are assisted in their efforts to raise their levels of leadership ability. With respect to this function, a class passes through three periods during its four years at the Academy. Fourth Class year is a period of intense indoctrination and rapid development. Tactical Officers watch the Fourth Class ratings closely and work with all cadets of this class, giving special attention to those who show indication of being low in leadership potential. Aptitude discharges seldom are effected during this period. All of Third Class year is the period during which every effort is made by all agencies to arrive at proper evaluation of all cadets, and especially those of doubtful potential. This is the period of the most intensive guidance activity and most of the few discharges for lack of aptitude will occur here. Second and First Class years comprise a period in which emphasis is placed on improvement of weaknesses now well known so that the cadet will be as well prepared for the officer role as possible. Again few if any discharges should be necessary during this period.

Unfortunately, there will always be those few in the bottom group of cadets who can not, or will not, meet the necessary standards in Aptitude; just as there are those who are below standard in academics or physical proficiency. When a cadet fails to profit from the counsel and guidance offered for any reason, he is examined by those officers responsible for his supervision. If there is agreement that his case needs further study, he may be referred to the Brigade Aptitude Board of five senior officers which examines all records and in formal session questions the individual and other appropriate officers and cadets. After consideration of all pertinent facts, the Board may recommend that: (1) he be declared proficient; (2) be placed on conditioned status; or (3) be discharged for deficiency in Aptitude for the Service. To effect a discharge, concurrence from the Department of the Army is required. If conditioning is imposed, the cadet must appear before the Board after the next rating to have the conditioned status either removed or continued, or to be recommended for discharge, depending upon his performance. It should be emphasized that discharge is recommended only when the cadet fails to properly adjust after ample opportunity. In those cases it is felt that the Service is protected from commissioning inferior officer material, and that the individual is protected from entering a career for which he is not qualified or in which he would probably be unsuccessful or discontented.

On the other end of the scale, the system also identifies a group of outstanding cadets. The Commandant and his staff can watch these cadets in action more carefully with a view to selecting the best of the top group for senior cadet rank.

As pointed out earlier, a class standing in aptitude is developed for each class. Proportional parts are awarded for this standing toward graduation order of merit. It should be emphasized again that actions are not taken based solely on this finite standing. Actions are based on opinions and observations of experienced officers who closely watch the top and bottom groups identified by the system. Boards of officers in the Tactical Department after consideration of all information in each case recommend to the Commandant who takes necessary action toward making a First Captain or discharging a cadet who is in the wrong business.

The system outlined above has been carefully hammered out for fourteen years. It is highly regarded by those who have worked with it directly, and it is considered an equitable and reasonable system by the Corps of Cadets. The Army for years has placed more faith in composite efficiency ratings of several successive commanding officers than it has in any single rating. West Point today is taking advantage of the multiple-ratings possible under a school situation to ensure the highest standards of leadership for all graduates.

The value and accuracy of the Aptitude for the Service measure can be judged from the results of a study made by the Department of the Army after the Korean War. The Korean combat performance records of about 350 members of the Classes of 1944 through 1950 were compared with their final Aptitude for the Service standings as cadets. About 85% of those who stood in the top quarter in Aptitude had outstanding records in combat while only about 25% of those who stood in the low quarter in Aptitude had similar records. These high relationship from the Korean study were corroborated in a subsequent Department of the Army study which compared the Aptitude standings of the Classes of '48, '49, and '50 with their 1956 Over-all Efficiency Index. These early studies seem to provide convincing evidence that a creditable job of evaluating leadership at West Point is being accomplished.

The history of our country amply demonstrates that the Military Academy has been developing outstanding leaders for one hundred and fifty-five years. Those responsible here feel strongly that the addition of the Aptitude System to the other tried and true methods of leadership training has helped measurably to raise the leadership standards of all our graduates. It is our earnest belief that with this additional help from the Aptitude System even more outstanding leaders from the Long Gray Line will emerge in the future history of the nation.

Sylvanus Thayer's Sons

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

When Mr. Chips was dying, a friend at his bedside remarked, "What a pity he has no sons." The old headmaster stirred slightly and chuckled, "Yes I have; hundreds of them." And so he went quietly to sleep, dreaming happily of the boys he had raised to manhood.

Sylvanus Thayer, like Mr. Chips, never married; yet, when he died, he left behind him hundreds of sons whom he had raised at West Point. Now their number can be reckoned in thousands, for every graduate is in this sense a son of Thayer.

In this short article, I shall write about just a few of his sons; some of those who heard his voice in the section room or were questioned by him at the oral examinations in June. And of this group, I shall confine myself to those who won distinction as educators rather than soldiers.

I have deliberately made this unusual choice in order to throw light on one of the little-appreciated facets of Thayer's service to the nation. We all hail him as Father of the Military Academy; most of us are aware of the great engineering achievements of the nineteenth century which resulted from the curriculum he established; but we are less aware of his tremendous influence on American education.

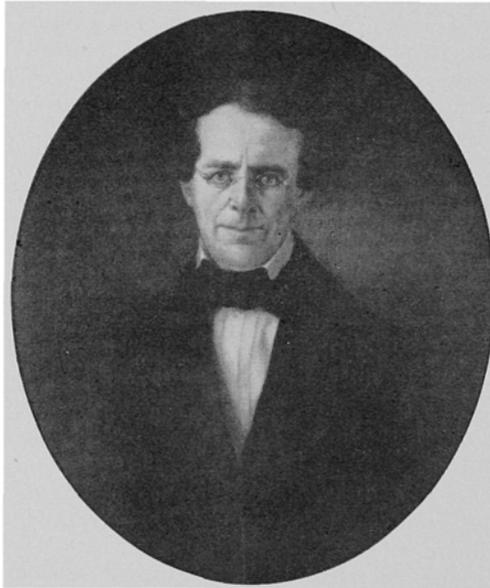
Although Thayer came to West Point in 1807 with a sound classical background which he had received at Dartmouth, his life's work was destined to be in fields other than the humanities. Fate chose him to fill the two needs then uppermost in the minds of most thinking Americans: engineers to build the railroads, highways and canals to link the states together; and teachers of mathematics, science and engineering to raise up still more men to develop the country.

Harvard, Princeton, Yale, William and Mary, and a number of other colleges existed primarily to fit youths for the learned professions or to supply their appetite for cultural satisfactions. There was during the sixteen years of Thayer's superintendency not a single school in the country that gave more than an elementary course in higher mathematics or carried the study of science beyond natural philosophy. There were no formal courses in engineering in the civilian schools. The art was picked up from experience and the few practical manuals that could be bought. Too often structures were built "by guess and by God" in the same empirical spirit that animated the New England navigators of the day.

From his studies abroad Thayer brought to America a knowledge of the great tech-

nological advances in Europe; especially the mathematical, scientific and engineering works of the French savants whose superiority was universally acknowledged. Just as Thayer's friend, George Tichnor, and others about this time were importing the methods of German scholarship and revolutionizing the study of history, so Thayer was introducing French mathematics, science and engineering, thus opening up a new field in American education.

This influence was exerted in two ways. First, the French textbooks, which the cadets in the beginning had to study in the original language, were translated by West Pointers and universally adopted by colleges and technical schools. Thus, to the present day, American mathematical



EDWARD H. COURTENAY
USMA—1821

texts exhibit the French approach to the subject. Secondly, Thayer communicated his enthusiasm for mathematics and engineering to his pupils, many of whom became professors in civilian institutions.

Nineteen classes (1818 to 1836, inclusive) received one to four years of their education under Sylvanus Thayer. His active participation in their instruction made his influence more than a formality. They totalled seven hundred and eleven graduates. Of that number, thirty-nine became college professors of whom sixteen were presidents. They taught in nineteen different states and the District of Columbia, and held chairs in fifty-three colleges. This record alone is sufficient to substantiate the excellence of Thayer's system of education.

Space permits only a glimpse of a baker's dozen of these early graduates.

The full record may be seen in Volume I of the Cullum Register; which, by the way, is one of the most fascinating books a West Pointer can study. It is the legacy left us by a member of the last class to graduate under Thayer.

Horace Webster, '18, was one of the founders of Hobart College and its Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy for twenty-three years. He then became a founder of the College of the City of New York and was its president for twenty-one years. *Alexander S. Webb*, '55, succeeded him in 1869 and served until 1902.

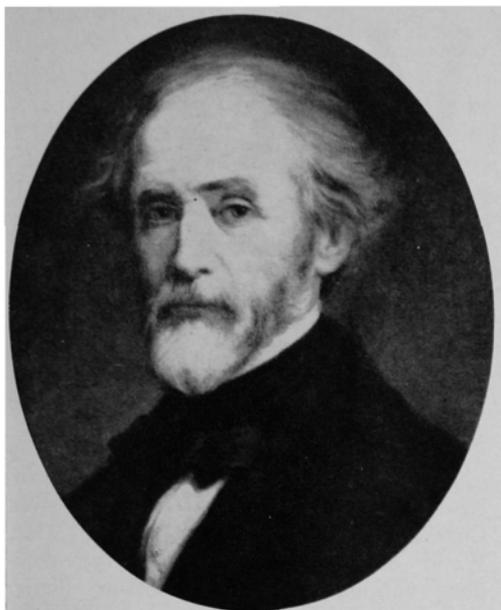
Edward H. Courtenay, '21, moved from the University of Pennsylvania where he was Professor of Mathematics, to the University of Virginia where he occupied the same position. At Virginia, he became the most beloved and revered member of the faculty. He was well known for his texts in Mechanics and the Calculus. He was the recipient of many honorary degrees.

Dennis H. Mahan, '24, son of poor Irish immigrants, walked from Norfolk to West Point, because he heard that the Academy had a good course in drawing. Professor of Engineering at West Point, he was the author of celebrated works on Engineering and Strategy. He was a corporator of the National Academy of Sciences and a member of many scientific societies here and abroad. American universities lavished honorary degrees upon him. His son became a famous admiral and naval strategist.

Alexander Dallas Bache, '25, was Professor of Natural Philosophy and Chemistry at the University of Pennsylvania and then President of Girard College. He was Regent of the Smithsonian Institution from its founding in 1846 to his death in 1867. He was a member of many foreign learned societies and the recipient of medals, honors and degrees from European and American institutions.

William H. C. Bartlett, '26, Professor of Natural and Experimental Philosophy U.S.M.A., from 1834 to 1871, was the author of widely used texts on Acoustics, Optics, Mechanics and Astronomy. He was a corporator of the National Academy of Sciences, member of scientific societies here and abroad, and a recipient of honorary degrees. He was also a pioneer insurance actuary.

Robert E. Lee, '29, famous Commander-in-Chief of the Confederate Armies, devoted the last five years of his life to the

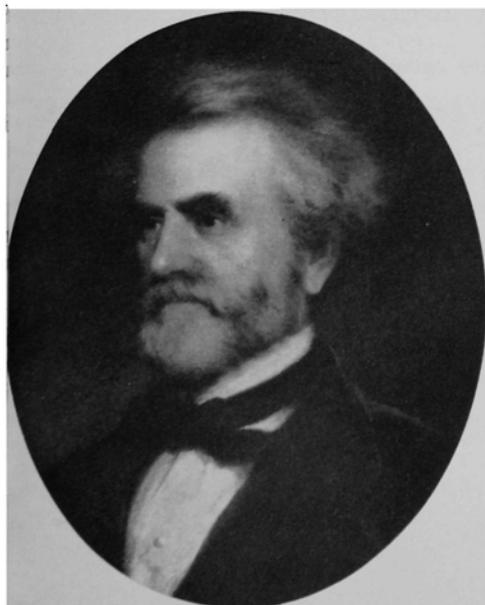


DENNIS H. MAHAN
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presidency of Washington University, which added his name to its own when he died. He instituted many progressive educational innovations and reforms. He founded at Washington and Lee the first school of journalism in the world.

Ormsby McKnight Mitchell, '29, was Professor of Mathematics, Philosophy and Astronomy at Cincinnati College for ten years. He gained international renown as an astronomer and lecturer. He was a fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society of London as well as a member of many scientific associations. Many degrees were conferred upon him.

William A. Norton, '31, having served as a professor at the University of the City of New York, Delaware College and Brown University, became in 1852, Professor of Civil Engineering at the newly founded Sheffield Scientific School of Yale University. He served in that capacity until 1883. He was the author of books on scientific subjects and a member of

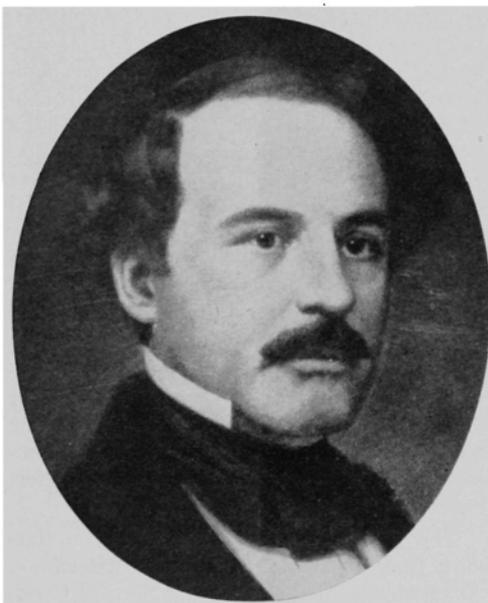


WILLIAM H. C. BARTLETT
USMA—1829

the National Academy of Sciences and other scientific associations.

Benjamin S. Ewell, '32, held Professorships in Mathematics and Science at Hampden Sydney College, Washington College (Washington and Lee University), and William and Mary College. In 1854, he became president of the latter. He took time off to fight for the Confederacy and, at Gettysburg, failed to seize Cemetery Hill for Lee because of a minnie ball that lodged in his wooden leg and pained the half-healed stump so that he was in a dazed condition. After Appomattox, he returned to the college presidency and served until 1888, when he became President Emeritus. He received an LL.D. from Hobart College and was an honorary member of the Royal Historical Society of England.

Jacob Whitman Bailey, '32, was Professor of Chemistry, Mineralogy and Geology, U.S.M.A., from 1835 until his



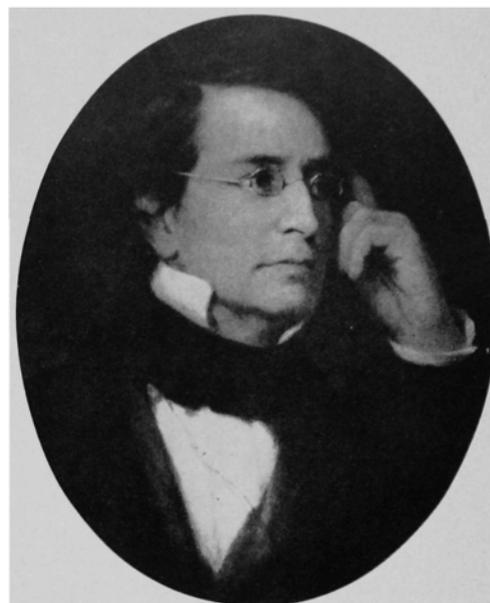
ROBERT E. LEE
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From the portrait by Louvrie of Lee as Superintendent

death in 1857. He was also a celebrated botanist (at least one plant was named for him). He invented improvements to the microscope and devised a method of determining the geological formation of the ocean bed by studying samples of ooze. Cyrus W. Field engaged his services to pronounce on the suitability of the route chosen for the Atlantic cable. He was President of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (1856-57); an author of over fifty important scientific papers; and much honored in this country and abroad.

Francis H. Smith, '33, after serving as Professor of Mathematics at Hampden Sydney College, became a founder of the Virginia Military Institute and its first Superintendent from 1839 to 1890.

Richard S. Smith, '34, having taught drawing at West Point for fifteen years, became Professor of Mathematics, Engineering and Drawing at Brooklyn Col-

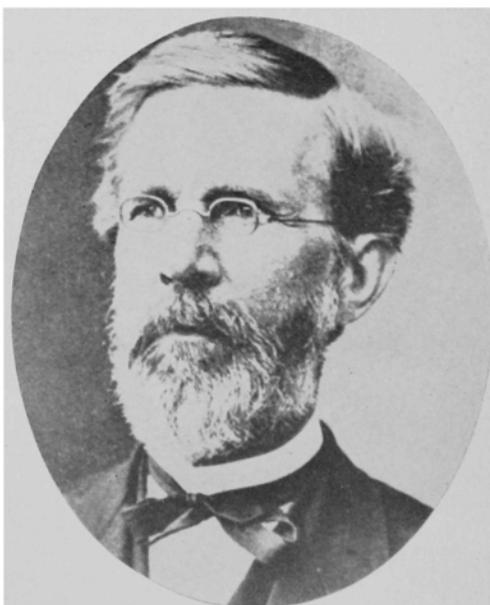


JACOB W. BAILEY
USMA—1832

legiate and Polytechnic Institute, then Director of Cooper Institute, and then President of Girard College. In 1870 he became Professor of Mathematics at the United States Naval Academy, where he served until 1877.

Henry H. Lockwood, '36, was one of the original professors at the Naval Academy when it was founded in 1845. He served there, teaching Mechanics, Gunnery, Artillery and Infantry Tactics, and Natural and Experimental Philosophy at various times until 1871. During the Civil War, he took time out to serve as a Brigadier General in the Army. He is still revered at the Naval Academy, which he left in order to be Director of the U.S. Naval Observatory.

From this sample of Thayer's product it is easy to see that he was the Father of American Technical Education as well as Father of the Military Academy. We, his sons of today, salute him and his sons of an earlier day.



FRANCIS H. SMITH
USMA—1833

SCUSA VIII

Eighth Student Conference, United States Affairs

A FORUM FOR FUTURE LEADERS

By MAJOR JOHN E. HOOVER

EDITOR'S NOTE: Major Hoover, Class of 1947, Department of Social Sciences, served as Executive Secretary for SCUSA VIII.

"It is a special pleasure for me to bring to West Point's Eighth Student Conference the cordial greetings of President Eisenhower which he asked me, just this morning to extend to you. The President warmly applauds this annual conference both as a reasoned inquiry into the great problems of security which characterize the period of history we are living in today, and also as an effort by the leaders of American youth to prepare themselves for the responsibilities which face them in their coming years. He has asked me to extend his best wishes to all of you for a highly successful conference. . . ."

With these remarks, Colonel (now Brigadier General) Andrew J. Goodpaster, White House Staff Secretary, began his discussion at the second plenary session of SCUSA VIII on Wednesday, December 5th, 1956.

Beginning about noon on Wednesday, one hundred and thirty-two students from sixty-three colleges and universities in the United States and Canada registered at Grant Hall and became a part of the conference which extended through Saturday afternoon, December 8th. The Military Academy was particularly happy to welcome to their first SCUSA the representatives of the Royal Military College of Canada and the United States Air Force Academy. The conferees, drawn mostly from seniors majoring in political science, economics, or international relations, were an

outstanding group, including a large number of the most distinguished undergraduate leaders and scholars in the eastern United States. Counted among their number were the Chairman of the National Commission on Student Government, National Federation of Catholic College Students, from Manhattan; a Webster Scholar from Dartmouth; the Chairman of SCONA II (Student Conference on National Affairs, an annual event at Texas A & M patterned after SCUSA); the President, Columbia Pre-Law Society; the Editor-in-Chief, *Hunter Arrow*; President, Sigma Lambda Extracurricular Honor Society, and President, Royal Journalism Honor Society; the President of the Political Science League at South Dakota; a Regional President, National Federation of Catholic College Students, from Michigan; the Chief Justice, Men's Student Court, at Syracuse; and the President, South Dakota Collegiate Council for International Cooperation. This represents only a sampling of the undergraduate leadership experience and scholastic achievement which assembled at West Point for the four-day conference.

The first plenary session of the conference took place on Wednesday afternoon. All members of the First and Second Classes plus all student conferees and approximately thirty "senior" participants from government and the academic community were introduced to Mr. C. Tyler Wood, As-

sistant to the Director, International Cooperation Administration, by the Superintendent, Major General (now Lieutenant General) Garrison H. Davidson. Mr. Wood outlined the scope of the complex national security problems facing our country. He stressed particularly the "vulnerabilities of the Free World" and pointed out the economic, political, social, psychological and military considerations which the conferees would have to evaluate if they were to arrive at practical recommendations for action to meet the vulnerabilities in the six areas of national security interest chosen for discussion.

The topics for discussion by the eight roundtable discussion groups (about 20 members in each group) were as follows: The Atlantic Community (two groups discussed this topic); The Middle East and Africa; South and Southeast Asia; East Asia; Latin America; and the USSR and Satellites (two groups discussed this topic). In anticipation of student discussion of these issues at the first roundtable meeting on Thursday morning, a panel of experts set the stage on Wednesday evening with an informative survey of "Vulnerabilities of the Free World." Lieutenant Colonel Amos A. Jordan, Professor of Social Sciences, acted as chairman of the panel. Dr. Max F. Millikan, Director of the Center of International Studies at MIT, discussed economic vulnerabilities. Mr. John C. Broger, Deputy Director, Armed Forces

A Roundtable Group Discussing the Problems of Security Policy in the Atlantic Community Area.



Information and Education, Department of Defense, outlined the psychological aspects of the problem. Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, Director of Special Studies, Rockefeller Brothers Fund, presented the political problems, and Colonel Andrew J. Goodpaster, White House Staff Secretary, discussed the military aspects of the problem. The panel's stimulating presentation of the various aspects of the complex security problem provided an excellent jumping-off place for the discussion the next morning.

After the panel discussion and the question and answer period which followed, all conferees gathered in the Weapons Room in the gymnasium for punch, coffee, doughnuts and cookies. Here they had an opportunity to talk personally with Mr. Wood, General Davidson. Brigadier General John L. Throckmorton, Commandant of Cadets, and the members of the panel in a "get acquainted session." Students from as far apart geographically as Korea, Texas, British Columbia, South Dakota, North Carolina, Quebec, West Germany, and the Union of South Africa gathered in small groups and discussed questions raised in the first two plenary sessions, questions about West Point, the conference, and about each other.

Discussion group meetings began at 8:30 on Thursday morning. This was the first of five two and one-half hour meetings scheduled for Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings. Four cadets, two regular conferees, one recorder and one alternate conferee, and one midshipman were members of each table. Both they and guest students were assigned to discussion groups on the basis of their choice. All of them had been prepared for the conference well in advance with a problem paper and suggested bibliography, administrative information and advice from a member of their own faculty. Two qualified senior experts in each area under discussion, drawn principally from government and higher education, acted as chairman and adviser for each roundtable. In addition, observers from the Air, Army, Naval and National War Colleges; the Industrial College of the Armed Forces; the Offices of the Chief of Staff of the Army, the Deputy Chief of Staff for Military Operations, and the Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence; the Naval Academy; the Air Force Academy; Hqs., U.S. Air Force ROTC; and the Royal Military College of Canada circulated among the discussion groups and often participated in the lively analyses of controversial issues.

On Thursday evening a panel discussed the topic: "The Formulation of National Security Policy." Colonel George A. Lincoln was the chairman. Dr. John C. Campbell, now Director of Political Studies, Council on Foreign Relations, and formerly of the Department of State; Mr. Frank Nash, now Special Assistant to the President and member of the U.S. delegation to the U.N. and formerly Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs; Dr. Albert C. F. Westphal, Staff Consultant to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs; and Mr. Douglass Cater,



General Maxwell D. Taylor discussing problems of U.S. Security Policy with SCUSA VIII participants following his address at the Conference Banquet.

Washington Editor of *The Reporter*, were the members of the panel. Each panel member directed his remarks to the role and the problems of his organization or group in the making of national security policy. Speaking from a combination of practical experience and thoughtful analysis, the panel members provided the audience with the equivalent of a college course in the facts of life on the Washington scene.

General Maxwell D. Taylor gave the banquet address on Friday evening. General Taylor emphasized the wide range of security threats which the U.S. is required to meet and the complex problems involved in devising adequate programs to meet these threats. He pointed out that we cannot prepare only for "the worst possible case", that we must have a program of "balanced deterrence" if we are to deter aggression and, at the same time, be prepared to meet the broad spectrum of security threats which faces us today. Following his speech, he answered the questions of the conferees for almost an hour in the Pershing Room of Cullum Hall.

The conference closed with the final plenary session on Saturday afternoon when a representative of each roundtable presented a report to the conference as a whole. This meeting gave the conferees an opportunity to hear the conclusions of all the discussion groups, gave minorities a chance to air dissenting opinions, and permitted individual students to raise questions

from the floor. As this session came to a close, Richard P. Klinzing of Georgetown University made the following motion: "I propose that we place in the minutes of SCUSA VIII an expression of our gratitude to our host, the United States Military Academy, for its many weeks of thoughtful planning and efficient execution of duties that made our conference most enjoyable and profitable. In particular, I would single out Major General Davidson, Brigadier General Throckmorton, Brigadier General Stamps, Colonel Lincoln, Lieutenant Colonel Jordan, Major Hoover, Cadet Chairman Mead and the long gray line of cadets on his staff—to each our gratitude for these four eventful days."

Besides roundtable meetings, conferees were provided other opportunities for getting acquainted with West Point and each other. They were taken on tours of classrooms and laboratories, the Museum and other points of interest. The male students ate with the Corps in Washington Hall. They attended a review in honor of General Alfred M. Gruenther and heard him make an inspiring talk to the Corps, and finally, many of them attended the hop on Saturday night.

What does SCUSA mean to West Point? Although the answer to this question is difficult to establish in concrete terms, there follow some facts which may aid in an evaluation of the worth of the conference.

There can be no doubt that SCUSA has

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USMA Public Information Program

The recently defined mission of the Academy's public information program is "To make the people of our country fully aware of the true nature of West Point and of its particular value to our country in order to insure adequate public support of West Point, and to insure that a proper share of the potential leaders from among the youth of our country matriculate at the Military Academy."

The new public information program is comprehensive and is designed to reach all elements of the general public but, particularly, those in whom the Academy is especially interested: parents, particularly those of teen-agers; prospective candidates (13-18 year-olds); future prospects (7-12 year-olds); and educators. It is hoped to put West Point in clear perspective for each group and to imbue more young men with a desire to gain the advantage of a West Point education and to serve their country, and induce more parents and educators to encourage them to do so.

The Public Information effort to accomplish the mission of the new program is designed to acquaint the general public with the following information about West Point:

- a. West Point provides its students a combined mental, physical and moral education unparalleled by any civilian college or university.
- b. Thoroughness and individual instruction are emphasized in every phase of the cadet's development.
- c. A full four-year college course of studies is offered and every cadet receives a Bachelor of Science degree upon graduation.
- d. Military instruction is rugged, is in addition to the academic work and, for the most part, is conducted in the summertime.
- e. Moral training continually fostered in the pursuit of daily duties develops an integrity and respect for authority that is unrivaled.
- f. Attention to the cadets' physical development and health habits is thorough and individual with the result that the Corps of Cadets is the finest physically conditioned body of college men in this country.
- g. It is this system, stressing high standards of performance in all fields—mental, moral and physical—that turns out self-reliant, self-confident graduates capable of becoming leaders in almost any line of endeavor, particularly the military, and has produced our President, General Eisenhower, and more Rhodes Scholars than all but

three of the colleges and universities of this country.

- h. Though traditionally called on in time of great peril, graduates of the Military Academy have successfully met every crisis that has faced this country since the Mexican War.
- i. West Point was the birthplace and incubator of civil engineering education in this country, the only school of civil engineering until 1835 and the leading center of such instruction until the Civil War.
- j. West Point graduates had a most important part in the internal development of our country during the nineteenth century, particularly in the field of railroad engineering where West Point had the leading part in laying out hundreds of railroad lines across our developing country, starting with the Baltimore and Ohio.
- k. The opportunity to attend West Point is open to every American boy who has attained the age of 17 years and not reached the age of 22 and who can pass the mental and physical entrance examinations.
- l. Any young man with a sound high school education should be able to pass the mental examination and maintain grades sufficiently high to stay in the Academy.

ASSEMBLY'S NEW LOOK

With this issue, the new editorial policy for *Assembly*, recently approved by the Association, is inaugurated. In essence, the new policy establishes the objective of *Assembly* as the support of the missions of the Association and of the Public Information Program of the Military Academy.

The mission of the Association is: ". . . to acquire and disseminate information on the history, activities, objectives, and methods of the United States Military Academy; to acquire and preserve historical materials relating to that institution; and to encourage and foster the study of military science there by worthy young men."

The mission and nature of the Academy's public information program is described in an adjacent column.

The new format adopted for *Assembly* is designed to support these missions and to provide for easier reading, both as to type of print and style of writing. The content of *Assembly*—less the Class Notes and the Obituaries—is limited to material that can be assimilated by the average reader in one hour's time. A great deal of care on the part of the Editorial Staff and the administration of the Academy will be given to the selection of this material. On the read-

er's part, the Association asks only that each graduate be willing to devote one hour every three months to reading those things which the Association is anxious to put across to him. If he does, the Association feels that the graduate will be informed on those matters concerning the Military Academy—past, present, and future—which are most important for him to know in the best interests of the welfare of West Point.

Nominations of Officers and Trustees for 1957-58

By T. DODSON STAMPS, August '17
Chairman of Nominating Committee

The nominees approved by the Board of Trustees at its March 16 meeting are as follows:

For President:

Willis D. Crittenberger, '13

For Vice Presidents:

Roger G. Alexander, '07

Archibald V. Arnold, '12

J. Lawton Collins, April '17

Rupert H. Johnson, '21

John L. Hines, Jr., '27

For Trustees:

Boyd W. Bartlett, '19

Anthony C. McAuliffe, '19

Charles P. Nicholas, '25

Robert H. Booth, '30

Harley N. Trice, '32

Rodney C. Gott, '33

Philip H. Riedel, Jr., '42

Frank C. Mahin, Jr., '44

Milton A. Haskin, '47

Corwin A. Mitchell, Jr., '52

For Regional Trustees:

Fourth Army Area: John H. Murrell, '30 (North Texas Society)

Sixth Army Area: James L. Hayden, April '17 (San Francisco Bay Society)

In the selection of men to be recommended to the Board of Trustees, the Nominating Committee was guided by the following considerations, most of which are based on precedents established in past years:

a. Any Trustee eligible to become an Honorary Trustee was not considered for renomination. R. Parker Kuhn, '16, with 21 years of service, will become an Honorary Trustee on July 1. At the same time, Edgar W. Garbisch, a Vice President during the current year, will complete 15 years of service as an officer and Trustee and will become an Honorary Trustee.

b. The Vice Presidents were selected from the 50-, 45-, 40-, 35-, and 30-

year classes, recommendations being received from class officers and groups. The very small class of '21 has its reunion with '22.

c. Three nominees are from the 15-, 10-, and 5-year classes. Here again recommendations were received from class officers and groups.

d. The nominees from the three youngest classes, referred to above, and a fourth, Mahin, '44, were selected from officers who will come to West Point next summer for a three-year tour. With others who are already Trustees, they will give us a group of younger men who will be available to work on Association projects.

e. All nominees for the Board of Trustees were selected from those whose station or residence is such that they will be able to attend the meetings of the Trustees.

f. Each of the selections for Regional Trustee was based on the recommendation of one of the large and older West Point Societies in the Army area in which the vacancy will occur. It is considered appropriate to select nominees from the societies in turn. The two outgoing Regional Trustees are from the San Antonio and Los Angeles societies.

Boyd W. Bartlett and Charles P. Nicholas are renominated. They are wheelhorses whose services cannot be spared.

The members of the Association are familiar with the distinguished Army service of Anthony C. McAuliffe. The Committee considers it fortunate that he has settled in the New York area and is therefore available for service as a Trustee.

Robert H. Booth is the able Chief of Staff of the First Army, with which headquarters the Association and the New York Society maintain close relations.

Harley N. Trice and Rodney C. Gott were strongly recommended to the Committee. They were selected by us because of their ability and availability, and for the further reason that the classes of the early thirties have had little representation on the Board of Trustees.

I come now to the most important man, Willis D. Crittenberger, who has served the Association so splendidly for two years. At first, he insisted that he be allowed to retire. The Committee was inclined to accede to his earnest request, but when we found that the desire for his renomination as President was so overwhelming, we urged him to reconsider. He finally consented to serve for one more year if he should be re-elected.

The other members of the Nominating Committee were Howard L. Peckham, November '18; Russell P. Reeder, Jr., '26; Walter J. Renfroe, Jr., '34; Ivan Sattlem, '40. Much to our regret, Peckham, who left for Florida upon his retirement, was unable to take part in our deliberations.



SUPERINTENDENT GETS THIRD STAR

Mrs. Garrison H. Davidson, affixes the third star to the uniform of her husband at a promotion ceremony held on March 26.

When first advised of his promotion General Davidson was apprehensive that it might mean an early end to his tour as Superintendent. It was learned, however, that the advancement will not effect his assignment.

Assembled at USMA headquarters for the promotion were the Commandant, the Academic Board, and others from the Superintendent's staff.

Tanksley, June '43, Wins Judgeship

The Class of June '43, can now boast of having furnished the youngest man ever elected judge of the Fulton Superior Court, Fulton County Georgia, of which Atlanta is the county seat. Jephtha Charles Tanksley, retired in 1947 because of wounds received in World War II, was elected to this important post in the 1956 Fall Elections.

"Jep" Tanksley's military and civilian careers are a tribute to his raw courage and perseverance in the face of formidable odds. While serving as an Infantry platoon leader in the 91st Div. in October 1944, at Ca Delle Fatti, Italy, he was struck by an enemy mortar shell and lost both legs and his left eye. Retired after nearly two years in various Army hospitals, he attended and graduated from Emory Law School where he served as president of the student body. He later received a BBA Degree in Economics from the Georgia State College of Business Administration.

A Georgian by birth, "Jeb" had an active law practice in Atlanta for several years after his retirement, and four years ago he became Assistant Solicitor General

in the court he now serves as judge. He and his wife, the former Frances Rowan, have been active in civic and community life in Atlanta since he retired from the Army.

"Jeb" had an enviable record as a cadet. He was member of the track, cross country, and lacrosse squads, and was active in numerous extracurricular activities. He was a cadet captain and regimental training officer as a First Classman.

"Jeb's" decorations include the Silver Star, Purple Heart, and Combat Infantryman's Badge. He, his wife, and three sons now reside at 702A Casplan St., S.W., Atlanta, Georgia.

New Policy On Gifts To The Academy

In response to queries from individuals, classes, and other agencies for information on donations to West Point, Headquarters, USMA recently published a letter of guidance covering gifts to the Military Academy. The Academy wants and needs a wide variety of gifts ranging from awards for sports to water fountains around the Plain. All gifts may be clearly marked to

indicate the donor and can be displayed as memorials.

Several activities under the Army Athletic Association are appropriate for gifts of cadet awards on a permanent basis. Sports for which there are now no awards include: cross country, golf, rifle, soccer, squash, tennis, and track. Additional awards desired for sports which already have at least one award include: varsity baseball player with the highest batting average, best football lineman, and similar awards for several other sports. To provide a suitable continuing award for a sport requires about \$2,400.00.

Donations of \$200.00 to \$500.00 could be used by the Army Athletic Association for shelters on the golf course and at tennis courts and for electric scoreboard and distinctive markers for each athletic field.

The Commandant of Cadets lists several activities for which awards are needed. These include: trophies at approximately \$500.00 each for the best company in each cadet regiment, an award for academic achievement to be presented to one company in each regiment, the best drilled company in each regiment, and the company in each regiment making the greatest progress in intramural athletics. These should be annual awards, although it is not necessary to establish them on a continuing basis, as is the case with athletic awards. Recreational items such as pianos, record players, and equipment and furnishings (including two television sets) are needed for proposed recreational buildings; and a silver bowl for centerpiece of flowers or fruit for the table on the balcony of the Cadet Mess would be welcome.

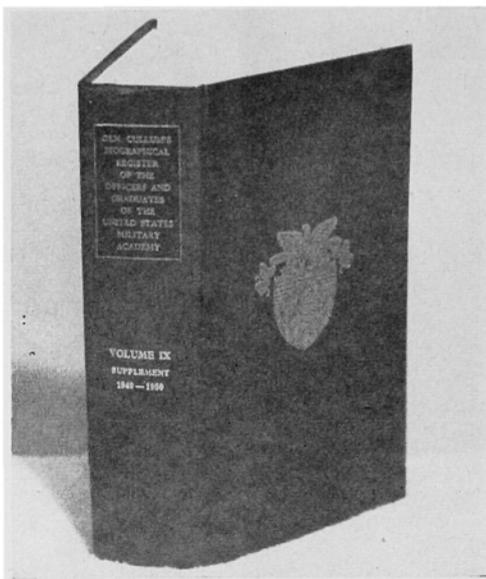
The Cadet Chapel is an ideal place for memorials to loved ones. Whereas bronze plaques cannot be erected, the Chapel needs stone figures to fill its Gothic niches, carved-wood pew ends, carved-wood paneling over doorways, and carved-wood to fill its Gothic screens for front pews. A figure cut in stone in the Gothic tradition costs from four to five thousand dollars; wood carving varies widely in price. Gifts of this nature must be approved by the Museum Board and the Chapel Board before they can be accepted.

Permanent installations such as water fountains around the Plain, stone benches in the vicinity of the Chapel, Lusk Reservoir, and other scenic points, make ideal gifts from individuals or classes.

The West Point Museum and the USMA Library, of course, always welcome as gifts works of art appropriate for display in a military collection as well as rare and valuable objects and volumes associated with the history of West Point, the Army, and warfare in general.

All individuals, classes, and agencies interested in donating items to the Academy should contact Mr. Frederick P. Todd, Director, West Point Museum, for detailed information regarding gifts to the Academy.

Cullum's Biographical Register



Here is presented Volume IX, Supplement 1940-1950, of General Cullum's Biographical Register of the Officers and Graduates of the United States Military Academy. The book is bound in blue hard covers, with the West Point Coat of Arms imprinted in gold thereon, and consists of 1,735 pages.

The greatly increased size of classes graduated during the decade comprised in this volume has added many more entries here than in any previous edition—over 5,700, or almost half again as many as the total number of entries in the next preceding edition, Supplement 1930-1940. Moreover, this volume, Supplement 1940-1950, notes the records of our graduates during World War II—a period during which changes in all aspects of a graduate's career, including station, position, and grade (permanent and temporary), occurred much more frequently than ever before.

The data noted in this volume are based mainly upon information furnished by the graduates themselves. Where such information was not forthcoming, recourse was had—insofar as practicable—to other records whose authenticity is reliable. The unofficial nature of the data in this book must, however, be noted here, and users should be governed accordingly.

Copies ordered by advance subscribers have been mailed to them, postpaid, from Cambridge, Massachusetts. Any advance subscriber, who reads this notice and who has not yet received his subscription copy, should communicate with the Secretary of the Association of Graduates at West Point.

A few additional copies of this edition of CULLUM'S REGISTER are available for sale at West Point to those who did not subscribe in advance of its publication. As long as these extra copies last anyone may purchase them at a cost of \$15.00 each, postpaid, by sending a remittance in the proper amount, made payable to "Cullum Biographical Register Trust Fund", to the Secretary of the Association of Graduates at West Point.

WEST POINT MUSEUM DESIRES MAPS

The West Point Museum is attempting to assemble a collection of maps used in combat for a display of Intelligence and Mapping. It would welcome receiving maps of any sort, old or new—printed, blue-printed, aerial photos, or sketches—actually carried during combat. Foreign as well as American types are needed.

CONTRAILS

A limited number of copies of the Second Edition of the Air Force Academy Handbook CONTRAILS are available for sale to graduates of the United States Military Academy. This book corresponds to BUGLE NOTES and contains information on the Air Force and the Air Force Academy in addition to required Fourth Class knowledge. Interested persons should send a check, payable to the Treasurer of the United States, to the Contrails Staff, United States Air Force Academy, Denver 8, Colorado. The price is \$2.00 per copy.

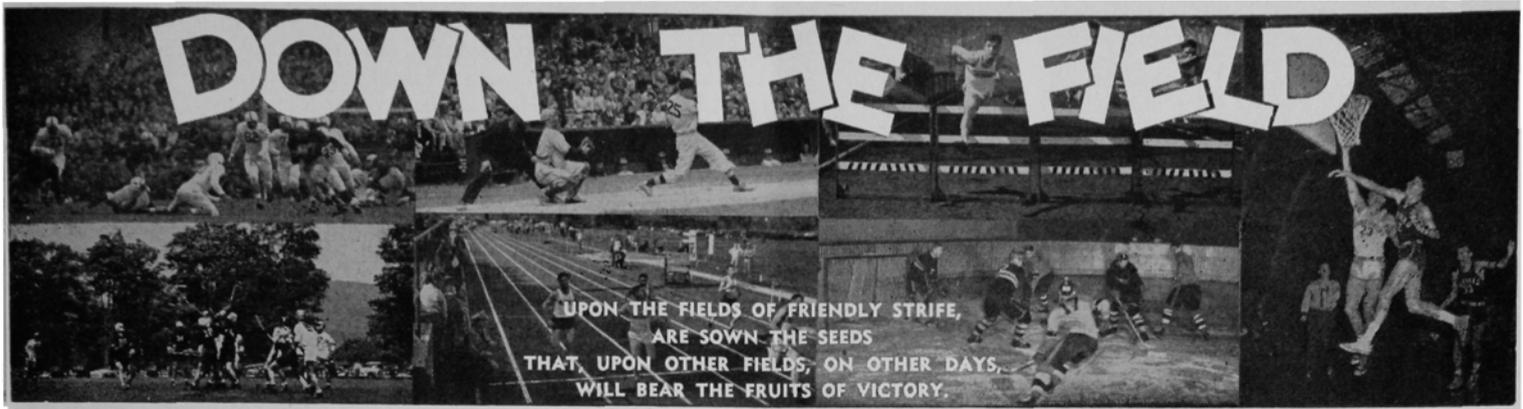
SCUSA VIII

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been instrumental in encouraging the acceptance among both college faculty visitors and civilian students of the fact that the Cadet and the USMA graduate is a well educated and broadly grounded individual. The great majority of the participants make comments indicating that they were both surprised and pleased to find that cadets study something besides field manuals and that cadets and officers are well prepared and quite capable of handling problems other than strictly military ones.

Within the college community of the United States, the conference has achieved a considerable reputation. Colleges seek invitations, and individual students aspire to attend the conference. Both the President of the United States and the Prime Minister of Canada have taken a personal interest in it. In February, 1956, the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, awarded the USMA its George Washington Honor Medal and a check for one thousand dollars for SCUSA VI. This was the Foundation's *Top Award* in the college campus category, presented to the USMA in recognition of "significant national leadership among colleges."

Undoubtedly the most important effect of the conference is its impact on outstanding students: "SCUSA . . . did more than a year's course in International Relations would have done. . ."; "I do not hesitate to state that I have never met a finer group of college individuals assembled at one place"; "I have never been privileged to associate with a more thoughtful or intelligent group. . ."; "I shall always consider SCUSA, next perhaps to graduation, the high point of my college career. . ."; ". . . One of the most thoroughly rewarding and generally pleasant experiences in my life"; these are samples of student reaction to SCUSA VIII.



By Joe Cahill

By any standard the performance of the hockey team was the highlight of the 1957 winter sports season.

Once the doormat of Eastern hockey, the cadet skaters now have taken their rightful place among the elite of the ice game in this section. Their record of 14 victories against only 4 defeats in regular season play is unparalleled in the 54 year history of the sport here. The most victories ever posted previously was 11 in the 1948 campaign.

Not only is the record notable, but also the manner in which it was achieved is distinctive. Virtually every team and individual scoring record was broken.

The statistical evidence is both staggering and amazing. Take captain Ed Hickey, a 195 pound defenseman from East Boston. Last year he was the highest scoring defenseman in the East. This year he amassed 48 points and was acclaimed as the highest scoring defenseman in the Nation.

Jim O'Connor, another Bostonian, registered the astronomical total of 105 points for a new West Point career mark. His 61 point effort on 28 goals and 33 assists this season adds up to new local records in all three departments. It also placed Jim in the runner-up position in the National scoring ladder.

As for the over-all team performance, the Cadets piled up 332 points on 132 goals and 200 assists, which amounts to the most prolific scoring punch ever displayed by an Army sextet. It only seemed logical then that Coach Riley should receive proper recognition for a truly outstanding coaching effort. His colleagues in the American Hockey Coaches Association lauded the former Olympic star as "Coach of the Year" at the annual meeting in Boston.

The highlight of the season, of course, was the surprisingly easy 7 to 2 victory over the Royal Military College of Canada

in the 26th game of the unique international series. Army scored 2 in the first, added one in the second, and then turned the game into a veritable rout with four last period goals. This is the most points ever recorded by an Army team in the series. Furthermore, it marked the fourth win in the last five games for Coach Jack Riley's spirited and aggressive team. However, the record over-all is still a bit one-sided with the gentlemen from Canada still out in front with 17 victories to our 8 with one tie.

The traditional Army-Navy weekend was unusual in that neither Academy could concoct a victory away from home. In the contests on the Plain, Army finished in front in swimming 47 to 39, in gymnastics 57 to 39, and in rifle 1439 to 1434.

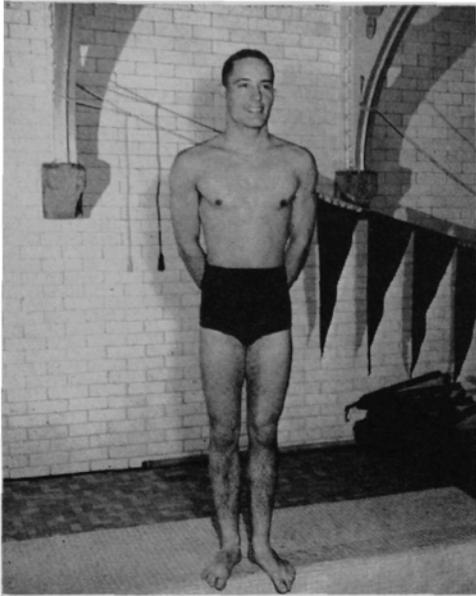
At Annapolis the results were reversed. Navy captured all four events. The Mid-dies won basketball 58 to 47, wrestling 17

HOCKEY SQUAD

First Row (left to right)—Ed Ofgant, Pete Dawkins, Bob McCann, Jim O'Connor, Bob Tilton, Ed Hickey, Barry Sturgis, Jim Dunn, Dick Groves, Larry Palmer.

Second Row—Colonel C. E. Covell (Officer Representative), Larry Asbury, Dave Hettinger, Charles LeMere, John Farrell, Mike Harvey, John Evans, Lenny McCormack, James Mellin, Jack Riley (Coach).





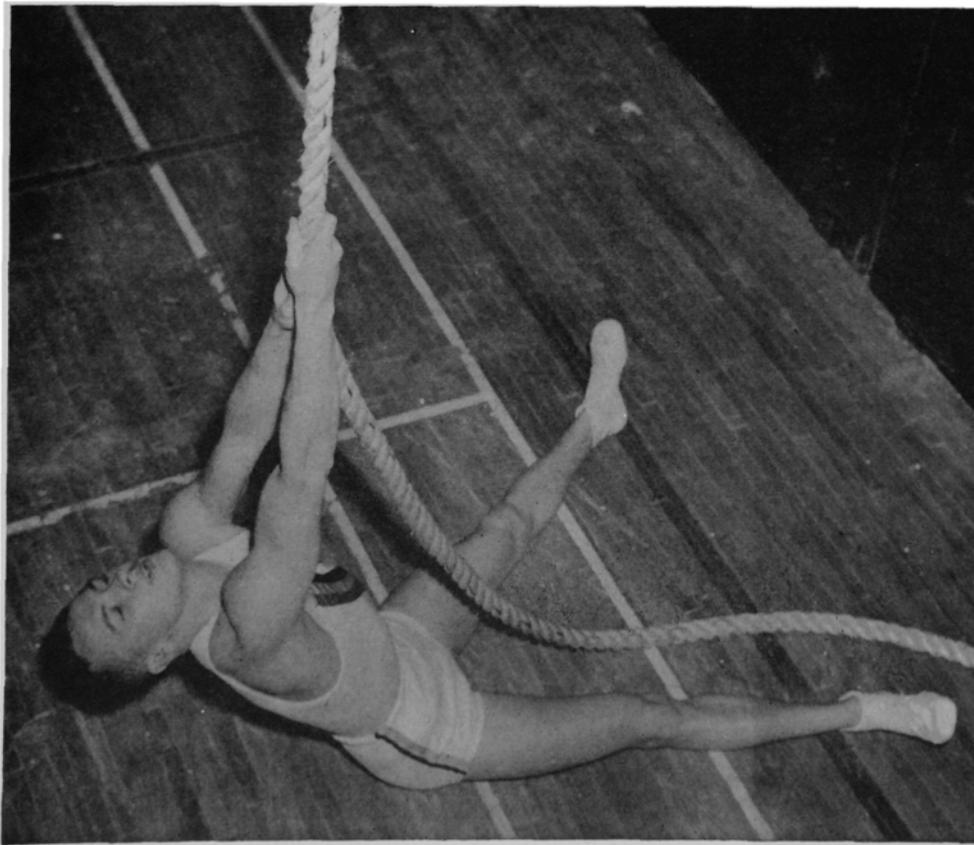
SWIMMING—Cadet Frank Knight. . .

to 8, squash 8 to 1, and pistol 1389 to 1383.

There were several poignant highlights of the traditional weekend. Wrestling was added to the Service rivalries which now includes competition in 15 sports. Navy has been unable to win in gymnastics since 1948. Conversely, the Middies' win in basketball made it three in a row and six of the last 7. The cadet rifle victory snapped a 33 match winning skein by the Middle marksmen including the last four in a row over Army. Likewise, Army's upset win in swimming ended Navy's string of 4 in a row in the aquatic rivalry.

The winter campaign was successful over-all. Only basketball (7-13), and wrestling (3-5-1) failed to register winning

GYM—Paul Dean. . .



seasons. The nine varsity teams competed in 102 contests and posted a winning mark of 65%.

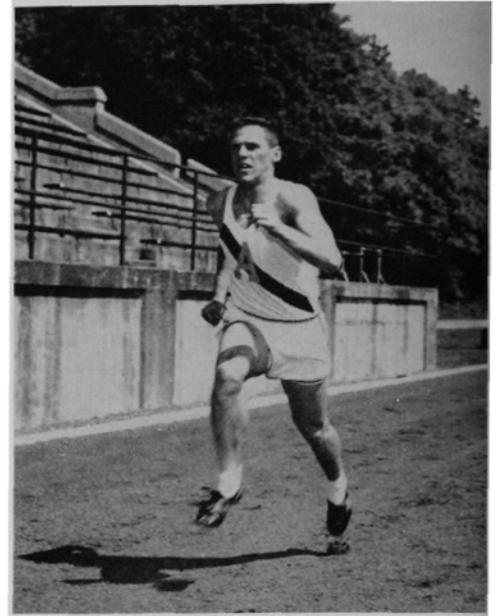
Four individual champions were crowned: three in gymnastics and the other in swimming. The tumblers who captured Eastern championships were Garland O'Quinn on the side horse; Paul Dean, rope climb; and Willis Thomson, horizontal bar. Thomson also won his specialty in 1956. Coach Tom Maloney, who has developed some 30 individual titlists and whose teams have captured 8 championships, missed winning another Eastern team diadem by the narrow margin of 3 points to Penn State.

Coach Gordon Chalmers guided the swimmers to their finest record in eight seasons, winning 9 and losing 4. However, it was the sparkling comeback performance of Frank Knight that highlighted the season. The diminutive first classman from Jackson, Mississippi, who became the first Army man ever to win a diving championship when he wrested the crown a year ago, repeated with another brilliant performance off the 3 meter board. Knight proved himself a stout-hearted competitor. Suffering a severe injury when his head hit the board while executing a difficult dive late in the season, he was obliged to defend his title with scarcely a full week of practice. He is currently gearing himself for a shot at the National championship.

No records were set or championships won in track and field. The season was stamped as successful in view of four victories against two losses in dual meet competition. The team finished fourth in the Heptagonal games. Coach Carl Crowell's

forces received a bad break when Bob Kyasky, the speedy fullback, pulled up lame in the finals of the 60 yard dash. Ed Bagdonas, the 215 pound tackle aspirant, was runner-up in both the IC1-A and Heptagonal 35 pound weight throw.

There is little to add in the way of a post mortem on the basketball season. Coach Orvis Sigler, in the main, must cope with a decided disadvantage with respect to height. Most good teams are blessed by



TRACK—Cadet Bob Kyasky. . .

at least one exceptionally tall performer. The biggest man Sigler was able to play was 6 foot 4. The new height increment of 6 foot 6 should help to alleviate the situation eventually. There is at least a ray of hope on the Plebe level. Under the capable tutelage of Major Hank Emerson, the Plebes compiled a respectable record of 11 wins and 4 defeats. Some of the better prospects include Darryl Kouns and Jim Klosek.

SPRING FOOTBALL

Five regulars were among the 63 candidates who reported to Earl H. (Red) Blaik for spring football practice.

"For the first time in two years," Blaik said at the outset of practice, "we are not faced with the prospects of another major experiment."

The veteran tactician, now in his 17th season on the Plain, was, of course, referring to the quarterback position where he has had to gamble with inexperienced players.

The development of Dave Bourland, a senior signal-caller from El Paso, Texas, has taken the onus off the position of field general.

A virtual nonentity as a sophomore, Bourland's importance to the Black Knights now looms larger each day. He assumed command as a regular at the midway point in the 1956 season and did a commendable job. He completed 21 passes for 394 yards and rifled six for touchdowns.

With the quarterback situation in hand.



Blaik and Al Lopez receiving Sports Photography Award at Leone's in February.

the coaching staff concentrated their efforts on rebuilding a new line. Captain-elect Jim Kernan, center; and Stan Slater, an outstanding guard, are the only two regular linemen back in the fold.

Though the backfield was not as hard hit, the loss of fullback Bob Kyasky, leading scorer and ground gainer, will be felt.

Rejoining Bourland in the backfield are halfbacks Mike Morales and Gil Roesler, both of whom turned in effective performances in their first season.

Other key lettermen who are being counted on are Bill Saunders of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, who lettered the past two seasons at end; and Bill Rowe, a 200

Left to Right—Cadet Ed Hickey, Coach Jack Riley, Cadet Jim O'Connor.



pound tackle from Carlisle, Pennsylvania who was impressive at guard as a sophomore.

The balance of lettermen include backs Vince Barta, Lakewood, Ohio; Tony Munger, Mineral Wells, Texas; and Harry Walters, Cincinnati, Ohio; tackle Fred Wilmoth, Harrisburg, Illinois; and end, Dick Warner, Berwick, Pennsylvania.

Frank X. Lauterbur of Sidney, Ohio was named defensive line coach. Lauterbur, who held a comparable position with the Baltimore Colts of the National Professional League the past two seasons, was signed by Coach Earl (Red) Blaik and succeeds Carney Laslie.

A graduate of Mt. Union College, Lauterbur also attended Oberlin College and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree at Kent State University.

He has been in the coaching profession nine years, the first five of which were in the Ohio high school ranks. He served two years as line coach at Kent State before joining the Colts.

Coach Blaik also signed Charles Gottfried of Lansing, Illinois as end coach. He succeeds Roger Antaya.

BLAIK HONORED

Coach Earl Blaik was signally honored by the New York Press Photographers Association at a dinner at Leone's Restaurant in January. The cameramen who cover the sports beat throughout the year paid tribute simultaneously to Coach Blaik and Al Lopez, new manager of the Chicago White Sox. The two veteran sportsmen were joint recipients of the photogs annual award as "the most congenial and cooperative figures in the world of sport."

SPRING SPORTS

Cold weather and wet grounds have combined in stalling the emergence of the spring sports squads from the confines of the Field House and gymnasium. There is not much detailed data available on the prospects for the vernal season, as yet. The various coaches are still schooling and screening talent.

The return of Bill Shepherd and Gene Fisher, the top two pitchers, should provide the baseball team with some steady hurling, which is always an important factor on the diamond. The track team has as a nucleus Bob Kyasky, co-holder of the Academy 100 yard record, and sole owner of the 220 yard mark; Jim Edgar, '56 indoor Heptagonal high hurdles champion; and Mike Keating, '55 indoor Heptagonal Pole Vault titlist. A nucleus of eight lettermen are on tap as Coach Morris Touchstone organizes the lacrosse team for his 29th season. Ben Glyphis, who was prominently mentioned for all America honors in '56 is being counted on as a key operative on defense.

NEW LEADERS

Among the new winter sports captains elected for 1958 are: Don DeJardin, basketball; Len McCormack, hockey; Garland O'Quinn, gymnastics; Don Williams, squash; and Ken Phillips, wrestling.

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New Members

We welcome to our membership 7 graduates and ex-cadets who have recently joined the Association. The total number of members is now 13,763.

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

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

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

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE JUNE 10, 1957

1891

With regret, we record the passing of Mrs. Kathryn Murphy some months ago; of Mrs. Nell Bennet on February 1; and of Brigadier General Odus Horney on February 16.

Thru the years of their widowhood, the two pioneers of our "Auxiliary" had been closely associated in their homes in San Antonio, and had maintained loyal contact with the Class.

While not a sufferer physically, Odus had experienced reduced vigor for some years past; and in recent months, his wheel-chair was his source of auto-mobility. He was fortunate in his comfortable home, and in loving care of his two daughters Ruth and Esther, who lived near him in San Mateo.

—L. S. S.

1895

The Frank B. Watson Chapter National Sojourners has been named for our classmate.

The selection of Fort Sill as the burial site for the great Comanche Chief, Quannah Parker, is gratifying to his many friends in the army, among whom were numbered Charles and Herron who were stationed in the Indian country.

The class sympathy goes to Miles on the passing away of his favorite niece last February, at Oakland, California, and the loss of his only sister at Johnstown, Ohio, February 8th, 1957. The class was also shocked and grieved by the demise of Mrs. Josepha Cavanaugh, after a short illness, at Essex, Connecticut.

Good reports from Mesdames Charles, Schulz, Simmons, Bash, McGrew, Richardson, Sturtevant, and Dwyer. More news later, on next allowance of space.

—J. S. H.

1897

The class has lost another beloved member. Thomas A. Roberts, "Bobby", died at

San Antonio, Texas, February 11, 1957, and was buried in the Fort Sam Houston Military Cemetery. He is survived by his son, Captain Reed T. Roberts, U.S. Navy, Retired, 125 Grafton St., Chevy Chase 15, Maryland, and by his daughter, Mrs. Loyal McNair of San Antonio. His other son, Colonel Thomas A. Roberts, Jr., was killed in action in France.

Claude Miller, who lives at Lynchburg, Virginia, was in Washington for a few days in February, looking hale and hearty.

The Connors are leaving soon on another tour of foreign lands and will not be back in time for June Week at West Point.

This will serve as a reminder that our 60th Reunion will be held next June at West Point.

—C. D. Roberts.

1899

Members of the Class may recall that many years ago a class fund was set up. In its time it served many useful purposes, but there have been suggestions that the time has come to liquidate it, turning over the residue to some such organization as the Army Relief, or the Association of Graduates. The Secretary would like to know what the Class wants done in the matter.

Very little news has come to the Secretary this winter, but Kromer has come out of Vermont to visit his daughter, Mrs. Charles D. Kean of Washington. Herron reports that he has finished his winter task of repainting the interior of his house and will be ready to turn to roses as soon as the weather breaks.

It is with regret and sympathy that we chronicle the passing of Florence, the talented wife of Jesse Nichols. They had lived in Ithaca since 1919, when Jesse went there on ROTC duty and had raised a family of five fine children, of whom two, Jesse, Jr. and Barry have continued on in the Army. For the present, Jesse is staying on in Ithaca.

—C. D. H.

1902

Since our annual Class Letter, containing the news for 1956, has been issued recently by President Longley, these notes will be confined to activities and events which have occurred since the first of this year. Unfortunately we have up-to-date, personal knowledge only about those which pertain to our Washington group.

At our monthly Class Lunch on New Year's Day, Troup Miller and his wife were our honor guests. They had just returned from a brief motor trip to New York and were visiting their daughter's family here. Present also were the Valliants, the Prestons, Mrs. Herr, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Wilson and Bell. The Edwards, who are regular attendants, had started on a motor trip to Florida; they checked in with the Longleys at Orlando and then went on to Sarasota. Mrs. Foster, also a regular attendant, had gone to California to visit with the family of her son. Mrs. Bell had not yet returned from a long trip to Europe to visit relatives; she was here for the February Lunch but soon thereafter flew to Miami. Mrs. Cowles attends some of these lunches, but on New Year's Day she had a conflicting social date. We are very sorry that Mrs. Brooke, Mrs. Ralston and Mrs. Rehkopf, who also live here, find it inconvenient to attend.

Troup seemed to be feeling fine on New Year's day; but soon after they motored back to their home in Atlanta, we were notified by telephone that he had passed away suddenly following a stroke. He was buried with full military honors in Arlington on January 30.

—J. Franklin Bell.

1903

Too late to make the last issue of *Assembly*, it was learned that Allan Pope and wife and daughter spent Thanksgiving with their son in Altadena, California. While staying at the Huntington Hotel in Pasadena,

they had "Chick" Leeds and Mrs. Leeds to dinner. "Chick" is a civil engineer with a flourishing practice. He is still active and looks the same as ever in spite of having fourteen grandchildren.

Jacob Wuest and his wife also made a trip to California from Orlando, Florida, where they are now living. In San Francisco they found "Trophy" Bendel living alone and heroically suffering from an affliction that makes getting around very hard and causes him much pain. Wuest thinks that "getting old would not be so bad if there were not so many tragedies and suffering tied in with it."

Early in December "Pat" Lynch and Mrs. Lynch had their pictures in the papers, when General Powell, on behalf of the Infantry School, accepted a portrait painted by his wife of "Pat" in dress uniform holding an Infantry Manual in his hand.

On January 19th in a suitable ceremony, a bronze plaque was unveiled at Gadsby's Tavern in Alexandria, Virginia, honoring the memory of "our late classmate, 'Batty' Moore. He and his charming wife had some years ago secured the original door of the tavern, through which George Washington had so frequently passed, and returned it to its original place. For a number of years the doorway had been exhibited as a notable example of Southern architectural excellence at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City". So "Batty's" civic interest will be long remembered by the people of Alexandria, where Gadsby's Tavern is a treasured relic.

The Allan Popes were in Washington, D. C., for President Eisenhower's Inauguration.

Dorsey Rodney has spent a couple of weeks at Walter Reed Hospital, but having been policed, we may hope his illness is cured.

—U. S. Grant 3rd.

1904

Brant recently invited the San Antonio classmates to a dinner, the invitation in each case being adorned with a picture of the "invitee" photographed from his picture in our old Howitzer. A virus kept Brunzell from attending, but Edmunds and Koch were on hand for a most enjoyable occasion.

Another loss! On January 8, 1957, Vaughn Cooper died of a heart ailment at his residence in Nashville, Tennessee. Burial was in the local Mount Olivet Cemetery. Some time ago, Cooper had prepared notes for his obituary which were delivered to *The Nashville Tennessean* after his death. The preface to these notes was so typical of him that it is given here: "The notes which follow are an attempt to avoid the necessity of someone who knows nothing about my service, trying to say something nice. I have no pride of authorship and no desire that all this stuff be used, but whatever material is taken from these notes will at least have the virtue of being correct."

The Gimperlings are avoiding the cold of Denver by spending the winter at the Pioneer Hotel in Tucson, Arizona. Tom says they "know and like the city and locality—kindly, friendly people, fine winter climate—what more can two old people expect" They'll return to Denver in April, however.

Reference McIlroy's death, which was noted briefly in the *Assembly* of January 1957, Jim died suddenly from a heart attack while driving his car. The car ran into quite a ditch but his wife who was with him, while shaken up a bit, was not seriously hurt. Burial was at the Milford Center Cemetery near St. Mary's, Ohio.

In spite of two hernia operations in January, McKell was able to surprise the 300 Republicans attending the annual dinner of

the Young Republican Club of Ross County, Ohio, on February 18, 1957, by introducing, and having adopted without a dissenting voice, a resolution calling for a grass root revolt against the New Republican Movement "as exemplified by such men as Paul Hoffman and Harold Stassen". As we might expect, David refused the use of the public address system and his voice was clearly heard throughout the auditorium. We congratulate David on his speedy recovery from the operations and also on the fact that apparently he is still classed as a *Young Republican*.

For the class luncheon of January 3, 1957, the D.C. group was glad to see Singles appear. It was good to see him again, but the reason for his being in Washington was not so cheering, as his wife, Edna, had just had an operation at Walter Reed Hospital and, although at that time Singles said that she appeared to be doing well, matters took a turn for the worse, and she died on January 14, 1957. Burial was at West Point, New York. Our sympathy goes out to Walter and his children.

Ward recently spent about three months in Fitzsimons General Hospital, but now he is back at his home in Denver, and as soon as the weather out there moderates, it is expected that he will be out and around as usual.

—William Bryden.

1905

The January issue of *Assembly* contained the sad news of the death of Torrey Maghee in the Veterans Hospital, Long Beach, California, on September 25, 1956. Interment was in Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery. Betty Maghee has been advised of our sympathy in her great loss.

Washington newspapers brought us the sad news of the sudden death of Roger Powell in the Army and Navy Club on January 3, 1957. Interment was in Logansport, Indiana. Roger had never married, and his sister, Mrs. Paul H. Wilson, Hastye Hille, Logansport, Indiana was informed of our deep sympathy.

A service journal carried an announcement of the wedding of Jarvis Bain and Lillian Wall in the New York Avenue Presbyterian church, Washington, D. C., on December 29, 1956.

—N. F. Ramsey.

1906

Right now this South Florida part of the world is jammed with people. When you read this they will be gone and the boys will be sweeping out their debris, in preparation for the summer season. A migratory country, what?

Hap Pennell went through to the West Indies with his four brothers on vacation from the Fort Sill bank. Earl and Edith McFarland have spent a long month at Clearwater, but thought this place was too far. Dick Burlesons spent part of the winter at Panama City, Florida. Hap and Julie Green have been talking about coming here, but not seen yet. George and Christine Morrow are at their Daytona home, but Christine had some heart trouble this winter while visiting daughter Christine at Birmingham. She's better now. Mary Ganoë, Bill's daughter, a professor at Antioch College, was stricken last summer with paralytic polio. She is gaining slowly. The parents of Rosaly Swann, (that pretty girl we met at the reunion), have announced her engagement to Bill Riley at Stockbridge, Massachusetts. Jim and Gene Riley, Bill's

parents, are delighted. The Hoyle's had Jim and Gene for a weekend at Hamden in January. Jim Shaw, their s.i.l., will bring Betty and children back from the Hague this Spring. Bill and Ruth Akin have been bragging about that granddaughter, Jean Akin Cunningham, whom they saw in Pasadena. Florence Ardery, back from England, stopped a while at Fort Devens, Massachusetts, with son Ted and family and went on to Denver for the winter. Phil and Ann Mathews have joined the Washington contingent. On my jumbled desk, I counted twenty-one Christmas cards from classmates, each with a kind message filled with the spirit of West Point. Wonderful!

Elizabeth and I are keeping our eyes on the Heart Institute, which is doing nicely and its research is getting national attention. And please note that the class going through the sallyports this June to sign up will be marching out at our fifty-fifth reunion. Standby!

—Charles G. Mettler.

1907

The Editor of *Assembly* has informed us that henceforth our class notes must not exceed the space allocated to us and that if we do not edit our own copy within such limitations, someone else may have to do it for us. We have no choice but to comply and will do our best in the space available.

We were distressed to learn that Lucian Booth had suffered a heart attack and had been in the hospital for three weeks. He is a pretty rugged individual, and we are confident that he will regain his health but will probably have to take things a little easier in future.

Thelma and Sunny Jim Martin made a trip to Key West last winter and returning spent a day at Sarasota where they had lunch with Bill and Rosie Ganoë. They came through St. Petersburg too early in the morning, however, to see Clyde Eastman or Walter Wheeler.

Enrique White spent a month with his son at Fort Sill and was to sail from San Francisco for Honolulu early in February. He was looking forward to seeing Eddie Householder in Banning, California, Jerry Taylor in Los Angeles and Charley Wyman on his way north to the Port of embarkation at Fort Mason. Enrique was in San Antonio in December and saw Ray and Toot Hill. Paul Larned reported that the latter were in Washington for a short visit, but Ray had a bad cold and did not see anyone.

Tom Spencer wrote that if all goes well he will be at the reunion in June but that it was doubtful whether Jeanette could make it. They expect to fly east in April or May to spend a few days in Washington and vicinity; but most of the time they will be with their daughter and her family in Newark, Delaware. Tom reported that Judge Henry was in excellent health, but he didn't think he could be persuaded to make the trip to West Point in June.

Sloan Doak who has been quite ill is gradually improving, and we hope to see him in June.

Paul Larned reported that Bunny Crafton's new address is 1739 Clemens Road, Oakland 2, California. His son is National Sales Director for TV and Radio for the Scripps Howard newspapers.

Jim Steese has just passed his 75th birthday and maintains that he is "still able to move, though more and more feebly" He has just taken a steamer up the Amazon. later will fly to Rio and get to New York about Easter.

Podo Shedd has been honored at Fort Bliss, Texas, by having one of the buildings designated Shedd Hall and one of the principal roads named for him.

Bob Arthur is planning to be back for the reunion. He has a son in New York and another who is in the army in Washington.

The Rices are home again after having traveled quite extensively since last June. The Hills have just left for six weeks in Mexico, and the Haydens are spending three months in Mexico and Guatemala.

Three members or former members of the class have answered the last roll call. John W. Wilde died at his home in San Diego last October; Buzz Christy passed away in Phoenix in January; and Bill Ganoe reported that Melvin Faris died the latter part of December in Miami.

Plans for the reunion are progressing satisfactorily. We expect everyone to be with us here in Newburgh on Saturday evening, June first. The ladies will have lunch at the Officers Club on Monday, June third, as guests of the class; and the class dinner will be held that evening at Beau Rivage where we had our last reunion dinner. Babe Chilton has consented to serve as Master of Ceremonies, and we anticipate a memorable celebration worthy of the occasion.

—Hayden W. Wagner.

1908

Sixteen members of the Class gathered for the Annual Class Dinner February 14th at the Army & Navy Club, Washington, celebrating the 49th anniversary of graduation. Present were Bonesteel, Burns, Chaney, Dougherty, Edgerton, Ellis, Fletcher, Garrison, Hall, Hobbey, Hughes, Johnson, "Mike" Kelley, Kennedy, Schulz, Sturdevant. Last Year's Class officers were reelected for the coming year: President, Schultz; Vice President, Hobbey; Treasurer, Sturdevant. Regrets, greetings, and news items of interest were received from many classmates unable to be present. Many indicated their intention to attend the Reunion in 1958. Because of space limitations, only a small portion of the news received can be covered in this issue, remaining items being deferred until the July Assembly.

Spec Pendleton was reported seriously ill and in an oxygen tent for some time at Letterman Hospital, San Francisco. At last reports he was improving and it is hoped he is restored to full health before now. Another illness—Ricker suffered a heart attack last July and was hospitalized for several weeks at Eastern Maine General Hospital, where it was discovered he has diabetes. He has apparently made a good recovery as to the heart attack, fortunately, but is still under insulin treatment for diabetes.

John Brown was married in December to Miss Catherine Lee Wahlstrom and moved to the south shore of Palos Verdes Peninsula, which John claims has the best climate in California. He keeps active—plays tennis, has umpired at championship tennis tournaments and judged at a number of horse shows.

Dickinson, writing on a letterhead read "DUNROVYN", says he is allergic to more roving. All their daughters live within reasonable distance in North Carolina and Dickinson writes: "So we are very fortunate here and, except for arthritis which makes writing a bit difficult, I'm very happy here where north meets south—Come see!"

Desobry writes from Dallas, Texas, that he leads a simple life; up late and early to bed. His son, William, is Chief of Staff of the 2d Armored Division in Germany. His daughter is the wife of a lawyer in Dallas.

Other notes of interest: "Mike" Kelley was reelected to Congress from his Pennsylvania district last November—congratulations and good wishes to him! Spigot Ayres purchased a 36-foot cutter last summer and

recently returned home from a three-month cruise on it to the Chesapeake (where he visited his son at Baltimore) and then on south on the Inland Waterways. Garrison enjoyed a business trip by air to Europe in November and December, visiting Germany, France, Italy, Spain, England. Dick Coiner's son, Richard T., Jr., recently was promoted to major general in the Air Force. He was elected a director of the Army & Navy Club, Washington, at the annual meeting of the club in January.

Changes of address reported since the class list was sent out in January: *Bailey*, 212 Via Eboli, Lido Nord, Newport Beach, California. *Deans*, 317 E. 22nd Street, Costa Mesa, California. *Hester*, 395 Allison Drive N.E., Atlanta 5, Georgia. *Muhlenberg*, Joshua Tree, California.

—J. W. N. S.

1910

It is with sadness and regret that we must report the deaths of two classmates, Robbie Robenson and Walt Dunn. Robbie passed on at Los Altos, California, December 21, 1956 after a long illness. Interment was at the National Cemetery, Presidio of San Francisco.

Robbie is survived by his widow, Marguerite B. Robenson; a daughter, Abigail, the wife of Colonel Vincent Boylan of Maxwell Air Force Base; and a sister, Mrs. Frederick M. Barrows of Washington, D. C. Marguerite writes that the flowering azalea plant sent by the class was very lovely and would be planted in her patio as Robbie would have wanted. He had become an ardent gardener.

Walt Dunn died suddenly December 30, 1956 while walking from his car into the house. Burial of Walt's ashes will be at the West Point Cemetery sometime in the spring. Walt is survived by his widow, Molly; and two sons, Beverly W. II of Bethesda, Maryland and Walter K., Jr. of Ashland, Massachusetts. Molly writes that she will continue to live in New Castle, New Hampshire and would be happy to see any of us if we ever come that way. She says that Walt died "with his boots on" as he would have wished it.

Two of our classmates are patients in Walter Reed Army Hospital, Spec Wallace and Rex Cocroft. May their recovery be prompt and complete. Martin Ray and his Mrs. are down in Miami at 1930 N. Bayshore Drive enjoying the warm breezes of the Caribbean. They will be there until May 1st and will be glad to see any of us visiting Miami.

Fred Carrithers writes that he and his good lady are touring New Mexico and Arizona visiting their youngest son, Dick, at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base at Tucson. They got into and looked over a B-47, the type their second son, Bill, flies at Lake Charles, Louisiana. They then visited Vincent Air Force Base at Yuma, then San Diego, California and came up the coast to Laguna Beach. On their trip home to Manitou Springs, Colorado, they expect to visit the semi-tropical section of the west coast of Old Mexico. Fred and his wife are certainly great travelers. More power to them.

Pappy and Gertrude Selleck are enjoying a month in Florida at a cottage near Bradenton. Pappy writes "nice people, warm weather, off the beaten track, now full of old people—none under 150".

—Robert H. Dunlop.

1911

With 1911 hibernating, this report is drawn largely from the sixteen gallant responses from twenty-six of our widows re-

cently contacted. Likely Academy success is noted.

Dorothy Fleming, 1554 34th St., Washington, retains the Sandwich, New Hampshire place cherished by Phil in his decline after '41. May Byrne Simpson, 3325 Hermanos St., Pasadena: Colonel Charles Lee Simpson, Ordnance, USMA '36, at Romulus, New York. Class Son, Colonel Franklin Kemble, Jr., Ordnance, USMA '34, LM, BSM, with him. Dorothy's brother's (our Charles) sons: an Infantry Major stationed Alaska; Captain Charles Artaud Byrne, A.F., USMA '49, DFC, 3 AM, in Italy. Erna Johns, 1600 Rabb Road, Austin 4, Texas: son Colonel Glover S. Johns, Jr., Infantry, SS (OLC), BSM (OLC); PH; PMS&T at VMI, Commandant elect; two sons including Glover III. Hazel Wier, 7071 Vista del Mar, LaJolla, California: Pappy adopted ('34) her son John, WW II paratrooper, neck and back broken, now completely recovered.

Catherine Swift McKinney, 616 Funston Place, San Antonio 19: two grandchildren (Mary Elizabeth married Captain John Woods, Guided Missiles School); neither Carl F., Jr. nor Swift entered Service, nor married. Ida Perkins Holland, RFD, Fremont, New Hampshire: daughter married Roger Preston, ex-Navy, now atomic researcher University of California; four children (one boy), 125 Austin Lane, Walnut Creek, California. Esther Reinecke, 2129 Avenue M, Galveston, whither Paul returned when his health broke in '46: her step-children, Colonel Paul Sorg, Jr., USMA '40, Infantry, LM, BSM, CR, student AWC (Paul III, eighth grader, destined USMA), Elsie with four children. Paul and Esther's children: Roderick, U. of N.C. '55, sophomore Virginia Theological; John, researcher N. W. Medical School; both alumni Howe Military School. Edith Palmer Hicks, 332 Magnolia Avenue, Frederick, Maryland: George's two adopted step-children unmarried.

"Mike" Franke, 1804 Forest Drive, Camden, South Carolina: at Augsburg, Germany, August-November '56, with Major G. H., Jr., Artillery, SS, BSM, AM (OLC), 11th Airborne Division. Mrs. Robert C. Gildart, 2745 29th Street N.W., Washington: our Bob's name lives: Colonel R. C., Jr., BSM, CR, USMA '37, CONARC (two sons including R.C. III, 16); Lieutenant Colonel Wm. J., USMA '40; SHAPE. Father, sons, uncle (Colonel Chas. R., USMA November 18), cousin Captain Chas. R., USMA 51—all Artillery.

Elizabeth Keeley, 1019 Jungle Avenue, St. Petersburg, orchidist extraordinary—"1,000 plants remaining to repot after Christmas": Her interests took her to Europe, '54; Puerto Rico, '55; Jamaica, January '57; Hawaii, next September. Gerry Stanton delighted 1911: Washington last November; West Coast, January. Now engrossed Army Emergency Relief, New York City.

Dave Cowles, home from Letterman February 4, with one repaired eye, new hearing, rediscovers long vague world. Shekerjians, Europe again March, four to eight months.

—J. R. N. W.

1912

It was a very cold day on January 14th when five members of the Class of 1912 assembled in New York to make the trip up the Hudson to West Point to pay the last respects to our popular friend and classmate "Duke" Edwards and to serve as honorary pall bearers. Duke passed away at his Bowling Green (Kentucky) home in his sleep and was thereby spared lengthy suffering. Elizabeth Edwards, her six children and five of her grandchildren bravely underwent the frigid weather at the graveside service in the beautiful West Point Cem-

etery. This service was preceded by service in the old Cadet Chapel which we well recall as plebes and yearlings when we attended Chapel services therein. Duke held a warm spot in the heart of every one of his classmates and all who were privileged to enjoy his keen analytical mind, wit, and warm friendship.

As we go to press all indications point to a large attendance at our approaching 45th year reunion at West Point on June 1, 2, 3 and 4, the latest figures indicating that 35 members of the Class will be on hand and 23 of the wives and widows of deceased classmates. A detailed memo will be issued when all the details have been ironed out.

Bennion: New honors have been bestowed upon Elder Howard by his appointment to the Sunday School General Board in Salt Lake City.

Browne: Amy writes about a glorious four months travel in Europe with her sister-in-law. Her daughter is stationed at Brookley Air Force Base.

Chynoweth: Chen's busy routine in civic affairs includes the editorship of the "Berkeley Patrol", a paper designed to better the educational standards of the public schools in his home town.

Danielson: Edith, "Ole's" widow, is reported by Arch Arnold to be a patient at St. Joseph's Hospital of the Pines in Southern Pines, North Carolina. Edith has been suffering from arthritis and is badly crippled. Marge and Arch have been her constant visitors.

Dunmore: Earl is sailing on April 5th on the "Constitution" for two months in Europe and is planning to fly back from Naples in time to reach New York before June 1st so as to be able to attend the reunion.

Edwards, E. C.: Margaret keeps busy commuting between her daughter Peggy's home in Coronado and San Francisco where her other two daughters live. Margaret is proud of her 9 grandchildren, and naturally so.

Gorrell: Our "Nap's" son Pete, having completed his education in Colorado, is now residing at 967 Casa Grande Road in Tucson, Arizona, with his bride Helen, (Hocker and Keyes, also Tucson residents, please note!)

Greenwald: Karl recently sold his place in Blanco, Texas, on account of the drought and has returned to his Austin address at 2115 Quarry Road. Karl is all set to attend the reunion in June.

Harmon: Alberta is spending the winter with her daughter Helen and her family (Major General J. J. Nazzaro, USAF) in North Africa. Later she will tour the continent before returning home to Montgomery, Alabama.

Hauser: The Hausers recently sent an invitation to the Class of 1912 to announce the wedding of "Chuck", our most recent Class Son Graduate, (Class of 1954) to Miss Jane Anne Edwards of Chapel Hill, North Carolina. May our good wishes for happiness always attend them.

Holliday: Marguerite was among the first of our almost two score widows to take note of Arch Arnold's Christmas Bulletin and to write that she plans to break away from her 16 grandchildren to be on hand in June to be a guest at our reunion.

Hyatt: Bob and his daughter Katherine were hosts to the Arch Arnolds during the Christmas holidays at Jacksonville Beach, Florida, at Bob's "Piney Point" home. Bob has started the circulation of his class photo album to "Schnitz" Schneider, "Pink" Chase and "Mucker" Sibert and hopes to have it put in appearance at our class meetings in June.

Lefebvre: Gordon fully intends to break away from his busy business affairs long enough to attend our June reunion, the first he has attended since he wore the Cadet gray.

Littlejohn: Big John is undertaking the writing of the memorial tribute to the late "Duke" Edwards and says that the Pentagon records on retired "crocks" are very scanty, a condition that, in his opinion, should be remedied forthwith.

Maxwell: A reunion without Maxie will not seem natural for he's the man who has always provided liquid refreshments for all class functions and has acted as the perfect host. In March he and Katherine will be away for several months on a business trip to the Pacific Far East, sailing from Los Angeles on the "S.S. President Cleveland" We shall miss them both but we know that they will be with us in spirit.

Maher: Our old friend "Marty", "the good Lord willin'", will be with us to entertain us with his inimitable tales when we assemble in barracks on June 2nd. Marty has been having a rough time of late battling old age (80) and the medicos but is now back with his niece, Mrs. Mararet Matone, Box 508, Thiells (Rockland County) New York.

McDonnell: A lengthy letter from our one-time classmate tells us of his interesting career after leaving the Academy and his interest retained during the many years. He would like to get a copy of the 1912 Howitzer so if anyone can oblige him please mail it to him at 8-A Sunnyside Park, 6024 South West 8th Street, Miami 44, Florida. Mac joined the Association of Graduates as an associate member several years ago to indicate his loyalty to West Point.

Nalle: Bill says he can leave his black angus cattle for a few days in June long enough to enable him to take Lucy up to the Point for our reunion.

Read: Burton, from his new address at 211 San Vicente Blvd., Santa Monica, California, writes very interestingly of his recent marriage and his wish to take his bride with him to reunite with his classmates at West Point in June. It will be his first reunion with his classmates.

Riley: Pat Jr. is now stationed at Fort Shafter, H. T., with Special Troops and proudly reports that he and his wife Sunny now have two little daughters, Kelly and Shannon. (Good Irish names!)

Rose: Buddy is now engaged in sending out the yearly circular reminding us all of our obligations to come forth with our yearly class dues. He plans to attend the West Point dinner on March 15th in San Francisco and to brief those of 1912 who attend on some details concerning our June reunion.

Vaughan: We hope that Ed will show up at the reunion and complete his story of gopher hunting as a youth in Iowa when he got in trouble from accidentally shooting a farmer's prized Hereford bull. Even at his present age Ed claims he still likes shooting the bull. His new address is 3765 King Road, Route 4, Saginaw, Michigan.

Weaver: Bill proves himself a believer in preparedness to the extent of checking in with his local Vet. Adm. representative and signing VA Form 8-526 as a first step in bringing up to date his medical record on the books of the VA. Bill hopes to attend the June reunion and says "If I get to the reunion how about making that diamond studded lanyard out of platinum instead of leather?" Bill is still our Master Gunner!

Wood: "P" says he is all right, plays tennis and detests everything connected with old age and retirement, existing in a state of more or less quiet desperation.

—R. T. Snow and W. H. Hobson.

Minna Crutcher reports the wedding of her niece, daughter of General Bixel (1927), at Henning, Tennessee. "Dixie" Crutcher's saber was used to cut the cake!

Pete and Pauline Corlett were East for a short vacation in December. No warning message, so many of us missed seeing them. Notify Viner in advance if you are coming this way.

"Rosie" Rosevear made a trip to Washington in early February to the National Council of Reserve Officers Association of which he is one of the original sponsors. Craig, Foote, Davidson, Young, Schmidt and others met with him at the A & N Club.

Nelson wrote that he and Josephine read the Christmas letter with delight. He, Selby Frank, and, at times, "Simon" Newcomer, play golf at the golf links in San Antonio.

Doug Greene, who is Director of Athletics at Drexel Institute, went to St. Louis to the Inter-Collegiate Athletic meeting in January. Doug is as busy as a bird dog at that place.

Pete Corlett saw Lester Siff while in New York; and while in New Orleans, he saw "Junius" Jones and Johnnie Kennard. He said both were fine!

Francis and Imogene Englehart sent greetings on Christmas, telling us that they would stay in Vermont this winter as Francis was busy collecting money and building a new parish house.

Larry Witten went to Mexico on a trip, taking in Florida and California on the way. They live on a mountain top, northeast of Poughkeepsie, New York.

Sallie Van Vliet reports she and "John Huff" are still at Red Bank, New Jersey and are in good health. Their boy, who is in the G-4 Section, is on the way to France for duty. They report a new granddaughter named Sally, born at Fort Bragg last March.

Joe Viner expects to go to Florida to see Bob Crawford and Cophorne in February; to New Orleans where he will see Jones and Kennard; to San Antonio, Santa Fe, and Tucson to see others; and, perhaps, to the Coast. This in February, March and April. He is still working, or so he reports! Also will go to Nogales to find Henry and Gaby Cheadle.

Most of the Class wants our next Reunion at Jack Considine's instead of at the Point. Write if you are in favor of this. Jack offers so much to so many and loves it. We have not yet approached him on the subject, so keep it quiet.

"Bug" Oliver said in his Christmas letter "not much news" When I saw him last, he had suffered a head and face wound falling from a scaffold, or something, on a building he is erecting for Smith College. He'll pull through though, as Bug has not aged since Cadet days.

We owe a great debt of gratitude to Doug Greene for his Christmas letter which involved untold personal work!

It was wonderful to hear from our Class girls. God bless them! We'll see them all in June, 1958.

Carlos Brewer raised hell with your Assembly news committee for not having more news in the Assembly. It's hard to get news from some of you golfers and fishermen. Drop Joe Viner a card once in a while on anything of interest, or on anyone.

—Viner, Class of 1913.

1914

1913

Stuart W. Cramer, Jr. died at Charlotte, North Carolina on Sunday, January 6, 1957. Viner, Crane and Johnson went down to his funeral.

In my last letter I reported that Jim and Eleanor Cress were leaving in December for a trip to Bangkok. Since this would involve an absence from home of three months, which was impracticable, they decided instead to fly to Guatemala to spend the Christmas season with Joe Burge, Jim's

fraternity brother of Ann Arbor days, and his wife. A recent letter from Jim describes the trip. Wish I had space to quote it, but can only cover the high spots. The Burge home is on his three thousand acre plantation on the southern slope of an extinct volcano. One thousand acres are in coffee, and during the visit the crop was being harvested by a large force of Mayan Indians. Flowers growing in profusion, daily reveille by marimba, horseback riding every day, an all night fishing trip on the Pacific coast, forty-five rubbers of bridge in two weeks—what a life! During Christmas the native marimba band played practically continuously for sixty hours while all the natives danced, some women with babies on their backs. Jim says that life in Guatemala is still very primitive, but tourist travel by road will be inaugurated this year.

While Earl and I were in San Francisco last fall, we saw Jim and Eleanor Cress and spent a pleasant afternoon as their guests. After lunch with them at Treasure Island they took us on a long drive in and around San Francisco.

Bill and Mary Ryan have completed a nine month unscheduled tour of Europe. They took delivery of a Volkswagen in Cologne, Germany, and ran up a speedometer reading of twelve thousand miles, driving through Europe from Northern Germany to Spain and Mallorca, and visiting England, Ireland, and Scotland. The leisurely travel afforded pleasant opportunities to see service friends and to visit English, French, Irish and Belgian friends in their homes. After their return, they saw the Army-Navy game and spent Christmas with their daughter, Mary, whose husband is an engineer with the American Steel and Iron Institute of New York City. When Bill wrote me, they had gone to Florida and were visiting Mary's brother-in-law and sister, Brigadier General and Mrs. Youngberg, in Jacksonville, after a two-week trip to Fort Lauderdale and Coral Gables. They spent two days with Ralph and Agnes Royce, who gave a cocktail party for them. They are returning to California about May 1 after an absence of fifteen months.

Ralph and Agnes Royce attended the Army-Navy game, where they saw the Potts, Ryans, Tenth Herr, and Toohey Spaatz.

When Skimp Brand was in Phoenix last November on business, Flip and Jessie Lewis and their daughter, Jean, drove in from Apache Junction and had dinner with him. Skimp thought they all looked well. Flip has had a telephone installed; so if you pass through Phoenix, you can call him and arrange to see him.

Our classmates in Washington continue their pleasant custom of gathering monthly for dinner. A few days after he attended the December dinner, Hannum had a heart attack and had to spend six weeks in Walter Reed Hospital. He has made a good recovery. The January class dinner included two visitors: Villaret, on a three month visit from Paris, and Waddell, who, with Vera, had spent Christmas in Baltimore with their son, Bill, and his family. Toohey Spaatz, who attended the February dinner, was planning to see John Markoe on a western trip, so the group sent John an autographed menu. Price spent the Christmas season in Bermuda.

Waddell writes that Villaret is a real scholar. Having mastered modern French, he is making a study of ancient French, and is tireless in his pursuit of knowledge of the French people and their language.

Jim and Louise Byram spent a month in San Antonio recently. They have many service friends here and had a gay time. Their visit was the occasion for a number of parties. We certainly enjoyed seeing them.

Awfully sorry to have to report bad news about Tom Monroe's eyesight. He has had

to undergo several operations on both eyes. Clara writes that at present he can neither read nor write, but his condition is slowly improving. It appears that another operation will be necessary. Hope to have good news next time.

—John Carruth.

1915

I hope all of you noted in the January *Assembly* that the deadline for this issue was March 1st instead of March 10th. Not that deadlines make any particular difference except to us authors and, in a manner of speaking, also to editors and printers. However, I thought I'd better mention it in case your letters came in too late for publication (George Peabody please note!)

Mac and I had the pleasure of tripping to Washington for IKE's inaugural. We witnessed the swear-in ceremony at the Capitol where the sun broke through a cloudy sky to shine on our IKE just as he stepped out of the building to take the oath of office. Some called it "the Eisenhower luck", I call it a Divine blessing on our president. We saw the parade from the White House stands and attended the inaugural ball at the Armory.

Although we didn't get a chance to chat with Mamie and Ike, we did get close enough to see that both looked relaxed and in the pink of condition. How Ike can shoulder his many heavy responsibilities and still look so healthy and cheerful is most reassuring.

At the Armory there were nine thousand people. The Hanleys, the Tompkins and the Wogans sat together. Tom, Bill and I had on white ties and tails. Mine was borrowed, Bill owned his and Tom said he paid thirty-five bucks for his. When I told Tom I thought that was cheap for a full dress suit, Tom exploded: "I didn't buy the d--- thing, Johnny, I'm just renting it" Florida prices, I presume!

Other classmates and wives seen during our visit were Aileen and Jack Davis, Betty and Dutch Hess, Bea and Freddy Boye, Elsie and Eddie Lyons, Jesse and Buddy Sayler, Det Ellis, Stew Bragdon and Sid Graves. All looked like a million—through my bifocals that is—

The first contribution for these notes came from no less an author than Earl Price. His booklet "As You Were" is one more excellent addition to the nostalgic memories of of 1915. Thanks, Earl, for a swell job.

A long newsy letter from Squire Taylor recounts a "grandsoning" trip to Fort Sill and Fort Sam which he and Hazel enjoyed last Christmas. The Squire evidently followed a tortuous route. He speaks of having stopped with Bess and Ed Sherburne in Rock Hill, South Carolina, and with Lilly and Hugh Avent in Greenville, South Carolina, he says "all were in the pink of old age". At Sherman, Texas, he spent several days with Eleanor and Carl Hocker. "Carl," says Squire "is something like a 'Model T'—a bit hard to get started but after he gets going—oh boy!" At Fort Sam, Squire saw Honest John Leonard. Woody Woodruff, Mike Davis and many other retired old goats. He didn't classify them as Model Ts, but reading between the lines I judge that none are far behind Carl when it comes to spreading that there stuff that makes the grass so green. From other sources I learned that both Honest John and Woody had undergone an operation for hernia. It is reported that Woody got his carrying a 150 pound buck to his car. John got his when he got up too suddenly from his rocking chair. At least that's what they say.

Benny Ferris, who now winters in Orlando, Florida, sent a clipping from the *Winter Park Herald*, about the life and ex-

ploits of one Lev Williams on the occasion of Lev's sixty-fourth birthday. According to the account Lev . . . but I was ordered to hold these notes down to 900 words. If any of you guys are interested, I'll be glad to mail you the clipping.

Speaking of clippings, here are some that will interest you. *The L. A. Times*, December 13, announces the appointment of Omar Nelson Bradley to the board of directors of the City National Bank of Beverly Hills. The *Washington Evening Star*, February 12, announces that Omar Nelson Bradley was elected a director of the National Savings and Trust Company of Washington, D. C. I guess that makes Brad a bank "Typhoon". Same clipping states that Brad will re-establish permanent residence in D. C. He purchased a home at 4934 Indian Lane, N. W. This move is in keeping with the theory expounded by that well known philosopher and humorist (George) Hume Peabody who says, "The reason so many army officers retire in and around the Capitol is because in their remaining years they will need only three government institutions, all in D. C.; Walter Reed, St. Elizabeth's and Arlington Cemetery".

Another Washington clipping relates that late in January, Ike got a new Naval Aide—Capt. Evans Peter Aurand—who won the Navy Cross in World War II for leading a squadron of dive bombers against Jap warships. When Ike saw the name, he exclaimed: "Why I had a classmate by that name". "It then turned out" says the account "that Captain Aurand is the son of Lieutenant General Henry S. Aurand, who graduated from West Point with the President in the class of 1915."

The following news items about classmates have come to my attention:

Bill Boots is out of the hospital but has been restricted to quarters for another month. How about some clarifying details, Bill?

Mike Davis is vacationing in Mexico.

McElderry Pendleton moved again. He's now at Route 1, Box 45A, Cedar Creek, Texas. The report states that Henry has a guest house with Bourbon-on-the-rocks on tap. You travelers take note.

Maud and Clesen Tenney took a scenic trip to the Canyon and the Jackson Hole Country. They now boast another grandson. No connection between the two statements.

Gertrude and Doug Weart are planning a trip to Hawaii to see their two new grandchildren. "That gives me my even dozen" says Doug. How about some competitive scores? No work involved. Just send me the number of grands you have. Mac and I have seven with no immediate prospects. Helen and Lewis Davidson had dinner with their daughter in New Jersey and five grands. How many more Lewis?

Helen Atkins has been with her son in Munich, Germany for some time. He is a major of engineers. Like his Pa.

Mason Young was still in Spain as these notes went to press. His enthusiastic letter of one short paragraph to Venus Small just bubbles over with admiration for the country. "Nice place, Spain", says Mason.

Vernon Evans was operated on at Walter Reed for a ruptured appendix. No complications reported. Hope all goes well, Bliester.

And that's it for now. I'd like to hear from the many strong silent ones in our class—guys like Hobbs, Howell, Keliher, Strat, Zundel. Believe it or not Dad Herick hasn't said a word—yet.

Blessings on thee, friends—

—Wog.

P.S. Just before mailing these notes I received the sad news that another grand classmate had joined the Long Gray Line. Doodlo Harmon passed away at San Antonio February 22.

1916

Last December, the Class Secretary's office was swamped with Xmas greetings from classmates far and near. In the words of our class song, it leaves no doubt that 1916 is "standing behind us helping unseen" Parker Kuhn and Brig Bliss express their sincere appreciation.

They say old soldiers simply fade away, but there are some in this class of ours who seem to be color-fast—they just won't fade. Joe Tully missed the Reunion last June because he was on his way to Turkey. Now we learn that he is in Ankara as personal representative of the President of the Associated Pipe Line Company building 450 miles of pipe line in the Middle East. Hopes for more construction work in Europe; says that retired feeling hasn't hit him yet. Two of his children are in Europe and from his report on grandchildren he may be more than a runner-up in the contest between Prickett and Draves for the grandfather prize of 1916.

Worsham is another who can't stay still. At Christmas a card from Mary Worsham informed us that Goop is in Cairo helping Spec Wheeler '11 clear the Suez Canal. Then before we catch our breath from that, the papers report that Bill Hoge is to join the executive staff of the Inter-Lake Iron Corporation of Cleveland, Ohio next April. He is to be Chairman of the Board.

If not working, others of our class just can't stay still. Dick Birmingham and Elizabeth went to Europe last summer visiting the islands of the eastern Mediterranean, Beirut, Damascus, Alexandria, Cairo, Athens, France and Spain. Freddie Inglis left Seattle where he has been in the insurance business and is returning to California where all three of his children will be located. Before settling down in Santa Barbara, however, he will spend four months in Mexico at Lake Chapala. Then he will summer at his camp in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Louis Hibbs lives at Lake Chapala so the two old horse artillerymen will probably have a grand reunion.

Andy Andrews writes that he has now settled permanently at DeLand, Florida although he expects to spend the summers in the north. He says they both love Florida. That house Holland Robb has been planning at Chapel Hill, North Carolina was still on the drafting table last Christmas. Schedule called for construction to start this spring. Says he picked Chapel Hill for his home because it is close to the highway between north and south Atlantic resorts. Expects lots of friends dropping in will keep him from getting lonely. From what we hear, Hugh Ramsey must be a busy boy; manages a building and loan company in Lisbon, Ohio, a 204 acre farm and belongs to the Auxiliary State Highway Patrol. He doesn't promise to fix any 1916 traffic tickets either. Jack Miley was in Colorado last fall and says he got a fill-in on the Reunion from Dixie Bonfils. In the last issue we forgot to mention that Bruno and Jean Brundred spent three weeks hunting and fishing in Wyoming last August.

Fay Prickett really seems to enjoy retirement, but he sure has an itchy foot. No sooner is he back from one trip than he plans another. The latest was a cruise to the Caribbean during February and March. One of his married daughters is living in the Canal Zone. Otto Lange, from Pasadena, California, sends his best to all. He and Jean are living a quiet contented life full of endless interests, the best of which are four children and seven grandchildren, all living in California. He says the days are all too short.

Ferdie Gallagher was transferred last July from Rome to the Paris office of the Battle

Monuments Commission. He is returning to the States in late February at his own request to be processed for retirement. When Ferdie reached the statutory age several years ago he was recalled immediately for additional active duty and sent to Italy. Now the last man of 1916 goes on the retired list with almost 45 years of continuous service. His classmates will welcome Ferdie and Helen back to the Washington group.

—E. G. Bliss.

April 1917

Our latest bulletin from the busy Jim Haydens reports numerous activities and trips, including several tours of the U.S.A. to visit Bobette and family in Omaha, Nebraska, Buster and family in El Paso, Texas, and Peter in New York City; also a fishing trip from which Jim and Buster brought back 43 pounds of steelhead, shortly after Buster's return from duty in Germany. During November Laddie and Jim, accompanied by several friends, took an extended (4,200 miles) tour of Mexico. Jim is now President of the West Point Society of the San Francisco Bay Area.

Thanks to Charlie Gerhardt, we have received an interesting brochure on Meacham's Steel and Tin Products Company, Inc., of Baltimore, a successful manufacturing company which is "the lengthened shadow of one man," and that man is, of course, Meach.

Charlie's note mentioned the return of Dorothy and Lawrence Mitchell from their European tour to their home in Winter Park, Florida, and an approaching visit by the Dutch Cotes. Nina and Charlie have a new granddaughter, Catherine, born September 22, 1956, to Lieutenant and Mrs. Charles H., Jr., U.S.M.C.

Parson Parks is about to retire as Chief of the Union County Park Police, Westfield, New Jersey, and he and Flora are thinking of moving a little farther south, possibly to the Valley of Virginia.

Not long ago we received a clipping of an excellent article by H. R. Baukhage about the fine work "Old Gravelly Voice" Harmon has done as President of Norwich University. "I'm just a soldier," the general said in the gritty accents familiar to the parade ground of Fort Riley and the battlefields of Africa and Europe, "not a professor." But what a soldier!

Katherine Teale was in Washington recently, and she and Kay made a trip to New York and West Point, where they visited young Willis. Katherine and Willis, Senior, have an attractive home in Clearwater Beach, Florida.

Henley Friar was in Washington January 31, from his home in Cleveland, Ohio. He is proud of his 29 grandchildren, with the 30th due to arrive soon.

A group of classmates and wives who see each other regularly have for the past two and one half years attended the weekly National Geographic Society lectures at Constitution Hall in Washington, and afterward had dinner together, usually at Allies Inn. The group includes Dot and Bill Eley, Alene and Burnett Olmsted, Henriette and Harry Schroeder, Emily Tully, and Jeanette and Jack Jackson.

George Wooley has been elected Treasurer of the Washington Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, an active organization with 600 members.

Paul and Ida Brown write from 16155 Hillvale Ave., Los Gatos, California, "our property keeps us much too busy to permit of much gadding about. . ." and Dorothy and George Beurket expressed similar sentiments about work on their farm near Gilbertsville, Pennsylvania.

At last report Jessie and Clark Fales were still cruising on a tramp steamer in the Caribbean area. We hope to hear more of their trip for the next Assembly.

After breaking her hip in a fall several weeks ago, Suzanne Crump is recuperating nicely at her home at 3227 Klinge Road, N.W., in Washington, where she and Ira have lived for a number of years.

—Harold R. Jackson.

August 1917

The most important calendar dates for all of us are June 2 and June 3 at West Point. Our 40th Reunion! WOW! Based on early responses to Bulletin No. 1, a record turnout is expected.

Items from "the golf capital of the world"—quotes also by Bill Chapman. Jack and Julia Bissell building another addition to their beautiful home. Ray and Anne Williamson are being visited by daughter Mary and children. Willie and Inez Wilson came down from their ranch and joined Bill and Toodles to watch the Supe on "Person to Person" TV. Recent visitors were the Paul Coles, also Ken Moore from Berkeley. Also Hunker and Barbara DeCamp, whose son is now stationed at nearby Fort Ord. Carlisle and Madeline Wilson, part-time residents, are making an extended visit in Tucson. Bill's Boston terrier "Boy" really "hung one on" at the party given in celebration of his tenth birthday. The Monterey group is looking forward to a visit from Eddie House this spring. Eddie's daughter and son-in-law are now living in California.

A recent clipping from Los Angeles has two photos—one of Bob Bringham standing under the street marker (California size) at the corner of Bringham Avenue and San Vincente Blvd. and the other of the crowd applauding the occasion. There is also a nice column describing the ceremony changing the street name from Federal Avenue to Bringham Avenue, in honor of our Bob. I take a brief quote from the very laudatory piece—"many city officials participated in the ceremony, each in a proud fashion stating that it couldn't have happened to a finer gentleman". Congratulations, Bob, from us all.

I am sorry to report the serious illness of Bruce Mumma in St. Paul. Bruce, we hope you recover soon and completely and are able to join us for reunion.

Bea and Bill Reeder recently returned from a trip through the south and stopped by Elko, South Carolina to look in on Josh Stansell and reported a wonderful reception. Josh said Frank and Mary Meade had stopped by several weeks previously en route to Florida.

Bart and Virginia Harloe were in Washington for a few days en route to New York and Cambridge. Loessa Coffey seized on the occasion for a delightful class party in their honor. Bart was back in the States in connection with the summer school course he conducts at the University of Hawaii for business executives. This course is an extension of the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration. Energetic Virginia is currently president of the Women's League in Hawaii. Questioned as to its function, she said the league engages in such civic activities as neighborhood improvement, protection and beautification, pointing out that their most recent successful project was preventing the erection of signboards on their roadsides. My efforts to persuade her to transfer her successful methods back to the mainland were unsuccessful. It was obvious to all that the life and activities in Hawaii are just right for the Harloes.

The Harloes gave a good report on George Hirsch and said they see him frequently. Phil Day writes from Winter Park that he and Tommy have spent the entire winter getting settled in their new house, taking time off only to set out an orange grove on some outlying acreage. He and other classmates Rolfe, House and Morgan, with perhaps an assist from Anderson, G. H., from Orlando, plan to start a monthly luncheon meeting.

Peggie Moore spent several weeks recently in Washington visiting her daughter and family. She stayed part of the time with Loessa Coffey. The Jones' had a class party in Peggy's honor. Thirty-three responded—a full turn out except for McNeil who was attending an annual dinner of his war time division and Otto Jank who was in Europe on business.

The above party also included Dent and Eleanor Sharp who had just arrived in town from Maine after being absent for our area too long. Their main purpose in coming to town was for Skinny to have some repair work done at Walter Reed. After two weeks he was sprung from the hospital in tip-top form, and he and Eleanor headed for Florida.

Henry Demuth writes from Corvallis, Oregon, that he and Marjorie will be back for the 40th. He also said he had had some wonderful fishing in the Sun Valley area last fall.

The ladies of the Washington Group had their February luncheon at the Army-Navy Club and their March luncheon at the Water Gate Inn. Louise Paca came over from Annapolis for the March party.

The stag luncheons have been held each month at the Army-Navy Club with attendance varying from ten to fourteen. The January luncheon was held at Fort McNair in conjunction with the quarterly luncheon of the West Point Society of the D. C. Once again we had the largest turn out of any class. We locals were pleased with the arrival of Dave Schlenker from Langley Field for this occasion. There were about 300 graduates present and Mr. Brucker, Secretary of the Army, addressed the group.

McNeil says that Milan phoned him advising that he was enroute back to Campaign after a brief stay in Walter Reed. Milan said he planned to return in a month at which time he hoped to see other classmates.

We received a postcard from Swede and Betty Sarcka in Cuba, where they are enjoying a well-earned Sabbatical. Here's hoping they return in time for our 40th.

Jules Schaefer writes the good news that he and Catharine will be with us in June. See you all at that time!

—L. McC. Jones.

June 1918

On January 15, William Nimmons Davis suffered a fatal heart attack at Olean, New York. Our Davis had identified and endeared himself to Olean from 1925 on. "Colonel Bill," as he was known by so many, gave generously of his talents and energy to bring happiness to many. His activities were varied but all pointed at service to his fellow man. His efforts in behalf of St. Bonaventure athletics, his work with scouting, Red Cross, Community Chest, the Olean Baseball Club have left a mark Olean will not soon forget. In his spare time he organized the Davis Oil Corporation, and served as Mayor of the city. One swell file; all of us can say with pride, he was my classmate. On February 28, Phil Gallagher put his soldier suit in mothballs. In joining the ranks of the retired he leaves a long and distinguished record of service. It is interesting

to note that Phil and his Dad amassed 84 man years of army service. I never will forget when Phil visited the post I commanded in Germany at Christmas time. There were many there whose Christmas was going to be rather bleak. When Phil saw the children, who had known only war and its attendant travesties, being entertained by the American troops, I discovered one of his weaknesses. (?) On pondering a moment I realized that Phil and Leila were always doing something in their quiet way to bring joy to children. And so has been his career; a soldier who lived up to all the ideals of a soldier; and one with a tremendous depth of human understanding. May the Army have the fortune to have many more like him. Phil and Leila have taken a furnished apartment in Columbus, Georgia (Leila's home town, if you have forgotten) while they decide where they will settle. The Washington area offers some attractions but as of now, no decision.—Golly, that leaves us with but two classmates still in uniform, Bitt Barth, Deputy C.G. First Army and Bill Barriger in the Pentagon.

Norma and Swede Axelsson have moved to 338 Minot Avenue, Chula Vista, California. They are surrounded by Navy files, but service people all understand the same language. At an Army-Navy game party Mary and Hab Elliott came over to add a bit of support.

Growly Gruhn has enrolled at Teachers College, Columbia University. This means he commutes twice a week from Cornwall-on-Hudson, where he and Steve live. Their daughter, Ruth made Phi Beta Kappa at Radcliffe, and son Tom, is a First Classman.

On the occasion of General MacArthur's seventy-seventh birthday party, Jim Marshall reports Pat Casey and Tenny Ross present. (Jim too!) Lane Holman and Murray Neilson, usually in attendance, failed to make this year's meeting for reasons unreported. Sam Sturgis, another faithful participant of these SWPA parties was ailing in Washington.

Laura and Eddie Sibert have been reconnoitering the south, and Charleston in particular, as a possible winter haven from the rigors of Vineyard Haven.

Tenny Ross reports that Marian proposes that June 1918 grow beards (long and gray) for our fortieth in 1958. —C. P. Townsley.

November 1918

For our DATE IN FIFTY-EIGHT the Panelled Dining Room at the Bear Mountain Inn is reserved for the night of Sunday, June 1.

Double room with bath reservations have been made in the "Cottages" at Bear Mountain or in the Inn itself for Badger, Barnes, Christiansen, Cocke, Colson, Ericson, Gullatt, Hillard, Holbrook, Jenkins, Miller, A. M., Monroe, Moss, O'Grady, Peckham, Pinto, Schow, Sherrill, Stevens, F. A., Wicks and Williamson.

The Manager of the Inn, Mr. John Martin, has recorded these room reservations. He will write to each person involved in January 1958 and ask for final confirmation (e.g. Are you still alive?) and the usual deposit.

The cottages are fully booked, but others wanting rooms in the Inn may be able to make reservations if they act promptly now.

Fred Sherrill writes: "God willing, if we can hold body and soul together, we expect to be there."

Howard Peckham, writing to reserve a room for '58, says, "We have not yet made the big decision as to where we shall settle, but Florida still looks good."

Allison Miller writes of planning to move to California soon.

Fred Stevens writes, "Please count me and Marie in."

"Harry" Hillard is home again in Shreveport after extensive repairs — new piston rings, I think. He writes, "I intend to make our 40th Reunion with Marie."

Lew and Helen Gibney had a dinner for the Gormans, Peckhams, Pulsifers and Taylors at their home in Clearwater, Florida, on January 26.

Maude Muller and Puss Stokes retired November 30 at the Presidio with an impressive ceremony. The San Francisco dailies gave them more space than the sinking of the Titanic. It was fine stuff, too, giving pretty good summaries of their full and distinguished careers. However, one glaring omission was any mention of the Traube Hotel.

I hear that Kester Hastings plans to retire March 31. If so, I believe that will leave only Bob Schow and Dave Ogden on the active list.

Your amanuensis has been hors de combat for several months. October was spent in the West Point Hospital with "chills and fevers", and every test known to medical science, but no diagnosis. Then off to Virginia convalescent and some foxhunting—not much—but on December 22 a great weariness overcame me, and I turned the color of an Irish Piper's kilt. The doctors decreed Walter Reed immediately. They finally named it Hepatitis; let me out January 31; and told me to rest, eat, and more rest for four months—but NO alcohol. I am still tired. Pinkie Williamson writes: "... during the war, in the Philippines, our Division suffered an epidemic of Hepatitis. We had as many as 15% in hospital. They were very uncomfortable but eventually returned to duty.

"The Badgers have been here over the weekend. I have asked Bill to reserve a room for us at Reunion in 1958. We will be on hand with our bottles of bourbon provided our insides are still receptive to alcohol. So far the reactions have been favorable. I wait until noon and do not try to brush my teeth with the stuff."

Jack Brown is head of the Atlanta office of National Distillers Products, 450 Marietta Street, Atlanta, Georgia. He writes of lunching with Pinkie Williamson in Augusta, and invites all of the Class going through Atlanta to get in touch.

Fred Pearson writes that he has recently seen the Dunklebergs, the Marchs and "Harry" Hillard. A recent letter from Jake Freeman reports them fine. Babe Gullatt has been in and out of San Antonio. Ruth Corzelius writes that Frank has completely recovered from his recent illness, is regaining his strength and should be able to be back at business by this time.

As for the Pearson family themselves—their daughter, Jo, who took a Masters Degree in Business Administration at Michigan last June and joined a C.P.A. firm in Benton, Michigan, has now passed her national and Michigan C.P.A. exams! This makes her eligible for the final examinations after two years of practice work. Their son is in the second phase of flying training at Mission, Texas. He has just done his first solo cross-country flight.

It is distressing to report the death of John Middleton in January. Flowers were sent by the Class and Brown, J. T., Harding and Peckham were at the funeral services.

—Bryan Conrad.

1919

Tony McAuliffe has been appointed by the President a member of the Board of Visitors, U.S.M.A., replacing Lucius Clay in that capacity. Tony was present at West

Point for the annual meeting of the Board on 14 through 16 February. During his stay your scribe had a very pleasant talk with him while he inspected the Department of Electrical Engineering. I gathered that far from thinking "The Corps has" Tony was much impressed with what he saw of West Point, 1957 variety.

Another early winter visitor at West Point was Don Fay, who stopped to visit his daughter in the course of a business visit to New York. She is married to a Tac, Captain Thomas G. McCuniff (USMA 1945). Don is living in Columbus, Georgia, 5 Commander Drive, where he represents a New York brokerage firm.

Don Shingler appears to have shifted operations from Korea to Iraq, as the return address on his Christmas card was PO Box 171, Baghdad, Iraq. The Joe Dalbeys are still in Tucson, but write that they are expecting to settle in Mexico next fall. Speaking of Korea, Duke Daniel writes most interestingly of his experiences there as a civilian with the International Cooperation Administration (address Office of the Economic Coordinator for Korea, APO 301, San Francisco). Describing the hunting in Korea he writes: "There are plenty of ducks, geese and pheasants, also some small deer and wild boar. One of the best places to shoot ducks and geese is located on the Han River about twenty-five miles above Inchon. At this time of the year (February) this area offers some of the strangest shooting that I have ever experienced. The river is generally choked with large blocks of ice which have begun to break up. At Inchon there is a 31 foot tide, the second highest in the world. When the tide comes in and the current in the river reverses its direction of flow for several miles from its mouth, the ice in the river is forced out on both banks and islands in the river. This creates large areas of large blocks of ice in grotesque shapes and measuring up to ten feet on each side. It is a little difficult to get into a good shooting position, but these blocks of ice make excellent duck blinds. Sometimes it is not easy to find a duck which has been shot down in this jungle of ice; but for a package of cigarettes a Korean boy makes a good retriever." Duke included some snapshots of his hunting trophies, including a wonderful shot of himself and a rare Asiatic greater bustard (the spelling is correct) which he shot. This bird is twice the size of a goose, and has a wing-spread of almost 7 feet. Its meat looks like roast beef, but tastes like mallard duck.

Linc and Elsie Dillaway have purchased a new home at 12193 Brook Glen Drive, Saratoga, California. Classmates attending an informal pre-Christmas house-warming were the Armstrongs, the Ferenbaughs, the McNamees, the Al Moores, the Rockafellows, the Semmelmeyers, Joe Holly, and Marion Sheehy. The Dillaways' youngest son is now a third classman at the Coast Guard Academy.

In spite of his battles with the surgeons, Chris Hildebrand has managed to generate considerable of a private war on Elvis Presley and his use of the tune of Army Blue. I wish I had space to quote some of Chris' remarks about Presley, and I wish some of his best ones were printable.

The following items are reported by Kyke Allan. New addresses: Bradleys—1850 Summerland Ave., Winter Park, Florida; Lewis, G. W.—1316 Hollowman Road, Falls Church, Virginia (he has returned from a temporary job in Paris). Maude and Nate Twinning became grandparents in November. Pat Echols, Jr., married Susanne Stokes, daughter of Rear Admiral Stokes, USN, on November 10, 1956. Niblack came up from Biloxi, Mississippi, for the Navy game. Al Gruenther's retirement parade on December 28 was attended by a number of the class.

It was followed by a reception for Al and Grace given by the Secretary of the Army at Fort McNair. Wedemeyer, Scherer and Allan attended the swearing in of Herb Jones as the Adjutant General on January 2.

Horace Speed sends the following:

The Galen Taylors have moved to Milwaukee, where Rooney has accepted a position with the Koehring Co. He resigned as Manager of the Gar Wood Industries in Findlay, Ohio, last November. Jazz Parsons is still teaching in the University of Maryland Overseas Program. He and Anne make their headquarters at 1 Place de la Nation, Verdun, France. Jazz teaches Military Science, and has a heavy schedule, requiring considerable moving about from post to post in Germany. However he says he is delighted to be doing a worthwhile job.

On Saturday, February 16, the Washington group held their Valentine's cocktail-buffet at the Army-Navy Club with 61 members present, as follows: the Allans, the Brannons, the Browns, the Burgess' the Coles, the Cranstons, the Gruenther's, the Hammonds, the Harbaughs, the Hopkins, the Jerveys, the Herb Jones, the Lopers, the Martins, the McGinleys, the Niblos, the Odells, the Ovenshines, Willie Palmer, the Phillips, the Scherers, the Speeds, Nate Twinning, the Leroy Wilsons, Dade Wedemeyer (Al couldn't come), and Ham Young. Out of town classmates in attendance included the Phelps and the Tates from the Eastern Shore of Maryland, the Sebrees and the Wymans from Fort Monroe, and J. C. White from Rhode Island. Everyone was delighted that four of the class widows, Marian Bruckner, Helen Bryan, Mary Hedekin, and Rosa Kerr, were also able to come to the party. Everyone was likewise delighted that Al and Grace Gruenther could be there for the first class party since Al's retirement and assumption of the job of being President of the American Red Cross.

The next Washington group party is expected to be held the last Saturday in May. Out of town classmates are always welcome, and are urged to get in touch with Kyke Allan or Horace Speed when in Washington.

P.S. Just before this went to press, Jack Murphy visited West Point to talk to interested officers and First Classmen about latest developments in Artillery weapons and doctrine.

—B. W. (Brick) Bartlett.

1920

The Class of 1920 lost one of its most beloved and famous members when Major General Verne D. Mudge passed away in San Diego, California on January 29th. This news came to me first in a personal letter from Sam Gregory. Verne and Sam Gregory were exceptionally good friends as cadets, having attended the Cavalry School and later having served together in the South Pacific during World War II. At the latter time, Verne was commanding the United States Army First Cavalry Division. Sam was Executive Officer of the Advance Bases at Oro Bay and Finchhafen, New Guinea, and Tacloban on the Island of Leyte. Oro Bay was the Staging Area for the First Cavalry Division prior to the Admiralty Islands campaign. Thus, Verne's division was supported in the Admiralties and later in the Philippine campaigns by Bases under Sam's direction, and they met frequently during these actions.

The famous First Cavalry Division commanded by Verne fought its way into Manila in the reconquest of the Philippines, released American prisoners of war held by the Japanese, and then formed the spearhead in other important thrusts.

Mudge was wounded by a hand grenade

during the firing on Luzon Island and was retired from the Army in 1945. Since the war he had served as a member of the professional staff of the United States Senate Armed Services Committee.

A Cavalryman from the time he graduated from West Point, he was promoted to Brigadier General at Fort Bliss, Texas in 1942 when the First Cavalry Division was mechanized. He commanded its 2nd Brigade in campaigns in Australia and New Guinea. He was promoted to Division Commander while it was engaged in action in the Admiralty Islands in 1943.

Verne, a native of Bangor, South Dakota, attended the University of Florida before entering with our class at West Point. He is survived by his wife Hortense.

Margaret and Bert Randles attended Verne's funeral in San Diego; and they were deeply impressed by the fine address given by the Navy Chaplain, Captain Kingsley, and later Bert secured a copy of it, making the suggestion, seconded strongly by Sam Gregory, that it be reproduced in the necessary numbers and copies circulated to the surviving members of our class. This has been approved and later each member will receive a copy through the office of the Association of Graduates. All the credit for this fine gesture belongs to Bert Randles and Sam Gregory.

On February 11, Colonel Thomas A. Roberts, USA, Ret. (USMA '97) died at Brooke Army Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas at the age of 85. Colonel Roberts' son, Colonel T. A. Roberts, Jr., USA, our classmate and First Captain, was a Field Artillery Officer of the Third Army serving under General George S. Patton, Jr. He was killed in World War II shortly after the invasion in the battle of St. Lo, France. Colonel Roberts, Sr. is survived by one daughter, Mrs. W. D. McNair of 138 Perry Court, San Antonio, Texas.

A few days ago I learned from Edgar A. Gilbert, III (USMA '52) that his father, Edgar A., Jr., our classmate, had recently suffered a rather severe heart attack. Actually the attack occurred while he was watching the Army-Navy game on TV at his home in St. Charles, Illinois. Subsequently, he was in the hospital for a period of five weeks but is now convalescing at home. I understand that although Gilbert has had quite a history of hypertension and this attack was severe, he luckily has not suffered ill effects such as paralysis, and he is expected to recover completely. Since his discharge from the USAF in 1946 Gilbert has been working for the Veterans Administration in Chicago. He has received several promotions in the Administration, and as a final position he has headed an office in Chicago. Edgar, III reports that the rest of the Gilbert family is in good health and that he himself is married, stationed at Fort Meade, Maryland, and is the father of a new born son, John Allan, born on December 13, 1956.

The New York papers announced recently that Major General Francis H. ("Duke") Latham, Ret. has been elected President of the Federal Electric Corporation, Lodi, New Jersey, a field service subsidiary of the International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation.

E. J. ("Eddie") McGaw, Major General, has just been named Commanding General of the 6th AA Regional Command, Fort Baker, California. He formerly commanded the First Cavalry Division in Japan.

George Honnen, Major General, was recently transferred from Paris, France to Headquarters, Third U.S. Army, Fort McPherson, Georgia.

Don Leehey was at West Point during January visiting Bill Bessell. It will be recalled that he was formerly Director of the Atomic Energy Commission Organization at Santa Fe, New Mexico until a year

ago when he was retired for the third time (Number 1 retirement from the Military Service; Number 2 retirement from the Envelopener Corporation of Harrison, New York). Don and his lovely wife Gerrie have bought a home near Seattle, Washington, which is on the waterfront with a beautiful view of the Bay. The occasion of Don's visit east was to serve as a consultant to a manufacturing company which manufactures electronic equipment. Don's son, Donald Leehey, Jr. (USMA '51) and his young wife Sarah are on ROTC duty at the Missouri School of Mines. Don's youngest daughter Anne is working as a consultant to an engineering firm in Seattle.

A Christmas card received from Marge and Arthur ("Mac") McCullough contained a note which said that they have just returned from a seven weeks air trip east-bound around the world. They passed through Turkey and Lebanon just about a week before the war began in that area. They spent a glorious five days living on a houseboat in Kashmir. Later they visited Hongkong, finding that its riots and turmoil had quieted down before they landed. On the trip they saw these classmates—Parttridge in Bangkok, Lemnitzer in Tokyo, and Plank and McGaw in Honolulu.

As a matter of great interest to the class, I have noted from at least two sources that Lyman Lemnitzer will be seriously considered for the position of Chief of Staff, U.S. Army. My principal source of information on this score was the Army-Navy-Air Force Journal dated February 9, 1957.

—E. C. G., Jr.

1921 and 1922

On another page of this issue of *Assembly* is the report of Pughe's death last December. His wife had died the preceding spring. Saddened at the passing of such nice people, we Orioles will remember how quiet were their ways, and it is not surprising that these reports of death are so late.

Numa Watson writes of a reunion the Watsons, the Carpenters and the Leonards had in Williamsburg in December. Said the others looked fine, and we know the Watsons do. Len is teaching math and physics at William and Mary; he's afraid his classes may keep him from the reunion in June. Giles keeps busy selling life insurance. The Watsons went to Florida reconnoitering for a pleasant place to live, but no report on that yet.

Our classmates don't let up. Besides his vice-presidency in Thompson Products, Ben Chidlaw has become president of the American Ordnance Association. Orval Cook, who now makes his home in Falls Church, Virginia, is president of the Aircraft Industries Association. Orval says his prime reason for attending the reunion this year is to gauge for himself "how aged and feeble some of my classmates have become".

The Carys deserted Texas for Virginia to spend Christmas with their daughter, and they report having so much fun with those four grandchildren.

The month of February witnessed the retirement of Spry and Douglass so that no Orioles remain on active duty in the Air Force. The Army still has eleven: Chief of Staff (Taylor), SHAPE Chief of Staff (Schuyler), 2 corps commanders in Europe (Uncles, Mathewson), Commander of Army Forces in Alaska (Mudgett), three with armies in the US (McClure, Pierce, Rumaggi), Chief Signal Officer (O'Connell), Budget Chief in the Comptroller's Office (Lawton), and one professor (guess!).

Cort Schuyler is just about the oldest, old timer in Paris, with six straight years behind him and one or more still ahead. He

can't plan yet to make the reunion but will try.

John Uncles is also a doubtful arrival. Though corps commanders are busy people, John and Elizabeth managed to spend the Christmas holidays with their daughter and her artillery husband, stationed in Paris.

Toy Gregory is apparently going strong as a lawyer. He writes that "aside from working myself to death, I'm getting along fine". He has taken on an associate and expanded his office space, and it all sounds like success.

See you all in June?

—C. J. Barrett.

1923

Allen D. Raymond writes from St. Petersburg, Florida, that he will definitely be here for June Week. His son, Charles Leonard, will graduate then. Allen writes, "Our oldest son, Allen D. III, graduated in 1955, with the stars they forgot to give me; and our third, William M., is a plebe. The next one, Tom, enlisted last July and hopes to enter this coming July. Charlie Gettys and Cecius Lowe both live here in St. Pete but I seldom see either one. I spend most of my time playing bridge, and they don't".

The vital statistics of '23 seem to get more vital every issue. In a recent telephone conversation with J. C. King, I was bowled over to learn that he was married in December 1954 in Tangier and that last September 28th he became the father of a baby girl, named Sara Alexine after two of her great-grandmothers.

The McInerneys are here often for the basketball games and to see their sons. They have one plebe, Richard, and twin yearlings, John and Thomas. Freddie and Arleen Phillips are also frequently seen here, but for a different reason. They chaperone their lovely daughter to the cadet hops. Freddie is still in Albany, helping to keep the legal affairs of New York State in order.

We noted the following changes of station in the *Journal*: Colonel Bruce R. King to Hq. Boston Army Base; Major General John J. Binns to Hq. Sixth Army, Presidio of San Francisco.

Bill and Anne Longwell sent my cadet son, Richard, a box of boodle. To my astonishment, it contained a jar of "Pamplin's Honey". Yes, it's true—Hippo has settled down in Belmont near Boston and is raising bees; and the bees are producing some of the finest honey you ever tasted.

Ray Milton's new address is c/o George Fry & Associates, APO 63, San Francisco. He writes that he is in Taipai, Taiwan, with Ken Webber who heads up a civilian organization under contract to the Chinese Government.

Ralph Tudor's engineering firm is now ten years old. He writes, "Most of our work is here on the West Coast though we do have some overseas interests. I have taken two partners to share some of the travel and the headaches. Actually the headaches are very minor and I am now having and always have had a very interesting time".

Bill Craigie became dissatisfied with the narrow specialization resulting from his vice-presidency at Hydro-Aire, so he resigned that position in order to be a member of the boards of directors of Hydro-Aire and the G. M. Giannini Co., and a consultant to both. He feels this gives him a very broad perspective on the development of new weapons systems.

Clyde Rich has moved and his new address is: Apartment 6, 2202 Bancroft Lane, Houston, Texas. He writes, "Marge and I decided that being desert rats is not for us, so we pulled up stakes and moved to the moist air of Houston, Texas. For Marge

this represents a return to her "vaterland," since, in common with lots of '23, I found a Texas girl.

"All is well with us, the children like their schools, and their grandparents are nearby on a ranch, so there is the prospect of summer vacation there."

—W. J. Morton.

1924

The axe has fallen—we have been too verbose in this column—a form letter from The Editor has warned us all that some are consuming too much space in *Assembly* and after looking at the January issue we had that guilty feeling that maybe he was referring to the Class of 1924 notes.

George Smythe is retiring February 28, 1957 with his retirement parade at Ed Hart's headquarters at Fort Meade, Maryland. George and Susie, for the time being, will remain at the Woodner, 3636 16th Street, N.W., Washington 10, D. C. Bill Liebel said that he, too, would be retiring soon — he wasn't too sure as to his future address — but he can always be reached through the Class P. O. Box, Class 1924, USMA, Box 371, Benjamin Franklin Station, Washington 4, D. C. Walt Weinaug retired from the Air Force January 31, 1957—his post card said that he expects to be in the DC area for some time and was accepting a job as consultant to Headquarters, USAF, in petroleum engineering, on a part-time basis, for the time being. Colonel Mark A. H. Smith (ex-1924) retired from the Office of the Quartermaster General in Washington on January 31, 1957 and is now Assistant Vice President and Trust Officer of the Burke and Herbert Bank and Trust Company of Alexandria, Virginia. Mark and his wife live at 62 Woodmont Road, Belle Haven, Alexandria, Virginia. Frank Kreidel has completed his tour in the Far East and after April 1 can be reached at Hqrs Second Army, Fort George G. Meade, Maryland. Howie Ker goes to Europe (March 1957) his new address will be Major General Howard Ker, Engineer, USAREUR, APO 403, New York, New York.

Red and Erma Wrockloff, our dependable correspondents in San Antonio, have notified us as follows:

"Just a line to keep you abreast of the goings on of the Thundering Herd in the Texas south forty. It is a pretty spry group, numbering about 60.

"Our next round-up will be at the Fourth Army Officers' Club for cocktails and dinner on May 25th, 1957. It will be a modest affair at which we will refurbish memories and have a real nice homey time. It is an informal affair where all enjoy themselves and have a real good time.

"If any of our Classmates are passing through San Antonio at that time, we sure would like to have them aboard."

(We would like to add that we hope Zero Wilson will take some singing lessons before he attends the above gathering—this is based on reports from the last San Antonio gathering of the Herd.) Just as we had our Notes all written additional news arrived from Erma Wrockloff:

"We are hoping to add two more couples to our San Antonio 'Colony': Douglas and Kitty Smith have sublet a house at 115 Larchmont for several months.

"The Liebels are arriving about the first of March to be the house guests of the de la Rosas.

"George Wrockloff has qualified himself and Erma for the four-day convention of the Acacia Field Men in Phoenix, Arizona in late April. Their son, George, expects to be home in June from West Point for one month's leave after his first year.

"Fran Traywick, the former Mrs. R. O. Miller of St. Simon's Island, Georgia, joined the class at our December round-up. She and Jesse were married November 11th.

"Maude Ives will attend the state convention of the Gold Star Mothers at Amarillo as chairman of the Ways and Means Committee."

Sam Strohecker visited Washington the end of January and a few of us in this area were fortunate in seeing him. Dennis Mulligan was here on February 14 and saw the group at the Class luncheon that day. Don Storck attended the luncheon on December 13, 1956. Other "out-of-towners" at the December luncheon were Marcus Stokes from San Antonio, and Bob Miller from Santa Fe, New Mexico.

We recently added the addresses of two widows of Classmates whose whereabouts we hadn't know for some time, Mrs. Nathaniel C. Cureton, 217 West Craig Place, San Antonio, Texas (the Wrockloffs reported Cappy Cureton's address as 137 Parland Place—so now we don't know who is right—the Class files or the Wrockloffs), and Mrs. David J. Ellinger, 320 Thomas Jefferson Drive, San Antonio 1, Texas. We are still missing the addresses of several widows of Classmates and if anyone knows of any not carried on our list please send the information to Class Headquarters.

Rags Coughlin, 174 Long Avenue, Ham-burg, New York, has reported that he personally enjoys gardening, fishing and golfing about seven months of the year in the Buffalo-Niagara area, but finds that winter, with the heavy snows and necessary shoveling, is not much to his liking. They break the monotony of all this by spending February in Florida. Armistead Meade reporting from Fort Monroe, Virginia, said that he and his wife, Mary Bruce, and their second daughter, Pat, drove to Fort Benning, Georgia, this past fall; and there he found Sam Smithers going to town with Sam's insurance business, and Dinty Moore doing well in real estate. Willie Schaefer, he said, was keeping busy looking after his investments and other holdings. They also saw the Bill Liebels while they were in Columbus. Dennis Mulligan reports that he visited Slim Turner and the latter's charming wife, Alice, in their mountain fastness in the township of Freedom, New Hampshire, last fall and states that Slim and his wife are spending the winter near MacDill Air Force Base, Florida. Dennis also said that in December a mite-sized but lively, 1924 reunion was held in the Molly Pitcher Hotel, Red Bank, New Jersey, with Bill Cleary as host and Benz, Don Storck and Dennis present. On February 14, Dennis reported that he had a most enjoyable visit when he called on Mrs. Thomas C. Dawson, 1816 19th Street, N.W., Washington, D. C., who is the Mother of our deceased Classmate, Allan Dawson.

Miss Ann R. Outcalt, daughter of Jack and Corinne Outcalt of Arlington, Virginia, was married in the Post Chapel, Fort Myer, Virginia, on December 28, 1956 to Lieutenant Charles P. Saint, USA, Class of 1956, USMA.

Jim Kraft has changed his address from Buffalo, New York to Chimanistrasse 21, Vienna 19, Austria, and wrote in for an up-to-date address list as he said his mail was not being forwarded very regularly from Buffalo and he was still working on a three-year-old list. Jim said that he and his wife, Edith, were living in Vienna for an indefinite time while he was taking care of business interests. He reported that last fall he had seen Buck Lanham in Vienna. Jim and his wife spent Christmas and New Year's in Berchtesgaden and had joined up with Gordon Rogers there.

Dick Nugent, who has been back on active duty in the Pentagon as a member of the



Major General R. V. Lee, Class of 1924, being sworn in as Deputy, the Adjutant General, by Major General Herbert Jones, Class of 1919, The Adjutant General.

Cordiner Committee, states that his work should be completed by the first of March 1957 and that he hoped the Class would like the Committee's product. Dick said that as soon as this work was finished he and his wife, Helen, were selling their place on the Eastern Shore of Maryland and moving somewhere in the vicinity of Patrick Air Force Base, Florida, to establish a new home. He said that in the meantime his office address would be c/o Pan American World Airways System, Guided Missiles Range Division, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida. Dick's job will be assistant to the boss man of the Guided Missiles Range, which extends from Florida past the West Indies and South America to Ascension Island. Dick said that he had seen a lot of Dave Erskine who is Executive of the Federal Services Finance Corporation in Washington, D. C. and that when he, Dick, was a new and ignorant member of the Board of Directors of Federal Services Dave was his guide and technical advisor and that if anyone wanted to know how the finance business works he recommends Dave as being the expert. During his travels on the Cordiner Committee he had seen Pat Partridge who was looking fit and leaner than ever and that Pat, with his tremendous responsibilities, not only to us but our children and grandchildren, is a busy, serious man, but took time out to visit with an old Classmate. Dick feels that we can all be proud of Pat and the work that he is doing. Rich and Georgia Richardson had been down from New Jersey to bring in the New Year with the Nugents on the Eastern Shore. Even though Rich is now the industrial leader type (maybe the tycoon type) as Vice President of RCA he still bangs out mean tunes on the piano—using black keys only—a feat to give one pause and awe. Dick reported that both Georgia and Rich are as riotous and full of life as ever. Al Foote had written him from McLeansboro, Illinois, saying that he was again doing the horse show circuit but this time as a judge rather than a gentleman rider as in his younger days.

John Archer Stewart reporting from Palo Alto, California on December 20, 1956 stated that he had attended the wedding of Ben Mesick's daughter, Caroline, in the Chapel at the Presidio, San Francisco. Stew saw Smith, J. C. and Tom Malin at the wedding. Ben is the Los Angeles representative of A. D. Little Company, a Cambridge, Massachusetts Research and Industrial Survey

organization. In addition he has been elected to the city council of Claremont, California, where he lives. Onto Bragan was also at the wedding. Doc Smith, according to the report, has nothing now but a fringe of hair, and to think of all the hours he spent trying to save it. Doc is an investment counsellor and looked quite prosperous. Tom Malin is in his second year in the life underwriting and made the million dollar round table, that, according to Stew, in itself is some record. Tom appeared hale and hearty. His wife, Gwen, was unable to attend the wedding due to illness. In addition, John Archer said that he had seen George and May Elliott in San Jose and both were in fine fettle. Keg and Pat Stebbins, who live in Palo Alto, see the Stewarts frequently. Pat is recovering from a broken leg which occurred while on a fishing trip. Apparently she is fully recovered by now.

Rus Baker has moved to 153 Beechwood Avenue, Bogota, New Jersey, and is working for the Federal Electric Company in Lodi, New Jersey. He moved there last October. Jimmy Willis is also with Federal Electric at Lodi. Pat Pasolli, on February 4, called on Rus but unfortunately, did not find him at home. As Pat was on the road that day, he also pressed a call on Bill Slater who lives at 39 Woodbine Avenue, Larchmont, New York.

Frank Gillette reported that their first visitors from the Herd in their new home at 916 Highland Drive, Vista, California, were the Fred Keelers who had seen their address in the new Class address list. The Keelers were enroute to the vicinity of Guadalajara, Mexico for a six-month stay. Frank also reported that he had called on Briant Wells in Los Angeles and found that Briant had lost his wife during the month of November and was in the process of re-orienting himself, including the decision as to where to live. Briant's son and daughter live near him in the Los Angeles area.

George Pence has been elected as vice president and a director of the Universal-Rundle Corporation, which is a national plumbing fixture manufacturer; and George will have charge of the firm's cast iron division which includes manufacturing facilities in Camden, New Jersey and Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He will be located at the corporation's general offices at New Castle, Pennsylvania. They will continue to live at No. 6 East Spruce Avenue, Moorestown, New Jersey, until further notice.

Hey Roberts, whose winter address is Box 193, Blacksburg, Virginia, and for the three months during the summer is Sewanee, Tennessee, writes in saying that he is now a professor, and teaching engineering, drawing and descrip, at Virginia Polytechnic Institute in Blacksburg, and enjoying his assignment. He says that they bought a place at Sewanee, which consists of about 20 acres of woods and gardens and a lovely stone house which he and his wife maintain as a refuge. The place is about 10 miles from the Alabama-Tennessee border, and 4 miles south of Sewanee. Hey reports that his brother, Tom, had purchased a place at Punuluu in Hawaii. Hey said that Tom had had a heart attack last summer while living in Carmel Valley but has apparently recovered and seems to be able to enjoy himself again. Hey and Ann have two children, a son, Heyward, Jr., who is a senior at the University of the South in Sewanee, and another son, Thomas D., II, is a Third Classman at West Point.

It is with deep regret that we report the death of Mary Travette Burger — wife of Vonna Burger. She died of cerebral hemorrhage on February 25, 1957 at Walter Reed Hospital.

Dick Stephens, now Chief of Military History, Department of the Army, made a trip to the Far East in January and sent us the following note on his return to Washington:

"I didn't see Shorty Keeley in Honolulu but talked to him on the phone. He had just returned from San Francisco and sounded very chipper. He extended an invitation to all his classmates to look him up in Honolulu. In Japan I had dinner with Frank Kreidel and Charlie Palmer at Camp Zama. Both they, and their families seem to be enjoying life in Japan. I was especially happy to see Charlie and Jean Palmer's new addition. He is truly a chip off the old block, and never does anything except at a full gallop. Just before leaving, I had dinner with Helen Trudeau. Art was in Korea but Helen gets to see him now and then."

Bill Maglin's normal four year tour as The Provost Marshal General of the Army terminated on February 5, 1957—however, the Chief of Staff has extended his appointment until May 1958.

Les Simon was elected a Vice President of the Carborundum Company on December 20, 1956—he continues as Director, Research and Development Division of Carborundum, according to an announcement by Clint Robinson, President of the Company.

According to our records the following Sons of 1924 are due to graduate this June 1957: Donald B. Baughman; Charles H. Coates, Jr.; C. B. M. DesIslets; Gordon B. Rogers, Jr.; Francis R. Stevens, Jr.

1926

After pleading in two successive issues of *Assembly* for news, it was very gratifying to learn last month that someone reads this column. A fine letter was received from Eleanor Halversen which was so welcome, that pertinent parts of it are repeated here. She writes, "My Joe is teaching math at the Bullis School in Silver Spring, Maryland and enjoys it very much. Our daughter, Brenda, who is married to one Lieutenant Normand A. Cote and stationed at Kaneohe, Hawaii—Marine Corps, had a daughter last August 5th. She says it has red hair. Well, I shall dye that if I ever get my clutches on the child. Flaming red hair

goes against my grain; I think a temper goes with that, and I don't approve of tempers. I was so overcome with emotion at that West Point parade (Inaugural) that tears streamed down my face. It was simply superb! So proud Joe is a graduate. Our son, age 17, is 6 feet 1, good looking, athletic, sings in the choir, plays basketball, and was president of his class for three years. He can fix anything that goes wrong in the house—electricity or plumbing, so have decided to have him become a master mechanic and to heck with college!" Thanks a lot Eleanor; you can sue me now if you like, but your letter was too newsy to be overlooked.

From the newspapers we have learned that Boone Gross, president of Gillette Safety Razor Company, has been elected a director of Saco-Lowell Shops, manufacturers of textile machinery. By the same means we also discovered that Boone has been elected to Northeastern University's Corporation. This Massachusetts Corporation, which is comprised of more than 100 prominent business men, provides the general direction of Northeastern's policies. Congratulations, Boone. Your eminence continues to receive recognition.

Another newspaper story reports that Mary McKinney, daughter of Margaret and Marvin, has become engaged to a West Point First Classman named Robert Merrick. The couple will be married at West Point on the 6th of June, a couple of days after graduation. Mary attended Marymount College in Tarrytown, N. Y. and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania College for Women. Cadet Merrick attended Phillips Academy and Yale University before coming to West Point.

During the fall, a few class sons distinguished themselves in athletics and academics. Billy Roosma won a major A in soccer, and Cuthbert Hutton won his monogram in the same sport. Soccer and hockey incidentally, are now major sports at USMA, along with football, basketball, track, lacrosse, and baseball. On the academic side, the same Cuthbert Hutton (a yearling, by the way) was on the Dean's List for the 1st semester, as were Pick Collins and Tony Smith (second classmen). As previously reported, at the end of the last academic year, Smith and Hutton stood first and second in their respective classes. It is interesting to note that each has a brother in a preceding class: Rod Smith, Class of '53, and Church Hutton, Class of '58.

At a meeting of the Philadelphia Chapter of West Point Graduates last February, I had the good fortune to run into Chin Sloane and Jimmy James. They both looked very fit and seemed to be prospering, although I am afraid that in the excitement of this unexpected reunion, I failed to get the proper vital information as to their present conditions of servitude. Missing from the same banquet, although members of the Philadelphia contingent, were Bill Bayer and Skinny Ringler who were otherwise engaged on the evening of my visit.

I have an impassioned plea from Coke Carter to bring the information in the Register up to date about a lot of our classmates who don't like to write. Apparently they don't like to read either, for they have ignored a series of pleas from this column to let us know where they are or what they are doing. Not knowing where they are located I am at a loss as to how to get in touch with them. Everyone is urged to send me the addresses of any known classmates on the retired list. Maybe with a little more help from interested people like Eleanor Halversen, we can get this column back once more to a respectable size.

—Vald Heiberg.

1927

It is sad to report our loss of Jack Kilgore who died suddenly in Japan on December 10, 1956 of a ruptured stomach. He was the retiring Chief of Staff of the United States Korean Military Advisory Group and was returning to Fort Dix, New Jersey for a new assignment when he was stricken. Jack was buried with full military honors in Arlington Cemetery on December 19th. Mone Asencio, Guy Meloy, Tom Trapnell, Jack Griffith, and Ted Brown were honorary pall bearers. Gar Davidson, Ben Whitehouse, Woodie Burgess, Orrin Grover, Jack Hopper and Frank and Dorothea Ostenberg were present. Our deepest sympathy to the Kilgore family.

Ralph Doty, Howell Jordan and Harry Paxson joined our retired ranks on January 31. Harry has accepted a position with General Electric in Santa Barbara, California.

Recent changes in class assignments include Jimmy Collins from Alaska to Personnel in the Pentagon; Charlie McNutt from Germany to Fort Belvoir; Willis Matthews to Korea; Bob Sink from Brazil to XVIII Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg; and Bill Verbeck from Puerto Rico to Chief MAAG Brazil.

The New Year was marked by several weddings of Class Daughters: Norma Louise Curtis and Captain Wallace C. Steiger, Jr. at Fort Knox, Kentucky, on January 2; Gay Bixel and First Lieutenant Harold J. Bartell, Greenville AFB, at Henning, Tennessee on January 5; and Patricia Marian Collins and First Lieutenant Ronald N. Bowman at Fort Richardson, Alaska on February 2.

Ken Thiebaud is taking post graduate work at American University for his masters degree in Education.

Members of M Company will recall Greene Chandler Furman from whom we have not heard in many years. He is a prominent attorney-at-law in Washington, address 1424 K Street NW. Furman attended a West Point Luncheon in January at Fort McNair with Thiebaud, Ostenberg and Gar Davidson.

Joe Felber, of First Army, Governors Island writes that Ted D. Felber is in Co K-1, class of 1957, and Joe, Jr. is in Co C-1, class of 1960.

Harry McKinney is Vice President and Public Relations Officer of the JOA Company, Lake Wales, Florida. Young Horatio McKinney has been commissioned as Second Lieutenant, RA in the Transportation Corps and is the proud father of a daughter born in December.

Thanks to the thoughtfulness of Peggy McGowan, who called and alerted members of the class in Washington, many of us enjoyed a visit with the Gar Davidsons at home at West Point on Ed Murrow's Person-to-Person TV show. Gar and Verone and their splendid family made us justly proud.

Bix and Evalyn, and daughter Gay are settled at Fort Meade where Bix is Deputy for Reserve Components. We had the pleasure of showing Bix the USAR Training Centers in the DC Military District in February.

—R. G. Lowe.

1928

As the dead line for this issue approaches, so does Navy Weekend and then 100th Night so spring can't be far behind.

A letter at Christmas time from Sievers; he is Transportation Officer at 4th Army Hq. Fort Sam Houston. Ralph left Panama in

September. When he arrived at Fort Sam Houston, he found Cralle as G-1 and Willette in IG Section. His son Ralph, Jr. graduated from MIT in '53 and three days later was sworn in as a Second Lieutenant Engineers by his Dad at the Pentagon. Ralph, Jr. and his wife were to spend Christmas with Ralph and Ruth and accompanying them, the first grandchild Karin Ann born in September.

A Christmas card from Russ Blair bringing us up to date on his activities and family. Since retiring he has been busy studying. He has an M.S. in Ed., MA in Slavic Studies and Ph.D in Slavic Studies. Russ, Jr. is a radio announcer with WROW in Albany and has two children. Russ's younger son Bob married an Air Force "brat" and they are going to college in Philadelphia.

From Washington Stu McLennan writes—not much news. Saw Boatner, Chuck Born and Bob Easton here recently at an AFA Convention. Howard Bunker was here for a few days recently, and Aug Kissner was in from Spain. Roger Ramey retired a few weeks ago and is going to live in Fort Worth, Texas.

Stu, Jr. graduates from the Army flying school this week at Rucker. He and his family will be stationed at Fort Sill.

Hear that Doug Ludlam has been traveling in Florida on leave—could be he is thinking about '58.

We are all glad to hear that Skippy Harbold is getting along so well after his heart attack.

The Tommy Lanes, Dave Heimans and Ed Rebers were at West Point for Plebe Christmas.

Let's hear from you all; our next dead line will be the first of June.

—Peter D. Calyer.

1929

Classmates may be interested now and then in the proof that West Point changes from our day. Let me jump off with a comment on current branch selection. Cadets nowadays pick their branches in the latter part of March. In fact, with branch colors on dress uniforms, they have generally announced their intentions by the clothing orders placed at the display in the first part of February.

With sadness we report the death of Ralph Woods at Walter Reed in December. He suffered a heart attack in Germany in November just after taking over the Headquarters Area Command in Heidelberg. About twenty-five classmates were able to attend his funeral at Arlington. A letter from Grace, staying with George Bush, indicates she has not yet decided where she is going to live.

The Class of '29 continues to be promoted. Weary Wilson is a Major General of Engineers and Stan Jones a Major General of the JAG. Jack Person becomes a BG as Assistant Chief of Engineers for Civil Works and Cadet Jack Person, Jr., is recorded in General Orders of the Military Academy as Company Commander of the most outstanding company academically in the First Regiment of the Corps of Cadets. George Lynch is apparently tired of being a Major General and has retired. Harley Parks now heads all the Post Exchanges. Jim Quill becomes a Major General of the Comptroller type.

Jupe Lindsey again provides a helpful chunk of news as follows:

Buck Buchanan has been Chief of Staffing the Fifth Army since last August and goes to command 1st Division at Riley in March. Henry McKenzie arrived in Chicago from Tokyo last month to assume his new duties



1929—McKee, Robey and Keeler.

as Chief of the Chicago Quartermaster Market Center. Larry Bork is Chief, Michigan Military District. Chandler Robbins goes from Fort Leavenworth, where he has been Deputy Post Commander, to the Texas National Guard Advisor Group. Johnnie Hammond, formerly Chief, Tennessee Military District, has arrived at Fort Sheridan, Illinois to become Post Commander. Weary Wilson from the Pentagon and Bill Hamlin from the Army Signal Supply Agency in Philadelphia were recent visitors at Headquarters Fifth Army. Jupe offers what he calls a "rare" photograph of four classmates who had not seen each other for many years. You will note our esteemed classmates, Buchanan, Lindsey, Hammond and Steinbeck are carrying facial expressions of some distaste indicating a question as to whether they want to see each other for a few more years.

Joe Ladd, who is the Air Force member of the Army War College Staff, came by a few days ago with regards from Rand Kutz, reported to be spending considerable time skiing in the Pennsylvania hills. Joe left notes that Doubleday is at Bitburg, Germany; Don Graul in Tokyo, Japan; Pinky Wetzel still commanding the Atlantic Division of MATS at McGuire; and Tommy DuBose still commanding the Air Rescue Service at Orlando; Roger Browne commanding the First Air Force at Mitchel; Hughes Professor of Air Science at Dartmouth; McCartney at the University of Georgia at Athens; and Sommers at Tulane Univ. in New Orleans. I also note that Dud Wiegand has gone to be PMS&T at Colorado

State, Fort Collins. How professorial we of '29 do get! Pearl Robey sends a picture which he says proves that he (Commanding Ogden Air Materiel Area), Bozo McKee, Commander of the Air Materiel Command and George Keeler still maintain their generally handsome appearance and cadet figure. The picture also indicates that these three gentlemen considered it best to keep their caps on for photographers and that Bozo's typical pose still includes a declamatory gesture indicating that he is the member of the group doing the talking. Robey invites attention to the snow covered foothills.

I have a pleasant note from Kirk Kirkpatrick, District Engineer in Jacksonville, in which he offers hospitality to five cadets who were scheduled for Forum discussions and TV appearances of the colleges in his vicinity. Kirk mentions that he has a son at MIT who is probably going to transfer to West Point in July.

From the Far East, Paul Caraway, incident to answering a letter about the birth of the NATO Defense College, reports that Bob Ward is the stage manager for the West Point dinner, Herb Vander Heide has become Deputy Chief of Staff of the 8th Army, McNally its historian, McNally a BG, and that he, Paul, hopes to see some classmates coming by to do some shopping in the Far East incident to inspection trips prior to the deactivation of the Far East Command. Dink Hays is Signal Officer of the 8th Army. Tom Sands has gone to Korea.

From the other side of the world, Bill Vestal writing on the stationery of the MAAG



1929—Buchanan, Lindsey, Hammond and Steinbeck.

Group in Denmark, where he has been since February 1955 (address APO 170, New York), offers services as counselor and guide to Copenhagen. He comments ruefully on the winter heating plants of Denmark but speaks happily of the opportunities to travel around Europe. He reports Tom and Sis Conley in Stuttgart, Tom as Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations of the 7th Army. Lou Hammack is Inspector General in Heidelberg along with Bruce Easley who is the Adjutant General of our Army in Europe.

With thanks to the classmates we heard from this time and a plea for continuing assistance.

—Abe Lincoln.

1930

Dear Gang:

The past quarter has brought me a gratifying amount of correspondence. Letters have arrived from a score of places, and notes written on returned questionnaires have been numerous. As much as time permits, I have answered and will continue to answer individual letters. To all who have sent word of any sort my sincere thanks. To all others, an open invitation to contribute any scrap of information.

I may as well open this with a salute to the brass, noting with pleasure that twelve of our generals have made permanent Brigadier General. Bob Booth, Alva Fitch, Ham Hamlett, Louie Heath, Carl Hutton, Roy Lindquist, Ned Moore, Andy O'Meara, Bob Porter, Archie Stuart, Bob Wood and Sid Wooten all achieved this gratifying status in January.

At the other end of the line, so to speak, we lost three more files to retirement. Al Dennis and Tom Edgar both decided to "stack arms" at the end of January, while Dick Bristol found the medics adamant on the subject of his coronary and retired on February 28. We're all sorry to see three more good horses go to pasture. May they find the grass succulent and the climate temperate.

I note several moves of interest: Roy Lindquist has moved from the Infantry Center to the 3d Division, coincident with the retirement of George Lynch ('29). It doesn't take much imagination to see that second star on Roy's shoulders—a promotion that will be unanimously applauded. Phil Wehle wrote that Chris Clarke left the 4th Division early in February to be our MA in Mexico City, apparently completely recovered from his long and puzzling illness of last year. Bill Allen recently left his Artillery group in Germany to be PMS&T at Cornell. And Don Quinto left the G-2 business in Washington to become PMS&T at the University of San Francisco.

Among other moves coming up soon: Bill Taylor, our "one-man Army" in Italy, comes back to the States in June. And Carl Hutton leaves the Aviation Center at Rucker in June to go to Germany.

Wiley Ganey being Deputy Commandant of the NWC and Pie Nyquist being Vice Deputy Commandant of the ICAF, I usually get tipped off when a guest speaker on his subject is of special interest. During February the ICAF had Dave Baker to discuss Air Force procurement problems, and Pete King, now a wheel in the machine tool business, to give a talk on that industry. I greatly regretted that other matters prevented my seeing Dave, but I was able to join Pie and Pete for his lecture and lunch afterward. Both were excellent and I'm happy to report that Pete looks very well.

The Washington contingent gave itself a dinner-dance at the Army-Navy Country Club on February 2. (No snide remarks,

please, about "groundhogs"!)

In all, we mustered 42 people for what turned out to be a most pleasant evening. I must say I thought the assemblage looked both decorative and fit.

A note from Ster Wright speaks of a Paris cocktail party engineered by Bill Harris that found the Bartletts, Harrises, Janairos, Mandelbaums, Sachs' and Wrights foregathered, all, according to Ster, "looking young and gay".

Efforts to catch up with former members and relatives of deceased members are slowly bearing fruit. I've had responses in varying degree from several "foundlings", including a fine letter from Hall Stokes, now an Air Force Colonel, Adjutant of the 12th Air Force. Another ex-member who has responded is Turk Nelson, integrated as a Colonel of Transportation and now helping to run Brooklyn Army Terminal. I've also heard from Emmett Porter, who is vice president of Marsh and McLennan in Chicago.

Among the "next of kin" I particularly enjoyed a letter from Winnie (Castle) Millikin, Freddie's sister. Freddie's mother and younger sister, Hancey, live near her in New Jersey and all seem to be thriving. Hancey and her husband were in Peru a few years back and used to see Howie Quinn now and then. Howie, by the way, is Executive Director of the Port of Callao Authority, doing a terrific job of expanding and modernizing its facilities. Nice to know that one of our retired members is not only affluent but doing something of international importance.

Joe East's sister, who has always kept up her interest in Class affairs, writes that Joe's daughter Susan, who graduated from Missouri in 1952, is married to a newspaper man in St. Louis and has a daughter nearly three to keep her busy. A letter from Alston (Haggerty) Rigter reports that Bob's daughter Nancy is a junior at the University of California. Ila Packard wrote, reminding us that she claims the first Class Grandson, their daughter's child. "It may be named Thompson", Ila comments, "but it's a Packard model!"

Win Sisson writes from Berkeley that they are keeping up pretty well. Patsy dabbles in real estate as a side line, and they occasionally see other classmates in that area. Lyman Shaffer has left his job with the Wisconsin State Highway Department and taken a much better one with the Minnesota Engineering Company in Minneapolis. His family will join him there this summer.

That's about all for this time, rabble. More in the next issue. Regards to all.

—Sandy Stone.

1931

In 1200 words or less, the news of the class. I might add that if it hadn't been for Trick Troxel's news-letter with its request for funds and for the good offices of Herb Mansfield there wouldn't have been very much this time.

First of all, the gleanings from the journal and odd conversations here and there. Jocko Malloy is heading for the University of California to be P.M.S.&T. there; Merle Fisher and Gus Wirak are going to AFFE (Korea) in July and April respectively. Bob Bard is now advocating in the Pentagon, and Passarella and George Wertz are busy augmenting down in the AG office. Marvin Coyle has now joined the States Righters, having taken over control of the state of New Jersey. If this keeps up, 31 will have a majority of something or other, with Percy Lash in Wyoming, Bob Quackenbush in South Dakota, and Chet Landaker in North Dakota. Bill Woodward is returning from ADSEC to do something at Fort Jackson.

Hansborough goes to Alaska to be chief of U.S. Army developments. I am sure something will develop after he gets there. John Berry has taken over III Corps Arty at Fort Hood; Gordon Blake is going to San Antonio and offers anybody five strokes a round on his golf course (after he has been there some time and is certain that he knows the course).

As for the small fry, small news. Tom Marnane's boy graduates from Annapolis this year, and Hector Truly's daughter was married in San Antonio a month or so ago. Hector, by the way, flew back from Korea for the wedding and was seen in Hawaii by Trick on one of his many trips around the world. Trick also says that they have a new division in Hawaii — the 31st — Ed Messinger commanding, Ted Walker as Arty commander, and John McGee as Asst division commander.

Letters to Bob Alan didn't yield too much except some addresses that are being added to Troxel's file for the publication of a directory sometime. Johnny Inskeep invites us all down to Camp Wolter for a ride, says he has more planes than the Air Force. Tom Stayton, with more initials after his name than Johnson (Howard) has flavors, used a memo pad to scribble an almost unrecognizable invitation to visit him at Conad. I hope his check had a better signature. Amby Hughes states that he is with Lockheed in the Georgia division helping to build the new C-130A and he occasionally sees Dean Elmo Mitchell of Georgia Military Academy. Amby has already made reservations for the 30 reunion.

If I can, I will paraphrase Bill Jones' letter to Gus Wirak on the class book. The following words are lifted out of context but should give an idea of the progress. "At any rate we are going to have a much more complete book than the sample you gave me to work from. Unless something develops, we will have no pictures except cadet from— (15 names omitted to avoid embarrassment). We will have writeups from everyone but (16 names), but I shall attempt to extend the material from the Register etc. — While all the pictures may not be up to the highest standard, from the proofs I have seen, I am convinced that the book cannot help but be a source of great interest to all who receive it." There was much more but that gives a general idea of the progress.

The following is quoted practically verbatim from the very nice letter received from Herb Mansfield. "Yesterday Ellis, Hampton, Hackett and I had lunch together here in Heidelberg. Ellis, as DCS 7th Army, was in town to talk Comptroller Hackett out of some money. Harris is commanding the 11th AB and George Speidel has the 11th Div Arty. C. C. Smith has the Div Arty in the 8th Div. When I visited 7th Corps a few weeks ago, Leydecker was in the G-2 business; by now he may have a regiment. Buchwald is increasing the popularity of square dancing around Verdun; Dick Lawson is doing a terrific job as CO of the Seine Area Command; and Ted Parker is the US Army's gift to NATO. Phil Bethune and Ernie Easterbrook are involved in international affairs with COMLANDCENT at Fontainebleau. (Ernie was a visitor to the Pentagon two weeks ago and attended the monthly class luncheon). Ockie Krueger, according to Lawson is still trying to find a way to live comfortably in the Paris area. At Hq ComZ in Orleans, Bennie Krueger is the boss engineer and Roy Kaufman is DCS. Dick Greer is Deputy CO of BASEC at Poitiers. During my visit to the BASEC area, I had a very enjoyable bit of wine and dining chez Greer. Jerry and Dick's quarters are quite a contrast with the spaciousness and surroundings they enjoyed at Fort Myer before coming to Europe. From hear-

say evidence I understand that P. O. Ward is thoroughly enjoying life in Denmark, partly due to having become quite skillful in speaking the native tongue. The "hearsay" suggests that "if you thought P.O.'s stories were funny in English, you should hear him tell them in Danish". Jim Corbett, Deputy IG in Heidelberg, reported after a recent visit to Oslo that thanks to Helen Irvine's graciousness and other sterling qualities, Mike is still a citizen in good standing. Cardell and Chapell are reported still in Italy. The Hardicks and the Harrisons were here for visits recently. The Hardicks came down from their chateau in Belgium, and the Harrisons from Greece, ostensibly for a vacation and a visit to old friends in the Augsburg Area, but from what Pat took back with her, I suspect that shopping was a main interest. Maybe the fact that Skidmore is the big boss in the PX cloak and suit business in Nurenberg had something to do with it. Visitors to Bonn can look to the Army's liaison officer, Lichirie, for guidance through the striped pants hallway. The Freddy Bergs are also here in Heidelberg, but Ruth has been sick for a while and has recently spent considerable time in the hospital."

That is all the news for this issue. My apologies to Herb for the liberties that I took with his script and my sincere thanks to him for the news. I might add that Ted Decker must have brought my name to the attention of some one in the front office. Anyway, Betty and I are no longer planning to paddle up and down the Nile a la Antony and Cleopatra, but instead will bask on the beach at Beirut, my orders having been changed yesterday.

—Phil Stiness.

1932

Writing this is always painful since in the process I must unavoidably read it myself. Starting with this issue, therefore, I have cut the interval to one-third its former length, by turning in the low-speed typewriter for a stenographer. The only rub is that the latter is no gratuitous issue government model.

I thought the worst was over when I shelled out 119 bucks for her Speed-writing course, but it turns out that the working conditions are even more difficult (for me) than that distasteful practice. Apparently dictation is best taken at 0930 of a holiday morning after I gather the pillows to prop up the aforementioned stenographer in bed, en negligé of course, and with frequent timeouts while I pour a fresh cup of coffee (for her). I'll admit that the price is right and it is possibly journalism of a sort, but if there is a shred of foundation for the belief that a dead man turns over in his grave when one of his basic principals has been outraged, I know a guy they call Pinwheel Pulitzer right now.

Just for laughs, let's see how it turns out.

Probably no man in the U.S. Army has more friends than Pop Duncan and to a man they've given him sound advice—never get maneuvered into a duel of wits with one of the higher order mammals. The seed has fallen on flinty ground, however, as Pop's latest letter reveals.

He has acquired another boxer as threatened and has named it Axel, presumably because he goes around with the wheels in Berlin. At the tender age of 4½ months, Axel already weighed in at a belligerent 45 pounds; very little of which is wasted on other than bone, muscle or molars; and I'm afraid that even then he had the Duncan household completely cased.

As of the writing, Pop was in the process of housebreaking Axel. The usual well known methods were employed, following



Colonel Edward W. Suarez, '32, winner of a Silver Anniversary Award of the Washington, D. C. Touchdown Club, talks with Douglas MacArthur, II, U.S. Ambassador to Japan (on Colonel Suarez's right), and two other recipients of Silver Anniversary Awards at the Touchdown Club dinner in January. The Awards were presented to twenty-five men selected for outstanding achievement and service to country since graduation from college from football lettermen of twenty-five years ago.

which Pop, a stern disciplinarian of the old school (you know *what* old school) would toss Axel out the first floor window into the garden.

This went on for about a week, at the end of which time Axel had taken things into his own capable paws. Unbidden by anyone he now goes through the complete routine himself; an interested glance at the chef d'oeuvre, a look of cold contempt for Pop, then jumps out of the window unassisted. That may be good news for dog lovers, but it is getting so that I dread opening the mail. Any day now I expect to read where the training cycle is complete and that after the standard preliminaries, Pop jumps out the window.

Join him, Pop, join him.

Moves since the last issue have brought Jim Massey from Atlanta to Headquarters Second Army at nearby Fort Meade, and John Keating to what is probably one of the Army's most broadening jobs, i.e., Executive Officer of the National War College. To gild the lily, they also moved into quarters at Fort McNair at the same time and needless to say, John and Beatie are delighted on all counts.

Bill Culp must by now own the first mortgage on Leavenworth because a news release says he is about to start on his fourth assignment there. After a short wartime course in '42, he took the first regular course in September of '46 and began his present tour in July 1953 as a Department Director. He has just been made Deputy Post Commander and presumably will stay there until someone thinks up a Midwest Manchu. To complete the hometown flavor, Winnie (Stillwell) is a Kansas City gal and a graduate of Kansas University.

Bugs Cairns is nearing the completion of Army Aviation flight training in the Fall and as of now is scheduled to take command of Fort Rucker when he finishes the course. Going still farther south Lou and Mary Coutts have moved to Headquarters U.S.A. Forces Antilles and Military District of Puerto Rico at Fort Brooke, a delightful spot, where Lou relieved Bill Verbeck ('27) who just received a second star. Let's hope it's an occupational disease of the job.

Poo and Pula Hillsinger have moved also, and I must confess the return address on the letter from their new location is more confusing than somewhat. Imprinted clearly was Melbourne Beach but the postmark said INDIALANTIC. Since I always thought Melbourne (and of course any associated beaches) was in de Pacific, I

looked it up in the atlas. Well, this one happens to be located in Florida but even so, it is not in de Atlantic but on de Banana River. If you write, use P.O. Box 194, and it might reach them.

Another move that we hated to see was Dossie Davidson's to Fitzsimons Hospital in Denver. Even though it will be a month before this is read, I'm afraid she will still be there so how about sending her a deluge of get-well cards? They have some in Brentano's that would even make a comptroller smile.

I don't know if the Zodiac has been acting up, but recent news has acquired a distinct astral flavor. Jude Abell, C.O. of the Army Map Service, has teams of scientists on certain Pacific islands where they will introduce a new method of surveying during the International Geophysical Year. To pinpoint those islands on maps and navigation charts which heretofore were in error by as much as a mile, they will use radio data received from the earth satellite. In a newspaper interview Jude pointed out that the new method is not only rapid and relatively inexpensive but about ten times as accurate as the astronomical positions now being used.

New stars completely visible to the naked eye are second ones which appeared on the shoulders of Dwight Beach, Director of Guided Missiles here on the General Staff and Harvey Fischer, the gentleman of Verona. Both are interesting constellations and popular choices in anyone's book.

Biggest star of the quarter, however was Ed Suarez, who came to Washington to receive a Silver Anniversary Award at the Touchdown Club dinner in January. He was one of twenty-five winners selected nationwide from football lettermen of 25 years ago, on the basis of outstanding achievement and service to their communities since graduation. It was fast company throughout. Among the recipients were two university presidents and the Dean of the Episcopal Cathedral in Jacksonville; among others, while the judges counted such established personnel evaluators as Benson Ford, Harlow Curtice, J. Edgar Hoover, et al. Guests at the banquet included the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the Vice President, Speaker of the House, the Attorney General and some 1,500 others. The accompanying cut shows some of the recipients with Douglas MacArthur 2nd who incidentally served with Ed in SHAPE and is now the new Ambassador to Japan, on Ed's right.

It would be well if there were nothing but

happy items to report here but we really got some shockers in the past month. Lovely Polly Campbell lost a long tough bout with cancer and we'll miss her as much as we would any other member of the class. Just thinking of the period 1947-50 here in Washington when we had our largest concentration ever, recalls to mind the vivacious, warm-hearted gal who thought that anything George did was wonderful, and was always ready to help him.

In lieu of flowers, the class has sent a check to the American Cancer Society in memory of Polly. A couple of individuals have followed suit and if anyone else is so inclined, it would not be a bad investment.

In Portsmouth, New Hampshire, Walker Goodrich's mother passed away as did Barbara Hinshaw's father, Brigadier General Frederick B. Shaw, here in Washington. General Shaw, who had served in the Army for 41 years was buried in Arlington, where Lon Smith and others represented our class.

In our junior league, the engagement of pretty Ann Beach to Mr. Donald Jaekle of Seymour, Connecticut (Yale, '53) was announced. Ann will graduate from Vanderbilt this June and the wedding will take place sometime during the summer.

At West Point our two Mikes continue to make good news for us and bad news for visiting teams. Mike Keating who took the heptagonal pole vault championship two years ago, cleared an impressive 13 feet 4 inches in a track meet with Pitt. Against New Hampshire the same day, Mike Harvey racked up one goal, three assists and several opposing wingmen.

Speaking of athletics, Alex Graham's brother, William, is on the cross country team at Annapolis. He is a second classman and like Alex as a cadet, has worn stars for the past three years.

Plans for the reunion are proceeding apace and if you have any questions, suggestions, or other impedimenta, contact Pete Hinshaw at West Point who is the major domo and the major reason why it's going to be the best ever. The biggest problem is always the quarters and that has been completely solved. Men over 15 can stay in cadet barracks of course and we shall have a '32 dormitory for the ladies either on West Point or at Buckner, site of the Saturday picnic.

Incidentally, don't use this as an economic criteria or a bludgeon over the committee's head, but the following is a verbatim quote from the announcement we sent out for the gathering at West Point in May of '41. (As you recall it was intended as a warm-up for the following year's tenth reunion which typically enough was cancelled by War II, just as our graduation leave and other sundries were cancelled by The Depression). Quote. The complete cost of liquor before dinner, dinner itself, liquor after dinner, (we're certainly in a rut again), and dancing, will be \$1.50 per person. Unquote.

That shows the progress we've made in 16 years, fellows, the dinner dance is going to cost you seven bucks each this time.

In closing, I'd like to put in a small plug for service in Washington which is much maligned by the couth and uncouth alike. In the course of a workday week, you do see many interesting people as a couple of recent incidents show. When Paul Yount ('30) staged a world wide jamboree for Transportation Corps officers it brought Frank Besson over from Paris and Rush Lincoln from Eustis, which called for a small party for them chez nous. By good luck the Jim McCormacks were also in town as house-guests of Dick and Helen Coiner and contributed to the sport. Conversation was lively as usual and when a three-cornered debate developed among Dick, who is the Air Force's Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Atomic Energy, Jim who had the job be-

fore him, and Ken Nichols ('29) who used to be General Manager of the AEC and practically invented the neutron, you couldn't see across the room for gamma rays.

Nursing the first cup of coffee with Pat next morning, we fell to discussing the evils of mid-week parties and the advantages to be gained by improving the quality of the tanning fluid we serve.

"Why don't you zip home for lunch?" she said. "I'll have it all ready and you can get a little rest."

"I can't," I replied, "I'm having lunch with the Chief Signal Officer of Cambodia."

"Oh well," she giggled, "that's how it goes. Ask a silly question and you'll get a silly answer." —Ken Zitzman.

1933

The new series of monthly luncheons on the first Tuesday of the month are getting a very good turnout considering the usual Pentagon pressure. Anyone expecting to be in Washington during the first week of the month should check with the most available local yokel and join us. At the January lunch, Ted Conway announced his initiation into the SERGEANT BROWN CLUB (for details, initiation fee, etc., write Ted). Incidentally there won't be a luncheon in May because we are having our Spring dinner dance May 11. We hope some of you visiting firemen will attend. The December party was a huge success.

With the number of retired classmates rapidly increasing, we have lost touch to a certain extent and would like to review the "retired" situation in the next *Assembly*. So how about all of you "bankers" writing a note to SECRETARY, 1933 WEST POINT SOCIETY, Pentagon, Washington, D. C., telling him where you are and what you are doing.

Dave Gibbs reports from Fort Monroe, February 19: "There have been no changes in the group here since my last report of Bill Blandford's impending departure. The expected promotion came through pretty quickly after he departed. All members here were in hearty agreement with the selection. Ned Gee is our next victim and is being congratulated on a promotion which it is felt will not come through with quite the celerity of Blandford's. Gladys Gee is moving to Williamsburg and is to be congratulated on a good job in connection with the 350th anniversary of Jamestown (Jamestown Festival). We all expect some visitors at that time, and you are advised that several classmates live in large, roomy houses." Dave visited the Olsons here in February.

Fred Zierath reports from Fort Benning, February 19: "Unfortunately, the news for this next issue is rather scarce. Chet DeGavre and Ed Doleman were graduation speakers for classes at the Infantry School recently. Ivan Parr and Bus Evans visited Fort Benning recently on business matters. Bill Thompson, stationed at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, retired just recently. Tom Beck has departed for a new station in Alaska."

Bob Arnette's new address is 216 Newbury Terrace, San Antonio. Bob visited Duff Sudduth several times before his death. In spite of considerable pain, Duff continued his efforts to the end to obtain more adequate equipment for Brooke Army Hospital "with topmost thought and effort to help his fellow man." Bob reports: "Visited Fort Sam on February 8 and saw Cooper, Fuller, Damon, Macherey, who are stationed there, and Clyde Jones who was there from Sill for a G-1 conference. 'Pinky' Webster called me from Kelly early in February. He was enroute back to Japan. Jane Alspaugh

and kids are at 234 Sabyan Dr., S. A. (Ralph's in Korea). Saw 'Skippy' Cooper—he was buying fishing tackle in preparation for a trip to the Coast. Said that Pugh Pearson had arrived at Fort Sam but was not yet assigned (February 20)."

Adrian Hoebeke reports from ProvMAAG-K, Korea, February 18: "Ted Schull is now in J-4 FEC; T-Bone is C/S Advisory Group, 1st ROK Army; Ralph Alspaugh, Senior Advisor, 5th ROK Div.; and Bob Franklin, Ex. 24th Div. Arty., Korea. It's out of my sphere but Pop Risdien and Ed Ashworth are in Taipei." Hoebeke is returning in May and has kindly volunteered the services of Doug Gilbert as the local scribe (Doug Please Note).

Cal Smith reports from Sixth Army, February 25: "Bill (sans buffalo) Quinn and his fine family are now well entrenched at Fort Lewis. He and Bette visited the Presidio recently. Gary Porter is in the throes of a stringent diet. It is still too early to predict the outcome. Saw Gwinn Porter recently. He and family are fine and thoroughly enjoying their tour at Fort Baker. Fred Gibb, 'Mo' Edwards, and Emmanuel Cepeda are all going strong at Fort Ord. Members of our class who are considering planting their roots in the near future certainly should put the Monterey area on their list of prospective spots.

"Rumor has it that George Powers will soon be departing from Fort Lewis for the Far East. Haven't heard yet where his lovely wife, Teenie, and the seven little Powers will stay. Moving that large a group always presents a major logistical problem. I recall one such movement when George and family stopped momentarily at a filling station in Richmond. Upon reaching Washington, it was discovered that one member of the family had been left behind. He is now careful to take inventory after all stops.

"Walt Jensen is deeply engrossed in preparing for the support of some atomic tests in Nevada next summer. This is, of course, in addition to normal duties as CG at Camp Irwin.

"Jack Schmeltzer reports they have been pretty well snowed in at Boise, Idaho. However, he assures me that all transportation is functioning in the area and he would welcome classmates to his Military District at any time.

"Since my last report to the *Assembly*, my niece, Wiffi Smith, has turned professional. To date, I have not received an S.O.S. for funds, so I guess she is doing all right hitting the little white ball. That is more than I can say for her uncle, who is now known as the greatest philanthropist on the golf course."

Chuck Broshous was unable to make his usual contribution from West Point owing to the death of his mother and his consequent absence from West Point during the "contributing" period. I'm sure Chuck knows that we all join him in deepest sympathy in his bereavement. Pat Guiney writes from Highland Falls that he is retired and teaching math in the H.F. High School. Pat has built a home there and the latch string is out for any classmates. He states that anyone contemplating teaching on retirement might save a few headaches by contacting him with regard to qualification requirements. Pat occasionally sees Buck Pohl who is retired and lives in Cornwall.

Bob Speiser is here on the Army Augmentation Board. Freddy Coleman is back from Korea and is Senior Military Advisor to the Asst Sec Def for Manpower, Personnel, and Reserve. Solomon at present writing is enjoying convalescent leave in Florida.

Lyle Bernard is due to quit "Ulcer Gulch" in April, get "dedicated", and be assigned to Hqs USARPAC in July. Anyone passing through Honolulu is invited to look him up. He will be our scribe for Hawaii "cross-

roads". Lyle reports in the "ain't we gettin' old department" that he talked not long ago to Sam Gates who graduated from the Academy last June and is "carrying on" in the best Gates tradition. (Dick Gates is a plebe.) Lyle's daughter, Mary Lou, is to be married in June.

If the class news seems a bit sparse this issue, it's due not only to the fact that a "recruit" has taken over from Harry Sweeting but also that the deadline date for copy was moved up ten days on very short notice. As you can see some of our "scribes" were not able to make it. We all hope to be a little better coordinated for the next issue.

—Bing Downing.

1934

For the past two years, the winter season at West Point has seemed to attract visitors from the Class of 1934, but strictly on an official basis. In early February of this year, Jud Reeves, in his capacity as Director of Military Personnel for the Air Force, repeated the expedition which he had made in 1956. His trip was a "flying" one in more ways than one. He flew from Washington to Stewart Air Force Base on the same evening he was due to talk, arriving at West Point about ten minutes before the start of his lecture, which, incidentally, was given to the entire First Class on the subject of what the Air Force has in store for those of the graduating class who select "the Wild Blue Yonder". Jud had about an hour in which to relax after the lecture, and then he was off again for Stewart Field and Washington.

Not to be outdone by the USAF, the Army Aviation Headquarters in the Pentagon sent their representative to talk to the First Class just a few days after Jud's visit. In this case '34 crashed through again, for the Army wingman was no other than the Executive Officer to the Chief of Army Aviation, Hal Edson, who has added wings to his combat infantryman's badge. Hal flew up from Fort Belvoir in an Army plane, but had a more leisurely stay than Jud, remaining at West Point almost 24 hours and taking time for a quick look around the post and a chance to catch up on the old institution.

In January Bill Himes, who is PMS&T at the University of Pittsburgh, brought a number of his ROTC cadets to West Point for a 3-day visit. Bill brought Rachel along with him, and they took the opportunity furnished by the visit to renew their acquaintanceship with USMA. Unfortunately, they had to fight their way eastward through a snowstorm, but they made it without mishap.

Other visitors to West Point, for obviously different reasons from those which prompted the visits described above, were

Doris and Charlie Wood and Fran and Bert Spivy. They descended on the Academy during the Christmas leave period for visits with their respective Plebe sons. The Woods drove from Fort Sheridan, where Charlie is Fifth Army Ordnance Officer, and Spivys came up from Washington, Bert having been able to shed his duties in Military Operations for a few days.

A number of months ago the eagerly-awaited class book, *Recognized*, came off the press and started on its way to class members; and we assume that everybody has long since had a chance to peruse it thoroughly. A vote of thanks is certainly due to Jack Donoghue for the great amount of time and work which he put into the preparation of the book, and we are confident we can speak for the whole class in giving Jack a big "THANKS" in this column for his outstanding job! We have no idea as to whether extra copies are available; but anybody who failed to receive the book or who would like to have an additional copy might try writing to Jack at 1521 28th Street N.W., Washington 7, D. C.

A couple of clippings recently received by the Association of Graduates indicate that Bob Bahr took over the job of District Engineer of the Savannah District in December 1956, replacing Tom Rogers, who moved to a similar job in New York. Bob has been in the Corps of Engineers since 1947, at which time he transferred from the Field Artillery.

Ted Hoffman reports that he has had a change of orders since the beginning of the year, so that, instead of going to the Army Language School in 1957 and to Viet Nam in 1958, he is now due to attend the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, reporting there in the first part of August. In the meantime Ted stays on at his present job with the 18th AAA Group, South Park Military Reservation, Broughton, Pennsylvania. According to the latest dope available to Ted, when he moves on to Carlisle his present job will probably be taken over by Yale Wolfe.

Dale Smith has undoubtedly been the "most famous" member of the class in the past three-month period, as indicated by quite a news spread appearing in the *New York Times* on February 11th, reporting Dale's appointment as Chief of the United States Military Assistance and Advisory Group in Saudi Arabia and Commander of the Second Air Division at Dhahran. Dale acted as military aide to King Ibn Saud during the king's visit to the U.S. and was reportedly due to take off for his new post in the latter part of February. The article was accompanied by a picture, feet first, of Dale lounging on a sofa with his son Chipper, at their home in Bethesda. Apparently the photographer found that he couldn't fit all of his subject into the frame with the usual vertical arrangement! —Renfro.

1935

Under the Class Charter, an election is scheduled for late February for the election of a new slate of Class officers. In case the word has not reached some of you by now, there is an Executive Committee from the Washington contingent of the Class. On this committee is a chairman, vice-chairman, secretary-treasurer, historian and two members. John Gloriod, Bill Proctor and Dick Agnew were entrusted with the task of nominating a slate. They were aghast at the existing state of utter chaos and hurried forth to remedy matters with a good group. The election will be held after this goes to press but the nominees are: Chairman—Breaakefield; Vice Chairman—Russell; Secretary-Treasurer — Ahem, Yours truly; Historian — Hall, F. B.; Members (2) — Walsh and Rich. In the meantime rumor is that the loyal opposition looked over affairs and figures the best punishment they could think of was to allow the above to stew in the well-seasoned juice. Hence, there appears to be no opposition as Election Day approaches. Everyone thanked out-going Prexy Carmon Rogers for his fine work.

Charlie Rich has done a great deal of work in preparing a composite Class roster of addresses. It is almost complete and is being mailed to everyone who can be located. At the same time a short questionnaire will be inclosed, and it is the fond wish of the statisticians that the questionnaires be completed and returned. Do not follow normal instincts. If anyone can supply any missing info, it will be gratefully received. While on a serious vein, the Washington gang hopes everyone will start planning now to make the 25th Reunion. Our Silver Anniversary should be the best yet, but it can be a success only if we make the maximum effort to get back and have a big turnout.

The social activities on the Potomac continued with a December whing-ding at the Army-Navy Country Club and with the luncheons on the third Tuesday of each month in the General Officers Dining Room. Jim Alger, Jim Skells and Stumpy Haug have been major domo-ing the luncheons all year while Iron Man Russell is the Chief for the Class Parties. Iron Man informed us at the January luncheon that there will be another party in mid-Spring. The Class promptly ratified the decision subject, of course, to the veto of the ladies, since everyone wants to remain on at least friendly terms with his better half. The picture below belatedly shows the November Joint Class of '35 Army-Navy luncheon at the Naval Gun Factory. As one can plainly see, the Navy really can lay one on.

Individual Class news is a bit scarce this time but here goes. Moon Ferris snuck into town for a few days, but left before he



Joint USMA-USNA Class of 1935 Luncheon in the Officers Club at the U.S. Naval Gun Factory, Washington, D. C.

could be elected to anything. Charley Hoy is now Executive Assistant to the President of the Citadel (General Mark Clark). Bob Wood continues to be a wheel in Chicago, while Ham Twitchell is going on TDY from OSD to go to the Harvard gentleman's course to learn to be one. Charley Leonard and Marge and tribe are bivouaced at Benning. Charley is now Director of Instruction at the Infantry School. Although fairly recent arrivals, Jack Howell and Jack Davis already have that glazed Pentagon look. Gib Sherrard was in Washington in February as advance guard in charge of house hunting. He is now in Puerto Rico as CO of Fort Buchanan but is going to the War College next year, where he will hear pearls of wisdom from Instructor John Duffy. Gib reports that the Class of '35 has just about completed the occupation of Panama. Jim Frink is Chief of Staff, USARCIB, Noel Cox is G-1, Bud Russ is G-3, Duckie Farnsworth is G-4, while Joe Wiechmann is the Comptroller. Joe Stancook is also Comptroller of the Caribbean Air Command—at New Orleans however. Jack Buckler, the "Waco" half of our backfield combination is at Houston, Texas. Dave Stone is about to be pried out of Fort Sam and soon will be headed for St. Louis for duty with the Reserves. Glenn Thompson is rumored to be or have been in Bolivia. Frank Murdoch minus his fair one and five kids was in town from SHAPE to see that General Norstad didn't get lost. Frank then missed the plane—a little bad weather in Carolina (at least Frank says so). Wollaston was in town during January enroute to SHAPE according to unreliable and hastily written notes. Casey Boys reports from Japan having seen Tom Gent and Wilby in Korea.

The Carlisle clan gathered for cocktails at the Everetts when Frank Osmani came through. The Everetts have visited Bill (W. L.) Herald, Jr., at the Scotlands School for Veterans Children, Scotlands, Pennsylvania. Bill, Jr., is to graduate this year—exact date not known. Bill, Sr. (killed in the war) left two children: Anne now about 19 and Bill about 17. They have been raised at the Scotlands School and have not had an easy time. Some of the Class plans to attend the exercises. A card or a note particularly from Bill, Sr.'s Class friends would probably be helpful. If anyone is near, a visit would be even better. Anne is at Westchester College, near Philadelphia, studying music. The VA finances schooling within certain limits. The Class thanks go to the Everetts who have worked hard and generously on this project.

Larry St. John commands the 30th Engineer Group at the Presidio of San Francisco. The sun apparently never sets on his world-wide diggings. He is taking or has just completed a 40-day around-the-world inspection trip.

Well, that's about it. The Class exchequer is about to fall under \$500. When it falls below, a dun of a dollar bill will be triggered. This could happen soon, depending to some extent upon the fiscal policies of the new high command. Any news, however tenuous, is vitally needed to prevent the writer from inventing some. Keep sending info to Mitchell, C. B., at RFD 3, Box 567, Fairfax, Virginia.

1936

Whatever these statistics prove, "names-in-the-news" for this column exceed by over twenty percent actual individuals sending in answers to the questionnaire we sent out before Xmas. Several of the class have joined my business, so-to-speak, in trying to actuarially compute statistics one way or the other. Without facts to back it up, I have a



SONS OF THE CLASS OF 1936

Front Row (left to right): Evans, Sibert, Gooding, Dorland, Cato.

Rear Row (left to right): Barlow, Lampert, L. Geist, T. Geist, Sievers.

"feeling" that many have not answered because they believe they are repeating questions of an earlier year. On the other hand, we have received opinions from some who had not before spoken their minds. Because of this, I should like to defer until later the answer to the poll—so that those who have not reported may not draw a conclusion that there's no use hearing from them. Therefore, please write in or let me know if you want another "poop sheet".

Certainly one piece of statistic that I'll let you have, is that still one-fourth of those reporting are NOT subscribers to *Assembly*, and I therefore conclude, not members of the Association. However, about 99.99% answered they favored the class resolution of 1956 which under Par 2.d. (3) states "The class shall support the following: Participation by members of the Class in the Alumni Association." If there's anybody who doesn't know the address of "West Point" where the business office of the Association of Graduates and where the editor of *Assembly* sit, I'll be delighted to forward any requests for membership.

Bob Safford has been watching over our sons at USMA and he reports that all of them are highly regarded by faculty and "tacs". The list now there are Gooding, Sibert, Cato, Tom Geist, Lampert, Dorland, Barlow, Evans, Finley, Lawrence Geist, and Sievers. As of Xmas, the first five named were on the "dean's" list, or ranked in upper third of their classes. From the other school, the Air Force Academy considers yearling Brad Hosmer among its brilliant cadets. All this information is highly satisfying and all these young men, their parents and the Class are to be congratulated.

From Montgomery, Alabama, Mae and Jack Arnold are still around. T. C. Rogers is the commandant of all Air Force ROTC with headquarters there also. "TC" has appeared in the news several times, and he writes that he has four sons he hopes to get in the Academies (so do Evans, Gage and one or two others).

At Wright-Patterson Bartella, Estes, and Shores are still represented. Roy got an additional assignment recently, but not another promotion. Austin is the only body at Grandview, Missouri; and Miles at Hill AFB, Utah.

Bill Connor, Dunn, Dawalt and Buynoski are becoming rooted to Fort Leavenworth. Eddie forgot to send me dues in his questionnaire. Later he explained he has truly become "the absent minded professor" type. It's the kind I like though, because he "over" contributed in his next letter. It makes me pretty happy to see a number of you people even with families of girls-only, over-subscribing to a fund that for the most part has been talked of to give gifts to sons only. One of the C&GSC gang, who retired (and therefore finally left the school) wrote

from Palo Alto, California; Ralph King writes he has no regrets. He is with Lockheed guided missiles. Beautiful Janet is an 18 year old freshman at Miami University in Ohio.

Jack and Nan Daly are still at Sill. Kessler is at Bliss. I think Mikkelsen has been at Pueblo, Colorado, as long as I've been on this job (and boy! that seems long). He told me sometime ago he had bought a house;—no wonder! Maxie Kallman is in El Paso, and of course Bill Longley is "professor" in Houston. The Terrells are with the 34th Air Div, at Kirtland, New Mexico. Last heard, Punsalan was nearby with quite a sizeable brood. Also, out there and an "old-timer" is Tim Willis. This good-ol' Georgia boy has been in Texas a long time.

Comments, notes and letters from the Capitol-contingent have been appreciated. Heard from or of—Billingslea (going to McNair War College), Bodine, Breaks, Carmichael (represented the Class? in the Olympics), Cato, Combs, Edwards, Furphy, Gaston (just finished AFSC, Norfolk), Goodwin, Holterman, Hosmer (who doesn't know he's "rubbing-it-in" when he tells goat-Gage that he's got his Ph.D) probably Clark is afraid Brad is doing so well that Dad better get sharpened up. Jack Kelly, Lambert (also going to Nat'l War Coll), Layne, McCorkle, McElheny, Michaelis, Partridge, Persons, Quinn, Len Shea, Rip Smith, Steele, Turnage temporarily studying dago to go to Rome next summer. Oldest son Jack is taking Presidential now to get up to USMA—Good luck, Wurt Williams, and Westy.

Before I forget, I don't know whether our wives will get too old for it, but the classmates are still producing. Jack Kelly and Jim Weaver are expecting—or have had—additions to the family.

Weaver is still in Tokyo. Holtons are on Taiwan. Have decent quarters, but best of all—after the prices of hooch in Georgia, Red says he's saving 400% now. I think my buddy Earl is the only classmate I owe mail to; this is a lament, not a brag. On Okinawa—which Laurion says is a "fine little station" (maybe that's why people are saying the U.S. should give it up)—Larry is C/S Ryukyus group. Barrett is with 313 Air Div., Finley is District Engineer, and Bob Orth is C.O. 18th Fighter Bomber Wing. Young Finley wrote that he and Ben Evans, Jr. are rooming practically together up at USMA. Ben Davis I read in the paper is getting a new assignment from Taiwan—don't know where.

Beggs says he's got over a year to go at Fontainebleau. He's G-4. Romlein still there. Champ is in Paris and I think Billingslea was there. Bub Clark is C/S USAFE. Crawford and Garland are in American Embassy in Germany. Pete's daughter is a freshman at Goucher and is also beautiful (anytime I describe offspring, it means I've seen pic-

tures of them; get it?). Jim Billy has 39th Infantry, formerly in Germany, now at Colorado Springs. Says he's real happy. Lind is V Corps. McCabe is in 3rd Armored Reg't, Germany. Ace Miller is even more successful as a diplomat than when I last reported. He now announces he can arrange Papal audiences. Nobody ever did a smoother job than Ace; anybody care to challenge that statement? Oswald is G-3 in USAREUR. Spann is still in Oslo and Jack Chiles in Madrid. Cecil gave me hell for sending mail to him "slow-boat" (he doesn't know about the limitation on expenditures of class funds). Stokes is with 53rd Ord Group in Germany—I thought that was Furph's old command. Van Sutherland may have joined the Paraguayan Army, it's been so long since he's been back up here. Tetley is in Germany and has been talking of coming home so much it ain't news anymore.

Bothwell is in New York City. Herb Cady like all of us, notes how fast his family is growing. Nancy, 17, is off to college next year. Herb's moved his office to larger accommodations recently. Tom Cooke and Evans are at Monroe. Kramer and Warfield are at school at Norfolk. Just missed seeing Bud in January when he came through Atlanta. Cordes were to have had a get-together, but Bud got sick. Cordes, Hanekes, Goodings, Jacobys, and Jane DeLesdernier are still in Atlanta. Jane recently was laid up with some surgery, while there has been no news of Louis from Saigon. Phil and Helen Greene were given a farewell and retirement party by Bill and Marion Hanekes. The Greens know only that they are going to school, north of Atlanta, but how far north has not been determined. Phil was looking forward to retirement and to getting a PhD. We hope to keep in touch. Cozarts still in Massachusetts. Deadeye has promised a letter from Annapolis. Gil Dorland in Nashville, but hasn't been by Atlanta as often as when in Service. Jerry Duin and Charlie Pack will both be at Holarbird, Maryland. McManus is at Fort Meade, Maryland. Bob Fergusson and Whitey Grove still in Hawaii. Bob and Charlotte leave in July. Josh Finkel is with American Machine and Foundry Co. in Boston. Frank Gillespie is at Snelling Minnesota. Goldenberg and Grohs are at Stewart with Illig and Safford across the mountain. We look for Jim and Bob to leave this summer. Tom Hayes, Hendrickson and Klock are in Omaha. Tom has been there four years and is on way to Industrial College this summer. Ted just arrived in Nebraska. Willie and family dropped by at Xmas time on way to Florida. Even though the classmates don't correspond, the two boys in my clan have set up communications with the Hendrickson girls (unfortunately, they haven't written anything I can print). Hiester, Mohlere and Prosser still in Detroit. Eddie is going to AWC. Heard "official" from Milnes — doing fine in civvies in Louisville. O'Brien and Lemoyne at Stewart, Georgia. Also in Georgia—Rudy and Betty Ganns at Savannah and Norm Spencer in Macon. Nick Grothaus is in Denver and Nip Page writes from Seattle, Washington. Kerkering will be going to AWC. Kimballs have not been at Mitchel, New York but a short time. Bill Kinard is probably already at a new AAA assignment in USAFE. Ken Madsen is working for a large engineering firm in New York City (name's too long), Chaffin, Landry, Benson and McCormick at Ord. Dave's going to AWC. Ripple and Palmer are faculty at Carlisle. Bruce is going to Nat'l War College—unusual to have both schools. Rutledge wrote from FEAF. Sievers keeps in touch from Ben Harrison. Got word from Simpson, Romulus, New York. Steve Smith is leaving Baltimore for USAFFE. Torrey is another who's on way to school at Carlisle. Ben Whipple's

working hard at his new oil job, Esso Export. Said he saw Dave Chaffin at General MacArthur's birthday party. Phil Whitehead reported in from Chatham; he's the only Marine and physician in the Class that I recall. Charlie Redman says his daughter is attending University of Missouri (apparently as many children are going to college now as are members of the class). He says he keeps up some military, being head of Station Compliment in town of Kennett, Missouri. He's probably got the oldest active father. Mr. Redman senior is 87 years young. Charles is running his own engineering and surveying company.

—Phil Gage.

1937

At a recent meeting of the '37 contingent in the Washington Area, Bill Chase was elected President of the '37 Association, E. Y. Burton became the Treasurer, and, in spite of protestations, the undersigned became your Class Secretary and your Correspondent for the next year. Your communications on matters of class interest will be cheerfully accepted by me at the following address, OCARROTC, D/A, The Pentagon, Washington 25, D. C.

The big drive of the season is the Class of '37's movement toward the 20th Reunion. Dick Fellows is the big wheel in the Task Force firming up the plans, ways and means for the occasion. If you haven't had a card from him, it is because we do not have your proper address. He will be sending you another. The Reunion is on the first to the fourth of June. Briefly, festivities on the evenings of first, second and third include a party at the Thayer, one at the West Point Army Mess and a picnic at Round Pond. At least one special luncheon for the ladies is scheduled. Dick Fellows will arrange reservations for female members of the family. As usual the Alumni Association will arrange quarters in barracks for old grads. If you have not heard from Dick, drop a line to him at 4105 25th Street North, Arlington, Virginia.

Although specific data on members of '37 are somewhat sparse, I have gleaned a little information. Had a fine report from the Far East from Scotty Hall and Ann. Bud Zehner transferred from Korea to Camp Zama with job as G-5 AFFE. Trix and children have joined him. Howard and Peggy Smalley hold forth in Okinawa after Howard's tour in Korea. Bill and Juanita Hipps, Houghton and Rita Hallock are also reported to be there. Also Chuck and Lois Harrison still with Far East Air Force. Due to leave in July. Bill Strandberg is with Yokohama Engineer District. Jimmy Reeves with KMAG. Larry Powers is Chief of Staff of 7th Infantry Division in Korea. Carl Whitsell and his family in Japan. Nobby Suriya recently through Japan is now an Air Vice Marshal in Thailand. Nobby was always fond of vice. While writing Scotty expanded his coverage to include the entire world and reports the Walt Conways at Stewart AFB, Al and Miki Russell in Italy. Milt and Phyllis Clark at Redstone Arsenal (Note: The Zierdts are there also, since Johnny completed his Army War College course in absentia). Swede and Sis Ohman now in Tucson. Jim Barco at the Air Force Academy.

From Charlie Register, at Aberdeen, a report that he is Director of the Ballistic Research Laboratory and that T. C. Compton is Commandant of the Ordnance School. He reports Doc Leist now CO of Office of Ordnance Research at Durham, North Carolina, and that Sandy Kirsten now is a student at the Air War College.

From John Cromelin in Korea, word that he will be assigned to the Washington Area.

Ginny Pearsall reports Jim still CO, 47th Infantry at Camp Carson and that she will visit in April.

Jack Schermerhorn is the Georgeous 4 at Third Army in Atlanta.

Doug Quandt from the 101st Airborne Artillery forwards a nice newspaper article which contained a handsome picture of Gene Stann. Gene is in charge of floods in and about Nashville. I can't tell if he stops them or starts them.

Dave Griffin and Alice are reported to be in Germany where he is Signal Officer of VII Corps.

Bill McKinley has just taken command of the 19th Infantry in Korea. Ann is one of the Korea widows in the Carlisle Area, as is Carol Reeves.

Among others in the Carlisle area are the Hines, the Frank Harrisons, the Lemmons, the Palmers, the Peales all of whom are students of the War College. Members of the staff and faculty include the Meyers, the Eubanks, the Underwoods, the Richards and the Chet Johnsons. Bud Underwood stoutly avers that the rumor that he has an ulcer is untrue. He now digests everything including people. Monk is reported to be fast becoming a widely demanded speaker in the high-flown banquet circuit, the rest of the time he is hard working member of the faculty trying to make a living. I hear that Connor, A. O., is all burned up in Germany because his furniture was burned up in a fire at Harrisburg. Regrets from all, particularly when we think of the many hours of hand-rubbing some of those fine old table tops and the Cherry Dressers. It is reliably reported that Kelly Lemmon is expecting a new arrival about Saint Patrick's Day, of course with an assist from Mary. In spite of 20 years there is still some youthful outlook left in '37.

So on to the reunion.

—Coy L. Curtis.

1938

Dear Classmates:

From Korea comes an epistle, signed Gus Chalgren, reporting the whereabouts and future plans of those serving the "16 month stretch" Gus is G-1 Eighth Army and apparently has a "few more months" to do. Bill Wansboro was in the G-3 Section Eighth Army but has served his time with time off for good behavior (I'm told). In February Bill returned to the States, picked up his family, who had been sweating it out in Washington, D. C., and PCS'd to Japan. Gus Broberg, at last report, was the Senior Army representative on the permanent staff of the United Nations Armistice Commission. Ike Izenour was CO of the 17th Regiment but by the time this article hits the streets he will be in Fort Benning, Georgia on the Staff & Faculty of the Infantry School. Walt Lotz is the Eighth Army signal officer and is reported to keep "everyone in close touch through everything from telephone to TV". Gus says there is not much "romance" attached to the job of being "sentinels and guardians of the peace" but the jobs are arduous enough to make 16 months pass quickly.

Bill Kieffer who is Deputy Commander, AFSWC stationed at Kirtland AFB, New Mexico, checked in on his way to a conference the other day. Bill reports that Myrl Smith who, according to the records, resigned in 1947 is now working for the Al-

buquerque Operations Office of the AEC at Sandia Base, New Mexico.

Got a report from the Washington area ladies luncheon group at their February meeting: the Clarke's, E. L. are leaving Washington for a PCS to Turkey in June; the Brownlow's are infatigating; the "Nev" Howell's are to stay in Washington after completing their student year at NWC.

Bud Mearns and family returned in February from a long but eventful tour as Military Attache in Moscow. Bud will be brain-washed and rehabilitated at the Army War College in the 57-58 class, (and they tell me it gets cold in Carlisle too, Bud, particularly in the Wherry houses.)

We got a report via the Atlanta Journal that Hank McDonald, a native of Pendergrass, Georgia, has been assigned as Chief of the Training Branch of the Third Army National Guard Section. Mac will assist in directing the National Guard training activities in Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Tennessee, and North and South Carolina. All this is a little confusing because Gus Chalgren reported Mac as being one of the live-wires in Korea. Chalgren's report, however, was dated in December 1956 and the Atlanta Journal report was dated January 24, 1957, so presumably at the date of this issue of "Class Notes" Mac will be in Fort McPherson, Georgia directing instead of in Korea live-wiring.

Since there is a little space left in this column I can't resist telling a true (so help me) story of a typical meeting of two classmates. It was a rainy, overcast, cold, foggy day in Washington, D. C. The time was about 1715. I was jostled through the door of the Mall entrance of the Pentagon by a frenzied, non-descript crowd of workers frightened at having been caught in the building after 1700. I was ejected into a sullen crowd of wet, slightly irritated, car pool riders and before I could stop, found myself being shoved off the rain drenched portico to make room for the hordes still coming through the doors. I took refuge behind a granite pillar (on the wet step-side) and surveyed the area for my "ride". No ride. I then noticed that the adjacent pillar to my left also sheltered an officer from the surging mob. Looks familiar, I thought. Green field coat too; hum-m, independent thinker, uninhibited, definitely not a Pentagon-ite. While I was thus musing, our eyes met (for the sixteenth time). Curiosity overcome us simultaneously. We advanced toward each other. "Moorman," he said. "E-busch," I said. "OH! Hal Moorman what are you doing here!" "E-busch! Didn't know you were here!" "PMS&T at

Dartmouth you say Hal. Down for a pep talk I guess." "Bob I was going to write you some 'Class Notes' and gossip." "Don't have to Hal, a personal report like this is better than a letter. Oops! there's my ride, I won't forget this, I'll tell 'em, in the Assembly you're soaking up culture ivy-league style. See ya Hal." "See ya Bob, come up for a visit someday." And so it goes, a chance meeting, a few well spoken words, a full page story; this is "Class Notes" news.

—E-busch.

1939

Thirty-niners everywhere join in congratulating Andy Goodpaster on his well-deserved promotion to Brigadier General.

The winter season got off to a sparkling social start in Washington on December 10 with a buffet at Fort Myer. Dick Morrison and John Watt "delegated" field command to Nurnie Thomason and Bunch Duke with outstanding results. There was a large turnout, a groaning board, and a lively exchange of greetings and news.

Dotty and Buzz Chapman are happily settled at Camp Zama, Japan, where Buzz is a big wheel in the G-3 Section. Gilchrist is also in G-3; and Mary sends in this dope:

"The 39ers still here are the Crawfords, the Kurths, the Seivers, and the Gilchrights. Dick White has moved down to Kobe to the Q.M. depot; we hate to see the Whites move on, but Ruth and the kids will love it down there, I am sure, for they will be near Osaka, a nice little city. We saw Jim Schwenk when he was over from Korea a couple of months back. He looked fine and dandy and certainly seemed healthy. Nita Jumper made the local paper the other day and I have enclosed the clipping for all to see. She and Jump are still at Johnson and the Boughtons are still at Yakota. The Engstroms have left here as you undoubtedly know. Penny and Walt Grant are in Tokyo and just the same as usual, the only trouble is that we don't see nearly enough of them. I might add that they have a mighty attractive young daughter and she will break many a heart before too long not only pretty, but a swell gal. Johnny Pavick is the C.O. at Otsu and he and his family are all there. A long newsy letter from Jackie Newcomer brought the following items . . . Bo and Bonnie McCutcheon, and the Bob Williams are at Fort Sam; Ken Yarnell and Dave Nanney at Colorado Springs. The Bud Newcomers are busy at Fort Niagara, where Newk is C.O. of a NIKE Group, and loving their great big set of quarters on the post."

Dave Dillard has returned in good health

and spirits from his sojourn at Walter Reed; Art Allen was suddenly taken ill at Carlisle, and is now in Walter Reed. A speedy recovery, Art!

Dan Minahan wandered into the Pentagon the other day on one of his many trips from Project Michigan. Harry Murray, lean of flank and jowl, and fresh from a regiment in Korea, is newly assigned to the Special Warfare Section of the Army Staff. Harry says that in Seoul he had three 39ers as roommates: Don Miller, Chief of Staff, 8th Army Support Command, Jim Sykes Billups, C.O. 10th AAA Group, and Marshall Wallach, head of O & T in the 8th Army G-3 Section. Fuzzy Harrison, Ben Chapla, and Wimpy Walker are also in Korea with KMAG.

On January 23, we had a luncheon here, and submitted to a photograph taking formation. The class will have another lunch or two, and a party in the Spring. If you plan to visit Washington, write to your scribe or to Charley Duke for details.

From Europe, we hear that Agnes and Walt Brinker have a new daughter to bring back to the War College with them in June.

Billy Hale, of the Army Staff, is just back from a junket to the Middle East. He brought back a rhinoceros-hide shield for his boy and the news that Bob Page and family are running things in Teheran. Billy must have gone deep into the bush for that shield, for he saw no other classmates on his trip.

From Fort Bliss, we hear that Bill and Maxine George are enjoying life in the First Guided Missile Brigade; and that Don Beere has newly joined the faculty of the AA School after duty with NATO.

Mickey Laitman, in business in New York, writes that he, Jo, and children plan to visit Washington this Spring.

Reports from West Point say that Mike Davison and Bull Davis are leaving this year to attend the NWC and ICAF 1957-58 courses, respectively. Seth Hudgins is arriving to replace Mike as Commanding Officer of the 1st Regiment. Another arrival this year will be Fritz Fredericks who will take over the direction of the MP&L Office.

Here and there: We are sorry to learn that Art Allen is seriously ill in Walter Reed. Has both legs paralyzed. Best wishes for a speedy recovery, Art.

Bob Schellman writes that he expects to remain another year in Hawaii as a regimental commander in the 25th Division.

Matt Legler has been transferred by Socony Vacuum from Buffalo to the New York office.

John B. (Duck) McConville who is an Engineer with the Portland Cement Association has moved from Buffalo to Albany, New York. Looks like all 39'ers are abandoning Buffalo.



Class of 1939 Luncheon, Fort McNair, January 23—Front Row (left to right): Howard, Tuttle, Beverly, Fitzgerald, Duke, Wisdom, Dobson, Goodpaster, Boye, and Foerster. Middle Row: Preston, Lane, Dolvin, Cassidy, Dawley, Watt, Rogers, Hull, Long, Ploger, Smith, E. P., Schmid, and Rippert. Back Row: Crawford, Collins, J. L., Brownfield, McConnell, Smith, W. T., Holt, Collins, K. W., Newcomer, Dickerson, Simpson, and Keller.

"Vern" Gilbert is acting Artillery Commander of the 9th Division at Fort Carson, Colorado. In addition to his other duties he was Chairman of the Founders Day Dinner on March 17.

—Sailor Byrne.

1940

News for this issue come from bits of information appearing on Christmas cards.

Ray Renola is still "steadfast and strong" with the V Corps Artillery in Europe. Joe Couch is home from a tour in Okinawa, and Cyprus and his present address is 2603 Central Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia. Willis F. Lewis is Deputy Commander of 5039th Air Base Wing in Alaska. Luther Arnold is with MAAG on Formosa. Will be back in the United States this summer. J. B. Bonham, now recovering from serious illness, is on limited duty at the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk. Larry Klar leaves Ottawa, Canada for assignment to Fort Huachuca, Arizona. Wally Hackett is in Vietnam, Indo China. Dixie Lederman will soon finish the course at Fort Bliss and then will be assigned to duty with AA Bn at Norfolk. Merchant is a grim and gruff instructor at Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk.

School assignments have been made and 1940 attends as follows: National War College—Cassibry, Elliott, and Shoemaker. Industrial College—Biswanger, Graf, Scott and Vaughn. Army War College—Alexander, Cassidy, Chamberlain, Crocker, Dibble, Goodrich, Krause, Light, McDonald, McKenney, McLean, Smith, W., and Wetherill. Hazel tine will attend Naval War College.

Don Bennett is with 3rd Armored Division in Europe; Prann is at New Castle AFB. Walt Swank is the Comptroller of the Port of New Orleans. Ralph Ross and Bob Fate are at Fort Bliss. Manzollilo, Galbreath and Wermuth are Bn. Commanders in Korea. O'Keefe is at Redstone Arsenal and Belt is in the G-1 Section Headquarters 7th Army in Europe. Mullin at Leavenworth and Gildart in Paris. Bates is on Board 5 at Fort Bragg, and Case is with MAAG in Pakistan. Sell's new address is 33 Cragmore, Newton 64, Massachusetts.

Dubuisson was married to Susan Johnson on the 29th December in Shreveport, Louisiana. This should be news to O'Donnell, Renola, and Haessley, the last of the hold-overs.

Frank Wagner passed away in December. Funeral services were held at the Post Chapel at Fort Myer, and he was buried in Arlington. He had been ill for a long time.

Maedler, Sheetz and Budz are newcomers in the Washington area. Hank Arnold and Aubrey assigned to the Pentagon. Jack Harnett is on duty with Engineer District Headquarters in San Francisco. His address is 1572 B Pershing Drive, Presidio of San Francisco. Homer Chandler is in Germany. Yates assigned to USAREUR from Fort Ord. Jodie Stewart leaves for Japan this spring. Ray Clock has received orders to Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Larry Legere has been assigned to the Office of the Chief of Military History. Dibble crashes the Saturday Evening Post dated February 2 with article titled "So I Went to Jump School" Stewart, D. B. at Fort Sill.

Addingtons report the birth of a boy on January 22, 1957. Brings the count to four (three girls and a boy).

Symroski, J. J. Smith and Wetzel are at Wright Patterson AFB in Ohio. Bert Lane at 219 Larkwood Drive, San Antonio, Texas. Haggard has received qualifications as Civil Engineer in California.

Bengston at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama. Brousseau, Archie Knight

and Gillem on staff of Air War College and Bob Strong is at Barksdale Field. Dale Epley based in Washington but doing a lot of traveling both East and West. Aber, Jake Taylor and Hank Cunningham at Fort Bliss. John Coontz on Board 4 at Fort Bliss.

Again send no money. Only poop to 2167 Cacique Street, Santurce, Puerto Rico.

—Hank Brewerton.

1941

I am happy to be able to tell you that after the books were distributed and all the bills were paid, I found a balance of three hundred odd dollars in the account. I had hoped there would be a surplus which would go to the class fund. Charlie Schilling got my check for \$325 and said it was deposited to the class account at Chauncey's Bank. There are four books left unsold, and a few who have not yet paid, so I hope to be able to send him another smaller check in the near future when I get the whole job cleaned up. Out of the entire class there were only 55 who did not take delivery and of these 41 were never contacted because of inadequate addresses etc. Anyway the money is in the kitty and there will be a little more. They can now reimburse the WP gang who had to cough up \$8.00 apiece to cover the June Week deficit. The only book we can't deliver is Mike Michels. He apparently moved from Girard, Ohio and left no forwarding address. If you know where I can locate him, please let me know.

Les McKinley, in Tucson, reports on conditions in Cambodia. "Sam Magruder who is in the same outfit as Jim got orders not long ago (a ten day or two week detail) and was authorized to travel by oxcart or elephant. Jimmy says he thinks Sam took the detail just so he could get a copy of the orders to frame when he gets back."

Ren Keleher, Fort Meade: "Couple of weeks ago I did see Poff, a name rarely seen in any of your reports. He's doing Civilian Components chores at a military school outside Louisville and was here for a periodic muster. Also had a grand visit in the grandstand with the Chapmans while Army heckled Navy"

Ray Kelley, 934 Florida Ave., Pittsburgh, 28: "Missed the A-N game but the local WP Society had a lunch and TV session. Jack and Mary Robinson (retired) and the Kelleys represented '41. At the Pitt-Army game in addition to above were the Petre's (Oil City, Pennsylvania — civilian) and Bruce Cator, and the Males from DC"

John Richards, Paris: "Wonderful visit with Andy Evans". Bill Gleason, Izmir: "There are hundreds of things to see here that take one clear back to Biblical times. Al Hayduk gets over from Naples once or twice a year. I saw Herb Stern in Naples also and John Rossell is here with us" Stan Ramey, Benning: "Class get together in December at Ellis's—no change in strength" Al Hayduk, Naples: "Saw Purdy; Herb Stern is unbearable since his son, age two months arrived. He even plays the accordion nightly!" Lyman Faulkner, Monroe: "Saw Jim Cox up from Donaldson AFB last week" George Brown, NWC, Washington: "Have bought a 200 year old house and are up to the eyeballs in restoring it" Marcie Ramee: "We're now settled in Hawaii, but have had one heck of a time these past five months. Had to buy and build onto, and just in time for the arrival of Kathleen Marie on December 15, 1956! Thanks for the book; Paul struck wordless over his baby picture—serves him right, hun?" Jack Bentley, AWC, Maxwell: "Barbara won the Maxwell golf championship and with my three hounds I'm mowing down all the rabbits in

Alabama". Betty and George McIntyre: "Enjoying 'Gay Paree' more since moving to the Embassy Apt where we are nice and warm"

PCS: Bert Rosenbaum to Hq. SAMAE, Nouasseur, APO 117, New York. John Locke, Dir of Mil Pers, Hq ADC, Ent AFB, Colorado. Bob Kramer to JUSMAG, Spain, APO 285, New York.

Correction: Sharp Eyed Johnnie McIntyre asked the question, "Why does Bob Horn have the same serial number as KO Dessert?" The answer: Somebody goofed; Bob's number is 4073A.

Gimlet eyed Pete Tanous observed that I had given him the "plush spot" of Post QM while he was having "to be content with being the Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics" He was kind enough to ask me not to bother to put out another book to correct the error. Your old Pete brought us up-to-date on the WP Chapter: "We expect Dick Delaney to leave here next week for troop duty at Fort Ord. Charlie Schilling, as you know, leaves soon for a two year tour at RPI to pick up his PhD, thence to return to these gray walls. Charlie Cannon leaves for the War College as does Jim King. Danforth leaves for points unknown. Indications are that Bucky Buchanan is coming up here to be our friendly QM. That will still leave Herb Richardson, Bob Samz, Bob Panky, Pinky Kuzell, Ralph Upton and Potter Campbell."

KO Dessert married Nan Norman (widow of Colonel Hank Norman, USAF, WP '40) November 2, 1956. Sent a marvelous Christmas card picture of bride, groom and all seven kids—three Normans and four Desserts.

Kudos to Dick Osgood who has just been appointed manager of the Waltham Laboratories of Sylvania Electric Products, Inc. In his new post, Dick will have responsibility for the Avionics Laboratory, the Missile Systems Laboratory, and the Applied Research Laboratory, the three activities constituting the Waltham Laboratories.

From Wichita, Kansas comes word of the arrival of Christopher Jon Peddie on September 9, 1956 and the elevation of his father to the Sacred Order of Deacons at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church on September 21, 1956.

Fran and Joe Myers have recently moved onto the post at Bragg since Joe became Corps Headquarters Commandant. They report Tuck and Dottie Brown still present and Baron and Anna Von Schrittz newly arrived. Paul Monson is nearby at Southern Pines. At the A-N game they saw JCH Lee, Moose Male, Pooge Curtis, Heime Bodson (down from Alaska), A. Wray White, Cocky Cochran, deSaussure, Curt Chapman, Ren Keleher, and "many others". "We stayed out in Rosemont with your old buddy, Jim Graham, who just remarried (a lovely girl) in September. We sat on the Navy side and almost got mobbed for yelling for Army. Joe Knowlton was down from First Army overnight about a month ago. Lyman Faulkner was in from CONARC the other day. We stayed overnight with Bob and Beverly Johnson in Alexandria on the way home." Joe Myers wrote again to say that he and Fran went over to Southern Pines with Baron and Anna Von Schrittz for a nice dinner with Paul and Betty Monson. Tuck and Dottie Brown had to scrub at the last minute because of a sick child. Potter Campbell was at S. Pines at school and came in for dinner one eve. He was down from W.P. He made the mistake of telling us he has eight bedrooms. We will visit him June Week!"

Dick Levy has returned from Japan and lists, until further notice, his address as 3340 Runnymede Pl. N.W., Washington 15, D. C.

Professor Schilling reports that Dick De-laney has departed for Fort Ord to take command of a Bn of the 34th Eng Group (Combat). "Friday, January 18 saw the funeral for Mrs. Singles, mother of Walter Singles. Walt was here, looked in good shape under the circumstances of a funeral. He appears to be getting along OK." Stan Hutson writes that he is back in the fold. He returned to AD on December 21, 56 and is now stationed at Fort McClellan, Alabama. "After a number of years in the Infantry, the Chem Corps seems a bit strange to me, but I am rapidly adjusting. Lynn Boatwright, Pentagon, was most helpful in my being recalled."

A. Wray White has taken up residence in Omaha. He has taken a Division in the Director of Installations Office at SAC Hq. He reports a get together with his neighbors across the street, John and Julie Easton and Dunc and Molly Brown who live in Omaha. John is the Adjutant at SAC Hq keeping the river of paper flowing and Dunc is with the Dist. Eng keeping the Missouri River from overflowing.

Doris Walters writes that she has found her permanent home at 1947 Summerfield Rd, Winter Park, Florida.

Rod and Gaby O'Connor's Christmas card arrived last week after crossing the Atlantic three times. "At the risk of repeating ourselves we want to say we love living in Spain so much we have asked for and got a year's extension."

That's all for now. Spring Buck Up is about to start and I must get back to my housekeeping chores. If any of you come through the Los Angeles area this summer, stay with us while you visit Disneyland, Hollywoodland, and Smogland.

—Burt Andrus.

1942

The Washington Contingent of '42 held its annual stag party and election at Fort Myer in February. An unknown number were present. Those absent included the following: Bob Evans, the new chairman; Bud Roecker, the vice-chairman; Dan Halpin, the secretary; and the assistant secretary, Ed Corcoran. George Hozier, the new treasurer, and historian Bob Terry nominated each other. Wally Frank and Van Warren, assistants to Hozier and Terry respectively, were selected by the best qualified method. Cecil Charbonneau was elected supernumerary so that he will be assured of an office if he's ever stationed in Washington. At the close of the election, a resolution was introduced to the effect that what this group lacked in quality, it made up for in quantity. It passed.

Thus far, the results of the election have been meager. Bud Roecker was so pleased that he set up a special assignment section to insure proper assignment control for the infantry officers who voted him into office. Since Chairman Evans was on an extended Far East trip at the time of the election, the new staff has had about as much direction as melted jello.

However, Tom Rienzi, Ernie White, George Rew, Fran Roberts, Lee Cage, and the others in the West Point area have been hard at work setting up the best of programs for our fifteenth reunion. As Tom aptly puts it, "Come you men of '42—we have the best".

The post cards listing the activities were sent to all, based upon the latest addresses. In case you did not get a card, do two things. Send us your correct address. And use the information below to notify Tom

Rienzi (Quarters 240, USMA) by listing the specific activities that you wish to attend.

General information on the 15th reunion. Lodging—Lee Cage plans to put couples with all of us at West Point until we must put the men in barracks and the gals in our homes. Spirits—Frannie Roberts will have a supply for sale cheap. We plan a silver tipped swagger stick (maybe a tie also) for \$1.00 for our "Hall Mark". Program—See Xmas letter and info to follow. Children—An individual proposition which the committee feels it can not handle.

The specific activities are as follows: Friday, May 31, night cocktail party, \$2.00 each. Saturday night dinner dance, \$5.00 each. Sunday afternoon picnic, Barnard Loop, \$2.00 each. Alumni lunch on Monday afternoon, \$1.00 each. Boat ride Monday afternoon, \$1.50 each. Italian dinner a la Ernie White and George Rew after boat ride to Newburgh, \$2.50 each. Wives luncheon Monday noon, \$2.00 each. One silver tipped swagger stick, \$1.00 each. This is a sum of the info you should have received on the post card. If you have trouble associating days and dates, use Friday as a base. Friday the 31st, Saturday, June 1, and so on. If you intend to attend any of the functions, let Tom Rienzi know the exact ones and whether you are solo or with wife.

From the looks of the program the committee has done a lot of work, so let's expect the usual good turnout.

The class mail has been scant. Joe Cannon writes that he is exec of the Mannheim Ordnance Depot. Says "Bob Brugh and Ken Charbonneau live only a couple blocks away. We comprise the '42 total in Mannheim; Roger Barnes is about an hour away. Clapp, Jim Hayes, and Jack Heard home-staying in Heidelberg."

George Rew sent the only other letter enclosing \$2.00 for the class fund. This just about doubles our money. George writes, "Ernie White and I are busy protecting all you folk, and we know that our good efforts are appreciated. I view with alarm the ap-

pointment of Wally Frank as assistant treasurer inasmuch as he is not a splendid type chap (as I am)."

With the amount of money that Wally handles, character doesn't enter into the picture. The fact of the matter is that we would like to give him more money to handle in order to strengthen him. So, if you haven't donated \$2.00 lately, please do. As finances stand right now, we will be unable to get out the yearly letter. We also can use some news for these *Assembly* columns. Drop a note to cub reporter Ed Corcoran, 1919 Camp Alger Avenue, Falls Church, Virginia.

January 1943

The ice has turned from slush to puddles; the Corps is starting to learn to march again; and very shortly one million dollars worth of First Class cars will appear on the Cavalry Plain. We have survived turn-outs and the Gloom Period; June Week is on the way.

January 19th at Leone's was, as always, magnificent—if slightly early—thanks to Tom and Louisa Mesereau. The bus trip down was more orderly than last year, but the old spirit bloomed on arrival. Drinks in the Theater balcony, and dinner in the Wine Cellar, with wonderful food and lots of singing and such. Joe Benson's speech was terrific, and will long be remembered by everyone but Joe. Besides the local contingent, we managed to gather Rabbit Brooks and the Clarke Hains; Clarke says that if any classmate passes through Glen Cove, Long Island, he will be welcomed at the Masonic Lodge by Junior Warden Clarke himself. Movie Magnate Bob Lawrence and Marge. Bill and Jean Cucolo, Jack and Bar Upchurch, Paul and Audrey Andrepont, and Bill and Mary D. Starnes were all there; most are regulars at this affair. Bill Starnes drove Mary D. and the four kids to Calif.



CLASS OF JANUARY 1943 REUNION DINNER AT FORT LEAVENWORTH, JANUARY 19, 1957

- Top Row (left to right): Louise Brown; Pat Pritchett; Penny St. John; Virginia Fiss; Arlene Camm; Jean Rebh; Nancy Batson; Gerry Powell; Virginia Hensel.
- Third Row (left to right): Tim Brown; Gerry Cosgrove; Swede Lundberg; Bob Fiss; Dick Batson; Ed Lowry; Milton Stevens; Jim Aleveras.
- Second Row (left to right): Frank Camm (the photographer); Harry Pritchett; Ruth Cosgrove; Robin Baden; Eliva Cook; Shirley Nickel; Helen Goldenthal; Marge Aleveras; Millie Lundberg; Marilyn Stevens; Betty Lou Lowry.
- First Row (left to right): Adrian St. John; Bob Baden; John Nickel; Mitch Goldenthal; Walt Cook; George Rebh; Bill Hensel.

ornia before taking off for a year at Thule. Mary D. will stay with her family at Fallbrook, California. This is one of those punishment tours *sans famille*.

West Point news is sparse. James Robert Michael, our local muscle man, slipped away to Georgia and has returned with Jump wings. He reports a fine party there on the 19th under the auspices of our three Benning classmates, Ray Ruyffelaere, Bob Cook, and Virg Antonioli, and their wives. Ray is with the Tactics Committee; the other two are with the 3rd Division. Judy and Brenning Waters just missed an income tax exemption with the arrival of young Laura on January 3rd. Joe Conmy reports that he has evened it off at 2 girls and 2 boys with the arrival of Barbara Ann on the 7th of January at the American Hospital in Paris. No other offspring reported as of this date.

A Christmas note from Darrie and Pat Richards informed us that Darrie is Chief of the Movements Section at Yokohama Port. Phil Berry reports from Panama City, Florida; Kaye took a jet Group on his promotion, but then was sent to Korea where he has another. Phil and the three kids (two red-headed boys and one brunette girl) are staying in Florida until he gets back. Charlie Wirt sent a long blurb with his Christmas card on his travels; flying from Korea to Paris via Southeast Asia, he seems to have toured all Europe after collecting first his wife and then his kids, who had spent Charlie's Korea time in Majorca. After nine months as Commandant of the Seventh Army Aviation Training Center, he is now V Corps Aviation Officer at Frankfurt with Juttie and the kids.

Wes Curtis also reports from Germany with a list of all the class in Europe whom he could find. The German contingent is already making plans for a 15th Reunion in 1958; anyone in Europe please send name and address to Major Charles L. Heltzel, G-1 Division USAREUR, APO 403. The German Group planned a reunion for the 19th this year, and it must have been a honey for they have gone out of contact with the world since. Joe Conmy and Bill Brady were to bring up the Paris platoon; and Heltzel, Murray, Spann and Johnson were to fire up the lodge and cool the beer. The list has these people at these places: Joe Conmy at EUCOM near Paris; Wes Curtis at the Intelligence and MP School; Kirby Gean with the 593rd FA Battalion; Les Heltzel in G-1; Gregg Henry at an unknown spot; Jesse Hollis with G-2 of VII Corps; Red Wire Johnson with Ordnance at Heidelberg; John Kuffner with the 9th Ordnance Battalion; Ed Murray with G-3 in Heidelberg; Emmett Reynolds in the 29th Signal Construction Battalion; Butch Rader with the 70th FA Battalion; Kilburn Roach is our spy with the British at BFPO 40; John Russell with the 538th FA Battalion; Fred Spann in G-3 of USAREUR; John Stephens with the 557th FA Battalion; Charlie Wirt as listed before; Al Saari with J-4 in EUCOM Paris; and John Nazarro teaching the Germans how to use guns.

Joe Conmy adds a few from the Paris area. Joe and Marie managed to get a house which heats by coal and not oil at St. Germain located to the West of Paris near EUCOM Headquarters where Joe works. He reports Hank and Inge Ebrey in J-2 at EUCOM, Bill Brady with MAAG, and D. M. Smith and Vic Franklin both at SHAPE. Jack Cutler was ADC to General Gruenther, but should be at the Armed Forces Staff College by now. Don Vlcek reports from Holloman AFB in New Mexico that he works for Cliff Butler in the Missiles business. He has what is known as the Test Track Division, while Cliff has the Directorate of Ballistic Missile Test. I don't under-

stand all of this, but I gather we have educated classmates who do.

Bob Watson writes in from an ROTC outfit in Omaha, Nebraska. He reports that Bill Kyle left SAC last July and should be at the Air University. He also reports seeing Tom Farnsworth who was due to leave the Big Red One for a Marine Corps School. Speaking of the Big Red One, Bill Wade's sadness at having to give up this column has kept him from writing, but I noted his orders for Leavenworth recently. More on Leavenworth in a minute. John Shortall checks in to say that he, Val and the kids are now guarding New York from his 483rd AAA Missile Battalion, which has Nikes or something. He mentions that in this AA racket, the only time classmates see one another is at Bliss. The usual assortment of Pentagon PIO blurbs shows Preacher Stabler being assigned as Chief Personnel Officer of the Colorado Springs AAA Command. The American Gas Association has sent me a very pretty poopsheet announcing that Hiram Walker (Harold S., Jr.) has been appointed Secretary of the Association. I gather from the impressive recital of achievements that Hi crept in on them by way of editing various Gas magazines.

Leavenworth is a gay place this year. I see the Saint's fine hand in the January party. To quote the local rag "On arrival, guests were given name tags of famous loves in history and were to match names of people involved to find their dinner partners." And (Oh, yes, here it is) ". . . Major Adrian St. John gave a toast to the class and said it was good to have them all there." Seriously, it must have been a fine Reunion Party. Frank Camm arranged to have each wife given a paper for class notes (on the theory that after the party class members would be unable to write) and an impressive compilation has come in. A picture has been promised but has not yet appeared; if in time, we shall try to print it. Gerry and Ruth Cosgrove report Bob Peden as working for Convair; Bob is in Florida testing some stuff, while Ricky and the kids will join him when school is over. Hoppe May last reported as Exec of the 3rd Engineer Battalion in Korea. Marg and Rex Dettre are listed by someone as Chief of Ops of an Air Division near Minneapolis. MT&G Hensel enclosed a drawing of Mickey Mouse; this is his answer to my complaint of last issue. Bud Hood, now a paratrooper, is reported grinding out a punishment tour in Saudi Arabia; Marcia and four kids alleged to be in Minneapolis. Jake Powell is reported on several sheets in varying items like "Bookie *par excellence*", "modestly proficient", and "handles the bets in Gruber 11". I gather they have no more green sheets. I have skipped a great many interesting and cryptic items, as well as several illegible scrawls. My thanks to all for the poop; I have cut items which have been in recently, but the sheets were a great help.

I sadly report to having lost Christmas cards from Pete and Mary Grimm (somewhere in California) and the Sid Petermans in New England. By June, I may have found them, for they had some good dope.

One day after the last column had disappeared in the mail sack bound for wherever-they-print-this, a long masterpiece arrived from that Maestro of the typewriter keyboard, Flywheel Flanagan. I had planned to make it this entire column, but the local space allocaters told me I did not have room. Therefore, rather than trim one golden word, I shall run part of it here; the rest must last 'til later. Fly reports from Washington that the Cobbs, Footes, Mallorrs, Neales, Raaens, Edwards, and Flanagans all went up to cheer the team at the annual Philly event. Although teary-eyed from the game, on the trip back they upheld the honor of the class, going through the entire reper-

toire of songs known to anyone including the other passengers of the car who gathered round. The Pennsylvania RR has been looking for them since — possibly to hire them. I now start with a series of quotes from Flywheel—further the deponent sayeth not.

WASHINGTON REPORT: "We do have an organization here. Jack Wood, by virtue of having the best Party-Pak (loudspeaker, turntable, stacks of records which pound out mambos, sambas and other tricky terpsichore) a guitar — which he strums with about the same ability as Elvis—and close association with politicians in his job in Legislative Liaison, is President. Jim Cobb, the Clark Gable of the AEC, is vice-president. He gets his votes sort of indirectly; our wives make us vote for him. Ace 'I'm Ace; I'm bald because grass doesn't grow on a busy street you know' Elliott is Secretary. I'm writing this because Ace long ago gave up using the alphabet and confines himself to working with numbers only. He has now committed the slide rule to memory and by a unique system of rocking his eyeballs from side to side can come up with all sorts of mathematical answers without help of an IBM 705. Two companies are threatening anti-trust suits against him. His talents have earned him a slot at the Armed Forces Staff College, where he now is. Finally, the keeper of the coins is young-at-heart, from deep in the Heart of, Pappy Wilkes. It can be said without fear of being wrong, that he has lost less hair than most of us since graduation. But then—he wasn't called Pappy for nothing.

"On to the peons in the group. Dave and Barbara Barger and two widgets arrived in this grand place on August 1 last from the Armed Forces Staff College. He slinks around the corridors near the Office of Chief of Air Force Intelligence with a dirk at belt and an imaginary cape slung rakishly over his civilian clothes. Bob Beightler, pilot of a jazzy red convertible, made the Army-Navy game and made himself unpopular with neighboring rooters by sitting and shouting for Army on the Navy side. Rog Bertram was the possessor of a dandy set of orders to go to Formosa in January. There was dancing in the streets in front of his quarters. Jim Bestervelt, AF type, is a Research and Developer and should shortly be finishing his tour in the Pentagon. That should also be cause for rejoicing. Kenny Buell lurks around corners opposite the Office of ACSI (G-2 to you uninitiated gentry). Bob Burlin is a mobilization planner in DCSOPS which translated means 'Here they come again, boys; what'll we do now?' All you Signal Corps files should cultivate Charlie Burr. He is the Career Mangler for you flag wavers. Charlie notes with deep regret the passing of the pigeon. He also says he is tired of eating squab."

Friends, the sponsor is waving wildly at us; so hit this channel in the next issue for more of Flywheel, boy wonder of the Five-sided mine. My deep appreciation for the poop—keep it rolling.

—Bill Knowlton.

June 1943

Although the Gloom has settled among us beavers in the Pentagon, bright news from letter writing classmates plus a gay Valentine's party arranged by our enthusiastic June '43 Wives Club has done much to shake the blues.

Dale and Helen McGee and their three charming daughters are together in Aschaffenburg, Germany — together, that is, except when Nature Boy Dale is spending many

healthful hours outdoors in the snow on maneuvers with the 87th Inf Regt, 10th Inf Div, where Dale is Regt Exec (APO 162, PM, New York). Dickie Greenwalt, homesteading at Leavenworth, Kansas, says Bill is eating lots of dust in Saudi Arabia (USA Sec MAAG, APO 616, PM, New York) where he has dined with the boar hunter—King Saud. If Charlie and Dee Jones' Christmas card is any indication, they are enjoying the life they lead in Bogota, Columbia—four youngsters, a daschshund, parties, full dress uniforms, and golf yet. Lemon and Kathie Blank, 228 Ridge Ave., Middletown, Pennsylvania, represent the entire June '43 contingent at Olmstead AFB where Lemon is Chief of Procurement. Bob and Bev McCanna write of their unexpected pleasure of having their family together in a private rental 12 miles west of Yokohama. Bob's original orders to Korea were changed to Japan where he's with G-3 Sect, Hq AFPE/8A (Rear) (APO 343, PM, San Francisco). He's back and forth to Korea often in his training job. Bev says Jim Greene, Dave Davenport, Bill Herres, and Bill Milmore are in the vicinity. Bill Malone paid the McCanna's a visit while Bill was on R&R from Korea.

Bill and Cecile Cover and their 3 boys are on their way to Monterey after an all too short stay in the DC area where Bill took the Strategic Intelligence Course. About a year from now Bill should be conversing freely with Nasser. Bill is to be congratulated for recently having been awarded a MS in History from Iowa State College; he did all the work on his own time.

Allen Burdett, giving me the uncensored Army version of activities at the Air Force Academy, tells of the Holdernesses vacationing in California and the Cassidy's leave in Hawaii — la de da — during the Christmas holidays. Soon after Chris Munch returned to the AF Academy, after his long TDY in the Philippines, Allen and Antonette chop-sticked a delectable Chinese dinner at the Munch's. Tom Oliver recently made a trip from the AF Academy to the Rock where he interrogated the Juice Dept and June '43 files.

Inaugural activities brought Ben Cassidy and Lee Hogan to DC to watch over their cadet charges. The fine showing made by the Air Cadets proves that our June '43 supervision at the AF Academy is tops. I saw Lee briefly—a man with many missions, he looked full of pep and happy. Since then he spent the month of February touring Europe, lining up a trip over there for an Air Cadet class this summer. Did you notice that smart looking officer marching with the 3rd Inf in the Inaugural Parade—that was Hal Aaron. Rundy and I spent Inaugural evening chaperoning the USMA kadet ball; and, frankly, we enjoyed ourselves.

Ed and Anne Burdett, with MAAG in Rome, write the Calnan's that they are looking forward to their assignment in DC Korea this summer—some just never get the sword. Bob deCamp, now on the downhill slope of his Harvard course, is expecting orders that will assign him to the Pentagon for a utilization tour with DCS Logistics. Walt Hutchin is still down Havana-way as Chief, US Army Geodetic Survey.

Eleanor and Roger (BS—MA—PhD) Hillsman live at 4106 Leland St., Chevy Chase, Maryland. He resigned several years back, and after a spell on the Princeton staff is now Chief, Foreign Affairs Div, Legislative Ref Svc, Library of Congress.

Jobs well done department: Bob Davenport in Far East since October '55 recently received a Certificate of Achievement in Korea for fine work with KMAG. Rog Kullman likewise received a Certificate of Achievement for SAC. Al Bowley of SAC, Offutt AFB was named October SAC pilot-of-the-month. Congratulations!

Out of a gathering Ralph and Evelyn Jones arranged for the rest of our Hqs CONARC group at Fort Monroe, Virginia, (Duke Hunt, Steve Gordy's, Jim Lothrop's and Fletch Veach's) comes this poop: Jim Cain and Chuck Puckett enjoying the relaxing climate and comforts of Saigon; Brahos Clark recently passed through Langley AFB and reported he still operates out of Scott AFB, Illinois; Dodo Freed is busy keeping the steel mill fires hot in Attica, Illinois.

Bob Dwan, our Armor scribe, offers these notes: John Stockton, 3rd Div Avn Co, Fort Benning, Georgia, will attend a 10-week Avn Safety Course at UCLA in March; Bill Spahr is Ln officer to the Soviet Military Forces in Germany; Bob Danforth leaves ROTC duty at Athens, Georgia, for Panama in August; Ed Rhoads, now on leave following his return from AFPE will go to Fort Ord, California; Frank and Arlene Jones (last Assembly column I called him "Williams"—no excuse, sir), now a civilian in DC, had a baby daughter, Kristin, last August.

Trev Sawyer, who should know, tells of these Engineer classmates: Mike Davis, Hq 20th Engr Brigade, Fort Bragg on special duty with XVIII Abn Corps Engr Sec, was recently at Belvoir for a demonstration put on by Fred Proctor, Combat Developments Sec, Engr School. Also on hand, Hank Romanek and Stuff Kengle, both from OCE. Johnny Buyers was recently retired with full disability; he's working for the Sandia Corp, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Dick Meyer is returning from a tour with Task Force 7 to Engr Ctr, Fort Belvoir. Jim Betts is good for a fourth year at USMA. Ernie Buzalski is returning from Quito, Ecuador to New York District, North Atlantic Div, New York City. John Bell will be returning from Greece this summer to Hq, CONARC, Fort Monroe. Milt Steinbring up from Engr Sec, Hq Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, for a short TDY at Belvoir says the new daughter and Elizabeth are happy and gay. Milt made the big class party at the Army-Navy Club in February. Keith Pigg is completing a 2-year course in nuclear effects engineering at Naval Post Grad School, Monterey, California and soon will be the expert at Engr School, Fort Belvoir. Art Van Schoick recently visited OCE from his Chicago Procurement Office, CE. Howie and Carolyn Coffman and their two little gals are still in Germany where Howie is now the CO of the 23rd Armd Engr Bn, 3rd Armd Div.

Bill Deekle reports that Luke and Minnie Wright and their two youngsters reported in January for ROTC duty with Xavier Univ in Cincinnati, after Luke's return from Korea. Dick Orphan brings news of Al Tyrara who retired in 1945. Al, who is National Sales Engr for American Chain & Cable Co., was in DC in February getting the local sales force in line. Al and Elsie live in Elkins Park, Pennsylvania just outside Philly with their daughters 11 and 12. Nick Parker (R&D Pentagon) on a recent trip to Fort Sill found Stan Ott to be the envy of all duck hunters at Sill with his top quality duck calling. Marilyn and Stan are expecting their fourth, thank you. Steve Brown will be checking in to the Motors Dept at Fort Sill shortly after completing his Masters in Automotive Engr at Univ of Michigan. Nick Parker learns in a letter from Johnny Lucas of the happy life with SETAF in Italy. Johnny had seen Mo Mazingo in Naples heading for the ZI. During the Christmas holidays. L. D. Pavy stopped over for a weekend with Ham Carter. L.D. likes his job with the Cardinal Farley Military Academy in New York. Bethel Edrington saw Wick Wickert at Xmas. Leavenworth is Wick's idea of a nightmare.

Ted Tansey is back in the States from Moscow where he was one of two US mil-

itary attaches recently ordered to hit the road for alleged snooping. Imagine specing that language and then getting the Russian boot. No justice.

Prospective students: Among those presently slated to attend the 57-58 C&GSC course are: Ed Blount, Ned Burr, Jim Christy, Ed Cleary, Dan Cullinane, Joe Chaufy, Sonny Giffin, Fred Herres, Gabby Ivan, Ed Kremli, Johnny Johnson, Jim Lothrop, Pete Langstaff, Al Metts, Bob Plett, Sandy Sembach, Ted Tansey and Dutch Umlauf. Army classmates to attend the 1957 Air C&GSC are John Cobb, Tommy Tomlinson and J. P. Dring (ex-"L" Co, found plebe year and now RA Infantry). Stuff Kengle and Del Perkins to begin the August AFSC course, as is Al Tucker who is to return from England to attend.

Ralph and Shirley Hill leave Fort Bliss this summer for CONARC, Fort Monroe, Virginia. Wonder if Archie knows what an athletic type Ray Blatt is — Ray recently broke his toe playing squash in the Pentagon Athletic Center. Bill Welch is Asst Post Transportation Officer at Fort Richardson, Alaska. Wife Dale is home at Columbia, South Carolina, I understand.

A real feeling of pride comes to us all as we learn from Bill Calnan and Bernie Rogers of the magnificent achievements of Jep Tanksley. Recalling how he was retired in 1947 because of war wounds that cost him both legs and his left eye, it is difficult to believe Jep has gone on to get a Law Degree from Emory, and a BBA Degree in Economics from Georgia State College. His latest triumph . . . in September 1956 he became the youngest judge ever elected to the Fulton County (Georgia) Superior Court. Jep and Frances and their three sons, 7, 5 and 1 year live at 702A Casplan St., SW, Atlanta, Georgia.

Just a word to acknowledge publicly the fine job our DC Wives' Club is doing. This year's officers: President — Barbara Blatt; VP and Social Cmte Chairman — Bobbie Keck; Treasurer — Janie Glasgow; Secretary—Ann Smith. The class winter formal they put on in February at the Army-Navy Country Club was a huge success. Mary Ann Coursey was chairman of the affair assisted by Annabelle Silvester and Coby Hurley. Space limitations prohibit listing the 98 who attended. Bob and Shirley Campbell came from Laurel, Maryland for the party; he has some gory stories to tell of his off-duty work with the Laurel Rescue Squad. The party also brought out a new couple to the area—John and Blayne Hull. John was retired for wounds in 1947 and has been in the investment business ever since. Recently moving here from Denver, the Hull's call 2770 N. Quincy St., Arlington, Virginia, home. Of course, I suspect their boy and girl like Daddy's 2,000 acre country place near Mt. Vernon best on week ends — two miles river front yet. John plans to raise cattle as a sideline.

The Leavenworth gang, as Gary Black relates it, recently had a funderful "Behind the Green Door" party sponsored by the Engrs (Brandt, Dirkes, Ingwersen, Schraeder and Fishback). The gals came as 1920-30 flappers, complete with short dresses, long beads and extra long eyelashes. Dutch ladled the gin from a bathtub . . . and there you are.

Dick McCord resigned on February 19, '57 and is now working for Westinghouse as an electrical engr. Dick's ambition is to replace Betty Furness on TV next convention. Jim Keck heard from Dick and Caroline Shaefer who really are enjoying California after England. Dick informs that Felix Kalinski has bought a beautiful home in Beverly Hills, California. Dick saw Nell and Keith Whitaker who are stationed at

March AFB. Jack Novak is with the USAF IG at Norton AFB, California, travelling world-wide. Allayne and daughter Lani pass the time in the modeling business.

Eagles are in store soon for these alert AF classmates: Leo Brooks, Bob Hoffman, Bill Scott and L. B. Smith—Hq USAF; Al Bowley and Vern Turner—SAC; John Hudson and Jim Walker—ARDC; Ernie Craig—USAFE; Bill Kilpatrick — Air Univ; Gayle Madison—CINCNELM (London); Ed O'Connor—AMC. Bravo!

Hank Fletcher lunching with Phil Eastman learned that Phil has left Northrup Aircraft and is now with Hallamore Electronics, Anaheim, California, as Asst to Veeep for Engineering. Phil and Virginia live in Anaheim at 521 Janss Way with Susan (10) and Bob (5). He passed through the Pentagon in February spreading word on the capabilities of this new company. Phil has seen Bruce Arnold and John Hudson around the LA area. These two are assigned to Western Development Div, USAF, as is Lee Hudson. Phil recently was in contact with Norm Kiefer, now in the B-47 wing at March AFB.

Bob Hersberger recently departed Bolling AFB for Europe. Harriett and the four kids are still staying near Rockville, Maryland, awaiting a green light on housing before joining Pop. Dick Parker, at Kirkland AFB, with AFSWC, recently was seen at a technical symposium in Buffalo, New York. Robin Olds has a new assignment as Interceptor Group Cmdr at Wheelus AFB, Tripoli, North Africa. Bill Dudley received a newsy letter from Bill Moore in November. At the time, Bill was still in Japan, in Ops of Hq, FEAF; however, in December, he, Marian and the kids moved to Hawaii as part of move of FEAF, Hq. Bill is Dir of Requirements. Here's the Moore news from Japan; Wally Potter with Hq, FEAF in Ops. Al Brown left Japan finally and reported to ADC, taking over a squadron at Knoxville. Frank Ball had just passed through Tokyo after duty on Taiwan; he was to be assigned to ADC at Colorado Springs.

Returning from a trip with General O'Donnell which included the Olympics, Ralph Hallenbeck saw Iletto in Manila. He says Rocky hasn't changed a bit, is lean and lithe as ever and has six fine youngsters—3 boys and 3 girls (another good man!). Checking into Alaska, Ralph spent some time with Tim and Frannie Ireland where Tim commands the MATS units at Elmendorf and Ladd. Frannie weathered a very serious ear operation at Letterman last fall, but looks fine as ever. Tid Watkins reported into Hq USAF in January where he is to replace Ralph as Chief of General Officers Branch (real control!) Joe Huau is hoping to break into B-47's in SAC at Homestead. Bucky Harris is departing AFSC for a position on FECOM staff in Hawaii.

Hospitality continues to reign supreme at USMA. On two trips I have made to the Point, the Plett's and more recently the Jones' heaped on the kindnesses. Each time a gathering was arranged so I could chat with all available classmates. Since many will be looking to this USMA group for major assistance during June Week please give them a break this year by writing well in advance for any help, lodging or otherwise, you wish. They told me they are delighted to help, but it takes time to get the job done.

New arrivals: Bob and Shirley Campbell are delighted with their son David (2½) whom they adopted December 13, '56. Ted and Emmy Connor are happy, too, at the arrival on January 17, '57 of Ann Leighton, their 2d daughter, their sixth youngster. Marve and Tom Beckett are mighty pleased with their 4th, a boy Stephen born January

28, '57 at 9 pounds 14 oz. Finally I thank my own dear Rundy for our December 28 income tax evasion, Stacy. Our first three youngsters were girls; now we have three boys. How lucky can you get.

—Arch.

1944

There's been a good bit of stirring around during the winter months, and I've heard from quite a few of our number who had temporarily dropped out of sight. This column will serve its purpose if some of you find out the whereabouts of a lost-in-touch-of classmate and get together by mail or otherwise. I have written to eight or ten who are stationed in key spots here and abroad to get them to keep me in touch with what's going on so I can pass it on to you. Outside of service publications with brief announcements, this is the only medium we have of keeping up with classmates other than those whom we see occasionally or correspond with personally. I don't mind gathering and writing as long as you let me know what's happening.

Kern and Ginks Pitts are in Formosa (APO 63) and have been for well over a year. A note from the "colonel" said he was following with a letter, but then that was only three months ago. The two children are of course with them, so except for the mountain air and mountain dew they should be as comfortable as if still in Tennessee.

George and Barbara Hayman returned to the states last fall and are now at Fort Carson—545 Ponderosa, Colorado Springs. Had seen Jack Geyer at Ent AFB, and Buck Rodgers was due at Carson around the first of the year. Of the Hayman's three children, one is named Putter. George seems to be mostly playing golf in Colorado, so I imagine Putter should have been named Caddy—George is too lazy to carry his own. Incidentally, I'm back at golf now, so if any of you want a red hot game just holler.

Ollie and Anne Patton at Leavenworth as noted earlier. If Ollie and Steve Mulkey and George Pappas could get together maybe we could really get out some form of round-robin class letter as a sequel to the Ten Year Book.

Sam and Barbara Hesse and two children still live at 2522 Guadalupe, San Angelo, Texas. Sam has been in the Insurance and Real Estate business since leaving the AF except for a period of recall to active duty a few years ago.

The Patches, Dick and Ginette, still at the farm near Philomont, Virginia, and are a welcome addition to those of our class making up the Washington contingent from year to year. Ted and Betty Altier, still more civilians, have bought a new home in Rochester, New York. Not a new city, of course—just across town. New address is 172 Idlewood Road. Our other Rochester civilians (Rochester, Michigan), Red and Sugar Aldrich with four young ones, are still happy with the pay system of General Motors.

Received a fine picture of Jack Cushman and two of his children — looked like a mighty happy family group. Nancy got left out somehow; and having yet to meet her, I was disappointed; but then, Jack's a pretty handsome fellow. They're still on the staff at Leavenworth, but I think they and many others of our group there will push on come summer.

The Zillmers are winding up their third year in Japan and should be coming home before too long. They have a new little

boy, born last August, to bring home this time. After three years and as many locations with inadequate housing, I think the Zilch will be ready when coming home time arrives. Also, in that general neck of the woods is John Sullivan. John was sent to Korea last summer but hopes to be back here before the end of the year. Annette and the children are in Columbus, Georgia at 1510 Virginia Street.

Things must have really perked up around Fort Riley last year when Dave Silver returned from overseas and was assigned to G-3 work at Riley. Old Pop can keep the place jumping if anyone can. B.J. should be a welcome addition to those drab Kansas plains. Saul Jackson and Fred Black are at Riley as well as the Silvers.

My baldheaded roommate Charles David Daniel (Hesse has a full head of hair yet and so do I) is still in D.C. and plans to stay a while. He can't write, but Dotty keeps me up to date. Bud Partridge left Washington for Japan in November but don't know just where or what outfit. The Fred Smiths have a six month old girl now, second daughter, and, believe it or not, the Jack Hennessey's were rumored to be expecting early this year.

John and Laurie Sanders have a little boy, their first child, born last September 17 in Montgomery. John is now attending Air C&S School at Maxwell but will be moving on before long. Can be reached at Box 247, Millbrook, Alabama. Baby's name is John Rankin.

Joe Hale and family have been in California for little over a year now at Western Development Division, Hqs, ARDC. Home address is 414 Camino de Encanto, Redondo Beach, California. Les Salzer and Dick Denen are there with Joe, and all three families have bought homes and settled down for the duration. A small reunion was given out there around Christmas time by Ted Bartz and Al Wald for the ten of '44 who live in the area. Ted and Al are with Hughes Aircraft. Others nearby, all civilians now, are Don and Jeanette Ingram, Channing and Elva Gilson, Frank and Marge McArdle, Bill and Ruth Murray and C. C. Martin. Joe had seen Ed Murphy in Washington where Ed is with personnel and Chuck Sampson who was in on a short visit from Puerto Rico where he's Air Installation Officer.

Les and Mabel Halstead will be leaving Lynnhaven, Virginia in June to report to Fort Lee to be indoctrinated into the methods and madness of the Quartermaster — seems that age and a malfunctioning pair of ears are responsible for the change in branch. Charlie Steel has checked in from Leavenworth where he, Jan, and the three young ones and it seems about half the class have spent the past eight or nine months.

Dotty and Bob Shannon have been at Sill the past better part of a year after three years at Redstone Arsenal. I think they left Redstone just before Bob and Betsy Pearce arrived there. With Bob at Fort Sill are Rod Lindell, Bob Parks and Doug Harris with, respectively, Beth, Enid and Lena Mae and assorted and sundry children.

Tom Moore and Art Hyman are at Fort Campbell, Kentucky with 101st Airborne. Hope to see them later this month at Founders Day celebration there.

Fred and Kitty Smith are not in Washington as might be supposed from above but still at Leavenworth where Fred is rounding out his second year teaching logistics. It just goes to show the roundabout way some news finally reaches Memphis.

Bill Bradley has gone to California lately to become regional manager for Thompson Products Company. Bill Henderson around Baltimore heading Rocket Engine Branch

of Hq. ARDC. George Hoffman in Procurement Div. of AF Hqs. in Washington. And another bachelor has bit the dust as Ben Ragland and Nancy Heppenstall were married in December at Richmond, Indiana. Not sure what Ben is doing but have an address at 1101 Livermore St., Yellow Springs, Ohio.

I'm sure some of you received Beckie Cary's "Christmas Letter" with all the news of her and Randy and the children. If not, then they are in Augsburg where Randy is S-3 of 511th Airborne Inf. This duty came about after a tour in Japan, a short stay in the states at Fort Campbell and then back across the ocean the other way. Everything is fine with the Carys and they can be reached care of APO 112, New York.

Lee Smith really gets around these days. Had a note that he'd seen Marty McCoy in Germany last fall where Marty is at 12th AF Hqs. Then later heard Lee had been in Pakistan, Greece and Italy for a few weeks TDY just before Christmas. Bob Ginsburg in PIO, Allied AF Hqs., Naples for the time being. Bob Sellers is at Patrick AFB, Florida in Test Data Reduction work. Bill Steger with SAC at Tucson and Courtney instructing in B-52s at Castle AFB, California. Bob Armstrong and Mire are with John Sanders at Air C&S College at Maxwell. Howie Tanner in the Pentagon in Requirements Section and George Maxon at Luke AFB as squadron commander. J. G. Williams at the Air Force Academy, Shoemaker at Wright Patterson and Lee still at 19th AF Hqs. doing planning work. Dave Henderson leaving Washington this summer, probably to Eglin after a highly successful tour as speech writer for high-ranking AF officers. I know of a few Lieutenant Colonels in the class: Blanchard, Joe Hale, Dave Henderson, King, Lee Smith and Steffes. Anybody know of any others?

Jim Cumberpatch and Mary are back home again in California. Jim is stationed at McClellan AFB in Sacramento as Chief, Lockheed Weapon Systems Division. Any of the five Cumberpatches may be reached at 3716 Duran Circle, Sacramento.

John Brown received his Master's degree in Business Administration from Ohio State in December. Don't know where he went from there.

The thirty-odd classmates at Leavenworth had a big blowout late in December and sent along some timely news together with such comments as you might imagine in the form of a serial-type letter. Will all be leaving there this summer but don't know where next stop will be as yet. Molloy and Pettigrew assumed an overseas assignment, but that's not very definite. Here are some odd bits picked up at the party: Walt Harris and Jack Elliot at Fort Bliss; John and Louise Kimbel and four children now in England; George and June Pickett in Turkey; Joe and Allie Shelton in Berlin; Ed and Ginny Hibbard at Fort Dix; Jim and Vickie Stewart in San Francisco; Frank and Susie Mahin due at West Point in the summer; Chuck and Fran Johnson due home from Germany late this spring; Howie Metzler at the Pentagon; and Grady White back on active duty and now in Korea.

It seems that every twelve years I hear from Senator Steve Mulkey; and sure enough, a long letter with six cents due arrived a while ago. Steve and some of the boys at West Point have some good ideas for the class, but the coordination leaves a bit to be desired. Some of the things in mind are arrangements for gifts from the Class to sons who graduate in the future, some form of gift from the Class to the Academy, and perhaps a newsletter circulated among the entire class as mentioned in the first paragraph above. If any of you have ideas along these lines, write Steve a note care of the Dept. of English, or write George Pappas at Continental Air Command

in Colorado Springs, or Ollie Patton, 420 Kearney at Leavenworth or, as last resort, to me and I'll forward it.

Jack Pollin is due to check in at West Point for duty this summer. George Blanchard and George Wear are slated for Armed Forces Staff College class this September. Last quarter I said Bob Murphy was still a bachelor; but he is no longer, having married on January 5th a young lady named Stephnia. Seems she saved quite a bit of money before marriage as an airline hostess, and Bob is trying to convince her of the wisdom of a joint bank account. Now at West Point in addition to Joe and Steve are Bob and Marjorie Day, Keith Eiler, Andy and Ann Keller, Hank and Marge Kutchinski, Don and Jeanne MacWilliams, Jim and Mary O'Brien, Steve and Jean Smith, George and Betty Wear, Al and Mary Weston and M. C. and Hilda Murphy.

Let me hear from you.

—Buford Norman,
1748 Vinton Ave.,
Memphis.

1945

Graduated: 852
Active: Army 392; Air Force 181
Retired: 16
Civil Life: 193
Deceased: 69

The recapitulation above, extracted from the latest Register of Graduates, frames your columnist's column for this issue; '45 was and is a diverse, sometimes disunited brood, to whom Geritol proffers no panacea. As this copy is written, ballots so far returned offer several nominations for class columnist, a reasonable rumble of complaints, and numerous promising suggestions. Resolution of these 180 responses (of 730 mailed out) produces the following plan: the Class Secretary will write the column (class officers will be elected in Washington in a year or two; our density here at USMA declines rapidly). The Secretary will maintain contact with solicited volunteers at various Army and AF installations and among our civilian brethren, and he will enlist replacements at major installations to sustain the small friendly flame. . . Bill Taylor and Jim Root in Washington; Marty Brewer in Baltimore; Tom Fitzpatrick at Bliss; Les Ayres at Riley; Bud Avery and Johnny McWherter at the AF Academy; Dick Moore at Wright-Patterson; Wag Wagonhurst in USAEUR; and Bob Dingeman at Leavenworth; Bob Woods at Princeton; Ralph Hinman in Columbus, Georgia; Sam Lessey in Washington and New York; and Ted Wagner in Kingston, Tennessee, have all been nominated or have volunteered to contribute their talents. The undersigned will invite them to do so. Their problems will remain those same problems which beset Jim Alfonte, however: if no news comes in, no column ensues. Tired blood?

ARMY

Wagonhurst suggests a European report—since there are seventy or so classmates in Europe, ten of them in Heidelberg.

FORT RILEY—Les Ayres reports from 1st Div. that he and Del Vecchio are "it" at present; Tom Schwinn visited them a few weeks ago. Tobias is still at Kansas State College in Manhattan, Kansas.

Bill Norris is home on TDY from Greenland to "supervise" the arrival of his second child, expected momentarily. He returns permanently in the summer; he and Virginia go to C&GS in the fall.

FORT BLISS—Lutz with Hq 1st GM Brigade goes to C&GS in fall; Tom Fitzpatrick with Combat Dev. Dept., AAA&GM School.

RECENT TRANSFERS: Jim Bowman from Inf to Ord; John Harmeling from Inf to Arty.

Bill Taylor, Major CE, Ret, observed writing several articles for the Military Engineer.

John Tyler attending USN Post-Graduate School, Monterey, California.

Art Fridl, NYU ROTC, married in the Cadet Chapel in mid-February.

Bob Mann at Redstone Arsenal (how goes it with "Jupiter"?) with Jim and Fairb Maris.

Frank and Bonnie LaBoon lapping up vitamin D via Puerto Rican sunshine. Frank is working out of the Jacksonville District Engineer office—building runways; Bonnie reports life there "fine."

Faye Worthington busy supervising (as Resident Engineer) construction of Thayer Hall (for the uninformed—the NEW Academic Building—the OLD Riding Hall), other minor construction jobs, and expansion planning for the post—departs for Leavenworth in the fall, C&GS rather than that other place, he hopes.

Shirley and Bates Burnell at Monterey, California, studying "Deutsch" in preparation for assignment in Austria as Assistant Military Attache.

Dick and Doris Williams in Germany; Dick is CO, Co F, 13th Inf, APO 35, and Doris complains that home is only where he hangs his hat.

Gar Landrith reports Tom and Joannie Jones dropped in on their way to Art Fridl's wedding. Tom is in Combat Developments Section of G-3 CONARC (or USCAC if you're really up to date)—crystal ball gazing into the future. Their second son—8 months old—accompanied them. Tom goes to the Naval C&S College at Newport, Rhode Island, in the fall.

Kenny and Ola Moore just moved into French Wherry Housing at Camp Bussac near Bordeaux; 83d Engr Bn, APO 215.

Vince and Marge McGuiness—Co B, 249th Engr Bn, APO 227, USAREUR.

Gabby Shumard is Secretary to the General Staff at Belvoir.

Jack and Liz Geer report 3 years at The Massanutten Academy, Woodstock, Virginia, rather dull except for 2 daughters, 1 son, 2 dogs, 1 cat, 1 canary, two unnamed turtles, and one set of orders for Korea in August.

Rollo Harman, now in Republic Fairchild's Engine Division at Deer Park, Long Island, ran into Art Fridl at NYU recently.

Erskine and Bonnie Smith are comfortably settled in Berlin—Box 53, APO 742.

AIR FORCE

Bud Avery and J. B. Townsend (Lieutenant Colonel) are at the USAA.

Also John MacWherter, who made a flying visit to USMA Math Dept to get the poop on "how to run" the math dept. there. John's approaching the stage of "expert", what with 3 years in Math at USMA and now 3 (?) at the USAA.

Shirley and Jack Hoffman in Tullahoma, Tennessee, with R&D.

FORBES AFB—Archie Patterson reports Augie Puchrik and Earl Wilkinson complete the '45 group there. Frank Knolle now at Holloman AFB, New Mexico, after leaving Forbes. Walt Galligan, Pug Wohlford, Charlie Barnett are at Smoky Hill AFB, Kansas. Dick Moore still at Wright-Patterson; Marty Brewer in Hq ARDC, Baltimore.

As you can see, there was a format here, but this paragraph written by Axel Briggs was too good to change or edit:

Axhole Briggs (second echelon) recently made an inspection trip to the Pentagon from the English Dept. Briggs discovered a new adverb last month and wanted to get it approved. He also wanted to refresh his memory on what an Air Force job would

be like after leaving West Point. He found Tony Parrish playing squash. He found Bud Farris still trying to iron out the HUMP with the help of the Corps of Engineers, bull dozers, steam shovels, etc. IT just won't seem to go away of its own accord. The only visible bulge remaining, however, was a lump clearly stencilled '45. Joe Byron recently blew in from Portsmouth, New Hampshire, to check the martinis at the Officer's Club here at West Point. After eight or ten, Joe, better known in SAC as "adorable" Byron, decided they were pretty good; but Betsy decided he had had enough. Frank Lee has reported in several times recently to West Point to apply for a job as BP or guide on the local Bosch tours. Although without visible means of support, Frank was well and happy. He promises to write when he finds work. Bull Bartron made several trips to New York from SAC Hq. to get checked out in an IBM machine. Bull reports that IBM is no good for hangovers but that they will soon replace all unit commanders (Ed note—Pilots too?).

MUFTI

Bill Stuckey distinguished currently in "General Orders No. 1, Department of Mufti, Washington 25, D. C."

"Captain Stuckey rel fr asg & dy, Washington, WP Ohio PDQ. Off to be accompanied by wife, Gertrude, son David, dau Marilyn, son Daniel, dau Erna, and dog Cindy. Ex-off to be associated w/Philips & Davies, Inc. Mr. Stuckey & wife hope you will retain them on mailing and visiting lists: transients passing through Ohio will report to 650 N. Main Street, Kenton, Ohio (Rt 30S or 68) for R&R. . ."

Andy Carhartt has changed congregations since last reported—now minister of Chelsea Presbyterian Church, 9 South Chelsea Ave., Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Bob Erickson says civilian life suits him to a "T". (Lawyer)

Tom Schwinn is now representing the 69th District of Kansas in the State House of Representatives. (Makes us wonder if the Leavenworth C&GS House of Reprehensibles is in his district).

Cliff Meyers is Deputy Comptroller in Valley National Bank, Phoenix, Arizona.

Sam Lesley is in private law practice in Washington, D. C.

Ted Wagner reports change of address to 707 Sunset Drive, Kingston, Tennessee. Rupe Jernigan to 309 Glendover Rd, Lexington, Kentucky; and Jim Edwards to 2 Thayer St., Providence, Rhode Island.

The long and the short of it all seems to be that we have more lawyers in our class than anything else—could it be that Denny exerted such an influence with Suzanne LaFlamme?? Bill Nichols (Law Dept) reported the other day, much to our sorrow, that Suzanne was retired some years back—without replacement. Seems a shame.

Put the class secretary on your mailing list for change of address cards, baby announcements, marriages, promotions, retirements, resignations, etc. As of now *John Wood, Dept of English*, will do the trick; the next column will announce the results of the class election and the new secretary-reporter. And if you didn't get a ballot it's because the Association of Graduates doesn't have an addressograph plate with your current address; so how about keeping them posted as to your whereabouts and we will know where you are.

—John Wood and Del Fowler.

1946

Steadily but surely the bachelor ranks of our class are thinning. Word has been received that Marty Colladay was married Jan-

uary 27, 1957, to the former Miss Georgianne Dutton of Salina, Kansas. "Danny", as Mrs. Colladay is nicknamed, and Marty are stationed at Westover AFB, Massachusetts with Hq. 8 AF. Another long time bachelor, William Robert Smith, was married February 9, 1957, to the former Miss Nancy Elizabeth Saunders of El Paso, Texas. They are now at home—Qtrs. 5748, Fort Bliss, Texas. Our best to the newly wed and may they live many happy years together.

Rex Sheffield, 3004 Rhodelia, Claremont, California, wrote to inform us that he is Ass't PMS&T at Claremont Men's College. Rex expects to stay where he is until June '58, provided of course that his extension is approved. Ralph Davis is selling real estate in Los Altos (near Stanford Univ) California. Stymie Kline is also an Ass't PMS&T at California Poly at San Luis Obispo. Johnny Simpson is in El Salvador with a military mission. His family is there with him. Minor Lee Kelso is at Fort Lewis, Washington in command of a 4.2mm Mortar Company. Kelso did a bang up job representing the 5th Inf. Regt. as a Liaison Officer to the (1,400 cadets) ROTC summer camp last July. The 5th was supporting the cadet training.

I have not had an opportunity to see any classmates lately. The only West Pointers I do business with are Jim Wallwork '52 and Cecil Rutledge '45. Being in air conditioning, I may eventually find more of us in this business. So far, this winter has been bad for me to even get up to West Point for some athletic events.

Since I have never really answered the many letters I have received in the past ten years I want to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone of you who have written. Without your letters and worth while information I would never have been able to produce a newsworthy column. I most sincerely appreciate the many who have taken the time to express their approval of the column. Since I am somewhat isolated from army people this has kept me informed first hand.

Your news will always be published if I get it in time. Please note the new deadline dates by which I have to have the column in the hands of the Association — March 1, June 1, September 1, and December 1. You most certainly appreciate my need for a few days before each date. I try to hold mailing my completed column until the very last minutes. This is being written February 27, 1957. The length of this column was dictated not by the editor but by my incoming mail!! Enough said! My address is 3 Spruce Lane, Verona, New Jersey.

According to the records of the Ten Year Book Committee there are still approximately 60 classmates who have not paid their balance on the book. The following list is accurate as of March 1:

Ashton, Badger, Baker, C., Barlow, Barthol, Bodie, Buckley, Burke, Carbine, Carnright, Chase, Chynoweth, Cohen, Coller, Cramer, Culpepper, Dessert, Dockstetter, Douthitt.

Edwards, Elliot, Feibelman, Finley, Futrell, Gavin, Gee, Gordon, Halloran, Hawley, Hirschfield, Hughes, R., Jordan, C., Kelley Kopald, Kurowski, Ladd, Lane, Lawson, Leavitt.

Mattox, McPhee, Minnich, Nelson, O'Conner, Paden, Parker, W., Parsons, Petrie, Plank, Richards, Robinson, Rovis, Shade, Sharkoff, Torgerson, Weinstein, Wheat, White, Zeh.

The balance owed by the persons listed above is \$4.50. Checks should be made to: Ten Year Book—1946. Letter should be sent to: Ten Year Book—1946, Box 146, West Point, New York.

We have ten books that can be mailed to anyone who desires an additional copy or who has not reserved one.

—Samuel F. H. France.

1947

The following communiques from the class bureaucrats are published for the information of all concerned:

From the desk of Bob Haldane: Current statistics reveal that 119 members of the class have returned the postcard concerning attendance at this year's June Week festivities. Sixty of the 119 have indicated that they intend to be here. They are as follows: Allen, Abrams, Ball, Bass, Boerger, P. T., Beuhler, Biggs, Biles, Carpenter, Coghill, Colburn, Cooper, Cretella, Dell, Ends, Force, Goldsborough, Gould, Greenberg, Harrington, Haskin, Hayes, Halligan, Heisser, Hightower, Iekler, Krause, Landis, Leech, Lilley, Littlestone, Lynn, Maconey, G. A., Maldney, M. M., McCullough, Murrin, Mahlum, McCord, Mattern, Murphy, Nickel, Nairn, Palmer, Pearce, Reckmyer, Rogers, Rosen, M., Robb, Rachmeler, Roca, Schuder, Shields, Smith, Satten, Thompson, Tatum, Tully, Wright, Williams and Alfano. Including those who are assigned here, it appears that about one-third of the class will be present. If you intend to come and have not notified Bob, please do so at once.

From the desk of Hap Arnold: the following list includes the names of all of those for whom we have no address: Beckner, Callan, Cronin, Fahs, Gregorie, Grossman, Henry, Kain, Kent, Kremser, Monahan, Pierce, Pinkerton, Robinson, Short, Smith, Spiker, Stevens, and Wellborn. If you have the address or know someone who has the address of any of these classmates, please contact Hap Arnold, c/o Box 147, USMA, West Point. Hap further reports that the 10 Year Book Committee has heard from 196 troops who have contributed \$408.

From the desk of Frank Boerger: Replies with information for "Take Ten" number a paltry 80. The local committee has much work to do in compiling all replies in order to organize the book, hence EARLY ACTION is most earnestly requested. Get the dope in by May 1 or we are in a bind. We could use more pictures of classmates in foreign areas or gathered near any local bar. So research your photo albums and send them in, color slides are all right (we will return them). If you want an extra copy of *Take Ten* let your needs be known now by dropping Hap Arnold a line. We are only going to print enough copies for known requirements. If you know anybody that would like to advertise in our book, drop Ike Snyder a note. We want only \$100 per page to circulate your firm's name among a very select group of people.

The June Week schedule shapes up as follows (subject to change without notice):

Friday Evening, Cocktail-Buffer—WPAM; Saturday Afternoon, Picnic—Round Pond; Sunday Evening, Formal Dinner Dance—Cullum; Monday Noon, Alumni Luncheon—Cadet Mess; Wives Luncheon—WPAM; Monday Evening, Dinner—Bear Mountain.

*Hoover's baby will be born after this affair. Cigars will be distributed on the Plain at 0400. The North Sallyport of North Area (place of registration) will have the latest information for you when you arrive.

We intend to work in a brief memorial service for departed classmates. Time and date have not as yet been determined.

Frank further informs me that Bill Nairn is scheduled to join the ranks of those settled in the Hudson Highlands next summer.

Hap Arnold reports that congratulations are in order for the Bert Brennans. Their second son, Timothy, arrived recently.

We also extend congratulations to Tobey and Forrest Crowe. A girl, Elizabeth Louise, born February 22.

Ike Snyder had a short note from Hank Paul at Aberdeen. He finishes the Advanced Course in May and is slated to go to Korea.

I had a Xmas card from Al Geraci which arrived too late for the last column. The card was from Fort Huachuca, Arizona, but a recent letter informs me that the Geraci family has just completed a move to Dugway, Utah. Space limitations preclude the inclusion of Al's letter, describing this safari in its entirety, so I will give you the basic ingredients and let you use your own imagination. Al and Bobbie and Allen (age 6), Stephen (age 4), Martha Lee (age 2), Chauncey (the beagle), and Tommy and Lisa (the parakeets) set out in the month of January on a 1,000 mile trip from "one hot, dusty, treeless desert to one cold, dusty, treeless desert." They finally made it and now invite anyone who "has the fortitude to come through Dugway" to stop and see them. The Geraci's plan to be at Fort Monmouth in September where Al will attend the Advanced Course. Current address: Sig. C. Met. Team No. 3, Dugway, Utah.

Also had a Xmas card from Jim and Kay Johnson—Address: 1731 Spring Street, Mt. View, California. They seem to like California: "Just like the Paules's said it was." There must be *some* truth in John Paules's propaganda after all!

Hap Arnold reports that he has heard from Ed and Jane Robertson who have visited Bert and Mary Brennan. Ed is at the RAF Staff College and Bert is Operations Officer of the 78th Fighter Squadron.

Lannie Dunham provided the following information: Jack and Jill Faith at Bad Hersfeld, Germany—Address: Co G. 3rd Bn, 14th Armored Cav. Regt, APO 171, New York. Muriel and Bill Webb to go to University of Pennsylvania for a year and then to the English Dept. John and Janet Miller and 4 are in Yokohama. John's in the Supply Division of the Theatre QM—Address: QM, Hq AFPE/8A (Rear), APO 343, San Francisco; Ann and Stu Force and 3 are at 21 Brentwood, Newington, Connecticut. Stu is working for the American Hardware Co. Roger Bate at the Canadian Armed Forces Staff College. Hearty congratulations to Kathy and Jack Sullivan—Kathleen Sullivan, number six for the Sullivan clan, arrived November 25, 1956.

John Paules reports Dick and Doris Littlestone at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. Dick is studying nuclear physics. Pat and Doc Haskin at Fort Bliss and scheduled to come to USMA. Kermit Reel is back from Korea. He and Marie are now at College Station, Texas. Kermit is Asst. PMS&T at Texas A&M. Jim Kennedy in the building construction business in Los Angeles. Dona and Bill (The Chief) Field in Chicago.

Dot and Wayne Hauck report a letter from the Duquemin's. Patt and Duke are now with Hq. and Hq. Det. 7630, Task Group Bravo, APO 221, New York. They plan to return to the States in July—Duke is scheduled for C&GSS in September. The Duquemin's have heard from the Congers who are also planning to come home in July. The Haucks also had a letter from the De Gil's—Lita and Bernie are at 1702 Spaulding, Artillery Village, Fort Sill, Oklahoma. They report Bob and Margo Koch at Fort Sill—Bob going to the Naval War College in July.

Had a Xmas card and a long newsy letter from Tex Hightower. Lois and Tex are now at 26440 Birchfield Ave., Rolling Hills, California. Tex is involved in a "Training

With Industry Program" at North American Aviation in Los Angeles. He expects to be there until September. Tex reports the Coolbaughs and the Staszaks in the neighborhood — Jim with Western Development Division and Lenny with the Ballistic Missile Office—both ICBM boys. John Lerohl has just been transferred from Albuquerque to The Rand Corporation at Santa Monica. Lee Christensen is back from Europe and is now in Albuquerque. Jim Ryan is also there. Mark and Bobby Kinevan are in Washington. Mark is in the TF JAG office in the Pentagon as is Don Helling.

Joe Johnson reports that he saw Bu Biggs on a flying trip he made to Wright-Patterson. Bu is in Hqs., AMC. Joe also saw Al Learmonth who was in the process of being transferred to the Western Development Division (Missiles) in Los Angeles. Ralph Murrin resigned last year at Wright-Patterson and is now serving in the same job as a civilian. He is working on a missile project—Address: Fairborn, Ohio. Joe heard from John Guice at Xmas. John resigned in 1955. He is now Operations Officer of an Air National Guard Fighter Squadron in Tucson, Arizona. Address: Route 4, Box 284, Tucson. The Guices now have 4 boys. Bob Halligan is now the Vice-President of Hallcrafters Corporation in Chicago.

A last reminder: Don't forget to get the dope for *Take Ten* in as soon as possible, and, if you haven't subscribed as yet do so! See you June Week.

—John Hoover.

1948

Navy weekend and the 100th Night Show are both upon us, so surely spring is just around the corner. It also means "clan" news is due once again. Let's take another look at '48 and see how many we can locate.

"Rosey" Rosencrans reported for duty with the T.D. a little over a month ago. Rosey, Martha, and three girls are now settled and full fledged members of the local contingent. The Rosencrans report that George Rutter is currently running the Senior Officer's Course at the USAF Fighter Weapon's School, Nellis AFB, Nevada. They also recently saw Johnny Edwards, who took F-84F training at Luke before proceeding to Nellis to fly F-100s. Johnny is probably on his way overseas by now. (I'm getting news *ahead* for a change!) After two drinks and some persuasion, Rosey volunteered some additional air force scoop as follows: Art Snyder is presently on his way home from Germany; Lou Schalk is at Edwards AFB, Massachusetts; and Warren Graves and Bob Davis are at Savannah. A welcome note from Anne Barton caught me up to date on '48ers at the Air Force Academy. Bartons, Youngs, Miners, Barbers, and Quanbecks had been previously reported. Arnold Braswell has now joined the crew. He is an AOC along with R. O. The Sandmans are due soon so the representation is growing by leaps and bounds. Can't get the place shaped up without '48! Al Quanbeck was here a short time ago but reported no last minute additions, so I guess I'm safe for the time being.

A welcome note from Bill Buckner describes a fabulous duck hunt sponsored by Oscar Kochtitzky. Bill, Oscar, and Hank Stelling stood in a flooded forest and got their limit early as ducks by the thousands poured in through the trees. I got so excited I took my gun out and sat recalling those Riley and EUCOM hunts (very few birds but lots of hunting!). Oscar is still in real estate management and oil investment; Hank is a B-47 observer at Little

Rock AFB; and Bill is with Gustin-Bacon Mfg. Company in the sales end (glass fiber insulation).

Randy Beirne writes from Europe that the Beirnes (wife, Bimmy, and two daughters) are living in Munich. Randy is with the 370th Armd. Inf. Bn. and spent several interesting months with the German Army in Schleswig-Holstein. He expects to return to the States in May. He also ran into "Punk" Hartnell and "Al" Alfonso in Stuttgart. "Al" is with Punk in the G-2 Section, VII Corps.

Bob Hallahan supplemented the news from Europe with an interesting letter. Bob was S-3 of the 457th Abn. F. A. B. before taking Btry "A". The Hallahans have frequently seen Harry and Sally Buckley. (Sally is Bob's sister.) Harry has been with USAREUR G-4 but presently is slated for troop duty with the 3rd Armored Div. Bob also noted meeting the Hamiltons, Doodys, and Hoffmans. Jack Hamilton is with the USAREUR Ord. School in Fuessen. Jack Doody is still with GMAG in Heidelberg and Tom Hoffman is now with the 2nd Armd. Division near Mannheim.

A Christmas card from Sally and Buck Borg still locates them in Hamburg, Germany, where Buck is with the American Consulate.

Just talked to Bill Smith and I'm happy to report his engagement to Maria Petschek. The wedding is planned for late spring. Congratulations! We will all look forward to welcoming '48's newest bride.

Sally and Howie Adams gave me several items of interest which I'm happy to pass on. Babs and Wally Williams with two children are presently living near Tokyo. Sid Berry with family is still at Fort Benning. After the Advance Course Sid will take the Airborne and Ranger Courses and then go to the 4th Armored Div. at Hood. Sandy and Willie Bertram are presently at Fort Riley. Lou Haskell is with Lyle Walter in the Advance Course at Fort Sill. Lou was married on December 1 to Becky Neal. Congratulations to you both and a warm welcome to Becky from '48! Whitey Emerson, Lake Churchill, and Ken Olsen are at Fort Bliss, specific jobs unknown to me. Need more information from you three. The Footes are still at Fort Bliss where Ashby is with the Corporal Division. Also a note that the Macklins and Garrisons are located at Fort Richardson, Alaska.

Tom Cormack very kindly reminded me that Arnie Sargent went to the Far East last summer so my report assuming the Sargents were still in Seattle was just a tiny bit behind the times! A number of additional gems were gleaned from Christmas cards. They may be old but better late than never so here goes. Joe Bratton is scheduled to attend MIT next year and take the Nuclear Engineering Course. Katie Plummer reports that she and the children will join Walt in Europe this spring. This is also true of Jane Wagoner and children who join Bud in Formosa. Ginnie Meyers brought us up to date on Joe's Korean activity. He is in G-3 Section, Hqs. 24th Inf. Division. Wally Hubbard recently returned from Korea, but his new assignment is unknown. Dick and Gloria Skinner with kiddies had coordinated travel to Zaragoza, Spain, in January. Dick is Base Opns. Officer. Bill Shuster arrived home from Korea in February and is scheduled to report here March 25th. June Bayer writes that the Bayer family is thriving despite the 30 degrees below zero weather in Bangor, Maine.

As they do in everything else, '48ers continue to excel in the baby department. My reporters and confidential agents have reported 10 new additions since the last issue. First is Mary Alice Wurster born on Octo-

ber 2 at West Point. Dottie and Charlie gave me the data for the last issue, but it was inadvertently omitted. Terese and Jack Kean followed suit with Linda Ellen born January 16 at West Point. Not to be outdone, Mary Lou and Gene Forrester also became proud parents of a baby girl, Pamela Louise, born February 7. A welcome note from Tom and Jerry Jones announced the arrival of James Christopher on January 19. Father "Bear" Brennan managed to get word out that he and Ann have a new baby boy, Robert Sean, born February 14. Bet that's a valentine the Brennans won't forget! Just received a note from the Buckners reporting that the first family addition is a boy, Bolivar, born on February 16. I have also had a reliable report of a third daughter in the Carl Schmidt's household; a daughter, Elizabeth, to the Richardsons on September 9 (somehow my Washington sources failed!), and a little girl, Sara, for the George Thomases. I have a rumor of a new Vreeland though I don't know whether it was a boy or girl—details please! I must also report Bonnie Beth Blakeslee, born on December 13, 1955. She isn't a "new arrival", but Patsy and Jim have never had her presented to the clan and that will never do!

Back to my pearls for this issue. Jack Kean gave me additional information on Pierce and Barbara Gaver. They are now settled and live at 306 Anna Ave., Mt. View, California. The welcome mat is out! Just heard that Claron Robertson is going to Labrador next summer and that Denny Patterson is being shanghied to Bermuda. Jack Brennan appears destined for Heidelberg, Germany. These are unconfirmed but reliable rumors at this date. Ennis Whitehead just reported a recent call from Jack Creed. Jack will receive his law degree from Georgetown and take his bar exams for the District of Columbia in June. Jack also noted that Rich Cooper is scheduled home from Europe this summer and hopes to make his return jaunt an around the world affair. Gene Forrester is leaving West Point temporarily to take the March Airborne Course at Benning. Ah yes, Lowell and Eloise Genebach are well settled at 1000 Riverside Drive, Battle Creek, Michigan. Life is busy (Lowell is in politics in his spare time!), but they have plenty of room and would welcome visitors. Lowell has a "hardship" yearly active duty tour here at the Academy. Can you arrange it to overlap June Week, Lowell?

Just talked with Frank Boerger ('47), who gave me some poop on the *forty-seven* 10 year book. Anyone wishing a copy should write to Frank c/o Dept MA&E or c/o Box 147, West Point, enclosing a \$2 deposit. (Total cost to be about \$8 to \$10). Requests should be made before June 1.

My pencil is still sharp. I have a little time left and even part of a drink, but I'm afraid all the news for this quarter has been exhausted. Many thanks to all of you who made this column possible by passing on news to me! Please keep it up and drop me a line from time to time. All who possibly can, be sure to plan to come up June week!

—Johnny Egbert.

1950

Norwalk, Connecticut, February 27, 1957.

Saved by the Bell! Just received three letters—the only three ones—for this issue. For a minute I thought we would have one big blank space in memory of the Class of '50. At any rate, the *Assembly* has given us new deadlines so remember the first day of

these months—March, June, September, and December. My copy must be submitted on the above dates, so if your letters reach me within ten days prior to my deadline, I'll have some news for you.

In addition to the letters from Ben Lewis, Sandy Oliver and Mrs. Carlos Wheaton (Warde's Ma), I received Christmas cards from about 25 classmates. Ben Lewis is now in Frankfurt with HQ ASA Europe. There also are Ding Price, Al Griebing and Chuck Watters. Burke Lee is in Mannheim; Jim Tormey and George Lear in Heidelberg; Jim Kelly in Giessen; Bill Read in Wurzburg; and Gerry Kelley and Jim Trayers in Kaiserslautern. Since Ben has been traveling all over Europe in connection with his job, he ran into Frank Warner and B. J. Leiser in Verona, Italy, and Bill Berry in Paris. I'm ready for the golf lesson you mentioned, Benno—how about a correspondence course?

Sandy Oliver, Tac Officer at West Point, writes that he has relieved Walt Price as Class Representative at USMA. He has just begun June Week plans so all who plan to be there, please get in touch with Sandy. He also offers any information desired by classmates anticipating assignment to West Point. Frank Borman will be reporting in June to the Department of Mechanics. Recent visitors to the Olivers were Mark and Gloria Jones (Mark is with an ROTC unit in Connecticut) and Bill and Elaine Ward—Bill is a civilian now with DuPont in Wilmington, Delaware; and Herb Underwood, en route to Benning having re-transferred to Infantry after four years with the Corps of Engineers.

Mrs. Wheaton's M-2 Newsletter really comes in handy at this time—such clairvoyance, Mrs. Wheaton. Bob Leary is with the Army Signal Supply Agency in Philadelphia; Bill and Mary Waddell, are in Baltimore where Bill is working for Kaiser Aluminum Chemical Corp. They attended a post-Navy game class party at Joe McCrane's Haddonfield Inn. Flo and Tom Tullidge are in Staunton, Virginia where Tom is (I believe) attending Law School. Bill Miller is with Westinghouse in Pittsburgh; Frank Gailard—Dallas, Texas; Emil Pobl—Oakland, California working for an Engineering Company; Bill Slavins with G-4, HQ USAREUR. Where are you, Dave Campbell—last known address, Austin, Texas? You too, Manley Rogers? George Lear, reported by Ben Lewis above, to be in Heidelberg, is back in the States now. That was a quick trip George. Gus Dielens is back from Turkey; Warde Wheaton is in Minneapolis where he is president of a lumber company.

Christmas cards received from the following: Bill and Bettie Curry—21st FTR. Bmb. Wing—Europe; Ira and Phyllis Ward—Ira is a Company Commander in the 13th Engr. Bn. Korea; Dick and Roxanne Ewan in Alexandria, Virginia preparing for an assignment as Military Attache somewhere in Southeast Asia (I've forgotten, Dick); Bob and Sue O'Connell—Iowa State. Nuclear Engineering; Bill and Robin De Graf—West Point; Al and Irene Flynn—Al is in Korea; Bob and Carolyn Hughes—Bob is in Thailand; Bill and Mary Ann Read—Germany; Volney and Janice Warner—Italy; Vick and Carolyn Cuneo—Italy; Jack and Peg Parish—Fort Belvoir but soon enroute to Language School prior to an attache assignment; Mal and Fran Johnson—Texas A&M; George and Nancy Lear, Bert and Ellie Brady—Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Marshall and Marion Talbott—Advanced Course, Fort Sill; some others at Sill are—Stan and B. J. Prouty, D. S. and Jane Wilson, the Bill Knapps, Stan Reinharts, and Lou and Mary Lou Reincken. Leo and Marilyn Romaneski—Fort Belvoir; Bill Mastoris—Korea; Jack and Mary Wheatley—Palo Alto, California where Jack

is in the general contracting business; Ray and Mary Hansen—Fort Belvoir, Virginia—Ray is with the Arctic Task Force; Bob and Lee Werner—Texas A&M; Ben and Malvene Lewis; Marv and June Rees—Marv is in Germany; and Lauris and Jean Eek—presently at Fort Knox but sent a fine resume of their pleasure tours of Europe during 1956. It would make a fine tourists' guide!

Only three babies reported this time—

Girls: Sid and Joan Wright; Ray and Mary Hansen. (Welcome to the "Five Children" Club Ray.)

Boy to Ed and Irene Stefanik.

Roll that score WAY UP!

Expect to hear from you prior to June 1 '57.

—Lou Genuario.

1951

Three letters in four months . . . one suggested we make the column longer.

Pertinent progenitors: Pat and Fred Miller (*ein Junge*), Guigi and Bob Johnson (2! equals 2x1 equals 2 girls), Joan and John Hinton ("thrice blest"), and Helen and Bruce Ackerson! (fore!).

From the vine: Fred Miller assigned to the 298th Signal Company (Svc.) at the Fontainebleau, France (Paris in the vicinity); Pat Lynch commanding the 9th Recon Co., 9th Inf. Div., Fort Carson, Colorado (George Orton in the vicinity); Pat Patillo scheduled for graduate work at the University of Virginia (subsequent assignment: West Point); Ray Tague, Wally Steiger, and Dave Phillips have left the bachelor ranks (subsequent assignments: to be announced—daily); Reb Barber in for Ike Isaac in the W. P. Math Dept. (Ike resigned to join The Trane Co. at LaCrosse, Wisconsin); Vice-Council Dave Betts now in Ankara, Turkey; Lee Duke in the Armor School's Automotive Dept. (Dave Phillips nearby in the Gunnery Dept., Bruce Robertson on the board).

Letter from Gerry Tauch (written while tending the three young Tauchs, ages 4, 2, and 10 months) gives the following addresses: Herm Vetort, Jim Phillips, and Jim Brett, B.O.Q., Fort Knox; Tom Deramus, 1508 Prichard Pl., Fort Knox; Jim McDonald, 177E Prichard Pl., Fort Knox; Stan Sheridan, 167B Prichard Pl., Fort Knox; Charlie Knopp, 187A Prichard Pl., Fort Knox; John Haumerson, 191E Prichard Pl., Fort Knox; Brooks Martin, 174B Prichard Pl., Fort Knox; Dick McLean, 116 Gaffey Hts., Fort Knox; Tom Woodley, 136D Gaffey Hts., Fort Knox; Bruce Robertson, Maclyndee Acres, Vine Grove, Kentucky; Lee Duke, 182B Prichard Pl., Fort Knox; Dave Phillips, 110 Gaffey Hts., Fort Knox; Lauren Ashley, 1406 Grandview Dr., Champaign, Illinois; Jim Barron, Hqs. 457 ABN FA BN, APO 29, New York, New York; Cappy Bernstein, 1814 E. 29th St., Brooklyn 29, New York; Jim Bick, 29C Battle Park Homes, Fort Benning; Lew Boffington, 12499 S.W. 80th Ave., Miami 56, Florida; Joe Clark, 603 Love's Lane (hmmm), Wynnewood, Pennsylvania; Bob Dean, 414A Bradshaw Ave., Fort Bliss; Marv Krupinski, 1181A-1 Lewis Heights, Fort Belvoir, Virginia; Garland Owens, 39D Arrowhead Rd., Fort Benning; Phil Reed, Custer Terrace, Fort Benning; Pat Ryan, 86th Ftr. Intcp. Wg., APO 65 New York, New York; Bill Scheumann, 19 Crescent Hill, East Long Meadow, Massachusetts; Dan Sharp, 834B Terry Dr., Fort Benning; Mel Synder, SOC, TIS, Fort Benning; Charlie



1951

"And if anything goes wrong Pat, we'll catch you."

Witmer, 2349 Westfall Rd., Apt. 3, Rochester 18, New York; and Roland and (thank you) Gerry Tauch, 187 E. Prichard Pl., Fort Knox.

Semi-formal dinner dance in the mill for Saturday, June 1 . . . all in the West Point area are cordially invited let us know by May 1.

Rick (soon to be married) Buck worked up a little survey which may be of interest:

1951 Graduates (475)—Total Casualties 85—18%; Total Dead 15—3%; KIA 9—2%; Killed in Accidents on Duty 6—1.2%; Wounded in Action 70—14.5%; Physically Disabled 8—1.7%; Rhodes Scholar 1; Graduate Schooled (CSP) 53—11%; Air Force Dead 6—1.2%; Total Decorations (minus P.H.) 289—61%; DSC 5—1%; DFC 30—6.3%; SS 25—5.2%; BSM (v) 44—9.2%; BSM 95—25%; SM 1; AM 74—15.5%; CR 15—3.1%; Resigned 76—11%; Disabled and Discharged 4—0.5%.

(Inaccurate: Based on Register of Graduates, 1956; cross checked with Register, Official U.S. Army when little or no information existed in U.S.M.A. Register.)

See ya, Cap'n's,

Russ

P.S.: A late letter from Walt Russell makes public the following (And hitherto well-concealed) poop on '51 at Benning:

At Advanced Course 1, graduating April 27, '57, with orders—Bashore, TIC, Benning; Breakiron, 1st Div, Riley; Gilbertson, ROTC in Montana; Granger; Harrold, TIC, Benning; Herring; Herte, Fort Ord; Hyatt, Saudi Arabia; Kintz, USMA via U of Pennsylvania; Kovalsky; Magill, Germany; Owens, TIC, Benning; Richardson, W., 1st Div, Riley; Scott; Sharp, USMA; Steidl, TIC, Benning; Weyand, 82nd Abn, Bragg; Yurks, ROTC, Cincinnati.

At Advanced Course 2, graduating August 17: Antilla, Barrott, Bick, Bradley, Clemmons, Gardes, Goodenow, Hemphill, D. D. Johnson, Leffler, Lukert, Macklin, Meighan, Shy Myer, Milam, Nance, Nist, O'Keefe, Pendleton, Reed, Robinson, Russell, Snyder, Stevenson, and Tatum. Foldberg was cancelled from the course because of a knee operation, is currently with the Airborne School. No orders on this crew yet.

1952

There has been a good volume of mail since the holidays. Must be everyone got in the Christmas spirit at once. So, I have a lot of news for you.

Had a nice card from Dick and Sally Lang with a picture of their (not the Lichtenwaller's) twins and a note from Dick about lawyers seeing me soon etc. etc. . . , so I am considering skipping the country. Not previously reported were the McCrindle children, Susan born in September '55 and Bill born in September '56. Bob, Pat and family are in Ames, Iowa as I reported last time.

Promotions to Captain are starting to come through for some of our class. I have received word of the following. Simonet, Pahre, Winger, Beiser, Ayers, Austin, and Maloney. Congratulations to the new Captains and I sincerely hope you all wetted them tracks down well.

Swede and Madeline Berry stopped by the Point last winter enroute to the west coast for coordinated travel to Japan. Swede is with the 39th Ftr Sq in Japan. Bert Stubblebine stopped by to see me in December. He was enroute to Knox for a short tour with the 60th Tk Bn before advanced school. With him is Joe Paluh. Marty Celec is at Lackland instructing in the OMS. Frank Pimentel is with Air Rescue in Scotland. Frank married (recently I take it) Tom Kiernan's sister. Tanguy is at Bryan mending a broken wrist and instructing in jets.

Bill Myers is out in civilian life now, Sam Wetzel is Asst PMS&T at Idaho State. Sam, Marge and their two children, Margaret and Bobby, live at 1146 E Oak, Pocatello. Sam, Al Bracy was last reported at 26 Inf, Fort Riley. Bob, Nancy and Bobby Wells are at Box 470, Rt No. 1, Lakewood, New Jersey, and have a new boy Dane Richard as of February 6. I had a note from the Drake Wilsons at Princeton, the Ropers at Cal Tech (379 Vista Pasadena), the Raifords at Belvoir (Adv Sch), and the Lennons at Fort Lee. Leo is now in QMC, address: 42 Colonial Court, Colonial Heights, Virginia. The Dunns are now home owners on Magnolia Dr. in Columbus, Georgia. Near them are the Duries, Walters and Yarbroughs also stationed at Benning. The Richardsons (at

Benning) recently joined the swelling ranks of parents of three. No pun intended.

The Lashers wrote from 2448 Elka, Mountain View, California. Don is in Stanford. Jim Jagers wrote a long letter with his seasons greetings, but wife Cherle said it slowed down the addressing of Christmas cards, so those of you who didn't get one can blame it on me. Jim, Cherle, Jimmy (3 years) and Susan (1½ years) are at 421D Washington Blvd, Presidio of San Francisco. Jim is CO of the Sixth Army Honor Guard but leaves soon for flight school. Bob Vining is in a NIKE unit at the Presidio, and Jim saw Cophorne at Hunter Liggett in September on project Mr. PEPPERS.

John Morgan, still a bachelor, wrote from Lowry AFB after returning from Eniwetok. Bob Kelly is still at USAFA; Doug Ludlam still at Yokota and has extended to stay longer. Jim Spence is in North Africa after Special Weapons School at Lowry.

Had a card from the four Cains. Jim, June, Jimmy (almost 4), and Janice (1), are way out in happy Hawaii. Address: 69 Nakeke Pl, Wahiawa, Oahu.

Stu Patterson and Nancy are with Tk Co, 23d Inf in Alaska. (They were married last June). Charlie Meikle is reported in medical school at Temple. Had cards from the Stebbins and Dupkes at Purdue; the Rinks with the 5th Regt USATCA at Knox; and the Shipes in Arlington, Virginia where Scotty is doing his thesis research at the Archives. The Shipes reported Scott III born June 22, '55.

Oaf Knight visiting on leave in Cornwall called me and gave me all the poop from Fort Bragg. Oaf and Anne Marie have one son, Fred, and Oaf is CO, F Co., 505th Regt. Also at Bragg are Don Dixon, A Co 505th; Danforn, D Co, 505th; Korchek, E Co, 505th; Harvey Perritt and George Deitz (Deitz now in QMC). Mike Juvenal is in 325th, and Tom Dowler is there with the 307th Engrs. Speed Hulley is with the 82nd MP Co. In case I failed to report it before Clement and Hegberg have resigned. Clement is working as a millionaire oil king in Texas.

Mike Collins is flying F-86s in France and will marry Patricia Finnegan of Boston in the spring. Good work Mike. Second Lieutenant Orin Hilmo is back in service with the Artillery, and just finished guided missile school at Bliss. Orin came back in '56.

The Lamps presented the world with a bright new light on January 8, '57. Name—Steven Thomas. Address—315 Ridge Dr., Manhattan, Kansas.

I was saddened, as I know you will be, to hear of the unfortunate death of Jim Erwine in an air accident in France on January 31. Jim Campbell went to Zanesville for the funeral and sent flowers for the class. I have received Betty's kind acknowledgement and I speak for the class in extending to Betty and young daughter Suzanne our deepest sympathy.

John Aker expects to join the group at Purdue next summer as part of the Ordnance Schooling Program. Those now at Purdue report satisfactory progress and many will be joining our happy group at West Point very soon. Scheduled to arrive this year are Deiss, Gerhart, Kenney, Keifer, Nichols, Tronsrue, Day, Mitchell (Corwin), Schandler, Courant, Dupke, Stebbins, and I think there are a couple that I can't recall at the moment.

A letter and Christmas card from Willy and Barbara Ross in Germany tells me Willy also made Captain. They have done some interesting sightseeing, like Germany and Willy still is with S-3, 87th Regt, APO 162. The 10th Div will rotate to Benning in 1958.

Ed and Ann Gilbert reported the birth of their first, John Allan, on 13 December '56. A future CIA man, Ed?

A class party at Round Pond on February 23 brought together the Coles, Lyons, Withereills, Haras's (formerly Harasymowicz), Snyders, Websters (Sherm and Judy), Dick McCoy (he was visiting from Yuma), Spauldings, Beisers, Wrights, Browns, Bullocks, and Brismans. A beery good time was had by all.

The following are among the missing. To help me get in touch with them before reunion, will you inform them to send in their addresses or report it yourself if you know where they are. Seaver, Jordan, Simon, Wensyel, Spell, Tickle, J. D. Smith, Lew Williams, Kelsey, Pilk, Carpenter, Bob Russell, Gibbs, Bob King, Carey, Petit, Peters, and Dick Ray.

A few quick notes before the end must appear. Resigned: Chuck and June Harvey, Chuck is in Texas U. Steve and Louise Zellem, living in Brooklyn. Jim and Nancy Mueller, in New Jersey with GE. Bill and Evelyn Sadler, in New Jersey working for Esso. H. L. and Boo Hodgskin, in Syracuse with GE. Ed and Pat Jelen also in Syracuse with GE.

Ken Simonet is at Mesawa AFB in Japan, Betty and children are in Florida until housing is available in Japan. Ohlie Bovard stationed in Syracuse. Derbes and Mal Craigs are both civilians living in Phoenix. Dick and Ginny Wiles stationed at Fort Sill. They have two daughters. Joe and Ruth DeAngelis are at Hood. Joe is aide to 4th Div. CG. They also have two daughters. The Hoenstines are at Campbell, Jelineks are at Sill, McClungs in Fairbanks, Alaska. Dave Martin is at Rhode Island U, Wayne and Beth White are with 67th AAA in Germany, Comstock has returned from Germany, the Kenneys are in Philadelphia studying pending assignment up here.

Must stop before I run over my limit. Keep writing, hope to see you at reunion on June 1, 2, and 3.

—Dave Lyon.

1954

Greetings to all. Here's the latest news of the Class of '54.

Twins: Bob and Bee Fromm are the proud parents of the first set of twins born to the class. They are Robert E., Jr. and Ronald William, February 5. And this gives the Fromms a family of five.

Babies: Here are about two dozen of them, going back as far as a year ago. Holly Elizabeth to Chuck and Mo Brown, February 17, 1956; Charles Earl III to Joanne and Charlie Storrs, March 14; Bonnie Alexandra to Bob and Elsie Ellis, April; Robert Trenka to Jack and Peg Hincke, May; Frederick Lyon to John and Dot Farrar, June 20; Lauri Ann to George and Sherry Bennett, September 2; Margaret Roselynn to Lenny and Virginia Griggs, September 11; Tracy to Ed and Joan Freeman, September; Debora Ann to Willie and Carrie Archer, September; Nancy Lynn to Jack and Caroline Chesbro, October 1; Thomas C., III to Tom and Barbara Brown, October 24; Thomas Patrick to Don and Marianne Geiger, October 30; Belinda Ann to George and Ellie Soos, November 6; Diane to Bob and Terry Garwood, November 28; Paul Frederick to Jerry and Terry Curtis, December 22; Kirsten Hideko to Glenn and Eva Matsumoto, December 26; Ellen Lelia to Bill and Lelia Schulz, December 28; William Elder II to John and Roz Marcus, January 8; Robert to Bill and Marie Weaver, January 12; Sally Anne to Skip and Susie Forman, January 12; James Michael to Bob and Jean Stewart, January 15; Kathleen Sue to Bob and Janet Weeks, January 21; Dwight Walter to Norm and Joan Mattmuller, January 28; and Lawrence David to Bob and Lucille Adams, February 8.

Married: Jack Dennis and Virginia Vavra in Heilbronn, Germany, in November; Sam Matthews and Frances Scherr at Houston, December 9; and Bill Clarke and Shirley Montalto at Poughkeepsie, January 26.

Alaska: With 9th Inf at Ladd AFB and Eilson AFB near Fairbanks are Wes Gheen, Don York, Paul Schweikert, Bob Stewart, Di Johnson, Don Alameda, Dave Macklin, Norm Mathias, Judd Mathias, and Bill Grace. With 15th AFA Bn are Bill Hannon, Wally Christensen, and Tom Van Natta. And with the Air Force are Jim Mehersele and Woody Potter in F-89's, and Ronnie Knapp handling a tanker.

Bill Grace, who is aid to the Asst CO of the 11th, writes that the temperature at Fairbanks was around 50 below but will soar to about 90 in the summer. And the prices are another extreme in Fairbanks—a hamburger will cost you a dollar.

With 2nd Engr Bn at Fort Richardson are Lou Gross, Nick Barnes, Bob Tawes, and Rob Pruitt, an ex-infantry file. Sam Walker, Lee Levensky, J. C. Cooper, and Frank Percy are with 23rd Inf. With the Arty there are Chuck Andreas, Bob Resly, and Corky Gabbert. Jim Sloan is with AAA, and Hal Stout is an I&R Platoon Leader.

Hawaii: Dick Weaver transferred from Inf to Armor and received orders to Hawaii. Dick Hobbs and Norm Stevens, also Hawaii-bound, join Joe Ganahl and Don Newnam who have been there for some time.

Germany: With 97th FA Bn in Wertheim are Dick Steimle, Elliot Gritton, Bob Morris, Jack and Caroline Chesbro, and the Ron Lemanskis. At Neu Ulm are Paul and Judy Miller with 538th FA Bn. And Bill and Nancy Wallace were at Karlsruhe before they gyroed back to the States in February.

At Fulda are Duane MacMartin and Bob Anthis with 14th AC, and John Tilley who's a Company Commander with 18th Engr Bn. John journeyed back to the States over the holidays to get himself engaged to Betsey Ball, who is currently finishing her hitch at Columbia Presbyterian School of Nursing in New York City. No definite date yet.

Glen Stout is aide to 7th Army Arty CG, Jim Hays is with 7th Army Engineer Section, and Frank Meador is aide to VII Corps Chief of Staff. Quay Snyder is a Platoon Leader in 77th Armd Inf Co at the Port of Embarkation.

Spain: Gary Bacon joined the MAAG section in Madrid late last year. And in June, Bill and Sally Frier will head for a year at the University of Madrid and then to the Air Force Academy. Bill's orders followed a touch football accident in which he broke his arm and his hand became paralyzed. At the time he was a B-25 instructor at Vance AFB.

Iran: Andy Underwood and Jim Bradel arrived in Iran recently. Andy is with the military mission, and Jim is training the Imperial Iranian Army with some assistance from Dick Kavanaugh.

Japan: Dick and Joyce Renfro are now with 8th Army Hq in Japan. Dick moved over from Korea and is with the Engineer Section. Bill and Lindsey Klein and the Dick Zeiglers are on their way to Sendai, Japan.

Venezuela: Bernie and Sylvia Serrano made a trip to the States recently and gave some news of themselves and of Ramon and Victoria Aguilar. Both are with the post engineer at Caracas; Bernie as chief of estimates and costs, and Aggie as chief of maintenance. Both are also instructors at the Military School of Venezuela; Bernie in math, and Aggie in bridges and highways. Their address is: Servicio de Ingenieria Militar, Avenida Urdaneta, Edificio Central 4° Piso, Caracas, Venezuela, South America.

Canal Zone: There's quite an aggregation down in the Canal Zone, and Dottie Farrar sends this complete run-down.

On the Pacific side of the isthmus with 20th Inf at Fort Kobbe are: Chuck and Mo Brown, Commo Officer; John and Dottie Farrar, Co Exec; Buzz and Sandi Grant, Platoon Leader; Jack and Peg Hincke, Bn S-3; Charlie and Joanne Storrs, Asst Regt Adjutant; Pete and Peg Johnson, Co Cmdr; Bob and Jan Blaisdell, Asst Regt S-2; Kenny Kramer, Asst Regt S-4; George and Sherry Bennett, Asst Bn S-3; and John Koun, Counter-Fire Platoon Leader. Bob Downen, I&R Platoon Leader, is on a special mission as jungle explorer for the new Pan American Highway. At Fort Amador as aides are Dick Baughman and Jan and Janie LeCroy.

On the Atlantic side with 20th Inf are Jim and Marion Burris, Bn S-1; George and Janie Calhoun, Platoon Leader; and Ed and Joan Freeman, Asst Bn S-3. Instructing at the Jungle Warfare Training Center are four bachelors: Jerry Anderson, Bob Hunt, Dunk Beaumont, and Frank Hart. With the Engineers at Fort Clayton are Bob and Elsie Ellis as Engineer Maintenance Supervisor. And at Quarry Heights are Luke and Nancy Galloway; he's a ROTC instructor at Balboa High School.

Stateside Roundup: Bill Carroll graduates in May from the Army Language School in Monterey. Then he and Carolyn will be on their way to the 532nd Military Intelligence Bn in Germany. Bob and Janet Weeks are at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania; he's aide to the Deputy Commandant of the Army War College.

When the Engineers returned from Korea many got jobs with District Engineers: Maurie Leiser at Portland, Paul Driscoll at Walla Walla, Max Janairo at Omaha, and Jim Ransone at Cleveland. And in the Arty, Tom Young, Ken Bailey, Gerry Vigeo, and Bill Hauser are living it up in a bachelor apartment outside Fort Sill—way beyond their means, but enjoying it.

Bill Purdue returned from Germany after a lung operation only to have another operation in Texas. He's recuperating nicely, we're told.

Flight instructors at Reese AFB in Texas are Bob and Bee Fromm, Lief and Jean Erickson, Jim and Beverly Zirkel, and John and Phyllis Lawson. The Fromms built a house outside the base—and just in time for the twins. At Homestead AFB, Florida, are Bob Linton, Bill Booth, and Warren Alverson. Alverson, who is in B-47's with 19th Wing, says that he can be contacted at above or at 854 Lexington Ave., Mansfield, Ohio.

Norm Mattmuller, Steve Avery, and Bill Kirby are instructors in the Department of Academics at Army Aviation School, Fort Rucker, Alabama. Ed Aguanno is with the Tactics Department there. Wade and Nancy Hampton are taking Army Air at San Marcos, Texas.

Jim Williams of AAA is on the move again, this time to a 14-week course at Fort Holabird. Then an overseas tour will probably be next. At the A-N football game Jim ran across: Phil Vollman, Bill Liby, Bill Clarke, and Gary and Nancy Thomas, all from McGuire AFB; Dick and Demi Weaver on their way to Hawaii; Rudy and Dorothy Wacker from Burlington, Vermont, Municipal Airport; Paul Reistrup from 601st AAA Bn, Andrews AFB; Larry and Nancy Skibbie from Aberdeen Proving Ground; Vic Hugo, 3rd Inf Regt at Fort McNair; and Budd Passmore and his brand new wife on the way to Germany.

The newspapers tell us that Bob Mischak signed up to play professional football with the Cleveland Browns.

All for now. Keep the news rolling in. Let's hear from you before June 1st. Same address: No. 1 Hawley Terrace, Yonkers, New York. Best wishes to all.

—Jim Plunkett.

1955

My verbose tendencies are being sharply curtailed; I have a fifteen hundred word limit this issue. Therefore, we shall bring you nothing but the facts, m'am, only the facts.

Born: To Larry and Cathy Herdman (now at Fort Bliss), a girl, Christine Lynn, September 30, '56; to John and Peggy Dryer (now at Fort Polk, soon to go to Germany), a boy in December '56; to the Pete Booras's (now at Fort Bragg), a girl in September '56; to the Karl Brunsteins (now at Fort Bragg), a boy in September '56; to John and Betty McDonald, a girl, Michelle, in Indiana in September '56; to Brewer and Betty Young (now somewhere in Maine), a girl, Betsy, in September '56; to Skip and Noreen Massey, a girl; to Phil and Dianne Enslow (now at Fort Meade), a girl, Dianne Elizabeth, November 6, '56; to Ed and Jane Zaborowski, a boy, Michael; to Gerry and Joan Brown, a boy, Dougie, June 7, '56; to Dick and Barbara Hargrove (now in Germany), a boy, Richard Lee Hargrove II, January 20, '57; to the Jim Fleegers, a girl, Susan Elaine, February 5, '57; and on the same day, to Don and Peg Poorman (now in Germany), a boy, Doug; and to Vick (ex '55) and Theresa Bannister (now in Maryland), a girl, Vicky Beth, October 4, '56.

Expecting: Al and Eleanor Raymond (January '57); Bob and Pat Strati; Herb and Maureen Finger; Ed and Pam Trobaugh; Jack and Virginia Trawick; Ben and Marilyn Franklin; Bill and Judy Harris; the Jim Seays; Jim and Earlene McIntosh (August); Dick, Pat, and Richard Dinwiddie (a brother or sister for Richard in August); Miguel and Nayda Nieves.

Married: Bill Dickson, John Pickitt, Bill Edwards, Bob Wray, Bob Soper, Jack Karnes, Neil Dorward, Roy Lynn: no details on these weddings. Hal Frear to Betty Petch, December 16, '56, at Fort Knox; Jim Fleming to Margaret Ann Salyer, December 25, '56, at Florence, South Carolina; Mike Stevenson to Ada Dudman (the third daughter in the family to marry a West Point graduate) December 30, '56, at West Point; John Doyle to Elizabeth Trewhalla, December 29, '56.

Reunion: The Frankfurt December 27 reunion proved very successful, forty-one of the class turning up. The following couples were there (name of child in parentheses): John and Ellen Schick (Lawrence, born at West Point 1956), Don and Carole Buchwald, Al and Eleanor Raymond, Dave and Marse Young, Bud and Elaine Coyle, Richard and Carol Johnson, Bob and Pat Strati, Danny and Maggi Dugan, Skip and Marty MacDonald, Herb and Maureen Finger, Bob and Marvel LaFrenz, Cecil and Darrell Minich, Richard and Helen Struss, Bob and Nena Stanley (Forrest), Ray and Cecilia Dax (Clifford), Dave and Barbara Hufnagel (David III), Dan and Donna Ludwig (Danny), Leon and Linda McKinney, Paul and LaVerne Bazilwich (Paul Robert), Clancy and Patsy DeLong, Jim and Beverly Eddins, Bill and Jackie Street (Robert Stuart), Ed and Bonnie DeMaris, Don and Peg Poorman (Doug), Ed and Pam Trobaugh, Jack and Virginia Trawick, and Jack and Paula Campbell. Bachelor representation included Bob Hinrichs, Echol Hayes, Jim Drummond, Billy Arthur, Ted Livesay, Bob Jackson, Dick Auer, Don Olvey, John Hamilton, Harvey Garn, Bob Henry, Ken Ginter, Gerry Lewis, Frank O'Brien, and myself.

By now, I am sure all of you have read in the *Army Times*, *Stars and Stripes*, or other publications, of the outstanding success of Jim Bergen, whose platoon was selected as "the best tank platoon in the

U.S. Army," in the Draper Platoon Competition.

We have word from some others in Europe who were unable to make the reunion. Paul Smor and John Rock write that they are gathering courage for the Garmisch ski jump, near which their 511th Airborne Signal Company is stationed. Jack and Jane Kinzer have found that the Alps are not the only locations where snow is available in Europe; there is plenty of snow in Wildflecken, they say, in between rains. The Dave Pattons, Al Bundrens, Dick Hargroves, Jim Fleegers, and John Rudzkis all are located near one another near Heilbronn. Dave Maurer is not far away, in Karlsruhe. Walt and Mary Ann Campbell are with the 143d Armored Signal Company, as is Tom Price. Tom, however, is TDY to the German Military Assistance Group at present. Jack, Joan, and Glenn Matteson, Ted and Nancy Bishop, and the Jack Frosts had a small reunion in Furth over Thanksgiving. Will McIlroy was supposed to join the group, but had his turkey in the field instead. The Mattesons also had a visit from the Mick Meekisons, who are stationed near Stuttgart. Bill and Natalie Wilcox are in Bamberg, while Leo, Pauline, and Leo, Jr. Hergenroeder live in the same building as the Richard Strusses in Darmstadt. John Myers in Hanau and Bob Hasbrouck in Fulda are two more of the L-1 crew here in Germany. Bill, Pat, and "Missy" Lewis should have arrived in Germany by now. Bob Schmidt is with the 11th Airborne, and got his wings with them last October. Jim Miller is among the 8th Infantry classmates now with us in Germany.

Soon to join us, or replace us in Germany, are Will Holbrook and Tom Herren, who are now sharing a BOQ in the 4th Armored Division at Fort Hood. Also at Hood are Larry Stockett, and Jim Barker. Frequently, Will and Tom see Jack Carter (ex-'55) and Tom Bell, both flying out of Ardmore AFB.

Perhaps the cold Alaskan winter has stalled the flow of mail, for the only word we have from the Far North this issue is from Steve, Violet, and Nancy Ann Matuszak, who are becoming winter sports enthusiasts.

In a radically different clime, Hawaii, Richie Miller has acquired some fame by running a traverse cable from one mountain top to another by helicopter. Fred Woerner and Dick Hoeferkamp are both Infantry company execs, while Bill May and Dick Stemle are both battalion commo officers. Jim Ryan is an assistant S-3. New to the islands are Pres and Sarah Mason.

Sid Mason's wife, Pat, and son, Bruce Reed, have joined him on Okinawa; Sid writes that the family life has greatly boosted his morale. Sid has a radar platoon. Cliff Jones, also on Okinawa, is reported to be the only bachelor on the island who dates pro. In Korea, John Sloan, Doc Schow, Tom Horst, and Jim Grey all have Engineer staff positions. Dan Dienst is also a staff officer, but in the Infantry. Dan was able to get home for thirty days over Christmas to be with his wife, Doti, and son, Don. His family hopes to join him in Japan in the fall. Probably in Korea by now are John Passafiume and Bob Soper, both in the 508th Tank Battalion.

From Fort Rucker, Ray, Rosemarie, and Ray, Jr. Shideler are awaiting orders to Germany upon completion of Ray's helicopter training. Gil Weden is also at Rucker, for fixed wing training. Gil goes to Fort Campbell thereafter, where Nick Negaard is presently stationed.

George Dulk has been TDY to Camp Kilmer with the Hungarian Reception Center. Kaye Lathrop was at the same post with the Engineers preparing facilities for the refugees.

Don and Mary Andrews, Dick, Pat, and Richard Dinwiddie, Ted and Evelyn Patter-

son, and Jack Farrington are still enjoying the pleasures of Fort Sill. Don and Dick are battery commanders of Artillery School troops.

The Andrews hope to take a trip up to Fort Riley soon, for a get-together with Cliff and Jean Fraien. Also at Riley are John, Joan, and Johnny Clayton, the Don Smiths, and Chick Bosshard. Tom, Elaine, and Larrie West are due at Riley after Tom's jump course at Benning.

From Fort Bragg come reports that Joe Vincent has become a general's aide. Jim McIntosh has been assigned as personnel officer. Ted Gay has completed his thirtieth jump. Bob Joseph has been sent from Bragg to Fort Dix to represent the airborne in recruiting.

Speaking of general's aides, Rawleigh Ralls has that job at the Presidio. Bob Deardorff is aide-de-camp to Major General Emil Lenzner, Commanding General Army Electronic Proving Ground, Fort Huachuca, Arizona.

John Pearson is one of two officers in a battery with a normal strength of over four hundred men in the 1st Guided Missile Battalion at Fort Bliss. Al Cini and Mike Malooly are at Bliss with John and his wife, Marge.

Walt, Nan, and Polly McCrillis are now at Bunker Hill AFB, Indiana, Tom Phillips is flying F-89's in Oxnard, California. Jerry Gilpin and his wife are at Big Springs, Texas, where Jerry is a basic training instructor. Russ and Irene Hodges are at Bryan AFB, where Russ has that same job. George Monahan, Buck Riggs, Stan Harvill, John Hotchkiss, and Chuck Stoeckel were all at Perrin AFB, Sherman, Texas, training in the F86D Interceptor, but due to get reassigned by the publication of this issue. Chuck and Laura paid a visit last autumn on Ralph and Coren Henry, who are still living in Oklahoma City.

Dan Geran, Bob Millard, Bill Hock, Bill Dickson, and Dick Masson are all at James Connally AFB at Waco, Texas.

Lew and Betty Olive are with Strategic Air Command.

Ira Smith, ex-classmate, graduated honor student in BIOC Class 2 on December 20, '56. Smith graduated from Georgia Tech in 1956.

Even as I type this, a classmate has made news. Walt Ryan is pictured with Lieutenant General Bruce C. Clarke, Seventh Army Commanding General, in the February 28 issue of "Hell on Wheels," the 2d Armored Division newspaper. Walt commands a platoon that has been selected as official honor guard for the Seventh Army NCO Academy in Munich.

I regret that space limitations this issue have prevented me from printing the many queries I have received of some classmates as to the whereabouts of others; also I have not been able to print complete addresses. However, I have almost every address of classmates in Europe, and a great many addresses of classmates elsewhere; if you need a particular address, write me and I shall try to make a reasonably punctual reply. In any event, write. Your response for this issue was very gratifying.

It's all a big joke after Spring leave.

—John Lovell.

1956

February being a short month, the old March 1 *Assembly* deadline sort of crept up on your reporter unexpectedly, but he managed to recover enough from the shock to unwrap the mail bag and put a few choice tid bits about our class on paper. The re-

sponse from the Air Force was extremely gratifying this time, and, for this reason, I will give them a gold star for effort and put their names at the head of the list.

The word from Marana AFB, Arizona is that Ed Vallentini, Harry Kotellos, Bob Blocker and Joe Sanders have joined those in the married column. Don and Jo Ackerman write that they would like to know the whereabouts of one Ernie Ruffner and his new wife. It seems that the confused boy sent out wedding invitations but no forwarding address. The word is that the men of Marana are being held over for a "curtain call" at Marana until about April 12—in the meantime, in place of academics, they are having three hours of P.T. a day. They should even have muscle between their ears by the time they complete this course.

Al Bowman and Nick Bruno are "observing (?)" at the observer school in Houston now. Carolyn and Ray Cannon dropped by to see me over the holidays and got me out of bed. Carolyn did some T.V. shows during the winter months in Arizona. Ray plans to fly single-saddle and both looked great.

It seems that Otis Studdard has gotten himself engaged to one of the local U. of Arizona lovelies, and quite a few of the coeds were also seen at the graduation dance held for the flying class. Denise Linden flew home to have her baby. Jim is "batching it"—and Carolyn Ray is spending all of her free time cleaning up the poor boy's living quarters. Don and Jo Ackerman and Marilyn and John Higgins are also among the expectant expecting.

On the injured list, Al Hoffman has a leg ailment which will set him back a class and Bob Wetzel dislocated his shoulder but is out of the cast now. Reports from the Class stag party with their instructors are that the boys were really flying high (from trees that is), and Tom Ross and Joe Waters went so far as to return through the base gate in their automobile at a rather extreme speed—sideways.

While some of the boys are beating the bushes around the local campuses, others are searching for tamer game in the form of rabbits. Among those men looking for this prey were Bill Carey, Jim Sanders, Paul Daugherty and Tom Reinhardt. Chuck Young, Butch Harbold and Jim Linden climbed a 7,000 foot mountain in search for wild hogs to shoot at, but Carolyn and Ray Cannon saw three grazing docilely by the roadside the same day near Douglas, Arizona. Better go back to women guys!

The news from Hondo AFB in Texas is interesting. It seems that Bill Crum is running the wagon in escaping from calisthenics because he has been chosen as the base PE tennis instructor. In between sets, Bill has also managed to become engaged to Jane Pinckard from Galveston and plans to get hitched on May 30. Dave and Jinny Berry and Paul and Mary Kay Jakus are expecting to join the Stork Club soon. Bob and Janice Krutz are big money winners at the local Officer's Club bridge tournaments. While I don't have a complete rundown on the assignments and choices of the men of Hondo, here is a partial listing. Dick Head and Paul Jakus are going single engine and being assigned to Bryan, Texas. Matt Quinn and Bob Sheridan have picked the many engined monsters and will report to Vance AFB, Oklahoma, while Bill Crum is also going multi-engine but reporting to Goodfellow AFB in San Angelo, Texas.

Doug Johnson dropped me a line from Mission AFB and gave me the latest stork report. He and Nancy are expecting on March 24th (we'll check him on that one), and he tells me that Porter and Gail Medley and the George Leonards will also not be denied in the baby parade. Harper Gordon also took time out to tell me that he

has been making frequent trips home to Abilene since he is so close. He mentioned in passing that Bob Hewitt was married at Utica, New York on the 29th of December, but he didn't mention the lucky girl's name. An old flame of Harper's sent him a Navy button from this year's game—but it looked very similar to the ones that Phil Farmer was trying to unload last year. Wonder who has the concession now?

Out Fort Bliss way, Skip and Rita Rajala sent me a Christmas card, but, otherwise, the only news I have to report from here was sent by way of the Army propaganda agency. Don Smith, Charlie Glenn and Tom Masterson have graduated from the radar-controlled Skysweeper gun school. Norm Levy, Warren Keinath, John Polickoski, Supe Saferstein, Tony Benish, Art Boudreau, Jesse Blackwell, Gene Fox, Skip Rajala, Ken Knowles, Jim Turner, Gerry Goldberg, Charlie Trefzger, Harry Comeskey, Walt Liska and George Brandel are all now bonafide, qualified "Nike" experts. Bob Judson being the non-conformist of the crowd, decided to major in surface-to-surface missiles.

The propaganda from Benning is as follows: Pat Ubel expects to join the 11th Airborne Division in Germany. Leo Weinstein, Gene Fox (he gets around), Ed Neary, Carl Hattler, Harry McGuire and "Cicero" Council all successfully surmounted the rigors of the Basic Infantry Officer's Course. George Withers, Gary Sidler, Sam Gates, Dick Pierce, Mike Zeigler and Don Little all overcame the many obstacles of the Ranger course. Bob Goodwyn heard so many good things about the "Follow Me" land that he is joining the 3rd Infantry Division there for a permanent assignment.

George Withers married Myra Little in Washington, D. C. in January at a military wedding. George's middy brother served as best man and Charlie Saint, Dave Corderman, Sam Gates and Don Little (the bride's blushing brother) seated the guests. The couple spent their honeymoon at Sea Island. Eventually, George plans to join the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

Iline and Greg Wold, Doug Williams, Joe Carraway and Ray Celeste kept the Christmas spirit alive by sending cards my way. George Stapleton writes that he saw Jim McNulty, Bob Cremer and Ben Peterson after they had completed their ranger training. I assume that they were still alive.

John Stevenson, Gene Eastburn, John Conklin and Jerry Hutchinson took one look at barracks life and decided to marry.

The boys at Benning under the banner of "Cecil's Cyclones," (a Basic Infantry Officer's Company made up of 55 members of the Class of '56) have been making a name for themselves on the PT test. Ted Dayharsh grunted out a phenomenal 492 score. He was followed closely by Woodie Martin with 485. The company average was about 333!! Charlie Sirkis provided the company with a hound dog mascot (naturally, its name was Cyclone).

Sue and Dick Mackin and Denny and Carl Hattler are among the expecting. Ernie Wilson has been dating a local belle rather seriously lately. Carol and Al Beauchamp and Fay and Ted Dayharsh have been hosting the local bachelor's parties. Jeff Childs, John Kirk, Yogi Yon, Pete Vann, Woody Deleuil and John French have been playing at Dan'l Boone and hunting deer around the post bullrushes. Pete Vann hit the jackpot when he bagged a 290 pounder for the post record. Roy Lindquist did his bit for the class by arranging for a 40 passenger MATS flight to the Army-Navy game.

Norm Schwarzkopf injured his knee again and, unfortunately, had to be turned back to BIOC No. 5. George Stapleton's father passed away and the Benning boys got together and sent a floral wreath to his father's funeral.

Joe Carraway claims that he, Dick Chase, and Bob Lindsey are members of the best church choir in the entire South. Ward LeHardy missed the deadline for the last issue of the *Assembly* (just like old times on the "Pointer"), but he didn't miss a thing when he married Judy Nevins in Washington, D. C. in December. Judy is now expecting and Ward is due to leave for Korea in April.

Holding forth at the Camellia Apartments at Benning are Sue and Dick Mackin, John and Flo Kentmann, Gary and Olla Hall, Nancy and Paul Merola, Georgine and Jim Bauchspies, Ginny and Dave Berry and Ann and Randy Parker.

Back to marriages again, Les Weinstein and Atillia Ravegnani joined forces at West Point on the 23rd of December. Also, Stanton Smith and Carol Feldmann, and Charlie Saint and Ann Outcalt exchanged vows. Ed Valence, Stan Diez and Sam Lemmon are expected to follow suit after they complete the ranger course.

Under miscellaneous around the countryside, the following items may be of some interest. Bob Nicholson blessed me with a Christmas card and married Carolyn Rice on the 14th of February at the Fort Knox Army Chapel. Dick Parker had a "slight" auto accident in the hills of Tennessee, but, luckily, he came out of it unscratched. He'll be heading for Europe about April 19—received a card from him at Fort Dix.

Dave Larr reports from Fort Lewis, Washington that he's shipping out for Inchon, Korea. He says that he was hurt in ranger training, but I hope that he's well enough now to run those Korean ridges. Dave saw Mike Sirkis also heading for the Orient—Japan to be more exact. It seems that John McGinn was in rare form one evening at the Patton House at Benning when he was observed leading songs from the rafters while the Chaplain played the piano.

Dave and Mary Sue Horton have been warming all the bachelor's hearts and stomachs at "Horton's Hotel" at Benning. Keith Barlow kept running off to Florida every time there was a smoke break to see a certain young lovely. Everyone at first thought that he was anxious to see the circus in winter quarters.

Bob Page, former '56, married a girl by the name of Margaret Sherman after returning from a stint of overseas duty in Europe. Gayle Linkenhoger married Ann Boykin from Corpus Christi, Texas on September 1 (sorry I missed this one in the last issue).

Tom Winter, A-1's bachelor of bachelors, married June Mignogna on December 22nd while recuperating from a leg injury incurred during his ranger training. The couple took their honeymoon in Bermuda and were entertained royally by England's finest.

Don Hammel dropped by to see me when I was working one Saturday, and I'm sorry that I missed him. Don't forget guys, my address is still 21817 Hart St., Canoga Park, California, so if you really and truly want to read your name in print, drop me a few informative words. Better yet, get somebody else to do it.

P.S. Jim and Naydine Blewster announced the arrival of a baby boy named after the proud papa on February 12, but Jim Bolin sent me a late report that his wife Mary had their first blessing on the 8th of February while they were on their way to Jim's first permanent assignment at Fort Sill. The baby boy, while being a month early, weighed 8 pounds 10 oz. and was also named after the proud pa. At present, it looks as though James Bolin, Jr. is a shoo-in to win the cup—but this reporter is holding off until all areas are heard from.

--Stan Wilker.

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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Frederick Theodore Arnold

NO. 3762 CLASS OF 1897

DIED APRIL 26, 1956, AT TRIPLER ARMY HOSPITAL, HAWAII, AGED 84 YEARS.

FREDERICK THEODORE ARNOLD was born at Earlville, Iowa, on October 9, 1871. His father, Henry Arnold, came to the United States from the province of Quebec; and his mother, Sarah A. Reid, was from Reading, Pennsylvania. He was raised with his seven brothers and sisters on an Iowa farm, attended grammar and high schools in Iowa, and was studying at the Agricultural College at Ames, Iowa, when he won an appointment to West Point by competitive examination. He entered the Military Academy on June 15, 1893. A good student as a cadet, he graduated number 21 in the class of 67 graduates. Because of his somewhat positive and aggressive manner, especially with upper classmen, he was known affectionately as "B.J." by his classmates. This did not, however, affect his standing in discipline and academics, which remained unusually constant during his four years at the Academy. The fact that he was one of



the oldest men in the class prompted the following comment opposite his name in the 1897 Howitzer: "Hoary whiskers and a forked beard".

Immediately after graduation on June 11, 1897, he went as an Additional Second Lieutenant to Troop G, 6th Cavalry, at Fort Myer, Virginia; but in November, he was promoted Second Lieutenant and assigned to the 4th Cavalry at Fort Yellowstone, Wyoming. There he had to sit out the Spanish American War as a member of the Army force then policing the Yellowstone National Park. At Fort Yellowstone he met Bessie Haynes, daughter of F. Jay Haynes, the photographic concessionaire of the Park; and they were married September 15, 1903, after Arnold had returned after his first tour in the Philippines.

Arnold went to the Philippines with the 4th Cavalry in July 1899. He was at once actively engaged in combat with the Insurgents as a lieutenant in Captain Hughes' H troop which took part in General Lawton's expedition in northern Luzon from 1899 to 1900. Arnold was also prominent in General Fred D. Grant's operations around Balubad in June, 1900. He participated in numerous actions with the "Insurrectos", notably at Blac-Na-Bato, where, in command of a small detachment of troop, he captured an important enemy stronghold which had large supplies of ammunition, rations, and

clothing. For this he was commended by General Lawton.

The writer remembers him well as one of the most active, able and energetic leaders in the guerrilla war then in progress in the Philippines. We always felt that all would go well when "B.J." was in charge of a patrol, detachment, or escort. He returned to the States with the 4th Cavalry in 1901. He was promoted to Captain in 1903, and served as the Regimental Adjutant at Jefferson Barracks and Fort Riley.

He served another tour in the Philippines from 1905 to 1907, this time in Mindanao and Jolo. Returning to the States with his regiment he was stationed at Fort Snelling. From 1908 to 1912 he was detailed in the Quartermaster Corps and served as constructing quartermaster at Fort Robinson, Nebraska, and in the Artillery District of New London, where he built barracks and quarters at Forts Trumbull, Terry, H. G. Wright and Michie, and an artificial harbor at the latter fort.

Following his detail in the Quartermaster Corps he was assigned to the 12th Cavalry at Fort Robinson, Nebraska; and in 1913, he participated in the expedition in New Mexico to quiet the hostile element of the Navajo Indians during General Hugh L. Scott's negotiations with the Navajos. He went with the regiment to the Rio Grande border where it was very active during the period of the Mexican Revolutions.

Arnold was promoted to Major in 1916, to temporary Lieutenant Colonel in 1917 and to temporary Colonel in 1918, serving in command of the 4th and 10th Cavalry in Hawaii and at Fort Huachuca during this period.

Assigned to the command of the 80th Field Artillery, he took that regiment to France just before the Armistice of 1918. He remained for a year in France as a base staff officer and as an inspector. He was promoted to permanent Colonel on July 1, 1920.

From 1919 to 1922, Arnold attended Service Schools; he was a Distinguished Graduate at the School of the Line at Fort Leavenworth in 1920; the next year he graduated from the General Staff School; and in 1921-22 he attended the General Staff College in Washington.

He subsequently served on duty with the Organized Reserve as chief of staff of the 96th Division at Portland, Oregon. He was retired at his own request after over 31 years service on November 8, 1928.

After his retirement Arnold actively engaged in farming newly opened land in Oregon. By the time he reached the age of 75, his health began to fail; and he decided to rent his land and become a "rocking chair farmer". For the last six years of his life he was in very poor health and lived with one or another of his devoted daughters. At the age of 83 he flew to Honolulu and spent his last year with his daughter, Mrs. Virginia Julich. He died quietly at Tripler Army Hospital April 26, 1956, at the age of 84 years and 6 months. In accordance with his wishes, he was buried beside his father and mother at Earlville, Iowa. Three of his daughters, his sister, and two brothers were present at his burial.

"B.J." was always proud of being a West Pointer and kept up his connection with his class and with the Academy. He attended our 25th class reunion at West Point but was unable to go to subsequent ones.

The last letter I received from him, dated June 16, 1954, was from Seattle. In it he made the understatement so characteristic of him when, speaking of himself, he wrote "I have been slowed down considerably by arthritis and a dislocated vertebra, putting me in the slow motion class".

Arnold was essentially a leader of men—a fine line officer. But he was also an ex-

cellent staff officer and student, as demonstrated by his record as regimental adjutant, his service as chief of staff of a Reserve Division, and by his work at Leavenworth and the Staff College. He was on the General Staff Eligible List.

He was one of those men who do more than their full duty with no expectation of reward—a credit to his class and to West Point.

Arnold is survived by his wife, five daughters and seven grandchildren.

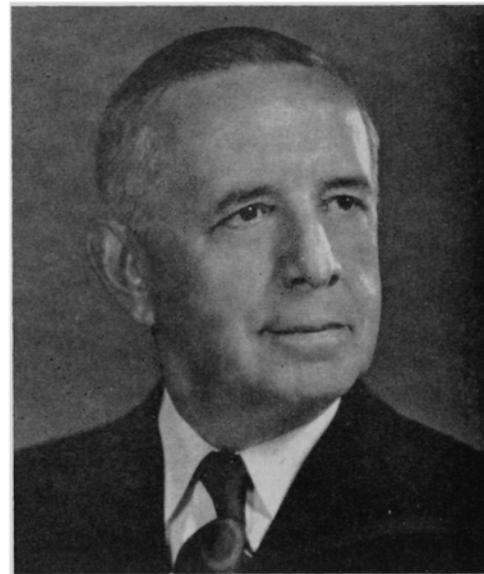
—Charles D. Roberts.

Warren Thomas Hannum

NO. 4069 CLASS OF 1902

DIED AUGUST 14, 1956, AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, AGED 76 YEARS.

SHORTLY after the outbreak of the Spanish-American War in 1898, the class which entered the United States Military Academy included among its younger members Warren Hannum of Pottsville, Pennsylvania, the third son of seven children of Luther Keefer and Isabel Reiter Hannum. A bright cheerful youngster, Warren was promptly dubbed "The Kid" by his classmates, an affectionate



nickname he was to retain throughout his long and distinguished military career.

As a cadet, his heart was set on being selected for the Engineers. This, however, called for high standing in his class; and scholastically he was competing with older cadets whose prior college attendance gave them the edge. It was soon evident, however, that Cadet Hannum would be among the "stars". Not satisfied with mere academic proficiency, he so developed his inherent qualities of leadership that during his upper class years he was in the select group set apart by the stripes on their sleeves and sashes at their waists. Needless to say, upon graduation he stood second in his class and was selected for assignment to his beloved U.S. Corps of Engineers.

Warren's ancestors were among the first settlers in Pennsylvania, several later ones served under General Washington during the Revolution and in fighting to open the west. His grandfather, John Thomas Hannum, died of wounds received at the battle of Cold Harbor in 1864 while serving as an officer of the 96th Regiment, Penn Volunteers. After graduation, Warren's own family association with the Service expanded. In 1905 he married May Josephine Nickerson, sister-in-law of Herbert Deakyn, USMA 1890. Reiff Hannum, his brother, was graduated from the Academy in 1914. His son, Warren, Jr., was commissioned in the In-

fantry after graduation in the Class of 1938 and his daughter, Charlotte, married Lewis L. Snider, a 1933 graduate of the United States Naval Academy. There are five grandchildren including Warren, III to carry on tradition.

As a junior officer, Warren Hannum's engineering assignments took him to the Philippines (1902-1904), to Cuba (1906-1908), and to Hawaii (1912-1915). He served at Washington Barracks during 1905 and 1906, and with the U.S. Engineer Office at Washington, D. C., from 1908 to 1912. The advent of World War I found him on duty at the Mexican Border.

The then Major Hannum was ready for his wartime assignments; he had been graduated from the Army Engineer School in 1908, and was an honor graduate of the Army Field Engineering School in 1916. In 1917 he organized and trained the 6th Engineers at Washington Barracks, and later that year moved to Camp Sherman, Ohio, to organize and train the 308th Engineers which he took to France in 1918. Later while in France, he became a member of G-5 (Training) at General Hdqrs AEF. For his service in France he was awarded the U.S. Distinguished Service Medal and the French Ordre de l'Etoile Noire.

After returning to the United States, he commanded various engineer regiments and, in 1919, became assistant commandant of the Army Engineer School. During 1920-1922 he served on the faculty of the Command and General Staff School. Following duty with the War Department General Staff for three years, he completed the Army War College in 1926, and went on to command of the 2d Engineers at Fort Sam Houston and Fort Logan, Colorado. In 1929 he became district engineer at Baltimore and in 1931 division engineer for the Gulf of Mexico Division. He later (1935-1938) headed the military division of the Office of Chief of Engineers, and then became division engineer of the South Pacific Division—an assignment he held until 1942.

Although regulations called for his retirement in June of 1942, Brigadier General Warren T. Hannum was immediately recalled to duty as division engineer of the Pacific Division, an assignment he held until 1944 when he reverted to retired status.

In February of 1944, Governor Warren of California appointed General Hannum as director of the Department of Natural Resources; he served California in this capacity until September 8, 1953 when at the age of 73 he took his place on the retired list of that State also.

His eagerness to be of service did not wane upon his retirement, and the three succeeding years found him active on several Federal and State commissions. In the highest traditions of his pioneer ancestors and of the Old Army, he "died with his boots on"—entering the Letterman Army Hospital for a routine check-up on August 14, 1956, he passed away suddenly the same evening.

The esteem, respect, and affection held for him by his military and civilian associates is well documented, but the following extract of a resolution adopted by his California colleagues will serve to illustrate the sense of deep loss experienced by all of us who knew and loved him:

"WHEREAS, his life as a member of the Federal and State governments and as a private citizen was a full and rich one, characterized by public service and solicitude for his fellow man, and one to be admired and emulated by all; and

"WHEREAS, the loss of General Warren T. Hannum will be mourned by the thousands of persons who knew him and loved him but we can be assured that his acts, deeds, and accomplishments will be forever in the memory of those he has left; . . . now, therefore,

"BE IT RESOLVED That the members of the State Park Commission . . . express deep regret at the closing of a life and the passing of a friend; . . ."

His Army friends and his associates in the civil engineering work of the Corps of Engineers join his West Point classmates in expressing "Well done, Kid!"

—A Classmate.

Benjamin Edwards Grey

NO. 4170 CLASS OF 1903

DIED MARCH 19, 1956 AT ST. PAUL,
MINNESOTA, AGED 74 YEARS.

BENJAMIN EDWARDS GREY lived a gentleman without fear and without reproach, without pretense, with a sterling honesty in all things, toward himself and not merely toward others. If Grey were in position to give expression regarding a memorial in the *Assembly* he would not favor it, but he would yield to the wishes of his wife and the judgment of friends. He would insist that any tribute be simple and brief, that it make known what manner of man he was, something of his interests and associations,



his standards of conduct and attitude toward life.

Ben Grey was born in Columbus, Kentucky, the son of Benjamin Edwards and Elizabeth Howell Grey. When he was three years old Ben's mother died and he was taken into the home of his maternal grandparents, Charles and Henrietta Lewis. After the War between the States they had moved to Florida, so Grey grew up in the country near Dade City on his grandparents' orange ranch. Like many old southern families, the Lewises found times hard, and made harder by the total loss of the groves in the "Big Freeze" In early years Grey learned the value and necessity of work; is said to have done field work during vacations at \$1.50 per week. He was given devotion and lasting standards of conduct and outlook on life. And this start he appreciated, and he repaid by devoted attention to his excellent grandparents to the end of their long lives. Though his boyhood was not easy he learned to hunt and fish and enjoy the outdoors, which stood him in good stead later on. He was happy in his last years in spending many months of each summer and fall again in a wilderness setting—this time on Deer Lake in northern Minnesota. Here he once more kept the wood box full, supplied four-foot logs for the fireplace; he set out young pine trees, went for walks with his dog, Remus, en-

joyed the view from the cabin porch. In 1929 Grey married Abby Weed of St. Paul who shared many of his activities and gave him a good life. Mrs. Grey makes her home in St. Paul, Minnesota.

After graduation in 1903, Grey joined the 29th Infantry in the Philippine Islands. He later served in various grades in the 21st Infantry, 8th Infantry, 18th Infantry, 60th Infantry, 56th Infantry, 3rd Infantry, 64th Infantry which he commanded for a time. During World War I he served in France with the 7th Division, with duties in the Inspector's Office, General Staff, as Commandant of the Division School. He attended various schools, including the School of the Line at Fort Leavenworth from which he graduated in 1921. Shortly after graduation from the Military Academy he served a tour in the Tactical Department; later a tour as PMS&T at Culver Military Academy. He served in many other capacities, as does an Infantry officer of long service. In the grade of Colonel, in 1942, he was retired by operation of law (age). Thereafter he made his home in Salt Lake City, Utah. He died in St. Paul, Minnesota, March 19, 1956, and was buried in Columbus, Kentucky.

During the last of Grey's active service and during his retirement he had closer contact with Stephen Abbot of the Class of 1902 than with other graduates. Abbot makes his home on a remote ranch 100 miles from Salt Lake City; and the Abbots and the Greys exchanged frequent visits. Abbot writes as follows in a letter purporting to be addressed to Grey:

RANDLETT

Uintah County, Utah

September 24th, 1956

"Dear Ben Grey:

"On this evening of the autumnal equinox, under the quiet light of a full moon, I have just put away our chickens, closing the screens against prowlers. Between 1938 and 1953, you watched me do this chore several times, on the all-too-rare-visits, to which we looked forward. The lilac near which you took our picture is still magnificent in the spring—all color and fragrance. There are many things here in our remote home to remind us of you.

"When Abby said good-bye to us this year after a memorable Memorial Day visit, she left with us that piece of rough hewn Philippine mahogany which you will remember. Now almost obliterated by time and wear, appear your name and Regiment, '1st Lt. B. E. Grey, 18th Inf., . . . You had had it most carefully wrapped and crated. Surely (though unlabelled) it commemorates some important event in which you shared.

"How modest and unassuming you always were!!! How loyal, faithful and true!!! From that first trip when I found you on Recruiting Duty in the City by the Great Salt Lake, you and Abby always made us feel warmly welcome in your lofty abode, overlooking the nearby Temple, whereon at sunset shone in brilliance the golden angel trumpeter.

"Abby so often seemed amazed at our complete agreement, yours and mine, on national and international questions of the day—but she came to see that we had been trained in the same school, in the same tradition. As a cadet, I recall you as an efficient, wide-awake cadet officer. A few years later, we were instructors at the Military Academy together. You helped train Buckner and Patton; you taught them the high standards of conduct and undeviating loyalty to the United States of America.

"A blessed rest to you, Ben Grey, as you look back with satisfaction of having held high the motto of West Point, of having served your Country honorably, of having made better citizens of those who came under your influence in every walk of life.

"Abbot, '02"

Grey once said to the writer of these notes that in Salt Lake City he often spent time in one of the banks; there he studied securities considered unpromising, bought and sold a number of these, and did well. The people in the bank playfully called him the "Boy Wonder" Mr. O. K. Carlson, of the Walker Bank and Trust Company, writes as follows:

"It was my privilege to know Colonel Grey through many personal contacts during about the last twenty years of his life. Although our dealings were primarily of a business relationship, I came to know the Colonel intimately and, likewise, his charming wife, Abby.

"Colonel Grey was a true Christian gentleman. He was a man of the highest integrity, and in a true sense, his word was his bond. He was most meticulous in carrying out all of his arrangements and punctual in meeting his promises. Through his astuteness, perception, and patience, he achieved outstanding success in his financial affairs.

"The Colonel had a very analytical mind and was exceptionally well informed on most every subject. He took a keen interest in current affairs of state, and as a man of high ideals, he was an outspoken critic of any abuse of power or principle.

"Although the Colonel was a stern disciplinarian and expected other people to do their duty, yet at the same time he had a tenderness of heart, a thoughtfulness and consideration of others that was somewhat rare in a military man. He was most generous to his friends.

"The great outdoors provided Ben Grey with some outlet for his energy. He loved and deeply appreciated the beauties of nature. He enjoyed the woods and lakes and was an expert fisherman.

"I shall treasure and respect his memory.

"Sincerely,

"O. K. Carlson,

"Senior Vice. President."

Ben Grey carried on well through a full term of service, performed duties and functions for which the Academy has long selected and prepared young men. He upheld the standards and reflected credit on his Alma Mater. Ben Grey was an uncommon man who played a worthy part.

—B. F. R., 1903.

quiet spoken, modest youth from Iowa named George R. Allin. George never had any difficulty in academics, and throughout the four years he stood high. In addition he had the distinction, probably unparalleled, of going through the entire plebe year without a single demerit; a remarkable performance which illustrated his precision and his ability to do things correctly.

When Yearling June finally arrived, he was made one of the top corporals; and in succeeding years he became Cadet First Sergeant and Cadet Captain; this at a time when there were only six Captains in the Corps.

His success at West Point was no flash in the pan. Throughout his long, distinguished service he was an asked-for man, one for whom an important job was always waiting. Among them were: Instructor at the Academy; Executive for the first Chief of Field Artillery; a young brigadier-general commanding a brigade in World War I; on the War Dept. General Staff; the Service Schools; the Inspector General's Department; Chief of Staff of a Corps area; again a general in World War II and his last on active duty (probably the most prized of all). Commandant of the Field Artillery School in time of war. In all of these assignments the duty was performed with an abil-



ity and tact that rated Superior; and for them, in addition to many other decorations, he was awarded the D.S.M. and the L.M.

Following his retirement he was appointed Superintendent of Sewanee Military Academy at Sewanee, Tennessee. He went there expecting to remain for four years but was so strongly urged to continue that he remained for an additional two years.

George was a quiet, self-contained man, always in complete control of himself and nearly always of the situation. Though he never made a parade of his emotions, he had a very kind heart and scores of people, in and out of the Service, could tell of sage counsel and untiring help received from him in times of stress.

It was his practice to know his profession thoroughly and to see to it, quietly and patiently, that his subordinates knew theirs. I think no officer ever left an outfit commanded by George Allin, whether battery, battalion, regiment, brigade or school who did not realize that he, the subordinate, had greatly benefitted from such service.

The writer had an unusual opportunity to observe his method of command. In 1914, as a young Captain, recently promoted, George came to Camp Statesberg and took over a pack battery in which I, his classmate, was serving as First Lieutenant and Executive. Pack battery-men in those days were physically big and strong; and in work-

ing daily with mules, which were always unpredictable, they developed a rough and ready approach to their duties and a patois that I have never heard equalled; nor have I ever seen better soldiers. The Captain, whom George relieved, was a man of artistic tastes, and not one successfully to handle one hundred and fifty muleteers. The battery, while basically sound, was in need of a firmer hand. Within a month after George took over the outfit was back on the target; and the next Spring after a detailed inspection by a general up from Manila, the battery was rated the No. 1 battery of Field Artillery in the Philippines. In all this transition I never heard George raise his voice in anger nor bawl out any individual.

He was an accomplished horseman and one of the outstanding Army polo players of his time. In 1916, at the Open-Championship Tournament at the Manila Polo Club at Pasay, the team of the 2nd F.A. of which George was Captain and back, won the big cup in a field that included two regimental Cavalry teams, two Manila teams and a British team. I did not see these games, but a seasoned polo hand who did told me that the margin of victory was due to Allin's individual play and particularly to the way he handled his team; his voice, always cool in all the excitement, carrying up the field directing his forwards.

His service, particularly in the earlier years, was west of the Mississippi at those old forts with the old American names—"the sharp names that never grow fat"—that meant so much to the Army of fifty years ago; Douglas and Riley, D. A. Russell and Sill. Later came Texas City, remembered for the flood that hit the Army hard.

It was while stationed there that George went back to Iowa and married Miss Jessie Pontius and thus began a union that was ideally happy and which lasted forty-four years.

There were two children, Elizabeth, now Mrs. Edwin Clarke, of Dayton, Ohio, and George Junior, who followed his father into the Field Artillery.

After leaving Sewanee, George and Jessie went to Carmel, California where they spent eight happy years. They enjoyed entertaining their many friends in the lovely Allin home, but the greatest joy of all was to have the children and grandchildren visit them.

Jessie now resides at 1 Monterey Avenue, Dayton 9, Ohio.

George's passing closed the career of a very gallant gentleman, in which the Army lost one of the Superior officers of his time and the Class of 1904 bade farewell to one of its brightest lights.

"He saw life steadily and he saw it whole."

—D. C. C.

Quincy Adams Gillmore

No. 4251 CLASS OF 1904

DIED JANUARY 5, 1956, IN ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY, AGED 74 YEARS.

QUINCY A. GILLMORE was born at West Point, New York, January 12, 1881, the son of Colonel Quincy O'Maher Gillmore and Margaret Van Kleeck, the latter of New York City. His father, also born at West Point, graduated in the Class of 1873. His grandfather, Major General Quincy A. Gillmore, one of the foremost engineers and artillerymen of the Civil War, graduated in the Class of 1849.

Quincy Gillmore spent his boyhood in various western cavalry posts where his father was stationed, and in Washington, D. C. He received his early education in public and private schools. Before entering West Point,

George R. Allin

No. 4231 CLASS OF 1904

DIED JUNE 2, 1956, AT FORT ORD, CALIFORNIA, AGED 76 YEARS.

In the summer of 1900, the Class of 1904 entered the Academy in two nearly equal divisions, separated in date of entry by about six weeks. The June contingent succeeded the Class of 1900, a small class; and 1904 would likewise have been small except for the fact that, in the Spring of 1900, United States Senators were, for the first time, granted the right to appoint cadets, at the rate of two per Senator.

As the Senatorial appointees could not be rounded up in time for admission in June, they did not report until the last of July. For this reason the June plebes, already sweating it out in Plebe Camp, dubbed the newcomers, "Juliets". When the latter finally reached Camp, it was nearly over; and there were attempts by some of the June plebes to haze the newcomers. This did not last long, however; and once in barracks it ceased abruptly, and the Class began to knit itself closely together.

As plebe year wore on, certain members began to emerge and take stature, not only in the Class itself but with the Tacs and the Instructors. One of these, a Juliet, was a

he spent two years at the Colorado School of Mines, as he had, to his great disappointment, been told that, because of his eyes, he could not pass the physical examination at West Point. However, he received an appointment from Senator William J. Sewell of New Jersey and entered the Academy in 1900 on the condition that, if his eyes became no worse, he could graduate. He was an earnest, hard-working cadet; was, in turn, a cadet corporal, sergeant and lieutenant; and was always in the top third of the class. He graduated in 1904; was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Artillery Corps; joined the 11th Battery, Field Artillery, at Fort Hamilton, New York; and, the following November, married Frances West Hemsley of Philadelphia. Then followed service at Fort Adams, Rhode Island, Fort Riley and Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. In 1907, upon the division of the Artillery Corps into the Coast Artillery and Field Artillery, he was assigned to the Coast Artillery. He resigned from the Army on September 10, 1907, and entered the wool broker's firm of Coffin and Sons of Philadelphia. After he became a partner, the firm was known as Coffin and Gillmore.

At the outbreak of the first World War, he re-entered the Army and, as a Colonel, com-



manded the 112th Field Artillery, 29th Division A.E.F. from 1917-1919.

After the War, he became a Brigadier General in the New Jersey National Guard. In 1924 he was commissioned Major General and placed in command of the New Jersey National Guard and the 44th Division, the latter composed of New York, New Jersey and Delaware troops. Under his command, the Division reached a high state of efficiency; and it was said that this was partly due to his having appointed many West Point graduates to his staff. An excerpt made by a Senior Director in a 1929 Field Inspection Report states—

"Frankly it is the smoothest working Staff I have ever observed. It is the most cohesive Staff I have ever seen. There was especially noted an undercurrent of loyalty to the Division Commander. I feel that the Staff of this Division compares most favorably with those of the Regular Army Divisions. The above is a consensus of opinion of the four Directors who have been on duty with this Division during CPX, 29."

Because of his health and against the strong protests of the Governor of New Jersey, other official, and his fellow guardsmen, General Gillmore resigned in 1932.

At this time Governor A. Harry Moore, wrote:

"Without attempting to flatter you, I have no hesitancy in saying that you

have been the finest Commander which the Guard of New Jersey has ever had. Your fine personality has made the Guard of New Jersey second to none in our nation and your resignation fills the entire Guard with a deep sense of a real loss, and the Governor with sincerest feelings of regret."

The Hudson Gazette reported:

"The National Guard of New Jersey is now recognized by the United States Militia Bureau, which has supervision over its activities, and by the War Department as one of the two or three most efficient Guard organizations in the country. Credit for the enviable reputation enjoyed by the National Guard belongs primarily to General Gillmore."

Following his retirement, General Gillmore lived in New York and Atlantic City. He was a member of the Huguenot Society, Society of Colonial Wars, The Loyal Legion, Military Order of World Wars, The Quincy O'Maher Gillmore American Legion Post. The Union and Racquet Clubs of New York, and the Racquet and Rittenhouse Clubs of Philadelphia.

Despite his many years of retirement, at the time of his death, Governor Robert B. Meyner of New Jersey wrote to his widow:

"Major General Gillmore was held in the highest esteem by the personnel of the New Jersey National Guard for his splendid qualities of leadership, high military ideals and devotion to his responsibilities as Commanding General of the New Jersey National Guard. In token of respect to his memory, the National Flag will be displayed at half staff at the State Capitol and State Armories until sunset on the day of his funeral."

At that time also a Trenton (New Jersey) newspaper printed the following editorial:

"To Major General Quincy A. Gillmore belongs a great deal of the credit for the high standards that have governed the New Jersey National Guard during the past quarter of a century. His death in Atlantic City at the age of 75 is, accordingly, a matter of sincere regret for all who have been connected with the State Military Service and for the public in general.

"General Gillmore, a graduate of West Point and member of a family with a brilliant military tradition, gave the New Jersey National Guard the benefits of his fine professional training and of his combat experience in the first World War. He was instrumental in bringing into the Guard officers and enlisted men of high calibre and in establishing a notable degree of efficiency.

"General Gillmore set the pattern which was to govern the New Jersey National Guard consistently in the intervening years and which has made it outstanding among similar organizations in the nation. He was an able and conscientious military leader who gave distinguished service to his state and country."

General Gillmore was buried at West Point, January 9th, 1956, beside his father, mother, brother and grandparents.

General Gillmore's widow died in March 1956, two months after his death. He is survived by three children, Quincy A. Gillmore, Jr., of Woodbury, Long Island; Mrs. R. Norris Williams, 2nd, of Wayne, Pennsylvania; Frederick H. Gillmore, of New York City; by a sister, Miss Margaret H. Gillmore of New York City; and by nine grandchildren.

Quincy was a faithful attendant at Class reunions, being present whenever his health would permit. We of 1904 will miss him.

—Wm. Bryden.

Frank Schaffer Besson

NO. 4762 CLASS OF 1909

DIED JULY 19, 1956, IN PORTLAND, OREGON,
AGED 70 YEARS.

FRANK BESSON passed away at Portland, Oregon on July 19, 1956, after a long illness, accompanied by much suffering, distressing to his family and friends, but accepted uncomplainingly and courageously by Frank.

Frank was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on May 12, 1886, and lived there until about the beginning of his high school career. Then the family moved to Ambler, Pennsylvania, where his father opened a general mercantile business. While at Ambler High School, he played considerable football and gave evidence of his later ability as a good student. After graduating from High School, he spent a year at William Penn Charter School in Philadelphia where he played center on the football team and engaged in the track activities of shot-put and hammer-throw.

Frank was the first member of his class to report at West Point in June 1905. As



has happened to many other Pennsylvanians he was promptly dubbed "P.D." As a cadet he worked hard to achieve success in all that he undertook. A diligent student, he also found time to engage in various athletic activities and extra-curricular tasks. As a member of the football squad he spent two years in being buffeted about before becoming a regular member of the team his last two years. One coach remarked, "If I could just manage to have Besson get mad, he'd make a great football player."

He participated in both outdoor and indoor meets each year in such events as shot-put, hammer-throw, horizontal bar and wrestling, and established a new Academy record in throwing the 16 pound hammer. He captained the wrestling team and won the Academy heavy weight competition in his first class year. He played on the hockey team for three seasons.

Small wonder he received at graduation, the sabre awarded to the outstanding member of each class in general athletic ability and participation.

Frank will also be remembered for his many drawings in various Howitzers and other cadet or class publications. He served as an art editor for his own class Howitzer.

On June 11, 1909, he graduated from the Military Academy, standing number 13 in a class of 103. He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant of the Corps of Engineers, in which corps he spent his entire

commissioned service, serving in all grades to include Colonel.

While on graduation leave he married Virginia Koehler. Following graduation leave, he spent, with his Engineer classmates, a year in study and observation of the works of the Corps of Engineers on the Mississippi and Illinois Rivers, the Panama Canal, the Great Lakes, and the Ohio River and its tributaries. The following year was spent at the Engineer School of the Army. While at Detroit, Michigan on Great Lakes duty, his son Frank, Jr., the class cup boy, was born. Subsequently, while a student at the Engineer School, a second son Robert was born.

Upon graduation from the Engineer School he served for a few months with Engineer troops at Fort Leavenworth, followed by four years in Hawaii, with troops and as an assistant to the Department Engineer. While on duty with the Engineer battalion, he organized and coached a company football team which won the championship of the Islands. For this service the members of the team presented Frank with a watch, which he prized highly. While playing with the team in the championship game he suffered a recurrence of previous head injuries, originally experienced in his pre-West Point days, which was the basis, according to medical authorities, for the nervous tremors, known as Parkinsonism, which plagued his late years. During the Hawaiian period Frank wrote a manual on the physical training of the soldier, which emphasized physical fitness as a prime attribute to success in war.

Returning from Hawaii in late 1915, he did company and staff duty with the 1st Engineers at Washington Barracks, Forts Sam Houston and Brown, Texas, and again Washington Barracks. In 1916 Frank married Jean Sharp who became the mother of his daughter, Jean. In August 1917, as Adjutant of the 1st Engineers, Frank accompanied the regiment to France. He saw combat service in the Toul, Cantigny, and Soissons sectors with his regiment of the First Division and reached the temporary grade of Colonel.

Returning to the United States in August 1918, he became Camp Executive of Camp Humphries, Virginia (now Fort Belvoir), then as now the principal training center of the Corps of Engineers. He served there until January 1919, when he was appointed Assistant Engineer Commissioner of the District of Columbia, serving in this capacity to July 1923. In this period he wrote a book, "City Pavements". Some ten or more years later, Frank, Jr., then taking a post-graduate course at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, was asked by the Dean of Civil Engineering if he were related to the Besson who wrote "City Pavements," and then asked why a man who had written what at the time of publication had been a most advanced engineering analysis had failed to keep it up to date. The answer was, of course, that the author had ventured into new fields.

The new fields included duty as a student at the Command and General Staff School, where he became a Distinguished Graduate of the class of 1924. He remained as an instructor at the school for the following four years. In this duty Frank established an enviable reputation as an instructor, as so many students and instructors of the period recollect. While at the school he continued his literary endeavors, publishing a pamphlet "Elements of Tactics", which for some years served as a helpful guide to students at the Command and General Staff School and other service schools.

Following a year as student at the Army War College (1928-29), he served 4 years as District Engineer of the Nashville, Tennessee District; 4 years in the Office, Chief

of Engineers, Washington; 3½ years as District Engineer, Galveston, Texas District, and about 16 months as Division Engineer of the Missouri River Division with headquarters at Kansas City, Missouri.

Frank's World War II duties included Command of the 8th Engineer Training Group and the Engineer Replacement Training Center, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, April 1942 to January 1943; organization and command of the Engineer Replacement Training Center, Camp Abbot, Oregon, February to December 1943; then his final duty at Fort Lewis, Washington, where he commanded the Engineer Training Section of the Army Service Forces Training Center.

Frank was retired for physical disability in September 1945. His disability had been creeping up on him for over a year.

The Decorations and Awards for his active service included; Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant; World War I Victory Medal with three (3) Battle Clasps for Montdidier-Noyon, Aisne-Marne, and Defensive Sector; Mexican Border Service Medal; American Defense Service Medal; American Campaign Medal; World War II Victory Medal.

Retirement opened a completely new life for Frank. Establishing a home in Portland, Oregon, Frank and his beloved Jeanie rapidly made many friends. But his retirement disability, serious though it was, was shortly dwarfed by the discovery of cancer. His first operation for this condition was performed in May 1946; and he had numerous other operations for cancer prior to the time of his death.

Despite these difficulties, Frank's retirement years were happy ones. While his condition precluded much physical activity, his two doctor brothers, their families, and the ever widening circle of friends were the basis for a full and satisfying life. In addition, there were intermittent but happy opportunities for visits from his children and an ever increasing number of grandchildren. And life-long Army friends, with any of whom he loved to, in his idiom, "shoot the breeze" dropped by at intervals. During this last period of his life he maintained his reputation for uncomplaining acceptance of his lot and for uncompromising respect and sympathy for others.

Frank was always a loyal friend, generous and unselfish; outspoken, he had ideas always; he was never content to blindly follow a groove, but was an independent thinker. He held high his standards of duty and conduct. He left his children an invaluable legacy in the love he gave them. His many friends will always remember his quiet humor, his staunch character, and his genuine and sympathetic interest in people.

Frank requested to be and was buried at the West Point he loved so well. He is survived by his wife Jean, who took care of him until the last few days when he was taken to the hospital; by his son Frank, class of 1932, now a Major General; by his son Robert, class of 1937, now Lieutenant Colonel Infantry; his daughter Jean, married to Colonel Milton B. Adams, class of 1939, U.S.A.F.; his brother, Dr. John Besson of Portland, Oregon; and eleven grandchildren.

—E. H. Marks.

Lee Dunnington Davis

NO. 4838 CLASS OF 1909

DIED AUGUST 9, 1955, AT PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA, AGED 69 YEARS.

*He scarce had need to doff his pride or slough the dress of Earth—
E'en as he trod that day to God, so walked he from his birth,
In spleness, in gentleness, in honor, and clean mirth.*

THIS quotation, insofar as it goes, describes Duke Davis in a way that those who knew him intimately will not dispute. They are apt in that they sound fundamentals which had much to do with making him the fine soldier and much-loved comrade-in-arms that he was.

Duke's four years at the USMA would furnish scant material for an aspiring author of West Point stories of the type that flourished around the turn of the century. He was neither a varsity athlete nor a competitor in the great chevrons sweepstakes. He didn't bone tenths, he didn't bone discipline, and above all he didn't bone bootlick. He qualified as an area bird but refrained from seeking outstanding prominence in that dubious field of distinction. He was so far from being a snake (spoon-oid in the archaic slang of 1909) that he may have established a record in that the first time he graced the Cullum dance floor was at his own graduation hop. In brief, he held to the even tenor of his nonconformist way rather than follow the traditional storybook patterns. Whatever this may have cost him in files and the esteem of the Tac Department was compensated by the regard and affection in which he was held by his intimates in the Corps who knew him as a staunch friend in whom



there was no guile, no pretense, no self seeking.

It was my good fortune to be an intimate associate of Duke for eight years—four as a boon companion in "C" Company during the West Point period and four thereafter as a fellow shavetail in the 3rd Battalion of the 14th Infantry at Fort Missoula, where, with Judge Philoon, we shared a set of quarters and the traditional trials and tribulations of junior second lieutenants in the old, "Old Army". We ran our own mess, organized a mutual protective association with a view to maintaining a bachelor status for a few years at least, and capitalized on the inevitable tagging of our closed corporation as "The Three Musketeers". It was a happy association, and it forged the strong bonds of lifelong friendships that subsequent years of separated service could not weaken.

It was an attribute of the Duke's appealing personality that the more you were in contact with it the more you came under its spell. His genial disposition, natural courtesy, and friendly, unassuming manner made it normal for people to like him from first acquaintance; but the complex of unusual qualities of heart and head that made for enduring esteem and affection were masked by a diffidence that conceded nothing to conscious striving for a good im-

pression. His keen sense of humor which manifested itself in a flair for exploiting an amusing angle in an essentially non-humorous situation, coupled with a highly contagious chuckle, enlivened the social affairs of the garrison; his contributions to gay and festive gatherings, however, were as unobtrusive as they were material.

Behind the array of personable qualities that made him so well liked was a backlog of character traits and talents that go into the making of a capable, dedicated, career soldier. It was Duke's custom to keep these traits quietly under wraps awaiting suitable occasions for their exercise. You discovered them one by one as they shone in use in the normal course of events or as intimate association enabled you to penetrate the screen of his innate shyness and modesty. He was the same in regard to his professional attainments. It wasn't that he had a phobia against self-advertisement. He could be quite tolerant of it in others if it wasn't too obvious and too blatant; but he leaned over backward when it came to giving out, even by subtle innuendo, anything reflecting credit on his own military qualifications and achievements. He was embarrassed no end when it got out that his company commander had boasted that he "had the best second lieutenant in the army". The statement can be criticized as being rather too sweeping, but it furnishes a first-rate criterion of Duke's performance of the lowly duties of his office.

In 1913 the Musketeer household suffered a matrimonial casualty and in 1914 it was scattered to the winds by Army orders. Duke went to Fort Seward, Alaska. In the spring of 1916 he returned on leave to marry Beatrice Eltinge of Spokane and set forth on a happy pilgrimage in double harness that would continue to the end of his life. One son, Lee Dunnington, Jr., carries on the name.

World War I took Duke overseas and into battle. He commanded a battalion of the 60th Infantry in the Argonne, was cited for distinguished conduct in action, and recommended for promotion to Lieutenant Colonel. The Armistice forestalled the promotion, but the performance is on the record. The Silver Star Citation reads:

HEADQUARTERS NINTH INFANTRY BRIGADE

GENERAL ORDERS No. 11

EXTRACT

The following named officer is cited in orders for distinguished conduct in action:

Major Lee D. Davis, Battalion Commander, 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry.

Date, October 14th, 1918; Place, Bois-de-la-pultiere.

For exceptional devotion to duty, energy and bravery, on October 14, 1918, north of Cunel, Frnace. Major Davis led his Battalion in the attack on the Boise-de-la-pultiere, with efficiency and great personal leadership. The steadiness and determination of the Battalion was greatly due to his coolness and his fine example under most severe artillery and machine gun fire. His continual presence along the position occupied by his troops, regardless of shell fire, preserved their organization, and inspired them to their successful drive through the enemy position.

By command of Brigadier General Castner:
Ray K. Chalfant,
Major and Adjt.

Between wars Duke served in various command, staff, and service school assignments that testify to superior accomplishments and ratings. He commanded a battalion of the

15th Infantry in China for two years and subsequently a battalion of the 3rd Infantry at Fort Snelling; he was a Distinguished Graduate of Leavenworth and later an instructor at that fountainhead of tactical lore; he graduated from the Army War College, and in 1938 was assigned to command the 25th Infantry at Fort Huachuca. He continued in command of this regiment for over two and a half years. His 201 file contains a letter of commendation from Lieutenant General H. J. Brees, commanding the Third Army, attesting to the high quality of his leadership as a commander of colored troops in an isolated station.

World War II did not bring to Duke the opportunities for conspicuous service or the promotion breaks that fell to many of his contemporaries. In view of his command experience in peace and in war and his demonstrated capabilities as a commander of colored troops, he was a natural for advancement in a field where senior officers with his background and proved capacity were scarce. But no stars fell then or later despite the recommendations of his superiors when Duke was functioning on important Port of Embarkation assignments during the 1943-1944 period.

Duke, more than most of us, was a student of war and a specialist in battle tactics. He was practical and sound in his approach to any military problem, and in his own quiet way he was a forceful leader of men. He had to a degree not fully appreciated except by those who knew him well what it takes to handle soldiers in the field. It is a commentary on the frequently erratic operation of the fortunes of war that his most valuable military attributes were somehow overlooked in the hurlyburly of World War II. He performed ably in an essential service as his award of the Legion of Merit and the Army Commendation Ribbon proclaim, but he was denied the opportunity to prove again his competence as a commander of troops in battle.

In his retirement, Duke gave much of his time and effort to the performance of those always useful, frequently necessary, and sometimes thankless community services that civic minded citizens do for free. In this, as in all things always, he did what he felt to be needed or helpful in the interest of the organizations and groups to which he belonged with no thought of what there was in it for him. He cared little for publicized credit and nothing for the trappings of office. He aspired to do worthwhile things well and found his compensation in the satisfaction of having done so.

Although he would have laughed off the tribute had it been uttered in his presence, Hamlet's appreciation of Horatio might have been said to him:

*"For thou hast been
As one in suffering all, that suffers
nothing:
A man that fortunes, buffets and rewards
Hast ta'en with equal thanks; and blest
are those
Whose blood and judgment are so well
commingled
That they are not a pipe for fortunes
finger
To sound what stop she please."*

And surely those who knew him as I did would go along with the rest of it:

*"Give me that man
That is not passion's slave, and I will
wear him
In my heart's core, ay, in my heart of
heart.
As I do thee."*

—Forrest Harding.

William Benjamin Hardigg

NO. 4941 CLASS OF 1911

DIED NOVEMBER 29, 1956, AT MADISON, INDIANA, AGED 68 YEARS.

THOSE who had the good fortune of becoming acquainted with Colonel William B. Hardigg came to love and respect him as one of the most brilliant, yet human, individuals of their complete roster of acquaintances.

Colonel Hardigg's life was a modern expression of the same kind of Christian philosophy which motivated the founders of our country and from which sprang our great democracy. He revered God, loved nature, understood his obligations both to his country and fellow men and had an intense desire to impart to his family that same philosophy which guided him so successfully through life.

His love of nature was expressed in a great fondness for gardening and hunting; and, although both were only hobbies, he pursued them with such intense interest and enthusiasm that he became recognized as an authority on each in his circle of friends.

Colonel Hardigg's brilliant career as a professional military man and the contribu-



tions made by him to the development of ordnance materiel stand today as testimonials of his love for his country and his fellow men. He considered it his personal obligation to give the maximum in intellect, spirit and work to each and every military assignment and although he expected the same from those who served with and under him, he never failed to recognize them as individuals.

Probably Colonel Hardigg's greatest contribution to his country was the intellectual guidance given by him through his years of service to the complicated problems of ordnance research and development. Because of his infallible memory and great power of deductive reasoning, he had the unusual capacity of quickly analyzing such problems and establishing methods and procedures which quickly led to productive conclusions. Colonel Hardigg's opinions on ordnance matters were always highly regarded. Even after his retirement his advice on such matters was eagerly sought both by officers and civilian employees of the Army.

Colonel Hardigg's family, consisting of his widow Jeannette, sons Bill and Jack, and daughter Jean Brew, now reside in a beautiful residence overlooking the Ohio River. It is located several miles down river from Madison, Indiana, and is called "Colonel's Vantage". It was here Colonel Hardigg de-

cided to settle after his retirement in 1946 because the environment afforded him an opportunity to raise his family close to nature and with an understanding of the things that had meant so much to his way of life. Within several miles of the residence are the best quail and rabbit hunting areas of that section of the central west, and during the season it was a common sight thereabouts to see the Colonel and his two boys on a family hunting trip. The site of the residence also afforded Colonel Hardigg an opportunity to pursue his other hobby — gardening. Through his guidance this, too, developed into a family activity.

Like Colonel Hardigg, his two boys have developed an intense love of nature. This has aided them in becoming the outstanding Boy Scouts of their community. Both boys qualified for the high rank of Eagle Scout prior to the time they were old enough to be eligible. Bill, 15, is now preparing for West Point and hopes to enter the Class of '63. Jack, 12, also cherishes hopes of following in the footsteps of his father's military career.

Colonel Hardigg was born in Uniontown, Kentucky in 1888 and after attending Purdue University entered West Point and graduated with the Class of 1911. In his 35 years of military service he served in many assignments, including Director, The Proving Center, Aberdeen Proving Ground; Commanding Officer, Jefferson Proving Ground; Commanding Officer, Augusta Arsenal; Commanding Officer, Curtis Bay Ordnance Department; and Commanding Officer, Watertown Arsenal. Other assignments included tours of duty at Frankfort Arsenal; Office, Chief of Ordnance; Office, Assistant Secretary of War; Army Industrial College; Panama Canal Zone; Presidio; Fort McKinley; Picatinny Arsenal and Fort Monroe. He was retired in 1946 and died on November 29, 1956. He is buried at Arlington National Cemetery. Besides his family he is survived by a brother, Brigadier General Carl A. Hardigg, who is now retired and living in Washington, D. C., and his sister, Mrs. Pierce MacKenzie, of Evansville, Indiana.

Colonel Hardigg's entire life was devoted to giving brilliant service to his country and developing a truly American family. Those who knew him in Service and are acquainted with his family can forcefully testify that in his life he succeeded in accomplishing both objectives.

—W. A. Brennan, Jr.,
Captain, Ord. USAR.

William Henry W. Youngs

NO. 5032 CLASS OF 1912

DIED DECEMBER 25, 1955, AT WACO,
TEXAS, AGED 66 YEARS.

DURING our years as Cadets when we wall-flowers and women haters looked out of our second or third floor windows overlooking the Plain to see Billy Youngs striding down the walk in full-dress, hop card on bell button, or dining permit in hand, we shook our heads and allowed that absolutely no good could come of it. And how wrong could we "gross" cadets be! For just after graduation Billy celebrated a three year victory by marrying his "Bra Scotch Lassie", Helen Stryker MacBride, in Passaic, New Jersey, on June 19, 1912. And of course our wrongness didn't stop there; for on November 6th, 1913, Helen and Bill produced the Class Cup Girl, Elizabeth Virginia. This same Betty continued the Youngs exposition of our original error by marrying Chandler P. Robbins, Jr., Class of 1929, and coming up with 1912's first grandson, Chandler P. Robbins,

III, who is now looking with youth and enthusiasm from those same barracks windows as a member of the class of 1959. Will he be a wall-flower or a woman hater? With his heritage we know that this is utterly impossible.

But to get back to Billy at the Academy! We knew him as a debonair and dashing cadet, the runt of "A" Company, rated him as good natured because we never saw him angry. Friendly, engaging, cheery, with a smile that was a wonderful asset, he was one of the favorites of the entire class. Those who were fortunate to serve with him down through the years found Bill changed as little from Cadet days as anyone in the class.

Throughout his service he had his ups and downs but he always took things in his stride. His uniform good nature, alert countenance and engaging smile were always evident. His first station with the 5th Cavalry in the Paradise of the Pacific wasn't hard to take. The Cavalry and the Border were synonymous and life in a dirt-floored, dust-blown tent could have been worse. From chasing Villa in Mexico to station at the Military Academy in 1916 was an agreeable change; but when he was forced to sit out World War I at Camp Zachary Taylor training recruits, he was ter-



ribly disappointed. However, this never showed in the conscientious performance of his duty, always the best. Schools, troop duty, and staff duty followed throughout his service, creditably performed in all cases.

As a commander of troops his understanding and sympathy developed in his men a devotion and loyalty of the highest order. Under trying circumstances his calm confidence inspired his troops and proved him a true leader. His later service as an Inspector General proved, in a new field, Bill's high qualities of great industry, logical thinking, thoroughness, probity and eminent fairness. His conception of his duties, forcefully carried out, proved to be a constructive influence in his command.

For his World War II service as Inspector General of the Island Command of Okinawa he was cited and decorated for wide military knowledge, sound judgment, tact, professional capacity, intimate knowledge of human nature and unfaltering devotion to duty.

Forty-seven years of honorable service to his country ended with his death at Waco, Texas on the 25th of December, 1955. He lies buried in the West Point Cemetery close by his classmates. Thus ended Bill's service, service with his wonderful smile, devoted to the motto of his Alma Mater, DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY.

May she produce sons of Bill's calibre from age to age.

—R. T. S. and A. V. A.

Stuart Warren Cramer, Jr.

NO. 5143 CLASS OF 1913

DIED JANUARY 6, 1957, AT CHARLOTTE,
NORTH CAROLINA, AGED 64 YEARS.

THE Class has lost a wonderful friend and companion, the country a citizen who will be very hard to replace.

Stuart was born in Charlotte, North Carolina, on January 28, 1892, the son of Stuart Warren and Bertha Hobart Berry Cramer. He attended the University of North Carolina and prepped at Braden's before reporting on that fateful first of March 1909. Although he was one of the youngest men in the Class, life as a cadet seemed to suit him. He was a better than average student and had no serious bouts with the Tac Department. With a fine mind and a great capacity for concentrated work, he could easily have stood near the top of the Class; but he was interested in so many things, was so busy studying German and music, working like a dog on the football squad as sub-quarterback for Bob Hyatt and Vernon Prichard, and playing golf and tennis whenever possible, that it resulted in his graduating about a third of the way down. The intensity which he brought to any activity in which he engaged was an outstanding trait throughout his life; in spite of illness resulting from stomach ulcers which troubled him from 1918 on and which necessitated more than one serious operation, he never spared himself.

After graduating from the Academy in June 1913, Stuart was assigned to the 15th Cavalry stationed at Fort Myer, Virginia, and later at Fort Bliss, Texas. When the regiment was ordered to the Philippines in July 1915, he was transferred to the 8th Cavalry and remained at Bliss. In May 1916 his troop was part of a punitive force sent into Mexico where he commanded in an engagement at Santa Anita. In August 1917 he was ordered to duty at the Academy as an instructor in the Department of Modern Languages, where he served until June 1918 when he was ordered to duty with the 157th Depot Brigade at Camp Gordon, Georgia. At this time he was promoted to Major and soon after ordered overseas to the Tank Centre at Wareham, Dorset, and from there to the Tank Centre at Bourq, near Langres, France, where he assumed command of the 328th Tank Battalion under Colonel George S. Patton. The battalion had been designated as part of the force to make the attack on Metz, scheduled for November 14th, but the Armistice intervened.

Soon after the Armistice, Stuart was ordered back to the States for observation and treatment of stomach ulcers. Upon release from the hospital at the end of February 1919, he was ordered to duty with the G-3 section of the General Staff and later was detailed a member of the General Staff, one of the youngest officers so honored. October 1st, 1919, saw Stuart detailed as Librarian at the Army War College where he remained until September 1921, at which time he was detailed to the Quartermaster School in Philadelphia. After completing the course in textiles, he resigned from the service on November 20, 1922, and returned to his native North Carolina to work in Cramerton Mills, Inc., a corporation owned by the family and located at Cramerton, near Charlotte.

In November of 1923, Stuart married Julia Baxter Scott of Charlotte. They had three children, Julia Baxter, who died at the age of eight, Stuart Warren III, and John Scott.

Stuart had served only nine years in the Army, but when he resigned he was recognized as the outstanding young officer he was. The greater part of his adult life was spent in civil pursuits, where he had a most distinguished career. He earned success in a multitude of interests and activities by the intelligence and vigor which characterized both his work and his play.

He was active in the management of Cramerton Mills until 1946, as Vice-President from 1923, and President from 1939; and he was very active in the textile industry throughout his life.

Among the many positions of responsibility which Stuart held were those of President of the Southern Combed Yarn Spinners Association, and Vice-President of the National Association of Manufacturers. The latter was during World War II, when he also served on the War Production Board, the OPA, and several other wartime committees. He took an active interest in politics, serving on various Republican committees and becoming a delegate to the National Republican Convention in 1944. In 1947 he was appointed Deputy Chairman of the Munitions Board in the Department of Defense, staying two years in this important and exacting post. After returning to Charlotte, he continued to keep busy; in spite of in-



creasing ill health, he served as Director in a number of companies, as President of several others, and also took an active interest in the building of Christ Episcopal Church of which he was a vestryman.

This then was the career of a man with the highest ideals who certainly lived up to our motto. It may truly be said "Well done".

In addition to Julia and the two boys, Stuart is survived by a granddaughter, Julia Baxter Cramer; a sister, Mrs. James R. Angell; a brother, George B. Cramer; and his step-mother, Mrs. Stuart Warren Cramer, Sr.

—A. B. Johnston and W. O. Crane,
Class of 1913.

Stephen Hunting Sherrill

NO. 5650 CLASS OF APRIL 1917

DIED JUNE 28, 1956, at WALTER REED
ARMY HOSPITAL, WASHINGTON, D. C.,
AGED 63 YEARS.

At the time of his death, Steve Sherrill was Vice-President of the First National Bank of Arlington, Virginia; in religious activities he was a member of the Presbyterian Church from childhood and affiliated

with the Washington Cathedral of Washington, D. C. He was leading in 1917 class activities and Class President; was active in the Association of Graduates; and he had spent considerable time and effort on the Class 40th reunion in 1957.

Classmates were his pallbearers and burial was in Arlington National Cemetery on July 2, 1956.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy Mae; a son, Lieutenant Colonel Stephen H. Sherrill, Jr., U.S.A.F.; two grandsons Stephen H. III and Taylor Sergeant Sherrill; and two brothers, Fred G. and Edwin L. Sherrill.

Born March 13, 1893 and reared in East Hampton, Long Island, New York, he was of English descent being of the ninth generation of the Sherrill family in America. The first member came from England in 1660 being shipwrecked on arrival. His mother was of the ninth generation of the Glover family, the first Glovers having come to Massachusetts from Lincolnshire, England in 1632.

After finishing high school in East Hampton Steve entered the U.S.M.A. in 1913 from the First Congressional District of New York. His cadet roommate, Bill Redfield, writes—"Steve Sherrill was my roommate at West Point and no man has ever had a better one."

Raised on a farm near the tip of Long Island, he came to the Point with all the sterling qualities so often developed in family life on an American farm. He was always kindly, generous, thoughtful, with a quick smile and a fine sense of humor.

Intelligent and bright, he did well in his studies without being a grind. In cadet military affairs he graduated a Lieutenant in days when Cadet Captain was the highest grade achievable.

If it is possible for a man to have no enemies, Steve was one. Everybody liked and respected him. His loss is a great one not only to his family and friends but to the Army as well and the country at large.

Steve joined the 2d Cavalry Regiment on graduation, and while a troop commander was, for 6 months, an instructor in equitation and tactics at the Officers Training Camp, Plattsburg, New York. In spite of these activities he met, courted, and then, in January 1918, married Dorothy Mae Roberts of Albany, New York. Stephen H. Sherrill, Jr., their only child, was born in November 1920 and graduated in June 1943 from the U.S.M.A.

With his troop of the 2d Cavalry he sailed from New York, landing in France on April 6, 1918. He commanded Troop "1"—2nd Cavalry, 2d Division south of Verdun and later Corps Cav., III Corps during the Aisne-Marne, Oise-Aisne and Meuse Argonne offensives. He commanded the Advance Cavalry of III Corps, the leading unit of the Army of Occupation. They reached the Rhine River one day in advance of any other troops and were the first to cross the river which, incidentally, was a Remagen.

After several months duty in Germany with the Army of Occupation he returned in 1919 to duty with the 3rd Cav. at Fort Ethan Allen until detailed in the Signal Corps and transferred to the 7th Div. at Fort Leavenworth and Camp Funston, Kansas.

September 1920 came post graduate work in Communications at Yale University, followed by duty at Fort Monmouth where he commanded a signal company, a duty which included R.O.T.C. summer training.

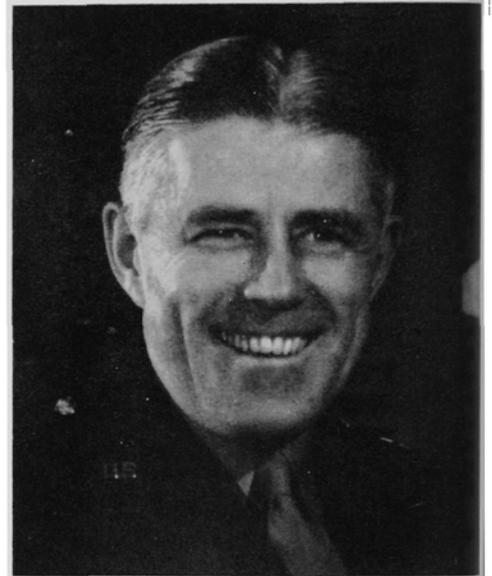
From 1923 to 1927, Steve was on R.O.T.C. duty at Carnegie Institute of Technology, going from there to Signal Procurement, first at Governors Island and later the then Brooklyn Army Base where he served until

1930. This duty brought him in contact with many important manufacturers of Signal equipment, an experience which proved to be a valuable asset during his later work with the Armed Forces Communication and Electronic Association.

From Brooklyn Base, the Sherrills went to Fort Leavenworth, where, in 1932, Steve completed the two year course at the Command and General Staff School and was, upon graduation chosen for the General Staff eligible list. He always regarded the two years at Fort Leavenworth as among his happiest.

Ordered to Fort Monmouth, New Jersey in 1932, Steve served three years as executive officer after which he was given the coveted command of the 51st Signal Battalion, the maneuver troops for the Signal Corps and in this capacity he served until 1938, when he was ordered to the Army War College in Washington, D. C.

Upon graduation from the Army War College in 1939 came assignment to the War Department General Staff, War Plans Division, later Operations Division and General George C. Marshall's Command Post, WW II. Here Steve served successively under Major Generals G. V. Strong, L. T. Genow, Dwight D. Eisenhower and Thomas T. Handy.



After being promoted to the rank of Brigadier General in August 1942 he received the challenging assignment to establish the Western Signal Corps Replacement and Training Center at Camp Kohler and the school at Davis, California. This required the use of the entire Agriculture College of the University of California, where he had a maximum of seven thousand trainees and students.

In March 1943, he was transferred to Drew Field, Florida as Commanding General Air Force Aircraft Warning Unit (Radar) Training Center which trained radar units in Florida, Mississippi and Texas. This center included an officers school, a technical school training radar technicians, and operations and individual training subcenters in addition to the main center. Here as a maximum there were 32,500 radar specialists. In all 64,000 radar specialists passed through this center. The Legion of Merit was awarded to him for this work.

Ordered to Washington, D. C. preparatory to a staff assignment on General Omar Bradley's staff in the ETO, he was found physically unfit for overseas duty; and then came the hard blow: retired September 30, 1944. His ability was however recognized by an immediate call back to active duty first as Commandant of the Eastern Signal

School and later as Commanding General of Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. Here he was again honored by being awarded an Oakleaf Cluster to his Legion of Merit and the French Legion of Honor.

Reverting to retired status in January 1946, the Sherrills moved to Washington, D. C. where they purchased and established their home. In April Steve was named Executive Secretary of the Army Signal Association, an organization which was the forerunner of the Armed Forces Communication and Electronics Association. He was the first editor of the association magazine *Signals*. He also was one of the planners in the organization of the AFCEA, organizing chapters and arranging national meetings. When, in 1948, other services were brought in unification was wrought. He resigned from *Signals* in January 1950. Quoting from *Signals*, "Steve Sherrill is mainly responsible for what the association is today."

At this time he began to help in the planning on the organization of the First National Bank of Arlington, Virginia of which he later became a vice-president. At the time of his death he was manager and vice-president of the Armed Services Branch which the bank had opened in the Pentagon Building. He was again in the capacity of rendering a needed service.

Quoting from Steve's autobiography in the class *Thirty-five Year Book* which he assembled, edited and published in 1952: "I have kept busy with a number of projects. The most enjoyable have been for our class. I loved every part of my 33 years service in uniform, and would like to do it over again."

Looking back over what Steve accomplished and the man he was, we know that he was one of the Great.

He followed the lead of his pioneering ancestors in that he remained a pioneer, planning and organizing in several fields. An able teacher, he devoted much of his service to teaching. He was a loved and efficient troop commander and a loyal and superb staff officer. Steve was never too busy to pass on a pleasant and encouraging word, to do a kind deed, to visit a sick friend or to help one who needed it; and this he did until his last illness and his heart could no longer keep up with his will to do.

He lived and served well and for this we say "Well Done."

We are all happier and better for having known him and we pray "Be thou at peace."
—C. W. Y., a Classmate.

James Frederick Howell, Jr.

NO. 7350 CLASS OF 1924

DIED FEBRUARY 19, 1956, AT FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, AGED 53 YEARS.

JIM was born in the Army on October 16, 1902, grew up on Coast Artillery posts, and entered the Military Academy in 1920 with no ambition other than to be a professional officer. Knowing exactly what he wanted, he was a happy cadet and took The Point in stride with a minimum of effort. His *Hovitz* entry says his two great faults were that he slept too much and blushed too easily, probably because of his extreme youth and unquestioned good looks. The supercritical upperclassmen considered him quite savvy and were thinking of making somewhat of a pet of him until he left two of them stranded on the roof of barracks after taps, after which enviable feat he became one of the plebe celebrities.

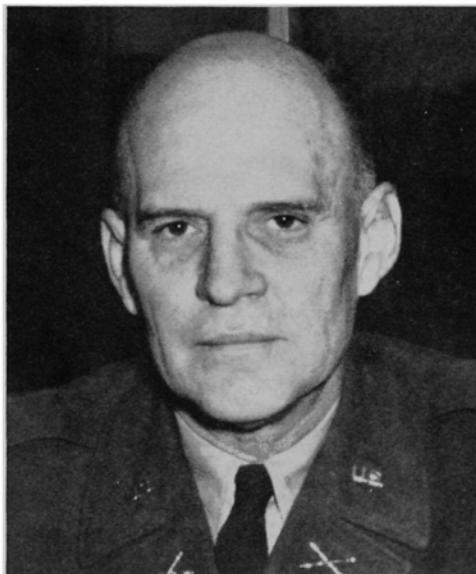
He played at baseball and lacrosse, acted in Camp Illuminations, made night hideous with a voice more enthusiastic than musical, and thoroughly earned the lifelong affection of his classmates by entering into the none-

to-gentle play of his flanker company. They hailed him as "always ready for a fight or fire"! The Tacs gave him much area time for contemplation of life's finer aspects but no chevrons, and Jim was content to coast through in the upper third academically. He tried for the Air Corps but reverted to his real love—The Coast.

As the bough is bent . . . Second Lieutenant Howell, C.A.C., spotlessly spooony always, baited the brass by sporting the biggest-brimmed, "white" Stetson worn at rakish angle and by making formations fashionably late as S.O.D., but the brass also entrusted him with an outfit while he was still a shave-tail. He made it into the best coast artillery battery in Hawaii and during the next decade established a reputation second to none as a junior officer.

After about ten years' service, Jim was assigned to the 92d Coast Artillery (Philippine Scouts) on Corregidor. One of his battery officers at that time states:

"Serving under Jim Howell was probably the finest training a young officer could have. It was not sugar-coated training, for Jim was a perfectionist, and far from an easy man to work for. But he knew artillery techniques and battery duties thoroughly and, in his own way, insured that his subordinates



learned their job. He wanted results and no alibis. When things were going well, particularly after a good artillery shoot, he would always be in a radiant good humor and a friend to all mankind. But let things go wrong—such as the afternoon I played tennis instead of inspecting the gun park — and all good humor and friendship were out and a truly stinging reprimand would be forthcoming. It could be heard a half mile away if the wind was right.

"Either at work or at play, Jim had a highly developed competitive instinct. He drove himself and all concerned to shoot the highest target practice score in the regiment. He was equally intense in wanting to win any sports contest. Being a good loser was not in his philosophy—he wanted to be a good winner."

The very same enthusiasm that enabled him to really enjoy West Point carried over into his uncomplaining acceptance of all kinds of jobs and his happy acceptance of responsibilities, great and small. He was an officer who never forgot what made an organization really click; to him, loyalty went equally down and up, as naturally as breathing. He was fair and tough and demanded results—his rare bawlings out were long remembered; but, as the Navy says,

he ran a happy ship, more often with a friendly grin than a scowl. In fact, "Colonel Jim's" smile and his willingness to help anybody with a problem were his trademarks. Results: his men adored him and put out for him while his superiors could always depend on him to deliver any goods.

As the clouds of World War II collected on our horizons, Jim was selected to be Plans and Training Officer of a newly organized Antiaircraft Regiment. Later he was given a gun battalion, and never has a new outfit been whipped into top shape so quickly yet so painlessly. The broad service background in lower echelons was paying off. Here his lovely wife, Velma, took her part also in welcoming and adjusting their brand new personnel to army life. So, like many other fine leaders of men at that time, Jim looked forward eagerly to taking his very own creation into combat only to find himself stuck with training.

He was perhaps too well known, too universally acknowledged as the type who could be depended upon to produce effective new units. As the world situation worsened, requests for Jim's services poured in from many commanders stateside who could not be ignored, and he went from one training assignment to another like the true soldier he was, swallowing his disappointment, never griping, never trying to sidestep the trying or unglamorous jobs that had to be done. His motto: "A true soldier is a team player."

In 1944, after many persistent but fruitless attempts to obtain an immediate transfer to a combat area, Jim finally assumed command of an AAA Group at Camp Stewart that was in the last stages of training prior to movement overseas. But because of the Allied victories and the attainment of air superiority in the various theaters, the need for additional AAA units disappeared, and his command was de-activated and all personnel were detailed in the Infantry with station at Camp Gordon, Georgia.

After a few weeks, Jim was reassigned to the AAA and suddenly transferred to the 43d AAA Brigade at Mitchell Field, Long Island, to make special plans and preparations for the defense of New York City and its environs from possible attack by German rockets launched from submarines. Because of his knowledge, organizing ability, and dynamic efforts, this job was accomplished without delay. Fortunately, this attack did not come to pass; but had it become an actuality, Jim would have rightly earned the eternal gratitude of the nation for preparing the defense in this area to ward off or minimize the magnitude and effect of the destruction.

He got his eagles in 1943, but he never acquired stars or medals for bravery. One of the last full-time graduates of Leavenworth and an instructor there for some time, he also graduated from the Naval War College and National War College in the late '40s. With the Planning & Operations Division at the Pentagon in 1950, he proved his staff abilities in his work on the Inchon Landing in Korea. He served as AAA Officer at Headquarters, Army Ground Forces in 1951-2, then went to Colorado Springs as Deputy Commander of Continental AAA Command at Ent AFB until 1953, when he was transferred to command of the 40th AAA Brigade. The present commander of that unit states they have recently established within the Brigade an award for Proficiency in Gunnery (Howell's great love) and named it in honor of Jim.

After his retirement in 1954, Jim, Velma and their near-adult children returned to Colorado Springs. They moved to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, last year.

Jim died very suddenly of a heart attack in his home February 19, 1956. His family continue to reside in Fort Lauderdale. His

daughter, Sally, who graduated from the University of Miami last June and married the same month, is presently living at Fort Lewis, Washington. Susan Mary is a freshman at the University of Florida, and James F. III graduates from high school in June and hopes to enter The Point in July.

The data for this biographical sketch has come from many who knew, served with and loved James Howell. On one score, they are unanimously agreed: he was a thoroughly admirable and loveable man who never changed as cadet, junior officer, senior commander, or staff man. He got the best of results always in the same way—by giving and inspiring love and loyalty, by the example of his own cheerful acceptance of duty and by his own quiet efficiency in performing it. From the days of the bull sessions in Company M, U.S.C.C. to the day of his death, Jim had more true friends and fewer enemies than anyone we know. Here was a good officer and a good man, respected and truly loved by all who walked with him along the honorable and oftentimes difficult road of the professional soldier.

—His Classmates.

John Joseph Jakle

NO. 10618 CLASS OF 1936

DIED SEPTEMBER 21, 1956, IN A PLANE CRASH IN KOREA. AGED 44 YEARS.

WHEN I was a freshman in high school, I had to write my autobiography, and you wrote the preface for me. I remember how proud I was to hand the work in. Now I am seventeen, and it is my turn to write about you—I wonder if I can do half as good a job.

Daddy, you know how much we loved and respected you—so deeply that I am going to find it hard to express our sentiments—some things you just can't say. To everyone who knew you, and especially to us, you were a truly wonderful man, husband, and father. We used to call you "The Lion's Roar" because of that dear, loud, blustery voice of yours when you were in a playful mood or trying especially to be emphatic in putting a point across to us kids. Yet, you couldn't fool us—where your family was concerned, we know that down deep you were nothing but an old softie.

We used to tease you about your love for Flagstaff, Arizona, the town in which you were born, because of its small size. However, it is not so small now; and I don't believe that there is a single person living there who didn't feel a keen loss when informed of your death. You grew up to be a healthy young fellow who loved the out-of-doors. Early in life, you developed a definite love for athletics and excelled in any sport you undertook. You wanted to be the best, and your grim determination made you the best!

You attended the University of Arizona for two years, and it was during that time that you became interested in West Point. You had a friend—a reserve officer—who talked to you and told you much about army life. An examination was given for a senatorial appointment; you competed for it and won. You loved West Point with a love that could never be shaken. I used to listen to your stories and wished wholeheartedly that I were a boy so that I might too attend West Point.

You were very good looking, and girls were always chasing you. But you were very particular and played the field for a long time until you met and fell in love with Mother—then, Florence Mann. You married her in 1938 at your first station, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Shortly afterward, the two of you left for your next station, Schofield

Barracks, Hawaii. From Hawaii, you were transferred to various divisions—the First Division, New York, the 80th in Tennessee, and then to the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

You were a family man and loved your family more than anything else in the world. Yet, twice during your army career, you were separated from us. The first time was in February 1945, when you were sent to the South Pacific—the Philippines.

One of your most outstanding traits was that you always did a good job no matter how unpleasant the task might be. You used to tell me, when I'd become lazy and do a chore half-heartedly, that "any job worth doing at all is worth doing well," and that it took just as much time to do a sloppy job as to do a job well.

It was with this spirit of making the best of any assignment that you parted from us the second time in August 1955. Your station was Korea for a tour of duty with KMAG. We never dreamed that as you walked away from us—Mother and four of your children—with your head erect and shoulders squared, it would be the last time we were to see you. For, approximately a year later, you were killed in an airplane crash. You never believed in wasting time, and you



took on that extra job that led to your fatal accident.

You were loved and respected by all who worked both under and above you. You received the praise for your good work as is befitting an outstanding officer and strove to improve. Your Commanding General in Korea stated in a letter to us that you were one of the finest officers he ever knew!

Besides all the fine qualities of a strong will, determination, honesty, and integrity which you possessed, you also had a certain softness and kindness about you that you tried carefully not to show, yet somehow could not conceal. I'll never forget the warmth in your eyes when you'd come home from work and see your wife and children.

You and Mother had a wonderful life together—eighteen years of fun, happiness, and love. You were the father of five children—me, Joanne, Johnny, Bernessa Kaye, and Jeanne Marie (the baby whom you never saw). You were strict and made us mind, and we love and respect you for it. I have a temper and am stubborn, and our wills clashed now and then; however, I feel kind of pleased about it for people say the reason was that I am so much like you.

One of your most outstanding good points was your great love for God and your faithfulness in serving him. God came first, above all things, even before your family,

and you never missed Church even if it meant walking several miles to attend. Needless to say, you were an outstanding example for your children.

I remember all the many things you taught me as a child—things that have made me a much better girl. I remember your stories of the Big Person and the Little Person—how the Big Person is the one to apologize when in the wrong and is the one who can forgive and forget when an injustice has been done him.

We will always remember your deep-set twinkling eyes, your crooked smile, and the undeterminable amount of strength you gave us at any time of stress. Wherever you may be (somewhere up there, probably knocking around that old golf ball), we know you are watching over us, and Daddy, we're so proud of you! —Therese Jakle.

Chester Kieser Britt

NO. 11984 CLASS OF 1940

DIED JULY 6, 1953, IN VETERAN'S ADMINISTRATION HOSPITAL, MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, AGED 38 YEARS.

CHESTER KIESER BRITT, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie R. Britt, was born in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, on June 13, 1915, and lived as a boy and young man in nearby La Crosse, Wisconsin. Since he was the eldest child in the family, he was looked upon by his brothers and sisters as being the leader who would set the example they too should follow. Memory brings back those years when as a boy he took the younger ones to school smoothing the path for their first venture into a new way of life, although many times he was undoubtedly equally as unsure as they. Later as they grew older, he taught them to make pumpkin faces, or fashion Easter baskets, build igloos in the wintertime, and the numerous other playthings that are so absorbing to children. He was a lad upon whom his parents could depend; and, as a "big brother" and son, he was dearly loved and respected.

As a young boy, "Chet" was active in scouting and loved to bring his friends home to do scout work, sometimes studying to earn merit badges or constructing bows and arrows. During these years he became interested in playing the bugle and consistently won city-wide contests that sent him to scout camp for entire summers as camp bugler. Swimming, skiing, skating, fishing, and basketball were his primary interests in sports.

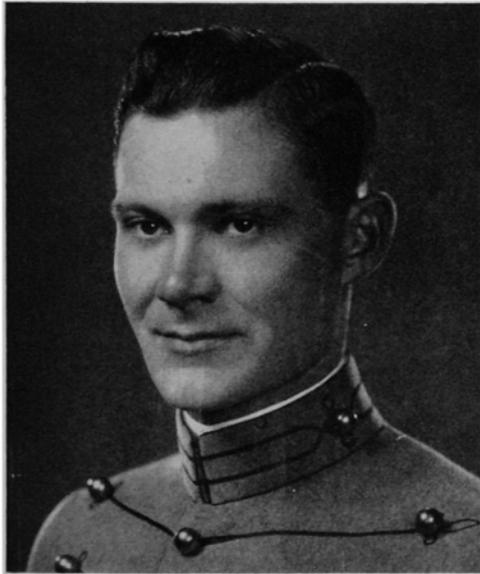
Later he became interested in aviation and model airplanes and won city contests. This spurred him on to try gliders; and one summer with the help of his friends, he built a full-scale glider and planned to actually fly it off the top of "Grandad's Bluff." His father put a stop to this when he decided it was too dangerous, and the flight was never carried through. The prizes Chet won in his various endeavors were not his incentive, however. It was rather his desire for perfection in all his ventures that won for him first place in so many things, and this conscientiousness was a part of his character.

In high school he achieved very high grades, graduating as an honor student. He then attended State Teachers College in La Crosse, pledging Kappa Delta Pi, National Honorary Fraternity. It was during this period that he received a Congressional appointment to the Academy at West Point. Upon his graduation in 1940 he married his high school sweetheart, Miss Grace Runica, and together they went to Fort Monroe, Virginia, for a brief tour of duty before proceeding to the Philippine Islands, where Chet served in the Coast Artillery.

The ensuing war years are well known to all. Chet, holder of the Silver Star, was on Bataan when it fell and was subsequently a prisoner of war of the Japanese for three and a half years. Although only four Red Cross form cards were received from him in that entire time, his family never gave up hope of his safe return. The prayers of many people, some of whom were strangers but who had heard about him, and the dream of returning to his family helped to give him strength to endure those long years and enabled him to return home in 1945 after the Japanese surrender.

Homecoming was made even happier by meeting for the first time his little son, Chester, Jr., who was born in 1941. After Chet had regained his strength, he and Grace, and their son returned to duty at Fort Bliss, Texas. A few years of happiness followed during which time two more sons, Donald and David, were born to them. But the long years of maltreatment as a prisoner of war were to take their toll, and in 1949 a stroke partially paralyzing him, forced his retirement from the Army. At this time he held the rank of Major. He and his family returned to La Crosse to live, and there he spent the remaining years of his life.

In July 1953 this courageous man, whose life had been religiously and ideally lived,



was called from this world. Now, when in Chapel we stand and sing America with the Christian flag and the American flag side by side, the words the minister used in describing Chet's life come back again:

"He truly loved and served his God and his Country."

—Mrs. Jesse L. Morrow, Jr.

Robert Bernard Tresville, Jr.

NO. 13371 CLASS OF JANUARY 1943

KILLED JUNE 22, 1944 IN AIR MISSION OVER ITALY, AGED 23 YEARS.

ON that wintery January day in 1943, Bob Tresville became the first Negro to graduate directly into the Army Air Forces. Born in May of 1921 at Galveston, Texas, Bob knew army life very well. His father was a bandleader in the Regular Army, and well known for his direction of the 24th Infantry Band at Fort Benning and in the Pacific during World War II. Bob spent most of his life on army posts and was interested in the military almost from the time that he could walk. While attending high school in Columbus, Georgia, he showed signs of his outstanding athletic ability by winning the Southern Junior Tennis

Champion title and becoming a nationally ranked tennis player. His high school education was completed in Germantown, Pennsylvania, where his grades and general record won him a scholarship to Pennsylvania State College. At Germantown he also won letters in track and was a member of the tennis, swimming and football teams. During his year at Penn State, Bob again made the swimming, tennis and track teams. In March of his freshman year, he was appointed to the Military Academy. This appointment made possible a dream of his childhood—to be a cadet at West Point.

Life here was not an easy adjustment for Bob. Only four negroes had graduated from the Academy prior to his entrance, and the road to success was beset with exceptional hurdles. It is a credit to Bob and to his family that he made the adjustment so well; and by his participation in A-squad track, cross country and tennis he became the first negro athlete in West Point Intercollegiate competition. His pleasant smile and trim, athletic physique were soon known throughout the Corps; he excelled in riding and gymnastics. The greater proportion of his grades were average, but he stood high in Spanish, Tactics, Military History, and Economics and Government.

When the opportunity was offered our class for flying training while at West Point, Bob immediately applied. He spent the summer and fall of 1942 at Tuskegee Flying School in Alabama where, trained as a pursuit pilot, he won his wings as a member of class 42K. Returning to West Point, Bob completed the course and proudly wearing his wings was awarded his diploma and commission in January of 1943.

In January 1944, the 332nd Fighter Group left for the Mediterranean Theater with Robert B. Tresville, a Captain at 22 years of age, commanding the 100th Fighter Squadron. Bob had won his captaincy commanding the 302nd Fighter Squadron of the Group, before taking over the 100th. He went into action in Italy almost immediately, and he flew a total of 23 missions before the 24th of June. On June 9th, 1944, the Group shot down five enemy planes in one day. Throughout the rest of June, Bob's Squadron escorted bombers to Italy, Southern France, and the Balkans. On June 24th, all four squadrons were assigned a low-approach mission to strafe an important enemy supply center in Italy. At the briefing, orders were given to fly very low over the Tyrrhenian Sea to Corsica to avoid being picked up by radar.

Bob's Squadron led the fight. Before starting he told his men that under no condition were they to break radio silence, even if planes were to crash into the sea. A mixture of haze, bad weather and choppy water made the mission extremely hazardous. Two planes had hit the water and crashed before Bob, glancing at his map, hit a wave, plowed under the water, flipped over his wingman's plane, and went back into the sea. He was not seen again.

This tragic loss to the country was further compounded when, after the return of the Squadron, a cable came in authorizing Bob's promotion to Major—a promotion too late for him to receive.

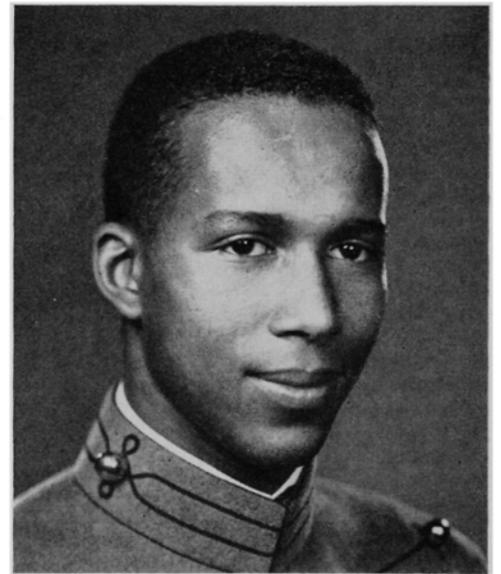
There seems no doubt in the minds of the men of the 100th Squadron that Bob had been destined for greater things. His First Sergeant said "He never found reason to forget the welfare of the men under him. . . They knew him, trusted and confided in him, wanted him as commanding officer, and liked him. . . The day he was killed, both officers and enlisted men lost a friend". General Benjamin O. Davis Jr. wrote that "because of his popularity, Tresville's loss was a very great loss to his squadron as well as to the group as a whole. I was particularly impressed with the leadership qualities he ex-

hibited in commanding his squadron, both on the ground and in the air. He was enthusiastic and possessed an infectious sense of humor that enabled him to get the most out of his men under either pleasant or unpleasant conditions. At the time he was lost, he had been recommended for promotion to the rank of Major."

His crew chief wrote me that "without reservation he was an exceptional combat commander. We were fortunate to have had such a leader with the initiative and ingenuity shown by him. Had he survived, I am sure he would have gone down in history as another great from the Academy." His wingman shared the same view: "Captain Tresville as an officer was outstanding but firm, and demonstrated excellent leadership ability for a man of his age. Had he survived, he would have brought even greater distinction to himself and to the Academy."

And so passed on beyond the horizon an exceptional classmate, a man who in every way showed himself worthy of the trust placed in him by his country. His reputation and service were perhaps a harbinger of the new acceptance and opportunity offered to those who followed him.

Four days after graduation Bob married Miss Vivien Murphy of Buffalo, a graduate of



Fisk University. Their daughter Barbara is now thirteen years old; Bob never saw her, for she was born after his departure for Italy. Bob's widow, now Mrs. Carl Rowan, is a supervisory nurse at the University of Minnesota. Bob is also survived by his mother and father, now retired, who live in Los Angeles, California, and by a brother who is now stationed in England with the Strategic Air Command. —W. A. Knowlton.

James Robert Lindsay, III.

NO. 19242 CLASS OF 1953

DIED NOVEMBER 5, 1956 IN AN AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT AT GEORGE AFB, CALIFORNIA, AGED 25 YEARS.

ON November 5th, 1956, First Lieutenant James Robert Lindsay, III, met his death in an airplane accident.

For all who worked with Bob, both his contemporary and superior officers as well as enlisted men who knew him or served under him, no greater shock or personal loss could have occurred. Anyone who knew him realized that he was one of the very few who have the potential for future greatness. One could say with complete confidence that Bob would have excelled both in personal job ac-

complishment and in leadership in almost any vocation he chose. He chose the Air Force; he gave to it his most precious possession—his life. Had Divine Providence deigned otherwise, the Air Force, and perhaps the world, would have come to know Bob well.

Bob was not a one-sided, dull person who carried devotion to duty completely out of perspective. His many personal friends can well attest to this. If it is conceivable to state that Bob had *only* friends, and no enemies, let it so be stated; for it is truth. He had that rare and most precious gift—tact. He was always able to combine this talent with an earnestness and friendliness that refused and defeated animosity before it arose. In addition to these traits, Bob loved living; and, because he did, life sparkled in his every motion, action, or word.

A careful study of the full life of Bob Lindsay, III reveals that environment and family tragedy played an important role in mapping his career. Bob was born on June 21, 1931 in Denver Colorado, the son of Lieutenant, later Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. James R. Lindsay, Jr. Colonel Lindsay had been a 1923 graduate of West Point, and his father before him was a Pointer, attaining the rank of Brigadier General. Young Bob's



youth, therefore was filled with service posts, service traditions, and service friends. These things had a profound and lasting influence upon him; and even though World War II took his father away from him permanently, the pattern had been established. In fact, the death of his father, whom Bob loved, respected, and admired greatly, nurtured and finally cemented the little boy's plans to attend and graduate from West Point, the alma mater of his father and grandfather.

On July 1st, 1949, a dream was partially fulfilled; Bob entered West Point. On June 2nd, 1953, the dream was completely fulfilled; graduation from West Point and commission as a Second Lieutenant, United States Air Force.

His life at the Academy was a happy, successful one. He attained the rank of Cadet Captain, serving as A-1 company commander. He was a member of Army's basketball team for three years. He stood in the upper half of his class academically and could have been much higher had his goals been the mere attainment of a high scholastic standing. He was the cadet that his company classmates always nominated for high honors, regardless of the particular honor. His classmates seemed to sense his inherent ability and potential for greatness. He was liked and respected by all in the Corps who knew him.

On June the 20th, 1953, Bob married Martha McFadden of Louisville, Kentucky. Theirs had been a long and happy courtship that had its beginnings when Bob and his mother lived in Louisville prior to his entry into West Point. Their three and one half years of marriage was as happy and fulfilling a relationship as can be possible. Martha and Bob were blessed with two children, Susan, aged two, and James R. Lindsay, Jr., six months old.

Bob's decision to join the Air Force was not an easy one; his father had been in the Armored Corps of the Army; and this carried much weight in his deliberation of branch and service choice. However, in his ultimate decision, as was characteristically Bob, he chose that which seemed most promising to him, the Air Force.

His short Air Force career of three and one half years showed to any keen observer that Bob had chosen well. He was an exceptional pilot, and one who zealously loved his work. He was always willing to fly on cross-country training when others were enjoying hard-earned weekend rest. His first duty was to improve himself and be a greater asset to the Air Force.

His excellent performance and value was equally apparent in his ground duties. His leadership ability was recognized immediately by his Squadron Commander; and, in addition to being a top notch fighter pilot, he was, in succession, adjutant, engineering officer, and armament officer of his squadron. In all cases, he won the respect of all whom he served and benefited. A young man, starting in his chosen profession, could not have hoped for a better career beginning.

On the fateful date that claimed Bob's life, he was leading a flight of three F-100 C's back to Foster Air Force Base, Texas, from George Air Force Base, California. Just after becoming airborne, his plane experienced a loud explosion. However, his airplane appeared to be in good enough condition to attempt an immediate landing. Just prior to landing his flight control systems failed, and his attempted bail-out was unsuccessful.

Bob died as he lived, giving his every effort for the successful completion of his assigned mission.

To Bob's wife, and to his mother, go our heartfelt sympathies. Now, Martha has the additionally hard job of raising Susan and little Bob in the image and likeness of their father. Bob's mother, now Mrs. L. W. Foy, has suffered a double loss; her first husband and now her only son. All who knew, admired and wholeheartedly liked Bob also feel his loss greatly.

However, perhaps as great a loser as any is the Air Force. It lost a future General.
—Laurence B. Tatum.

Guy Ernest Waller, Jr.

NO. 19124 CLASS OF 1953

DIED DECEMBER 5, 1956 NEAR MANCHESTER, ENGLAND, AGED 25 YEARS.

GUY ERNEST WALLER, JR., was born April 16, 1931, in Montgomery, Alabama, the first born of Guy E. and Marion Waller. His boyhood and youth were lived in his home town. He won his letter in football at Sidney Lanier High School and graduated May 30, 1949, with a high scholastic record.

When Guy was eleven years old, his father, Captain Guy E. Waller, died in the service of his country at McDill AFB, Florida. Guy seemed to grow up and accept responsibility quite young. He entered West Point in July 1949, after taking competitive examinations as the son of a deceased veteran. He held his own against four years of Yankee wives. The lighter side of his Cadet

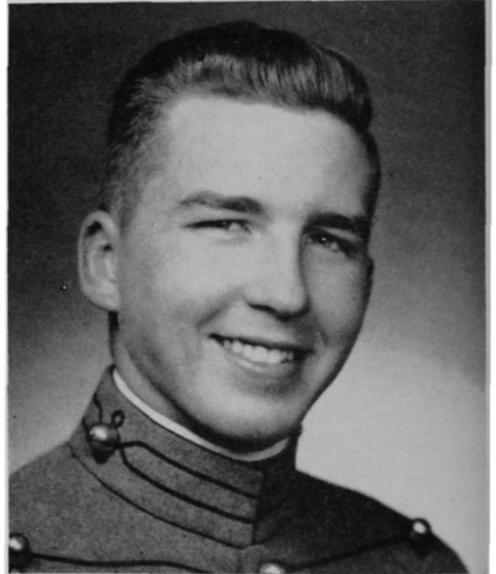
days was devoted to frequent waving of the Confederate flag. Guy's roommate for four years, said "Guy was liked and respected by all who knew him. Our lives have been made richer by having known him". Another friend, a Doctor, said, "When you shook Guy's hand, you knew you had a friend".

Guy graduated from West Point on June 2, 1953 and was commissioned in the Air Force. He was on the Dean's List his Cow Year. Although he has joined the Long Gray Line earlier than most, during the space of his short career, he more than lived up to the highest traditions of West Point. He married Betty O'Donnell of Garrison, New York on June 3, 1953, and shortly thereafter started his pilot's training at Graham AFB, Florida. He received his wings at Greenville AFB, Mississippi, two weeks before his daughter, Suzanne Marie, was born on August 1, 1954.

Guy and Betty were pleased to go to England for a three year tour of duty and sailed in April 1955.

Guy flew many missions to France, Germany, North Africa and Spain. He was doing what he had wanted to do since a small boy—flying Jets.

On September 4, 1956, Guy and Betty were blessed with the birth of a son, Guy



E. Waller III. This made their happiness complete. Guy was supremely happy in his home and with his work. His family and friends are intensely proud of the way he lived, his character and his religious convictions. He had written home a few weeks before the accident that he felt more at peace and closer to God than ever before.

His Commanding Officer, Colonel H. H. Moreland, wrote, "Our squadron feels honored to have known and worked with Guy. He had what we Americans like to be proud of in our young men.

"As a professional pilot, he had learned his lessons well and was fast developing into one of our most efficient officers. As a man, he had no bad qualities and was admired by all the officers and men who knew him. He was a son to be proud of, a good husband and a loving father."

He was an inspiration to his younger brother, Gary and his sister, Sandra.

On December 5, 1956, the skies he loved so well opened up and God took my beloved son by the hand. My responsibility now is to help his children to know what a wonderful man their father was, as you, his friends do.

Guy was laid to rest on December 19, 1956 at West Point, New York. His passing has left an emptiness and ache in all of our hearts.
—His Mother, Marion S. Waller.

LAST ROLL CALL

Reports of deaths of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of the January 1957 ASSEMBLY

Name	Class	Date	Place
Odus C. Horney	1891	February 16, 1957	San Mateo, California
Charles W. Castle	1894	January 19, 1957	Wilmette, Illinois
Thomas A. Roberts	1897	February 11, 1957	Brooke Army Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas
Madison Marine	Ex-1897	January 2, 1957	Malverne, Long Island, New York
Troup Miller	1902	January 26, 1957	Atlanta, Georgia
William L. Stevenson	1902	December 25, 1956	Hines Hospital, Chicago, Illinois
Vaughn W. Cooper	1904	January 6, 1957	Nashville, Tennessee
Roger G. Powell	1905	January 3, 1957	The Army & Navy Club, Washington, D. C.
William C. Christy	1907	January 31, 1957	Phoenix, Arizona
Melvin G. Faris	1907	December 27, 1956	Miami, Florida
Richard H. Somers	1907	January 22, 1957	Underwood Hospital, Woodbury, Pennsylvania
Walter K. Dunn	1910	December 30, 1956	USNH, Portsmouth, New Hampshire
John A. Robenson	1910	December 21, 1956	Los Altos, California
Louis B. Orrell	Ex-1910	November 24, 1956	Wilmington, North Carolina
Basil D. Edwards	1912	January 8, 1957	Bowling Green, Kentucky
Stuart W. Cramer, Jr.	1913	January 6, 1957	Charlotte, North Carolina
Hubert R. Harmon	1915	February 22, 1957	Lackland AFB Hospital, San Antonio, Texas
William F. Daugherty	April 1917	December 23, 1956	Tacoma, Washington
George H. Weems	April 1917	February 25, 1957	Fort Campbell, Kentucky
William N. Davis	June 1918	January 15, 1957	Olean, New York
Hans Kramer	June 1918	February 16, 1957	Letterman Army Hospital, Presidio of San Francisco, California
John W. Middleton	November 1918	January 20, 1957	Atlanta, Georgia
Verne D. Mudge	1920	January 29, 1957	San Diego, California
Kenneth F. Pughe	1922	December 2, 1956	Coral Gables, Florida
Ralph N. Woods	1929	December 20, 1956	Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, D. C.
Earl H. Heimerdinger	1930	January 17, 1954	Detroit, Michigan
John D. O'Reilly	1933	March 8, 1957	Norwalk, Connecticut
Frank B. Wagner	1940	December 12, 1956	United States Army Hospital, Fort Belvoir, Virginia
Barnard Cummings, Jr.	1949	February 15, 1954	Korea (DED)
Salvatore J. Pillitteri	Ex-1955	January 25, 1957	New Brunswick, New Jersey

