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## Fellow Graduates:

I am taking the opportunity in this message to repeat much of what I had to say at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Graduates held here on 3 June. I hope that those of you who were fortunate enough to be here on June Week will bear with me when I repeat a few significant points for the benefit of the thousands who were not at the meeting.

We entered the Navy contests last Saturday underdogs in all five contests—particularly in baseball and golf, in which the Navy was riding high. We won three of them, baseball, golf, and track, principally on superior spirit and determination.

The Class of 1957 disappointed everyone present for June Week when they broke ranks as they moved forward to the reviewing line during Graduation Parade. Apparently, members of the Class felt that they were perpetuating a tradition since some classes had rushed to the reviewing line at Graduation Parades in recent years. You may be sure that I am taking the necessary steps to prevent a recurrence of this practice that tends to destroy the solemnity and dignity of the Graduation Parade.

We have painted ourselves into a corner with our public information program. The crowds that overrun this post on Saturdays and Sundays are unbelievable. Last Saturday, there were between seventy and eighty thousand people here. Approximately two hundred and twenty busses jammed the Cavalry Plain and the other parking areas. Traffic crawled about the post. These mobs deprive the cadets of their recreational area, The Plain, unless they care to hazard the obstacle course of autograph seekers and aggressive photographers and walk a portion of the time in the road. I do not know what the solution is, but I do know one must be found in the best interests of the Kaydets.

These crowds and our mountainous correspondence evidence the effectiveness of our public information program. However, I am not convinced it is directed to serve best our interests. It is my feeling that our public information program should be designed, first, to interest and attract the youth of the quality we seek for West Point and, second, to impress the general public with the true value, past and future, of the Academy to our country. We are reslanting our program accordingly. I am particularly anxious to impress the principals of the secondary schools of our country (and, in the process, the parents of the boys of the high quality we seek) with the breadth and usually high quality across the board of the education we have to offer.

Starting this academic year, we are instituting a sabbatical leave policy which encourages all of our permanent professors to avail themselves of a sabbatical year once in every seven in order to observe educational methods pursued at other institutions and for general professional improvement and of a shorter two or three-month period in the interim to keep themselves personally abreast of the current requirements of a lifetime career in the service and their probable future trends.

## PLAIN TALK

You have long since received our questionnaire. It was over eight months in the making. I hope you will agree that we will get much of value from the facts and opinions which we have asked of you. It was sent to all living graduates from the Class of 1900 to the Class of 1954—a total of nearly 14,000 people. I hope the classes of 1955 and 1956 will not feel offended that we did not send it to them. We feel that at least three years' separation from West Point is necessary to provide an adequate perspective.

The questions have been posed so that they can be machine analyzed. We hope to start this process about the first of September. We expect to get our first significant answers in about six months and feel that it will be almost a year and a half before we will have milked the bulk of the valuable data from them. I will keep you appropriately informed through *Assembly* as we go along.

A matter of concern to me is our recreational and guest facilities here for both cadet and officer activities. These much-needed things are so low in construction priority as compared to cadet academic, training, and living facilities that it is highly improbable that we can expect to be successful in the near future in obtaining federal appropriations for this type of construction.

We, therefore, are establishing what I call a secondary construction program in an attempt to realize at least some of this construction through nonappropriated funds. Periodically, I read in the newspapers of sums in the many hundreds of thousands of dollars donated by philanthropic alumni to their Alma Maters for the construction of student unions, alumni centers, gymnasiums, hockey rinks, etc. Of course, ours is not a monetarily rich alumni body. It has occurred to me, however, that there might be some well-to-do civilians in this country who might be willing to donate to the Military Academy the funds necessary for a building here or there of the kind we need. I hope to have some concrete proposals we can direct to this type of individual by the next issue of *Assembly*.

It may be interesting to you to know that, last summer, we started a procedure in the Mess Hall whereby after the last man has arrived at his place the Corps is brought to attention and there is a half-minute of silence during which each individual cadet may say such grace as he desires.

As you remember, the oath which we all took on the day we reported to West Point requires that we defend and protect the Constitution of the United States. It has occurred to me that some individuals among the new candidates may not be as familiar as desirable with the Constitution and, therefore, with that to which they are subscribing. This year, we are sending a copy of the Constitution to each successful candidate and are requiring that he certify that he has read and understands it before reporting here for duty in July.

One of the more important projects

that we plan to institute this coming July is Project Equality. The traditional basic characteristic of the Corps of Cadets has been its unity. Any organization such as the Corps, like any physical structure, must have its strength and its weaknesses equitably distributed if it is to be strong as a unit. Unity and morale go hand in hand. Our continuing objective is to insure the highest quality in each.

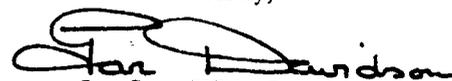
In 1817, when the Corps consisted of only two companies, the cadets were arranged in those companies in accordance with their heights, in order that the two companies would present a good appearance at formations. Since then, this has been practically the only criterion governing the assignment of new cadets to companies.

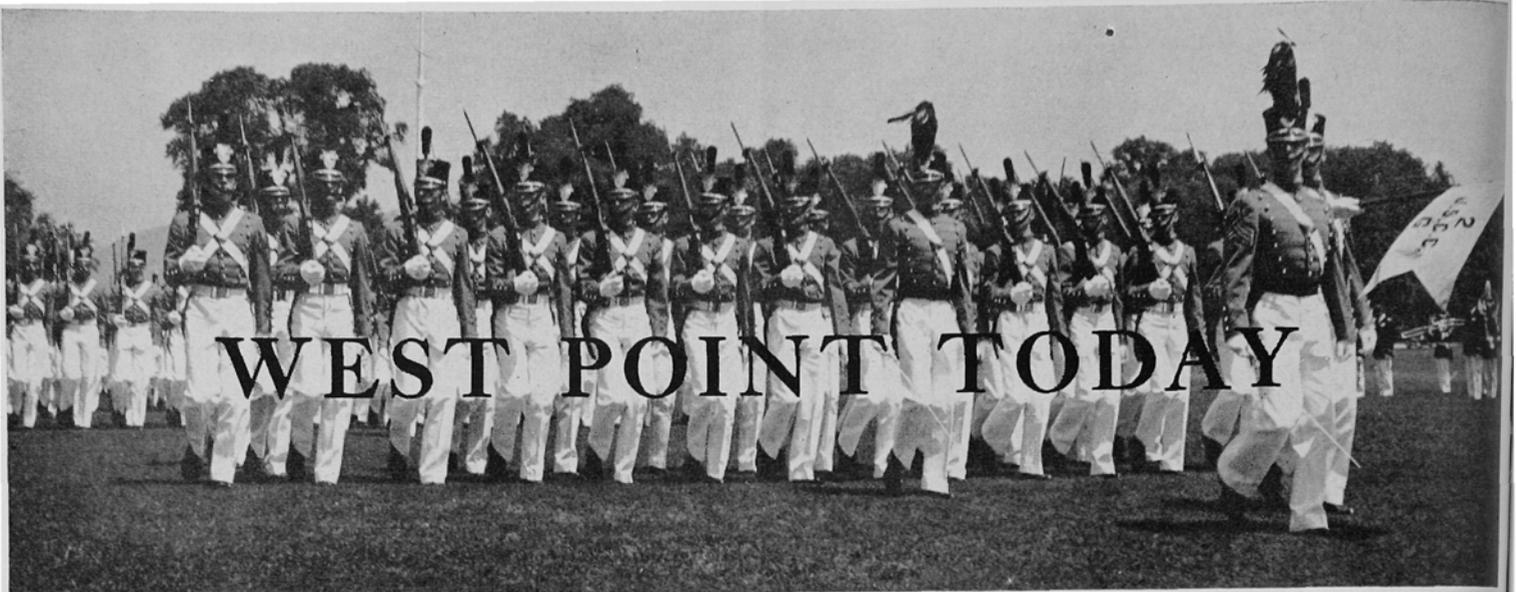
At the present time, there is a differential of two inches in height within the shorter companies, which spread gradually increases until, at the extreme ends of the Corps, it is about four inches. Various tests were conducted last fall and moving pictures taken in order to study the effect on the appearance of the Corps at parade of a policy that stressed to a lesser degree assignment of cadets to companies in the Corps according to height. These tests indicated that a very fine appearance can be retained with a more liberal assignment policy and that even the expert eye may miss the change. Therefore, starting with the Class of 1961, which enters this July, we plan to place Project Equality into effect.

On the basis of the rather complete records we have, we are selecting the strongest of the candidates on the basis of leadership potential as demonstrated by their secondary school records, intellectual achievement, and athletic ability. We are also selecting those candidates with pronounced weaknesses in these regards. These two types of candidates will be assigned to companies so that the strengths and weaknesses are uniformly spread throughout the Corps. Height will still be a factor, but, to give us the latitude we need, a spread of six inches will be permissible, if necessary, in each company. This means, at P-rade when the companies are in column of platoons, the height differential along the company front may be three inches, a difference that will be difficult to discern. Although the Class of '61 and subsequent classes will be assigned to companies without considering height a compelling factor, no cadet presently in the Corps will have his company assignment changed. In other words, friendships and associations which have developed in the classes of '58, '59, and '60 will not be disturbed by this procedure.

There is no doubt in my mind that the proposed procedure will improve the unity, morale and leadership in the Corps and yet will insure an appearance of which our graduates may continue to be most proud.

Sincerely,

  
Lt. Gen. USA, Superintendent.



### NEW DIRECTOR OF USMA BAND

Lieutenant General G. H. Davidson, Superintendent, has announced the appointment of Major William Schempf as the new Director of Music and leader of the USMA Band, to succeed Colonel Resta. Major Schempf took over his new duties on 1 June.

Major Schempf was born in Hellertown, Pennsylvania, but his family moved to Madison, Wisconsin, when he was a small boy. His undergraduate work in music theory and education was completed at the University of Wisconsin, where he received the Bachelor of Music degree with high honors in 1939. There he was elected to the national honor society, Phi Kappa Phi. Subsequently he was awarded a fellowship for graduate study at the Eastman School of Music, University of Rochester; and in 1941 he received a Master of Music degree in Music Theory. He continued at the Eastman School of Music as a candidate for the PhD, holding a teaching fellowship in theory.

In May 1942, Major Schempf enlisted

William Heaton Schempf, newly appointed Director of Music, USMA Band.



in the Army and attended Officers' Candidate School. After receiving his commission, he spent two years in England with the Eighth Air Force. He was awarded the air medal with two oak leaf clusters, and in November 1945 was relieved from active duty as a Captain. With his return to civilian life, he resumed studies toward his PhD at the Eastman School of Music, again having been awarded a teaching fellowship.

Since the fall of 1947, Major Schempf has been an associate professor at Lehigh University, with duties as Director of University Bands, orchestra, glee club, and brass choir. In 1952, he received a Fulbright award for continued study in Vienna, Austria.

During the past year, Major Schempf was selected to participate in the Conductors' Workshops of the Cleveland Orchestra under George Szell, and the Philadelphia Orchestra under Eugene Ormandy. He is a recognized composer of music for symphonic band.

### USMA CHAPLAIN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF CHAPLAINS' ASSOCIATION

The Reverend George M. Bean, Chaplain of the United States Military Academy, West Point, N. Y., was elected President of the National Association of College and University Chaplains at the 10th annual conference of the Association held recently at the University of Michigan. Chaplain Bean succeeded Chaplain Reckord of Brown University in the position.

This Association is composed of the administratively appointed and employed chaplains, deans of chapel, and directors of religious activities at colleges and universities throughout the United States. There are about 300 members of the Association.

Another honor was given to the USMA Chaplain when he was named Conference Chaplain for the Conference in Theology for College Faculty, to be held at Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut, from the 11th to the 17th of June.

### PRESENTATION TO USMA OF MEXICAN WAR DIARY

On Saturday, May 18th, the U. S. Military Academy received the original, hand-illustrated Mexican War Diary of Samuel Emery Chamberlain, a U. S. Army Private in that war who later became a Civil War General. The ceremony was part of the three-day National Conference of The Company of Military Collectors and Historians held at the U. S. Hotel Thayer May 17.

The presentation was made by Mr. Roger Butterfield, staff writer for LIFE magazine and the man responsible for the research leading to the finding of the manuscript and its publication in serial form by the magazine, and book form by Harpers & Brothers last year.

The Diary was accepted on behalf of the Academy by Brigadier General Thomas D. Stamps, Dean of Academic Board. Members of the Conference, as well as representatives of LIFE and personnel at USMA, were present.

The Chamberlain Memoirs are generally considered to be the most graphic and significant source of information on the Mexican War which has yet been discovered. They represent the private record of a man who ran away from home at the age of 15, to spend the next several years roaming and fighting his way through Mexico and the Old West. Chamberlain enlisted in the Civil War as a volunteer, was severely wounded, and emerged from the conflict as a brevet brigadier general. He completed his Mexican War Diary in the period from 1854 to 1861, using his wartime sketchbook as guide.

The single leather-bound volume of Memoirs contains 369 pages of fine, script-like writing, with scores of illustrations by the author that are brilliantly colored and packed with action. Many details of Mexican War uniforms, equipment and battle formations are given, adding to the store of knowledge concerning U. S. history.

The Diary will be retained at West Point as a permanent display in the Museum, to supplement writings and effects of other US Military persons.

## FIRST EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE AT WEST POINT

An Easter Sunrise Service was held at Michie Stadium for residents of the Mid-Hudson Valley area on April 21, 1957. It was the first such service in West Point's history and was sponsored jointly by the Protestant Chaplains at West Point and the Newburgh, New York, Ministerial Association.

Dr. Liston Pope, Dean of the Yale University Divinity School, New Haven, Connecticut, was the guest preacher, and the United States Military Academy Band provided music. Also featured were a massed choir drawn from both West Point and Newburgh, singing under the direction of Mr. John Davis, Organist and Choirmaster at the Cadet Chapel. One hundred cadets who are regular Sunday School teachers at West Point served as ushers.

## "TOM THE BARBER" HONORED FOR 40 YEARS SERVICE AT WEST POINT

The official barber to the officers at the U S Military Academy since 1917 celebrated his 40th year at West Point and his 73rd birthday recently.

Born Thomas Impellittere in 1884 on the island of Sicily. He is known to thousands of West Point graduates as "Tom The Barber." After coming to this country in 1894, he shortened his name to Impell.

Throughout the year and especially during June Week, Tom is visited by hundreds of returning USMA alumni from all



Thomas Impellittere (Impel) known to thousands of West Point graduates as "Tom the Barber" is shown with the plaque presented to him by the Academy's Superintendent, Lieutenant General G. H. Davidson, at a recent birthday party held in Tom's honor.

parts of the world. Many of them will reserve an appointment for another of Tom's haircuts. This year's graduation



Secretary of the Army Wilber M. Brucker is shown (extreme left) with the USMA Superintendent, Lieutenant General G. H. Davidson, and Cadet First Captain William T. Huckabee, inspecting the New United States Army Flag which was presented to the Military Academy at a Brigade Review on The Plain on May 14, 1957.

speaker, General Maxwell D. Taylor, United States Army Chief of Staff, always does whenever he returns to the Academy.

Tom receives correspondence regularly from many of the Army's senior officers, most of whom request a shipment of his patented hair tonic. The manufacture of this tonic is one of the numerous sideline business activities he has had since coming to West Point.

Tom first settled in the Mid-Hudson Valley in 1902 when he bought a one-chair barber shop in Newburgh. With his experience in this profession, which started at the age of nine, he gradually expanded the shop to five chairs.

At the age of 24 he married the former Mary E. Fisher of Cold Spring, N. Y. The Impells have two sons: Ray, 47, and Gerard, 40.

Tom has always been known to his friends as a very hard worker and this characteristic contributed in part to a health failure which caused him to quit his chosen profession for a period of ten years while he managed a hotel in Cold Spring. He resumed his trade at the Cadet Barber shop and then moved to the officer's shop where he has been since 1917.

During a brief ceremony held this week at a birthday outing given by the two sons, Tom was presented a plaque by West Point's Superintendent, Lieutenant General Garrison H. Davidson. In his remarks, the Superintendent said that the presentation was made "on behalf of the Army of friends Tom has made throughout his long and faithful service to the Academy." Attending the party were more than two hundred of Tom's friends and customers past and present.

## NEW ARMY FLAG PRESENTED TO USMA

Although various elements of the Army, from groups and corps down to separate battalions, have their colors and distinguishing flags, none has previously served for the Army as a whole. The new United States Army flag is designed to meet the need for a flag which will represent the entire Army on appropriate occasions.

The 145 campaign streamers representing the campaigns in which the U.S. Army has participated are attached below the spearhead of the flagstaff. Each streamer is 2-3/4 inches in width and 4 feet in length. They are designed in the colors of the respective campaign ribbons and are embroidered with the designations of the campaigns and the years in which they took place.

## WEST POINT COMIC BOOK SERIES

A series of West Point comic books is being prepared under the supervision of the Public Information Office, the Registrar's Office, and other USMA agencies. The project is being handled by the Western Printing and Lithographing Company of New York City. Several representatives of the company, including writers and artists, have visited West Point on a number of occasions, to receive an orientation on the Academy and to obtain factual data which will assist them in the preparation of the series. It is planned that these comic books will be authentic and realistic and that they will serve the overall Candidate Information Program of the Military Academy. It is hoped that the first of the series will be ready for publication sometime during the summer of 1957.



Cadets George W. Walker, Second Class, and James Murphy, First Class, are shown with Captains W. F. Lackman, '51, and R. A. Hansen and A. C. Greenleaf, '49, officers in charge of the Debate Council, with trophies awarded to second place winner in Eleventh National Debate Tournament.

### WEST POINT NATIONAL DEBATE TOURNAMENT

Representing USMA and defending their tournament championship trophy won in 1956, Cadets George Walker and James Murphy lost to Augustana College of Rock Island, Illinois in the final debate of the Eleventh National Debate Tournament at West Point on 27 April. In reaching the final round of the three day competition among the thirty-six participants from all parts of the nation, USMA survived competition among 515 colleges and universities who this year sought an invitation to this widely-regarded national forensic championship event.

Sponsored by the Cadet Debate Council and Forum, this tournament has strong public interest value for USMA. The academic ties between West Point and civilian colleges and universities are strengthened through the widespread interest engendered in the tournament; by the memories of their visit to West Point by debaters, coaches and judges; and by the contacts with the civilian faculty committees who each year in collaboration with USMA supervise the selection of tournament participants from each of the eight national districts.

The final debate of the tournament between USMA and Augustana was recorded and made available to all interested colleges. Already, sixty colleges and universities have received tape recordings of this debate on the topic "Resolved: That the United States Should Discontinue Direct Economic Aid to Foreign Countries". This same debate will be available on magnetic tape for speech and forensic instruction in all high schools, members of the American Forensic Association, who will

debate a similar topic in the next academic year. Thus, high school students across the country will study in the next year by listening to the Final Debate of the National Debate Tournament at West Point.

The coach of the USMA team was Captain Abbott C. Greenleaf, USAF, Class of 1949. The Director of the Debate tournament was Captain Richard R. Wyrrough, USA, Class of 1950.

#### THE CLASS OF 1957

ARMY	
<i>Artillery</i>	130
<i>Armor</i>	40
<i>Engineer</i>	51
<i>Infantry</i>	146
<i>Signal</i>	38
<i>Total Army</i>	405
<i>AIR FORCE</i>	135
<i>Foreign Armies</i>	4

#### BOOK "MAN UNAFRAID", BY STEPHEN F. TILLMAN, COL., USAR

"Man Unafraid" is the hitherto unpublished history of military aviation, written by Colonel Tillman of the staff of the ARMY-NAVY-AIR FORCE REGISTER. In observance of the 50th anniversary of military aviation, the REGISTER has serialized the forthcoming book in 20 installments which began with the June 1st issue. The author was at the drill field at Fort Myer on September 3, 1908, watching the take-off of the very first military-

sponsored flight; and the book brings you his eyewitness account of this event. "Man Unafraid" takes the reader back to another decade, when men of courage and vision were fighting for the future of the airplane, and pays tribute to the valiant Army officers who risked their lives to advance the cause of military aviation. Colonel Tillman has illustrated his book with photographs from the archives of the Army Signal Corps and the U S Military Academy; many of the pictures have never before appeared in print.

#### "WEST POINT" TV SERIES

The CBS-TV show "West Point" will be telecast throughout the summer under the present sponsor. However, at this time, plans for a second year are still indefinite. The producer, ZIV Television Programs, Inc., is very optimistic and believes that another sponsor will be found. The shows during the summer months will be re-runs of the first 39 already produced at West Point and Hollywood.

The public interest in the series continues to increase, as shown by the correspondence to the Public Information Office, the Registrar's Office, and other agencies on the post. The great increase in the number of visitors to West Point this spring is indicative also of the success of the television programs. The Registrar reports that, for vacancies in the Class of 1961, there are more candidates competing this year than in any year since the beginning of the Korean Conflict. Although not all this increase in candidates can be attributed to the network television series, it is believed that a large proportion of it is due to the "West Point" shows.

#### "RED" REEDER'S LATEST BOOK

The third book in the West Point series being written by Colonel R. P. ("Red") Reeder, '26, is to be entitled WEST POINT SECOND CLASSMAN and will be published in August 1957, by Duell, Sloan and Pearce of New York City. Previous books by Colonel Reeder, also published by Duell, Sloan and Pearce, are: WEST POINT PLEBE and WEST POINT YEARLING. Both books have been very popular with the younger readers, and with the older ones as well; and it is felt that the latest in the series will be just as successful. "Red's" books are intended not only to entertain but to inform their readers, particularly male teenagers, about the Military Academy. They serve as another means of assisting the Candidate Information Program here. Also of value in this respect is the book written by "Red" in collaboration with his sister, Nardi Reeder Campion, which is entitled THE WEST POINT STORY—one of Random House's LANDMARK BOOKS.

## MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES AT USMA

The annual Memorial Day Services conducted by cadets at the United States Military Academy, West Point, N. Y., were held at Battle Monument here on May 30th, at 11:00 A.M.

At this ceremony, services were held in memory of the men and women of the Armed Forces of the United States who died while serving during the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, World Wars I and II, and the Korean action.

The United States Corps of Cadets and the USMA Band took part in the services which are conducted annually by First Classmen selected by the USMA Chaplain.

The Cadet Color Guard and the firing party, composed of eight cadets, were under arms.

The program included the Invocation, a Prayer for the departed, and the Benediction. The Cadet Brigade Commander, William T. Huckabee, of Albemarle, North Carolina, placed a wreath at the base of the main shaft of Battle Monument.

The three First Classmen, selected by the USMA Chaplain to conduct the memorial services, represented the Jewish, the Protestant, and the Catholic faiths.

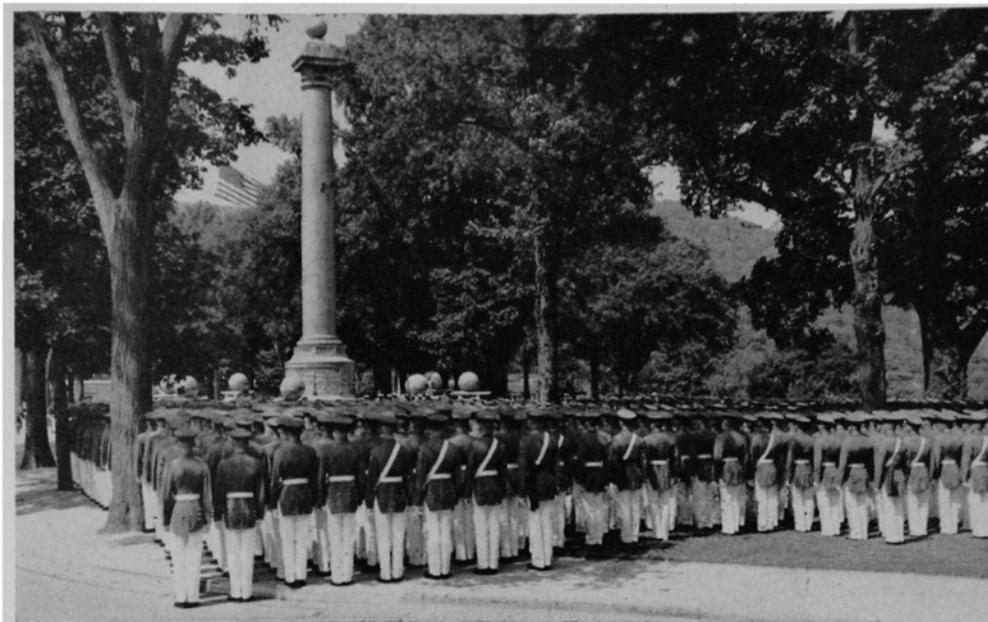
Upon the termination of the Memorial Services at Battle Monument, the Cadet Brigade Commander and his Staff placed a wreath on the grave in the Post Cemetery of Colonel Sylvanus Thayer as a memorial from the Corps of Cadets to all deceased graduates and former cadets buried at West Point.

## GAP JAMS WEST POINT

The year of 1957 has witnessed a bumper crop of representatives of the Great American Public (GAP) at West Point. An unprecedented number of visitors have been arriving at the Military Academy by car, bus and dayliner, apparently as a direct result of the West Point television program. A happy note in this respect has been that the majority of visitors have been in the Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and YMCA category, which could bear the most fruit for future prospects at the Military Academy.

A less happy note has been the fact that these large crowds have resulted in frequent cases of severe congestion at all of the public facilities at the Military Academy. The question has been raised as to whether inadequate handling of these large crowds at West Point is perhaps producing an unsatisfactory public relations situation which counteracts some of the good done by the television program. A study is presently in progress by the Superintendent's staff to determine the best solution to this situation.

An example of the degree of this problem was presented on Saturday, 25 May



Memorial Day Services, USMA, West Point, New York.

1957. It is estimated that between 70-80,000 people visited West Point on that date. The Post Exchange, which can seat a maximum of 150 people in its two public cafeterias, served over 8,000 people on that day. The Visitors Information Center handled approximately 8,000 people, which was more than they handled during the entire month of May 1956.

## 166th ANNIVERSARY OF 1st INFANTRY REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM

The 1st Infantry Regimental Combat Team stationed at the Military Academy, recently celebrated its one hundred and sixty-sixth anniversary with an Organization Day Ceremony held on Cavalry Plain

here. All detachments of the Regiment were present.

The Regiment was transferred to West Point on May 15, 1956. It has the primary mission of assisting in the practical military instruction of the Corps of Cadets as directed by the Commandant of Cadets, as well as providing military assistance required for the operation of the Post.

After inspecting the assembled troops at the Organization Day Ceremony, the Regimental Commanding Officer, Colonel C. H. Armstrong, Jr., addressed the group, pointing out that the illustrious history of the 1st Infantry Regiment, formed before this country had a Constitution, is actually the history of the entire United States Army.

Chaplain (Major) C. A. Huffman, Regimental Chaplain, closed the ceremonies with a Dedicatory Prayer.

West Point, New York—Saturday sightseers, anxious to see what makes West Point "tick" turned out by the thousands prior to a Cadet Review. Armed with auto-graph book and camera, this famous site on the Hudson offers both the young and old pleasant memories.





Nearly a thousand came back for June Week, 1957—mostly alumni, but included in this number was a fair sprinkling of ex-cadets who didn't graduate but who have never lost their identity with the Academy. Some were second lieutenants; some were four-star generals; a lot were in uniform; a lot were in civilian clothes; some came from as near as Highland Falls; others came from far-flung spots all over the world. All came for basically the same reason—to honor their Alma Mater and to renew the strength that comes from an association with its ideals and traditions. Some came to meet classmates for one of the big class reunions; some came to see sons graduate or daughters marry; all came to renew old friendships and to reminisce. This was the first return for some; General Hodges came back for the 76th anniversary of his graduation—the only man in the history of West Point to do so. One came back as Chief of Staff of the Army to speak to the graduating class and to share with it some of his experience gained in 35 years of distinguished service. The Corps and the post garrison welcomed them back as always; the Corps finding in the group of distinguished graduates additional reason for pride in its chosen profession and in West Point.

June Week officially began on Saturday, 1 June; but by Friday night, many alumni were already here, particularly those in the reunion classes. They began to roll in on 1 June by train, plane, bus and car—so many by car that by noon time, parking place within striking distance of the plain was worth more per foot

than Broadway frontage. By 10:30 p.m. over two hundred had registered with Alumni Headquarters, and were beginning to get set for the rapid cruise ahead. Ladies of the reunion classes were billeted in Washington Hall and in barracks on the southern end of the Post. The older grads were in Cullum Hall, the junior groups—from about 1908 on—were in North Barracks. There was plenty of ice in GI cans on the stoops of barracks and plenty of memories, old friends, and other incentives to get the parties rolling.

Throughout June Week, Alumni Headquarters did a booming business. By graduation, nine hundred and fifty alumni had registered, with over four hundred having been billeted in the barracks area. Seven hundred and fifty-seven forgot to bring their badges from earlier years and bought new ones. Nearly five hundred requests from alumni for transportation had been met; many more used the continuous bus service available on the post. One thousand crowded into Washington Hall on Monday, June 2, for the annual meeting of the Association of Graduates.

#### Saturday—June 1—Local Triumph over Navy

The highlight of the beginning day of June Week was the clean-sweep on home grounds over the Navy favorites in golf, track, and baseball. The stands were jammed for the latter to see the Army win in the last inning 3 to 2. Joe Cahill in *Down the Field* gives a complete account of these thrilling contests. Alumni, and parents and friends of cadets found time in the

busy schedule to visit the Department of Social Science's open house, as they did on Monday to visit open houses held by other Academic Departments.

Then, at 4 p.m., came the first review on the Plain for the purpose of presenting the Athletic Awards for the year. The Varsity Athletic Awards are listed in "*Down the Field*".

Later in the afternoon, the Plebe class enjoyed a picnic on Constitution Island—the only scheduled recreational event for the class during June Week.

Saturday night, first classmen entertained parents and friends at a Graduation Supper in Washington Hall. Hops were scheduled in the evening for the upper classes—the Plebes were reported to be busy in other activities. The alumni were more versatile—they partied all over the Reservation, at Round Pond, at the Offi-



Plebes enroute to the Plebe Picnic Constitution Island on June 1.

cers Club, at Hotel Thayer, and in barracks. Some amused themselves by doing the "can-can" dance; others dined formally in black tie.

**Sunday—June 2—Baccalaureate, Superintendent's Reception**

The rains held off until near the end of the Baccalaureate Services but then fell in a lively downpour. Duplicate Baccalaureate Services and dedication of class windows were held in the Cadet Chapel at 9 a.m. for firstclassmen of the 2nd Regiment and at 11 a.m. for those in the 1st Regiment. Twenty-three hundred alumni and cadet families and friends attended these services at which Chaplain George Bean gave the Baccalaureate sermon on the subject of the Trinity. Baccalaureate services were held in the Jewish Chapel at 10:30 a.m.

At the Catholic Chapel, a Solemn High Mass was offered at 8 a.m. for members of the graduating class. The Most Reverend Philip J. Furlong, Cardinal Spellman's Auxiliary Bishop of the Military Ordinariate, preached the Baccalaureate Sermon. The 12:30 p.m. Mass in the Catholic Chapel was for visiting Alumni, and was celebrated by the Reverend Francis Studer, Dean of Men at Saint John's College, Collegeville, Minnesota. Father Francis (James Studer) graduated in the Class of 1942 and resigned in 1948 as a Major of Infantry to become a Priest.

Despite the rain which forced it to be held indoors in the Army Theater instead of in the Superintendent's gardens, the Superintendent's Reception was attended by a vast throng of firstclassmen, their friends, alumni, and post personnel. They poured through the receiving line to meet the Superintendent and Mrs. Davidson, the Dean and Mrs. Stamps, and The Commandant and Mrs. Throckmorton in such numbers beginning at 3 p.m. that the line was still going strong at the conclusion of the reception.

Thanks to a break in the weather, the



Father Francis (James) Studer, Class of 1942, who resigned from the Army as a Major of Infantry to become a priest and who celebrated the Mass in the Catholic Chapel for Alumni on June 2, is shown second from the left chatting with Lieutenant Colonel Thomas M. Rienzi, '42, in the center, and other friends at the Superintendent's Reception on June 2.

Review for the presentation of Military and Academic awards began as scheduled at 5:30 p.m. Cadet John H. Vickers, Co. C-2, was quite clearly the hero of this event. He walked off with twelve of the twenty-nine awards. Vickers, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Vickers of Fairfield, Connecticut, was also number one man in the graduating class with a final average of 3292 out of 3500. His awards included a Saber, a rifle, a portable typewriter, a .45 caliber pistol, a camera, two wrist watches, two sets of books, and a life membership in the National Geographic Society. Other winners are listed elsewhere in *Assembly*.

On Sunday night, the Cadet Glee Club gave a concert in the Army Theater.

**Monday—June 3—Busy Day for Alumni**

Monday was a big and busy day for alumni and for the Corps as well, and it had its rewarding moments. At 10:30 a.m., following special Alumni Memorial services at the Cadet and Catholic Chapels, the "Long Gray Line" began to assemble on the road leading to Thayer monument. General Hodges, the Superintendent, and General Crittenberger were at the head of

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The Superintendent can be seen handing out the "Stars" for Academic Excellence. Later in the ceremony, donors of the various awards, seen here in the reviewing party on the left, presented the award to members of the First Class.





Cadet First Captain W. T. Huckabee and General Hodges at Thayer Monument at the Alumni Exercises on June 2.

the column which stretched in distance from the Library to the Bachelor Officers Quarters and in time from the Class of 1881 to the Class of 1956. To a rather slow beat of music—General Hodges was overheard to remark that he would have liked a little faster pace—the column moved into place in ranks facing Thayer monument and flanked on three sides by the Corps.

General Taylor, Chief of Staff of the Army, arrived by helicopter just in time to take his place with his classmates of '22.

The Cadet Choir opened the services with "Alma Mater," followed by a prayer by Chaplain Bean. Then "taps" was sounded, and General Hodges placed a wreath on Thayer Monument in honor of deceased alumni. The Choir then sang "The Corps."

Following the ceremony at Thayer monument, the graduates took their places by class groups on the Plain for the Review in their honor. (See back cover). The Corps was presented to the graduates to the tune of "Benny Havens," and then passed in review holding the "eyes right" for the entire line of graduates. Many of the groups wore or carried distinctive emblems. The Class of '42 had impressive "swagger sticks" made in Japan especially for their 10th reunion, and the Class of '47 sported flashy red garters as arm bands.

Following the Review, the Annual Meeting of the Association of Graduates got under way in Washington Hall. The report of this 88th Annual Meeting is printed elsewhere in *Assembly*.

General Crittenberger, President of the Association, introduced General Hodges, '81, our oldest living graduate, and other distinguished groups and individuals. In his report to the Association, General Crittenberger noted that the Association had the distinction unmatched by any other Alumni group of having as active members some 14,300 graduates out of a total of 21,659 graduated since the Academy's start in 1802. He also praised the work of the Superintendent during the past year

and paid a high tribute to out-going Association Secretary, Colonel Robert Johnston, '31.

The Superintendent, Lieutenant General Garrison H. Davidson, '27, then addressed the Association. The principal points of his address to the graduates are discussed in detail in Plain Talk on page 1 of this *Assembly*.

Secretary of the Army, The Honorable Wilbur M. Brucker, was then introduced by General Crittenberger.

#### Address by Secretary of the Army Brucker

Secretary of the Army Wilbur M. Brucker, in a strongly worded speech to the alumni, warned that, "Our military power for peace, the great shield of our nation, is again being threatened in the name of economy—not the kind of economy that is the servant of the broad interests of the United States, but the meat-axe variety which immeasurably increases the Nation's real peril."

"As we look out upon the world today," the Secretary said, "we could hardly fail to understand innumerable grim reminders that we are obliged to stand constantly ready to defend our freedom by every means, including force of arms. We must realize that America, the world's citadel of freedom, is marked as the prime target of communist aggression. The American people fervently long for enduring peace and security with honor and justice. However, that wish will be a forlorn hope in this age of peril without our having forces-in-being to assure peace. Peace can be realized only by the most dedicated statesmanship supported by the sturdy determination of the American people to maintain at any sacrifice a shield of military strength capable of protecting the Nation against the armed might of a powerful and ruthless enemy."

The Secretary cited Russia's "use of naked force to batter down and overwhelm all opposition" in Hungary and other recent Russian actions as threats in the

Middle East as evidence of the menace communist aggression poses in the world today.

But, said the Secretary:

"As a result of our policies and actions, Soviet efforts at blackmail, subversion, intimidation, and infiltration have been checkmated for the present. Our military strength, the keystone of the great collective security system in which we are associated with 45 other nations, has deterred the Kremlin from the use of its huge and heavily armed military forces to advance its purposes. The communists have not been able to take over a single additional square foot of free soil in the last four years, and they seem to have reached the conclusion that for the time being, at least, overt aggression by them is unprofitable. We may well wonder how far they might have gone in Jordan, for instance, if they had not been given a close-up glimpse of our military power. How far might they not have gone by now in Europe and in Asia if it had not been for the men of the United States Army standing shoulder-to-shoulder with the troops of our allies?"

Mr. Brucker recalled the cost of letting down our defenses before both World Wars and Korea, and said:

"However, since Korea, the terrible price we paid for our weakness in 1950 seemed to have taught us the lesson that constant preparedness for war is the soundest basis to ensure peace. The United States determined to develop a sound military program that would give us adequate strength for the long pull,—strength that would be a deterrent and a warning to any potential world marauder that we would be able to fight successfully if war were thrust upon us. The military program developed since Korea was designed to avoid the peaks and valleys in military expenditure,—the alternating periods of feast and famine,—which can result only in wasteful and ruinous military instability. With the solid backing of the American people, our Armed Forces were built into the sturdy and dependable pillars of peace they are

Some of the one thousand Alumni present for the Alumni Luncheon and Annual Meeting of the Association of Graduates on June 2.



today. Proper provision was made to keep them constantly abreast of the rapid advances of technology so that they would be ready to go into effective action in conjunction with our allies under any circumstances, whenever and wherever an aggressor might choose to strike. And yet there are some who would let down our guard!"

Stating that "our gross national product has grown to over \$430 billion annually," that the percentage of the gross national product being spent on defense is actually declining, and that the American people "are enjoying the highest standard of living in our history," the Secretary asked, "what possible excuse can there be for slashing our military budgets and smashing our military might."

Mr. Brucker asked the Alumni to help in keeping the people informed about the issues of national defense. He said:

"The members of Congress are ready to listen to the collective voice of the American people. We must make sure that the people understand the issues and are not misled by irresponsible agitators to clamor for false economy at the expense of national security. People should be counseled to think twice before they join those who would cripple our national defense. Each of us in his own sphere should make sure that all with whom we come into contact understand the issues, and realize that it is not just dollars that are at stake in the drive to chop our austere military and mutual security budgets, but the lives of all of us, and the future of our country. No group is in a better position to speak out and be heard for the greater good of America than you graduates of the United States Military Academy.

"To those of you who are retired from your Nation's service, let me emphasize

one point. The Army does not forget its officers after they retire. We remain interested in their welfare and we are confident that they will serve in their civilian communities as loyal, informed, representatives of the Army, because they remain a very important part of the Army. The retired officer is not just a name in a printed list. We consider that he is an active partner in the United States Army. True, the retired officer is not in the scrimmage with the playing team, but he is on the squad helping us to keep our date with destiny. Also, the retired officer can be a particularly valuable link in the civilian community between the active Army and the general public. Every one of you has many acquaintances and friends who are likely to give special consideration to your views on national affairs, particularly matters relating to the Army. I know that there are few means of telling the Army's story that are more effective than word-of-mouth explanation by a well-informed retired officer who is known and respected in his community."

The Secretary had warm praise for the Corps, the Academy, and its graduates. He said that "it is an inspiration to be in West Point during June Week" and that he saw in the Corps of Cadets "the fountainhead of our Nation's invincible strength."

"You graduates of West Point who have assembled here today to honor your Alma Mater constitute a significant part of American leadership," the Secretary said. "Although most of you have long since put off the Cadet uniform, you have never shed the imperishable character which it represents. You have retained, and through the years you have enriched, those qualities and attributes which indelibly

mark you as West Pointers. Your return to these sacred halls gives you an opportunity to recharge your batteries with the spirit that begets mighty achievement. All of us need from time to time a quickening of the great motivating ideals by which we live. None of us can afford to lose that stimulating surge that comes whenever we return to those basic principles taught and practiced at West Point.

"The United States Military Academy instilled in you the deeply moving force that is patriotism. This is the very highest of military virtues. It should be the impelling inspiration of every American. It is as true for the Nation as it is for an individual that out of the powerful impact of our ideals we can develop the strength to face the challenging problems of this phenomenal era in which we live."

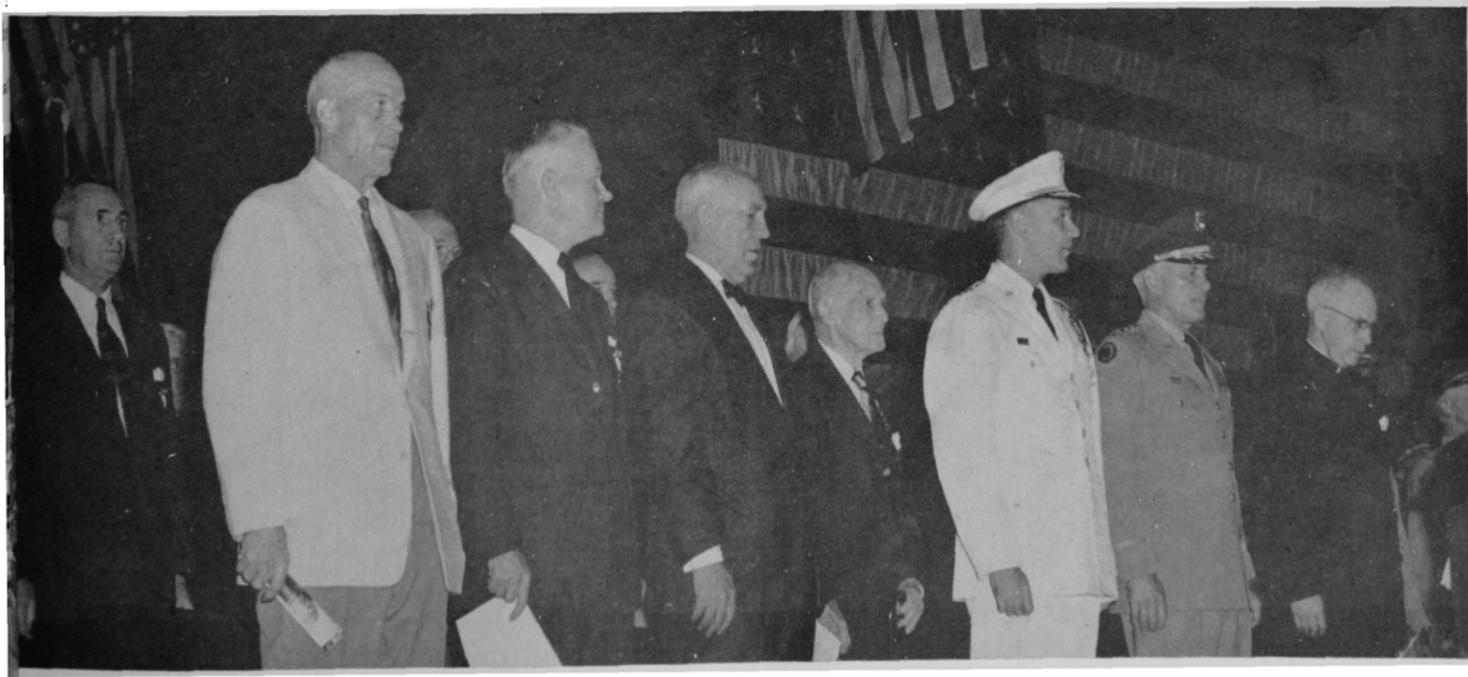
In closing the Secretary said:

"Thousands of West Point graduates have kept faith and upheld its high standards for the Army in a way that prompted General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower, to state shortly before victory in Europe in 1945: 'In a very real sense every officer serving throughout our Army of more than 7,000,000 men is in effect a graduate of West Point or, at the very least, the beneficiary of its teachings.'

"That is the spirit of West Point and it is the spirit of the Army. Although it remains undefined in the narrow medium of words, that spirit exists wherever the influence of the United States Military Academy has reached through its graduates. It is the living force which has made West Point. It is the reason why West Point will always measure up to the American tradition while it bears its share of the burden of America's national security."

#### SPEAKERS' PLATFORM AT THE GRADUATION EXERCISES.

Left to Right: Major General Frederick A. Irving, August '17, Superintendent from 1951 to 1954; Lieutenant General Blackshear M. Ryan, '22, Superintendent from 1954 to 1956; former U.S. Army Chief of Staff, General J. Lawton Collins, April '17; The Honorable Frank H. Higgins, Assistant Secretary of the Army; Major General Henry C. Hodges, Jr., '81, the oldest living graduate; General Maxwell Taylor, '22, Chief of Staff of the Army and former Superintendent from 1945 to 1949; Lieutenant General Garrison H. Davidson, '27, current Superintendent; and Monsignor J. P. Moore, Catholic Chaplain.



## Tuesday—June 4—Graduation, Operation "Wedlock" Begins

Tickets for graduation were at a premium. By 10:30 a.m., the Graduating Class, the remainder of the Corps, alumni, and parents and friends of the graduates had filled nearly every seat in the Field House for the most important event of June Week.

General Maxwell D. Taylor, Chief of Staff of the Army, was the principal speaker. In his opening remarks, General Taylor recalled that when his Class graduated in 1922. General John J. Pershing was the guest speaker and Brigadier General Douglas MacArthur was the Superintendent. He said that the Army his class entered had "suffered the usual lot of our victorious Armies of the past" and had been reduced from an Armistice Day 1918 strength of 3,700,000 to a "force of less than 150,000 supported by a budget of \$350 million." "Promotion was stagnant" he said, and, "Nobody in Government or private life worried much about these down-at-the-heel conditions in the Army, because it was pretty well accepted that wars, and hence armies were largely things of the past."

"Thus," the Chief of Staff continued, "few classes of West Point entered the Army under less promising circumstances than the Class of 1922. Yet, in retrospect of 35 years I believe that most of us who stayed with the Army would agree that it provided us with a rich, soul-satisfying career. It is true that it took us some 13 years to reach the grade of captain and a salary of \$294.00 a month. But, if you will permit a reference to my personal experience, in compensation for low pay and slow promotion, the Army allowed me to serve in 20 foreign countries, provided post-graduate education in six different schools and study areas, and offered practical experience in 30 different assignments falling generally under the heading of commander, staff officer, student, or teacher. Finally, the Army allowed me the highest privilege which can come to any military man—in two wars the command of American soldiers in battle. So today, I would say the Army owes nothing to the Class of 1922, on the contrary, those of it who stayed with the colors and those who returned to the colors in time of war owe much to the Army."

General Taylor then compared the situation which faces the graduate of 1957 with that which faced his class. He noted that the new grad enters a one million man Army supported by a 9.5 billion dollar budget, and said that: "It is an Army which has a clear sense of mission and a firm dedication thereto. There is no doubt today as to the enduring need for a combat-ready Army which, together with the other Services, constitutes a potent instrument of policy in dealing with the so-called cold war, the limited or the general war."

"The Army," said General Taylor, "is prepared to deal with small wars, the so-called 'brush fires,' which may spring up



Cadet John Vickers holds some of the twelve awards for Academic Achievements at Lieutenant General Davidson looks on.

without warning. We are particularly impressed with the growing need for this kind of readiness. In the present bipolar world in which the principal adversaries are armed with high-yield weapons of great destructiveness, it is of the utmost importance to maintain mobile strategic reserves of Army forces ready to suppress any 'brush fire' quickly before it can spread into the great nuclear conflagration which it is our purpose to avoid.

"I would have better said, 'The nuclear conflagration which must not be allowed to occur.' The Army contributes to the prevention of this disaster of general war in part by providing combat-ready forces to the ground force shield which protects Western Europe and the NATO alliance. These forces are in position to discourage a surprise attack on the ground or, if an attack comes, to hold the enemy at bay while our atomic retaliatory weapons destroy him. At home, the Army provides air defense units to protect our retaliatory air forces and to remind an aggressor of the price his bombers must pay if he attacks our homeland. Furthermore, every soldier in uniform is ready to provide emergency aid to civil defense in the event of an atomic disaster. But this disaster must not occur and will not occur if our deterrent forces of all kinds are adequately maintained.

"Thus, I say to you that the Class of 1957 enters an Army which has a vital mission, which knows its mission and is ready to execute it. It has a task for each one of you in this mission, but that task will be no sinecure. The Army is in a period of transition of great significance. It is arming itself with new weapons of great power. It is reorganizing itself to exploit these weapons and to survive and win on a battlefield in the face of an enemy with comparable means of destruction. Such an Army needs combat leaders capable of adapting themselves to conditions and situations for which there is no approved solution in existing military texts. It needs men who speak the language of science and who can translate military

needs into terms with meaning for industry and technology. It needs men who can think in international terms and, in converse with leaders of other nations, represent the cause of the United States in the 73 foreign lands where the Army serves. Whatever your talents, the Army can use them—indeed, will insist that you do use them, and will help them expand through instruction and application."

In his closing remarks, The Chief of Staff asked the graduating class to let him "indulge in a weakness common to all Old Grads—a few words of advice to the New Grad." General Taylor then suggested some items the new grad might find profitable to take with him from West Point.

General Taylor told the class to take with them an accurate wrist watch, a pocket note book, and a tennis racket. "The first," he said, "would indicate a recognition that the Army expects you to be on time." He said that the notebook would protect the new lieutenant from "the terrible nakedness of the soldier who stands before his superior and is forced to say, 'I forgot.'" General Taylor said the tennis racket, or some acceptable substitute, would be an indication that the graduate intends to retain that "physical fitness which West Point has given you and which is the indispensable attribute of the fighting man."

The Chief of Staff warned the graduating class that "As an officer in this modern Army, your days of study are not over—you will always have homework to do." He suggested taking along an easy chair and a reading lamp for this purpose and said that "like physical fitness, you can never afford to put aside the habits of mental fitness which you have learned here as cadets."

Finally, General Taylor advised the graduate to "Take along a material reminder of West Point" to help him during periods of discouragement. Continuing, he said, "As Superintendent, I often received letters from young graduates conveying a tone of disillusionment over the absence in a world of things as they are of the 'honest dealing and clean thinking' inculcated at West Point. Perhaps the Academy itself must accept some responsibility for such a frame of mind. The Corps of Cadets is an unusual society deliberately designed to foster character and leadership. In a sense, the cadets live in a laboratory which operates under special conditions to accomplish special purposes. The Army, by contrast, is a cross-section of America, an unconditioned environment, neither better nor worse in its individual members than the Nation from which they are drawn. The virtues taught at West Point are the virtues of the good people whom you will find in the Service. In an ideal world they would be the ideals of all people. In the world-as-it-is, they are in desperate need of propagation. It is a desertion of a great cause to put aside the ideals of West Point simply because they sometimes feel like an out-of-season hat

which makes the wearer feel uneasily conspicuous."

General Taylor concluded his speech by saying:

"Now, in closing, as Chief of Staff I extend a hearty welcome from the Active Army to the members of the Class of 1957. This welcome, as indeed do all of my words this morning, embraces the 135 graduates who enter our sister Service, the Air Force. In that connection, General Nathan F. Twining, Chief of Staff of the Air Force sends you all his greetings and asked me to pass on to those of you going to the Air Force his very personal welcome and best wishes.

"All of you enter the Service at a time when a military life offers the greatest promise and challenge of any time in peace. The road is open, the rewards for success are high, the stake is the security of our Nation. I wish you all a long career of service, enriched and illuminated by the ethics and precepts acquired here at West Point."

Following General Taylor's address, the Class of 1957 began to file across the speaker's platform on its way to join the rear ranks of the "Long Gray Line." Cadet John Vickers led the way, followed by the 543 other graduates of the Class. As usual, a wild cheer broke out as the class "Anchor Man," Cadet Richard H. Howes, received his diploma from General Davidson.

Then, the graduating class, which had officially been commissioned as second lieutenants at a swearing-in ceremony conducted earlier in the morning by Company Tactical officers, sang, the "Alma Mater."

Following the traditional order of "Class Dismissed," 544 white hats sailed in the air and June Week 1957 was all over. A welcome addition to the "Long Gray Line" had been made.

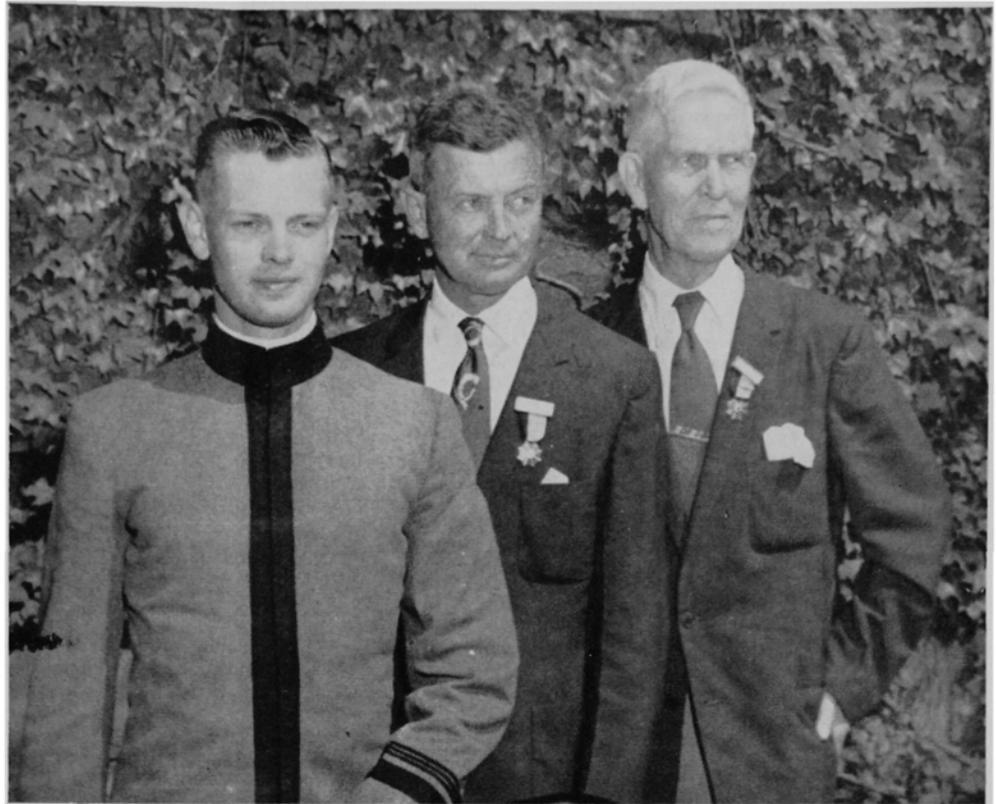
### Operation Wedlock

During the next few days, Chapels on the Post, as well as the places at West



Second Lieutenant Lee Burner, New Canaan, Connecticut and his bride, Patricia Lee McManis daughter of Colonel T. F. McManis.

—Photo by A. Kepler.



Three generations of Smiths—all West Pointers—pose together at West Point during June Week. They are, from right to left, Major General Frederick H. Smith, '03, Ret.; his son, Lieutenant General Frederick H. Smith, Jr., '29, Commander of the Fifth Air Force; and his son, then cadet now Second Lieutenant Frederick H. Smith, III, USAF, '57

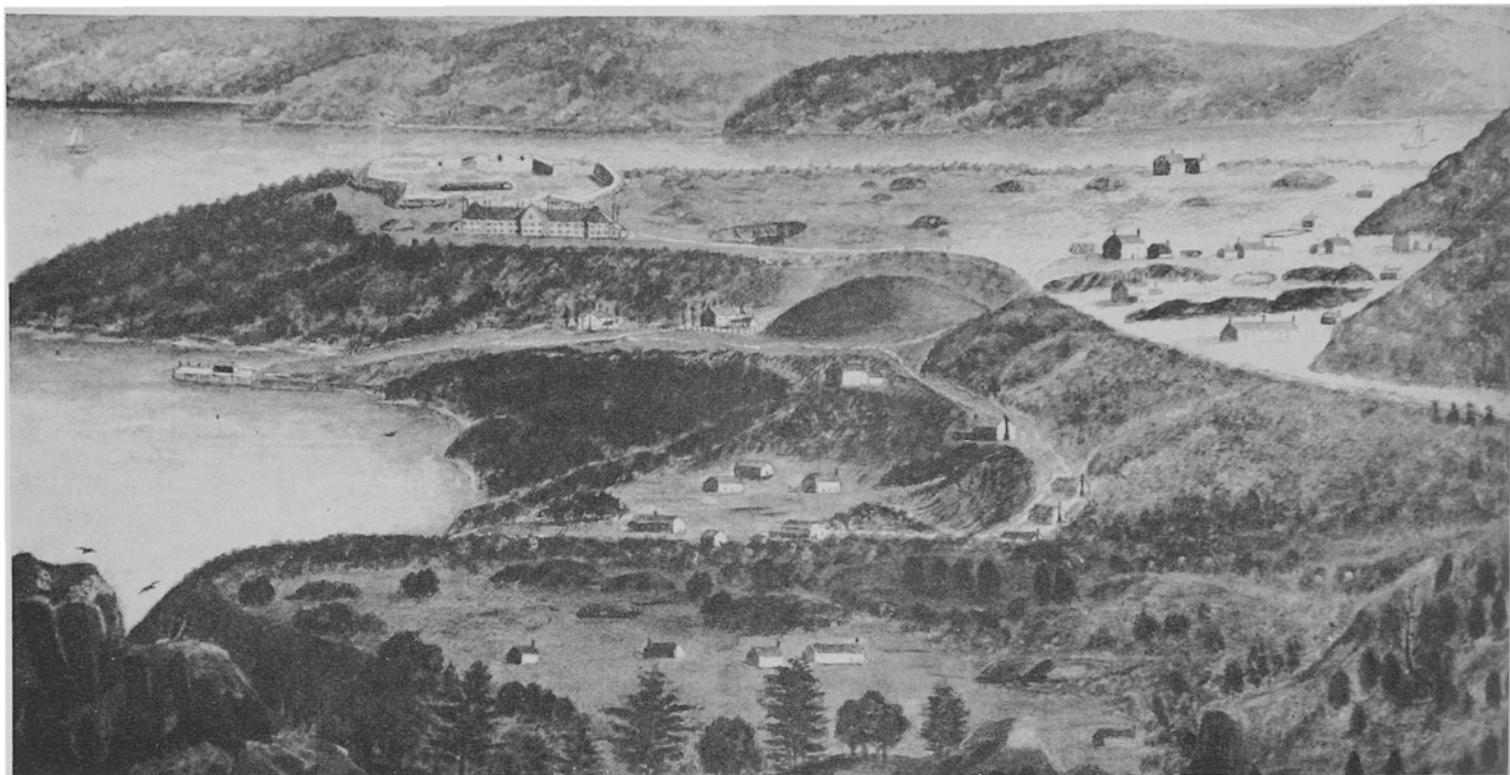
Point capable of holding wedding receptions, were the scenes of frenzied activity as some of 69 weddings got under way. Second Lieutenant D. H. Cline and Miss Gloria Standley led the procession at the Cadet Chapel. They were followed, at roughly thirty minute intervals on 4 June and a slightly slower rate on subsequent days, by thirty-one other couples. At the Catholic Chapel, Second Lieutenant George

Kilishek and Miss Sandy T. Stanislawczyk were married in the first ceremony and were followed by twenty-one other couples. Eight weddings took place in the Old Cadet Chapel, beginning with that of Second Lieutenant W. B. Nicoll and Miss Sally Humphreys, and seven couples, beginning with Second Lieutenant W. M. Summers and Miss Patricia Williams, were married in the Post Chapel.

Hats go up in the Field House following the traditional command of "Class Dismissed" at the end of Graduation Exercises—and June Week 1957.



# The Formative Years — 1802-1812



*West Point in 1802, looking southeast from Cro' Nest Mountain. Based on authentic sources it was drawn by Colonel Walter Sturgill, USMA 1906. Note the Fort Clinton inclosure, a Vauban-type of fortification, with the nearby Revolutionary barracks used to house both enlisted men and cadets before 1812. In 1862, West Point was a logical site for a Military Academy, because of the strategic importance of the site which the government purchased in 1790, as well as the availability of the old buildings. The Post was an important arsenal and many of the buildings were used to store powder and arms, the spoils of Saratogo and Yorktown.*

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General George Washington, realizing the need for trained officers early in the Revolutionary War, decided that the formation of a military academy was essential to the security of the new-born nation. From that time until his death, he continued to stress to the Congress and to other leaders the necessity for a military school. Two days before he died, Washington wrote Alexander Hamilton:

"The establishment of an institution of this kind, upon a respectable and extensive basis, has ever been considered by me as an object of primary importance to this country; and while I was in the Chair of Government, I omitted no proper opportunity of recommending it, in my public speeches and other ways, to the attention of the Legislature."

West Point had been an early choice for the site of the proposed military academy. Occupied by troops since 1778, it was a key point of the national defense during the War because of its strategic

location. In the years following the Revolution, the nation faced one crisis after another: boundary disputes, trouble with France, frontier battles with the Indians. At the same time the strength of the Army was declining. In 1784, the major portion of the military establishment of the United States consisted of the garrison at West Point—eighty men! Throughout this period, Washington, Knox, Hamilton, Adams, and others strongly urged the strengthening of the Army and the formation of a military academy.

Finally, on March 16, 1802, the Congress authorized a Corps of Engineers; set its strength at five officers and ten cadets; and stated that the Corps "... when so organized, shall be established at West Point, in the state of New York, and shall constitute a Military Academy . . ."

Major Jonathan Williams, a grand-nephew of Benjamin Franklin, was appointed as the first Superintendent. When the Military Academy was formally opened, ten cadets were enrolled for instruction. These cadets and the enlisted men of the garrison, eighteen engineers and twenty-four bombardiers, were housed in

the "Long Barracks" which had been built during the Revolution. The other buildings on the Post, which had also been built during the war, were in various stages of disrepair.

Few of the "gentlemen cadets" authorized by Congress had been appointed officially. There were no entrance examinations, no age limit, and no physical or mental qualifications. There were no regulations requiring the cadets to attend the Academy, no system of discipline within the student body, and no class rank or tactical organization. In short, the cadets constituted a small and unruly group with no definite system of control.

Pay of a cadet in 1802 was sixteen dollars a month. Cadets were required to feed, clothe, and amuse themselves on this salary—as well as furnish their quarters with necessary comforts. For many years, officers and civilians living on the Post had cadets as boarders. Although a cadet mess was established in 1805, many cadets continued to board where better food could be obtained.

Instruction in those early years was elementary and suffered from frequent interruptions, lack of regulations, and lack

of discipline. Only with great difficulty could the cadets be made to apply themselves to the study of mathematics, fortifications, artillery, surveying, and French. Elementary algebra and geometry and the use of surveying instruments comprised the training in mathematics. Instruction in the other courses was even less thorough.

The academic year began in April and ended in November. Theoretically, the time of the cadet was fully occupied during this period. Drill was scheduled from five to six o'clock each morning; mathematics and study from eight to eleven; and French or drawing alternately from eleven to one o'clock. From two o'clock to four, the cadet was supposed to study. After four, there was practical work in gunnery, surveying, or engineering. However, the cadets found time to roam the hills in the afternoon or to engage in sports. In the summer they often swam in the Hudson.

Examinations were held in September. Following the closing of the Academy in November, all of the cadets and most of the staff departed on leave, and West Point was left almost deserted during the winter months. In March, the instructors and cadets began to return.



Joseph Gardner Swift, Superintendent of the Military Academy from 1812-1814, who, along with Simon M. Levy, made up the first class to graduate from the Academy.

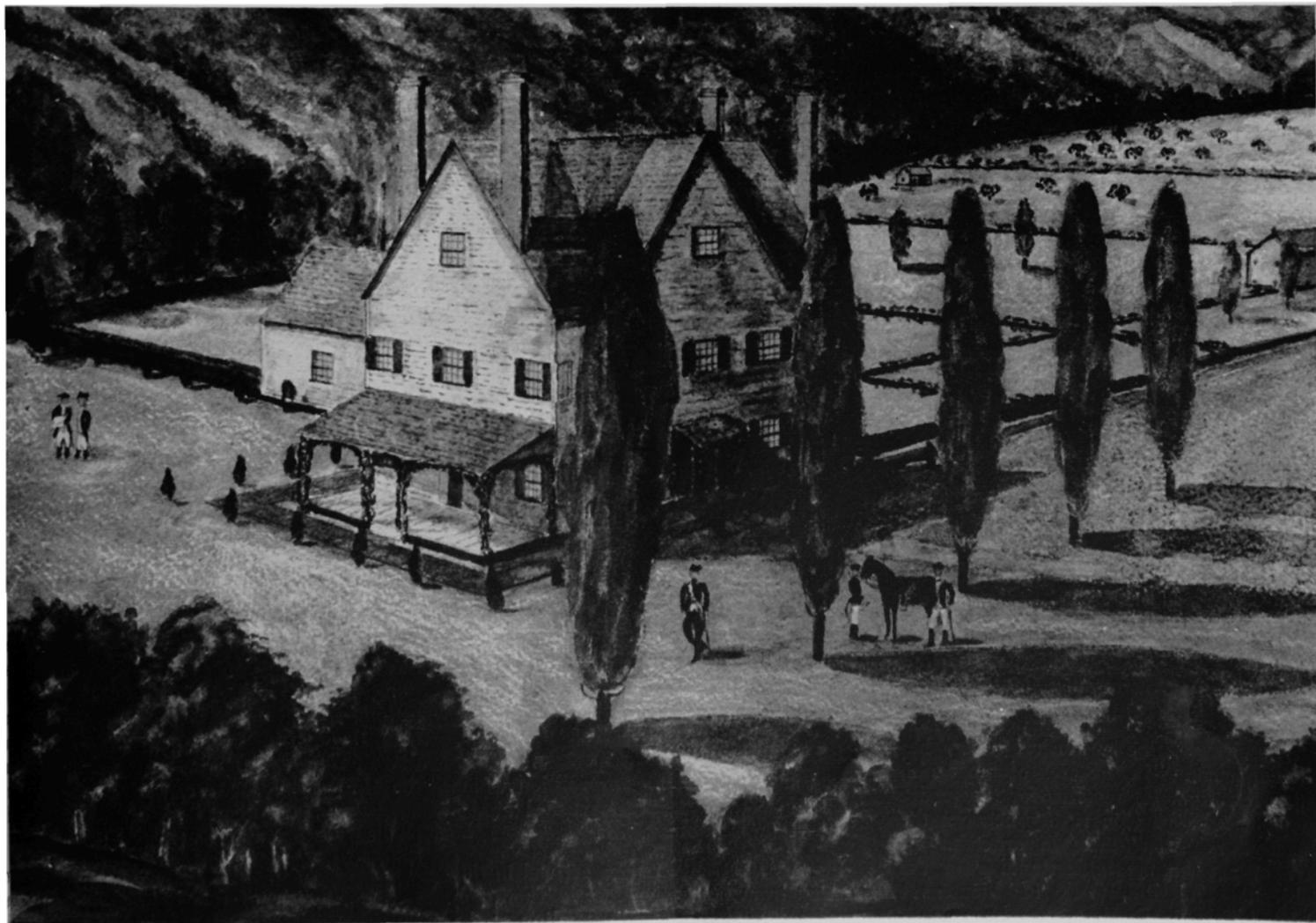
Cadets of the period wore a long-tailed, blue, single-breasted coat with eight gilt buttons stamped with an eagle. They wore

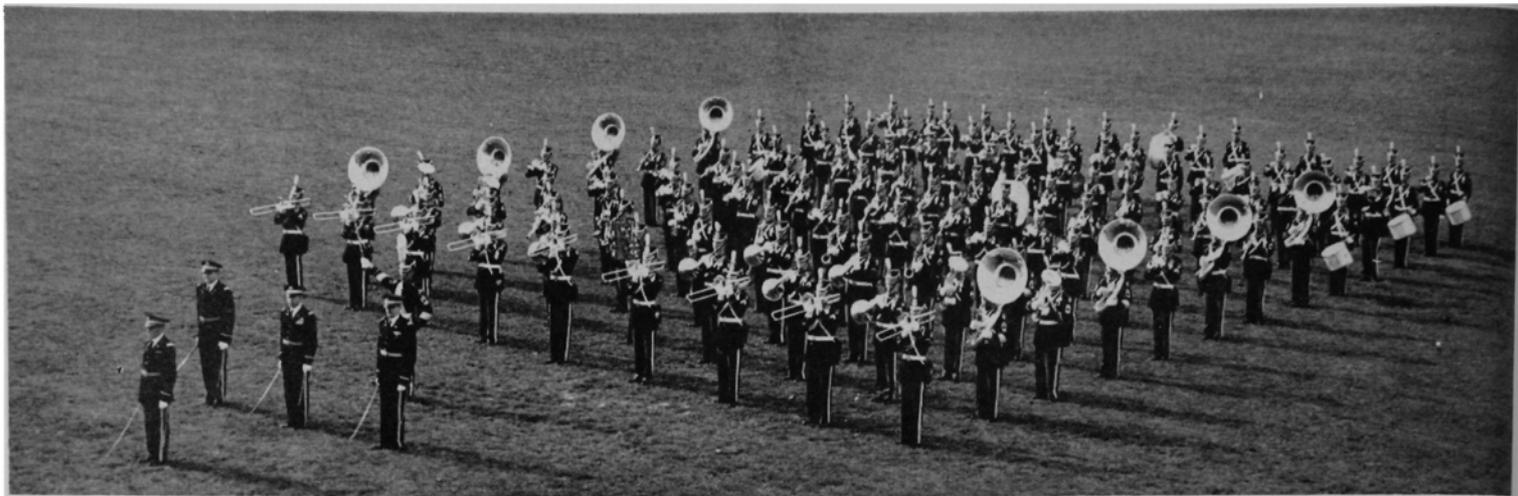
cotton trousers in the summer and gray wool in the winter. A beaver hat with a metal eagle cockade completed the uniform.

The first class of the Military Academy was graduated on October 12, 1802 and consisted of two men: Joseph Gardner Swift and Simon Magruder Levy. By 1814, West Point had sent out one hundred and twenty graduates. One hundred of this number participated in the War of 1812. Nine were killed in battle and six brevetted for gallantry in action.

The number of cadets had been increased to one hundred and eighty-six by 1812. However, Secretary of War William Eustis, during the period from 1809 to 1812 when over three hundred cadets were appointed to the Military Academy, failed to issue the necessary orders directing them to report for duty. This action, coupled with orders transferring many of the instructors and cadets away from West Point reduced the Military Academy to near extinction. In the words of the Superintendent, at the end of its first decade West Point was ". . . like a foundling, barely existing among the mountains, and nurtured at a distance out of sight and almost unknown to its legitimate parents."

Jonathan Williams' house, quarters of first Superintendent. Drawing by Colonel Walter Sturgill.





THE USMA BAND IN MARCHING FORMATION.

# Lieutenant Colonel Resta Retires

## AFTER 23 YEARS AS DIRECTOR OF MUSIC, USMA

By SP2 PETTER JUEL-LARSEN, USMA Band

*Editors Note—Sp 2 Petter Juel-Larsen joined the USMA Band in September of 1955. He is a concert pianist with the band and holds a BA degree in History, A Bachelor of Music, a Master of Music, and was one of the first recipients of the newly established Doctor of Musical Arts Degree. While at Yale University, he was awarded the Julia Abigail Lockwood Scholarship for Academic Excellence.*

*Colonel Resta introduced his successor, Major William H. Schempf at the final concert of the 1957 winter series on April 21. See "West Point Today" section of this Assembly for complete information about Major Schempf.*

The distinguished Army career of Lieutenant Colonel Francis E. Resta was brought to a close on April 21st, when he conducted the United States Military Academy Band in its final concert of the 1957 Winter Series. This occasion marked the end of 23 years of outstanding service to West Point and nearly 40 to the Army. The immeasurable contribution which he has made comes into sharp focus with his retirement. His loss is sustained only through the knowledge that the organization he commanded will perpetuate his principles in the quality of its future accomplishments.

The chronological arrangement of facts which circumscribe a musical career has limited meaning in the area of biographical description. It remains for the reader to discover a psychic reality between the "neatly organized" lines in order to arrive at any human understanding of the subject. The life work of Lieutenant Colonel Francis E. Resta has been moti-

vated by a ceaseless devotion to music and the Army. Various facts surrounding his career are but illusive shadows of the real man. His tireless dedication to West Point is another story—virtually impossible to communicate through this short personal history.

He had the advantage of a musical inheritance where early training from his family could exert its unconscious influence before he was aware of it. As a result,



Lieutenant Colonel F. E. Resta.

it was neither coercion nor volition which caused him to breathe the musical atmosphere—it was inevitability.

He was eighteen when he arrived in this country from his native Italy. There followed a period of formal schooling at the

Juilliard Institute where his teachers included Percy Goetschius and Frank Damosch. Destiny and hard work played their hands favorably; and in 1921, he graduated from the former Juilliard affiliate, the Army Bandmaster School at Governor's Island. His musical philosophy had taken positive shape. He proposed that the band was not a counterfeit of the symphony orchestra but an equal, that its only difference need be in the realm of tonal color. What might have remained quixotic to some became compulsory for the Colonel, and he proceeded to elevate the standards of every band he conducted.

The retirement of Lieutenant Philip Egner in 1934 resulted in the appointment of Colonel Resta as Director of Music at the United States Military Academy and Commanding Officer of the United States Military Academy Band. The selection was not myopic, for Colonel Resta was not among the 450 applicants who requested consideration. Above this host of available talent, he was recalled from his duties in Hawaii and immediately transferred to the coveted West Point position.

In less than a decade, the United States Military Academy Band was moulded according to his uncompromising beliefs. As a marching unit, it was called the finest in the world; as a concert organization, it had no peers. Thus did one man, through his indefatigable energy and devotion to the redoubtable traditions of the United States Military Academy, earn a place for its band which remains unchallenged by any comparable organization.

In an article of this length, a complete enumeration of Colonel Resta's accom-

plishments at the United States Military Academy would be virtually impossible. His achievements have embraced every conceivable area related to a leader of his versatility. It is conspicuous, however, that his activities have never fallen prey to those desultory instincts so common to people possessed with many talents. He has always channeled his interests in order to serve his life work.

Shortly after his arrival at West Point, he initiated an annual series of Winter concerts in the Army Theatre. Included was a pre-Christmas Young People's Concert. Never one to disparage the potential for appreciation in a concert audience, he insisted that these programs demonstrate the highest artistic quality. The superior facility shown at these performances received the plaudits of many a soloist or guest conductor of international renown.

Under Colonel Resta's leadership, the United States Military Academy Band has participated in many functions of national importance. The Band's role in the 1952 West Point Sesquicentennial will long be remembered. At that time, West Point was honored through the medium of new musical compositions by such contemporary composers as Darius Milhaud and Roy Harris. Among the many memorable concerts, the opening program at New York's Carnegie Hall was a fitting dedication to the traditions of West Point. The same year, Colonel Resta, a recognized champion of modern music, was invited to bring the Band to Pittsburgh to participate in the First International Contemporary Music Festival.

In 1955 he brought the Band to Pasadena where it was featured in the annual Tournament of Roses Parade. This was the first time that one of the great special bands of the armed services had been selected to perform on this occasion. A concert given at Pasadena before the parade won national acclaim for its outstanding musicianship.

Colonel Resta has conducted the Band on many distinguished occasions, but perhaps his greatest privilege was that of playing for the funeral and burial services of the late President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Colonel Resta's acumen in the acceptance of musicians for his organization has resulted in maintaining the highest standards of excellence among the Band personnel. His encouragement to these young people has brought incalculable benefits to their futures. Graduates from the United States Corps of Cadets have extended this sphere of influence, carrying proud memories of the band which led them through their parades and reviews.

Despite the constant demands of his position, he has managed to pursue many vocational interests. As a composer, he has written a concert overture for the sesquicentennial celebration of the United

States Military Academy, several marches, and various compositions related to the activities of the Corps of Cadets. A plaque presented to the Colonel for his contributions to the annual 100th Nite Show has become one of his most treasured possessions. Beside his original compositions, his transcriptions of orchestra classic into the symphonic band medium have demonstrated his natural feeling for the intricacies of instrumentation.

As a charter member of the West Point Music Club, he has given his unfailing support to the dignity and simplicity of this attractive organization. He has become well known for his proficiency and artistry as an amateur photographer. His judicial interest in "high fidelity" phonographs has resulted in magnificent equipment with which to play his record collection. And always the lover of outdoor exercise, he has been an ardent golf enthusiast when time allowed.

In November of 1920, Colonel Resta married Luella Hutchinson, pianist and teacher. They have three children: Marcele Anne, an accomplished pianist, who married Major D. W. Gallez, Signal Corps, U. S. A.; Francis E. Jr., a designing engineer; and Rodney H., a civil engineer. The reputation of Colonel and Mrs. Resta for the gracious hospitality of their home has been almost legendary among West Point personnel and guests of the Academy.

Important influences are never rendered lifeless by their visible points of termination. Rather they seem to fuse into the complex amalgam which they have so significantly shaped. The United States Military Academy Band and Colonel Resta are now as inseparable as roots and soil. He has injected his wisdom far into the bloodstream of this organization, and there it will continue to flow as long as there is music at West Point.

Lieutenant Colonel Francis E. Resta, Director of Music, USMA, receiving a cadet saber from the First Captain at a parade held in his honor shortly before he retired.



# BULLETIN BOARD

## ARMY SCIENCE CONFERENCE HELD AT WEST POINT

The United States Military Academy, this country's first engineering school, was host for the first Army-wide Science Conference in history held here June 26 through June 28.

Scientific papers on a variety of subjects, ranging from the earth satellite and shock waves to nuclear detonations and radiation, were presented during the three-day conference which was designed to provide an opportunity for Army scientists to present their classified work for critical comments and discussion. The general theme of the conference was "Science in the Army".

Among the more than 400 persons who attended were delegations from Great Britain and Canada, as well as representatives of the U. S. Armed Services and various governmental agencies.

Dr. William H. Martin, Army Director of Research and Development, addressed the opening session Wednesday morning. Other speakers were Lieutenant General James M. Gavin, Army Chief of Research and Development, and Lieutenant General Garrison H. Davidson, Superintendent of the Military Academy.

Dr. C. C. Furnas, Chancellor of the University of Buffalo, and former Assistant Secretary of Defense for Research and Development, gave the principal address at a banquet Wednesday night.

Dr. Ragnar Rollefson, Chief Scientist of the Army, was the Chairman of the General Session, at which four technical papers were presented. Presiding at four concurrent sessions were Dr. Per K. Frolich, Chief Scientist of the Army Chemical Corps; Dr. Craig Crenshaw, Chief Scientist of the Army Signal Corps; Dr. R. B. Power, Jr., Chief Scientist of the Army Ordnance Corps; and Dr. James McK. Rioch of Walter Reed Army Hospital.

Climax of the three-day program was the presentation Friday of cash awards to the authors, civil and military, of the outstanding papers introduced during the conference.

Lieutenant Colonel Abram S. Benenson, a research investigator at the Walter Reed Army Institute in Washington, received the top award, including a \$750.00 check, for his paper entitled "Enzymatic Debridement of Full Thickness Skia Burns". General Charles L. Bolte, Ret., made the presentation to Colonel Benenson on behalf of the Association of the United States Army which provided the funds for the award.

While at West Point, delegates to the conference were given an orientation on the history and mission of the Military Academy and were conducted on a tour of the facilities.



## COLONEL COUNTS APPOINTED DEAN

The Department of the Army has announced that Colonel Gerald A. Counts will succeed Brigadier General Thomas D. Stamps, who retires in July, as Dean of the Academic Board of the Academy. Colonel Counts has been head of the Department of Physics and Chemistry since 1934.

Colonel Counts graduated from West Point in August 1917. He ranked as No. 2 man in a class of 151, and was commissioned in the Corps of Engineers. Prior to entering the Academy, he attended the University of California; subsequently, he attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, from which he holds a B.S. in Civil Engineering, and the California Institute of Technology. He served overseas in both World War I and World War II; during the former, he was with the 6th Engineers, 3rd Division; and during the latter he was on temporary duty for two years, first on the staff of the North African Theatre of Operations and then, until the end of the war in Europe, in the Headquarters of the Twelfth Army Group under General Omar Bradley.

Colonel Counts also served at West Point from 1925 to 1930 as an instructor and assistant Professor of Mathematics. Following a year's schooling at the California Institute of Technology, he returned to USMA in 1931 to take up duties as Acting Professor in the provisional Department of Physics. He was made the permanent professor in 1934, when that department was officially established.

## MCDONALD APPOINTED CHAIRMAN, ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE

Willis McDonald Class of 1920, has been appointed Chairman of the Association's Endowment Fund Committee. He is Vice-President of the New York Trust Company.

## OBITUARIES OMITTED

*Obituaries have been omitted from this issue of Assembly because of space limitations. Obituaries will be published in the Fall issue.*

## COURTESY-CALL ON YOUR CONGRESSMAN

Recently a Member of Congress who has served for many years remarked to a senior officer that he had appointed many men to USMA and not one had ever called on him in his office to thank him. That situation cannot be confined to men from that district because we are all tarred with the same brush. Reflection on one group includes us all.

Many cadets do remember their Congressmen at Christmas and Graduation, but they seldom get to Washington. On the other hand, after graduation most officers have to serve at least one tour in Washington. As individuals we always need friends; the Army always needs friends in Congress; USMA always needs friends. Make it a point to drop in on your Congressman, if he is still there, and thank him for your appointment the next time you are in Washington.

*The following letter was received by the President of the Association from the President of the United States in response to June Week message sent to the latter:*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

June 5, 1957

Dear Critt:

Your telegram from West Point made me realize once again how much I would have liked to have attended the graduation ceremonies of the Class of '57. I am truly grateful for the salute of the members of the "Long Grey Line."  
With warm personal regard,

As ever,

*DE*

Lt. Gen. Willis D. Crittenger, USA, Ret.  
President  
Free Europe Committee  
2 Park Avenue  
New York 8, N. Y.



**NEW SECRETARY AND EDITOR**

Before this issue of *Assembly* is published, Colonel R. D. Johnston, who has been Editor, and also Secretary and Treasurer of the Association of Graduates, will have departed for Europe. He has been on this job for over three years. At the Annual Meeting on 3 June he received the thanks of the Association and best wishes for continued success.

The new Editor and Alumni Secretary is Colonel Norton B. Wilson, '31, who recently returned from Korea. Before that, he spent four years at Headquarters, First Army working to build up and train the Reserve Forces. He says his chief claim to fame is the fact that his only daughter won a scholarship to Ladycliff, his oldest son just finished Plebe year, and he has five more coming up.

**HAVE YOU RETURNED YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE?**

14,000 were sent out—5,730 have been returned.

**YOUR OPINIONS ARE IMPORTANT!**

Please return yours promptly!!

**WEST POINT SHELF FOR HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARIES**

It has been suggested that West Point societies assist local high school libraries by providing them with a "West Point shelf". There are many good books in current publication suitable for this purpose. Such a project would undoubtedly interest suitable candidates but would attract good publicity for your Society.

**REUNION AND GET-TOGETHER OF ARMY AND AIR FORCE OFFICERS SCHEDULED FOR ARMY-NOTRE DAME GAME**

The Military Clothing and Textile Supply Agency-Philadelphia Quartermaster Depot, U. S. Army, headed by Major General Webster Anderson, USA. Executive Director, will play host to active and retired Army and Air Force Officers, their wives, and guests on the day of the Army-Notre Dame Football Game. The game will be played in the Municipal Stadium at Philadelphia on Saturday, October 12th, 1957.

Starting in the morning of the Army-Notre Dame Game with breakfast, from 9:00 A.M. to Noon, the day will end with a buffet dinner and ball.

The occasion is expected to serve as a happy reunion for graduates and their friends, and an equally pleasant get-together for other officers from all parts of the country. A similar gathering was thoroughly enjoyed last year on the day of the Army-Navy Game.

Free parking space in the Philadelphia Quartermaster Depot and free bus transportation to and from the football stadium will make local transportation easy for the visitors.

**BOOK REVIEW**

**THE SHERIFF OF HAT CREEK.** By Colonel Russell P. (Red) Reeder, Jr., '26. Illustrated by Charles J. Andres. New York; Duell, Sloan and Pearce, 1957. 147 pages; 8 vo; \$2.75.

Reviewed by

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

When Red Reeder published his "Mackenzie Raid" an admiring fan dubbed him "King of the Literary Frontier." Now at the request of a boy who inquired if he was a sheriff too, Red has returned to the Wild West to write this galloping, shooting story of a young sheriff, Pete Roberts, who at nineteen leads a posse and outwits the toughest, most dangerous gunman of the Black Hills.

This is a good book to salt away as a gift to your young son or grandson for some special occasion, or right now if you like. It is a good story to read aloud, as the language has the quality of the spoken word, and there is enough substance to interest an adult as well as a boy. Anyone who likes a simple, direct tale with authentic details, good characterization, plenty of action and a believable plot will have fun sharing this one with his son.

The characters are picturesquely named: Grizzly Warmath, the stagecoach driver; Dew Drop, the Chinese cook who distrusts pistols but wields a wicked slug of lead pipe; Black Duck, as mean an Indian as ever graced a western; and Wedgehead Wilson, who lived up to his name. The char-

acter who steals the show is King Cole, the sheriff's dog. To write about a dog that way, one has to think like a dog and have lop ears.

**MILITARY AND ACADEMIC AWARDS TO THE CLASS OF 1957**

**WILLIAM T. HUCKABEE**

An award for having the highest military efficiency; and the Pershing Sword presented to the Graduating Cadet Brigade Commander.

**JOHN H. VICKERS**

Awards for the following: highest rating in Chemistry; highest average in the first class course in Social Sciences, standing No. 1 in General Order of Merit for four years; highest rating in Physics; highest rating in Foreign Languages; highest rating in Law; highest rating in Mechanics of Solids; highest rating in Mathematics; highest rating in Military Engineering and Military History; highest rating in Electrical Engineering; highest rating in Mechanics of Fluids; highest rating in Ordnance.

**SAMUEL J. MEWSOM, JR.**

Award for the highest rating in Military Topography and Graphics.

**JAMES R. MURPHY**

Award for the highest rating in English; and an award for the highest average in second class course in Social Sciences.

**JAMES R. MURPHY AND RICARD T. WHITE**

Award for excellency in Intercollegiate Debating.

**RONALD D. KENNEDY**

Award for the highest rating in Military Hygiene.

**RICHARD D. KENYON**

Award to the graduating cadet who has made the greatest improvement during his course.

**RICHARD M. PASTORE**

Award for the highest rating in Tactics.

**CHARLES R. COOPER**

Award for Excellence in Military Psychology and Leadership.

**WILLIAM R. ELLIS**

Award to the graduating Cadet First Regimental Commander.

**HENRY J. HATCH**

Award to the graduating Cadet Second Regimental Commander.

**GENE E. BEIMFORDE**

Award to the graduating Cadet who was Editor-in-Chief of the *Howitzer*.

**MICHAEL R. KEATING**

Award to the Cadet who achieved excellence in Physical Education over the four year course.

**ROBERT P. CHRISTIANSEN**

Award to the graduating Cadet who was Editor of *The Pointer*.

**HARPER B. KEELER**

Award presented to the outgoing Outstanding Cadet Company Commander.

**JAMES F. RUSSELL**

Award for the highest rating in Nuclear Physics.



### MRS. BARTH DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Mrs. Doris Speer Barth, Cadet Hostess at the United States Military Academy, West Point, for nearly ten years, died 17 June at the U. S. Army Hospital, West Point, after a long illness.

Mrs. Barth, widow of the late Brigadier General Charles H. Barth, Jr., (USMA Class of 1925), was appointed Cadet Hostess in the fall of 1947. She had previously served for a number of years as Assistant Cadet Hostess, and for a portion of that time was stationed at Stewart Air Force Base, Newburgh, N. Y., while USMA cadets were undergoing Army Air Corps instruction at that base. In her position of Assistant Hostess and then Cadet Hostess, she became well known to thousands of USMA graduates and present-day cadets, as well as to many others with whom she came in contact. She served as friend and social mentor to many a cadet and his young lady, oftentimes assisting them with their wedding following the cadet's graduation from the Academy.

Funeral services, conducted by the Reverend George M. Bean, USMA Chaplain, were held at the Old Cadet Chapel at 10:00 A.M. on 19 June, followed by burial in the Post Cemetery.

Mrs. Barth is survived by her mother, Mrs. Edith M. Speer, formerly of Boston, Mass., but who had resided with her daughter for many years in Highland Falls, New York.

### "GALS" STILL LIKE WEST POINT UNIFORMS

Sex has raised its lovely head in the candidate information program. The Editor, after long experience with the Reserve Components, found that the most effective audience was that which included both the boys, who were the target, and

their girls. This has been emphatically confirmed in the cadet public relations program. There is no denying that girls like uniforms, and their reactions go a long way toward influencing their boy friends. It is therefore suggested that any public forums on West Point, especially those which include still or motion pictures, include both boys and girls.

### 1000 CADET TRIPS YEARLY

Did you know that every year there are in the neighborhood of 1000 cadet trips? These include everything from one-man Cadet Public Relations Council speaking engagements up to the Navy Game. Cadets go all over the country in a multitude of extra-curricular activities. It is the intent of the Association to keep the West Point Societies informed of any contemplated cadet trips into their territories. Well publicized athletic contests will require no coordination, but some of the lesser known activities may need help. It is our hope that alumni will support these cadet activities, and, if need be, assist in the local arrangements. Immediately following is a list of the 1957-58 critical dates at USMA. Check it, it may be helpful to your society.

### CRITICAL DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 1957-58

The Academy recently published the following schedule of critical dates of activities and functions planned at the Academy and elsewhere during the forthcoming Academic Year. It is published here in *Assembly* in the hopes that it will provide a ready reference for Alumni.

- 2 July—Class of '61 enters.
- 27 July—Class of '59 departs on leave.
- 28 July—Group I, Class of '58 departs on leave.
- 13 August—Re-examination of ex-cadets.
- 26 August—Group I, Class of '58, and Class of '59 return from leave. Ex-cadets report for admission. Reorganization Week begins.
- 31 August—Reorganization Week ends.
- 2 September—Labor Day, Duties suspended.
- 3 September—First Academic Term begins.
- 7-8 September—Ring Weekend, Jewelry display.
- 21-22 September—Fall Civilian Clothing Display.
- 23 September—University of Nebraska Football Game at West Point.
- 5 October—Penn State University Football Game at University Park, Pennsylvania.
- 12 October—University of Notre Dame Football Game at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. USCC attends.
- 19 October—University of Pittsburgh Football Game at West Point.
- 26 October—University of Virginia Football Game at Charlottesville, Virginia.

- 2 November—Colgate University Football Game at West Point.
  - 9 November—University of Utah Football Game at West Point. Boy Scout Day.
  - 11 November—Veterans Day. Duties suspended.
  - 16 November—Tulane University Football Game at New Orleans.
  - 23 November—Army-Navy Fall Sports Competition.
  - 28 November—Thanksgiving Day. Duties suspended.
  - 30 November—Navy Football Game at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. USCC attends.
  - 4-7 December—SCUSA-IX.
  - 21 December—1200 hours classes suspended. Eligible upperclassmen begin Christmas Leave.
  - 25 December—Christmas Day. Duties suspended.
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- 1 January—New Years Day. Duties suspended.
  - 2 January—1730 hours upperclassmen return from Christmas Leave.
  - 3 January—First Term resumes.
  - 16 January—Ex-cadets report for re-admission.
  - 30 January-2 February—First Cadet Midshipmen Exchange Visit.
  - 1-2 February—Uniform Display.
  - 6-9 February—Second Cadet Midshipmen Exchange Visit.
  - 13-16 February—Third Cadet Midshipmen Exchange Visit.
  - 15-16 February—Spring Civilian Clothing Display. Jewelry Display.
  - 22 February—George Washington's Birthday. Duties suspended.
  - 27 February-2 March—Fourth Cadet Midshipmen Exchange Visit.
  - 1 March—Army-Navy Winter Sports Competition.
  - 7-9 March—100th Nite Show.
  - 12-15 March—Entrance Exams begin for Class of 1962.
  - 13 March—1515 hours Spring Weekend leave begins for eligible upperclassmen.
  - 27 March—Branch Drawing by Class of 1958.
  - 20-23 March—Fifth Cadet Midshipmen Exchange Visit.
  - 27-30 March—Sixth Cadet Midshipmen Exchange Visit.
  - 1 April—Re-examination of ex-cadets.
  - 10-13 April—Seventh Cadet Midshipmen Exchange Visit.
  - 23-26 April—12th Annual West Point National Invitational Debate Tournament.
  - 17 May—Armed Forces Day.
  - 29 May—1515 hours Second Term ends.
  - 30 May—Memorial Day. Duties suspended.
  - 31 May—June Week begins. Army-Navy Spring Sports Competition.
  - 1 June—Baccalaureate Sunday.
  - 3 June—Class of 1958 graduates. Class of 1961 begins Summer Leave.

# Report of the 88th Annual Meeting

OF THE

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

Held in Washington Hall, West Point, New York, June 3, 1957

1. The meeting was called to order by the President, Crittenger, '13, at 1315 hours. Approximately 1000 members were present.

2. Invocation was given by the Reverend George M. Bean, Cadet Chaplain.

3. The minutes of the last (87th) Annual Meeting were approved without comment and the reading thereof waived since they were published in the July, 1956 *Assembly*.

4. The President introduced our oldest living graduate, Hodges, 81, who is celebrating his 76th reunion. He received a standing ovation.

5. The President introduced some of the distinguished guests and alumni present.

6. The President noted that eight members of the Class of '97 were present for their 60th reunion. They stood for an ovation.

7. The President also noted that twenty-five members of the Class of '07 were present for their 50th reunion. They also stood for an ovation.

8. The reading of the Treasurer's Report was waived inasmuch as it had been

approved by the Board of Trustees and would be published in the summer 1957 *Assembly*.

9. The President summarized the activities of the Association during the past year.

10. Davidson, '27, the Superintendent, briefly discussed some of his current projects.

11. The President introduced the Secretary of the Army, the Honorable Wilbur M. Brucker, who made the principal address. His speech is summarized elsewhere in this issue of *Assembly*.

12. The President read the list of distinguished graduates in key command and staff positions throughout the world to whom greetings of the Association would be sent.

13. Reeder, '26, representing the Nominating Committee of the Board of Trustees, read the nominations for officers for the coming year and for Trustees for the next three years. There being no further nominations from the floor, it was moved, seconded, and carried that the nominations be closed. Riley, '06, the senior Vice-President present, assumed the Chair. In view of the single slate the Chair instructed the Secretary to cast one ballot for

each nominee. The following were elected:

President: Willis D. Crittenger, '13.

Vice Presidents: Roger G. Alexander, '07, Archibald V. Arnold, '12, J. Lawton Collins, April '17, Rupert H. Johnson, '21, John L. Hines, '27.

Trustees to serve until 30 June 1960: Boyd W. Bartlett, '19, Anthony C. McAuliffe, '19, James L. Hayden, April '17 (Regional), Charles P. Nicholas, '25, Robert H. Booth, '30, John H. Murrell, '30 (Regional), Harley N. Trice, '32, Rodney C. Gott, '33, Philip H. Reidel, Jr., '42, Frank C. Mahin, Jr., '44, Milton A. Haskin, '47, Corwin A. Mitchell, '52.

Crittenger resumed the Chair.

14. The President bade farewell to Johnston, '31, who has been Secretary and Treasurer for over 3 years, wished him well in his new assignment, and gave him the thanks of the Association for a job well done. He introduced Wilson, '31, as the new Secretary and Treasurer.

15. Benediction was pronounced by The Very Reverend Monsignor James P. Moore, Catholic Chaplain.

16. The meeting adjourned at 1430 hours.

—ROBERT D. JOHNSTON, '31,  
Secretary.

### ALUMNI LUNCHEON



# REPORT OF THE TREASURER

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

31 MARCH 1957

EXHIBIT A—Balance Sheet as of 31 March 1957.  
 EXHIBIT B—Changes in General Fund during the year ended 31 March 1957.  
 EXHIBIT C—Changes in Endowment Fund during the year ended 31 March 1957.  
 EXHIBIT D—Changes in Cullum Fund during the year ended 31 March 1957.  
 EXHIBIT E—Changes in Frederick E. Johnston Cosmic Fund during the year ended 31 March 1957.  
 SCHEDULE I—Investments as of 31 March 1957 and income received thereon during the period 1 April 1956 to 31 March 1957.

### EXHIBIT A BALANCE SHEET, 31 MARCH 1957

#### ASSETS

SECURITIES: (See Schedule I)	
N. Y. Trust Company .....	\$350,567.01
CASH IN BANKS:	
First National Bank in Highland Falls, N. Y. (checking & savings a/cs) .....	\$15,606.48
Newburgh Savings Bank .....	9,179.61
Bowery Savings Bank .....	9,748.39
Harlem Savings Bank .....	9,741.79
Federal Savings & Loan Association .....	14,465.11
Irving Trust Company (checking account) .....	8,177.39
New York Trust Company (checking account) .....	2,223.27
	<u>69,142.04</u>
INVENTORIES:	
Commemorative Plates and Glassware .....	5,016.64
Chairs .....	389.25
	<u>5,405.89</u>
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES .....	
	<u>5,419.30</u>
Total .....	<u>\$430,534.24</u>

#### LIABILITIES

GENERAL FUND:	
Balance 1 April 1956 .....	\$ 65,761.19
Less: Decrease (See Exhibit "B") .....	9,282.09
Balance 31 March 1957 .....	\$ 56,479.10
ENDOWMENT FUND:	
Balance 1 April 1956 .....	\$276,806.02
Add: Increase (See Exhibit "C") .....	74,661.65
Balance 31 March 1957 .....	351,467.67
CULLUM FUND:	
Balance 1 April 1956 .....	\$ 10,945.72
Add: Increase (See Exhibit "D") .....	260.63
Balance 31 March 1957 .....	11,206.35
F. E. JOHNSTON COSMIC FUND:	
Receipts 3 May 1956 .....	\$ 5,000.00
Add: Increase (See Exhibit "E") .....	100.37
Balance 31 March 1957 .....	\$ 5,100.37
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES .....	5,419.30
CONTRIBUTIONS IN EXCESS OF MEMORIAL PLAQUES .....	627.50
UNPAID TAXES WITHHELD FROM EMPLOYEES' EARNINGS .....	233.95
	<u>\$430,534.24</u>

### EXHIBIT B CHANGES IN GENERAL FUND DURING THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 1956 TO 31 MARCH 1957

#### INCOME

Payments on Life and Annual Memberships and Dues .....	\$ 8,825.00
Gain on West Point Plates and Glassware .....	3,823.43
Gain on West Point Chairs .....	750.20
Interest on Bank Deposits .....	1,074.02
Contributions .....	11,388.90
June Week Reception Committee .....	238.20
Royalties .....	84.97
Plaques, Medallions & Rosettes .....	240.40
Sale of Furniture .....	35.25
Other Income .....	45.55
	<u>\$ 26,505.92</u>

#### EXPENDITURES

Salaries and Services .....	\$ 9,920.91
Freight, Express and Postage .....	1,581.47
Printing .....	854.51
Cadet Awards .....	150.00
Luncheons & Meetings, Conferences & Dues .....	895.72
Superintendent's Portrait .....	3,500.00
Plaque in Memory of Filipino Graduates .....	540.00
Sylvanus Thayer Medal .....	640.00
Newspapers, Books & Periodicals .....	278.43
Telephone and Telegraph .....	591.67
Badges and Rosettes .....	927.00
Office Equipment .....	105.80
Transfer to Endowment Fund .....	10,000.00
Transfer to Cosmic Fund .....	5,000.00
Insurance and Employment Taxes .....	228.93
Office Supplies .....	496.57
Other Expenses .....	76.00
	<u>\$ 35,788.01</u>
Net Change (Decrease) .....	<u>\$ 9,282.09</u>

EXHIBIT C

CHANGES IN ENDOWMENT FUND  
DURING THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 1956 TO 31 MARCH 1957

PRINCIPAL

Contributions: Cash .....	\$ 3,322.43	
Stock .....	40,819.75	
		\$ 44,142.18
Stock Dividends and Stock Splits .....		15,371.25
Transfer from General Fund .....		10,000.00
		\$ 69,513.43
Less: Loss on Sales of Securities .....	\$ 1,648.64	
Securities Exchanged .....	3,593.75	
Brokers' Fees and Transfer Expenses .....	373.00	5,615.39
		\$ 63,898.04

INCOME

Dividends and Interest .....	\$ 11,085.24
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EXPENDITURES

Safekeeping of Securities .....	321.63	
		10,763.61
Net Change (Increase) .....		<u>\$ 74,661.65</u>

EXHIBIT D

CHANGES IN CULLUM FUND  
DURING THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 1956 TO 31 MARCH 1957

INCOME

Interest on Savings Account .....	\$ 29.38
Interest from Securities .....	237.50
	\$ 266.88

EXPENDITURES

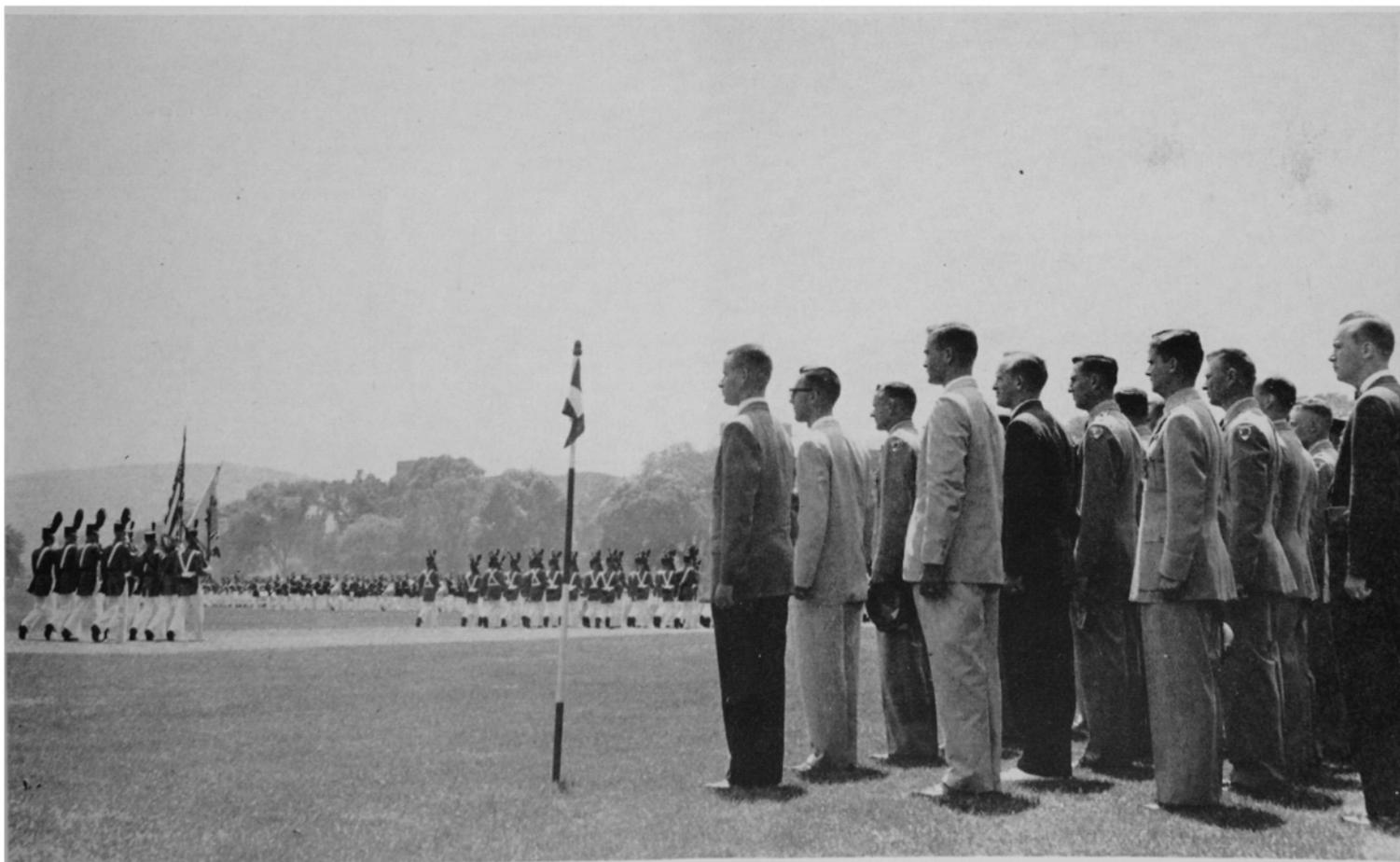
Safekeeping of Securities .....	\$ 6.25
Net Change (Increase) .....	<u>\$ 260.63</u>

EXHIBIT E

CHANGES IN FREDERICK E. JOHNSTON COSMIC FUND  
DURING THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 1956 TO 31 MARCH 1957

Receipts

Transfer from General Fund, legacy of the late Frederick E. Johnston, 3 May 1956 .....	\$ 5,000.00
Add: Interest from Savings Account .....	100.37
Net Change (Increase) .....	<u>\$ 5,100.37</u>



The "Junior" members of the Long Gray Line as they stand on the Parade Ground at the Alumni Review.

SCHEDULE I. INVESTMENTS, 31 MARCH 1957 AND INCOME RECEIVED THEREON DURING THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 1956 TO 31 MARCH 1957

NAME OF SECURITY	Face Value of Shares	Book Value at Cost or 31 March 1956	Purchases or Gifts	Redemption Sales and Amortization	Gain (Loss) on Sale of Securities	Brokers' Fees and Transfer Expenses	Face Value of Number of Shares 31 March 1957	Book Value at Cost or 31 March 1957	Approximate Market Value 31 March 1957	Dividends and Interest Received
<b>PUBLIC UTILITIES</b>										
American Gas & Electric Co., Com. Stk.	306	5,945.00	1,020.00				306	6,965.00	10,939.50	322.32
Texas Utilities Company, Com. Stk.	200	4,162.50	1.00				200	4,163.50	8,475.00	264.00
Gulf States Utilities Co., Com. Stk.	100	3,375.00	3,375.00			37.18	100	3,375.00	3,737.50	40.00
General Electric Co., Com. Stk.	150	8,750.00	70.64			70.64	150	8,750.00	8,737.50	75.00
Florida Power & Light Co., Com. Stk.	95	4,453.13	40.97			40.97	95	4,453.13	4,417.50	
American Natural Gas Co., Com. Stk.	100	6,075.00	6,075.00			41.08	100	6,075.00	6,075.00	
<b>Oils</b>										
Phillips Petroleum Co., Com. Stk.	462	11,400.00	1,155.00		202.13		461	12,555.00	20,790.00	762.30
Texas Company, Com. Stk. PV \$25.00	400	9,712.50	5,000.00		219.38	2.00	400	14,712.50	25,650.00	960.00
Socony Mobil Company, Cap. Stk.	740	37,000.00	37,000.00				740	37,000.00	40,237.50	1,110.00
<b>Chemicals</b>										
Eastman Kodak Company, Com. Stk.	128	4,472.11	60.00		8.83		128	4,532.11	10,960.00	323.30
Merck & Company, Inc., Com. Stk.	200	4,962.50	9,812.50			44.99	200	4,962.50	6,775.00	140.00
E. I. DuPont de Nemours Co., Com. Stk.	50	5,087.50	200.00				50	5,087.50	7,450.00	300.00
<b>Other Stocks</b>										
McGraw Electric Co., Com. Stk.	200	20,705.50	5,280.00			40.46	200	21,866.38	26,853.75	948.00
McGraw Edison	990	2,502.50	200.00			1.57	990	2,502.50	2,380.00	50.00
Sears Roebuck & Co., Com. Stk.	51	2,502.50	200.00				51	2,502.50	2,660.00	
National Lead Co., Com. Stk.	70	5,497.50	6,737.50		41.74		70	6,275.00	6,000.00	
Mead Corporation, Com. Stk.	2000	5,050.00	5,000.00				2000	5,050.00	4,900.00	225.00
Radiore Exploration Co., Cap. Stk.	100	5,000.00					100	5,000.00	4,600.00	237.52
<b>Bank Stocks</b>										
Chemical Corn Exchange	115	33,000.00					115	33,000.00	33,000.00	825.00
First National City Bank of N. Y., Cap. Stk.	100	13,000.00					100	13,000.00	13,000.00	325.00
Bankers Trust Co., Cap. Stk.	100	3,000.00					100	3,000.00	3,000.00	75.00
<b>PREFERRED STOCKS</b>										
Kansas Power & Light Company, 4 1/2% Cum. Pfd. Ser. A.	50	10,103.13					50	10,103.13	10,000.00	187.50
Oklahoma Natural Gas Co., 4 3/4% Cum. Pfd. Ser. A.	100	10,059.38					100	10,059.38	9,734.38	187.50
<b>BONDS</b>										
U. S. Government Holdings	\$	33,000.00					\$	33,000.00	33,000.00	
U.S. Bonds Series G, 2 1/2%—June 1959	13,000.00	13,000.00					13,000.00	13,000.00	13,000.00	
U.S. Bonds Series G, 2 1/2%—April 1960	3,000.00	10,103.13					3,000.00	10,103.13	10,000.00	
U.S. Bonds Series G, 2 1/2%—July 1961	10,000.00	10,046.88					10,000.00	10,046.88	9,587.50	212.50
U.S.A. Treas. Cfts. Ser. A, 3 1/2% due 2/14/58	10,000.00	9,700.00					10,000.00	9,700.00	9,343.75	250.00
U.S.A. Treasury Notes, Ser. A, 1 1/2%—February 1959	10,000.00	49,325.00					10,000.00	49,325.00	45,656.25	1,250.00
U.S.A. Treasury Notes, Ser. A, 2 1/2%—November 1960	50,000.00	10,000.00					50,000.00	10,000.00	9,931.25	325.00
U.S.A. Treasury Notes, Ser. A, 2 1/2%—June 1967	10,000.00	100.00					10,000.00	100.00	94.50	2.50
U.S. Treasury Bonds, 2 1/2%—December 1972/67	100.00	100.00					100.00	100.00	100.00	
U.S. Treasury Bonds, 3 1/4%—June 1983	100.00	75.00					100.00	75.00	82.20	
U.S. Savings Bonds, Ser. F, 12 Yr. Cur. Inc., due 8/1/58	100.00	100.00					100.00	100.00	91.40	
U.S. Savings Bonds, Ser. G, Cur. Inc., 2 1/2% due 5/1/62	100.00	10,375.00					10,000.00	10,375.00	12,525.00	300.00
U.S. Savings Bonds, Ser. F, due 2/1/63	100.00	1,030.00					1,000.00	1,030.00	955.00	32.50
U.S. Savings Bonds, Ser. F, due 8/1/59	100.00	146.00					100.00	146.00	203.32	
U.S. Savings Bonds, Ser. F, due 7/1/1982	10,000.00	1,650.00					10,000.00	1,650.00	1,027.58	
Dow Chemical Co., 3% due 7/1/1982	100	3,593.75					100	3,593.75	3,593.75	10.50
Southern California Gas Co., 1st Mtge Conv. 3 1/4% Bond, due 10/1/70	200	3,662.50					200	3,662.50	3,662.50	80.00
Securities Sold or Redeemed Since April 1, 1956	173	4,332.50					173	4,332.50	5,622.02	190.00
First National Bank in Highland Falls, N. Y., Com. PV \$7.50	10,000.00	783.38				17.19	10,000.00	783.38	1,320.38	271.60
International Minerals Corp., Com. Stk. PV \$5.00	15	5,800.00				6.48	15	5,800.00	5,006.63	33.00
Hallecrafters Company, Com. Stk.	50	1,103.13				2.00	50	1,103.13	1,103.13	143.70
Merck & Co., Com. Stk.	105	1,320.38					105	1,320.38	1,320.38	33.00
Public Service Co. of Indiana, Inc., Com. Stk.	10,000.00	2,101.25					10,000.00	2,101.25	2,475.00	20.00
Rochester Gas & Elec. Corp., Com. Stk.	210	1,870.75					210	1,870.75	1,870.75	33.00
U.S.A. Treas. Notes, Ser. A, 2 1/2% due 3/15/57 (9/15/53) 3/15/54 SCA	50	115,669.64					50	115,669.64	115,669.64	12.50
Continental Illinois Natl Bank & Trust Co. of Chicago, Com. Stk.	51	267,002.63				373.00	51	267,002.63	393,155.23	11,085.24
Penn Texas Corp., Com. Stk.										
West Virginia Pulp & Paper Co., Com. Stk.										
Monsanto Chemical Co., Com. Stk.										
Total Endowment Fund										
<b>CULLUM FUND</b>										
U.S. Savings Bonds, Ser. G, due 5/1/62	9,500.00	9,500.00					9,500.00	9,500.00	9,500.00	237.50
Total Funds		\$276,502.63	\$115,669.64	\$41,605.26	(1,648.64)	373.00		\$350,567.01	\$402,655.23	\$11,322.74
Total Endowment Fund										

Examined and found correct:  
W. D. CARROLL, JR.,  
Lieutenant Colonel, U. S. Army  
Secretary

ROBERT D. JOHNSTON,  
Colonel, Infantry,  
President



EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING  
OF  
**The National Public Relations Committee**  
OF THE  
**West Point Societies**

To seek out the best potential leaders from among the students of the secondary schools, to develop their interest in West Point, and to assist them in becoming cadets.

In an effort better to coordinate the activities of the West Point Societies throughout the country in their efforts to disseminate correct public information about the United States Military Academy, the Association of Graduates sponsors an annual meeting of society representatives. The meeting this year was outstanding in that representatives of 18 societies were present.

The meeting was held at the West Point Army Mess. Brigadier General Stamps, April '17, Dean of the Academic Board, who represented Lieutenant General Crittenberger, '13, President of the Association of Graduates, presided. Present were the following delegates:

From the West Point Societies—Miami, Jenna, August, '17; Alabama, Martin, '07; District of Columbia, Castle, '07; Pikes Peak Region, Lange, '47; New York, Roosma, '26; Connecticut, Seipel, '39; Michigan, Lavigne, '32; Tennessee, Nisley, April '17; Atlanta, Abrams, '47; Philadelphia, Maloney, '47; Northern New England, Booton, '11; Chicago, Halligan, '47; Western Pennsylvania, Dougherty, '49; San Francisco Bay Area, Hayden, April '17; Cleveland, Frier, April '17; Florida West Coast, Leubberman, '27; El Paso, Delehanty, August '17; Louisville, Hassman, '32.

From the Board of Trustees of the Association of Graduates: Danford, '04; Fenton, '04; Bliss, '16; Chambers, '23; Nicholas, '25; Renfroe, '34.

From agencies at West Point: Davidson, '27, Superintendent (also a member of the Board of Trustees); Branham, '22, Editor of the Register of Graduates; Johnston, '31, Editor of Assembly; Wilson, '31, Editor-designate of Assembly; Safford, '36, Monitor, Cadet Public Relations Committee; Richardson, '37, PIO; Stephens, '42, PIO-designate; Day, '44, Registrar.

Nicholas, as one of the "Founding Fathers" briefly explained the NPRC

charter and reviewed the Long Range Public Relations Policy adopted last year. There was considerable discussion among the delegates concerning the adequacy of stress given to the cultural portion of the academic curriculum. A number of delegates told of experiences they had had in talking to civilian educators and student advisors. There was a feeling that too many civilians have erroneous preconceived ideas regarding the curriculum. Motion was made, seconded, and carried to request members of NPRC stationed at West Point to review the wording of the present policy statement with a view to emphasizing the cultural or humanistic aspects of the West Point education.

The Public Relations Project for 1957-58 was discussed at some length. Renfroe, '34, monitored this discussion and pointed out that projects one and two for 1956-57 had been well covered in previous years and were no longer sufficiently critical to be special projects. The Project for 1957-58 is similar to, but more strongly worded than number 3 from last year. The Project for this year is shown in the box at the head of this article.

Davidson, '27, the Superintendent, gave his views. It is his desire to insure not merely a fine product in USMA graduates but the *best* product possible. This requires that the best possible candidates be appointed. He has set a goal of 150 of the best local candidates to be appointed in each plebe class as the result of action by local West Point Societies. He referred to his previous letters to presidents of societies in which specific steps were given. Davidson suggested that the societies, having selected the best prospect in their respective areas, concentrate their efforts upon interesting the man in becoming a candidate and upon obtaining for him a principal appointment. A broad program to educate the public and the local school authorities is encouraged, but is not as productive as the pinpoint program.

There was discussion among the delegates pointing out that a similar project has been given to continental armies and to military districts. It was stated that duplication of effort has occurred in some areas, and less than enthusiastic support has occurred in others. Davidson stated his opinion that military districts, having selected the best candidates, should, when possible, work through West Point Societies in order to remove any onus of official recruiting. The societies have a civilian aspect and local influence which is desirable in this project.

It was moved, seconded, and carried to accept the Public Relations Project for 1957-58.

Richardson, '37, who is PIO at USMA, briefed the delegates on the activities of his office during the past year. The weekly TV show "West Point" has been most successful. It is broadcast over 150 CBS stations and has enjoyed a steadily rising popularity rating, starting at 13.9 in the fall and now sustaining over 27. The program will continue under its present sponsor until October 1957. It is not known at this time whether an additional series will be commercially sponsored, since the present sponsor has decided not to exercise its option. However, it is believed that, in any event, ZIV will produce at least one more series of 39 shows on its own for national sponsor, or on a sectional basis.

West Point has enjoyed excellent TV coverage, either as full programs or as featured spots. The Superintendent, his family, the Commandant, and other groups and individuals have appeared on some of the biggest shows.

The Superintendent's Civilian Public Relations Advisory Committee, composed of key civilian officials in the industrial and commercial public relations fields, has given great service. Some of the projects initiated by that committee include:

a series of West Point Comic Books, slanted at the 7-12 year olds, expected to start this summer; featuring of USMA in the President's Youth Fitness Programs; a commercial film, "The Making of a West Pointer".

The normal quota of VIP's has visited USMA. but the big surprise has been the GAP. The weekend before June Week, between 70,000-80,000 people visited West Point. If the present trend continues, over 3,000,000 visitors will have been here during 1957. USMA sponsors certain Boy Scout and Explorer Scout programs and visits which are designed to interest them in West Point.

The USMA PIO, like any other, does a multitude of jobs. If it deals with USMA, the Corps of Cadets, or individuals, the PIO is involved and stands ready to assist.

Safford, '36, as monitor of the Cadet Public Relations Council, reported on some of the activities in which cadets are involved. He stated that specially qualified cadets make appearances before Boys State Meetings, Boy Scout conferences, Reserve Components, service clubs, high schools, etc., and explain the history, activities, objectives, and methods of the Military Academy. It was pointed out by the delegates that considerable assistance to this program can be given by local

West Point Societies if they are informed beforehand. It was agreed that the office of the Alumni Secretary would be used as a message center or clearing house for dissemination of information regarding such cadet activities.

General discussion was held in which the activities of some of the societies, and those of alumni of other institutions, were explained. Inasmuch as the capabilities of the various societies vary rather widely, depending upon the organization, size, and activity of each, no master plan for society action is recommended.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m. to watch Army beat Navy 3-2 in baseball.



Major General Hodges, '81, oldest living graduate, Lieutenant General Davidson, '27, Superintendent, and Lieutenant General Crittenberger, '13, President of the Association of Graduates as they marched past the Corps of Cadets enroute to the Alumni Exercises on Monday, June 3. Colonel Robert D. Johnston, '31, outgoing Secretary of the Association, is on the right.

# WEST POINT SOCIETIES

For the information of all of our alumni we publish below a list of these local West Point organizations and their principal officers at present of record in the office of the Association of Graduates at West Point. Further information concerning these societies and their meetings may be obtained by inquiry to the Secretary of each.

## State of Alabama

### WEST POINT SOCIETY OF ALABAMA

*President:* Maj. Gen. Robert L. Spragins, '13  
425 McClung Street,  
Huntsville, Alabama

*Vice-President:* Capt. Hugh C. Parker, Jr., '45  
First National Bank,  
Gadsen, Alabama

*Sec'y-Treasurer:* Maj. Frank W. Williams, II, '42  
2019 Highland Avenue,  
Birmingham 5, Alabama

## State of Arizona

### WEST POINT SOCIETY OF PHOENIX Phoenix, Arizona

*President:* Col. Charles R. Bathurst, Nov. '18  
4437 E. Arlington Road  
Phoenix, Arizona

*Sec'y-Treasurer:* Mr. Robert Hanna, June '43  
3107 E. Sells Drive,  
Phoenix, Arizona

*P. R. O.:* Mr. Daniel Derbes, '52  
1528 E. McLellan Blvd.,  
Phoenix, Arizona

### WEST POINT SOCIETY OF TUCSON Tucson, Arizona

*President:* Col. John W. Fraser, '16  
4133 E. Pima Street,  
Tucson, Arizona

*Vice-President:* Maj. Gen. C. L. Mullins, April '17  
P.O. Box 1056  
Nogales, Arizona

*Vice-President:* Col. R. G. H. Meyer, '29  
Fort Huachuca, Arizona

*Vice-President:* Col. Wm. W. Briar, Jr., '41  
Davis-Monthan AFB,  
Tucson, Arizona

*Sec'y-Treasurer:* Col. B. McK. Greeley, '29  
PMS&T, Univ. of Arizona,  
Tucson, Arizona

## State of California

### WEST POINT SOCIETY OF LOS ANGELES Los Angeles, California

*President:* Mr. Warren C. McDermid, '29  
2385 Ridgeway Road,  
San Marino 9, California

*Vice-President:* Brig. Gen. L. D. Worsham, '16  
c/o The Ralph M. Parsons Co.  
617 S. Olive Street,  
Los Angeles 14, California

*Sec'y-Treasurer:* Col. John H. Riepe, '24  
2734 Medlow Avenue,  
Los Angeles 65, California

### MONTEREY PENINSULA WEST POINT SOCIETY Monterey, California

*President:* Maj. Gen. Donald C. Cubbison, '04  
Box 49A, Route 2,  
Carmel, California

*Vice-President:* Brig. Gen. J. T. B. Bissell, Aug. '17  
Rt. 1, Box 119,  
Carmel, California

*Sec'y-Treasurer:* Col. Thomas McGregor, '19  
Box 24,  
Pebble Beach, California

### WEST POINT SOCIETY OF SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

*President:* San Francisco, California  
James L. Hayden, April '17  
29 Eucalyptus Road,  
Berkeley 5, California

*Vice-President:* E. L. Johnson, '25  
72 Escondido Ave.,  
San Francisco, California

*Vice-President:* Robert Erlinkotter, '34  
G1 Sec, Hq Sixth Army,  
PSF, California

*Sec. (Act):* James L. Hayden, April '17  
29 Eucalyptus Road,  
Berkeley 5, California

*Treasurer:* David B. Falk, '13  
214-32nd Ave.,  
San Francisco, California

## State of Colorado

### WEST POINT SOCIETY OF PIKES PEAK REGION Colorado Springs, Colorado

*President:* Lt. Gen. O. W. Griswold, '10  
c/o The Broadmoor,  
Colorado Springs, Colorado

*Vice-President:* Maj. Gen. Thomas D. Finley, '16  
Marland Road, Broadmoor,  
Colorado Springs, Colorado

*Sec'y-Treasurer:* Lt. Col. Wm. L. Porte, '40  
468 Independence Bldg.,  
Colorado Springs, Colorado

*P. R. O.:* Col. H. I. Szymanski, '19  
2012 N. Tejon Street,  
Colorado Springs, Colorado

### WEST POINT SOCIETY OF DENVER Denver, Colorado

*President:* Brig. Gen. Gilbert Hayden, '22  
1303 Mariposa Street,  
Boulder, Colorado

*Vice-President:* Col. D. G. Grothaus, '36  
Rocky Mountain Arsenal,  
Denver 2, Colorado

*Vice-President:* Mr. John J. MacDonald, '45  
3058 S. Cook Street,  
Denver 10, Colorado

*Sec'y-Treasurer:* Capt. John E. Ryan, '49  
580 Florence Street,  
Aurora, Colorado

## State of Connecticut

### WEST POINT SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT Hartford, Connecticut

*President:* Mr. Clifford A. Washburn, Ex-'27  
99 Pratt Street,  
Hartford, Connecticut

*Secretary:* Mr. Clarence Seipel, Jr., '39  
52 Phelps Road,  
Manchester, Connecticut

*Treasurer:* Mr. William E. Glynn, '45  
584 Prospect Avenue,  
Hartford, Connecticut

## District of Columbia

### WEST POINT SOCIETY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Washington, D. C.

*President:* Capt. Keith Nusbaum, '45  
223 Maine Hall,  
Fort Myer, Virginia

*Sec'y-Treasurer:* Col. W. J. Baird, '26  
AF Comm. & Electronics Ass'n,  
1624 Eye Street, NW,  
Washington 6, D. C.

*P. R. O.:* Col. Kenneth F. Zitzman, '32  
4447 Volta Place, NW,  
Washington 7, D. C.

## State of Florida

### WEST POINT SOCIETY OF MIAMI Miami, Florida

*President Emeritus:* Brig. Gen. Ernest D. Scott, '98  
590 Melaleuca Lane,  
Bay Point, Miami 38, Florida

*President:* Maj. Gen. Ralph Royce, '14  
1245 No. Greenway Drive,  
Coral Gables, Florida

*Secretary:* Brig. Gen. R. G. Lovett, Nov. '18  
6755 S.W. 73d Court,  
Miami, Florida

### WEST POINT SOCIETY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA Orlando, Florida

*President:* Maj. Gen. Joseph S. Bradley, '19  
1850 Summerland Avenue,  
Winter Park, Florida

*Sec'y-Treasurer:* Maj. Basil Pafe, '49  
841 Mayfair Circle,  
Orlando, Florida

**WEST POINT SOCIETY OF THE FLORIDA WEST COAST**  
Tampa, Florida

*President:* Brig. Gen. M. W. Daniel, '20  
405 Treasure Boat Way,  
Sarasota, Florida

*Vice-President:* Col. Kenneth Pierce, '19  
260 Aberdeen St.,  
Dunedin, Florida

*Vice-President:* Col. G. M. Nelson, '21  
Sarasota, Florida

*Vice-President:* Col. I. H. Shearer, '40  
Base Commander,  
MacDill AFB, Florida

*Sec'y-Treasurer:* Col. Leland S. Smith, '20  
6934 Date Palm Avenue,  
St. Petersburg, Florida

**State of Georgia**

**WEST POINT SOCIETY OF ATLANTA**  
Atlanta, Georgia

*President:* Col. James H. Workman, '23  
664 Darlington Rd.,  
Atlanta, Georgia

*Vice-President*  
& *P. R. O.:* Col. John H. Dilley, '35  
Hq. 3rd Army, Fort McPherson,  
Atlanta, Georgia

*Secretary:* Lt. Comdr. L. W. Reese, Ex-'20  
Area Suprvn Off.,  
441 W. Peachtree St., NE,  
Atlanta, Georgia

*Treasurer:* Lt. Col. E. C. Mitchell, '31  
230 E. Cambridge Avenue,  
College Park, Georgia

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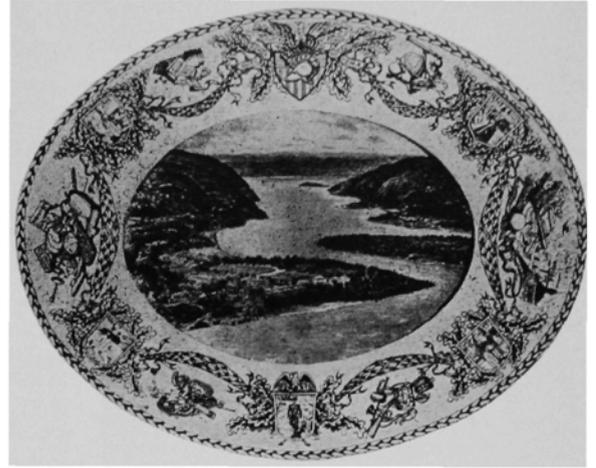
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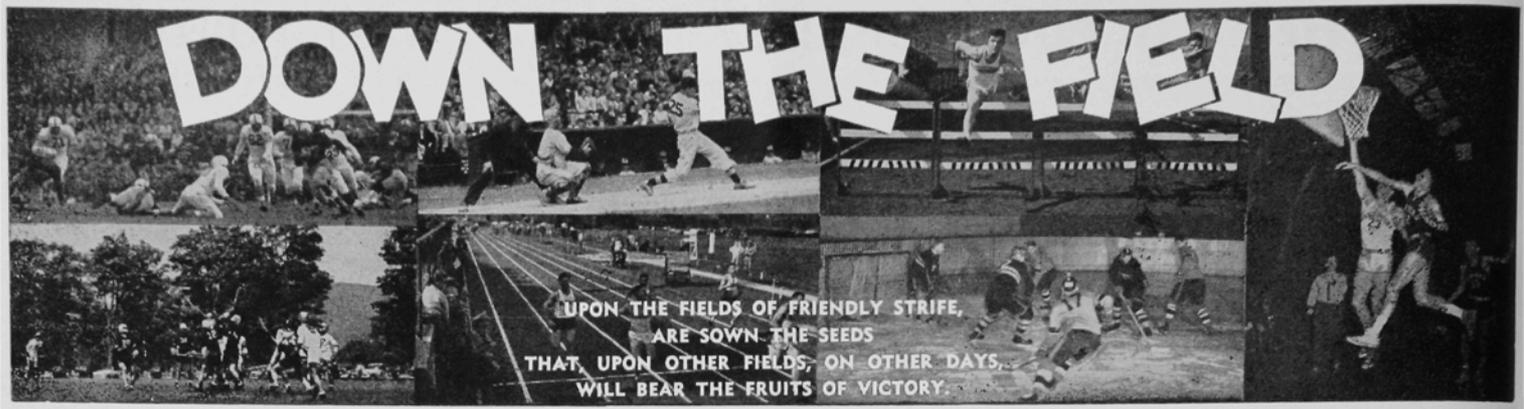
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By Joe Cahill

There is nothing like a win over Navy to cure our athletic woes. This ancient adage was proven more-or-less conclusively again this spring.

All five of the vernal sports teams staggered through mediocre seasons winning a few key contests, but failing in the main to impress.

By virtue of impressive wins over Navy in the traditional service rivalry, three of the five teams can now look back on the 1957 campaign as a successful one.

Baseball, track, and golf competing concurrently on the local front shared the plaudits of the throng of "Old Grads" assembled here for June Week festivities.

One victory was as exciting as the other. Individual performances were as brilliant as they were plentiful. Therefore, it would be sheer folly to attempt to pin the success of any team on one competitor. These were team performances in every sense of the word.

We shall scan the results, therefore, in alphabetical order in an effort not to emphasize one performance at the risk of minimizing another.



Nels Conner and Fred Franks, best batters in '57.

The Tars brought one of their finest baseball teams to the Academy, a squad that had compiled a brilliant 16 and 5 record. They were safely ensconced in second place in the Eastern Intercollegiate

Baseball League and boasted a pitcher with a 1.66 earned-run-average.

Conversely, Army was struggling to keep above the .500 mark. Coach Joe Palone's club looked alternately good and bad. Only a topnotch effort it was conceded could win for Army. That's about what we got.

Coach Palone made two significant changes in his line-up that proved vital to the success of the team. He moved Joe Cygler from third to short, and inserted Rod Ordway, a pitcher, as his starter in centerfield.

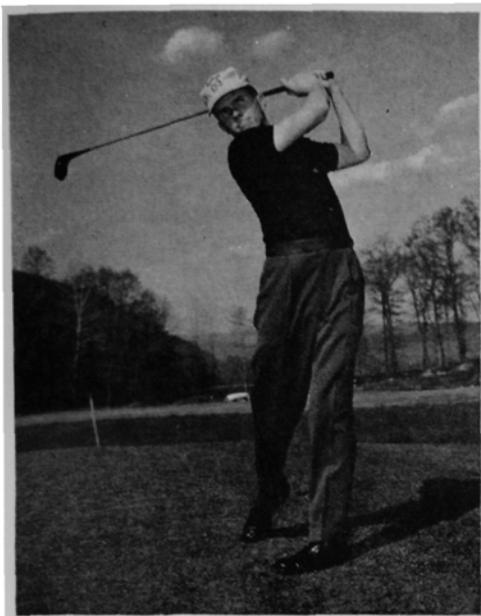
With the score tied 2 to 2 in the bottom of the ninth, Cygler delivered the pay-off punch, a hard single down the left field line that scored Lee McEvoy with the winning marker.

In the seventh inning, Ordway came to bat with McEvoy, who had drawn a walk, on first. Ordway slashed a double along the left field foul line scoring McEvoy with the run that tied the game at 2 to 2.

While Coach Palone was coming up with these key stratagems, Bill Shepherd was holding the enemy intact with one of

Dick Cabbage Hands Jerry Jagrowski a Ten Yard Lead Over Navy in Mile Relay.





Bill Parks, Captain Elect, won 5 of 6 matches.

begin with the Navy boasted an undefeated season having captured all nine dual matches. More than that, the Middies proved their class by winning the Eastern Intercollegiate Championship tournament. Earle Smith, the football captain, capped that title effort by gaining medalist honors.

To emphasize the comparative, the Cadets finished seventh in the tourney, and won only two of five dual matches. Their chances, indeed, were slim. But like all athletic contests, golf matches are not won on paper, or in the locker room. You have to have it on the fairways. And that's precisely where Coach Walter Browne's proteges let their irons do the talking.

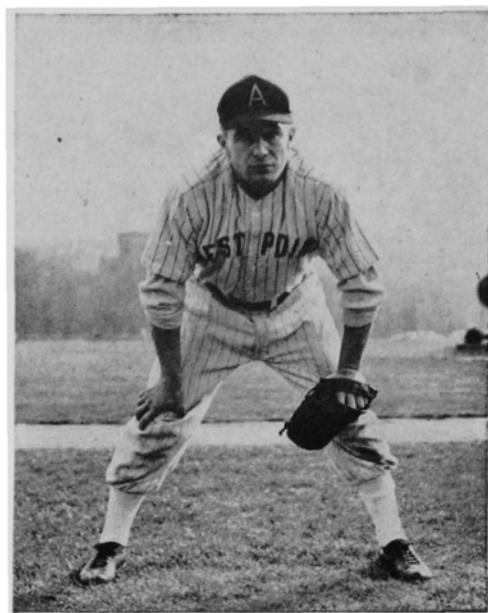
It was a crushing defeat for Navy in every respect. Smith, the medalist, was smothered by the clutch play of Dick Groves who took the erstwhile end on the nineteenth hole. Others who contributed to the Middies' downfall were Bill Parks, Ted Voorhees, Captain Charlie Stone, and Harry Shedd.

Seldom, if ever, has a major college track and field meet been contested as early as nine o'clock in the morning. However, this did not deter the Cadets and Midshipmen who combined to produce a tingling engagement fraught with thrills from the outset.

In as tense, close, and exciting a finish as could rightfully be expected, Army literally pulled this one out of the fire by scoring the deciding point in the final event to win 66 to 65.

At no time was either team able to lead by more than eight points, and that is exactly the number of points that Army needed to clinch the victory with three events remaining.

Coach Carl Crowell's thinclads succeeded in accumulating seven of these going into the finale and led 65 to 57. But Navy was dealing from strength in the



Joe Cygler provides the power.

javelin with three men consistently over 200 feet during the season.

The MIDDIE three-some had things much their own way. No Army man was within ten feet range with only one throw by Jerry Scott remaining. The Big first classman, unruffled by the extreme pressure from all sides, winged the spear 198 feet, a full ten feet farther than he ever did before, to secure the vital point and victory.

Prior to this, Scott won the shot put and placed second in the discus for a major contribution of nine points. Sure enough Scott got the big point. But not even that could take the lustre from the heriocs of Bob Kyasky. The redoubtable firstie piled up the meet high of 11 points.

In winning the high jump he tied the Academy record of 6 feet 3-5/8 inches while simultaneously setting a new meet mark. He also won the 100 yard dash and finished third in the 220. His 23 foot 4

his most superb pitching performances. The big right hander scattered eight base hits, struck out nine, and walked three. He set the side down in order in the second, fourth, and seventh innings, and three times snuffed out rallies in which the Middies threatened with men on first and second. Only one of the Tars' runs was earned.

Though Army failed to match the Middies' consistency at the plate getting three less in the hit department, the Cadets clubbed Ben Montoya for three extra base blows garnering doubles off the bats of Cygler, Shepherd, and Ordway.

This was the fiftieth game of the service series. Army now holds the lead 27 to 23.

Seldom in the history of Army-Navy competition has a Cadet team been faced with such superior odds as those that were stacked against the golf team. To

Stan Johnson Wins Half Mile.



inch effort in the broad jump was enough to win that event too, but a foul at take-off proved costly.

As we pointed out earlier this was a team effort. The Cadets won nine of the fifteen events, and swept the high hurdles. They garnered four seconds, tied for another, and got eight of the show places.

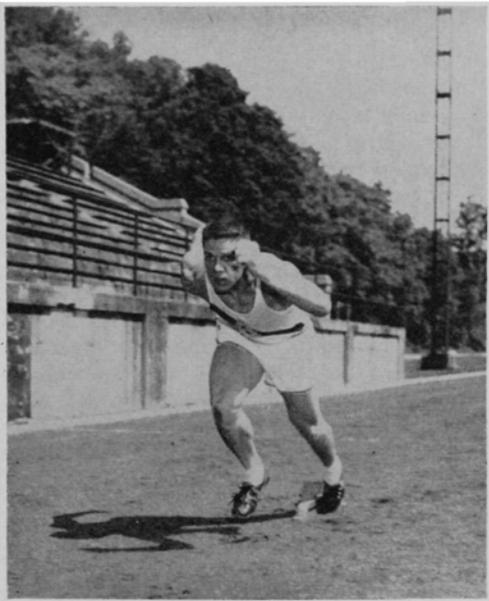
Others who recorded victor's points for Army included Pete Byrne, quarter mile; Jerry Jagrowski, 220; Stan Johnson, 880; Gil Roesler, low hurdles; Arv Doucette, broad jump; and the mile relay quartet composed of Dick Cabbage, Jagrowski, Johnson, and Byrne.

### ATHLETIC AWARDS

Robert A. Kyasky of Ansonia, Conn., who starred in football and track during the past three years at the U. S. Military Academy, received two major awards at



General Davidson and Coach Blaik congratulating Bob Kyasky, recipient of AAA trophy and Hughes Award at Annual Athletic Review.



Kyasky takes off.

the traditional Athletic Review held in conjunction with June Week festivities.

The Army Athletic Association trophy and the Hughes Award were presented to Cadet Kyasky by Lieutenant General Garrison H. Davidson, Superintendent.

Some 600 athletes who participated in the Academy's broad 16 sport program were the recipients of major and minor letters, monograms and numerals.

The Athletic Association trophy, dating back to 1904, is given to the member of the graduating class who has rendered the most valuable service to athletics during his career as a Cadet. Kyasky is the 56th man to be so honored.

The Hughes Award is presented to the most valuable player on the football squad. Kyasky follows such illustrious Black Knights as Glenn Davis, 1947, Arnold Galliffa, 1950, Tom Bell, 1955, and Don Hollender, 1956.

Though hampered by injuries virtually throughout his four years at West Point, Kyasky turned in brilliant performances in key contests. He proved his versatility on the football field by alternating between halfback, quarterback, and fullback during his three years of varsity play.

His performances on the track were superlative. He set a new Academy record in the 220 yard dash of 0:20.6, and tied the 100 yard dash standard held jointly by Glenn Davis and Ernest Moore at 0:09.7. Kyasky also garnered important points for the Black Knights in the broad jump, high jump, and javelin throw.

Others receiving top honors included:— Robert P. McCoy, East Liverpool, Ohio,

The Eber Simpson Trophy, Basketball captain; Garland D. O'Quinn, Monahans, Texas, The Pierce Currier Foster Trophy, best all-round gymnast; Benjamin E. Glyphis, Baltimore, Md., The William P. Fickes Trophy, Lacrosse captain; Leonard S. Marrella, Reading, Pa., The Brigadier General John W. Coffey Trophy, Baseball captain; James R. O'Connor, Arlington, Mass., The Hal Beukema Award, outstanding hockey player; George V. Rogers, Stevens Point, Wisconsin, The General George S. Patton, Jr., Award, Pistol captain; Merwin L. Morrill, San Carlos, Calif., The Major General William Lewis Bell, Jr., Award, outstanding tumbler; and James F. Knight, Jackson, Miss., the Class of 1923 Award, outstanding swimmer.

Kyasky Attempts New Academy Record at 6 Foot 4 Inches in Navy Meet.





Shepherd Wins Big One.

### SADNESS ON THE SEVERN

Down on the Severn, the Middies were able to gain revenge. Though their success in lacrosse and tennis hardly offset Army's peerless performances here, the Middies, in all fairness, would not be denied.

The lacrosse game actually took on the appearance of two entirely different contests wrapped up in thirty minute sections. In the first half, it seemed that Coach Morris Touchstone had concocted an attack good enough to match his brilliant defense.

The Cadets led virtually throughout the entire opening half. Led by the brilliant attack play of Mike Harvey and John Evans, Army built up a 5 to 2 lead that held them in good stead until early in the third period. Harvey notched two goals, while Evans came through with a goal and three assists.

Then things started to happen. The strong cadet defense which had limited the combined opposition to less than five goals per game began to crumble. Spear-headed by John Carter who tallied three goals and an assist, and Shannon Hayward and Gene McKenzie, who had two goals apiece, the Middies made a shambles of our vaunted defenses which had proved so rock-ribbed all season.

The Middies exploited the highly touted Ben Glyphis, Bill Yates and goalie Ray Riggan to the tune of nine successive goals in the second half that turned the game into a veritable rout.

The fourteen goal total marked the most points scored against Army during the season, and more than doubled the output of any single opponent with the exception of Syracuse.

The tennis match was just as one-sided. Coach Leif Nordlie's racquet wielders

could not cope with the Middies in the unfamiliar environs of Navy's home court.

Of course, it was unlikely that Army could contrive a victory against a squad that won all but three of its 15 starts. Navy's only losses were at the hands of the Big Three, namely; Yale, Harvard, and Princeton.

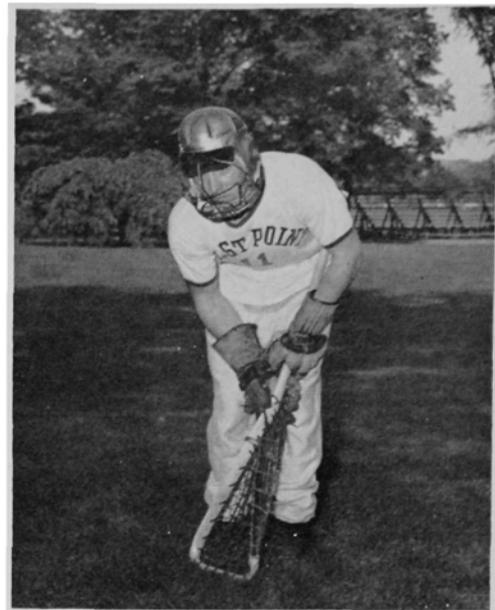
What makes the cheese more binding is the fact that Army has now been unable to concoct a victory over the Midshipmen in eight seasons of clay court competition.

### CADETS ON TOP

In the final analysis, the record with Navy in 15 sports was exactly even for the year. Each Academy won seven and the football game was a tie. Navy had a one sport edge in the category of major competitions winning the basketball, lacrosse, and soccer games, while Army won in baseball and track.

It is also interesting to note that the Army teams are currently setting the pace in the service series leading Navy in nine of fourteen sports with matters all even in soccer.

We hold the upper hand in football, baseball, track, gym, swimming, cross-country, rifle, pistol, and squash racquets. There has been only one wrestling match and the Middies won that last winter.



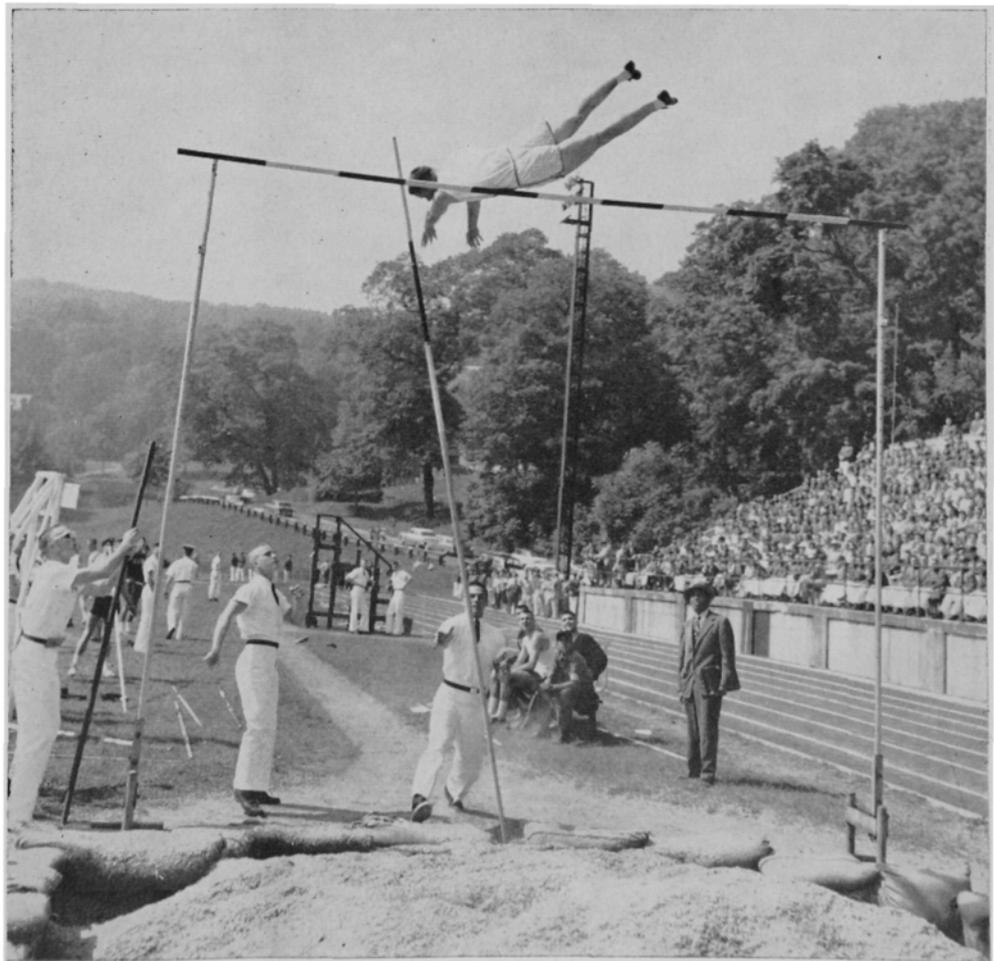
Goalie Ray Riggan, an All-American Candidate.

However, Navy's superiority over the years has been demonstrated in lacrosse, basketball, tennis, and golf.

### SPORTS LEADERS

Following the traditional contests with Navy, the lettermen in each sport elected their captains for 1958. These include Nels Conner, baseball; Jerry Betts, track and field; Ray Riggan, lacrosse; and Bill Parks, golf.

Mike Keating Clears 13 Foot 3 Inches Against Navy.





## New Members

We welcome to our membership 532 graduates of the Class of 1957 and 47 other graduates and ex cadets who have recently joined the Association. The total number of members is now 14,319.

OVER 97% 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.

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Generals Hodges, '81, Davidson, '27, and Crittenberger, '13, at the head of the Long Gray Line.

## 1881

*Editor's Note: These notes on the Class of 1881 were prepared by Major General Henry Clay Hodges, Jr., '81, our oldest living graduate. General Hodges' return for the 76th anniversary of his graduation sets a new record in Academy History. He is shown in the photograph on the opposite page, standing 6th from the right, at a luncheon given in his honor on June 2, 1957 in the West Point Officers Mess.*

In the issue of *Assembly* for July 1956 there is an excellent article about the class of 1881. But one individual had a large portfolio with the Association of Graduates while there was little data about some of the others. Therefore I should like to add some information about several members of the class and introduce a few more. As a background, I should like to say that in our time, those assigned to the Corps of Engineers were sent to a post-graduate school at Fort Totten, Willett's Point, Long Island. Now I will begin my story, naming the individuals according to class rank.

No. 1 MILLIS, John

At the time of our graduation, electricity was just beginning to be recognized as a source of power. While the theory was understood, the practical problems of sufficient generation and conducting the current to the spot where it was needed were not so clear. Millis was sure that electricity was going to revolutionize our then-present methods and in his spare time during his post-graduate course read available books on the subject and attended lectures in New York. So when his first assignment took him to the Lighthouse Board he was delighted, while the Board was glad to have a young man who had studied the subject to such an extent.

When Millis was given the job of wiring the Statue of Liberty, his deftness of hand served him well, for he would go to the workshop and make a model of what he wanted, thus overcoming possible trouble.



Luncheon given in honor of Major General Hodges, Green Room WPAM, June 2, 1957.

He was an able, conscientious and efficient officer — too conscientious in the minds of several contractors when he pinned them down to the exact terms of their contracts.

No. 2 BIDDLE, John

After being relieved as Chief of Staff in the early part of World War I, Biddle was put on duty in England, where he stayed until the war came to an end. In his youth he was educated in France and spoke French as well as he did his native tongue.

No. 3 BROWN, E. O.

He resigned on finishing the post-graduate course at Willett's Point. His family owned tremendous tracts of timber land in Wisconsin and insisted that the young engineer return home and take a prominent part in the family business. He was an outstanding man in his state and was very prosperous.

No. 4 HODGES, H. F.

He was a remarkable man of calm and clear judgment, never frustrated. He would not stand out in a crowd, but if anyone looked into those clear brown eyes, he would know that brains were back of them. Hodges was not tall but about my height, which reminds me of an incident. In our yearling year, we both were made battalion markers, carrying small flags to mark the line at battalion ceremonies. We marched as rear rank of the adjutant and sergeant-major. What became of us after the line was formed, I cannot recall. In column for inspection, we were at the head. Our commandant was a veteran of the Civil War, quite deaf and very terse in his speech. One day at inspection he had a guest and, as they drew near the head of the column, the commandant spoke out: "Observe the markers. Both Hodges. Cousins. Wonderful family resemblance." Apart from our general build, I could not see the resemblance.

Hal Hodges, with his next older brother, had spent several years at school in Europe, with the result that he spoke French and German fluently. On his return to his homeland, he went to the Boston Latin School and then to our Academy.

After finishing the course at Willett's Point, Hal's first assignment was to the Engineer District of the Great Lakes at the time when the Sault Ste Marie Canal, connecting Lake Superior with Lake Michigan, was being reconstructed. After this experience, he took great interest in canal lock and allotted himself a professional problem of planning a new lock each year. Although his mates knew it, his self-imposed task was not bruited abroad. Every year he collected data from any part of the world where new canal work was being done.

When the Spanish War came along, Hal was given command of a volunteer regiment of Engineers and served in Puerto Rico, where he did excellent work. When the regiment was mustered out, he took up his former duties in the Corps of Engineers until Goethals took over the construction of the Panama Canal. His first selection as an

assistant was Hodges, who was given charge of dams, locks and everything else pertaining to dam construction. His plans were criticized severely by some of the staff, who carried their criticism to the public press. Goethals stood firm. And the tumult and the shouting died when, in May 1912, at the test of the Gatun Dam, Hodges turned an electric switch, the ponderous lock gates moved slowly from their niches and were in place and locked in one minute, forty-eight seconds, while the leakage was a mere trickle. In 1914, when the Canal was finished, Hodges, with other members of the Commission, was given the Thanks of Congress.

At the outbreak of World War I, as a major-general, he was given the 76th Division to be formed and trained at Camp Devens, Massachusetts. His methods were such as to enable him to train 40,000 additional men. For this he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal. Much of the preceding information is from an editorial in The New York Times printed at the time of Hodges' death, September 24, 1929. He had a happy home life—a sweet and lovely wife, two daughters and a son, Duncan of the Class of June 1918.

A short time after the completion of the Canal, I was talking with Goethals and naturally we spoke of Hal. Goethals said, "If it were not for Hal, or some one like him, the Canal could not have been finished as soon as it was. You know me well enough to understand that I was apt to act too quickly at times. In the early days of the construction, I issued an order. About half an hour after the copy was laid on Hal's desk, he came to me and said 'George, this is not going to work.' 'Why not?' I snapped. He showed me. The order was rescinded and a new one prepared. This happened a second time. Then I concluded it was better to consult him before the issue."

No. 6 GREBLE, Edwin St. J.

On a winter afternoon Greble (the adjutant), Treat, '82, (the sergeant-major), a private (turn-back from '81) had the happy thought of going to Garrison, across the river, without a permit. They were caught. Chevrons lifted. All confined to barracks for some months. As I am writing from a poor memory, I can't state the time of expiration of the confinement but think it was close to 1st of June. The Superintendent was General O. O. Howard a classmate of Greble's father. The families were very intimate. As June came near Greble went to the Supe and explained that no one involved had any complaint as the punishment was justified. He asked the Supe to consider giving the others, particularly Treat, a chance for promotion. As for him, Greble, there would be no record of misbehavior after graduation. Nothing more was said. But when the new "makes" were announced Treat was the adjutant. Greble was a fine officer with hosts of friends. He was in very poor health for a long time before passing.

No. 19 TURNER, R. B.

As constructing quartermaster, he superintended the erection of the prison on Alcatraz Island.

No. 26 MORRISON, John F.

He was a hard student at the Academy and kept at it after graduation. A friend told me one day that Babe was working on how to get his company on the battle ground with a minimum of lost time. He moved from company to larger units and so, when he came to the Leavenworth School was the right man in the right place. He was a good teacher, was liked and respected by the officer pupils, who brought their knowledge to their regiments. The War Department took great interest in the school's influence and selected its graduates for high staff positions in the new divisions of World War I.

No. 32 BARTH, Charles H.

Barth, with the able assistance of his good wife, translated two German books of tactical problems, which became invaluable to the younger officers, who were students. If my memory is not at fault, they were used at Leavenworth. He was a hard student and a fine man and officer.

No. 50 KENNON, Lyman W. V.

Kennon deserves recognition because of his building the road from Dagupan (the end of the railway west from Manila) to Baguio, later the summer capital.

1891

At June week the Class was represented by your scribe, who came next in age after '81, represented as usual by General Hodges. Sons of the Class were there too, in the persons of Billy Chapman, Jack Hines, Bill Heavey and George Wahl. Jack Hines, who was elected a Vice-president of the Association of Graduates, is an inspiring example of quiet gentle courage and patience as he sustains from day to day the marks of his gallantry in battle. Birdie, who is justly proud of him, is looking well and alert, but is handicapped by his arthritic feet. Tutherly sent a note of greeting to the Class. His address is Veterans Hospital, Dublin, Georgia.

Mac Sorley celebrated his 90th birthday in Washington on April 7th, surrounded by members of his immediate family. Among those present were one son Colonel Merrow E. Sorley, Class of 1924, one daughter Mrs. Nan S. Volckmann of Washington, and his granddaughter Miss Judith Sorley of Sweet Briar College. Also present and accompanied by their wives were his nephew Brigadier General William R. Currie, Class of 1928, and two grandsons Lieutenant Lewis S. Sorley 3rd, Class of 1956, and Mr. Russell W. Volckmann, Jr., Ex '59, of the University of Virginia.

On April 24th Mac became a great-grandfather by the birth of a daughter to Lieutenant and Mrs. Sorley of Fort Meade.

—L. S. S.

1895

CLASS FAMILIES—

Dwyer (Ethel) is home from abroad after visiting daughter and son-in-law, William P. Ennis, Jr. U.S.M.A. '26, and granddaughter and two great granddaughters, and her other daughter, Kay, and her husband (Admiral Fabian).

Bash (Bertha)—Making their home with her are daughter, Virginia, (Bash Newton) and granddaughter, Esther, sixteen.

Simmons (Estella) reports she enjoys the class news.

Schulz (Katrina) recently visited daughters, Gertrude and Katherine. Has recovered after hospitalization for broken hip.

McGrew (Jane) toured several months in

Florida and North Carolina. She sends affectionate regards to the class.

Charles (Susanna) contemplates another extended motor-trip and visits to her four children and nine grandchildren.

Richardson (Ellen)—Three daughters are making their home with her in Berkeley.

Sturtevant (Zinnia)—Her recent visitors, Colonel and Mrs. Albert Parker, (son-in-law and daughter) have departed for their hunting and fishing lodge in British Columbia.

—J. S. H.

## 1897

The 60th Reunion of the Class, June 1-3, 1957, was a great success. The following graduates and former members of the Class were present at West Point—Conklin, Drury, Ferguson, Fiske, Humphrey, C. R., Humphrey, E. H., Miller, C. H., Milliken, Pope, Roberts, C. D., Woodyard,—eleven in all.

With the exception of Hodges of '81 and Sorley of '92 we were at the head of the procession to the Thayer Monument.

Fiske came by air all the way from San Diego, California, Woodyard from Monterey, Mexico, and Sep Humphrey from San Antonio, Texas.

At the Class Dinner, June 3d, it was decided not to elect a new class president. Nobody can replace Sheriff Conley. The undersigned will act as secretary. Pope is treasurer.

Katy Connor is still abroad. The class sent him a letter signed by all who were present at the dinner.

Mrs. Maginnis wrote from Pleasonton, California, that Tom Maginnis has a heart condition that keeps him in bed most of the time.

I was unable to get in touch with Alcantara, although I applied to the Venezuelan Embassy, and wrote to his address as given in the last Register.

A note from Mrs. Marine gave the sad news that Madison Marine died January 2, 1957. He was a prominent lawyer at Malverne, Long Island, New York.

—C. D. Roberts.

## 1899

Our loveable, stormy and unforgettable classmate, Rusty Burtt has gone! As a cadet, he and his like-minded "A" company classmates — Heintzelman, Rhea, J. C., McDonough, Heidt and a few others—contributed much to the merriment of the Corps thru their wild pranks and sometimes outrageous practical jokes. As an officer, he soon became known as an authority on Infantry tactics and was one of the first of the class to be picked up as a general officer. Possessed of a gargantuan sense of humor, he was an individualist and an original thinker and his ability impressed all who came into contact with him. We will not soon forget him.

The Embicks have had the bitter misfortune to lose their lovely daughter Elizabeth Hastings, who died in St. Petersburg, Florida. They have given up their long-time home on Wyoming Avenue and moved to the Kennedy-Warren, where the Cowans also live. Yates writes that he has journeyed to San Diego for a reunion with Clark, H. B., Woodruff and Kelly and will soon be going to Carmel to see Schull. Sep Humphrey continues to be highly mobile and expected to be at the Point for Graduation. The Herrons have been traveling again and saw the Charles Brooks Clarks in St. Petersburg in April. Clark expects to attend the 60th reunion of his Tufts College class in June and Herron will go to his at Wabash College in his native Indiana. They will be curious to what Thomas Jefferson called "the living generation"!

—C. D. H.



Plaque honoring Selfridge, Class of '03, first person killed in an air crash, as it is being presented to the Air Force Technical Museum by Lieutenant General John W. O'Daniel, and Mrs. W. D. Merrill, Selfridge's Daughter. General Maddox looks on. Plaque reads in part; "killed at Fort Myer, Virginia, September 17, 1908, in an aeroplane accident. Lieutenant Selfridge was the first person in the world's history of aeronautics to be killed in the flight of a heavier than air machine." Plaque was formerly located on Battery Selfridge, Fort Kameha-melu, T. H., and was erected by Classmates.

## 1902

Five more relentless years have flown by and brought us another Class Reunion at West Point. The Fifty-Fifth!

Those of us who came gathered in the little downstairs room of the Officers' Club, next Cullum: Bell, Edwards, Griffith, Longley, McCain and Rodney, a limited few.

Valliant and Foley intended to come but were stricken on the eve of their departure.

To make up for lack of numbers, the ladies joined us, Kate Griffith, Maebble Edwards and McCain's charming daughter together with two class grandsons (Griffith's and McCain's) and we had two class dinners, one on the night of June 2d, the other, June 3rd.

The Griffiths drove from Louisville; Longley came from Albany where he has been visiting his daughter; Rodney from East Lansing, Michigan; McCain from Doylestown, Pennsylvania; and Bell and Edwards from Washington, D. C. Most of us stayed over for graduation.

Sep Edwards, who is a rooper for King Richard, because he was willing to trade his kingdom for a horse, had the gratification of seeing his grandson, Cadet Craig Harrison Smyser, graduate into the Cavalry of the Air.

At the two class dinners, our efficient president, Longley, presided and showed us many interesting old class records he had saved through the changeless years and photographs also some of his drawings intended for our defunct Howitzer.

You absent ones were there among us in spirit. We drank toasts together to Benny Havens; we all sang the old songs and told or listened to the old stories. Our best wishes for your health and happiness.

Sep Edwards, the Class Secretary, reported the last class news he had. A felicitous telegram was read from Stewart, G. H. and a letter from Wild Eye Williams. We are glad to know that Pat Foley some months ago exaggerated Wild Eye's condition and that his doctor says he is now much better and will continue to improve. We regret to learn that Hiram Cooper is still in the hospital. May he soon get out.

From the Far West, we hear that "Abbo", Frankenberger and Terrell are riding their favorite hobbies. So are we all.

May they gallop many more miles and may the Dispenser of Blessings shower us with the pleasures of the road while other mile stones, like this one whizz by.

—William Waller Edwards.

## 1903

June 1958 will be FIFTY-FIVE YEARS since we walked out of West Point full of hope and great expectations. Let us begin to plan now to meet there again next June, to camp again (figuratively) on the old camp ground, renew the friendship of years past, and talk of many things.

"Sep" Rose, chairman of our Class Committee, has called a meeting of the Committee in Washington, D. C. for June 11th this year. He expects a pretty full attendance with a few additional wise guys to help with ideas for the fifty-fifth Class Reunion. The results of this conference will not be available in time for this issue of *Assembly*, but full details for our "information and guidance" are promised for the next issue. In the meantime let all survivors of 1903 make plans now, begin saving money and getting in good physical condition for the great event.

During their stay in Washington Rose and his lovely Marie will visit their son George and his wife, who are living in Arlington, Virginia. George is now on duty in the office of the Chief of the Air Force.

Benny Grey's widow, Abby, has spent the winter at Captiva Island, Florida, and on her way back to St. Paul in April stopped for a visit with the Roses in Bradenton, who were joined in welcoming her by the Max Tylers, also in Bradenton, and Benny Ristine from Lakeland, Florida.

We acknowledge with thanks a gift to the Class Fund from Gregory, K. S. It is a good example for other members of the Class to follow, as there are always expenses connected with a class reunion that will have to be met next spring before June.

According to the San Antonio newspapers, Mrs. Turtle has acquired quite a unique col-

lection of turtles, not alive but in almost every other form; turtles in silver, bronze and wood, in milk glass and embroidered on her guest towels!

—U. S. Grant, 3rd,  
Class Editor.

1904

New addresses:

Mrs. G. R. Allin, 1 Monterey Ave., Apt. 4,  
Dayton 9, Ohio.

Mrs. E. Butcher, 17 Greenfield St., Brockton,  
Massachusetts.

Mrs. E. M. Wilson, Claremont Manor,  
Claremont, California.

Carter sends in an amended address: Arthritis Gulch, Shelter Harbor, Westerly, Rhode Island.

The Crystals travelled considerably in 1956: February and March in the Caribbean; May, June and July visiting children and grandchildren in Kansas and Colorado; and during the holidays making family visits in Princeton, New Jersey, and Washington, D. C. Now they are looking forward to more trips this year.

Dickinson apparently keeps himself busy making trips to the hospital at MacDill AF Base to have his eyes treated and performing do-it-yourself jobs on the four houses in Duneedin, Florida, occupied by himself and various branches of his family. He says that life "is still lots of fun and worth living".

Following three operations at Walter Reed Hospital in 1952 and '53, Earle reports himself as an invalid who rarely goes out of his house. His principal gripe apparently is that he lacks the strength required to play with his five lusty grandchildren. Best wishes, Joe!

Glassford keeps busy with art activities. He specializes in watercolors, one of which was given "honorable mention" in the February-March, 1957, exhibit of the Laguna Beach Art Association.

Only recently has word been received of the death of Mrs. C. S. Hoyt on August 3, 1955.

Mrs. J. J. Kingman, writing from Camp Zama, Japan, where she is visiting her daughter, tells of attending the West Point wives dinner in Tokyo this year and finding herself the representative of the oldest class present.

A sort of class reunion was held at Nassau in March 1957, when Mrs. D. C. McDonald and Mrs. W. H. (O'Hara) Cowles, who were taking a Caribbean cruise were met at that port by Mrs. E. L. Gruber and Mrs. L. J. McNair. They report a delightful day together.

At the West Point Society of New York Founder's Day dinner on 16 March, 1904 was represented by Danford, Fenton and Wright.

The H. C. Roberts have decided to forego the frost and snow of Maine, and their only address now is Gulfport, Florida.

Mrs. S. Whipple tells of attending a retired Army officers dinner in Asheville, North Carolina, on May 25, 1957. About seventy people were present and a good time was had by all. Apparently these dinners are held every three months.

Danford sends in an interesting account of June Week, 1957, at West Point but space requirements prohibit reprinting it here. He and Fenton were the only representatives of 1904 present.

In January, the Fentons started on a two months visit to Panama to visit their daughter, Katherine and her family at Fort Amador. On the way down they stopped at Haiti; on the way back at Puerto Rico. Chauncey reports meeting many West Point graduates (but none of 1904!); reviewing the troops at Fort Kobbe, together with Prickett (1916), and having an interesting and wonderful trip.

—William Bryden.

1905

Dick Bain, soon after his marriage last December, moved to 7408 Wyndale Lane, Chevy Chase 15, Maryland. From there he went twice a week to Walter Reed by taxi for treatment. On May 19th he and his wife went to Tucson to see his daughter Joan who still lives there. Dick and wife expect to return early in July and will be back at the above address.

Bloxham Ward reports that his cataract operations turned out successfully and he can see about as well as ever. He has no difficulty in reading and driving his car.

Margaret O'Donnell is coming up from Mexico and will spend some of the summer months in the United States. She expects to be in New York during the month of July and we hope to see her there.

At the Association of Graduates Lunch at West Point the only representatives of the Class on hand were your scribe and the portrait of Francois Wilby which hangs in the Mess Hall. It was a great pleasure to meet again some of the men from other classes.

—N. F. Ramsey.

1906

The class of 1957 is marching out. The class of 1961 is marching in. The class of 1906 salutes them both. Its members survive and are going places and doing things. McKew Parr is home from the Holland-Belgium trip, reporting a great visit with Jim Shaw and Betty and their children, their dogs, their fish and their birds. Jim Riley is back from South Carolina, having spent one fine day in Charleston and the rest in Orangeburg. Jim stopped in Washington for a night with Earl and Edith McFarland had a party for friends at the Sheraton Park and a class lunch the next day at the Army-Navy club, at which Phil Mathews was host and Dick Burleson for refreshments after the horses made the decision. I have a souvenir napkin from the round table with many messages signed by Phil and Dick, by Jim and Earl, by McKew and Tubby for my collection. Rosaly Swann and Bill Riley have their wedding invitations out for the 19th of June at Stockbridge, Massachusetts. Felicitations from 1906. Hap Pennell will be at Lake Lure in late July, promises to see me this time. Johnny and Josephine Johnson left Biltmore Forest for Denver to

visit with their son. Ernest and Jane Layfield attended the Rotary International Convention in Lucerne, Switzerland and toured Europe, starting back, June 26. Bill Akin is traveling California, substituting for absent Clergy, and planning on 1961 with Ruth. Joe Green, Joe King, Johnny Merrill, Plupy Shute and Mick DeArmond sat together at the Founders Day Banquet at San Antonio. From three letters, I learned that Plupy brought his snow shovel to the Alamo when he should have brought his life preserver, for the summer rains. Jim Lockett is living with Harry Maloney in Arlington, Virginia and is not in good health, Hap Pennell says. George and Christine Morrow told my neighbor here in Asheville that they are talking about selling their pretty home on the Halifax river, though Christine is recovering well from her heart attack. The Hoyles, the Rileys, the McFarlands, and Mick Daley were talking about the graduation at West Point. Let's hope they made the Alumni Day and marched from Cullum Hall in front of that big 1907 reunion crowd. RED Hoyle tells me that Lola Nichols, lately deceased, left in her will a fine younger portrait of General DeRussy than the one Red was required to fire cookies at when the lights went out in the mess hall. The new portrait will be taken to the Academy, but the place for it has not been assigned. RED and Christine are gloating over their smart grandson, Alan Parker Armstrong who will enter West Point this year and graduate when we are celebrating our 55th. And Elizabeth and I are spending the summer in the Swiss chalet of the Pierre Malletts, next door to them on top of Beaucatcher Mountain in Asheville, at 8 Boxwood Lane, looking over a million mountain tops more or less, and the pretty lights of Asheville after dark. Make it your stop this summer.

—Charles G. Mettler.

1907

The 50th Reunion of the Class of 1907 was given an auspicious start on Saturday, June 1st, with a cocktail supper at the Wagners in Newburgh. The weather was ideal, the company was congenial and everyone had a thoroughly good time. There were present: Roger Alexander, his son, Roger, Jr., and daughter, Ruth, Dan'l and Grace Boone, Ben Castle, Babe Chilton, Spots Coleman, Jimmy Collins, Jesse Drain, Clyde and Margaret



50th ANNIVERSARY—CLASS OF 1907

First Row (left to right)—Wagner, Coleman, Watkins, White, Chilton, Castle, Spencer, Alexander.

Second Row—Wood, Collins, Larned, Gutensohn, Drain, Palmer, Glassburn.

Third Row—Stedman, McNeil, Laubach, Boone, Martin, Wyman, Eastman. Not in picture—Taylor.

Eastman, Bob and Genia Glassburn, Gute Gutensohn, Paul and Cecilia Larned, Jim Laubach, McNeil, Sunny Jim and Thelma Martin, Tom Spencer, Jumbo and Ruth Watkins, Enrique White, Charley and Marian Wyman, Oliver Wood, Louise Bane, Hans and Betty Wagner, their daughter and son-in-law, Dinny and Duncan Somerville, their son, John, his wife, Peggy, and their daughter, Jill.

Those who arrived earlier in the day were thrilled at the Army Navy track meet held in the morning on the North Athletic Field. The score, Army 66-Navy 65 was decided by third place in the final event, the javelin throw. In the afternoon the baseball game at Doubleday Field was as thrilling as the track meet. At the end of eight and a half innings the score was tied at 2-2. In the bottom of the ninth the first batter went to first on a clean single. Shepherd who had pitched a magnificent game was the next batter and laid down a perfect sacrifice bunt advancing the runner to second. Joe Cygler next on the batting order then slapped a hard shot along the left field foul line scoring the man on second and breaking up the ball game. The final score Army 3-Navy 2. In golf the Cadets won their match 5 to 2 making a clean sweep of all three events.

On Sunday afternoon rain forced the Superintendent's reception indoors to the War Department Theatre. At the presentation of academic and military awards parade Sunny Jim Martin presented the prize awarded by the American Bar Association to the Cadet who came out number one in law. Sunny Jim was instrumental in procuring this prize from the American Bar Association a few years ago.

Monday, Alumni Day, was clear and cool. Cal Steidman and Irving Palmer joined the group in barracks and Jerry Taylor showed up in the middle of the Alumni review.

At the luncheon of the Association of Graduates members of the class were seated together in a prominent position in front of the speakers platform and were introduced en masse with other VIPs. At the meeting following the luncheon Roger Alexander was elected a Vice President of the Association. He has rendered faithful service to that organization for many years, is an Honorary Trustee and richly deserves the honor which was conferred upon him. While members of the class were attending luncheon in Washington Hall the ladies had lunch together as guests of the class in Culm Hall.

The high spot of the Reunion came Monday evening at the class dinner which was held at Beau Rivage a delightful spot located about three miles north of Newburgh. Their entire facilities had been reserved exclusively for our class dinner. Twenty-three members of the class and one guest sat down to enjoy the delightful dinner which Angelo had prepared for them. Roger Alexander proposed a toast to the memory of classmates who have passed on and then introduced Ben Castle as Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Ben had previously communicated with classmates who had indicated their inability to attend and read letters from each in his own style extending best wishes to those present. He also read a letter written in 1866 by Paul Larned's father, Colonel Charles W. Larned, while he was a plebe describing the life of a cadet at that time which, despite the difference in time, had a familiar ring.

Babe Chilton introduced a quiz program and presented questions on various incidents which had occurred while we were cadets. He had the advantage of previous research in the library while the rest of us had to rely on our memories which were not too reliable. It was most entertaining and the first prize, a box of bobby pins, was awarded to Bob Glassburn.

After further letters from absent members of the class and others were read and

the subject of appointments of desirable young men to the Military Academy was discussed, the 50th Reunion of the Class of 1907 adjourned sine die.

Illness prevented several members of the class from returning for the Reunion as they had previously planned. Lucian Booth whose illness was previously reported is making a good recovery and if he does not take on too many new civic duties he will be as good as new. Bill Ganoe was unable to come on account of Rosie's health but it did not prevent them from sending their warmest greetings in typical Ganoese. Bob Arthur and Charley Harris found it inadvisable to make the trip just at this time and the Sullivans had to change their plans at the last minute on account of a death in the family. Nonetheless twenty-three members and former members of the class, fifteen wives and daughters and three sons were on hand to mark the 50th anniversary of the graduation of the Class of 1907.

At the exercises at the Thayer Monument on Alumni Day the names of the following classmates reported deceased since the last meeting were published: William C. Christy, Melvin J. Paris, Richard H. Somers and Throop M. Wilder. Christy and his wife who died over two years ago were reinterred in Arlington Cemetery on May 14 with full military honors. It is our sad duty to also record the death of Winifred Park at Walter Reed Hospital early in April. She was buried in Arlington. Castle, Morrison, Sullivan and Larned attended the services. Dick is now in Europe with his son. Paul Larned reported the death of the wife of John Jenkins on April 18 and we extend our deepest sympathy to both families.

Charley and Marian Wyman who were back for the reunion sailed from New York on June 6 on the S.S. Maasdam of the Holland American line for an extended tour of Europe.

Roger Alexander is giving up his residence in Goshen, New York and will make his home in Whittier, California where he will be near his son, Roger, Jr. who is District Geologist of the Western District in the Exploration Department of the Standard Oil Company of California. Roger's brother, Dr. Carter Alexander, a retired member of the faculty of Columbia University, also lives there. Roger's temporary mailing address will be: care of Roger G. Alexander, Jr., 10424 South Portada Avenue, Whittier, California. For as long as we can remember Roger has represented the Class of 1907 at West Point. Over a long span of years he served with great distinction as Professor of Drawing, now Military Topography and Graphics, a member of the Academic Board, a member of the Athletic Board, Chairman of innumerable committees and was the first Dean of the Academic Board. We are going to miss him here and our best wishes go with him.

Bob Glassburn sold his Millbrook Farm in Scottsville, Virginia and expects to locate somewhere on the west coast of Florida. In the meantime the family will occupy temporary quarters at McDill Air Force Base in Tampa.

Enrique White only recently returned from Hawaii and motored east stopping off in Oregon, Utah, Wyoming and Oklahoma. In the winter of 1920-21 while on duty in Hawaii he had written the first "Project of Defense of Oahu" and was greatly interested and pleased to see how completely numerous recommended projects had subsequently been carried out.

Walter Wheeler wrote that thirty-nine years after World War I and fourteen years after he had retired he received the award of the Silver Star completely unsolicited on his part. He said that he had learned of a change in the regulations regarding recommendations for awards which will open the way for him to recommend a suitable award for Jimmy James. Jimmy de-

serves one if anyone ever did and we wish Walter every success.

In conclusion, we wish to express our appreciation to the editor of *Assembly* for granting us this special dispensation to permit a complete account of our 50th Reunion in addition to our regular quota of general class news.

—Hayden W. Wagner.

## 1908

It is a sorrow to have to report the loss by death of Jimmie Lyon on May 28th, at Letterman Army Hospital, San Francisco. He was buried at Presidio National Cemetery. He is survived by his widow, Estella, 224 30th Avenue, San Francisco; a daughter, Margaret (Mrs. John A. Goble); a son, James L.; and several grandchildren. Jimmie served first in the Coast Artillery and then in the Chemical Warfare Service. He retired in 1942, but continued on active duty during World War II as commanding officer of the San Francisco Chemical Warfare Procurement District. The Class is much in his debt for his distribution to the Class of his valuable pamphlet, "Old Man With the Scythe," and for the other valuable information which he imparted to us so generously concerning fiscal matters of importance to retired personnel, dependents, and survivors.

It is also a sorrow to report the death on February 28th, at Duke Hospital, Durham, North Carolina, of Helen Hickam, widow of our classmate Horace. Her home was at Dayton, Ohio, but she died while visiting her son, Dr. John B. Hickam, a member of the faculty of the Duke University School of Medicine. Also surviving is a daughter, Mrs. Martha H. Fink, of Mobile, Alabama, and four grandchildren. Burial took place at Arlington Cemetery, where Horace has long rested, on March 4th, following services at Fort Myer Chapel. A host of friends attended the services to do her the last honors. 1908 was represented by Bonesteel, Chaney, Garrison, Hobley and Schulz, and by Mrs. Bonesteel and Mrs. Schulz.

Everett Hughes has been seriously ill at Walter Reed Hospital. He is happily reported to be improving. Spec Pendleton, who was reported in the April *Assembly* to be improving from a critical illness at Letterman Hospital, unfortunately suffered a relapse which made him a patient at Letterman a second time. It is understood, however, that a short period at the hospital set him again on the road to improvement and that he is now returned to his home at San Mateo, California.

Spec Edgerton recently broke into print with an excellent article, "An Engineer's View of the Suez Canal," which was published in the January 1957, issue of the National Geographic Magazine. Spec was appointed in 1952 to be a member—the only American member—on a board of eighteen experts appointed by the Suez Canal Company to advise on canal maintenance and improvement.

Lacy Hall was reported as one of two honorary members who were present at the semi-annual meeting, on April 24th, of the National Commission of the American Section, Permanent International Association of Navigation Congresses.

The following change of address is reported: Mrs. Lester D. Baker, The Westchester, Apartment 322-B, Washington 16, D. C., in lieu of her former address at 2540 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington.

—John W. N. Schultz.

## 1909

Emilie Baehr died at Walter Reed Hospital on April 19. She had been in poor health for several years. In addition to Carl, she is survived by their two daughters: Betty

Baehr, a librarian at the University of Maryland; and Katherine, wife of Colonel L. R. St. John, stationed at Presidio of San Francisco; and by one granddaughter. Their son, Carl, Jr., was killed in Subic Bay in 1944.

Jake and Georgie Devers threw an '09 party at their country home in Virginia in early spring. The guests included the Stokeleys, Hughes', Catrons, Bluemels, Ords, Thummels, Ted Chase, Gees, Mountfords, Cliff Lee, Ethel Wright, Anne Briscoe and son Jerry, and a number of in-laws and other nice people. Sunny Ord reports the party was well worth the travel of all who came. The Devers' are planning to sell their country home and to settle in Washington.

Ying Wen is now well on the way to recovery from a major operation. His spirit is as indomitable as ever.

Cope Philoon made his annual visit to Washington in April and was entertained at a class luncheon.

Carlin Stokely has had a fall while riding over his farm near Charlottesville and suffered a badly broken arm.

The only son of 1909 now in the "long gray line" is Ned Ord, finishing his plebe year. However, the third generation is represented by two Huttons (grandsons of the Stearns') and by grandsons of Frank Besson (son of our Class godson) and of the Gees (son of Brigadier General Tom Lane and his wife Jean).

"Jerry", son of Butler and Anne Briscoe, is now a Captain on duty in the Pentagon, and has favorably impressed our '09 classmates in that sector.

It is reported that Lillian Ford is now in a nursing home in Florida.

Cliff Bluemel has been awarded the Distinguished Service Star by the Philippine Government for his services as an instructor and later as a division commander in combat. "He led his Division (in Bataan) with unusual command ability as it fought against a foe which outnumbered it at every turn." The presentation was made by the Philippine Ambassador, General Carlos Romulo, at the Chancery in Washington on January 7.

Rodney Roberts, our efficient West Coast reporter, sends in the following first hand commentaries: Slew Beardlee says he has given up golf and his chief recreation now is swimming "in the grand pool." He lives on a hill in Chula Vista, with seven acres, close to his married daughter, Betty Dunn. His granddaughter, Ruth Dunn, is a freshman at Stanford. — Eley Denson writes that his wife Florence is slowly recovering from a heart attack of last year. Eley himself is quite well. Their son, Eley, Jr. (Captain, Trans. C.) is on duty in Greenland; and the daughter, Mrs. C. H. Morhouse, is with her family at Eglin A.F. Base, Florida. — Carl Duehn is now living at 475 14th St., Banning, California. He was married in 1954 to Miss Hilda Bergland M.A., Ohio State Univ.) — A note from Delos Emmons reports that he also has reluctantly laid away his golf clubs. — Gramp Hunter avers that he "can still eat three meals a day," even though he is out of circulation. Their son Bob (USNA, '51) is an Air Force captain in Japan. Their daughter Grace and family have moved to Salinas. "I still have the same wife." — Barney Oldfield tells us "Bertha gets along better than we expected. John is an Eagle Scout with an Air Scout glider outfit. My hobby is gardening. What with a few trips for Boeing and my regular job I keep busy". Barney, Jr., is general manager of a new General Electric computer plant at Phoenix. — Bob Sears underwent an operation in March. "No permanent damage. Hope that in another month I'll be repeating my ten mile hikes on the afternoons when Margo plays bridge". Last year they "strolled up the slopes of Popocatepetl from the 12M to the 16M foot level". (We're betting on Bob in the 1960 Olympics.) — The Marks' and the Partridges have been touring Europe.

An Army friend and neighbor (Mrs. Ralph Haines) writes: "The Partridges are now (May) in the British Isles and sail for New York in June. Will visit in the East and arrive home in July. They left California last August. Toured West Germany, Austria and Italy by car. Spent the winter months in Mallorca. Then Spain and France. Easter in Paris. They were with Dorothy Godfrey in Spain. She is well and buying dolls and materials for her unique collection." — As for Rodney Roberts himself, he is on the Board of the Red Hill Country Club and gets in his nine holes several days each week. He also keeps up his home in Upland, including a grove of orange trees.

Garry Ord, our faithful Washington correspondent, and Irene had dinner in Jersey with George and Effie Van Deusen on their way to West Point to pick up son Ned, going on furlough at the close of that well known plebe year. "Sunny" still has plenty of the old pep which distinguished him of yore.

A last minute letter from Forrest Harding supplies some quotes: "Eleanor and I live in the house my father built in 1900 — too big for the two of us but filled when children and grandchildren (seven of the latter) take possession for a month or so during the summer. Wayfaring friends of Army days occasionally halt for the night under our roof. Although not gainfully employed, I find more to do than I have time to do it in. Lin and Carlotta Herkness are making a leisurely motor tour of Europe. In a fairly recent letter from Florence the great philosopher says—"I am literally submerged in art. It is oozing out of my ears." Which reminds Forrest of our Cadet course in classical art in one day, as given by "P" Larned at the Metropolitan Museum.

Since 1939 Thruston Hughes has donated the "Hughes Award", a silver plate, to the most outstanding football player on the Army team. This year the Superintendent made the presentation to Cadet Kyasky. During the years this trophy has been given to an impressive list of West Point gridiron stars.

That is all.

—Geo. Van Deusen.

## 1910

Pappy Selleck, John Booton, Sam Edelman and Snakey Dunlop represented the Class at a most enjoyable 1957 June Week at West Point. The program of events started off very nicely on Saturday, June 1st, with victories over the Navy in baseball, track and golf. Down at Annapolis, however, the Navy won the lacrosse and tennis matches. The baccalaureate services on Sunday were inspiring as always. A heavy shower Sunday afternoon compelled the holding of the Superintendent's Reception in the Army Theater instead of on his spacious lawn. Two classes we knew well in our cadet days—1907 and 1912—were celebrating their 50th and 45th Reunions respectively, with many of their classmates returning. Will we ever forget Spots Coleman and Hans Wagner of 1907 who were on our Beast Detail that eventful summer of 1906? Both of these gentlemen were back and looking extremely well. It was also good to see so many of 1912 with whom as yearling we had such a good first-class camp in 1909.

The Alumni Exercises and Review on Monday were most impressive. 1910 had a complete set of fours in the march from the Library over to Thayer Monument. The only regret was that in the arrangement of the column by seniority of classes, 1910 found itself pretty well to the front. Graduation Parade of course was spectacular. The weather for all of this was perfect.

Snakey Dunlop took advantage of his visit to West Point this time to make a few basic arrangements for our 50th Golden Annivers-

ary Reunion in 1960. He had conferences with the Post Adjutant General and the Club Officer in regard to living quarters for our girls during the Reunion for our cocktail party and our banquet. It may seem too early to do all this but the time will be here before we realize it and we want our 50th to be the most successful of all.

Fritz Strong, as Chairman of the Prosthetics Research Board, headed a Scientific Session and Demonstration of the Annual Conference, Artificial Limb Program on May 23d and 24th in Washington, D. C. Fritz has done outstanding work with this Artificial Limb Program, National Research Council, for the last ten years.

A card from Esther Polk, Harding's widow, tells of an interesting visit to her son, Jack, an Army Colonel in Dublin, Ireland, where he is stationed as military attache. She was planning to fly to Frankfurt, Germany soon for a visit with another son and our class godson, Jim, a Brigadier General and Assistant Division Commander, 3d Armored Division.

—Robert H. Dunlop.

## 1912

It will come as no surprise to the 1912 group to learn that our 45th reunion during June Week was the biggest and best ever, just like the Barnum & Bailey Circus, the Greatest Show on Earth! Despite many last minute "fallouts" our family group totaled sixty, of which 35 were stags, 20 wives, 3 widows, 2 daughters and 5 invited guests, the latter including the oldest graduate, Major General Henry C. Hodges, Jr., his daughter Evelyn, Miss Isabel Rayner (Harold's sister), and Colonel and Mrs. Johnston, Secretary of the Association of Graduates. Those present were the Arnolds, Chamberlin, the Chatfields, Cook, Crane, the D. M. and Red Crawfords, the Crittenbergers, Dick, Drake, Dunmore, Faymonville, Fehet, Gatchell, Greenwald, Halligan, the Haislips, Hausers, Hobson, Hyatt, the Kellys and Kuldells, Lindts, Littlejohns, Malonys, Mooneys, with daughter Patsy, Nalle, the Phelans, the Reads, Roses, Schneiders, Snows, Sid Spalding, the Thomases and the Wilburs. Guests of the class were Mrs. B. D. Edwards, Mrs. R. C. Holliday, Mrs. H. M. Rayner and Miss Isabel Rayner, also Betsy Edwards, (Mrs. Clark) and Mrs. Minnie S. Aber, sister of the late Otto Schultz.

Of the above distinguished group Chamberlin, Kelly and Nalle were making their first visit to West Point since their graduation in 1912.

In addition to the regular schedule of events participated in by all, the Class of 1912 got together at the West Point Army Mess for a stag dinner the night of June 2 in the Grey Rooms and the following night for a buffet supper for all of the distaff side and the invited guests in the spacious Green Rooms on the second floor. Here our oldest graduate, General Hodges, now in his 98th year, enjoyed the hospitality of the evening with three of his erstwhile Second Lieutenants of his regiment, the First Infantry, viz., Rose, Schneider and Snow.

The Stag Dinner was the occasion to have read to all present many of the telegrams and messages from those unable to be there, highlighted by the following telegram from the White House: "As one of the plebes of the Class of 1912 I send warm greetings to you as you assemble for your forty-fifth reunion. Inspired by great memories and warmed by the fellowship of old comrades I know you will enjoy a splendid June Week at the Military Academy. The Class of 1915 would be proud and honored if its members could greet you in person and express best wishes to each of you returning to march in the Long Grey Line.

"Dwight D. Eisenhower."

At the stag party the new class officers for the coming five years were elected to



Members of the Class of 1912 and their ladies at West Point for the Forty-fifth reunion of the class during June Week, 1957.

succeed the present slate of Snow, Drake, Arnold and Rose. They are and will be Littlejohn, President; Drake, Vice-President; Malony, Secretary; and Lindt, Treasurer, all of whom with the exception of Lindt reside in the Washington, D. C., area, thus assuring good team work.

Prior to the reunion the class officers were the recipients of sizeable donations to the Class Fund contributed by Maxwell, who is absent on business in Tokyo, Japan, Colonel James B. Gillespie, Mrs. James A. Gillespie and Mrs. Minnie S. Aber, sister of our late classmate Otto Schultz.

Thanks to the Superintendent, Lieutenant General Gar Davidson, the facilities of the Washington Hall dormitories were made available to the wives of the Classes of 1912, 1917 and 1922. The central location of the building proved to be most convenient for the wives and widows and saved much time and changes of raiment between formations as scheduled. Let us hope that we may be afforded similar accommodations at our fiftieth reunion in 1962! As for the men who turned out, quarters for them were assigned in the 53rd Division of Cadet Barracks, a most convenient location to the Gymnasium, Mess Hall, and the parking areas, as well as the many formations on The Plain. At the last named place a group photograph was taken on Alumni Day and our honorary classmate "Marty" Maher was ushered in to sit in the front row. Rising 81, we found Marty to be suffering from the infirmities of old age and other contributing factors but his spirit and love for the Class of 1912 was there just as always and as usual he quoted the praise bestowed upon the Class by our "Supe", General Tom Barry of fond memory, who, at our graduation when he presented us our diplomas, said: "This class is the best class I have known in all the years of my service". He even quoted Paddy Flint's foreword from the 1912 Howitzer, which in itself was a sincere compliment to the Class.

And now a few random notes about classmates: Amy Browne had intended to come to the reunion but her daughter and three granddaughters came to visit her in San Antonio prior to departing for station in Tokyo. Chynoweth: Grace unfortunately fell and broke her hip and was hospitalized in a Berkeley, California hospital, preventing Chen from joining us at the reunion. His disappointment was expressed in a telegram received at West Point on our arrival. Crawford, D. M.: Since January he and Annye have been island hopping from Haiti to Trinidad, thence to Venezuela and Colom-

bia prior to returning home in time to come to the reunion.

Crittenberger: Accompanied by Josephine, Critt left New York in April for a six weeks tour of Europe to inspect the facilities of the Free Europe committee in many countries before returning by plane from Rome on May 31. Dunmore did likewise after visiting several European countries, returning by air from Italy in time to join his classmates at the Point. Larrabee: Loopy was unable to attend the reunion due to having arranged a cruise in his new fiber-glass yacht. Says he has given up farming because there is no fun in it since horses have been replaced by machinery, just the same, says Loopy, as the Cavalry is no bloody good since they swapped horses for tanks. Lindt: John and Pattie left California early in April driving to West Point via Miami, Key West, the Carolinas, Virginia, Delaware and all points north, visiting with classmates en route. Their last port of call was on the Hinemons at Little Silver, New Jersey, resulting in John's being hospitalized at Fort Monmouth with a high fever prior to proceeding toward West Point, where he arrived in good health. Morrissey: We were all disappointed to miss Bill who had made

plans to be with us but due to the critical illness of his brother in Philadelphia he was unable to make it. Phelan: Si has sold his Long Island home at Northport and is contemplating moving to sunny California. Rose: Our "Buddy" likewise toured cross-country with Mildred, starting early in May. Whiteside: Squab had made his plans to combine a business trip to New York so as to be able to come to the reunion but there was a SNAFU somewhere. Squab spent a delightful winter in Mexico.

The three "D"s, Day, Deuel and Devore, had fully intended to make the reunion but last minute affairs made it impossible for them to come. We missed having all of them with us! And so saying, your scribe for the past five years bids you all a fond farewell and turns over his rubber eraser, typewriter, gavel and Presidential necktie of black, gold and grey to his successors in office in the hope that they will derive as much pleasure from this labor of love as he has!!! VALE!!!

—Robert T. Snow.

## 1913

Doug Greene, Crittenberger, Oliver and Joe Viner went up to The Point for June Week. We met a host of 1912 Class who adopted us too for their celebrations.

We are all set, save details, for our 1958—45th Reunion. We have space at Bear Mountain Inn for the wives, will hold the banquet there too, and was promised the upper Green Room at the Officer's Club for our buffet dinner on Sunday night.

Army beat Navy in baseball by a thrilling last inning two bagger while Bob Kyasky was a one man track team in which we won too.

We are writing up the obit for Colon Alvaro. Send Viner any dope you have.

Had a word and picture of Spragins as he attended the March 15th dinner at Redstone Arsenal. Lil appears with less hair but very well.

Viner was in Los Angeles for the March 15th dinner and met with Burton Reed, Roberts, Rowley and Basil Stevens. I called on Spencer and found him looking well tho he says he must take care of himself. Also called on Putman, who has a very big job in the California State Government. He looks well, has changed little and holds down a lot of responsibility.

In Denver, Colorado, Denny McCuniff and his wife gave Dasha and me a party. While

The Class of 1912 as it looked on August 28, 1910.



at the Point I saw Captain Thomas McCuniff, his boy, (Class of 1945) who is on duty in the Tactical Department.

Henry Perrine's boy, David, graduated this year. The Class gave him a Class brief case. Doug Greene made the presentation.

We had word from Carlos Brewer that he and some of his children were down in Kentucky lake region fishing. Bobbie Crawford came thru Demarest in June on way to the Adirondacks.

Louis Craig came out of hiding and attended a Class luncheon in Washington with four others: Greene, Foote, Davidson and Schmidt.

Oliver has bought a horse for his wife to ride. He is yet the construction engineer in charge of two new dormitories at Smith College to be finished this year.

Herwig was in Washington and said he might visit in New York. One of his daughters lives near here.

—Joe Viner.

## 1914

Those of the Class at San Antonio and Washington were saddened by the death of Sylvester Downs, "Peter" to us, which occurred at Brooke Army Hospital in San Antonio on April 20. Services at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in San Antonio and graveside services at Arlington National Cemetery were attended by all available classmates. A letter of condolence, expressing the sympathy of the Class has been sent to Evelyn by Skimp Brand. For many years Peter had suffered from a number of serious ailments. He was retired in 1943 with 100% physical disability because of a serious heart condition; more recently he contracted tuberculosis, requiring a rather long period of hospitalization in the VA hospital in Kerrville, Texas to arrest its development; and only a few months ago it was found that he had leukemia. Peter was a fine member of the Class—always cheerful, kindly, and thoughtful. We shall certainly miss him. Evelyn will continue to live at their home at 320 Rosalie, San Antonio.

Another death of a classmate which came as a surprise and shock was that of Johnny Burr, which occurred near Genoa, Italy, on March 5. Burial was at Arlington National Cemetery on April 10; but unfortunately, due to an error in the name stated in a service journal, news of Johnny's death did not reach Skimp Brand until several days later. It is understood that Johnny is survived by two sons, but nothing is known by the Class as to the whereabouts of his widow, if she is living. Anyone having any information on this should contact Skimp Brand.

One nice thing about San Antonio is that so many persons going from East to West or vice versa, will pass through the city, and sometimes they will drop off to see their friends. For example, Jim Cress flew in a few weeks ago, en route to the east coast for a visit for several weeks. I picked him up at Randolph AF Base, and he had dinner with Earl and me. Later that evening he saw Lillian and Ike Gill, and Amy and Tim Rees, as well as Jim Bradley, who was visiting in San Antonio. Jim was looking fine, and as full of pep and interest as ever. A subsequent letter from him, written in Washington, said that he had attended a luncheon there with a number of classmates and their better halves. En route to Washington he spent an evening in Hampton, Virginia with Fern and Empie Potts. Jim wrote that he was planning to be at West Point during the Graduation Exercises, and to visit Marian and Dad Kerr in Rhode Island. The impelling reason for the trip East was to visit Massena, New York, to inspect a \$92,000,000 dam project being supervised by one of his battalion commanders of World War II days. While Jim was here

Jim visited Evelyn Downs to express the sympathy of the Class.

It is always a pleasure to welcome those who join 1914's group of loyal and faithful camp followers for the long trek through life. This time it's orchids to Ruth Hayford Weir of Bangor, Maine. She and Benny Weir were married on October 28, 1956. They passed through San Antonio in March, on their way home after a visit with Benny's daughter, Mrs. George H. Nye, in Redwood City, California. I hope many classmates will meet Ruth at our 45th Reunion. You'll like her.

I have received a close-up photograph taken at the Founders Day Dinner in Naples, showing Charlie Gross, the oldest graduate present, greeting the youngest graduate, Captain Howard N. Parks, Class of 1950. Charlie looks splendid, with that same piercing gaze. I could almost see the twinkle in his eyes. He and Ella have been sojourning in Europe for a long time and soon they will be coming back home. Of course, I hope they will follow the crowd and settle in San Antonio.

Clara writes that Tom Monroe's eyesight remains unchanged. He can see very little from either eye. Another cataract operation is planned, and we are hoping the results will be good.

A project suggested by Jim Cress is planned for a future issue of our news letter, in which there will be news about our Class widows. Before this can be worked out, I will have to know their addresses, so that they can be sent a questionnaire. So, when you read this please sit down and send me the names and addresses of the Class widows in your neighborhood. My address is 241 Claywell Drive, San Antonio 9, Texas.

Before closing, let me emphasize that what I write for each issue is based on the dope sent in to me by our faithful class reporters: Brand, Cress, Waddell, and Royce. Sorry I can't quote their letters, but due to space limitations I must simply incorporate their news in my write-up. I hear little or nothing from other classmates. I did get a letter from Flip Lewis. His condition remains unchanged, and he has had no recurrence of the lung condition which necessitated a major operation several years ago.

That's all for this time. Best regards, and do write me, and I do mean you.

—John Carruth.

## 1915

My Mac and I having returned home only a few days before the dead-line from almost a month's visit with our son Jack and family in Denver, Colorado; and having received comparatively few epistles from classmates, (not many St. Pauls in the class) these notes will of necessity be briefer than usual.

During our stay in Denver, we visited the site of the new Air Academy near Colorado Springs, and Jack pointed out a prominent mountain peak on the reservation which has been named Mt. Harmon in honor of our Doodle. I also visited the temporary home of the Academy at Lowry A.F.B., and I am happy to report that the "Fly Boys" seem to be doing a bang up job with their youngsters. The Plebes were double-timing all over the place; without exception the cadets were turning out snappy salutes until Jack's arm almost came loose from its socket and shades of "Hell-on-the-Hudson"!; several cadets were walking the area in a military manner, executing a neat about face at each end of his well worn path.

Too late to include in the April Assembly were the following four items:

1. I received a very swanky announcement of the marriage of Mrs. Elva M. Van Meter and Major General William E. R. Covell on Tuesday, March 26. Their address: 1050 Chestnut St., San Francisco, California.

The class wishes the newly-weds much happiness.

2. P. J. Mueller was honored by his home state of Missouri. On May 4 Margaret and Paul attended the dedication of the new "The Major General Paul Mueller Armory" of the 138th Infantry, Missouri National Guard at St. Clair, Missouri. The armory is located in the same county where Paul was born and is only five miles from Union, his birthplace. Have any of you guys had anything named in your honor? I never had. Not even a cocktail lounge—nay! not even a pup tent. Nice going, Paul.

3. Silent Mike Summers outdid himself and sent me a long and newsy letter in which he announces that he is still alive and his right elbow is still flexible. He admits that Det Ellis' untiring efforts broke his resistance, and he is now a member of the Association which affords him the rare privilege of reading the 1915 Notes. He still has the same ball and chain; "can't trade her in on a new model" says Mike. His oldest daughter, Beryl, is in Indonesia. Her husband is in the State Department. They have three brats. The second daughter, Polly, with two warts lives in San Gabriel. Mike regrets he couldn't make the last reunion. He was moving out of St. Louis at the time (for which no one can blame him). He swears—God willing—he'll make the next.

4. Hooks Howell finally broke the sound barrier with a lovely letter on letter paper entitled "City of Beverly Hills, California" and in the upper left hand corner "Office of Civil Defense, R. M. Howell, Director." Evidently he has a blond secretary (they're no longer stenographers) because the letter was neatly typed and a joke "a la Howell" was inclosed in Hooks' own handwriting. Too rough for the secretary. Thanks, Hooks, enjoyed your letter. And by the way, you guys with secretaries should write more often. All you have to do is dictate. You don't even have to spell. I write these notes in long hand and marvel at the accuracy with which the gals in the secretarial service transcribe them, and, incidentally, how well they correct my spelling!

Mike Davis writes that his Mary, who has had a tough time physically for the last two years, is now greatly improved. Mike Junior, USMA 1951, is a Captain of Artillery and was married in April at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Good luck to the young Mike Davis!

Mary and Cliff Tate finished a 12,000 mile trip this spring. They toured the U.S.—visited their daughter at Port Orchard, Washington, the Melbergs in Berkeley, California and missed Price at Bakersfield.

Louise and John Kahle took a trip to Florida in late winter. They visited Betty Thompson (Tommie's widow) and took her with them to Key West. Kahle, Cochran, Jones, C. R., Robinson and Zundel represented 1915 at the Founders Day dinner at the Sarasota Bay Country Club. Latest report is that John is in Walter Reed for observation and treatment.

Ann Hodgson sold her home and is now renting at 203 W. Blithedale Ave., Mill Valley, California.

Pearl Stickney is now back at home in Stoneham, Massachusetts, after a very enjoyable visit with her son, Alfred, in California and a trip by both to Honolulu.

Therese and Doc White spent the months of April and May in Hawaii.

One of my more articulate Washington correspondents reports that: "Tom Hanley of Boca Raton, Florida and Washington, D. C., was a visitor at our May luncheon. With a pistol at his head and the wrong side of a coin showing on the table, he graciously bought the gang a round of drinks. At the same luncheon Lieutenant Colonel John F. Davis, Jr. was a guest of his father, the one time superintendent of the Military Academy at Guatemala.

My roving reporter, Det Ellis, attended June week activities with his wife, Laura.



CLASS OF APRIL '17 AT WEST POINT FOR 40th REUNION.

He reports the following were present at our 42nd Reunion: Betty and Henry Auran; Marguerite and A. Howard Gilkeson; Dora and "Venus" Small, with their daughter and her husband; Peg and G. J. Richards; Walt Hess; Rosa Maye Harmon and daughter, Eula; Dorothy and Harold James; Ed Hyde and wife, daughter and son-in-law. Gene Leone wine and dined the group Sunday afternoon.

The traditional class letter from Ike and class cigarette box were presented to Kendrick Harmon, USMA 1957, on Sunday afternoon, June 2. The presentation took place under the 1915 plaque in the Gym, on which, among a few others, are inscribed the names of Benedict, Bradley, Eisenhower, Harmon and Van Fleet.

The Authorities have placed a suitable plaque in the room occupied by Ike when he was a plebe. It is the present room 2644 in the old 20th Div. Those classmates present visited the room and were pleased with the simple, dignified plaque.

"Needless to say" concludes Tenth "all of us enjoyed being back at West Point for June week, with all its thrills and its heartening influence on the past, present and future of our country."

On this note your recorder says Adio and God bless you.

—Wogan.

## 1916

This class of ours has been travelling. The Styers visited Mexico City and Acapulco last winter. The Birmingham's also spent two and a half months travelling in Mexico as far south as Oaxaca. On the way they stopped at San Antonio where 1916 staged a party in their honor under the leadership of Bill and Boots Spence. Johnny Lieb who retired as a Minnesota State Roads Engineer two years ago and has been travelling far places in his trailer breezed through Washington in May. He, too, had just come out of Mexico where he had a short visit with Louis Hibbs while passing through Lake Chapala.

The Moses took a long trip west this spring. At Lexington, Missouri they had a visit with the Hoges and at San Francisco they got together with the Johns. From there they returned to New York by freighter through the Panama Canal. Red and Bobbie O'Hare wintered in Tucson, Arizona, returning to Washington in April. Six weeks later they sailed to spend the summer in Europe. The Andrews who you recall

switched homes with their son a year ago and moved to DeLand, Florida, plan to spend the summer in New England. The route they will follow is rather unusual, via Boise, Idaho. The reason—they have grandchildren in both Idaho and Vermont. The Weyand took an 8,000-mile automobile trip through the southwest. Enroute they visited the Millers in San Antonio and received the V.I.P. welcome as only that bunch of 1916 can give it. From there they went on to Tucson where they stopped seven weeks enjoying that dry, warm Arizona climate. There they found both the Frasers and the O'Hares. In the spring they returned leisurely home to Cornwall where Babe is planning a new book on the history of basketball.

The Tullys are still in Turkey where he is personal representative of the president of a pipe line company. Joe's toughest job is getting the payments made to his outfit transferred back to the States. He says it is like getting blood from a turnip. Next fall they expect to return to San Antonio. Duke DeCleene is now in Davenport, Iowa where he is head of the Department of Philosophy and Theology at Marycrest College. Holland Robb has gone into the investment business at Chapel Hill, North Carolina. The plans for the house he and Marian expect to occupy are not yet completed so he says things were too quiet with nothing to mess around with. Louis Hibbs writes that, in future, his permanent address will be Mirror Lake, New Hampshire. Looks as though he is leaving Lake Chapala, Mexico for good. Horace McBride and Craigie Krayenbuhl seem to be running a two-man golf tournament at Winter Park, Florida. Horace says that when he has a good round and Craigie is off his game, sometimes he wins a few dimes.

Carl Doney has moved from Burlingame into San Francisco. Says he feels fine — principal occupation golf three or four times a week with a few trips to the Financial District in between. Doc Reinhart states definitely that he will stay put this summer. Every summer since moving to North Carolina trips have prevented their enjoying the Carolina mountain flower season and they won't miss it this year. Bill Spence's son-in-law is being transferred from Leavenworth to Panama so he and Boots expect a trip to the Canal Zone will soon be in order for them. Reports from San Antonio are that Rinearson has been in the hospital at San Antonio. He has had one operation and another one may be required. Mary Scott gave a party in May at their home

on the Potomac for the 1916 wives in Washington. The Cockrells also gave a Class party at their suburban Maryland home for 1916 boys and girls.

With heavy heart we announce the death of Joe Bolton at San Antonio, Texas on May 17th. Although he did not graduate, his loyalty to West Point was deep-seated. All of 1916 in San Antonio attended his funeral. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his family.

—E. G. B.

## April 1917

Our 40th year after graduation has seen two reunions, one on April 20 at the Presido of San Francisco, and the big reunion at West Point in June. There were 17 at the dinner in San Francisco, and a fine turnout of 47 classmates and 20 wives at West Point. Thanks to Jim Hayden, Bill Heavey, and Lawrence Mitchell for reports on the two reunions.

The class appreciates the excellent work done by Bill Cowgill, whose planning and enthusiasm did much to make the Reunion an outstanding success, and the fine job done by Jim Hayden in planning the April 20 reunion.

Those at West Point particularly missed Han and Harris Jones, and also were keenly disappointed in not seeing those of us who were not there.

The class had dinner together at the Officers' Mess both Saturday and Sunday nights. After the dinner Saturday night the 17ers were pleased to be invited by the Class of 1942 to join them in an informal dance.

After the dinner Sunday evening the members of '17 present had a business meeting and, after paying tribute to the memory of Steve Sherrill, elected, by unanimous vote, these new class officers: President: Charles W. (Kewp) Yuill; Vice Presidents: Joe Collins and Fred Irving; Secretary-Treasurer: Leo Erler.

Bill Heavey reported that the class tree, planted at the 1927 reunion, is strong and healthy.

The "camp followers" housed in Washington Hall (Cadet Mess) had great fun. They were Julie Heavey, Bertha Johnson, Huyler Kunz, Helen Melasky, Peggy Nisley, and Julie Slaughter.

Thanks to Jim Hayden for sending in most of the notes that appear below:

Clare and Kitty Armstrong, who live at 69 Ave. Franklin Roosevelt, in Brussels would welcome all classmates coming to Belgium. Son Clare '41 with five children, is

PMS&T at Arkansas University. Betty, (Mrs. Dick Hennessy, '42) and two children are at Engineer District, Anchorage, Alaska. Son DeWitt, January '43, two children, is taking a course at Princeton U.

Dot and George Beurket are raising Herefords in Pennsylvania.

Gwen Bradshaw has been very ill but is her old self again. Alex and Jean Campbell are busy "getting our many fruit trees and rose garden in condition". Address is Covington Road, Los Altos, California.

Jack Code is working as a consultant in the Electronics Industry. Isabelle is as "beautiful and charming as ever."

Joe and Gladys Collins live at 4000 Massachusetts Ave N.W., Washington, D. C. They now have eight grandchildren. Joe was recently made vice-president of the International Division of Charles Pfizer and Co., manufacturers of pharmaceuticals and developers of terramycin.

The Eagles live at 4801 Quebec St. N.W. in Washington. Their son graduates this year from Amherst, and their daughter is at home.

Leo Erler, who has generously spent a lot of time on work for the class, is Washington representative of Vinnell Co., General Contractors. Rothe Erler is chairman of the A&N Country Club Women's Golf committee.

Milt and Kathryn Halsey live at 2349 Bay St., San Francisco, California. Milt is a consultant at Lockheed Aircraft Corp. "Our principal interest is in our first grandson, son of Captain J. L. and Kathryn Halsey."

Spec and Evelyn Irwin live at 4350 Arden Place, Oakland, California. Spec is still with the Oakland Tribune. Son Bill is an officer in the Marine Corps, and Ken just broke 70 in golf.

Fred and Vivian Irving live at 2619 Fort Scott Drive, Arlington, Virginia. Their daughter and twin grandsons also live in Arlington.

Jack and Jeanette Jackson, 814 Albany Ave., Alexandria, Virginia were sorry to miss the reunion. Jack was in the midst of giving his final exams in math and gen. science at St. Agnes School.

Pete and Edie Kilburn, 640 Goodhill Rd., Kentfield, California, visited their Navy daughter in Puerto Rico last year. They now have seven grandchildren.

Ray and Jean Lewis, 22732 Woodland Hills, California, were married on Christmas Day, 1952. They now have a daughter 3½ and a son, 1½. Ray drove from L.A. to S.F. for the April 20th reunion.

The McMahons' address after September 1st will be Winter Park, Florida. Alice

Mary graduated from Manhattanville College in June.

After reunion, Elf and Louis Martin, 161 Galli Dr., Los Altos, California, plan to visit their son, Stuart, '49, at Heidelberg, Germany.

Bob Ransom, RFD 3, Gaithersburg, Maryland had a siege in the hospital this year but is fine now.

The Redfields have three children and three grandchildren. He is president of the Dromedary Co., a division of the National Biscuit Co.

Doug and Betsy Wahl, Rt. 1, Box 416, Carmel, California, have one grandson and hope for another soon.

Our only son in the class of 1957 is Willis Teale, Jr. He takes the Infantry.

Our sympathy to Charles Gerhardt, whose father, Brigadier General Charles Gerhardt, Class of 1887, died on June 5th at the age of 94.

## August 1917

The allowable 900 words are inadequate to properly chronicle our long to be remembered happy 40th Reunion. I could use that quota entirely in a proper citation of Dodson Stamps and Jerry Counts for their tremendous accomplishment in so successfully handling all the many details and headaches involved in planning, correspondence, arrangements and finances. As I make my deadline (June 10), I know these noble gentlemen are still cleaning up odds and ends. So, Dodson and Jerry, all of us are deeply grateful for a job done to perfection.

Sixty classmates answered the call accompanied by thirty-six wives. We were also honored with the presence of three class widows—Loessa Coffey, Emily Bingham and Marguerite Eyster. Milan was accompanied by his cute niece Betty Ford. Jack Knight's beautiful daughter Mary was also with us part-time. Pete Purvis' son Bob joined us at the cocktail buffet. We consider this a tremendous response. One of you bright boys might compute the man-miles travelled in this hegira. The figure would be impressive because they came from Hawaii, Oregon, California, New Mexico, Texas, Louisiana, Florida, Georgia, Maine, Wisconsin, and most of the states in between.

Numerous telegrams and messages from absentees were received, applauded and appreciated. Universal regret was expressed that we did not have a full 100% attendance, but we realize that illness or other compelling reasons made this impossible. We

did miss you absentees and will hope to see you at the 45th, if not before.

Present for the festivities were the following couples: Glen and Grace Anderson, Ted and Mary Buechler, Kit and Helen Carson, Leo and Miriam Conner, Jerry and Ann Counts, Miles and Anne Cowles, Henry and Marjorie Demuth, Tracy and Betty Dickson, Hi and Zelig Ely, Pop and Helen Goode, Lew and Elaine Griffith, Gordon and Ann Heiner, George and Edie Hirsch, Biff and Elizabeth Jones, Paul and Eleanor Kern, Jack and Mary Knight, Bill and Lucille Kolb, Dunc and Mary McGregor, Clyde and Vern Morgan, Al and Louise Paca, Pete and Gertrude Purvis, Bill and Bea Reeder, Harry and Harriet Rising, Pinkie and Nan Rolfe, Swede and Betty Sarcka, Earl and Catherine Schaefer, Dave and Ethel Schlenker, Red and Edith Shaffer, Skinny and Eleanor Sharp, Dodson and Lois Stamps, Al and Irene Tate, Red and Dorothy Warner, Bill and Ann Whittington, Carlisle and Madeline Wilson, Harry and Mary Wood.

Solo were Henry Black, Bob Bringham, Bill Chapman, Pablo Cole, Phil Day, Rudie Delehanty, Red Durfee, Ted Futch, Jack Fye, Henry Gantt, Dutch Gerhardt, Horace Harding, Eddie House, Bill Jenna, Mickie Kernan, Hank Milan, Steve Place, Frog Reed, Dad Riley, Sam Ringsdorf, Leo Smith, Roger Stembridge, Girard Troland, Roddie Whitelegg, Willie Wilson.

The class festivities opened Saturday night with a delightful cocktail buffet in the Club. Considering that some had not seen each other for many, many years, cases of mistaken identity were rare. The undersigned was flattered by being mistaken once for Pop Goode (who still has all his hair) and once for Bill Chapman (who has trimmed down to a beautiful figure). In fairness to these gentlemen I must admit that the lights were subdued.

After this warm-up we picnicked on Sunday evening at beautiful Round Pond. Jerry and Dodson had obtained the spacious Bonneville cabin and had equipped the kitchen with an efficient crew of professional cooks. The resultant repast and a mountain of ice cubes, etc., induced beautiful singing and a loud cacaphony of anecdote, fable and, particularly in the case of Bill Reeder, fantasy.

For the Class dinner Monday night, Dodson and Jerry had reserved a private diningroom at Bear Mountain Inn. Our good friend, John Martin, manager of the Inn for the past 15 years, gave this party his best personal attention. Food and drink were superb. Only one speech was permitted—that by our class president Jack Knight



LONG GRAY LINE CLASS AUGUST '17.



CLASS OF AUGUST '17 PARTY AT BEAR MOUNTAIN INN DURING JUNE WEEK.

and he struck just the right note for this occasion.

Aside from these distinctly class affairs, we, of course, participated in the general June week festivities. Our Loessa Coffey presented the Jack Coffey baseball trophy at the athletic review on Saturday. Many attended the Baccalaureate on Sunday morning and the Superintendent's reception on Sunday afternoon. On Monday we joined the alumni procession for the impressive ceremonies at Thayer Monument for the alumni review, after which we attended the luncheon and business meeting of the Association of Graduates.

The class wives had a luncheon at the Club on Monday.

Leo Smith, from Trenton, the pottery city, brought a tea service as ladies door prize at the picnic. This was gleefully gathered in by our little Marjorie Demuth.

The hard core of our musical talent — Riley, Buechler, Paca, Shaffer and Jenna was in fine voice and by popular demand rendered the full repertoire.

The Hasbrouck's are travelling in Europe —likewise the Parry Lewises.

Roger Stenbridge gave us the news of his happy marriage. This leaves Red Durfee alone in his glory and distinction.

Dodson Stamps retires this summer. The Washington contingent is glad to learn that he and Lois will reside in this vicinity.

The Faustus are on the Riviera setting up a second home and may retire full time there.

The only class business transacted was the election of a class Secretary-Treasurer to fill the vacancy created by the death of Walker White last year. Pete Purvis of the nominating committee appointed last winter by Jack Knight, presented the name of Leo Conner. Leo was unanimously elected.

Early the morning after his election Leo took off to visit the Sharps in Dennysville, Maine, and rest up for his arduous duties. He was accompanied by Miriam, Emilyingham and Marguerite Eyster.

—L. M. Jones.

## June 1918

Jim Marshall again has set up in a foreign country. This time in Paris where he is Project Manager for Lippetts-Abbett-McCarthy-Stratton, engaged in designing and supervising the construction of a railway and tramway in French Equatorial Africa. The purpose is to haul manganese ore from the mine in Gabon to the port at Pointe

Noire. Mabel will join him in Paris come August. Jim has found several retired army friends there but no classmates. His address is: OLTAMS, 20 Rue d'Athenes, Paris (9) France.

Phil and Leila Gallagher have taken an apartment in Columbus, Georgia. Their new address is Apt. A, 1503 Dixon Drive.

Jim Pichel wrote asking about accommodation for our fortieth reunion, he and Mildred are planning to attend. Jim spoke of what I am sure is in the minds of all of us —how much we will miss having Hans with us. Hans did so much to make our reunions happy and memorable occasions. Jim and Mildred came east last fall but their schedule was too tight to see many classmates.

Cas Casman has been touring Germany on a good will tour as guest of Atlantik-Bruck e V with headquarters at Hamburg. Flew over on May 7 via Lufthanza. A card from him from Stuttgart (where we served together in 1948) says he found some of our old friends still there in the American colony.

Charlie Lifsey finally got around to pasting 40 years of pictures in an album. Got intrigued so had copies made and sent them to everyone appearing in them. This evoked the following notes.

Breezy Hudson reports Bob Horr came through El Paso en route to visit his daughter in Tucson. Hughie Hewitt also in El Paso as US Boundary Commissioner—big job. Gene Caffey, with beard, is at Las Cruces; so is Savvy Cruse (no beard). Breezy says he is planning on our fortieth. Daddy Holt reports he is doing an administrative job with the National Guard in Richmond—coming to our fortieth.

Bob Offley reporting from the north shore of Oahu, says he has turned beachcomber.

Carroll Tye reports a delightful visit by Lucius and Margie. Saw John Haleston at the annual dinner. Planning to be at our fortieth.

Tennie Ross reports that he has taken job of "temporary city manager" of Berkely, a nearby town (to Webster Grove).

Squire Foster reports planning to be at our fortieth.

Charlie also had a note from Jim Marshall giving the same news reported above. (Thanks to Charlie I had some news for these notes, hope he and others will do it again.)

Saw a very brief notice of the death of Dwight T. Francis in Richmond.

Just got the announcement of the marriage of Bob Horr to Mrs. Kenneth Wal-

drick Bayha on June 1. Their address is 1673 Edgewood Drive, Palo Alto, California.

Thomas S. Gruhn was graduated on June 4 and commissioned in the Infantry.

Remember June 1958.—C. P. Townsley.

## November 1918

The farm manager's broken leg made my presence necessary at the farm in Virginia causing me to miss all of June Week, miss seeing Hatch's and Stokes' sons graduate, miss seeing their proud parents and all of my other good friends.

By the way, have we any more sons in the Corps? I have no record of any. Please let me know if you know of any.

Don Sawtelle's son, Don, junior, enters in July. A fine fellow, too, by all reports. Harris Scherer, who instructed him at Sullivan's Prep in Washington, speaks highly of him.

Last winter, when I was pretty low in Walter Reed, I got an interesting letter from Pop Gildart, which I here quote:

"You were much discussed on the night of the eclipse when we went to our neighbor's to view it through his telescope. He is Dr. H. P. Robertson, who was with you in London.

"The unit journal shows nothing much of interest for 1956 except that we took a trip this fall to Grand, Zion, Bryce and Oak Creek Canyons and the cliff dwellings of Arizona. (I am a frustrated archaeologist.) The Carrolls have moved out here but Jimmy was too busy boning tenths in history at the UCLA to come over to watch the Navy game on TV with the Morrisons and us. Dean Dickey and Virginia were here last spring. I enclose a photo of the gathering, taken by Charley Morrison at their place here in Sierra Madre. Left to right: Your humble servant (Pop), Jimmy Carroll, Mary Carroll, Muriel Carter, Virginia Dickey, Mendenhall, Ruth Morrison, Isabel Gildart, Wiley Carter, Andree Mendenhall, and Dean Dickey. Recently Charley Morrison sold his place and bought another here in town. They have been at the new address, Manzanita St., about two months. The Morrisons, Carrolls, Bixbys and Gildarts foregathered at Wiley's home in Riverside last month. Bix is on Riverside's city payroll as director of CD."

Arch Colwell writes that he is booking rooms at Bear Mountain Inn for June Week 1958 and will give us a song or two. He travels a lot these days but his trips are so hurried that he rarely sees a classmate. He



November Eighteeners foregather at Charlie Morrison's in Sierra Madra, California.

is off for England for the Air Show at Farnborough and then on to the Continent to see automobile contacts.

Bill Blair was married to Miss Isobel Donovan in Denver on Friday, May 17. There have been rumors for some months that Bill was paying serious court to the lady. Congratulations!

The Holbrooks report with pride the arrival in this world of another grandson, Robert Holbrook Patton, at Annapolis on March 9, 1957, where his father, Captain George Patton, Jr., is an exchange "Tac" at the Naval Academy. Hunk reports the grandparents doing well. Helen has just written again to remind me that I failed to announce the graduation of my Godson, Willard A. Holbrook, III. Well, better late than never. He has. He is a splendid fellow, too, worthy of his ancestry, and also has graduated not only from the regular course at Fort Benning, but the Paratrooper Course, the Ranger Course, and now has completed a Survival Course in California. A fellow with all that background and proven ability who knows how to survive in California should go far. Hunk himself has had his gall bladder out and is reported ready for another half century.

Bev Tucker is a smart rancher. Just before last year's bad drought he leased the ranch, sold the cattle to the lessor and concentrated on golf. He says that he still wishes it to rain. That, I suppose, is to keep the golf course green, and the lessee solvent so the rent gets paid. Bev is promoting a "Get Jack Hinton to the Reunion movement."

The Pinkie Williamsons have a daughter working in Washington whom they visited in May. I had hoped to be there then to foregather but could not make it.

The Fred Butlers are having a super-summer trip. They sailed from San Francisco on a Norwegian freighter April 1 for Europe via Panama. They landed at Rotterdam April 29, bought a Volkswagon and will tour Holland, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, France, Luxembourg, Belgium and England, arriving in New York July 27. I guess Fred just got tired of watching people fly away in airplanes, chucked the airport job and boarded the freighter.

Howard Peckham was in New York in March for the meeting of the Trustees of the Association of Graduates and the West

Point Dinner. He reports Bergman, Fasnacht, Curtis, Lodge, Spring, Wanamaker, Vidal, and of course Peckham, present at the dinner. The Peckhams are still reconnoitering to determine whether they want to live in Florida.

Dicke Wheeler's daughter, Mrs. Falkner Heard, writes from Fort Bliss, where her husband, Captain Heard, is stationed: "My sister and her husband, Lieutenant Colonel Harry M. Kemp are stationed in Washington. (Her name is Margie and mine Jean.) They have a daughter, Peggy, and we have a five month old son, Falkner III. Colonel and Mrs. Richard B. Wheeler are building their home at Bayside, Virginia, just outside Norfolk. Their last station was in Houston, Texas, and after looking for places to settle in the East, decided on Bayside on the Chesapeake Bay."

Fred Pearson writes from San Antonio that Dunkleberg, Knudsen, March and Pearson attended the West Point Dinner at Fort Sam. The Dunklebergs have their first granddaughter. Harry and Marie Hillard

Members of Class of 1919 at retirement ceremony for Major General E. B. Sebree, Fort Monroe, Virginia, May 31, 1957.



were at Fort Sam in the Spring for check-ups. Andy March has had trouble with an eye from a hemorrhage. Improvement has been slow.

## 1919

The retirements on May 31 of Bunker Bean and Ed Sebree leaves the count of the class still on active duty at thirteen, according to the records of your scribe. Listed alphabetically, they are Bartlett, Burnell, Collier, Gard, Hardin, Hewett, Herb Jones, Montague, Murphy, Palmer, Phillips, Twining, and Wyman. Please let us know if anyone has been omitted or erroneously included. Of the foregoing, a special salute is due Nate Twining for his nomination to become Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff upon the retirement of Admiral Radford this summer.

A classmate writes of Ed Sebree's retirement: "It was such a memorable experience for all of us who could be there that I would like to share some of it with the rest of his classmates and friends through the pages of *Assembly*. As you know, it is not easy to surprise an old hand like Ed but I think it was managed more than once during the day. To begin with, his son-in-law, Colonel Mark F. Brennan, came down from Fort Myer as Commander of Troops. A battalion of the 3rd Infantry augmented our composite battalion of Fort Monroe units—giving us a regiment for the retreat parade. The highlight of the ceremony was the award—completely unexpected by Ed—of an Oak Leaf Cluster to his DSM with THE Adjutant General, Herbie Jones, reading the citation. After the parade, Ed and Polly 'received' the officers and ladies of the Post, classmates, close friends and prominent civilians of the Tidewater area. Entertainment was furnished by the Second Army Choral Group whose superb renditions of the Class Song and Alma Mater left more than one of us a little damp around the eyes. After the reception, classmates and their mates gathered inside for a buffet supper and some heartwarming and humorous reminiscences. To top the day, we presented Ed with a pictorial album covering his entire tour at Fort Monroe up to and including scenes of the retirement ceremony and reception. Members of the Class of '19 on hand for the occasion were Kyke Allan, Mike and Marjorie Brannon, Stuffy and Buzz Dunham, Hugh and Peggy Elliott, Buddy and Dorothy Ferenbaugh, El and Georgina Hammond, Herb Jones, George Lewis, Jack and Dolly Madison, Jack and Irene Murphy,

Urban and Kay Niblo, Joe and Marion Phelps, Jimmy and Mary Phillips, Logan Shutt, Horace and Minette Speed, Joe Tate, Bill and Ethel Wyman and Ham Young. Also present, to Ed's obvious delight, were two of his daughters and their husbands — Toddy and John Oloe from Fort Knox, Ebby and Mark Brennan from Fort Myer. All in all it was one of those poignant days when one is reminded how much more important people are than things, when one realizes that the material rewards of no other profession could possibly compare with the life-long friendships and comradeship that we enjoy in the Service. Above all I was reminded—as I am sure Ed was when his son-in-law passed in review—that the Long Gray Line goes on unfaltering as we pass the baton from generation to generation. All that any of us needs do is 'fill the unforgiving minute with 60 seconds worth of distance run' as Ed Sebree has done."

At the Founders Day dinner of the West Point Society of Indianapolis, the membership of that society presented a certificate of appreciation to Bunker Bean, Commanding General of Fort Benjamin Harrison and one of the founders of the Indianapolis Society. Members of the Class attending the New York Founder's Day dinner were Brick Bartlett, Horace Buck, George Horowitz, Doc Johnson, Tony McAuliffe and Dick Rick.

There was a big turn-out of the class at the Washington Founder's Day Dinner. The toast to the Corps was given by Colonel Lewis S. Sorley, '91 (Stone's father and Troop Commander of the Agamemnon which brought us back from Europe in 1919). The Niblos and Jerveys gave a fine buffet for the wives of classmates attending the dinner. Those attending the two functions included the Allans, Bardens, Booths, Brannons, Coles, Cranstons, Crichlows, Dunhams, Pat Echols, Florys, Hammonds, Harbaughs, Hopkins, Jerveys, Herb Joneses, Leblings, Lopers, Martins, McGinleys, Niblos, Odells, Philippses, Scherers, Speeds, Wedemeyers, Leroy Wilsons, Ham Young, and Zimmermans, and five class widows, Marian Bruckner, Helen Bryan, Mary Hede-kin, Rosa Kerr, and Marion O'Reilly.

Al Wedemeyer has recently been elected a Director of the Axe Science and Electronics Corporation. We hope this is a sign that Al is completely recovered from his illness of last year.

Al Gruenther was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws by Columbia, New York and Yale Universities at their respective Commencement exercises in June. Bill Wyman was elected President of the U. S. Armor Association at its 68th meeting at Fort Knox, succeeding Willie Palmer in that office. Incidentally Willie has been transferred from his job as Vice Chief of Staff, U. S. Army to Deputy Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Forces in Europe (APO 128 New York).

Bill Wyman was author of an article "Adaptability: Index to Survivability", in the June Army Information Digest.

George Lewis has been in Walter Reed with a tumor of the larynx. He writes that the medics tell him he is cured as much as anyone can be, though he still has to recover voice and appetite.

Marion Sheey's son, Jack, represented Holy Cross in a debate against West Point late in March. Marion visited her other son, a Major in the Medical Corps in Germany last year, spending about 7 months in Europe. Al Gruenther was very nice to them, and sent them to the cemetery at St. Laurent where John is buried.

June Week visitors to West Point included Dick and Jewell Emery, Verde and Rosalind Green, Davis, Myrtle, and Douglas Hale, Herb Jones, and Joe Tate. The Emery's were up from Orlando, Florida for the graduation of their son Richard. With his departure, the class has no sons left in the Corps, unless someone is coming in with the Class of 1961. The Hales were on tour from Cal-



The Orioles—Class of '22 at the Alumni Luncheon in Washington Hall.

ifornia and happened to be passing by at about the time of June Week. They live at 1160 Sanborn St., Los Angeles, where he is a probation officer for Los Angeles County.

Stephens, W. G. has retired from the service of the Federal Government after 39 years, the last of it with the Veterans Administration Hospital at Fort Thomas, Kentucky. He and Vera have moved to 1020 Cornell Drive, Dayton 6, Ohio.

Red Szymanski is president of the newly formed Academy Life Insurance Company with headquarters in the Exchange National Bank Building, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Chris Hildebrand has recently donated his collection of maps to the West Point Museum. Apparently the Reno tumor board has given Chris a clean bill after his latest operation.

Kyke Allan writes that the Army and Navy Club in Washington is anxious to get a copy of our Howitzer. If anyone has a copy to dispose of please send it to him at 1304 30th Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.

—B. W. (Brick) Bartlett.

## 1920

Another series of June Week festivities has just ended at West Point with the graduation of the Class of 1957. Among its 546 members, this class included two sons of classmates. They were Freeman Grant Cross, Jr., son of Freeman G. ("Fritz") Cross of Knoxville, Tennessee, and George William Bailey, III, son of George William ("Bill") Bailey of Laguna Beach, California. Lieutenant Cross joined the Corps of Engineers and Lieutenant Bailey the Infantry. At the usual ceremony after the Alumni Parade on Monday they were presented sabers by our class president, John McNulty, beneath the Class of 1920 tree on the Plain.

There were 17 classmates present at some of the June Week ceremonies and one ex-classmate. Those who were present were Cross, F. G.; Sturman; Bailey, G. W.; Farrell; McNulty; Blaik; Johnston, E. C.; Gillette; Schick; West; Bessell; Bullene; Lanahan, F. H.; Crist; Honnen; McCullough; and Winslow. The ex-member present was Collins, J. G.

Early in the spring of this year "Charlie" West and wife "Horty" made a tour of the southern states and saw quite a number of classmates while on the journey. At St. Petersburg, Florida, "Charlie" and "Horty" were entertained by the Leland Smiths. Leland reported that the Columbia, Georgia contingent now consists of Jeff Box, who is a banker and director of the Nehi Corporation, and Tracy Davis, who is district manager of the Massachusetts Life Insurance Company. Later in Gainesville, Florida, "Charlie" and "Horty" saw "Eddie" Edmonson, who is writing fiction, and Leon Lightenwalter, about to graduate from the School of Agriculture at the University of Florida.

Further along on the trip they saw "Dinty" Moore, who is still a consulting engineer at Point Clear, Alabama, and who also devotes a large amount of time to civic activities.

Recent official orders have cited the following members of the class who are still on active duty. Some of these have appeared in the press and will be old news to those who have read them.

General Thomas D. White has been announced as the new Chief of Staff, United States Air Force. His appointment will be effective August 15, 1957.

General Lyman L. Lemnitzer, formerly Chief of the Army's Far East Command and the UN Command in Korea, has been named to succeed General Williston B. Palmer as Vice Chief of Staff of the Army. It is understood that Lemnitzer will assume his new duties about July 1, 1957.

Lieutenant General Francis W. Farrell, who has been Special Assistant to the Joint Chiefs of Staff for National Security Council Affairs, will shortly become Commanding General, V Corps, USAREUR.

Lieutenant General Clovis E. Byers, who has been Commandant of the NATO Defense College, is to be transferred to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs where he will be the Military Advisor.

The Army-Navy-Air Force Journal on April 20 announced the retirement of Brigadier General Charles H. ("Hippo") Schwartz in Chicago upon his own application.

Among the civic news items recently released appeared the following, which I think will be of interest to the whole class. Colonel Robert D. ("Bob") Durst, who was Commanding Officer at Fort MacArthur, and Chief of the Southern California Military District from 1954 until his retirement June 30, 1956, has been elected to the City Council of his home town, Springfield, Missouri. As many of you may know, "Bob" was reared in Springfield, and his father, Harry D. Durst, served as Mayor of that city from 1932 until 1940. In his campaign "Bob" made it quite clear why he was in the race for the City Council.

"As a lawyer", he stated in a three column page-length ad. "I practiced law here from 1926 to 1941. In June 1956 I retired from the Regular Army and now I have the leisure time to devote to the duties of a councilman.

"In re-establishing my law practice it is important to get before the people. I like people and I enjoy working for the good of the community in which I live. Briefly, that is why I am a candidate".

In listing his qualifications for the office, "Bob" Durst said he had always been interested in municipal government and had benefited greatly by association with his father who, in his opinion, was the best Mayor Springfield has ever had. Also, he felt that his military training and respons-

ibilities in dealing with military budgets had helped to qualify him.

As the Commanding Officer of Fort MacArthur and Chief of the Southern California Military District, which includes about 60,000 reservists, Durst said in his statement. "The annual budget for the operation for which I was personally responsible was approximately \$9,000,000. The present budget for Springfield, Missouri is approximately \$3,250,000. I believe that my integrity, independence, experience, broad personal interests, general knowledge, as well as my legal and executive ability, qualify me to represent you in your City Council".

After graduation from West Point with our class of 1920 "Bob" served two years in Kansas and Texas, and then, because he felt that World War I had supposedly ended all wars, he left the Army, won an A.B. Degree at Missouri University in 1924 and a Law Degree at Harvard University in 1926.

He practiced law with his father in Springfield and also served as Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in 1929, and Assistant Attorney General in 1930.

In 1941 "Bob" Durst returned to the Army as a Captain, served with the 1st and 6th Armored Divisions until relieved from active duty in September 1945. The following year, 1946, he returned to duty as Lieutenant Colonel, served in Europe with the American War Crimes Commission, later in Washington, Korea, Japan, and at Fort MacArthur, California.

"Bob" is married and the father of two sons, Robert Jr. and Michael.

In closing this column for this time, I wish to thank many classmates for their letters of appreciation for the Verne D. Mudge Memoriam, and at the same time to again express my thanks to "Sam" Gregory and Bert Randles for making it possible for me to distribute the copies of the Memorial Address.

—E. C. G., Jr.

## 1921 and 1922

The 35th has come and gone but will not be described here; a separate bulletin will tell you about that later.

Sad news from Austin, Texas, where PD Lynch's wife passed away in her sleep just after Easter. PD will stay put for a while—it's hard to make separate plans after 34 years together. The sympathy of all the Orioles goes to PD.

Moving of the people on active duty has been quite noticeable lately. Mudgett went from Fort Ord to Alaska, Babe Bryan leaves Hawaii to command First Army in New York, Matty returns from Germany to take the Sixth Army in San Francisco, and Rumaggi has left California to take the Engineer District centering on Chicago. Bill Lawton picked up a third star and becomes Comptroller of the Army but remains in Washington. It is reported that Mark McClure will retire in December.

Bill Kyle has returned to Cleveland where he is president of the Society National Bank. Harry Haas has become vice-president of Houdaille Industries, to administer from Buffalo the corporation's construction materials production in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Hazel Haas is suffering from an ankle injury, and the Class sends her its best wishes.

The Numa Watsons have been looking for a home but couldn't find the right combination of house, location, and price. After looking at everything facing the water they finally settled for a view of a golf course and will be at home in Clearwater, Florida.

Mudgett was the oldest graduate at the Founder's Day dinner in Alaska, a big jump from his seat last year at Monterey where several retired officers are living. He took advantage of his position to reminisce a bit, to acquaint the other diners with the origin of the Orioles' name, the existence of an "SO Class", and some other not gen-



Two '24ers chat together at a Lunch at Hq, I Corps, in Korea. On the left is Palmer, Deputy Commander, 8th Army; on the right is Trudeau, CG, I Corps.

erally known things that happened right after World War I.

Magee missed out on the reunion as well as on his customary vacation in Florida this year because, as Assistant Chief Engineer of the Massachusetts Department of Public Works, with 1,800 engineers to supervise, he has been responsible for the design and construction of a lot of highways in his state plus a lot more under the President's interstate program. He's thinking about retiring soon—he's eligible this summer to retire from his state job, and a year from this summer from his reserve colonelcy.

1957 graduates of our colleges included Thomson's son, USMA; Mathewson's daughter, Middlebury; and Kane's daughter, Rosemont. Kane boasts that his daughter takes after him, "very smooth or smart or something, getting an AB at 19".

For some reason McDavid missed the reunion bulletin in February, so he wrote that he "did not wish to be discriminated against despite the fact that I am a Democrat, States Righter, Segregationist and Civilian!"

Johnson, R. H. returned in May from a trip around the world by air, with a stopover in Africa for five weeks of big-game hunting. In San Francisco on his way home he had dinner with a flock of Orioles in that region, and later with six more in San Antonio. Gets around, that Johnson!

More news later in the reunion bulletin this summer.

—C. J. Barrett.

## 1924

The Thundering Herd thunders on, as is its custom. That great cloud of dust we used to kick up has subsided into a misty sort of thing, but those of us who still roam the range are doing pretty well where it counts most. It might be of interest to that great minority who give a hoot (mostly our sons and daughters) to recall what our active bulls are doing these days.

Responsible for the defense of our continent against the one threat we fear, air, is still Pat Partridge — wearing our mostest stars and carrying our heaviest load of concern. He commands our only truly-integrated outfit, CONAD, from his nerve center in Colorado Springs.

In the Pentagon we have Clyde Eddleman, wearing three stars and occupying the important post of Deputy Chief of Staff for

Military Operations. Another three-star inhabitant of the Pentagon is Emerson Cummings, Chief of Ordnance.

In the field we have the following three-star representatives: Duke Arnold, Commanding General, Fifth Army, Chicago. Ed Hart, Commanding Second Army, Fort George G. Meade, Maryland, but slated to take over command of the Army Missile Command, Colorado Springs, Colorado, in the fall of 1957. In Japan, Charlie Palmer, Deputy Commander, Eighth Army. In Okinawa and commanding the RYUKYUS Command and IX Corps is Jim Moore—he is also Deputy Governor of the Ryukyu Islands and will become High Commissioner of the Rkukyu Islands on July 1, 1957. In Korea, Art Trudeau, Commanding General, First Corps (Group).

Returning to the Pentagon and/or the Washington area and getting down to the two-star rank we find the following making history — one of them literally — Dick Stephens, Chief of Military History, Department of the Army. Bill Maglin, Provost Marshal General of the Army and now in his fifth year in that popular and pleasant job. Em Itschner, the youngest Chief of Engineers since 1838. Emil Lenzner, Deputy Chief Signal Officer, U. S. Army. Pete Lee, The Deputy Adjutant General of the Army.

Moving overseas, and still in the two-star category, we find Charlie Dasher in Heidelberg as Chief of Staff, USAREUR. In Munich, Gordon Rogers, Commanding General, Southern Area Command. Also living in Heidelberg is Howie Kerr, Chief Engineer, USAREUR. In Paris, Pete Day, J-3 Section, EUCOM and Bob Dewey, Director, Military Assistance Division, Hqrs, U. S. European Command. Vic Conrad is due to report for duty as Signal Officer, EUCOM, in June or July 1957. Quite a gathering in Paris. Armistead Mead has replaced Bob Dewey in Turkey as Chief, JAMMAT. Haydon Boatner is enjoying his sojourn in Athens, Greece, as Chief, JUSMAG.

Last but by no means least of our two-star Classmates are Eddie White, U.S. Air Force, Headquarters, Sheppard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls, Texas and Pete Hains, Chief of Staff, Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

In the one-star group we still have on active duty, Vonna Burger—U.S. Civil Administrator of the Ryukyu Islands and stationed on Okinawa along with Jim Moore. Frank Kreidel is Special Assistant to the

Commanding General, Second Army, Fort George G. Meade, Maryland. Monro MacCloskey, USAF, Hqrs, 28th Air Division (Defense), Hamilton Air Force Base, California.

The above listings are valid as of June 8, 1957 as is the other information in these Notes—since our deadline for this issue is June 10, 1957.

The sympathy of the Class was extended to Paul and Mary Cooper on the tragic death of their son Paul, Jr., in an automobile accident near Santa Barbara, California on March 4, 1957.

The Class of 1924 had the largest table of any Class at the Annual Founder's Day dinner at the Waldorf Astoria in New York—according to Pat Pasolli. He listed those attending as follows: Lewis Barkes, Joe Morris, Dennis Mulligan, Rus Baker, Bill Cleary, George Duerr, Ed Robbins, Gil Baillie, Eric Kuniholm, Al Dumbroski, Jimmy Willis, Bob Finlay, Jerry Sullivan, Tad Tasker, George Finnegan, Peyton McLamb, Don Storck and Pat Pasolli. After the Dinner, a group accepted the invitation of Eric Kuniholm to his apartment for a night-cap. A good time was had by all.

In Chicago, at the Annual Founder's Day Dinner, Mark E. Smith listed those present from 1924 as including Duke Arnold, Bill Reardon, Merrow Sorley, John Hincke, Dave Stanley, Ed Ebersole (up from Keokuk, Iowa), Sandy Goodman (up from Monticello College, Alton, Illinois), Bill Halligan and, of course, Mark E. Smith. Bill Halligan was elected President of the Chicago Society for the ensuing year. Mark's wife, Lilla, entertained the Wives of 1924 who were available in the Chicago area while the men were at the Dinner.

A brief swing around the Country to Founder's Day Dinners in other cities found 1924 attendance as follows: in Denver, according to Fritz French, Shumate, Meister, Caywood and Fritz; in San Francisco, as per letter from George Elliott to Jim Hulley, John C. Smith, Howard Malin, George Steel, George Young, Camille DuVal and, we assume, George Elliott; at Fort Riley, Kansas, George Lightcap apparently was the sole representative of the Class and says that for about the fourth year in a row he had the rather dubious honor of being the oldest living grad present at the Dinner. George added that for a long time he hadn't seen or heard of a Classmate in his parts, (Manhattan, Kansas); in St. Louis, Missouri, we gather that Deck Reynolds and Dan Hundley were present. Dinty Moore missed the Dinner and alleges that is the reason he was elected President of the St. Louis Society for the current year; what happened in other cities—we haven't heard—your amanuensis was in Florida and so missed the Washington, D. C. gathering and the result is no one from this area bothered to report the attendance.

Jack and Corrine Outcalt announced the addition of a daughter-in-law in March. Their son John married Mary Lou Jonas on March 2, 1957, in Toledo, Ohio. They will make their home in Cleveland, Ohio, where John, Jr., is associated with the National Gypsum Company. In an earlier issue of *Assembly* we had reported the addition of a son-in-law in the Outcalt family.

Lieutenant John D. Smythe, Third Infantry, (USMA—1953), son of George and Susie Smythe, is being married in July to Julia Ann Brunner at Doylestown, Pennsylvania. George and Susie are still living at the Woodner Apartments in Washington. George gave the Graduation address at Staunton Military Academy this year.

Paul B. Nelson retired on January 31, 1957 from Command at Fort Lawton, Washington. He and his wife, Harriet, have purchased a home and settled at 1958-28th St., West, Seattle 99, Washington. Paul is employed with the BOMARC Division, Boeing Airplane Company in Seattle.

John C. L. Adams and wife Alberta are taking a vacation from Panama and are

spending some of their time at their beach home at Ventnor near Atlantic City, New Jersey. They were in Washington in May but we missed seeing them.

Your Secretary has been busy the past two months writing letters of congratulation to various members of the Class who have distinguished themselves recently. Included in the group are the following: George Lightcap now proudly includes on his letter-head "Member Million Dollar Round Table". George is with the United Services Life Insurance Company. Dan Hundley, promoted to the rank of Associate Professor, Industrial Engineering, Washington University faculty, St. Louis, Missouri. Zero Wilson, made a member of the firm of Adams and Porter, Cotton Exchange Building, Houston 2, Texas. Sam Smithers and Dennis Moore both organizers and directors of the new Fort Benning National Bank. Sam's stationery bears the inscription "Member Million Dollar Club", The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the U. S. Pete Hains made a Director of the United Services Automobile Association in San Antonio. Tom Tandy, Director of Real Properties for Pacific Intermountain Express and covering territory from Chicago to San Francisco and Los Angeles to Seattle. Clancy Rothgeb now "Member of the New Mexico House of Representatives." Mark A. H. Smith—on receipt of the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious service during the period August 16, 1953 to May 16, 1955. There are others—too numerous to mention in our limited space.

Again our heartfelt thanks go to Pat Pasolli for giving us a report on 1924 activities during June Week at West Point. Clyde Eddleman confirmed Pat's coverage of events. A list of 1924 attending for part or all of June Week (and we hope our informants didn't forget anyone) included: Mary Baughman (widow of Dick Baughman), Marie Matthews (widow of Pat Matthews), Marguerite Stevens (widow of Francis R. Stevens), Miriam Tacy (widow of Joe Tacy), Mary Lanham was there sans Buck who we presume was attending a meeting of Penn-Texas Corporation, Larry Ladue's Mother was at her usual station by the Clock Tower to salute the Class of 1924 when the Alumni marched by. In addition there were: Ray Beurket, Bill Cleary and his son, Doc Coates, Al Dumbrosky, Clyde Eddleman, Bob Finlay, Francis W. Johnson, Harold C. King, Eric Kuniholm and son Bruce (age 14), Lowell Limpus, Peyton McLamb, Wally Merrill, Pat Pasolli, Polly Polsgrove, Gordon Rogers (who flew back from Munich, Germany), Bill Sexton, Jimmy Stowell, Jerry Sullivan, Eddie White.—We wouldn't dare take a chance on guessing how many wives were present. We do know that Mary White wrote us saying that she was meeting Eddie in Washington as he was flying in from Paris via MATS on June first and that she and Eddie and their son Jim (15 years old) were heading for the Reunion. Eric Kuniholm was there with his new bride, the former Tamara Williams. Pat Pasolli reported that he had dinner with them Saturday night, June first, at the Thayer Hotel.

Bill Sexton, our Class President, presented plaques, on behalf of the Class of 1924 to the Sons of 1924 in the Graduating Class. The ceremony took place at 2:30 PM on Monday, June 3, in the Pershing Room, Culm Hall. The recipients were — Donald B. Baughman, Charles H. Coates, Jr., Gordon B. Rogers, Jr., Francis R. Stevens, Jr. Pat Pasolli said that the four were cleancut and good looking young sons of the Class, of whom we can be proud. Your Class Secretary is deeply indebted to Charles H. Coates, Jr. for making all of the arrangements at West Point for this affair. He did a superior job and gave unstintingly of his own time.

The custom of presenting each graduating son of the Class of 1924 with a plaque emblematic of the bond between his father's

Classmates and all Sons of 1924 who join The Long Gray Line, first came into being with the Class graduating in 1945. We tried to get the history of these Class Scrolls but all who participated in the beginnings were so modest about the part they played that we hesitate to place the credit. It does appear, however, that Peyton McLamb and George Finnegan deserve major mention for generating the idea and Don Rule the credit for master-minding the design.

Our generally trustworthy correspondent in San Antonio has failed us and has not sent in a report on the Annual Spring Meeting of the Class in that area. Thus we have to rely on information received from Zero Wilson in Houston, Texas. Since your Scribe does not want to assume any responsibility for attempting to describe this gala occasion (as I did last year) I will simply quote verbatim the letter Zero wrote to me dated May 30, 1957—it reads:

"I attended the gathering of the Thundering Herd on May 25th at the 4th Army Officers Club and it was a good party as always. Some 47 classmates, wives, widows, sons and daughters were there and again as my mental faculties were not too sharp I am loathe to try to name them for you. However I will state that almost all the San Antonio crowd was there of whom I believe you have a list, except I did not see Benny Leonard, Gump Ramsey, Jess Traywick or De LaRosa. Pete Hains, sorely pressed by official duties dropped by for a drink only. In addition to that crowd they had Bob Harper from Harlingen, D. B. Smith, lately arrived in San Antonio, and Bill Liebel who is retired and settled there. I also saw Cecil Henry whom I had not seen in many years and he looks fit with hair only slightly receded if you compare it to mine.

"For some reason or other the singing did not get started although Joe Burrill and I had very carefully oiled our voices before going. There was a minimum of speech making but a hell of a lot of private conversation with the competition pretty rugged and one had to fight for the floor and fight still harder to keep it. Of course being strong and silent characters it did not bother Burrill or myself."

And now for such other items as time (and the Editor of *Assembly*) will permit.—The response to the Class Dues Letter of May 1, 1957 has been excellent. The last of the notices were mailed on June 1, 1957—There are 351 on our list—this includes ex-Classmates and Honorary Members of the Class. As of June 8, 1957 over 100 checks and replies have been received. The majority of these not only sent in their checks for current dues but also included payments of back dues. The consensus of opinion was to the effect that some such notice as the May 1st letter should be sent out each year. (It will be so recommended to next year's Class officers).

John Archer Stewart writes from Palo Alto that Fritz French and his wife had visited there in May and that called for a small gathering of the Herd in that vicinity at the Stewart's home, including the George Elliotts, Stebbins, Rules and Coombs. The Coombs had just returned from Hawaii where they reported seeing Margaret and Shorty Keeley. Ray and Ruth Robins had thrown a whing-ding shortly before John Archer wrote us and he reported a good time was had by all present.

Hash Vogel (Chairman of the Tennessee Valley Authority) writes that he sees but few of the Herd in his vicinity (Knoxville, Tennessee) but that George Millener and Bill Bugher are permanent residents and always glad to see old friends—Hash boosts the T.V.A. Lakes and Smokey Mountains as excellent vacation attractions. Loreine and Vog are grandparents to three little girls and delighted that son Herb, Jr., (USMA—1952) and his wife are presently stationed at Fort Campbell, Kentucky,—not too far away to see them occasionally.

Larry Adams after his second retirement (January 31) put about 14,000 miles on his car roaming the Southwest looking for the ideal spot. He thinks he has found it and is now settled in Silver City, New Mexico, where he is employed as the first City Manager.

Bob Ellsworth has moved to Route 2—Box 43-X, Thermal, California, where he is living on a 40-acre ranch and taking it easy. He said that Ben Mesick had called him and that Ben was planning a 1924 get-together for the Herd in Southern California at the Red Hills Country Club near Claremont, California. Ben is on the City Council in Claremont.

Dinty Moore (John G.) writes that he will complete ten years of civilian life in September and that all of it has been spent with the Mallinckrodt Chemical Works, St. Louis, Missouri. Dinty is Vice-President of the Company.

Lowell Limpus presented the David Marcus Memorial Award to the outstanding boxer, Cadet L. H. White, at West Point on June 1, 1957.

Hereafter this column will be better written and more interesting as your faithless Scribe is turning in his suit after two long years of "blood, toil, tears and sweat", trying to make the deadline for each issue. I appreciate your patient understanding of my feeble efforts to give you information of the "Thundering Herd" and I particularly appreciate the many letters that have come in to Class Headquarters with news concerning the individual and his family and of Classmates seen or heard from. It is regrettable that space does not permit printing it all.

—F. J. G.

## 1925

June Week, this year, was sparsely attended by "25" but that is not surprising considering the fact that it is "57". Those attending the luncheon were Alspach, Carl Meyer, Galloway, Barnett, Kelley, Nick Robinson, Mac McManus, Esposito, Dunaway, Nicholas, Hopkins, Garbisch. All look hale and hearty.

Nick Robinson's son and Carl Meyers' daughter married day after graduation.

Mike Esposito had the nice idea of bringing the classmates down to see me but as at present "the old grey mare ain't what she used to be," we had to forego that pleasure. Gerry Galloway didn't take "no" for an answer, so came anyway and had a nice visit with Nannie.

Usually at the Old Grad Formation, I make one corner of the Clock Tower and Marty the other. He has had a rough year too, so I don't know whether or not he made it this year, but hope he did.

Gerry is now headed for Hawaii for the wedding of his son and Diane Messinger, then he and Jane take off for England. There is nothing dull about the life with the Galloways.

Charlie Saltzman and his wife were up for a visit a few weeks ago, but no sign of him June Week.

Milt Hankins sent in the following "poop". "Attended WP dinner at Heidelberg with Van Brunt, Williams, Babcock (headed for MAAG, Paris) and Bill Kearns. At Weisbaden he saw C. Meyers, Toms and Mitchell. Later, in the gay city, he saw J. Haskell and F. Powell. Then to Stuttgart with Bruce C. and Roberts. Says Pat Lynch is in Munich and Fowlkes in London. Milt now Executive Director ROA Europe, office at 52 Champs d'Elysee. Next week to Italy, Greece, Turkey and Libya. Also doing a column for the ANAF Times."

Treacy writes that he resides at 319 Douglas St., Salt Lake City, Utah. He is working on a Ph.D.

Freddy Bartz announces second (and last) daughter, Barbara Anita's wedding scheduled June 22. Campus romance UCLA, the

lucky man also graduates (Medical Technology). Barbara to do post-graduate at Santa Monica Hospital. Freddy dined at the Gardner home in Beverly Hills along with John Dansby. Can't savvy why people live in D.C. when a place like southern California is available.

Tom Whitted states Dan D'Este a Duke graduate, and daughter Margaret this June, ditto. Wife D'Este looks after all. Tom occupied past six months getting up reliability program at Douglas Aircraft in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Terribly sorry to learn Freddy Powell's daughter Ethel, who has been ill for so long, finally passed away at the Children's Hospital in Basle. The Powells spent two weeks in Germany (February) seeing the Toms, the Meyers, the Roberts'. States John Haskell was in D.C. around Founders' Day.

The Cleaves family enjoyed a journey to Hawaii in December, Gerry still there until April, whereupon they'll reunite vicinity of LaGuardia and visit with Bertha and Ray Maude. A second grandchild born on Lincoln's birthday (Alan MacKendrick Stewart) and weighing in at 9.5½. Son-in-law (Lieutenant jg) to terminate our royal Navy this summer and then MIT for graduate work.

A real gem from the King of the literary Frontier. Red was completely overcome by the Yearbook and recalls the Blue Day we left the old H-on-the-H with him staying on. States both big and Jr. Bruce C were there and Bruce Sr. enlightened the 1st Class re 7th Army. Mike Esposito back from a course at Leavenworth where (we guess) he made the Instructors sorry they ever asked *him* any questions. Nicholas has confined himself to his quarters where he is writing a book on Calculus (last reports had him on tour shaming less learned professors). Won't answer the telephone so Red plans to heave rocks thru the window. Author also plans a trip to Monroe where he saw Virginia cattlemen (Cleland) and also James Channon. Seems Joe is taking over at Kemper, too.

Van Brunt expected at Fort Meade in July, close enough so that we can watch him. Stan Babcock to MAAG, France, June. The West Point Preparatory School from Stewart AFB to Belvoir in July—a 20-week course, 250 enrolled (185 for WP, 75 to AF).

Joe Daugherty has impressive letterhead (Dawson-Daugherty, General Insurance). Backed by the Hartford, Connecticut people (you know those calendars with Stag at bay). Helpmate, Martha, teaching in Tudor Hall Girls School, daughter Julie is radio-TV editor of the Indianapolis Star, son Oliver at Purdue. Address: RR 14, Box 391, Indianapolis 8, Indiana.

Frank Fraser, Red Long, and Andy Barlow pictured in Life magazine first part of April, first noticed by H. Cleaves who was apparently thumbing through Barber Shop literature when visiting the Point (first time in 8 years). Hack says they are really lousing up the old Riding Hall.

Bill Maglin is building a home at Malvern, Florida.

You will notice that much of this information was taken from Daddy Dunn's wonderful poopsheet.

Mike would appreciate it if you would send him some additional news so this would not be a reprint.

May I take this means of thanking the class for their well wishes? They have vied with the Corps and many other graduates in bucking up my morale.

Mike is away now, the reason for "yours truly" pinch-hitting.

—Doris S. Barth.

Two days after writing the above Doris lapsed into a coma and died on June 17. Thus we were privileged to be in her thoughts to the end. Services were held in the Old Cadet Chapel with interment in the Post Cemetery on June 19.

—Mike Esposito.

## 1926

The big news for this issue is the award of a third star to Don Booth. As Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, he is now our highest ranking Army Officer. Leon Johnson still has the distinction of leading our Air Force classmates. In industry, we learn that Red Duffy, who is Vice President in charge of Ford Motor Company Tractor and Implement Division, has been appointed Chairman of the United Funds Advisory Committee of the United Community Funds and Councils of America. Congratulations Don and Red for bringing these distinctions to yourselves and to the Class of '26.

We were all saddened by the news of the death of Jane Ankenbrandt of a heart attack, in Washington, last April. She was laid to rest in Arlington. The whole Class sends its warmest sympathy to Anky in the loss of his beloved wife.

Pick Collins is now working for RCA in Camden, New Jersey. He makes his home in near-by Haddonfield. He writes, "There are quite a few of '26 in this area. Bill and Hazel Bayer live in Philadelphia and Anky has a job in Camden. Skinny Ringler has a house just outside Haddonfield, as does Chin Sloane. I have heard that Tom Plummer and Ed Feather live near Phillie but I haven't seen them yet. Last month I made a business trip out west and saw Dick McMaster and Harry Storke. From there I went to White Sands and had a chance to drop in on Bill Laidlaw for a short visit." Eleanor Halversen, one of our more regular contributing reporters, comes up with the information that "The Davidson's are still in Alexandria. Their two daughters I am sure must be as lovely as Edris. (That's saying a lot.—Ed.) The younger, Jane, is about to graduate from St. Agnes Episcopal School and Edris, the elder, graduated from Wilson College in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania and is now working here in Washington. Our daughter is due back in July and will be stationed in Quantico so we are delighted. Joe thinks I will be a funny grandma, but I am going to be lovely! I'll fool him; have already bought some awful slipcovers for my furniture when they visit. We are off to Maine in August when Joe has a little respite from his students." Ludy Toftoy, another contributor for this issue, reports that Anky's boy Jerry is now flying jets, and daughter Joan is a student at Holton Arms. He goes on, "I'm still in the Army missile business in the research and development, procurement, and field service phases which are all controlled and supervised from Redstone Arsenal where I've been for five years now. At present though, I am on sick leave in Florida recuperating from three operations. (From latest reports, Ludy was fully recovered and back at work.—Ed.) While I was in the hospital I was visited by Chuck McGeehan who was looking very well. He, Ida, and daughter Ann are living at 5405 Hillen Road, Baltimore 12, Maryland. Among his retirement interests are chincilla breeding and oil painting."

To add to the news, a fine letter was received from Spud Murphy who writes, in part, that "Gen and I have finally settled down. Following retirement we tried out Florida for three months but found the summer heat not to our liking. During that time I was under the tutelage of Bob Ross in real estate business. Bob is doing wonderfully, and has just built and moved into a new home with swimming pool. Young Butch, aged about three, is becoming a regular fish. He should be graduating about the time of our 50th reunion! We left Florida in October and headed for San Francisco where I intended to enter the University and prepare for a career teaching history. Before I had more than settled, I was offered my present position with the West Coast office of the Prosthetics Research Board of the National Academy of Sciences in Beverly Hills. We

have bought a home a few minutes away from the office in the Westwood section of Los Angeles. The address is 10483 Wellworth Avenue, Los Angeles 24, and all classmates are welcome. I saw Hal Forde in San Francisco, where he is studying for a PhD at Stanford. I also saw Brady who is attending the San Francisco State College, preparing to teach. Bill Hawthorne is also attending but I missed him. I talked to Hal Brushner on the phone but didn't get a chance to see him." All classmates probably saw the coverage in LIFE of the class of Army and Navy officers which included Brook Brady and Bill Hawthorne. Fame still awaits a lot of us, even after retirement.

An announcement has been received from Trooper Doyle, which is quoted: "I joined the Evans Products Company last summer in expectation of certain expansions which did not materialize. Since there appears to be no immediate prospect of change I have resigned as a Vice President and returned to Washington where I am associated with Transportations Consultants, Inc." Trooper's address is 4000 Massachusetts Avenue, Washington 16, D. C.

Ray Maude has been named Vice President of Allen B. DuMont Laboratories. Red Corderman has been ordered to Fort Monmouth. Harry Johnson is returning from USAREUR to take up his new assignment at the Headquarters of the U. S. Military District in Birmingham, Alabama.

The biggest bomb-shell is the news that Rod Smith has decided to retire and to accept a job as Vice President of I.T.&T. with office in Paris. After seeing what the Bureau of the Budget did (or did not do) to the Cordiner Committee report on which Rod worked during most of the past year, we can understand why he has taken this step.

Founders Day was celebrated in various parts of the world with the help, in a few cases, of members of the Class of '26. Don Booth addressed the assembled old grads at Fort Benning, Red Reeder did likewise at Washington, D. C. (although neither Red's office nor his family is sure that it might not have been Fort Monroe, or possibly Chicago). Your reporter appeared before the grads at El Paso, where he was heckled by McMaster, Laidlaw, and Miter. On Armed Forces Day members of the class were again called to the rostrum; Nellie Nelson spoke before the citizens of Newburgh, New York, and Mac McDaniel addressed the eager patriots in Huntsville, Alabama.

June Week was relatively quiet for the Class, but the grounds of West Point were brightened by the appearance of Church

Hutton, Tommy White, John Harvey Kane, Roy Herte, Johnny Roosma, Mike Molloy, Skinny Ringler, and Marvin McKinney.

Skinny's boy was married the day after he graduated (into the Air Force), to Nancy Lou Statler, in Haddonfield, New Jersey. Beth McKinney was married to one of young Ringler's classmates a couple of days later at West Point. Beth's new husband is Robert Merrick of the Infantry.

The next few columns of the '26 Journal will be edited by Red Reeder, as your reporter is being ordered to Holland for a year to study hydraulic engineering at the University of Delft. We'll see you on the Zuyder Zee!  
—Vald Heiberg.

## 1927

Our "Fabulous Thirtieth" was inspiring, nostalgic, exciting and great fun for all who attended. We will be forever indebted to Gar and Verone Davidson, Jim and Merrit Green, our Reunion Committee, for providing an occasion always to be remembered with pride and pleasure.

The following were present for all or part of the June Week Program: Bob Aloe, Mone and Ruth Asensio, Mal Bauer, Ray and Mary Bell, George and Linda Bender, Paul and Mary Fay Berrigan, Bix and Evalyn Bixel, Freddie and Kay Brown, Jack and Jo Burdge, Jimmy and Marian Collins, Hal Corr, Cocky and Rita Crume, Ray Curtis, the Dick Dickersons, Chuck and Mary Ewing, Joe Felber, Nelly and Meta Fooks, Blair and Dotty Garland, Grannie and Dot Granholm, Jim and Merrit Green, Jack Griffith, Chick Harding, William Harris, Henri Hendrickson, Jack and Ova Hines, Dutch Holland, Felix and Kay Holst, Buss and Hetty Howard, the Ruby Hunters, Ham and Belle Hunter, Baldy and Ester Hutchison, Max and Helen Johnson, Howell and Mona Jordan, Al and Mabel Lepping, Dave Loughborough, Katherine Lowe, Henri Luebbermann, Joe McGough, Tom and Marge McManus, Ed Mechling, Stan Meloy, Ralph Mercer, Mac and Jean Miller, Marty and Janet Morin, Van and Kay Moseley, Frank and Dorothea Ostenberg, Mike and Helen Pegg, Bill and Bert Pence, Bob and Katherine Perrine, Joe and Betty Phelan, Mucker and Alice Quinn, Jack Rose, Chubby, Roth, Jack Schwab, Jim and Mazie Smyly, Art Solem, Jack Spurgeon, the Stan Stanleys, Chuck and Ama Stone, Ken and Viv Thiebaud, Jim Thompson, the Joe Vincents, Clif Washburn, and the Julian Wests.

The quiet and simple dignity of the

Memorial Services for our deceased Classmates, around our class tree, near the plain where they had marched so often, was impressive to all of us. After a prayer by the Reverend George Bean, Chaplain, USMA, we bowed our heads in respect to Stan Bonner, Doug Campbell, Joe Cox, Bud Coyle, Moe Daly, Juli Flock, Fred Funston, Joe Ganahl, Bill Glasgow, Don Hawkins, Dave Hedekin, Tiny Hewitt, Bill Hoppes, Forrest Hornisher, Marion Huggins, Ted Kalakuka, Jack Kilgore, Mark Lewis, Jack Lovell, George McCoy, Dana McGown, Bub McKee, Ed McLaughlin, Marty Moses, Boscoe Schmidt, Si Simonton, Molly Stark, Dud Strickler, Coleman Timberlake, Felix Todd, Tom Trapolino, and Jim Wilson.

It was considerable interest to all of us that the following Class Sons were in the Corps: Class of 1957 — Raymond E. Bell, Theodore Felber, Howell H. Jordan, Duncan P. Smyly, Charles B. Stone, and Jack B. Cooper (Mike Pegg's stepson); Class of 1958 — John L. Isaacson, Lawton Butler, and D. S. Loughborough; Class of 1959 — Dwight H. Fuller and John H. Meloy; Class of 1960 — Joseph Hutchison.

We were billeted in the 54th Division of North Barracks and our ladies in WAC Barracks overlooking the Cavalry and Artillery Stables of our day. It was indeed fortunate for all to be on the post, as the reunion pace is a fast one, and requires coordination and timing.

On Saturday, June 1st, Buss Howard and Ralph Mercer were honored when the USMA Band played their respective famous songs, "Sons of Slum and Gravy" and "Black, Grey, Gold," at the Athletic Awards Review.

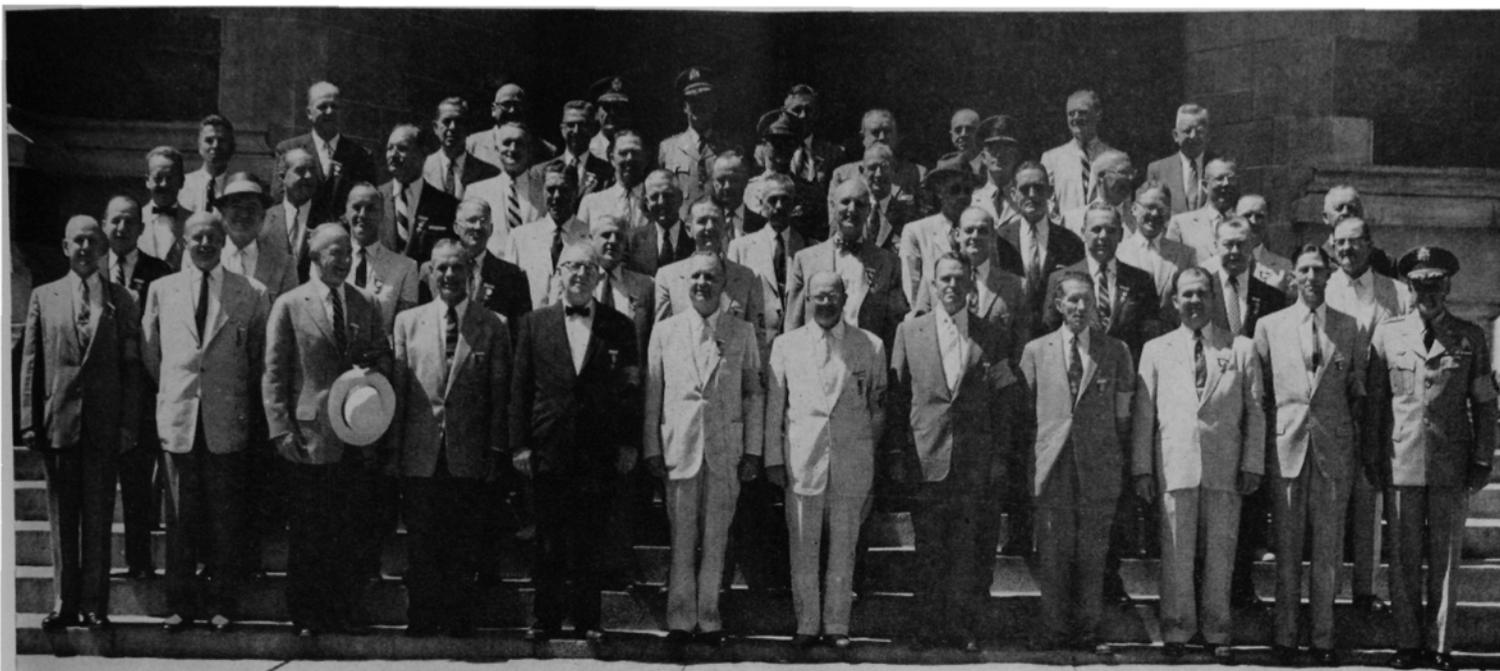
Social activities got underway Saturday evening with a stag dinner in Cadet Mess. Verone received our ladies at home for cocktails, followed by supper at the Officers' Club, Merrit Green presiding as hostess. After much gaiety, conversation and good food, we followed the old custom of returning to our respective areas of barracks for the time-honored Bull Fests which gave everyone a chance to sound off. On Sunday morning, we attended one or more of the Baccalaureate services at the Catholic or Cadet Chapels.

The Superintendent's Reception on Sunday afternoon, held in the gymnasium due to light rainfall, provided an opportunity to see many friends from other classes.

The weather suddenly cleared and the Corps was formed on the sunlit plain for Review and presentation of Military and Academic Awards. Hal Corr presented a newly-established annual award for academic merit



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MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 1927 WHO RETURNED TO WEST POINT FOR THEIR 30th REUNION.

sponsored by his company, Elgin Watch, designated the Class of 1927 Award. Afterwards, we changed to sports clothes for a picnic on Lake Popolopen, with barbecue chicken, lively conversation and close harmony. By 10:30 PM, most of us were ready for call to quarters.

We were all present or accounted for at the Alumni Parade on Monday morning. Following the exercises and Review, we attended the Association of Graduates' luncheon while the ladies lunched at Cullum Hall. The Honorable Wilber M. Brucker, Secretary of the Army, joined Gar at the 1927 tables and Mrs. Brucker joined our ladies. We were very proud when Jack Hines was elected vice-president of the association.

Following the Graduation Parade, we attended a formal dinner-dance at Bear Mountain Inn. After graduation on Tuesday, we bid a fond adieu to our Alma Mater and departed in all directions, refreshed in spirit and very happy that we had come.

The only blemish on the otherwise perfect reunion was Jack Griffith's unfortunate accident on Saturday night. None of us were sure exactly how, but Jack suffered a fall in which he unfortunately fractured his skull. He was taken to the hospital and later transferred to the more complete facilities of the Saint Albans Naval Hospital. Gar Davidson has been receiving daily reports from his surgeon regarding Jack's condition, and we are happy to say that Jack is now on the way to complete recovery. We are very sorry for Jack, particularly since he missed the remainder of our reunion. Fortunately, his wife, Grace, who was immediately notified, was able to be with him at the Naval Hospital. The most recent report received on June 11 tells us that Jack is to be moved to Walter Reed Hospital for his convalescence. The Class joins me in wishing Jack a speedy and complete recovery.

—R. G. Lowe.

## 1928

Another June Week has come and gone. Smyser was the only member of '28 here for the festivities. His son, along with Gude, King, Mathews, and Calyer received their diplomas on June 4.

From McLennan we received the following news of Washingtonites: Hank Everest is leaving Washington about June 15 for Europe to head USAFE. His promotion to four star rank is in the mill. Will Tunner

is coming to Washington to take over Hank's present job as DCS operations in the AF.

Sam Anderson leaves Washington this summer to take over A.R. Research and Development Command in Baltimore.

Fred Maxwell retired in May, he and Olive will reside in Washington.

Ralph Butchers recently reported to Washington for duty from the Far East.

On June 5 Judy Meehan, Art and Lucy's oldest daughter, was married to Warne Meade a member of the Class of '57. The ceremony took place in St. George's Church in Newburgh and the reception was held in the Superintendent's garden here at West Point. It was a beautiful wedding and the reception in the garden was lovely. Steve Harbold was here for the wedding but we all missed Skippy who is still being very quiet. Rosie O'Donnell flew up from Washington.

On the 6th of June—Alan and Charlotte McCutchen's daughter Mary was married to William Duncan, Jr. of the Class of '57 at the Cadet Chapel with a reception at the Officers Club. It also was a lovely wedding and reception. Alan and Charlotte had made a hurried trip up from Clemson as Alan is busy teaching and had to go right back for summer school. He is enjoying his work and they both looked as though retirement in South Carolina was agreeing with them.

Bill Billingsley was out at Leavenworth in March and attended the Founder's Day Dinner there with McGarr who is Commandant of the USA Command and General Staff College. They were the only '28ers there. Louis Delmonico who is PMS&T at the University of Wichita was expected but attended the Dinner at Fort Riley instead.

I have just received a letter from Tom Wells who is at HQ USEUCOM (SJS) with a clipping about Gus Schermacher's death on April 7. He died as a result of injuries received when he fell from a horse on his ranch near Crawford, Nebraska. The heartfelt sympathy of the Class is extended to Hazel and her daughters in their loss.

The following notes were received too late for the last issue: Buck Wiley at the Armed Forces Recreation Area in Garmish writes — Tunner is in command of the US Air Forces Europe; his people were connected with Safe Haven operation moving refugees from Hungary to US. Bulger is Chief of Personnel at Wills Hq. Bim Wilson is Chief of MAGG in London and works closely with Norstadt, Tunner and the RAF, Hefley is

in charge of Air Materiel Force Europe, and Poo Smith has Air Materiel for Central Europe. Jack Oakes is C/S 7th Army Stuttgart. Johnny Upham is C/S Allied Forces at Naples. Bill Browning is in Naples with Transportation W. P. Johnson is Ass't Div Comdr. 2nd Arm'd Div. Germany. Paul Breden is CO WESTERN AREA COMMAND in Kaiserslautern. Buck is due to return to the U.S. in August.

Tom Nelson told us of the death on February 15 of Bob Beattie. The heartfelt sympathy of Class is extended to Gertrude in her loss. She is residing at 1943 Gage Road, Topeka, Kansas.

Fran Myers realized we were having a hard time getting news for this column and wrote us a nice long letter in March. She and Sam are enjoying their assignment at Saigon, Vietnam. Sam is Deputy Chief of Training of that MAAG. He not only trains Army—but Navy and Air Force. On the 16th of March West Pointers there and in Cambodia gathered for a Founder's Day Dinner with 29 graduates present.

We are working on '58 now so keep in touch and hope to see you all then.

—P. D. C.

## 1929

Nine sons of the Class of '29 (I hope my count is correct) graduated in the Class of 1957 with their center of gravity somewhat toward the lower half of the class but with two (Adcock and Keeler) in the list of Distinguished Cadets for four years. The others were Lynde, McDonald, Morrill, Murphy, Person, Seward, and Smith, F. H. Person and Keeler were Cadet Captains, the latter being awarded the prize for outstanding Company Commander and also getting a lone point in the high jump of the Navy track meet which was just our margin of victory.

We have a couple more 3-star members. Paul Harkins goes to command Allied Land Forces in the Eastern Mediterranean and Bill Hall becomes Commanding General of the Continental Air Command. Paul turns over his functions as the class Washington representative to Dick Wentworth, who is Secretary of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

During June Week we saw some, but not all, the fathers of graduating class sons plus Phil Bennett, Bob Bishop, Jack Horton, and Marshall Stubbs. Freddy Smith, taking over command of U.S. Forces in Japan, attempted to name the 17 classmates in his

part of the world. We have a more orderly report in letters from Phil Draper and George McAneny. Paul Caraway is becoming Fred Smith's Chief of Staff. Bob Ward, Slim Vittrup and Phil Draper are apparently going to Hawaii. Van VanderHeide and Herb Milwit are returning to the U.S. George McAneny has gone from running the Korean variety of an Industrial College to being the Chief Military Historian in Japan. Tom Sands has been Acting Chief of Staff of the 8th Army and Pinky Wetzel moves from New Jersey to become the Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Operations of the Far East Air Force. Our classmates certainly do get around!

We have some classmates retiring to take jobs that attract them in industry. Merle Thompson, Fred Dent, Fen Sykes, George Lynch and Mitch Roth have already gone this way. Merle offers to any interested classmate his SOP for searching out the retirement job you like, at the pay you like, at the time you like. The only address I have for him is his last command, which is 1st Antiaircraft Regional Command, Fort Totten, New York. His SOP looks useful to those interested.

On a trip in late March to Stanford University the Lincoln family saw John Phillips functioning as Commanding General of Fort Ord and satellite places in the absence of other generals. Sarah was starring in an almost leading part of Noel Coward's "Hay Fever" in costumes from the Thrift Shop of Fort Ord. Dutch Kraus is in charge of the Army's "Rosetta Stone" at the Presidio of Monterey, a very impressive establishment with 2,000 people studying 30-odd languages. Doug Dwyre deals with Reserve matters at the Presidio of San Francisco where Charlie Rau is Deputy Post Commander and Charlie Allan is a Deputy Chief of Staff. Fred Chaffee is PMS&T at Stanford.

Fred Sladen was reported back on leave from Korea for his daughter's wedding at Fort Lewis to Paul Freeman's aide. Bill Hamlin writes from the Signal Supply Center in Philadelphia that Ken Nichols has been addressing the Philadelphia Society on Founder's Day and Joe Colby is going to the Ordnance Ammunition Command at Joliet, Illinois.

I find a note in my file that 13 temporary Major Generals in the class have been made permanent Brigadier Generals and that Tom Sands has just been promoted to Major General.

Paul Harkins writes some months ago that Doc Kearney is in Fitzsimons and that Van Bibber is in Valley Forge General Hospital.

Dick Parient is teaching at the Western Military Academy in Illinois and has a boy entering in the Class of '61. Dick Carpenter is taking a year's leave of absence in Europe from being an Associate Professor in the Engineering Department at Purdue.

A few weeks ago there crossed my desk, in circulation from the Superintendent's office, a letter from the Information Bureau of the Jesuit Fathers, Japan, suggesting that the "inclosed Press release" concerning Major General Carns, West Point Class of 1929, might be used to indicate to cadets the variety of demands placed upon the American officer today, and the successful way in which they are implemented.

Our friend Bat, now Commanding General for the First Cavalry Division, was the guest speaker at the commencement exercises at Sophia University in Tokyo and was emphasizing the importance of international education and the great need of people with wide "international eyes" in order to recognize the tactics of communism. How do you suppose Bat would have reacted to one of us 30 years ago if we had suggested that he would ever be in this business?

The retiring Washington representative and I agreed that we should mention the matter of a possible 30-year book in this



Class of 1930 at the 1957 West Point dinner at Camp DeLoges outside Paris, France. Left to Right: Whipple; Weller, D. M., USMC, graduate of Annapolis; Mandelbaum; Sachs; Moore, Ned; Wright, W. H. S.; Bartlett; Harris, W. H.; Beasley; Janairo. Missing—Norstad who was unable to make it.

column, on the basis that it is a nice thing to have done but that someone other than your lone and lonely West Point member would have to do the doing.

With thanks to all the classmates who have contributed news.

—Abe Lincoln.

## 1930

Dear Gang:

At this time of year changes are so numerous that a recital of all those that have come to my attention would use up too much of the space allotted to us herein. You'll just have to refer to the new address list which should be coming to you this month. There is one recent move I'd like to mention because it was so unexpected, Jack Pauley, who went to Korea only last fall, was suddenly called back because of the serious illness of his wife; after spending several anxious weeks "camping" in a BOQ at Walter Reed he was able to report with great relief that the lady is out of the woods and further, that some considerate soul in Career Management had had him ordered to Second Army at Fort George G. Meade, where they are now (thankfully) settled.

Since my last notes were written we've had the usual rash of West Point dinners. At the big one here in Washington we were represented by Bogart, Cook, Curtis, Guthrie, Howze, Richardson, Stevens, Stone, Twyman (who was going to Frank Kowalski's school at Belvoir), Uhrhane, Watson and Yount. The gang at Camp desLoges mustered Bartlett (who sent me the picture), Beasley, Greco, Harris, W. H., Janairo, Mandelbaum, Moore, N. D. (visiting from Washington), Sachs, Whipple, Wright and a Navy confrere, Brigadier General Don Weller, USMC, who took the course at Sill when Al Watson and I and some others were there in '35-'36. In Heidelberg, Freddy Atkinson writes, he was with Fitch, Harris, W. W., Hayden, Kimpton and Porter. And Jimmy Wilson, in Stuttgart, had Beau Beauchamp to keep him company, Freddie Crabb being away on a trip at the time. Chuck Heitman wrote from Tokyo that he was accompanied by Broom, Carter, Clifford, Clem Hurd (who is with USIS there), Kromer and Miffin. And my faithful West Coast agent JoJo Carrithers, reported that he had Jim Brett and Win Sisson with him again this year in San Francisco. I'm sure there were other good gatherings in other places.

Buck Folk and Seafood Garton have been

added to the list of graduates of Kowalski Kollege. They were here in April, but to my regret my only contacts with them were telephonic, mostly because I was on leave for part of the time.

Larry Talcott, our honorary member, writes of seeing Gerry Mason and the Timothys up Philadelphia way. Gerry, he tells me, has accepted a position as assistant to the president of the Decker Aviation Company there. Now he'll have something to do besides mow the lawn at Moongate".

I note that Fritz Weber, Jr. got himself married in March and Paul Roy's daughter was married (in Brussels) in early April, the latter event being attended by Ed Sachs, Bill (W. H.) Harris and Hall Stokes, all with wives. Ace Goodwin reports the arrival of his fourth grandchild in April.

Promotions continue to show up here and there. Mort Townes got his star as Paul Yount's assistant for Traffic; Herb Mitchell will have his by the time you see this; and Bob Porter had his first one nailed on permanently in May.

Those who scan the address list with care will note that our long-lost friend Bill Diddlebock is back on the list, thanks to Johnnie Murrel, who met him in Dallas and promptly notified me of the address. Diddle has a civilian job with the Transportation Maintenance and Supply Command at St. Louis and, according to Johnnie, talks enthusiastically about his wife, son and daughter.

I can't close this number without commenting on some more retirements. Wally Ahearn decided to quit fighting the battle of the dollar and laid down his diamond-shaped insignia on May 31. Wally says that whereas he used to think of "aspirations for the future" and "ambition for high professional attainment" as synonymous phrases, he's no longer sure that they are. He'll remain in Augusta, at least for the time being, at the address shown on the new list.

Rosie Taber is retiring on June 30. He tells me that his primary concern is to get the family together in a less demanding sort of life. He has accepted a position as Professor of Metallurgical Engineering at Syracuse University, where his son is an undergraduate, and they will settle in there for the long pull.

As to my own departure from active duty, also coincident with the end of the fiscal year, I can only say that it combines the the Ahearn-Taber philosophies, plus the fact that there are some other things to which

I want to devote my efforts that the Army just doesn't give me time for. The job of CO at McNair is being taken over, very happily, by George Duehring, and I've asked George and Bob Lancefield to take over the Class affairs too. I think the gang has nothing to worry about with these two conscientious and able men as stewards.

So at long last, with real regret, I lay down the pen. Mary and I will be at "Mount Stuart", on Route 218 just 18 miles east of Fredericksburg, for the indefinite future. There we will always welcome correspondence and visits from any members of this well-loved rabble. And I can sit on my porch of an evening and sip a julep and read *Assembly* and just have a helluva time criticizing my successors!

Good luck and warm regards to all.

—Sandy Stone.

## 1931

This is my farewell to this column, Ken McCrimmon (Office of the Chief of Engineers, Washington, 25 D. C.) having been selected to volunteer for the task. I have enjoyed my stint and depart with one request, write Ken at the above address and give him some news. It helps a lot, believe me.

First things first. Ted Walker has received his second star, Johnny Cave has his first star and is helping Augie Schomburg keep the Ordnance Corps rolling from the Pentagon. Ted Decker, sporting his star, you might say now qualifies for stars and bars. Bob Lee and Ted Timberlake are swapping Air Forces. Bob coming stateside for the 9th AF and Ted going overseas to take over the 4th Allied TAC Air Force. Bill Train is heading for USAREUR as is Ragland. Someone got wind of that '31 clique in the Chief of Engineers Office; Eddie Brown, Steve Hanmer, Ragland and newcomer McCrimmon and decided four was a crowd. We had to send more to Europe, however, as Skidmore is returning; so Klem Boyd goes to Greece to make it even. There was no word of Skid's destination stateside or whether he would stay in the merchandising business. Pachler is coming to DCSOPS and Dan Callahan goes to Mobile, Alabama in July. The class luncheons won't be the same without Dan dropping in for a free cup of coffee. Alex Sutherland journeys from USMA to Fort Meade; Mop Perry commands the 1st Armd Div Arty and Paul Mayo is Deputy CO at the Finance Center at Benjamin Harrison. If he gets into trouble there, Decker can be his lawyer. Bob Alan trades the air-conditioned Pentagon for the conditioned air at Loring AFB in Northern Maine. Bob will get there just too late for their one-day summer, but I understand it never goes lower than forty below in the winter and the Canadian steaks are wonderful when they (the steaks) thaw out. Bob Hackett, who apparently doesn't care for life in these United States is being transferred from Germany to Honolulu all in one fell swoop. This might even be one of those trans-polar flights for all this correspondent knows. Maybe on arrival in Hawaii he can discover what beach Dutch Spangler is combing these days. Chet Diestel leaves the ivy-covered halls of Nebraska for the missile strewn suburbs of New York, having been transferred to the AA defenses of that area. Speaking of missile strewing, we all hope Don Yates down there in Florida, starts hitting an average soon. The last few newspaper reports have indicated one short and one over out of two fired. Earle Cook, turned writer for Armed Forces Management, is now with SCEL at Monmouth and doing fairly well according to the picture accompanying the article. Tick Bonesteel, still in Korea, commanded the 24th Div for a while, but has gone back to Div Arty Commander now; George Speidel is Asst Div Cmdr of the 11th Airborne under Hugh Harris as Div

Cmdr, Dick Steinbach has the Div Arty of the 4th at Fort Lewis. Bob Johnston at USMA sends word about Johnny and Eloise Hansborough arriving in Alaska and a picture of John Barclay welcoming British Major General Boucher to Redstone Arsenal last March.

There have been two retirements that I noted—Dick Danek at Fort Sam Houston and Jim Pumpelly again. Jim is returning to South America to export or import something. Our class party here in Washington in March, just too late for the last issue of *Assembly*, was enjoyed by all. Fifty-three classmates and wives attended. The usual crowd was present, too many to list, but we had some distinguished guests, Bob and Phyllis Fulton, Dave and Jean Hutchison and Charlie and Tommy Howze from Langley Field and Scott Dickson who was in town for a convention. Fifteen of the class showed up for the Founders Day dinner here. Bill Dick took the opportunity to parade his full-dress uniform (his new one, not his cadet one which I think he could still wear). Chet Landaker came to tell us that he was going to Honolulu instead of North Dakota. Maybe Bob Alan ought to inquire into how to make a similar swap. The June class luncheon will be the last until September. If you are in the Washington area, call Charlie Hoy, who will give you the info on the luncheons.

Two weddings for the younger generation; Willie and Dorothy Hampton's daughter, Diane, being married to Harry Cooper's boy; Red and Betty Frederick's son, Dean, being married to Harlow and Pete Miles' ('33) daughter; both in June in Germany. Betty Frederick is staying with the Ockie Kreugers while over there so there may be some news from that source for the next issue. The Densford clan, or should it be tribe, is to be increased by the addition of grandchildren six and seven this summer. Cora Densford, who is partially responsible for starting the tribe, will be in San Antonio at 207 Purdue St. for the next few months. Drop in and see her if you are in the vicinity, otherwise it might get lonesome. Charlie is staying with the 2nd Allied Tac AF to finish out his tour, but is keeping two of the children with him as hostages to insure Cora's return. He sent in two very interesting letters, one too late for the last issue and the second just in time for this one. He mentioned a trip to Brussels with the possibility of seeing the Hardicks, Kruegers and Fords (shortly after we had a note that Bill Hardick was making an extended visit to the Belgian Congo—not to duck Charlie's visit — just because Bill has always liked local color). Charlie mentioned seeing Roy Kauffman, the guided missile expert from Bliss, in Amsterdam. Roy is now CO of Camp Des Loges, France. Bob Lee (see above), Ernie Easterbrook and Phil Bethune (both at LANDCENT, Fontainebleau) and Charlie had a small class reunion in Laarbruck, Germany. No mention was made of how they all arrived at that outlandish place at the same time. Charlie also sent in an interesting study on our piloted classmates. It's too long for this issue but maybe Ken can use part of it next time.

H. H. Dudley, from his garden retreat in Long Beach, sent in two photos from the Wyoming papers featuring Percy Lash. In one, Percy is presenting the Chicago Tribune gold medal to Cadet Major James H. Carlisle, University of Wyoming, as the outstanding graduating ROTC cadet in military achievement, scholastic attainment and character. The congratulations of the class are extended to young James for making such an excellent record. Percy would have sent the clippings in himself, but perhaps didn't have any copies left over after filling his scrapbooks.

Four class sons graduated from USMA this year as follows; Champlin F. Buck, III (Armor)—Champ, CO Rainier Ordnance

Depot; Houston P. Houser, III (Inf)—Parks, DCSLOG, Pentagon; James E. Maloney, Jr. (Arty)—Jim, CO Fort Jay; Charles C. Moses (Arty)—Mickey, JCS Pentagon. Two graduated from USNA; John Hansborough (Air Force)—John, Alaska; Tom Marnane, Jr. (Navy)—Tom, CONARC. If I left anyone out I apologize, but that was everyone I was informed about.

A note on the pistol gifts. Of the 120 votes received, 80 were in favor of extending the gift as noted in the questionnaire. A committee of Patsy Hunter, Gus Heiss, Milt Arnold and Gordon Cusack have been meeting to work out the details. Full particulars will come in a class letter later on from Trixie Troxel. One word of caution, don't forget to notify the Washington chapter about graduating sons, since that is the only way that accurate records can be kept. Mention will be made in this column from time to time about the officers of the chapter, so you will know to whom to write.

I'll close on what might be called a Peter Otey statement. A recent survey of general officers showed, among other things, that the class of 1931 had no general officers under forty-five years of age. As PO might say, "Getting old tends to raise your age."

## 1932

A scene from an old movie haunts me as I stare moodily at the sundry scribbles on notepaper, postcards, menus and odd bits of kleenex that are supposed to transform themselves into something readable.

"Hey Groucho", this voice said over the telephone, "I'm in a quandry."

"O.K.", said Groucho, "and while you're there tell 'em not to put so much starch in my collars."

If only they starched the cuffs on sport shirts for example, I'd be able to read the notes I took at the reunion picnic, but the real quandry is what to include in this issue and what to leave out because this time we really have a bale of material.

Meaty replies to Bill Smith's dues post card alone were enough to fill the mag for months, but since he is manfully churning out extra newsletters to get the contents about, shall not duplicate it here. Incidentally, there was virtually unanimous approval of the rise in annual dues to \$5 to take care of such things as the 25th year gift to USMA, individual gifts to graduating sons (we have potential candidates at least through 1971), and the much appreciated world wide address list which takes some doing to keep up to date. Bill now has an amazing 227 correct addresses of the 231 still living and if you think those four are going to remain blank you don't know your comptrollers.

The reunion was another considerable source and I even considered slipping neat 1,400 word packages in under the titles of 1871-74 inclusive, since discovering that they haven't been using their quotas lately, but the editor is sharp as a tack and he'd catch it before you could say Bogardus Snowden Cairns 0-18798. This is strictly an experiment in excerpts, therefore, but to paraphrase the mad, mad, Madison Avenue avant-garde, let's throw it off the roof and see how high it bounces; let's run it up the flagpole and see if anyone salutes.

The big play, of course, was our 25th reunion at good old Rockpile U. and as several of the 90 odd returnees expressed themselves, "It was even better than we thought it would be." The Academy itself had a compact, interest-filled program for the 3½ days, to which our hardworking local committee added a standout class function each night. Then, apparently caught in their own spirit of wild abandon, they capped the climax with three weddings for good measure.

Things started off fine Saturday morning with the Navy track meet where our mar-



CLASS OF '32 AT WEST POINT FOR THEIR 25th REUNION.

gin of victory was one point. Jodie Hinshaw's then husband-to-be, Jerry Scott, contributed 9 to the Army total, with a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in the shot, discus, and javelin respectively. Mike Keating added a couple more in his pole vault specialty and as a matter of fact received the prize at the awards review later for the number one ranking cadet in general physical aptitude over the 4-year period. By the time the ball game started in the afternoon (another one run thriller), '32 had a substantial cheering section organized and things were on the roll.

The picnic at Buckner which followed immediately thereafter was the first of the fine series of events arranged by the Godwins, Harveys and Hinshaws, to whom full credit is due for the show. (The Al Schraders had previously gone to Hq. Sixth Army on p.c.s.) What follows is a kaleidoscopic compendium of info received there with some from other sources interlarded more or less by subject matter.

Jack Sutherland who came from California took the long distance prize with the Chuck Clarks and Grunerts runners up from San Antonio. Ed Suarez and Click Rees flew in from Grandview AFB and brought with them Bill Culp from Leavenworth and Bill Ellery, Asst. Division Commander of the 1st Division at Fort Riley. Ed, incidentally, has orders to the National War College as Deputy Commandant, and by the time this is printed, will be living at Fort McNair.

Even the business prevented Jim McCormack from coming, Eleanor showed the old class spirit and came alone. The Andy Mulenbergs drove up from Atlanta where Andy recently moved up a substantial notch in the Plant Engineering Department of Lockheed Aircraft Corp. Their address is 457 Overbrook and by their written statement, keep a double bed with clean sheets at the ready just for guys like you.

For many of us it was a first meeting with Eileen Rowan whom Ed married in 1952 after Doris' tragic death. She was the widow of S. T. Willis, USMA '40, and besides being a most attractive gal, has the distinction of having established the first Arthur Murray studios west of the Mississippi in days gone by.

Harley and Sis Trice who *never* miss a reunion said Harley is still with Mine Safety Appliances Co. but would shortly transfer to the home office in Pittsburgh where he will be Chief of Marketing Services, a considerable promotion. Another successful civilian to return was Lew Briggs, manager of a textile firm in Charlotte, North Carolina. It was

Kathleen's first visit to West Point but after a night of yak yak in the ladies' dorm, she is now a life member of the club.

Incidentally, the residents reported that too much cannot be said for the ladies' dorm. Of course anything that has Sue Menoher, Betty Descheneaux, Ruth Babcock—and as a matter of fact Ruth and Larry's lovely daughter, Gail Babcock—plus many other fun-lovers, is bound to be a success. Just as we enjoyed the men's barracks to the hilt, so the gals felt when they met friends they hadn't seen in 20 years, others whom they see every 2nd Tuesday and still others they met for the first time and thought were just fine.

Honey and Betty Whalen were both excited about Honey's new assignment as the Army Attache to Japan, but Betty talked much more about the jewelry she was wearing and justifiably so. Side by side were two "A" pins, each received from a Plebe at Plebe Christmas, just 25 years apart.

At the supper dance Sunday night we were surprised and delighted to have Bob Glassburn, Sr. join us. A debonair, ebullient extrovert, he looked as though he were celebrating his 50th birthday rather than his 50th reunion. Even my current roommate, the old Arthur Murray analyst, was impressed with his polished dancing and asked him where he had learned. You should have seen him beam when he said "Vernon Castle."

Bill Davidson made it, but they wouldn't let Dossi out of Fitzsimons in time even though she had been working on the medics there since February. She sent a very fine telegram consisting of an original verse of Army Blue, however, which was read a capello to the assembled multitude. Without further ado they voted unanimously to send her the door prize, a figurine of Royal Doulton china, sent by that Merry Andrew who represents R.D. on the West Coast, Red McKeown.

In spite of the poor state of discipline in barracks that night, which at times sounded ominously like the storming of the Bastille, there was a full turnout for the Alumni Parade next day. After the ceremony and while we were formed by classes on the Plain waiting for the review to start, had a most agreeable experience when Secretary of the Army Brucker strolled over to talk to us. He chatted for five minutes and passed on regards from nephew Wally, who is in Europe and couldn't make the formation. If you can't be there yourself, send the right emissary, I always say.

At the annual Alumni luncheon which fol-

lowed we continued the practice established last year with our first group of graduating sons. Our '57 graduates sat at the '32 tables where we all had a chance to shake hands with them and welcome them to the team. As a small but tangible indication of the pride we feel in six fine young men, engraved desk sets were given to Mike Keating, Leigh Ogden, Dave Schorr, Charles Williams, James Woolnough and Donald Whalen. Of the group, I think only Don was scheduled for marriage, he to Norah Green of Carlisle, Pennsylvania, later in June.

Thanks to the female juniors we got some fine associate members from '57, viz., Jerry Scott already mentioned, Second Lieutenants Herman Day, new husband of Molly Hinshaw, and Art Johnson, football end emeritus, lacrosse specialist and battalion commander, who married Lee Harvey on graduation day.

Previously in Washington, Dick and Helen Hunt's daughter, Helen, married Lieutenant Edward Valence, Inf., USMA '56 now on duty with the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell. And while we're knee deep in the second generation, let's give a big salute to the first class child to make *first* lieutenant. Avery and Anne Cochran's daughter, Anne, A.N.C., recently had her silver bars pinned on by Lou Coutts' brother-in-law, General Jack Schwartz, C.G. of Madigan Army Hospital. You can't keep a good man (or woman) down.

This will strain the credulity but a man certainly bit a dog, or to be more precise, a lovely little gal nibbled on a wolf with amazing results. After 24 years and 11 months of stubborn defense in depth, Ernie Powel was tranquilized, gaffed and flung across the altar too stunned to do anything but mumble "I do." The champ is petite, blonde Muriel Applebee, whose stunning looks are matched by a sparkling personality that flows out nicely in intelligent conversation.

Besides the Powels and others already mentioned, the following '32s also joined in our reunion fun and frolic: the Braudes, Burkes, Churchill, Al Clark, Daniels, Davis, Deisher, Hassmanns, Hillbergs, Keatings, Lavignes, Lincoln, Maseys, McDonalds, Momms, Bill Moores, Ogdens, Roth, Schorr, Seaward, Shinkles, Bill Smith, John Steeles, Welborn, the Charlie Williams', Woolnoughs, Wrays and Zitzmans.

To those who couldn't make it, perhaps the best note we can close on is to quote the following completely unanticipated telegram which arrived at USMA just as we got under

way: TO USMA THIRTY-TWO ASSEMBLED IN REUNION OR WHEREVER ON DUTY WARM GREETINGS ON TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF GRADUATION WE HOLD HIGH REGARD THE DISTINGUISHED RECORD THAT IS YOURS HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS.

CLASS OF THIRTY-TWO  
NAVAL ACADEMY

—Ken Zitzman.

1933

The May dinner dance had a good turnout. It seems as though these affairs are the only opportunity for a substantial number of the class to get together. Bob Cyr has joined the Pentagon ranks and is in Dep Log. Ebe Downing is due in the Chief of Engineer's Office in August. Billy Clarke is studying Italian in preparation for assignment to Land Forces Southern Europe. By the time this is published Lyle Bernard's daughter will have been married (June 1, Fort Myer Chapel) and Lyle will be on his way to CINCPAC. Frank Zeller is due to go to Formosa in October "to hold Pop Risdien's hand." Solly Solomon (retired) is now an "evaluator" in WSEG-IDA. Red Akers had a heart attack in May. At last count he seemed to be doing all right and will be returned to duty but probably to a different job.

Dick and Lovey Meyer lost their son Johnny who was buried at West Point April 26. I'm sure they know how deeply we all sympathize with them.

Al Denton, Dep Com, Dayton Air Force Depot, reports that he sees Oscar Senter and Kingfish Kelly now and then. Also, Sammy Mundell at Wright Air Development Center.

Bob Hain is leaving the Air Defense Command at Colorado Springs to take an AAA group at Fort Banks, Massachusetts.

Russ Broshous reports from West Point May 21: "'33 is now becoming well represented with thirty-three sons presently being members of the Corps. Seven who are members of the graduating class — Bernd, Edwards, Gibbs, Kaiser, Miller, Olsen and Webster. The Class of 1958 lists four — Card, Evans, Julian, and Meals. The Class of 1959 shows ten — Cyr, Engler, Haskin, Maddux, McMorrow, R. J. Meyer, Tripp, Vansant, Versace and Walters. There are eleven Plebes in the Class of 1960 — Breit, D. C. Chapman, G. Chapman, Elder, Eyster, R. H. Gates, Hagan, Lincoln, Remus, Stilwell, Totten and D. W. White.

"Had a 'phone call from Freddy Palmer who was at West Point attending a bank-

er's convention. Fred owns a bank in Nyack, New York.

"Buck Pohl who is in the insurance business in Cornwall and Pat Guiney who is teaching in Highland Falls High School, along with yours truly comprise the '33 group now in the vicinity of West Point. We are doing a little advance planning toward our 25th Reunion. If anyone has any good ideas, we would enjoy hearing about them."

Dave Gibbs reports from Fort Monroe, May 8: "This is my swan song. We are preparing to move to Fort Gordon, Georgia. My orders read 'DP will be app Co, SigC Tc.' They are getting entirely too familiar when they refer to me by initials in official orders!

"Yesterday, Bert made a presentation to the Turkish Chief Signal Officer and I'll be darned if he didn't start out in Turkish. I have since learned that what he said was to the effect that all women are beautiful, which proves there is some life and humor in the old boy yet. Recently we were all assembled for a cocktail hour with the McMorrow's who were visiting from Aberdeen. Another visitor, Bobby Tripp is presently attending a Combat Development conference here and is to be seen in the company of Johnny Lane, our able Transportation Officer.

"Stan Lonning is busy being responsible for the doctrine regarding the Field Army. Merriam is Exec of the Combat Development Section. Marty Frame is the Chief P&O Division, G-3."

Fred Zierath reports from Benning, May 21: "The Abn Conference at Fort Bragg in May provided a small reunion for Harrell, Conway, Zierath, DeGarve, Chase, Brindley and Cal Smith. This station is also the home grounds for Parr and Pope. Phil happened to be in Washington at the time receiving some high honors from the Italian Embassy.

"Mat Kane visited Benning recently from his Chicago Sears-Roebuck office to equip a new hospital unit. Billy Harris saw Matt for a short time and said he is working night and day. Moe Edwards visited Fort Benning with dignitaries on the occasion of the May JCOC demonstration. Ralph Talbott's son is in the 3d Division and winning honors as an outstanding pistol shot. Bill Fuller visited the KING COLE Exercise in Louisiana from 4th Army Headquarters and we understand he is now enroute to a new assignment in the northeast section of the U.S.

"Jim Boswell is doing a bang-up job in the South Carolina Military District and Pat Patterson is still working on the missiles in

Huntsville, Alabama to get bigger bangs; John Brindley is G-2 at Third Army Hqs."

Dick Montgomery, Dep Com SAC's Second Air Force, reports from Barksdale, May 7: "It is wonderful to get back to the troops. 'Tex' Hetherington commands a B-47 combat wing at Homestead Air Force Base and is about to take command of the Air Division located there. Saw Gabe Disosway several months ago. He is still Commander of the Flying Training Air Force with Headquarters at Waco, Texas. (Ed—Art Kinsolving writes that Gabe recently gave him an "orientation" in a jet.) Was certainly tickled to see all the Army stars descending on '33 Class shoulders."

Bob Arnette reports from San Antonio, May 22: "'Mac' McClelland, 'Blackie' Myers and I attended the Annual W.P. Dinner at Fort Sam. Others present were Bill Fuller and Earl Machery. '33 at Hqs. 4th Army, FSH, are Cooper, Damon, Fuller and Machery in G-3 and Pearson in G-1. Saw Pugh Pearson last week—first time since graduation.

"Roy Reynolds was at 4th Army on business and Jean and I saw him at Bill Fuller's along with Bill and Eva Damon, 'Ajax' Cooper, and Jane Alspaugh. Young Ralph Alspaugh set or tied High School records in 100 and 440. Bob Rayburn was at Kelly AFB last week of March and first week of April. He is with Convair Plant, San Diego, on Civil Service."

Tom Beck reports from Alaska, May 23: "'33 is most conspicuous here by its absence. Tom Moorman was through here the latter part of March but I missed seeing him. Maybe by the next issue we will at least have had some 'feather merchants' from '33."

Doug Gilbert, now senior advisor to III ROK Corps, reports some changes: "John Honeycutt is on the way to Korea. It's rumored that he is to be senior advisor to the Commanding General of the Korean Training Command. Slugger Douglas is also on his way to Korea, assignment unknown. Ralph Alspaugh is now G-2 at KMAG. Ned Gee is Asst Div Co, 7th US Div and Lamar Ratcliffe is G-3 of the Ryukyus Command. T-Bone Bowen is C/S Det L KMAG and advisor to the Deputy Commanding Generals, First ROK Army. Bob Franklin, Ted Schull and Pinky Webster are still on the job and Milt Haskin is at Clark Field as CO of SONAP."

My plea for info from retired classmates certainly fell flat: The only answers, on going to press, were from Pete Bellican and Hadley Richardson. Pete writes: "Pete and Blanche Bellican, are living on our place, PARADE REST, at Box 28, Church Hill,



LONG GRAY LINE CLASS '32.

Mississippi, nearby to Natchez, Mississippi—where the Old South Still Lives. Anyone in our vicinity is personally invited to partake of a charcoal steak from the herd of 'Bellican the Builder of Better Beef.' Hadley says that his family is now well rooted in San Diego. He is in the research field with the Visibility Laboratory, and is studying for his Ph D in Operations Research. He reports that Bob Rayburn is in San Diego as Security Chief for Convair.

—Bing Downing.

## 1934

On Tuesday, May 28 we held our annual meeting at the McNair Officer's Mess, at which time the new slate of officers was installed. This included Norvell, President, Williams, 1st VP, Hillyard, 2nd VP, Barnes, Secretary and O'Connell, Treasurer.

As an annual report on the termination of my year as Class President, I would like to give you a resume of some of the year's events—and also I would like to let this be the first of the new series of class notes which will now emanate from Washington. Jack Renfro asked that we, here in the Capital, having the largest concentration of '34ers, take over the reporting on you people. So for the future, please send notes to Colonel Frank C. Norvell, CINFO, Department of the Army, Washington 25, D. C. And a big thanks from all of us to Jack (and Ruth) Renfro for the interesting, chatty column turned out year after year from the secluded glen on the Hudson.

Last summer our 20 year history was finished, and distributed with many thanks to all, especially the Donoghues. Please let us know if you want one, or if you know of any who do, — particularly the Ex-'34 and widows who have limited contact with us.

In September '56 about fifty-five of us gathered at Andrews AFB for a grand dinner and dance arranged by Al Wilson. In November we had a joint luncheon at the Naval Gun Factory with USNA Class of '34. Class 20 year books were exchanged. The Army-Navy-Air Force Cotillion has had a wonderful season with six "hops" at the Fort Myers Club. We have lost, as committee members, Hanley, Ligon Stone and Ward; and have added Crystal, Donoghue, Edson and Neal. Bilbo and Hayes remain from last year, with Hayes as chairman and Ward as "technical advisor" Pete and Evelyn Ward deserve a big hand for the heavy load they carried in handling all Cotillion applications and admissions last year. This spring we lost our VPs, Lou Walsh to CONARC and Dale Smith to Saudi Arabia. Barnes pitched in to arrange the luncheons, normally handled by the VPs.

In my travelling this past year saw Gooch in San Francisco; Kern, Northam, Wood and O'Hara in Chicago; Cheston (heads MAAG in Bogota), Peca (to Bliss this summer) and Tate in Panama; Cunningham, Miller and Weber at Riley; Bunker in St. Louis; Dan Heyne, who just finished pilot training at Fort Rucker, Alabama. Lynn will lead up the MAAG in Cuba. Lehman reported into the Pentagon in May. Steven stopped by enroute from Kaiserslautern to Bliss. Stone goes in June from Washington to command Atlantic Wing, MATS at McGuire AFB, New Jersey.

Jack Shuck was retired from the USAF in February 1957, and is now working for Lockheed Aircraft at Sunnyvale, California. His address: 2058 Sandalwood Court, Palo Alto, California.

Gantt Hickman is PMS&T at Eastern Kentucky State College, in Richmond, Kentucky.

The Gerhart's daughter Sarah was married in Arlington in May. (Are you feeling any older?)

What are your "big" children doing? — Here is what we know of some of them. The following have sons at West Point:

In the Class of '58, Betts, Brookhast, Davall, Finkenauer, Higgins and Hubbard; in the Class of '59, Chatfield, Walsh, J. E., and Wells, J. B.; in the Class of '60, Gould, Spivy and Wood, C. H.

Lee Ann Hillyard is home after finishing her Sophomore year at Colorado U. Bill MacDonnell, Jr. is with his folks at Belvoir after a year at Penn State. Frank Norvell, Jr. is here from VMI. Many Youngsters graduated from H.S. this June, we know of Heather Hanley, Chartley Ward, Scott Edson and Joan Neal. This is only a starter do let us know where your offspring are. Who knows, your son at "old Bedlam U," may be rooming with a classmate's son and never know it.

And lastly, let us know the news—we have a luncheon in the Pentagon the first Thursday of each month (or thereabouts).

—Hal Edson.

## 1935

The time has come for loyal members of the Class to fork over one sound U.S. dollar for the Class Kitty which now totals about \$480.00. Please mail the stipend to the Secretary-Treasurer (C. B. Mitchell, RFD 3, Box 567, Fairfax, Virginia). While on the subject of the filthy stuff, the Class expenses ran about \$150.00 plus during the past twelve months, mostly for flowers, stationery and postage.

At the May Class luncheon several interesting actions were taken. The Class voted to establish a Class gift to be awarded to the son or adopted son of any graduate member of the Class of '35 who graduates from a Service Academy. In addition to the three principal academies the U.S. Coast Guard and Merchant Marine Academies were included. The gift is to be a seven-inch silver tray with the Class of '35 and the son's class crest mounted thereon. Bailey, Banks and Biddle will prepare the gift. At present there are about eight sons at the Academies, with the first (Pederson) due to graduate with USMA '58. There should be several qualifying for a gift with the Class of '60, when we have our 25th Reunion. Ken Bergquist, Sieb Bassitt and Milt Taylor did a fine job for the Class as the Gift Committee.

The Class luncheons will be held on the fourth Friday of each month in the Pentagon General Officers Dining Room from here on unless something should prevent it. It's always pleasant to see a new face — the harrassed D.C. visages rarely change. There will probably be a Washington contingent Class party or picnic to coincide with the Army-Virginia game in Charlottesville next Fall. Anyone hiding in outlying areas who can make it should do so by all means. Charlottesville is quite a way from the flagpole. Bill Proctor, Stu Fries, Milt Taylor and Dick Agnew, as a committee, feed us at the luncheons now, while Van Ormer Bidgood, Foote and George Jones see that we have fun but not dangerously at the Class whings.

Carmen Rogers, Norm Skinrood and Butch Morgan have been looking into the situation re the Class widows. They seem to be getting along reasonably well — 16 of the 36 have remarried. The Class sent congratulations to Bill Herald, Jr., on his graduation from Scotland School for Veterans Children, Pennsylvania,—high school level. For those who missed the last *Assembly*, Bill, Sr., was killed during the war and Bill, Jr., '18, and his sister Anne, 20, were raised at the Scotland School. Anne is an attractive girl and is going to Westchester College in Philadelphia, studying music to become a teacher in the Pennsylvania school system. Warren Everett and Walter, E. H., from Carlisle have devoted a great deal of time and effort to helping young Bill. Hank Thayer has twice had Anne as a guest at his home in Philadelphia and has been keeping an eye on her progress through school. The Class

tenders their thanks to Everett, Walter and Thayer for their time, effort and generosity. There seems to be no crisis with these kids as the VA funds their education. Their needs appear to be principally friendship and perhaps guidance.

It begins to look like Bob Hardy is the first corporation president in the Class. He heads up the Sunshine Mining Co. of Spokane. He digs anything from silver to oil and voted loudest for the Class silver gift to graduating sons. Jeffus from GE in Pittsburgh joined Bob as an out-of-towner at the April Class luncheon. Jim Walsh and Pat Mente are regretting their recent arrival at the Nation's Capitol. Johnny Wright is joining up with the Class forces in Panama. Joe Stancook is there too, not in New Orleans as reported last time. Sandy Horstman is going to Norfolk. John Gloriod, Hill, G. P., Jeff Rumsey, and Jim Alger have also escaped Washington. Jim Worthington was due at Bliss enroute to Fort Lewis last May. Jim Frink is going to Leavenworth — for duty, that is, as he is not guilty until proven otherwise (last section law). Harry Critz leaves this summer for duty with the 101st A/B at Fort Campbell — from OSD to parachuting!

While we may have Class grandchildren now, Nat Martin and Joe Stancook show that there is still life in the old folks—they have become proud parents. Tommie Tucker is again demonstrating his usual versatility—besides lugging his stars around Fort Campbell, he and Helen expect to be proud parents any moment! Armagida, Lashley and Russ Smith represented the Class at the West Point dinner at Seoul. Charlie Hoy reports that Tommie Tucker's boy Bruce and Hank Cherry's lad Jake are entering the Citadel next year. Says both are good footballers. Somers Dick is enroute to Troy, New York, while Bill O'Neal expects to go to Mason before long.

Don't forget to keep the news coming in. The questionnaires sent in are a gold mine for news and the D.C. crowd have read them with enthusiasm. Don't forget to send in your buck.

—Mike Mitchell.

RFD 3, Box 567,  
Fairfax, Virginia.

## 1936

Commemorating our twenty-first reunion at West Point were but a few of the class; however the occasion was singularly significant by virtue of honoring our very first graduating son from our Alma Mater. Michaelis presented the class gift to Second Lieutenant Ronald Gooding at the site of our class tree. Others of the class were present, but in this instance Bob Safford has contributed much to keeping an eye on our sons at the Academy, arranged for pictures, etc. It will be a loss not to have any of the class stationed up on the Hudson—with more and more of the sons in attendance.

For those of you who are still interested in the second poll we took concerning recognition of class children, I submit this tally. From 100 reporting their views, 60 favored gifts to USMA graduates only, 22 included the Air Force Academy, and 17 favored to include even a larger number of school graduations. This is a clearer and more definite expression of the will of the class on the USMA question than has before been received. However, the replies to the questionnaire were thirty less than to the previous poll of 1955-56, and about sixty or more less than the 1953 letter sent you before I became secretary. I trust this does not reflect disinterest in class affairs, but certainly if it does—information is desired as to suggestions, comments, and criticism in order that we can make the class organization a more closely-knit group. Again, from the recent poll I noticed that 24%



#### PRESENTATION OF CLASS GIFT TO CADET GOODING

The first son of the Class of '36 to graduate. In front of the class tree—West Point, New York, Monday, June 3, 1957.

Reading from left to right—Siebert, Colonel "Bozy" Wildrick, Gooding, Dorland, Lampert, Barlow, "Mike" Michaelis, Sievers, Assistant Secretary of the Army Frank Higgins, Cato, Shea, Safford, and Illig.

of us do not belong to the Association nor receive *Assembly*. If this number can be reduced, I shall be delighted to be shown how I can assist.

For your general information, since you might like to know how much of your money is in the class fund, I ran a tape on the total now on hand as of June 1st; it is \$928.62. In this connection, I believe it would be wise for all of you to send in approximately \$2.00 annually as against some future date when greater contributions might be required. I am sorry to say that your "offerings" will have to be voluntary, as no individual or group solicitations are now planned for the near future. I shall also be very happy to tell anyone how much he has contributed since ten years ago; I believe we have all the records.

We all deeply regret the early passing of Bailey C. Cook who was stricken by heart attack April 13th. Although he did not graduate with us, many knew him well at school and later in service during the war when he distinguished himself as a gallant combat pilot. His widow and mother reside in New Castle, Delaware.

In regard to the obituary that recently was published in this magazine on Johnny Jakle, many comments and some written expressions have been received. Therese Jakle, John's eldest daughter wrote the very moving and excellent story of her father. Both she and Florence are grateful for the interest in Therese's efforts. Also Flo has been seeking diligently to keep this talented daughter in college to complete her journalistic studies.

Undoubtedly most of you saw the editorial about generals under age 45 in an April Army-Navy Journal. From this it was pleasing to note that the Class of 1936, tho not specifically alluded to, was prominently represented. The facts are: of two Army major generals, we have both of them; of 22 Army brigadiers, we are represented by four; we have one third of the 9 major generals in the Air Force; and 6 of the B.G.'s in that Arm. Not so bad!

Concerning the individuals activities and localities among the class, Barlow left Columbus, Ohio for Pennsylvania Military District, stationed at Indiantown Gap. Skip Beard has reported to the Aviation Center at Fort Rucker, Alabama. He was last at Wolters, Texas. After a one year command at Ord, Hank Benson reported to Logistics, DA. Chuck Billingslea finished as a student at McNair and, as I heard it, he is to or has become a papa. Not that anything isn't possible these days, but the thought of daddy bouncing baby on his knee never oc-

curred to me in this instance. Congratulations! Speaking of "Daddys", Broyles was heard from last in the Philippines. Louis and Marge Chappelle are still at Manhattan Beach, California. A recent picture of "Bub" Clark was received. As a general officer he looks more like Cadet Clark of 21 years ago. Keeping young and getting high ranking all at the same time—is really accomplishing something. Carolyn Clark, an even younger looking and decidedly more beautiful member of the tribe was married June 15th to Lieutenant H. A. Homan in Wiesbaden. Very best wishes to Carolyn and the Clarks. Ted and Annie Clifton flew down here (Atlanta) from Washington the last of April. Jane deLesdernier visited and spent the evening with them, but none of the rest of us knew of their presence. Jane still maintains the household in this city awaiting Louis' return from Saigon. Bill and Betty Connor left Leavenworth, took a short leave with parents and then reported for duty with the 25th Division in Hawaii. Bill Covington has joined the ever increasing and illustrious membership of retired 36ers. He is accepting a position at Culver Military Academy. Clarence Cozart appears to be in Seoul, Korea in a KMAG spot. Another classmate—in this case, roommate—Jack Daly has left Guided Missile School at Fort Sill and gone back to the hang-out of our boyhood and the best years of our lives, Hawaii too. Ben Davis left Air Force in the Far East in March and after a short tour in Washington has reported to C/S Twelfth AF in Europe. Ken Dawalt also left Leavenworth and arrived at USAELM, Paris as his new station. Noteworthy among the class is the outstanding record both in the military and in civilian life of Gil Dorland. He has been elevated to executive vice-president of the Nashville Bridge Company. This is no small organization and only a most competent individual can achieve such a position. Not only are we proud, but very happy for the Dorlands. Jess Drain went from Headquarters US 5th Army, Chicago to US 2nd at Fort Meade, Maryland. Walt Faiks has gone to Leavenworth undoubtedly to fill one of the holes the exodus of so many of our class from there has created. Tommy Hayes has spent four years as District Engineer at Omaha and says that he has really had the finest part of his career out there. He is to be a student at the Industrial College next year. Johnny Heintges got his star and filled the Deputy C/G job at Fort Dix. He formerly was in Germany. Wright Hiatt returned from Europe and was heard of at Little Creek, Virginia, on the Joint Amphibious Board. Doris Hiester says she has

been working since January; so has Liz Gage. I'm sure the gals feel more useful contributing their time to worthwhile projects even though every one concedes that financial gain can not be the result. The Hiesters are expecting a grandchild in July, so Dave and Doris went over to Germany to be present for the occasion. I was very thrilled when I learned the story of Doris' Mother's Day present this year. Her son Jeep, had failed qualification for West Point this year. In the gift he gave here were his orders to report as a cadet on July 1st after having passed a reexamination about which she knew nothing. Red Holton recently sent one of his brief notes. He's still on Taiwan. Said Mikkelsen was through recently on some Ordnance business. "Mik" is still in Colorado. Jack Kelly has been sent from OSD to USAR Pacific. Pete Kieffer has been the District Engineer for all of the Alaskan territory, which I think is a lot of land. His daughter Roxanne has been attending William and Mary. Art Kramer finished as a student at Norfolk and is being transferred to Taiwan. Jimmy Landrum has orders to Fort Ord. Laurion came back from Okinawa which he liked very much and proceeded to District Engineer at Kansas City. Tom Lawlor moved from Paris to Fort Knox. Jimbilly Leer after a year at Carson, Colorado, got new station as Army Advisor Group, Trenton, New Jersey, with station at Kearney. McCarty left New York for McNair to attend Industrial College. McCormick departs Fort Ord to go back overseas; this time to MAAG, Vietnam. Biff Milliken goes from Carlisle to Chief of Finance, Washington. Doc Mohlere leaves Fort Wayne, Detroit for Army War College. Necrason is in C/S Operations, Hq. Alaskan Comd with a star waiting (we hope). Don Noake is at Fort Eustis, Virginia. Bobby O'Brien is to be Army Instructor at New Mexico Military Institute, Roswell, New Mexico. Bob Partidge has left Washington for CONARC, Fort Monroe. Bev Powell also departed the Capitol for Arty and GM School, Fort Sill. Bill Prince is still with Norwich University, Northfield, Vermont. Dutch Prosser up at Detroit has a young adopted son Mike, a fifteen month old apple of his old man's eye. Bob Safford has come down to Campbell, Kentucky. He is with the 101st Div and will probably command one of the support groups. Bill Shuler is also one of the to-be-congratulated class who has earned his star. Bill Sibert came back from Germany and is National Guard Advisor at San Juan, Puerto Rico. Rip Smith has left his historical job in D. C. and is now at Armored Center, Fort Knox. Oren Swain finally left Carlisle and has gone to AA command at Ent AFB, Colorado (not to be a professor, I'll be he hopes). Edgar Thompson is in the 68th AAA Grp., at Elmendorf — Fort Richardson, Alaska. He is in his third year in this post and thinks it a wonderful job. He says he has seen quite a bit of Gunn, and he also has had contact with Wagner and Kieffer up there. Clint True is still Air Attache in Karachi. His son is 6 ft. 2 and still growing. Ben Turnage, after studying his Italian diligently has gone to MAAG, Rome. Westy has been rumored for command of the 101st at Fort Campbell. Among his other honors I heard he was nominated as "Man of the Month" by an Army Reserve unit in Virginia, a couple of months back. Bud White has retired from the US Engineers. His last duty was in St. Louis, but I haven't heard his future plans. Bill Yarborough too has finally "broken away" from Carlisle and goes to work with the 3rd Infantry at Benning. Joe Yost reports he is in D.C., yet.

—Phil Gage.

1937

To quote Bill Andrews, "The Titillating Twentieth", unquote, has. Unfortunately



20th REUNION OF THE CLASS OF '37 AT WEST POINT.

Bill was not with us for the reunion. He must have gotten involved in some problem of property appraisal and tax assessment, in and about 2008 W. Mountain Street, Glendale, California, where he now lives. Bill retired in about 1944.

Also missing was Woody Dunlop who alibis his absence on the fact that Kathryn is scheduled to have a baby about June 30. They are at the Air Force Cambridge Research Center, Bedford, Massachusetts.

However, there were 43 members of the class present and Ken Sanborn was represented by Mary. As your chronicler, I am pleased to state that a general atmosphere of quiet dignity and scholarly inquisitiveness prevailed throughout all phases of "37's" Twentieth Reunion, and the comportment of each member present was marked by the restrained geniality so characteristic of "37". The ever so slight tendency to nostalgic reminiscence was offset by several spirited exchanges of opinion on current problems of national defense, as well as by some perceptive analyses of existing social trends. There were certain convivialities designed to lighten the seriousness of the occasion and produce an expansive mellowness—Need I say more?

The program followed pretty much the outline Dick Fellows and the Reunion committee sent you so I'll give you only a few highlights. The early arrivals were able to watch a successful afternoon of Army athletics and take a short cruise on that gadget loaded craft, "The Wanderer" through the courtesy of Sperry Company and under the direction of Paul Cullen and Edith.

The dinner and dance the first evening was a great success. Salientes did so many rumbas, sambas, and cha chas that he developed an inflammation in the right leg and could not march in the parade of the old grads. He is now on his way back to the Philippines, where Linda awaits him with eight children, one of whom he has not seen.

After Graduation Parade, the class assembled for a picture. The glare from the bald heads and the shadows from dark glasses made it impossible for the photographer to come up with an effort which can be placed in the *Assembly*. However, this was a memorable occasion. For the first two "sons of 37" joined us for the picture. Joe Chabot and Bonnie presented Brion of the Class of "60" and young Bob Mercado also of "60" was present. Unhappily Luis was detained at Fort Hood, and did not arrive. These two young fellows looked to be a credit to the class.

Amongst those present were Bill Amos and his bride from Buffalo-Erie where Bill is an advisor to the Army Reserve; Tom Compton and Lois from Aberdeen where Tom rides herd on students at the Ordnance School; Walt Conway and Doris from Stewart Air Force Base where Walt is with the Air Defense (Army), but he'll defend

any sort of air, even Air Force air or Navy air; Posheng Yen, wife Flora and two little Yens were in from New York City; Bud Hines and Jim Peale got an evening off to come over from the Student Group at the Army War College; Dan Russell and Audrey, soon on the way to Formosa; Randy Hines and Marge on the way to PMS&T University of Hawaii; Charles Dannelly, Luella and two daughters from 1921 Polk Street, Alexandria, Louisiana, where Charles is in the oil business and where he has the welcome mat out for journeying members of "37"; Ed Richardson and Reva, about to leave for Los Angeles, California where Ed will take over the L.A. Branch at Office of the Chief of Information, USA, at 6087 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood 28, California. Among the luminaries of the class, two were present, J. D. Stevenson, who thoughtlessly left his wife at home at Langley and Swede Ohman, that master of repartee and backlash. Because of Swede's persuasive diplomatic address and the logic of his pronouncements on warfare at 0230 hours, he was made an honorary member of the class of "23". Representing the Hunting and Fishing Club of America, was "Trapper" Drum and Betty, down Washington way. Leroy Rook, wife and son from Fulton, Missouri. Stan Connelly and Mary Jane in from Toledo where Stan is with Willys. Pete Hyser was in from Detroit, where he is District Engineer, without Olga. He'll not live that down soon. Jarvis Tolson and Margaret in from Fort Rucker where Jack is now an Army Aviation enthusiast. Buck Forney, from Larchmont, New York, where he commutes to American Cyanamid. Swede Lindquist, from Albuquerque, New Mexico, where he has civilized and is with AEC. Bob Miller and Amy from Washington. Bob is with Army Map Service and is involved with charting for the Earth Satellite program. Williams, R. G. and Irmgard from Washington way where Willy is employed by ORO. Bill Chase and Anne, Chief Evans and Claudine, Dick Fellows and Betty, Curt Low and Barbara, Sonny Gray, Jack Donohew and Dottie, John Frazier (Tomato King) and Pat, Dink Spaulding and Lorry, all more or less from Washington. Joe Focht and Olga from parts unknown. Doc Leist and Betty from South Carolina, John Eriksen and Mary from Wright AFB, Milt Clark from Huntsville, Alabama, George Maliszewski and Kathy, both looking very young, George McDowell, looking sober and Walter Gleye, same quiet fellow, Chuck Pfeffer and Babs in from the ranch. Chuck is now selling stocks and bonds; Cappy Brett about to move back to Washington; Dave Parker from Fort Bliss.

I believe that does it. Now for some non-attenders. Eric Dougan with Hq, PACAF and Day Surlis, with Hq, USARPAC in Hawaii, Stu O'Malley, CO, 35th Regiment, 25th Division at Schofield. Monte Hickok, In-

structor in Spanish, Punahow School in Oahu. Phil Sterling, Dean of Students, Wesley College, Dover, Delaware. Pat Kennedy, just leaving Denver University as PMS&T for a tour in Korea. Lonnie and children will stay in the Denver area at 702 Scranton Court, Aurora, Colorado. Luke Hoska moving to Fort Meade where Marty Green and Jim Duncan now hold forth. Harold Bibo with New England Life Insurance in Houston, Texas. Bill Lewis, the District Engineer in New Orleans. Walt DeBill, Ordnance Officer at Army Air Defense Center, Fort Bliss. Red Minor responds from Buenos Aires where he is a wheel with General Motors. He and Sherry report that Pop Mets is on his way stateside to a guided missile group to take care northern hemisphere. Sollohub is departing Fort Benning for the Engineer Supply Center at St. Louis. His son, Charlie, expects to enter the Academy with the class of 61. Ivan McElroy and family about to depart the UK after 4 years there. Jim Parker moving Fort Worth way from the Pentagon, Jack Van Vliet with G4 Communication Zone, APO 58, New York. Alleges previous preparation was with Communications Department at Fort Benning. Pete Kreiser, with Ordnance Weapons Command at Rock Island, Illinois. John Batjer, Harriete and children (2) are at Earnest Harmon AFB where John's command is the principal tenant. He mothers everything there, shoots meese (mooses to you) and bites lobsters. You are welcome to his lobster trap. Stan Smith, wife, two sons and three daughters live at Stonewall Farm, RFD No 1, Mystic, Connecticut. Stan is a Commander in the U.S. Coast Guard and Head of the Math Department at the Coast Guard Academy. He welcomes all to Stonewall Farm about eight miles from New London.

Perhaps you have noted the listings of young and resourceful general officers (under 45). For your edification I list these from "37": Major General J. D. Stevenson, Brigadiers Agee, Broadhurst, Hipps, Hollaway, Ohman, Ostrander, Preston, Sanborn, Schiedecker, Taylor, R., Westover all from the Air Force and Oberbeck from the Army.

Thanks for your response. Please send me the word at OCAROTC, DA, The Pentagon, Washington 25, D. C.

—Coy L. Curtis,  
Colonel, Arty.

1938

Dear Classmates:

In the latest demonstration of the democratic process at the seat of government, the local chapter of '38 elected Johnny Janarone as Gizmo, Mark Brennan as Secretary, Nev Howell, Entertainment Chairman, and Yours Truly, Coordinating Chairman. The last is a labored title for scribe of

this column, so, to get in a plea early, all news and views of class interest are eagerly solicited and complaints cheerfully accepted. Address to me at 5613 North 16th, Arlington, or care of the JLPJ, Joint Staff, the Pentagon.

Summer brings the usual raft of moves, for better or worse. With hopes that most are for the better, here is a summary of who goes where. In the collegiate department, their quest for knowledge blunted if not sated, the following go forth: from the National War College, Dave Byars is headed for the UNC Hq in Korea. Jerry Folda and Nev Howell provide a transfusion to Army DCSPER in the Pentagon, and Henry Huggin goes to Operations at Hq USAF. From the Industrial College, Don Williams heads for atomic duties with OCE in Washington, Bill Latta to Requirements Div of DCSLOG, Al Weinnig to Picatinny Arsenal, Nick Chavasse to Fuchu Air Station, Japan, and Brooks Wilson gives up his tennis to IG for the 17th AF in Libya. Fugitives from the Army War College are Ed McKee, bound for staff and faculty at Leavenworth, Desloge Brown to be District Engineer, St. Paul, Al Burke to Fort Monmouth, and Hube Strange to the Pentagon. Bill Vail graduates from the Air War College and wings off to AA and GM School, or whatever it is now called, at Bliss. Dick Thomas, with a sea-going air, navigates from the Navy War College to the Military Assistance Staff in Yugoslavia.

Still in search of learning, or a deadbeat, or both, Sam Eaton, Sweeney, Jim Isbell, Mo Lemon, and Miles are pointed toward the NWC at McNair. Bob Love and Charles Florence are scheduled to attend ICAF, and your ex-scribe, Bob Erlenbusch, retreats from AFSWP to the Army War College in company with Bob Ashworth, Phil Browning, Curly Harvey, Bud Mearns, and Ward Ryan. Carlisle has obviously had it.

But not all go to or escape from schools. Leo Harman has his friends househunting in Colorado Springs to provide a smooth transition from the Pentagon to CONAD. Also grubbing for new holes outside Washington are Tracy Harrington, going to the 1st Armored Div at Fort Hood by way of a refresher at Knox, Jim Henderson to the 9th Infantry Div at Fort Carson after a brain-washing at Benning, Virg Zoller to Perrin AFB, Texas, George Artman to Korea after winding up the augmentation, and Dobby Clarke off to Turkey while the family marks time in Gujuh. Claire Hutchin, cited in the A-N-AF Journal as "Admiral Radford's top public relations advisor", is reportedly headed for a regiment in Germany. Having done his comptrollership

penance, Pat Patrick is supposedly slated to take Jim Taylor's job as Div Arty Exec, or the Pentomic equivalent, in the 11th Airborne Div in Germany. Bottle Kasper is also rumored about to tunnel his way out of the Chinon Engineer Depot, France, to another slot in the same area. Ben Sternberg is leaving his choice post at CONARC and is assigned MAAG France. And rumor says 38's ace foreign correspondent, John Corley, is coming home to Benning from Seventh Army. John's overseas progress reports, principal support of many a past column, will be sorely missed. A-hofen leaves the Construction Group at Hood to teach logistical wizardry at DCSLOG's Logistics Management Center at Fort Lee. Some of our RA Augmenters apparently like the D.C. climate; Tittle is switching over to the JCS as a communications-electrician and Sam Hogan digs into the Civil Affairs of Military Government. And hope is in sight for your mangled careers, men, Mel Russell is being shanghaied from the 47th AAA Brigade to TAG's CMD. C. H. Anderson leaves the Artillery Board at Sill for Korea in September. Kent Schmidt is preparing to relinquish class control of the attache system in ACSI, previously exercised by Welby Beverley and A-worth, so puts you on notice to be prepared for anything after this Fall.

In the vital statistics department, nothing is wrong with 38's arithmetic; it continues to add and multiply. Dixie Gillivan reports that Ed F., Jr., a candidate for the Class of '78, arrived in March, the fourth child. Jeff and Babbie Irvin announce the birth of their third, Julia Cameron, at Walter Reed on April 30, and the Brownlow's are chortling about 8 pound 6½-ounce Steven G., who joined up on May 10. As this is written, Mary and Mal Maloney are anxiously awaiting the fifth little Maloney, now overdue. Congratulations to the parents of the new recruits.

From Frank Norris comes the information that brother Jack's widow, Eleanor, is now permanently settled at 2040 Gough Street, San Francisco, and would be most happy to see any classmates passing through. Jean Hawes has recently moved to Washington and can be found at 2552 North Hampton Street.

The Spring dinner-dance at Fort McNair, staged by Ken Skaer, Dave Byars, and cohorts, was a lively and successful affair. Even Al D'Arezzo was lured away from his Hawks and Nikes to see what was going on and relax a while. From Shephard AFB, Texas, Bill Strand made a well-timed visit to the Pentagon that allowed him to participate in the frolic.

The miscellaneous file. Here are a few bits cast up at random by sources in the five-sided funny-house. Paul Cornwall has purchased ten acres near the AF Academy and would be happy to have anyone build a home on the site for him, no contingencies or overruns allowed. Zee Bayer recently passed through the Pentagon on a trip from Texas, looking very fit. Don Thackeray, now Assistant G-2, First Army at Governor's Island, can tell you how and why, with charts, since completing the Command Management Course at Belvoir a short time ago. Dick Bromley, on a recent trip to Denver, reports having seen Harvey Barnard, looking healthy and prosperous. Buckland states he is having difficulty keeping his wife at the chores on their Blue Ridge farm near Middleburg, Virginia, and is looking for some non-union hired hands to keep that hereford herd happy. If you drop in, bring your hay fork with you. Dallas Haynes, caught short in his expandable housing project, is reported to be making his oldest sleep in the bus. Jack Norris, back from a trip to Korea, says everything is under control there, having seen Gus Broberg at 7th Div Arty and Gus Chalgren, scheduled to take over the 31st Infantry in June. John Damon volunteers the information that Red Sundin is making a mint on the stock market since he quit writing this blurb; no confirmation is available from Red.

Recent exploits of the Washington and Lee High School crew, of Arlington, bring to light that sons of three '38 birdmen have gone nautical. Bill Kincaid rowed in the eight-oared shell that won the National JV championship on the Potomac in May. Bob Breitweiser, Jr., and Bill Bromiley were in the winning shell in the fourth-eight races at Philadelphia earlier in the month.

Another fine letter from Bob Harrington, complete with clipping, shows that he and General Conley, '24 are doing a bang-up job for the Superintendent's program of publicizing USMA with the organization of the West Point Society of Northwestern Ohio, headquarters in Van Wert, Ohio. Bob is the newly-elected president of the society, and obviously working at it. Nice going, Bob.

At this writing, Jack English is still in bed with a foot infection as a result of tangling with his lawn mower back in April. We wish you a speedy recovery, Jack.

No reports are in on this year's June Week participation, but as our 19th year fades out, the time approaches to prepare for the (gulp!) 20th reunion. How about planning now to be on hand at USMA next June? You idea men start thinking about



LONG GRAY LINE CLASS '37.



CLASS OF 1940 AT THE FOUNDERS DAY DINNER IN TOKYO.

the type program you'd like and what kind of memento would be appropriate.

You'll write.

—Bill Smith.

### 1939

The news this time comes mostly from 39er's grabbed by the lapels in Pentagon corridors. Some of it has been so long in transit that it is hardly news. You can cure this by writing me a letter before the next deadline, which is September 1st.

That itinerant bachelor, Danny Minahan, gave me these tales from his travels: Matt Smith and D. N. Ball were recently at Sandia Base getting educated enroute to the Far East. Bert and Gert McCollam are in Sacramento (he's District Engineer) spoiling their fourth child, daughter Zandia, born December 23. Hack and Sybil Conner welcomed their first daughter, Sheila, in October. Hack is Chief of Staff of the mighty Third Infantry Division at Fort Benning. Pat Mulcahy is well dug in at Carmel, California. As those of you who read *Army* are well aware, Pat is one of our leading researchers in the human resources field. Showalter is the head of the Gunnery Department at Fort Sill. Ken Yarnall and Dave Nanney are in Colorado Springs with CONAD. And Danny himself is located at the Willow Run Lab, Project Michigan, Ypsilanti, Michigan. Danny came down to the Army War College to run one of his experiments on the class, and had a howling good time with the most numerous group at the annual West Point Dinner, you guessed it, the Class of 1939.

From Fort Bliss comes word that Joel T. Walker is the Senior Infantry Instructor.

Earle Lerette is CO of the 53rd RCT at Fort Richardson, Alaska. The 53rd has been in the hands of 39er's since 1953, because Jack Norris and Brownie Brownfield preceded Earle in command.

Larry Beckedorff passed through the Pentagon on his way to a big job in Research and Development at Sandia Base. Larry is just back from Korea, where he had two jobs: KMAAG, and the 19th Infantry, 24th Division.

Jim Sykes Billups, when last heard from, was in command of the 10th Antiaircraft Artillery Group in Korea.

From Lackland AF Base, Newt James reports as follows:

"I have a small input of a non-scandalous nature about events in the San Antonio area. As you know, the old order changeth slowly, and our class has another 10 or 15 years to go before we have one of the major contingents at the annual WP dinner in the San Antonio area. This year there were

only four or five of us at the dinner at Fort Sam: Wilmot McCutchen, the Post Engineer, Bob (R. M.) Williams, the Legal Beagle, both of Fort Sam. Bob was toastmaster at the dinner this year and did a nice job, particularly in proposing a soul-stirring toast to the Corps. Orin Rigley is a Group Commander at Brooks AFB. He is about to leave to become Professor of Air Science at Penn State; and I (James) am IG of the AF Personnel and Training Research Center, Lackland AFB.

"Wright, T. P., is in the area somewhere but was unable to come to the dinner."

From the Far East Mary Gilchrist sends news that the Class of 1939 finally got together for a Japanese earthquake of their own. She reports:

"Before another day goes by, I am determined to announce that the Class of '39 had a reunion last week-end at Camp Zama. People began arriving from far and near along about five Saturday afternoon, March 23, and we gave them just about an hour or so, before we all met in the Cherry Blossom Room of the Camp Zama Officers' Open Mess to have cocktails. First to walk in the door was Don Miller out of Korea for the first time in six months and really trying to make R. and R. the thing that it is meant to be . . . rest and 'recuperation'. (Ed. Note: Old Korea hands explain to the little woman what "recuperation" is.) Close on his heels, were Anita and George Jumper, Barbara and Roland Boughton, Ruthie and Al Ginder, Rosalie and John Pavick, Penny and Walter Grant, Mollie and Phil Seaver, Kay and Hal Crawford, Agnes and Tom Shanley, Pat and Ed Kurth, Buzz and Dotty Chapman, Ernie Maxwell, also out of Korea for a little while, and Ruth and Dick White. Roz Simon, Link's wife, and yours truly 'staged it' that night due to the fact that both Link and Frank were in Hawaii on TDY. They had both hoped to be back in time, but the best laid plans of mice and men, etc. Link did manage to get back in time for the Brunch on Sunday, but Frank didn't get home until the wee hours Monday and then we sat up until almost five a.m. while I tried to describe it all for him so that he could at least feel he hadn't missed it all. The idea for the whole thing had started at Dot and Buzz Chapman's house about two months earlier, and we were well pleased that everyone enjoyed it so. We had dinner at the same Club and broke up along about two in the a.m. and then all met Sunday morning for Brunch and didn't disband until well into the afternoon.

"Don Miller told us all about his family in the States and says that he hopes to bring them here as soon as he gets out of Korea.

Nita and George Jumper are at Johnson Air Base here with their four and they haven't changed a bit. Barbara and Roland Boughton are at Yokota Air Base and from all we can gather their two chilluns are growing like weeds as are ours. Barbara will still give any 'gal' a run for her money in the ten best dressed women list, believe me. Ruthie and Al Ginder and Walt and Penny Grant came from Tokyo. The Grants are with 1st Cav and seem to be thriving although they have moved three times since first coming to Japan. Mollie and Phil Seaver and their three young ones are at the Engineering Depot here and they expect to return to the U.S. this summer and will go to the Brooklyn Army Base. Ruth and Dick White are now living in Kobe while Dick is stationed at the Kobe Q.M. Depot, and they are most happy. We have missed them around Zama, and the basketball team for the high school has sadly missed their six foot son, Richard. (Another 'A' Co!) Kay and Hal Crawford, Roz and Link Simon, Agnes and Tom Shanley, Pat and Ed Kurth, Buzz and Dotty Chapman, and Frank and I are all still at Zama, but the old gang will be breaking up ere long. The Crawfords and their two boys will leave some time the latter part of the summer, but as yet no one knows for where. Roz and Link will hold the fort with Dotty and Buzz for awhile longer; the Shanleys leave in June for the National War College; the Kurths leave in September or thereabouts for an assignment as yet unknown. There will be five Kurths coming back to the U.S. we are proud to say, and Pat has never looked prettier. Ed just looks proud, period!!! The Gilchrists, still four in number, will return to the land of the big P.X. sometime in June and go to the War College at Carlisle. And that about winds it up from here. There were others that we had hoped to see at the reunion, but they couldn't get away. The Rogers in Tokyo were among the missing, and those that came to mind quickly from Korea who were unable to get over were Marshall Wallach, Jim Billups, and Chet Lennhoff. Someone said that Joel Walker was back in Korea, but we haven't been able to run that one down yet.

"I suppose to second lieutenants we all look old enough to be pushing up a tombstone, but to each other we look pretty good at the end of eighteen years. Anyway, it was lots of fun and with luck and a swift kick we may get around to have another one before the summer puts in."

Mary sends some fine snapshots of the party that I hope *Assembly* can use at least one of.

Now if more people would write notes like these after a social function. . .

From Europe, the word is that General "Swede" Larsen returns to the Infantry School in July.

At SHAPE, Bub Brinker is a big wheel for SACEUR, Bob Camp is head of the Army Section of G-2, Bill McCaffrey is a head planner, Pete Vandevanter is a head man in the air defense field. Brinker and Camp are on their way back to Carlisle for the War College course.

From my Annapolis connection, I am learning of the labors of producing a 20 year book. If the class as a whole desires such a book come June 1959, now is the time to express the old desire and to draw up "the plan."  
—Sailor Byrne.

## 1940

The Association of Graduates have issued its challenge. In a recent letter I have been advised that I am allowed two thousand words in which to recount the class history four times each year. Careful calculation assures me that during a calendar year I am allowed eight thousand words. Long division (which is difficult Manzolillo) shows clearly that each classmate is entitled to twenty words a year. This would be a problem if my mail was heavy. Please write me at 2167 Cacique Street and get your twenty words worth. Not an English poet Gillem.)

John Harnett succeeds John Graf as District Engineer in San Francisco. Graf goes to Industrial College of the Armed Forces in Washington in August. Charlie Balthis back from Korea and assigned as Senior Advisor to the 100 Inf. Div. USAR and Area Advisor for the Louisville Kentucky Army Reserve Area. Rauk to Industrial College. Reinecke from Carlisle Barracks to EUCOM in Paris. Rimmer from Fort Carson, Colorado to Idaho State College, Pocatello, Idaho.

Goodrich from Ypsilanti, Michigan to Army War College at Carlisle Barracks. Red Gideon still at Dover Air Force Base. Webster ordered to Germany, Martin Chandler to AAA Group, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Bill Shanahan and G. P. Green to Fort MacArthur. Wing Fook, Jung, Hank Miley, and Bob Williams have their orders to the Pentagon. Don Yeull from Army War College to Fort Carson, Colorado. Lithgow Bowlby packs his umbrella for move to Staff and Faculty Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Kintner ordered to Germany. Bengston at Redstone Arsenal. Brosseau at Air War College, with Archie Knight and Al Gillem. Bob Strong at Barksdale Field. Swank likes New Orleans. Dale Epley based in Washington but doing a lot of traveling. O'Keefe at Redstone Arsenal. Len Orman, still my best correspondent, still at Patrick Air Force Base, Florida. Ross, Cunningham and Jake Taylor still at Bliss. Case in Pakistan. John Coontz on Board No. 4 at Fort Bliss.

Hank Adams with MAAG in the Netherlands. Bill Clark finishing course at the National War College and goes with Lee Cagwin to SHAPE in Italy. Bryce Denno to Belvoir in R&D Liaison office. Budge Bingham assigned to International Security Affairs in O.S.D. Ray Downey reports his marriage to Jean on June 13, 1956 at Las Vegas, and stationed at Webb AFB in Texas as C.O. of Maintenance and Supply Group. He sees Wright once in awhile who is stationed at Reese AFB in Lubbock, Texas. Izzy Shearer is the base C.O. at West Palm Beach. Bob O'Brien running the West Point of Korea. Manzolillo with personnel section G-1 Hq. AFPE/8A. Galbreath and Tony Wermuth commanding battalions in Korea. Tony and Judy Wermuth announce the arrival of Marianne Noel Wermuth on April 17 in Washington. Judy's address is 4453 Volta Place N.W., Washington 7, D. C. until Tony comes home from Korea at the end of the year.



Class of '41 table at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Graduates.

Wetzel visited Puerto Rico on a space available jaunt and reports that Smith, J. J., Symorki and Krisberg are with him at Wright-Patterson AFB in Ohio.

Others in the Far East besides the Korea group are: Ahmajan, Ford Fuller, Jacobs, Kramer, McLean, Bidwell Moore, Raleigh, Robinson, Smelley, Summers, Wilcox and Zahrobky. Fuller is with G-3 Section 1st Cav and expects to be in Japan until January '59. McLean to be assigned to Army War College. Oval Robinson with chest 43, waist 32, and hips 41, is now a sports car enthusiast. A first and 9 seconds in recent competition. Will be in Far East until August '57. Bob Raleigh commanding an AAA Bn and still taking movies. Xmas card now acknowledged. Smelley fresh from Itazuke, Japan now in Tokyo as Director, Theater Joint Operations Center. Fox Kramer is Senior Advisor Japanese Defense Academy, and living in Kamakura right behind the Great Buddha. Mike Ahmajan is C.O. of U.S. Army Map Service in Japan. Bidwell Moore commanding a F.A. Battalion. "Zero" Zahrobky a late groom (waited 15 years) now a father of little Joe born May 13, 1956. Zero is Area Petroleum officer FEC stationed at Camp Zama. Zeke Summers with J-3 Division of FEC but expects to move with Marvin Jacobs and Jim Smelley to Hawaii and work for an admiral. Jacob's daughter, aged 14 recently won prize in an essay contest.

Larry Klar soon to leave Ottawa, Canada for return to the U.S. Kenney, J. J., to take over Standardization Group in Canada. Prann at New Castle Air Force Base in Delaware. Eb Swift writes from JUSMAG APO 74 Box B to report that the Hoovers, the Vanderhoofs and Swifts dominated the proceedings at the Bangkok Founder's Day Dinner. Van was the toastmaster. That makes two toastmasters I know of for Freudendorf acted as toastmaster at the Antilles Dinner held at Ramey AFB, Puerto Rico. Bonham goes to Pentagon after duty at Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk. Milner goes from Fort Sill to Korea. Millican from Leavenworth to Fort MacArthur. Moon Mullin from Leavenworth to Alaska and Crown ordered to Pentagon. Forbes to Stuttgart, Pfeil to Japan, Lemley, Harris and Patten to the Pentagon. Hal Brown to the Pentagon, Hank Arnold to Staff and Faculty at Benning, Oseth to Army War College, Noble to Benning, and Dave Parker to Washington. The Lights, Class cup winner, now have a new boy. Jerry Addington's new address is 4508 N. 17th Street, Arlington 7, Virginia.

Barry at Fort Meade, J. A. O'Brien at Sandia Base, Cassibry at Fort Leavenworth, Shoemaker at Leavenworth, East in the Pentagon, Light at Ent AFB in Colorado Springs. Cassidy also at Ent. Podufaly leaves Fortress Monroe for Naples. Tiger Horton with 56 AAA Brigade at Fort Devens, Massachusetts. McKenney at Fort Bragg.

Wetherill at Fort McPherson. Wynne on AA duty in Baltimore.

A seventeen year hold out has seen the light. O'Donnel married Julia Frances Sahatian on May 5, 1957 in New York City. Renola and Haessely represent forces still at large.

Me? I am 3 cents regular mail away or 6 cents air mail away. Write 2167 Cacique Street, Santurce, Puerto Rico.

—Hank Brewerton.

## 1941

*O-hayo gazaï masu.* The Andri are in Tokyo and loving it. I'm on 6 months' TDY; my address: Senior Representative, SAC XRAY, APO 500. Katherine and the kids were lucky enough to find space available on a MSTs boat. We are sight-seeing and shopping like mad because we won't be here long enough to really do justice to this fascinating country.

Others in Tokyo and packing to leave are Bill Clifford, Clint Ball, and Barney Woodruff. Bill goes to Devens in August to command the 76 FA Bn. Clint moves to Hickam, still heading the Targets Division, D/I PACAF, APO 953, S.F., and Barney will soon be PAS at Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, New Jersey.

Have talked on the phone to Boots Gilbert at Johnson AFB, Hal Tidmarsh at Yokohama, Traffic Mgmt Agency, Yokohama Region, APO 503, S. F., and John VanHay at Camp Zama. John says Jim Carroll and Bill Pratt are with him, and Boots says Lew Elder is with him at Johnson. Ran into George Welles over from Korea on a brief trip.

On the way out I talked to Paul Ramee at Shafter and saw Ted Sliney at Hickam. Dick Aldridge is at Hickam but I missed him.

*Orders:* Dunc Brown to Director of the Engineering and Construction Bureau of the Panama Canal Co. Brad Smith to "Canada." To Army War College: Charlie Cannon, John Oswalt, Jack Millikin and Jim King. Bob Dixon to W.P. George Johnson to Comptroller D/A, Pentagon. Dan Danforth, Yokohama.

*Promoted:* To permanent Colonel, USAF: Bentley, Berger, Brier, Brown, E. W., Cole, Cox, Curtis, deJonckheere, Easton, Elder, Evans, Henschke, Kelsey, Kline, Larocca, Locke, Meador, Moore, W. L., Norton, H. W., O'Connor, Peddie, Phillips, A. T., Richards, Sawyer, Stalnaker, Stillson, Travis, Tuttle, and Woods.

*Resigned:*

Roy G. Hendrickson	Inf	28 Dec 56
Leo C. Henzl	SC	1 Jun 56
John B. Manley	MPC	14 Dec 56
J. F. Michel	(according to ANAFJ)	

*Born:* To the Barney Woodruffs: Louise Edwina Woodruff, April 23, 57, 7 lb 4 oz,



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Tachikawa. To Helen and Charlie Humber: Ronald Alfred Humber, April 14, 57, 11 lb 10 oz. To Lib and Arnie Phillips: Patience Elizabeth Phillips, April 25, 57, 7 lb. To Lid and Fox Rhynard: Mary Ann Rhynard, January 30, 57.

*Located:* Dick Aldridge, Hq PACAF, APO 953 S.F. Lieutenant Colonel A. T. Charez, 3331 Bataan St., Sta Mesa, Manila, P. I. Walt Singles, c/o Colonel Walter Singles, 2540 Fairway Ave., St. Petersburg, Florida. John Telfair, 4924 Alhambra Ct., Coral Gables 46, Florida. Stan Hayes, Army Intel Center, Fort Holabird, Maryland. Le-Moyne Michels, 1621 Fifth Ave., Youngstown 4, Ohio.

*Heard from:* John Atkinson, Hq 13 AF, APO 74, S.F. Brad Smith, Pentagon. Bob Tuttle, Hq 2 BW, Hunter AFB, Georgia. Boaty Boatwright, ODCSPER, Pentagon. Roberta Harrison, 1024 N. Montana St., Arlington 5, Virginia. Frank Stainback, CINC SOUTH, Box 11F, FPO 510, New York. Pete Crow, en route to AWC, Maxwell. Ernie Whitaker, Pentagon. Chuck Schilling, West Point. A. Wray White, Offutt AFB, Nebraska.

Jack Millikin, Sandia: "Had a good 'wet' reunion with Keagy, Alliotta, Drum and Steve Kosiorek (up from Bliss to attend A Course). Alliotta has another year or so as Asst District Engineer, Albuquerque District; Keagy another in R&D here at AFSWP; Drum is still a wheel in town as a leading lawyer; and old Millikin finally leaves this summer for Carlisle and the Army War College."

Paul Ramee, Shafter: "Your old Jack Christiansen was out here on a visit recently disguised as a big wheel from the Joint Staff. The mission was probably classified, the results are certainly secret, if any. But we had a very pleasant visit. Jack is in the Personnel Group of the Joint Logistics Plans Group. Incidentally, also ran into Willie Vaughn in Taiwan last fall at the same time as the Cambodia deal. Regrettably, I had not yet seen the 15-year book so did not thank him for the fine work he did for the Class. We now have a third classmate on Oahu—George Wells is leaving his family here while passing his time in Prov MAAG Korea. He bought the house next door to ours."

Babe Hendrickson, 775 Mocredees Ave., San Jose 27, California: "I hope I'm not too late for a copy of the latest 'poop sheet'. I want to give you my new address as well as acquaint you with my new status. I resigned and presently am enrolled as graduate stu-

dent at San Jose State College with objective of either teaching math in high school or junior college, or joining up with a California Industry's training program. Boy, it's really tough trying to get back in the groove of studying. So far, I haven't."

Ben McCaffery, MAAG, Box 13, FPO 150, S.F.: "Just a note from Viet Nam. Arrived in Saigon January 17. Met Jim McKinley on the plane out of Hawaii. He had been up from Cambodia, his home station, on some MAAG activities. He and Sam Magruder are working with the Cambodian Army. Jim looks like his fine ol' self. Charlie Fletcher left Saigon about two weeks after I arrived. Was on orders for S&F at Leavenworth. Gave me the G-2 on the local situation. John Oswald was in from Dolat so we had a big Chinese dinner together at the famous Arc en Cele. He has since left for the ZI, so am holding the fort alone as far as '41 goes. Hope to get over to see Bruce Edgerton in Bangkok in two or three months, if he is still there. At Clark Field Jim and I got to see John Atkinson at the club (air conditioned). The drinks were enjoyed by all. John is a busy guy as Operations man in 13th Air Force. P.S. Am a G-3, G-2 advisor to a Field Division in the Hue near the 17th parallel."

James W. Roy, Naples: "The enclosed photograph is sent to you for a laugh or whatever other use you may find for it! Left to right—Al Hayduk, Dick Travis, me and Herb Stern. The occasion was the celebration of the 155th West Point anniversary. Class of '41 tied for first place with 4 in attendance. Willie Stainback would have put us in front had he not apparently missed the boat in New York. He is scheduled to be post engineer here in Naples."

Roger Neumeister, 5212 Richwood Drive, Edina 24, Minnesota: "Last Saturday night we had a Founders Day Dinner at the Fort Snelling Officers Club. Who should turn up at the dinner but Leo and Mary Alice Henzl. Leo resigned his commission about last July or August and is now with Minneapolis Honeywell in the Aeronautical Division. As you know, I am with the Ordnance Division of the same company. Little did we know that we were both in Minneapolis. I run into Pat Tansey every once in awhile at Picatinny Arsenal."

Howdy Clark, Knox: "I have command here of the 160th Engineer Construction Group, a most desirable job. Had one rather unique experience within 72 hours of arriving here last January. Eastern Kentucky

had a major flood and I shortly wound up in the flood area with a considerable joint task force succouring the stricken. Anyway, we emerged without killing anyone and with the good will of the aided populace intact. The inclosure, a copy of my souvenir from the inimitable Happy, might hand you a laugh (a Commission as a Kentucky Colonel). Here at Knox with me are Greg McKee and Malc Johnson who serve with, respectively, the U.S. Army Armor Board and the U.S. Army Maintenance Board.

Moose Male, 506 Glasell Court, Alexandria, Virginia: "I have news that '41 will be happy to hear. Paul Liles received a clean bill of health before a board here at the Pentagon on March 4. Earl Brown was his defense counsel and did a marvelous job. Paul gave him the highest praise. Paul tried to see as many of his friends as the short time permitted. The Strains, Curtis's, Whitakers, Clintons, E. V. Browns, R. P. Johnsons, Lucy Cooper, Paul's brother and sister-in-law, Frittes's ('40) and ourselves were able to get together and hoist a few. Paul will be stationed at Fort Lewis for another year and I'm sure would be happy to hear from the class."

Wally Lauterbach, Army War College: "I drew the brass ring and go to Korea. Tom Sharkey goes to Germany. Buchanan to W.P. as Post QM, Rastetter to Ordnance Bd at Aberdeen, Tyler to Japan. Bob Lanigan to the Standardization Group in England. Doris will live in our house in Arlington when I leave (5125 N. 37th St.)."

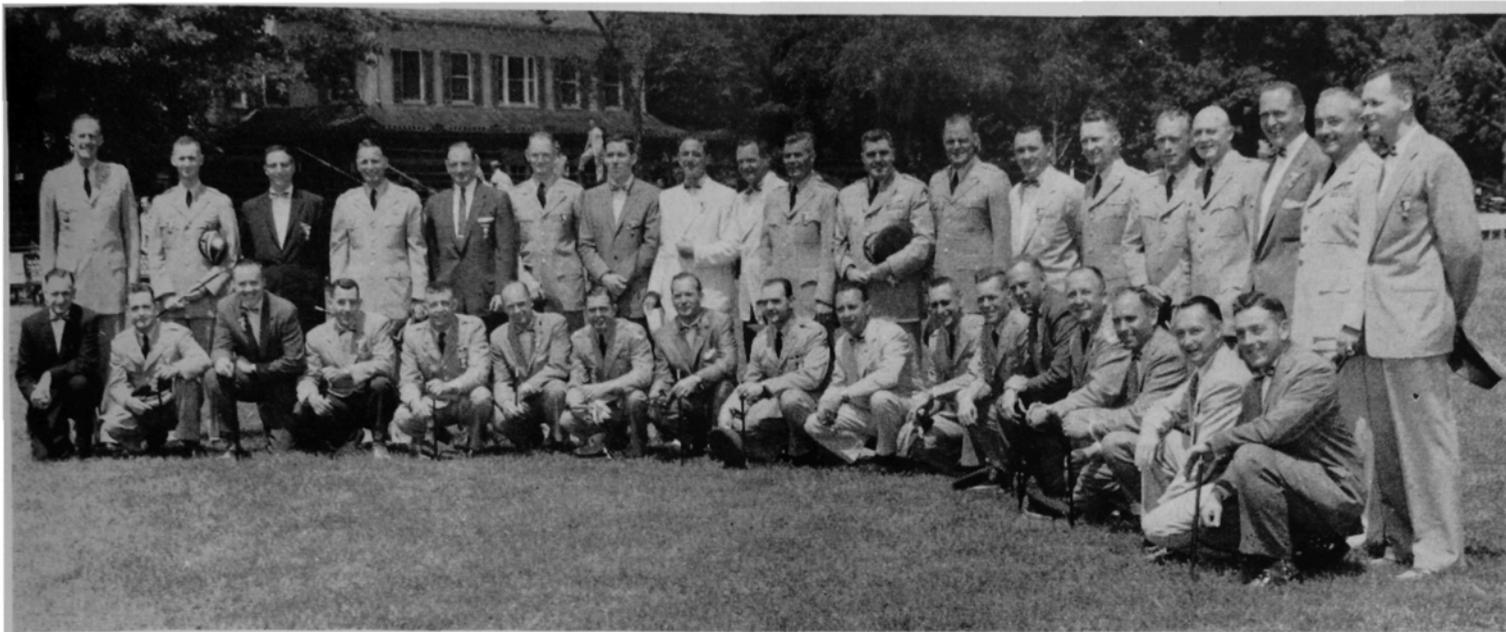
Fitz Fitzpatrick, JBUSMAG, APO 676, New York: "We are enjoying our tour in Rio and still have eighteen months to go before we return to the States. Both of my daughters (Cornelia—6 and Cecilia—3) speak Portuguese fluently and attend a Brazilian school. My job as the Armor Liaison Officer to the Brazilian Army involves the supernatural job of giving advice in the maintenance of tanks that were obsolete in the African Desert."

So desu ka!

—Burt Andrus.

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Reporting it as a matter of interest, and not as a complaint, the "buck" for writing this note reached this scribe by this devious route. Seems that Dan Halpin and Bob Evans held a "class meeting" in Washington about June 5 and decided that the news



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should be written at West Point this time by someone present at the Fifteenth. So "Journalism Dan" sent a self-addressed post card to Tom Rienzi, already stating "Dear Dan—As always I am happy to have the opportunity to do your work. I'm sorry they would not let you off down there so that you could join us.—Our best, Tom." Claire, receiving this after Tom's departure for Texas on TDY with the cadets, handed it to me.

Dan followed the above correspondence with the following words of a Washington meeting.

"In a practice session prior to June Week, 26 members of the Washington contingent celebrated our 15th Anniversary on May 29 at a mid-day cocktail-luncheon at the Army-Navy Country Club. As if to prove that time does not change man, the party goers were characterized by three distinguished (liberal use of the word) groups. The weak departed immediately after eating in order to continue to bone files at the office. The weaker, torn between work and spirits, drifted back to work in no distinguishable pattern. The weakest — or perhaps the strongest — charged the afternoon to accrued mental leave to develop the Class Motto—"We just look older, we don't believe it."

Our Fifteenth Reunion was a great success. Some forty-seven men were here for all or part. Present were Jean and John Baker, Betty and Chuck Bortell, Bunny and Jim Braden, Orpha and Dale Buchanan, Ginger and Lee Cage, Kitty and Crit Crittenberger, Genevieve and Elliot Cutler, Jeff Davis, Jack Deane, Alice and Pierce Doyle, Hansel and Bob Evans, Kathy and Lou Flanagan, Tom Hanley, Barbara and Ken Hanst, Laverne and Ben Hill, Helen and Yates Hill, Enid and Doc Hyde, Nancy and Al Hunter, Anne and Don Jackson, Peggy and Roy Johnson, Debbie and Jim Josendale, Pearl and Art King, Lyn and Frank Koisch, Phil Krueger, Jean and Jesse Lewis, Dotty and Dick Maffrey, Nell and John Mattina, Pat and Jim McAdam, Martha and Dick Miles, Ruth and Joe Morey, Anne and Doug Murray, Bobbie and Bob Offley, Frances and Paul Omans, George Rew, Claire and Tom Rienzi, Polly and Fran Roberts, Betty and Charlie Shurtump, Jackie and Dopey Stephens, Jim Studer, Dottie and Al Thompson, Joan and Pat Thompson, Mary and Jim Vivian, Fay and Al Ward, Will Warren, Dottie and Ernie White, Nordie and Jim Wood, Jeanne Petinot (intended) and Bill Zimmerman.

Chronologically, things began to happen when, shortly after noon on Friday, Roy

and Peggy Johnson became the first arrivals. By eight that evening, when Jean and I arrived late at a cocktail party at the Officers Club, forty couples were present, illustrative of the spryness of the group when such functions are scheduled. Bill Zimmerman had managed the opening event in real style. Next came dinner and then downstairs to The Benny Havens Bar and the lounge where a calypso and rumba combination played so well and '42 danced so enthusiastically that all passers-by figured this to be a private party rather than merely our enjoying the free music, and so we got in one additional '42 party.

Next morning, Saturday, came time to beat the Navy, first at the track meet. We won by one point. In the afternoon Fran AAA Roberts had seats for all of us right behind home plate at Doubleday Field. Kenny Hanst led us in cheering. The Army won a 3-2 thriller with a sharp single through third base in the last half of the ninth.

On Saturday evening came our formal dinner dance at the West Point Army Mess with our wives even more attractive than in earlier days at Cullum, and with every man looking good in formal attire—Jesse Lewis being very debonair in a white dinner jacket.

On Sunday, off to Chapel, almost in formation, with just about 100% attendance. From his post as Dean of Men at St. John's in Minnesota came Father Francis (Jim Studer). A highlight of our reunion, and something of which all of '42 are proud, was Jim's saying the Alumni Mass in the beautiful Catholic Chapel here. Lou Flanagan and John Mattina were the servers. Tom Rienza was the reader. Jim delivered an inspiring sermon, the theme being "Leadership is Service."

The Superintendent's reception was forced indoors by rain, but those who attended enjoyed the opportunity to meet friends of other classes. Some met Phil Krueger's younger brother, who was graduating this year, and others of Phil's family. We also met Bob Bringham's father, Colonel Robert A. Bringham, here from Los Angeles celebrating his own fortieth reunion and at the same time looking after yearling son Pete Bringham who had injured himself badly in a barracks fall. He is recovering satisfactorily.

The traditional picnic, with steaks charcoal-broiled by Chefs Jesse Lewis and Al Thompson was great. At Polly and Fran Roberts' lovely quarters on Lusk, overlook-

ing the Hudson, with food and drinks of the right kind, it was thoroughly enjoyable.

On Monday morning we lined up in front of Cullum Hall, making progress on our way to the front of the Long Grey Line, for the Alumni exercises. Ernie White was distinguished in a Texas style five-gallon hat. The cadets can march almost as well as ever; the old familiar platoon front was impressive.

Secretary Brucker gave us the word at the annual luncheon and meeting of the Association of Graduates in Washington Hall. Phil Riedel, due to arrive here later this summer for duty with MT&G, was elected a member of the Board of Trustees.

While the men were enjoying roast beef in the Cadet Mess our ladies were in the Benny Havens Room at the Club, with sherry and the trimmings.

Monday afternoon saw the departures of several, but we still had a good number and took to the water at 1730, the only class as far as we know, to include a boat ride as part of a reunion program. West Point is beautiful from the river, as you will recall from canoe days.

With just time to feed the baby, we moved on to Stewart Field where Ernie and George Rew had arranged an "Italian dinner" — roast beef — which was deluxe. And we had champagne. Among the toasts was one by J. B. Stevens, newly arrived at West Point to become our PIO, who "protosed a poast (sic)" to all of you who were not present.

And then after fond farewells we promised each other to return for the 20th in 1962 and to make sure that you who did not get here this time, show up then.

Also a proposal was made that on an "off year" soon, for example 1960, we reunite at the Air Force Academy, reunions being such fun and all of us being interested in the USAF developments. Hope you Air Force men pick up this ball.

Not anticipating an assignment to write this column I have not accumulated accurate data nor any considerable news about those of you not present at the Reunion. An item not previously mentioned is Buck Tarter's assignment to the Department of Psychology and Leadership, to arrive in a few days. Another, mentioned, is Bill Zimmerman's coming marriage in July to Miss Jeanne Petinot, who attended all our June Week activities and who receives overwhelming approval from us all. Congratulations, Bill.

As a sort of P.S., if you will pardon me,

let me report on Jean's and my fine family: Mary 9, Jeb 8, Maggie 5, Robin 3, and Barney 4 mos. I add this because some were never reported in these columns, and Barney, *one of the finest boys* was incorrectly reported in the A & N J as a girl.

As a second P.S., your check for \$2.00 or more, payable to Class Fund, 1942, and sent to Box 42, West Point, is required if our newsletter is to continue.

—J. B.

## January 1943

June Week has come and gone, as has Ted Ardery complete with wife and various children. While Ted was the only stranger to visit us during the annual madhouse, we did have several visitors for the Aloha party: Sonny Pitts flew in from Denver. Rex Minckler spent most of the evening shooting him down in flames. Also present were the Mesereau clan, the IBM Lintons, Jim Kelleher and Tim and Louise Brown. The Browns are on their way to some swish school in England, on the *America* or some such floating palace. Either we're getting higher ranking or they knew somebody.

Well, June Week brought some interesting innovations, but now the summer torpor has settled in. The V. K. Sanders household decided to stay another year. Tut and Missie Frakes move to Washington, where Tut will study Business Management; Tut even borrowed my Economics book the other day. Brenning and Judy Waters leave shortly for duty on the SHAPE Staff outside Paris. This should be a natural for old Brenning who ran Universities in Switzerland just after WW II. And Sue and Roy Bowlin take off for flying duty in England, by way of training at Williams AFB in Arizona, and Las Vegas. That last stop is also for training.

After our gloomy predictions that January 43 begins to decline in membership here, we now gain five and lose three. Jim Kelleher and his ladies arrive this summer after a year of muscles flexing at Springfield. B-wig and Priscilla arrive for some sort of command duty in the 1st R.C.T. Three classmates arrive for duty with the Tacs: George Rehb to be S-4; Antonioli from Fort Benning to be S-3; and Ralph Hofmann to the 1st Regiment. Not much else new around here. Your correspondent is newly returned from Fort Benning after learning to fall out doors at 135 M.P.H. to get the union badge. I am still looking for Jim

Michael who told me it was like landing in marshmallows over at Fryer DZ. For the benefit of those who have never stood in the breeze on two coiled masses of jelly, it is not. Merle Carey refuses to let me tell any jump stories in the column. Stop by if you get into the neighborhood.

While there, saw all the Benning contingent, newly increased by Ed and Claire Carberry. Tony and Verlie Antonioli, Bob and Ruth Cook, and Ray and Hannah Ruyffelaere all live on the same street. Someone who has never been to Hawaii sent Ruyf off to Panama as a Jungle Expert for some TDY. Bob Cook has been winning repeated press notice with his swagger sticks, and lately for being the first battalion at Benning to parade in the new summer shorts. Also getting press notice elsewhere is Toto Talbott, whose pic was in the *Journal* with a few other flyboys after their (and I quote) "historic flight from Blackwell, England, to Jamestown, Virginia." He gave some models of F-100's for permanent display in the Festival Park. The caption did not say whether he built them.

Some local notes from Leavenworth. With the Saint and Ed Lowry as ushers, Hal Barber married Charity Baker on June 2nd. Note from Hal said they intended to drive to Washington, honeymoon in Bermuda, and thence to Paris for his new job at the *Ecole d'Etat Major*. Batson is rumored to be heading for Korea. Frak Camm is off for whatever they're calling G-3 in Washington these days. I finally found Pete Grimm's Christmas card. He and Mary say there is a welcome for any classmate who finds himself in L.A., only five minutes from the International Airport. Pete is studying something or other out there, and doing it in civilian disguise albeit under a military program. He never got poopsheet credit for his last MA since he did it on his own.

The latest Army Lieutenant Colonel list has many classmates on it. This is not a complete list, but in glancing at it I see Ed Bennett, Kenny Buell, Charlie Burr, Paul Croonquist, T. Q. Donaldson, Ed Faust, Bob Fiss, Al Hughes, Dmitri Kellogg, Bart Mallory, Kilburn Roach, Frank Smith, the Saint, and Willy Willcox. I would be grateful if those I have omitted inadvertently would also send in class news when they write to complain. I also noted that Bob Beightler is going to Leavenworth.

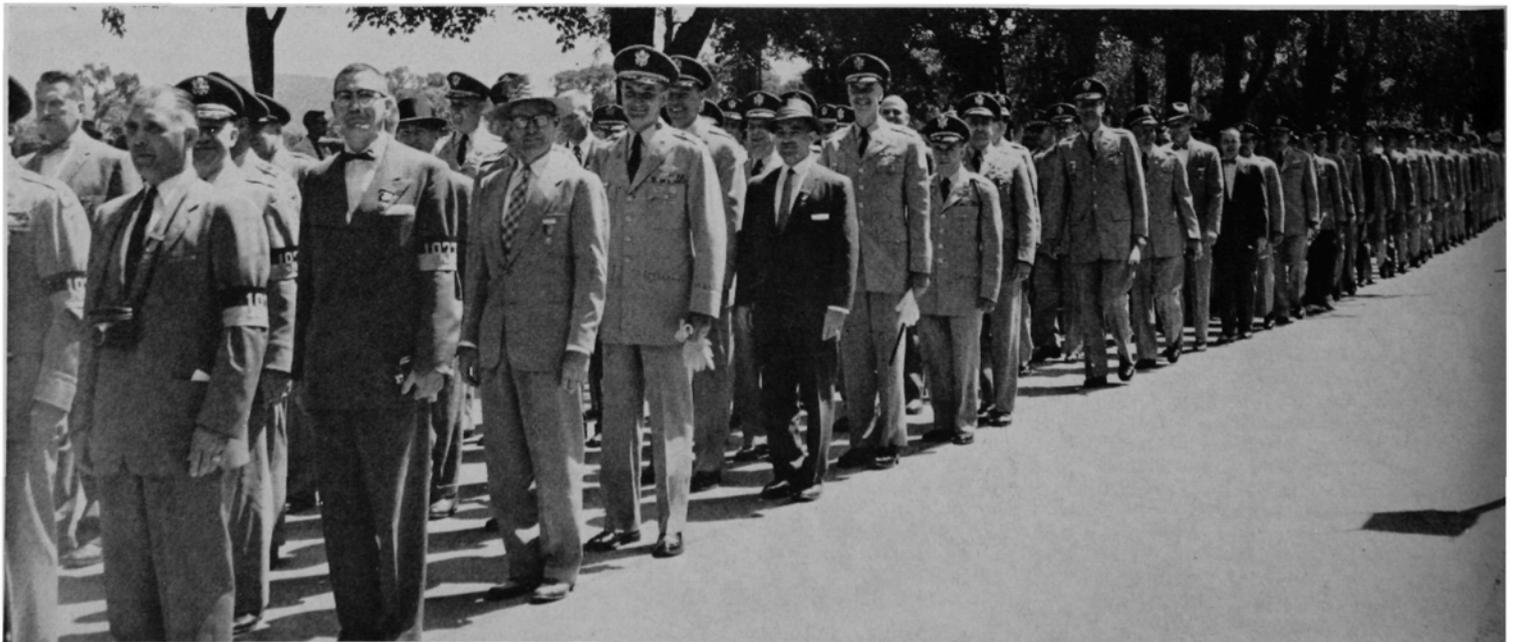
And this brings us back to the next section of Flywheel's opus of last December. It is now over a half year out of date, but is

reproduced because of its local color. I quote:

"Ben Edwards, who has arrived in town from the Far East, is now ensconced in a mansion in Alexandria, assigned to an organization called (believe it or not) AFOOP. Our intelligence contacts fail to reveal what that is. Phoebe Foote counts dollars for the Air Force in an office whose rug is so thick he broke his ankle on it. Went up to see him the other day, and it's true: the office lined with 100 dollar bills. When questioned on this vulgar display of wealth, he answered that he had been entrusted with doing something with the three-quarters of a billion forced on them by the Congress last year. Bill Fritz is one of the thinkers of the radio tuners, laboring in P&O. Quent Goss, recently arrived from Air Command and Staff School, is working a slide rule with AF R&D. Rumor has it that Art Grace has taken off for France. Bob Hillman is in DCSLOG, the new name for G-4.

"Al Hughes is alleged to be in Washington but no one seems able to verify this. To add someone's name to a Washington list is roughly equivalent to sticking pins in a doll. Hugh Jordan carries on the old "H" Co. tradition in AFOPD, another symbol that Army types find mystifying. Keith Lindell and tribe arrived in Washington last June (56) from Wright Patterson. They needed a star man to figure out how to make planes fly in AF R&D. Dave Lowe carries on without much comment, but an ex-secretary revealed the startling information that all hands were most unhappy to see him leave his old shop. Mac MacVeigh, who wears those funny buttons on his blouse, is at Belvoir. Bart Mallory, formerly of CMD, got tired of answering calls from disgruntled and allegedly misassigned classmates and moved to the rarified atmosphere of the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense. Hugh Mease is an old timer in these parts, working on the business of R&D and air defense. He claims to have come out of the recent tussle with the Air Force bloody and unbowed.

"Bill Neale should be about through his majoring in international relations at George Washington. He claims this is hard work, but there are those in Washington who dispute this. Johnny Raaen has just returned from Korea and is attempting to wrangle an assignment to Washington for reasons which no classmate on the grounds understands. Elvey Roberts is Mayor of the



THE END OF '37—20th REUNION CLASS, FOLLOWED BY '42—15th REUNION CLASS.

E-Ring. It is a well-known fact among those in the know that the office of the Chief of Staff, U.S. Army, would collapse in utter, dusty confusion without the guiding hand of the gray-haired, experienced, elder statesman. Dick Schlosberg, with no comment, acknowledges being present for duty. Mac Stoll does his bit for the JCS on a Joint Technical Intelligence Committee. Ralph Truex has replaced George Young in the Office of the Chief of Ordnance. George resigned recently to put his starts to work in the McDonald Aircraft Company in St. Louis. Another good R&D man thus decided that all that glittering stuff was gold.

"Bob Walling was not available for comment but is allegedly still here. George Weart is another blue-suiter who works in AFOPD. John Wilson works for the Armed Forces Special Weapons Project; he can be seen only after you have been fingerprinted, blindfolded, and have donated a pint of blood at the steel gate outside his office. Jack Wheeler, another ACSI type (see last column for translation) has been playing polo with the horsy set. T. Q. comes up from Norfolk to do likewise. Jack Wood is also a mallet-swinger. His wife Georgette had a bad accident while riding. Her horse stumbled, and then rolled over her twice. It was a nasty spill and she was hospitalized for many months. John Courtney had his fourth son recently. While he could not be reached for comment, he is known to concur wholeheartedly in the alignment. Duke Windsor is the guy they were talking about when they said the Army was helping civilian rifle groups. Flip Fenili, formerly with ACSI, has just finished learning at Quantico how the Marines do it. Semper Fidelis has taken on a new meaning in the Fenili menage."

And so Fly ends with a note that he, too, sells paper for a living in the Office of the Chief of Staff with Elvey Roberts. I am deeply indebted, Fly. I don't know what we shall do for a column in the future. And now a few last scattered notes.

Tom Harrison called in at the beginning of March while on a trip in the area. He is now an engineer at Sandia where he, Doris, Barbara and Danny live. Tom says that Paul Ellis is also a civilian with an outfit called A.M.F. in Sandia, and that Jim Doyle is on the list for full Colonel but will have to leave Sandia when it comes through for being too high ranking. He also reports Bischoff, Kuffner and Davenport as in the Sandia area, but all so compartmentalized that they rarely see each other. Rumor

also has it that Willy Willcox and Fran are in El Paso complete with a large scattering of children.

The last entry is from our faithful friend, Pat Wardell. Pat is C.O. of something called the McGregor Guided Missile Range, which is something like being a lifeguard at Jones Beach on Monday. Pat has proved allergic to the blowing sand, but says that aside from that the job is very interesting. He lists that old accordion pro Frank Kajencki as leaving S-3 of the 2nd G.M. Group to go to Leavenworth. Ditto for Dutch Shultz who leaves the Office of Special Weapons Development. Re the paragraph above, he locates the Willcox tribe as with the Air Defense Board. And Leo Blanchett is Chief of the Missile Science Division of the School at Bliss. Ed Faust and Bob Blake are both due in the area this summer. John Healy left in March for Headquarters ARADCOM (whatever that is) while expecting the 7th offspring.

That's all, friends. The usual plea to send in stuff over the summer. It would be helpful if someone at each station would tell me who left and who arrived over the Big Move. The procedure is simple: have a meeting, wait until someone leaves for a beer, and then designate him to write me a card with some poop. To those who have written in, my thanks. See you in the fall—

—Bill Knowlton.

### June 1943

Now that I have most of you located, it appears that much of the class has started a game of musical chairs, and I must start all over again. Your letters are essential to help me present our big picture: 492 Latham St., Alexandria, Virginia, will get me the word.

Bob McCanna, our ace source of poop from the Far East, does much travelling in his job in G3 Sec, Hq AFFE (8A Rear), APO 343. In May, he stopped briefly in the Pentagon on TDY from Japan to Fort Monroe for a short conference. He saw Jack Winn and Reading Wilkinson in Korea in November. Jack is on EASCOM staff and Reading was advisor to the Commandant of Cadets at the Korean Military Academy. Wilk has since been assigned to ADC in Colorado Springs, but George Betts has taken over as Wilk's replacement at the Korean Military Academy. George Newman is a battalion exec in the 7th Cav at Camp Otso near Kyoto, Japan. In AAFE Hq with Bob are Del Perkins (rounding out four

years with G-1 — being repatriated to the States—AFSC—this summer), Jim Green (came to G2 last summer from a K MAG job), Jack Brady (from Korea last summer to G4). Bill Herres in G4, Bob Burrows (leaves Engr Sect this summer for OCE in Washington, D. C.), Dave Davenport (from Korea this past winter to a key SCS job). All those in AFFE Hq have their families with them. Bill Milmore, a real Japanese expert — speaks, reads and writes it — is teaching in a G2 school in Tokyo in the army attache's empire. When Bev McCanna joined Bob last October, Bob discovered Norm Frisbee on the same plane enroute to Norm's present job on Okinawa. Wally Potter with Hq FEAF, Rusty Russell and Bob Mattax round out the crew in Japan.

Joe Huau tells of classmate news from Maxwell. Hank Richard is to remain upon completion of Cmd & Staff School in June as an instructor in the Wpns Course; Earl Olmstead remains on the CSS faculty; Bill Kilpatrick is slated for Air Div D/O at Forbes AFB, Topeka; Ed Culter to WDD at Los Angeles. Joe reports in August to the 823rd Air Div (SAC) at Homestead AFB, Florida. Jack MacGregor tells me that Joe has already bought property locally at his new base—probably overcome by the name.

In May, the Army selected a sizeable group of our class who are to be promoted to light colonel when the elusive vacancies occur. Selected from within the zone of consideration are John Bell, Rolo Brandt, Hal Gingrich and F. B. Smith. Selected on a "truly outstanding" basis from without the zone are Hal Aaron, Clarke Baldwin, Bud Bolling, John Bond, Bill Calnan, Bob Davenport, Bob deCamp, Bill Deekle, Gabby Ivan, Alan Jones, Stuff Kengle, Eddie McCabe, Bill Peak, Del Perkins, Jim Phillips, Sam Pinnell, Fred Proctor, Gordy Schraeder, Frank Smith, Ed Soler, Lorry Thomas, Fletch Veach, Joe Weyrick and Pinky Winfield. Our sincerest congratulations.

Tommy Tomlinson, G1 Sec, Fort Carson, Colorado, writes Ray Blatt (CMD Pentagon) that Reading Wilkinson and Ed Rumph reported to CONAD at Ent AFB in February; Snuffy Smith played on the volleyball team representing Rock Island Arsenal, Illinois, which recently won 2nd place in the 5th Army tournament. Snuffy leaves this summer for duty with Hq AFFE, Office of the Engr; Bob Sonstelle leaves 9th Inf Div at Fort Carson this summer for advanced culture at Univ of Alabama at Tuscaloosa. Bill Cover never does it the easy way. Out at Language School at Presidio of Monterey (Qtrs



JANUARY '43 AND JUNE '43 LONG GRAY LINE.

440 A) where Bill is boning Arabic, change umpteenth is now in effect. It's not Egypt for him, but Syria, when he finishes school next year. Bill and Cecile were surprised too, when Bill Malone beat on their front door recently; he's on duty in the same area I gather. Ham Carter heard from Steve Brown at Fort Sill where Steve is researching and developing in the Dept of Motors and doing a bit of instructing as a sideline. Clyde Earnest, Army Ln with the Marines at Quantico, has recently been on an extended boondoggle on maneuvers with the Marines in the Philippines. Bill and Teddy Wilson and 3 youngsters will report in August for the Strategic Intell Sch in D. C. prior to taking Russian in the Army Language School in Monterey. In February 59 they move to Moscow for an attache post. Ted Tansey after having been invited out of Moscow on just such an assignment recently, is working with ACSI in the Pentagon prior to leaving for C&GSC. Jack and Jerry Morris returned in May from Goose Bay, Labrador, for duty with the Office of the Chief of Engrs where Jack replaces Trev Sawyer in the job of assigning all CE officers, Lieutenant Colonel and below. Real control! Trev moves to a new job in the same office. Jack has moved to 1045 North Larimore, Arlington, Virginia, around the corner from the Surkamp's and Schroeder's. Trev recently made a 3-week trip thru Europe, North Africa and the mideast inspecting construction work. He ran into Paul Steinkle at the Officer's Club in Dhahran where Paul was looking for Bill Greenwalt. Paul is stationed at Weisbaden. Trev missed making contact with Robin Olds at Wheelus AFB in Tripoli where he learned that Robin has a Gunnery Group. Ella and family are with Robin. Jug Young saw Trev recently in D.C. Jug's family stayed at Fort Ord in Wherry Housing while he was in Korea, (CO 3rd Engr Bn, 24th Div), so now he's with CDTEC at Fort Ord and no move for the family at all. Neat.

Armor news: Quint Atkinson will be an instructor at Leavenworth upon his return from France this summer where he has been Ln O with French Armor Sch since fall of '54. Johnny Stockton will be transferred from Fort Benning to DCSOPS, DA this summer. In March, Hal Dunwoody gyroed to Germany with the 11th Cav.

The March class party at Leavenworth on the "100th Night" theme was a beaut from the fine letter Bonnie George Campbell forwards. Bettie Baldwin's drawings, Wickert's cartoons, Vordermark's artillery punch, Peg Magathan's hula, Harvey Short and his Futuarmy 5-sided quartet's singing give a sample of what took place. Here's where George says the class will spread to: George and June Alexander—34th AAA Missile Bn, Plainville, Connecticut; Clarke and Bettie Baldwin—4th Armd Div at Fort Hood, Texas, then to gyro back to their '49-'50 home at Bad Kreuznach, Germany. Charley and Betty Benson—Comptroller Course at Syracuse Univ, New York; Gary and Marge Black—graduate tnk in Operations Research at Johns Hopkins Univ; Jake and Ginny Brier—2d Armd Cav Regt, Fort Meade, Maryland; George and Olivia Campbell plus Bill and Beenie Peak—ACSI, DA in the Pentagon; after 4 yrs at Fort Benning, Georgia, Bill and Ginny deBrocke return to join the 3rd Div which gyros to Germany in spring of '58; Frank and June Dirkes staying to teach at Fort Heaven (their opinion) Worth, Kansas; Jess and Jane Fishbach plus Rolo and Jan Brandt to command Engr bns at Fort Hood, Texas—Jess to 24th Armd Engr Bn of 4th Armd Div gyroing to Germany; Rolo to 46th Construction Bn; Les and Betty Hardy—staff & faculty C&GSC; Dutch, but not Pat, Ingwersen to Korea; Sid and Rose Katz—USAREUR; Wally and Peg Magathan—International Relations at Princeton;

Gordy and Dee Schraeder—Office Chief of Engineers, Washington, D. C.; Harv and Skip Short—remain teaching at C&GSC ("they also serve who only sit and teach," Harv says); Basil and Theo Spalding—return to Hq USARDCOM, Ent AFB, Colorado Springs; Don and Lee Spiece—USMA; Tate and Patty Taylor—remain at jail (he's Law Member at Disciplinary Barracks at Fort Leavenworth); Jon and Jeffie Vordermark—DCSLOG, Pentagon; Joe and Norma Weyrick—101st Abn, Fort Campbell, Kentucky; Wick Wickert—SETAF, Verona, Italy; Phoebe and Pinky Winfield—remain on C&GSC faculty.

All of us were saddened to learn of Al Hegenberger's death this April. Joe Huau wrote to say that Al was in the 461st Bomb Wing at Blytheville, Arkansas. He was killed during LAB's practice while on maneuvers at Wendover, Utah. To Bea go our heartfelt condolences in our mutual loss. Her address is: Mrs. A. C. Hegenberger, 956 East Main, Blytheville, Arkansas. The class sent an easel spray of flowers to the funeral.

Tom and Boots Brown called Jim Keck while passing through D.C. enroute to Paris on PCS. Before they left Luke AFB Arizona they learned that Betty Lou and Deke Childs (Tng Gp Cmdr at Luke) will move to Randolph AFB in July where Deke will be IG of Crew TAF. Si Silvester leaves D.C. for Roswell AFB via B-47 tng at Wichita, Kansas, this August. Si says Chuck Spieth leaves Roswell for Hq SAC about the same time. At home at 2769 Valencia Ave., San Bernardino, California, Jack and Allayne Novak find photographing their pretty daughter, Lani Ann, profitable. Recently Jack won a \$100 prize and Allayne a \$50 prize in the worldwide Armed Forces photographic contest. Jack also has won a medal and the title "Desert's Champion Liar" in the annual Desert Rat Liars' Club contest—and there you are! Dick Snyder bumped into Walk Jamar in Washington National Airport in May as Walk was departing for home (Duluth, Minnesota). Walk was most enthusiastic about his work in Duluth managing an industrial heating contracting business. When Admiral Radford steps out as Chairman JCS in August, Dick Snyder stores away his aide equipment and goes to LA to be Asst Exec for CG, AF Ballistic Missile Div. According to the AF Times, Fergie Knowles (Cmdr 465 Fighter Interceptor Sqd, Griffiss AFB NY) had hosted 100 members of the local Officers Wives Club on a hangar tour—a "circuitous approach" to leadership to say the least! Dale and Georgene Hagen finally are leaving D. C. after four years and head for Madrid, Spain and the 16th AF.

Late models: Ardythe and Bobbie Griffin (DCSPER, DA) were delighted with the arrival of Paula Elizabeth on February 11, 57; Gerda and Bob Dwan welcomed Doris Elaine on April 25, 57 (now there's real support: Bob, our Armor scribe for the column, will go to great extremes to help me with news; some time ago when I was straining for news, they brought forth Eddie on March 12, 56 just so I could report it); a third son, Richard, joined Carolyn and John Bond (Office, Chief R & D, DA) on April 26, 57; all will be pleased that our most recently married classmate, Rog Conarty (August 2, 56), was so proud on June 6, 57 when Anna May presented him with a daughter, Helene Madeleine. Congratulations to you all in your good fortune.

Our very best wishes go to Mark Boatner and his intended, Miss Pat Dilworth from San Antonio, where they will be married in June. She has been working in advertising with Best's in New York City. Mark will be teaching Military History at USMA again this year.

Tom Garrett is in the real estate business at 4600 Broadway in San Antonio, Texas.

Jim Christy is PMS&T of Augusta Military Academy at Fort Defiance, Virginia. John Cochran moves from Fort Benning, Georgia, and the 3rd Div to Ankara, Turkey, this summer. His address will be TUSAG, JAMMAT, APO 254, New York City. Walt Roe joins DCSOPS, DA, soon. Sunny Giffin (with ACSI) managed to cut off his right index finger recently making like an automotive engineer with his car. It's to Leavenworth with him this summer. Bob deCamp finishes up his Masters at Harvard in July and goes to DCSLOG in the Pentagon. Ralph Jones says Archie Hill is now with Combat Developments Sect, Hq CONARC. Archie, Shirley and their five live at 21 Charlton Drive, Hampton, Virginia. Ralph has changed from G1 to Office of Dep CG for Res Affairs at CONARC. Cisco and Frankie Francisco will remain at Fort Bliss where he will instruct in the QM Dept of US Army Air Defense School. Rod Ray is in the Pentagon from June to September as special asst to the Deputy Cmdr, Field Cmd, AFSWP; then he goes to Sandia Base in Albuquerque, New Mexico where Lynn and their four will join him. Jack Kidder and Ed Blount from the D.C. contingent, while taking in the Masters Tournament in Augusta, ran into Anne and George "Grocery Magnet" Thompson who had driven over from their civilian-life home at 2223 Country Club Drive, Montgomery, Alabama. Bob Hoffman notes that John Chandler is with Western Development in Los Angeles; Dick Shaefer is injecting his AF thinking into long-haired studies by the Rand Corp in LA.

The Washington contingent really celebrated the 14th anniversary of our graduation in a large way. Nearly 70 enjoyed a formal dinner-dance complete with champagne at Bolling AFB Officers Club. Our hats are off to Bettye Sweat, chairman, and Tody Hallenbeck and Marion Martin who did the organizing. Sorry space precludes my listing all who attended. Among the new faces who appeared was Tony Cole's. He was just about to leave the D.C. area after a couple months TDY. District Cmdr of the 14th OSI District in Colorado, he and Nancy and their two youngsters call 1137 Quari St., Auroa, Colorado, home. Much fleeboning among eager husbands on their 14th wedding anniversary was evident: Buzz and Nan Bucher were the first couple married in our class and he proved his fitness by hand carrying a white orchid to Nan from Hawaii for the affair; Jim and Dar Harrold, Ralph and Tody Hallenbeck, Jill and Jackie Martin, and Hank and Betsy Romaneck all were celebrating both graduation and wedding anniversaries. Many more began wedding anniversaries after midnight. New officers of the D.C. June '43 Wives for the 57-58 season were announced: Nan Bucher, pres; Jean Surkamp, VP; Marve Beckett, treasurer; Marie Calnan, secretary. They have a high standard to maintain.

The members of the class on duty at West Point memorialized the fourteenth anniversary on Memorial Day which had the double advantage of being ahead of the June Week crowds but close enough to tap June funds. The celebration began at the Betts and ended as nearly as Jack Barickman can recall at a restaurant down the road a piece. Attending were the Barickmans, Betts, Cantlays, Andersons, Pletts, Wolfs, Moes, Coles, Moses, Pehrsons, Jones, and Phillips, Missing were Mark Boatner and Pat Dilworth. This gap in the ranks was filled by the Pavys who live upstate.

For the June Week Alumni Parade, John Bowley, Leo Hayes, Ed Curcuru, and Gabby Ivan showed up to add some tone and substance to the resident squad. Last year it was reinforced by Brigadier General Arturo (SP) Espallat, but despite a "high level

invitation" to return to these parts this year, he didn't show up.

Soldier-Scholar Dr. Roger Hilsman, Legislative Reference Service, Foreign Affairs Section, Library of Congress, is joining a panel at Dartmouth headed by the Prof of Social Sciences, USMA, to ponder some weighty problem.

—Arch

## 1944

"A great deal of thought," to say the least, is being given to a class circular letter to be published several times a year and be more comprehensive than is possible in this notes column. Four of the best minds of the class are working on this, and we hope to have something rolling before the end of summer. A deal of this sort is somewhat new and takes a lot of doing but if it goes through we should have an information media that will combine this class notes information, service publications, vital statistics and any other pertinent information as well as a good current file on everyone as to addresses and duties. More later, I hope.

Founder's Day dinners and reports on same brought in lots of news as classmates from all over gathered and even though that was three months ago some of what I found out is fairly fresh yet. The dinner at Landstuhl Air Base in Germany was attended by Tom Mahoney, Gene Callaghan and Martin McCoy. Tom has been at Landstuhl for around eighteen months as CO of Detachment 1 of 38th Bomb Group and won't be back in the states until August of 1958, going then to Staff school at Maxwell. Gene is at Bitburg Air Base and McCoy at Ramstein Air Base. Lew and Joan Norman have returned to ZI in June after quite some time in Spain, but I don't know where they will be assigned. Bob and Nancy Ginsburg still in Naples, and Bob and Rusty Shoemaker still in Wiesbaden although should be back over before the end of summer.

Bill Steger became CO of a B-47 squadron at Tucson this spring immediately after finishing his training as a B-47 pilot.

Dave Silver and Jack Trimmer are going from Fort Riley to Leavenworth this summer for the next class there. Fred Black is going from Riley to Viet Nam, and Curly Jackson is going but knows not where as yet. Dave and B. J., along with the Blacks, went up to Leavenworth for a class party around the first of May and stayed with the Pattons. They, as well as the Norman's and several others stayed with Ollie and Anne during the tenth reunion; and if this visit was anywhere near similar to the reunion, breakfast consisted of bacon, eggs and whiskey sours at seven A.M. after a four A.M. bedtime. I'm getting too old for that, but Ollie and Pop seem to be standing up very well. I believe you age faster in civilian life.

John Sullivan still in Korea but expecting to come on home this winter. I talked with Annette in Columbus, Georgia in May and all was well there. We were on the way to Florida for a little business and much golf. The business was fine, but they have too many water holes on those courses down there. Also in Korea are Wolfinger and Frank Moore with 7th division and Rhodes with an air force unit.

I received a list of Air Force men who are now Lieutenant Colonels which I'll pass on as most of us miss these things as they are published: Hale, Ginsburg, Ingersoll, Steger, Sampson, F. D. Henderson, J. T. Moore, J. P. Moore, Wally Moore, Edmerson, Gamble, Hempleman, Fullilove, Edmunds, Lee Smith, Steffes, Bottomly, L. Norman, Shoemaker, Werner, King, Hoxie, Stahl, Clayton, Chandler, Rivers and I think a few others I haven't heard about. What about

the ground troops or do we still believe that an infantry major is the equivalent of an air force colonel?

Lee Smith and Audrey are on the way to a tour in Washington with War Plans Division of AF Hqs. Lee spent the month of May in Europe working on air refueling problems and as project officers on the F-100 record flights from London to Jamestown and Los Angeles.

George Papas and Jack Geyer are aides to General Partridge at Colorado Springs and a few spasmodic trips to Europe seem to be part of the job. They had seen John Donaldson in Paris, with SHAPE, this spring. Also at or around Lowry are Dave Fitton, Hayman, Dixon Rogers, Myslinski, Merrit, McGlothlin, Almqvist, Barnett, Johnson, Carley, Williams and families. New additions arrived recently at the Papas, Weston and Ely households but I don't know the make or date.

Fred Keifer in Germany with 7th Army, going over from Benning.

Barbara and Ken Cooper have a son, their first child, born in February. Ken is stationed in Paris, but Barbara came home to Washington to await the stork, and Ken managed leave to get there in time for the young fellow's arrival. All three are back in Paris now. Wish Ken had said what he is doing.

George Blanchard and Beth and the children are back home now from Formosa as George is going to Armed Forces Staff college in Norfolk in August. Still on Formosa as far as I know are Buck Boyles, Alf Erickson, Roy Hoffman, Kern Pitts, Bob Routh, Bud Cabell. Think any can be reached care of MAAG, Taiwan, APO 63.

Bea Dunham and Jim Connell have kept me so well posted on this year's class at Leavenworth that I feel I had been there myself. Fred Smith, Cushman and Enos are going to be there a while yet on the faculty but the others scattered in June: Brady to MAAG, Thailand; Burr to Pentagon; Capka to Pentagon; Carlson to Fort Belvoir; Connell to Pentagon; Cooch to Heidelberg, Germany; Desmond to Pentagon; Dunham to Pentagon; Flynn to Verona, Italy; Guild to Purdue; Humma to Pentagon; Lindell to Alabama Tech at Auburn; McGuire to Germany this winter after short duty at Leavenworth; Mickelwait to 50th F-B Wing in France; Mitchell to Fort Ord; Molloy to Puerto Rico; Morrison to AF Academy; Neilond to Fort Sam; Nalle to Fort Bliss; Ott to Fort Bragg; Parson to Korea; Patton to Heidelberg, Germany; Pettigrew to a Nike installation near Philadelphia; Porter to Pentagon; Harry Rogers to Fort Hood; Sciolla to Pentagon; Selton to Fort McPherson; Steel to Korea; Toon to Syracuse University; Weathers to Fort Riley; Wessels to Pentagon.

Jack and Bea Peterson are back from Turkey and living in Bel Air, Maryland while Jack is at Aberdeen.

There are still about fifty classmates in and around Washington but the list is too long to give any addresses. Dave and Polly Henderson leaving this summer for Lackland AFB. Sarah and the children joined Bud Partridge in Japan late this spring. Jerry Hall retired in April but don't know what he is doing now. Graves, Leeper and Rodden leaving D.C. this fall but will let you know where to later.

Scattered throughout Japan are about eighteen classmates and Brooks, Hendricks, Marshall, Pickens, White, Zillmer and Sullivan got together for Founder's Day in Tokyo.

I went up to Fort Campbell, Kentucky for the dinner and had a good reunion with Art Hyman and Tommy Moore. These two stalwarts seemed to be in charge of all the festivities and did a mighty good job.

Not many of the crew got back to West Point for June Week. Among those who did were: the Al Nortons (civilian types); the Doc Greaves, enroute to Turkey after being educated in some obscure language; the Ralph Hollsteins (now in the building business in New Jersey); the Vicente Lims, he's a big-shot with a pineapple firm in the Philippines and is on a round the world cruise with his most attractive wife; the Bethels, a magnate with Westinghouse. All were present with the "homesteaders" at a dinner party at the Club on June 3. Hy Ely who usually shows up for June Week didn't make it; Jerry Hall was on the post on Sunday during June Week but didn't stay long. The classmates paid their respects to those of '44 and to members of classmates' families buried in the Post Cemetery.

The Wears and the Westons leave West Point this summer. The Wears for Armed Forces Staff College; the Westons for North Africa with the district Engineer for that area. They will be replaced by the Jack Pollens, the "Frenchy" Cyrs, and the Frank Mahins.

More later on a circular letter of what-have-you, but in the meantime write to me at the same old stand.

—Buford Norman,  
1748 Vinton Ave.,  
Memphis, Tennessee.

## 1945

President: Ren Fortier  
Vice President: Tom McCunniff  
Secretary: Jim Christiansen  
Treasurer: Charlie Spann

In answer to several questions about the class election, our Class Constitution provides that the Vice President shall succeed the President, and therefore we do not vote for a President. All votes were counted, including a considerable number that arrived after the deadline.

Many of our "volunteer" correspondents, notably Brewer, Ayers, Dingeman, Wagner, Root, MacWherter and Fitzpatrick responded with news of their station. Ex-Scribe Jim Alfonte forwarded and contributed news, and several wives—Johnni McNamee, Dot Gudel, Shirleigh Marvin and Nancy Starkey took pity on us and wrote. Thanks to all, and please continue to write. If you or your station is not mentioned in the following, send us a note now and you will be included next time.

### AIR FORCE

Congratulations to the group who became Majors in April!

England—Dick Perez with wife Edie and two daughters, has 14 months remaining with the new construction business in the 7 Air Div (SAC). He has seen Jesse and Eunice Johnson and their four children (plus one on the road); Jesse is an Air Attache. Danny and Liz Farr, with their three, have been with the Empire Test Pilot School at Farnborough and are going to a Fighter outfit in Germany.

Ken Werner is at Forbes AFB, and supplied information used in the last issue which was incorrectly credited. Ken volunteered Archie Patterson for class scribe, and Fowler and Wood took the name to be a signature. Next time we'll turn the page and read all the news.

Ann and Bob Stetekluh get together with Wally and Maria Carbonell for bridge at Cornell; Bob is a student and Wally is on ROTC duty.

Shirleigh and Frank Marvin are going to the AF Academy, Frank to be Asst. Professor of Drawing. They have just completed a three year tour at Wright-Patterson where Frank took a USAFIT graduate aeronautical course and then worked in the Equipment Lab, WADC. With them at Wright-Pat are

Mary and Bob Lochry, Annette and Jack Crouch, Andree and Lou Martin, Stew and Nancy Stabley and bachelor Bob Webster. Bill and Gloria Moran have just moved to Washington for a year of school prior to a tour in Switzerland. Sounds like a soft touch, Willie.

Ray Basham, with wife Dee and 4 boys, left Wright-Pat for the U. of Illinois to spend two years acquiring a PhD, and then will go to the AF Academy.

Hal Swain says life in Japan is wonderful—wife Anne has nothing to do but take up flower arranging. Must be nice to have a maid.

**AF Academy**—John MacWherter reports: "The '45 representation here is changing slightly. Hank Warren is the first to go, having been here since the idea of an Air Force Academy first dusted out somebody's skull. He's enroute to Ramstein, Germany, to an operations job in Hq, 12th Air Force, APO 12. The rest of us here, Coffee, Seagar, Duval, Avery, Stebbins, Valpey, Townsend and MacWherter feted Henry at lunch before he left. Jake Gatlin is expected in the English Dept. after learning the language at North Carolina. J. J. McDonald has been elected president of the Denver Chapter of the West Point Society."

Marty Brewer contributed the following news: "Ed Mason dropped in on me for a visit last week. He is finishing up a Management Course at Pitt, and will report here to Hq ARDC for assignment in July to the Directorate of Operations. Rocky Rochefort, Betty and family left from Hq ARDC last fall for assignment to the European Office of ARDC in Brussels. Ken Russell left Hq ARDC recently for assignment in Los Angeles to the ARDC Ballistic Missiles Division, a much-sought-after assignment. Nat King is here, also in the Directorate of Operations. He's the newest '45er in ARDC, having been here only a scant six months or so. Ed Munyon is here in the Weapons Application Branch, Air Weapons Division as a Section Chief. Dick Minor will soon wind up three years at Hq ARDC. He's Assistant Chief of the Systems Planning Branch, Strategic Systems Division.

Heard from my old wife Bob Hippert recently. He is still at Edwards AFB, the AF Flight Test Center, having been there since July of '51—a real homesteader. He and Jody and three daughters are due to be re-assigned, but he doesn't know where yet. He is in the Flight Test work there, doing various phase testing of the "Century Series" of USAF fighters. Hip writes that Dick and Joan Hurdis and family are at March AFB, California. Also that Bill Raymond resigned last fall to go to work for AVRO in Canada. Toby Gandy is doing flight test work and is stationed at Edwards. Vergil Givens has resigned and is doing test pilot work for Lockheed. Johnny Ludlow is at March AFB. Hal Fitzpatrick went through Test Pilot School at Edwards last year and is now stationed at the AF Missile Test Center at Patrick AFB in Florida. "Little Fitz" Fitzpatrick is still a high-paid civilian test pilot at Convair, living outside of Los Angeles at Lancaster, where he boasts a swimming pool in his back yard. (Keep in mind for West Coast TDY's, troops!!)

As for me—Jane and I recently (March 1) became the proud owners of our first house. We bought a new split-level job in Glen Burnie (about 10 miles south of Baltimore). We're only a boot in the pants from Friendship International Airport, so if any of the troops get in there, or in this area, be sure to give us a call. I am in the Materials & Equipment Division here in Hq, where my particular specialty is USAF structural materials development."

Here at West Point the last two AF files are departing. Axel Briggs has left for Japan to fly again, and Gloria with their two

children will live at 721 Ferry St., Decatur, Alabama, until housing is available. Frank and Dottie Davies and three boys are moving to Wright-Pat where Frank hopes to get educated. To carry on, we have good substitutes in Jim Mason and Harry Drake, both at Stewart.

#### ARMY

**Sill**—Three years here probably wouldn't be enough for Alfante, but the Starkeys say it's long enuf for them. However, no orders yet. Also at Sill are Johnsrud, A. H. Jones, LaPrad, Macintire, McBride, R. L. Smith, Jr., and Wilson.

**Europe**—Dot and Ed Gudgel, with V Corps Arty, are leading a gay life and have visited Garmish, Paris and Berchtesgarden with Holland next on the schedule. Al and Frances Klement are also enjoying Europe. Jim Zeller is Asst. S-3 of the 3d Armored Div Arty, and Ken Moore is S-3 of the 83 Engr Bn, Camp Bussac, France. Ed Melanson is a Btry Cmdr in the 287 FA Bn in Dachau. Harry Stewart is in the 237 Engr Bn. Jack Reynolds is returning to the ZI from Verona-Vicenza Military Post, and Bob Nelson, with JCA as Area Engr, moving from Vicenza to Livorno. To complete the cycle, Al and Dorie Price are going from West Point to Verona to be in SETAF. Bill and Barbara Perry are leaving for Germany after a tour at the Air C&GS School.

**Fort Riley**—Les Ayres reports "Del Vecchio, my next door neighbor and I drove over to Topeka a week or so ago and had a short but very pleasant visit with Auggie Puchrick. Auggie and family have been at Forbes AFB for three years now. The Tobias' were over to visit Del Vecchio, as were the Ayers tribe on Mothers' Day, so we had a reunion of sorts for the Fort Riley membership of '45. We should be seeing Duke Schwinn from Wellington again as he has summer commitments with the Kansas National Guard."

**Heidelberg**—Founder's Day was celebrated by two parties. The first, a '45 affair, was a cocktail-buffet supper in the plush new club. Present from Heidelberg were: Johnni and Bill McNamee, Bob and Mary Velle, Bill and Miriam Love, Lee and Lou Shoaff, Zoot and Jean Johnson, Wag and Peggy Wagonhurst, Ed and Shirley Saxby, Bill and Betty Zook, Carl and Carol Fisher. Those who came from out of town were: Jag and Leslie Jagiello, John and Faye Bennett, Al and Lynn Roth, Larry and Helen Heimerl, Fred and Ruth Jones, Bill and Marjorie McGuinness, Dick and Ruth Williams, Larry and Janice Jones, Rino and Joan Rinearson, and John and Kitty Powers. To the above were added Day, St. Onge and Gudgel for the Founders' Day Dinner the following night. Bill McNamee won the raffle on a big clothes basket full of liquor and had open house in between parties to help share the spoils.

**Budapest**—Tom and Joan Gleason are now at Fort Myer. We didn't really need Tom's change of address card, as the New York Times covered his photographic problems while Asst. Military Attache in Hungary, and his subsequent trip home. Thanks for the card, anyway, Tom, and regards to Joanie and the three youngsters.

Harvey Jones is going to the Naval War College from Combat Developments Section, Hq, CONARC. Dorsey Mahin recently completed the company level officer course at the Army Medical Service School, Fort Sam Houston; prior to that he was at Wm. Beaumont Army Hospital in El Paso.

Dink Nelson is in G-3 of 82 Abn Div at Bragg, where Bob Mackinnon is also stationed.

**Leavenworth**—Bob Dingeman was committee chairman for a picnic held June 5 at the Hunt Lodge. Lou Schelter ran the buffet dinner dance in April at the Country Club in combination with '44. The only classmate

on the platform this year was Nick Carter, but George Bush, Bill Farley, Ray Miller, Bill West, Tom Musgrave and Don Rattan are joining the Faculty. They will give the next group of students a hard time as Dingeman says there are to be drastic revisions in the course, with the emphasis on self-determination rather than school guidance. Many Staff Studies and Research Papers in the future. Sounds grim. Dingeman's summary of the course: those in the upper ¼ say they enjoyed the school, those in the middle half say they endured it and those in the bottom ¼ say they hated it; strange, two years after graduation all were in the upper ¼ and enjoyed the course!

On the Outstanding list for Lieutenant Colonel are Hal Moore, Don Rattan, George Casey, Art Ringler, Nick Carter, Paul Braucher and Bill Kratz. Congratulations!!

New assignments follow, courtesy Bob Dingeman: Pentagon—Jock McQuarrie, Hal Moore, Jim Munson and Jack Neff. Europe—Hap Argo, Fred Goeth, Pete Spragins, Bill Vinson; George Hoge, and K. Stewart, Heidelberg; J. T. Carley, SHAPE; and Art Ringler, Naples. Schools—Bob Dingeman, USC (Los Angeles) for GM training; Tom Down, ROTC at Brooklyn Poly; Dick Groves to Engr School; J. W. Morris, U of Michigan; Nape Napier to civil school in New Orleans; A. J. Yerks, student C&GS. Overseas—Rusty Heilbronner, Panama; Mick McMurdo and Gouny Wallace to Hawaii; Don Henderson, Thule; Doc Hesse, Morocco; Dick John Wahl, Okinawa; Bernie Wichlep, McConnell, Azores; Jack Truby, Taiwan; Korea. ZI—Bill Barnes, Engr Dist, Los Angeles; Paul Braucher and George Casey to XVIII Abn Corps; Don Fowler, Office of Chief of Engr (Engrs A-M write today about your desired deal; N-Z write tomorrow); Rolfe Hillman to Fort Polk; Hank Hughes and Louie Schelter to 3d Div; Ed Lane to Galveston Engr Dist (that would almost make it worthwhile to be an Engr); Big Jim Morris (JM) to 82nd Abn Div (don't let Lee know about the jump pay, Jim); Pink Pinkey to Rock Island Engr Dist; Harry Shaw and Bill Sibert to CONARC; Walt Slazak to Fort Meade; Paul Ugis to Atomic Energy Comm; Bill Wood to 101 Abn Div; and Laird Woolley to 3d Army Hq. Fort McPherson.

**West Point**—Jackson, with family, came up from Fordham to see Graduation Parade. Otherwise, June Week was celebrated by the local jokers only. Bill and Sally Wolfe arranged a party at the Stewart Field Club to bid farewell to 11 couples and to welcome Steve Day aboard. Very successful. Liaison was also established with Harry Drake who lives at Stewart. Jim Bowman had a busy June Week with PIO work, escorting VIP's all over; Dave and Kathleen Clymer still consider their month-old station wagon "new" Jack and Izzy Fehr's are seen golfing, but with Jack's putting and Izzy's driving, they don't play together. Jim Garrett is going to have to stop writing books for Social Sciences and do some honest work for MAAG (Pacific); Faye and Dale Hall finally got to a class party—being a coach involves more travelling than the Army; Jim and Shirley Heyman and Charlie and Martha Spann supervised (I mean that literally—they appointed many sub-committees) a supper in the lodge at Round Pond. Everyone enjoyed it very much. The Spanns are going to be Long Islanders this summer while Charlie works at Brookhaven to learn what really happens when you plug in the toaster. Some cadets question Charlie's instruction when he said midgets with matches did the toasting. Walt Gelini, coming from Leavenworth, will teach MP&L; George Forssell will teach Law.

John and Mary McCulloch had a house full of guests for June Week, and John worked (?) on the June Week Committee also, so

they are glad to relax again. John teaches Mechanics — they divide the course into fluids and solids, so John is an expert on ice—which is it when, John? Tom McCuniff has the biggest yard on the post to mow while Nina is busy with their new addition; Dee and Ray McFadden recently gave a big party which was much enjoyed by all; Russ McGovern can still give an extemporaneous five minute talk on any subject — and almost sound sober. Nancy has had a busy year as a Den Mother; Bill Nichols has left for Puerto Rico, Lida to follow with the three girls and the soon-to-arrive baby; Pat and Rock Rochefort (one more year here) spent June Week, as do most people stationed here, learning the ins and outs of the hotel trade. They were hosts for a First Classman's parents, drag, and friend's drag; the Del Fowlers (Don is at Leavenworth), go to Leavenworth in the fall, and report that the number three child is, as someone else has said, the one that outnumbers the parents; John and Ann Wood are the first of the Leavenworth group to leave, and Faye and Yole Worthington will be about the last. Our daughter will miss the two Worthington girls. Martha and Chris Christiansen, with daughter and son were doing fine until the sad day when this column became one of the duties of the Secretary. When you find the spelling errors, etc., remember I teach Math, not English.

**Washington**—Fifty classmates and wives attended a party at the Naval Gun Factory on March 2 sponsored by Jim Alfonte. The Fred Kochlis, Berwyn Heights, Maryland, and the Bud McChrystals from Carlisle, Pennsylvania, were the out-of-towners present.

The remainder of the D.C. news is from Jim Root, and is a quote (sue him, not me).

"Having been elected, without benefit of the opportunity to refuse the nomination, I shall attempt to fulfill this end of your thankless task in the manner in which you would like me to become accustomed.

"Washington, unlike most posts, camps and stations, does not lend itself to constant association with classmates, or anyone for that matter. The distances are too great between friends, both by automobile and wallet. However, dispensing with the drivel, here is the run-down as I know it from here:

"Jim Brownell lives in Annandale, Virginia and is with the Engineers in DA. Jim Mueller is at Fort Belvoir and expecting his sixth or seventh. I think even he has lost count. Hap Adams is also at Fort Belvoir and has done a magnificent job as Cubmaster of the North Springfield Cub Pack. He leaves this summer. Jim Holcomb is at Georgia Tech and finishes up this year with his Electronic Masters and goes to Fort Sill this summer for three years. George Dexter and family are winding up shop to hit CGSC in August. Les Ayres is still at Fort Riley as a Group Adjutant. He writes quite often. Bates Burnell was here going to Strategic Intelligence School last fall. He finishes up Language School this summer and heads for BONN, Germany. John Bennett strikes out for CGSC this summer. Nick Manitsas still holds out in Engineer CMD. Put Monroe is now part of the family. He won't tell me what his job is in G-2. Earl Fuqua was through. He leaves ROTC this summer for troop duty.

"Saw Phil Lansing, Signal Corps, at Fort Benning. He goes to Fort Riley this August. Barney Broughton still holding forth in Staff Communications. Herb McChrystal, now an aide at the Army War College, drops in from time to time. George Daoust taking International Relations at Georgetown University. Joe Martinez leaves the 101st Airborne Division to go to ROTC at University of Puerto Rico this summer. Perry Wilcox moved to Fort Gordon, Georgia this

June from Fort Benning. Jerry Briscoe and I cross paths in the halls quite often. Jim Alfonte, ex-scribus, still keeps in touch and is probably relieved to be a reader, not a writer. Chuck Curtis is the first of the class to go to the Armed Forces Staff College this summer. Moose Hardy is still serving his sentence in Comptroller.

"Rock Tierno goes to Oklahoma A&M with Chuck Knudsen this summer from Fort Ord for Civil School. Bill Hankins fights the battle of the budget in logistics. How about Carl Nerdahl being in the regular zone for silver leaves! Jim Howe is on his way to Cambodia. Taking a blitz course in French up here. Art Greene stopped by. He is leaving ROTC this summer. Bick Sawyer now researches and writes speeches for Secretary Brucker. George Withey is coming to MDW on his Comptroller tour, leaving Syracuse this summer. Jack Geer leaves ROTC this summer for Korea. Tom Drake can still be seen wandering around the Pentagon. Still stays happy as ever. John Murphy just got back from a tour of the Far East. Claims things haven't changed over there. Don Rehm calls from time to time from Fort Bragg. He leaves this summer for CGSC. Tom Maertens still has time to work on his Chevy in conjunction with his Research and Development assignment. Joe McDonough leaves Annapolis this summer for British Staff College in London. Lee Shoaff writes from Germany that he would like to be promoted. I didn't know we were even being considered. Andy Gatsis holding forth in logistics. Cliff White is in the Office of the Chief of Information.

"I know I have forgotten many people. John Neff comes into Infantry Career Management. Please address all requests for transfer et al to him. This way the load can be distributed between us. I have left out the wives due to your deadline and my procrastination, but will get into social activities and families next time. No scandals here anyway, so no one is missing out on any hot news.

"P.S. A good bet on promotions would be sometime within the next fiscal year."

Sounds overly optimistic to me, Jim, but thanks for the poop.

**Fort Bliss:** Pat and Dick Crane are expecting their second in September. Dick is a big wheel in the GM Center, but his job involves some traveling and he hates to leave his nice new house. Pat reports the following: Sug Hayden is a den mother and Buster is coach of a little league team. (Colonel Hayden dropped by during June Week and says he and Buster will fish in the great Northwest this summer). Peg and Bob Lutz gave a big cocktail party recently, and Lei Fye still thinks we will be promoted in June. (Were we? Read next issue for exciting answer). Jean and Jim Harrington, who have been at USC, have orders for Bliss.

Tom and Gabe Fitzpatrick live at 1324 Ward Way. Writes Tom "Your wayward Southwest reporter has this to offer on the class in the desert: Going to Leavenworth (mostly to the School): Bob Fye, Pat Powers, Buster Hayden, Bob Lutz and Claud Hamilton (still a free man). Staying at Bliss a while longer: George Churchill (also free), Dick Crane, Tom Fitzpatrick, John Goff, Ray Griffith, Jack Harmeling (a recent transfer from Inf.), Bill Holcombe, Jim Ingham, Al Knight, Tom Marriot, Fred Parker, Mark Rivers and Homer Pitzer. Leaving to become Ass't PMS&T at Duquesne U.: Neil O'Donnell. Happy civilians in the El Paso area: Bill Wakefield, Bruce Barnard, John Karr and Murray Ryan (Silver City, New Mexico)."

By the grapevine we hear that Ernie Denz will be home from Hawaii soon enroute to Leavenworth. Loch Caffey also is going to CGSC from Boston.

## CIVILIANS

Bill Gardiner has gone into business with Bill Stuckey, so now Trude and Bill have bridge partners again. Gar Landrith is working in New York City—his new home will be finished this summer. Ren Fortier, our President, was up for June Week festivities, with Maureen. Dick Kothrade, a lawyer, is also now working legitimately. Tom and Peggy Marks, in Kansas City, Missouri, where Tom works for Westinghouse in order to feed five boys. Polly and Ted Wagner live in Kingston, Tennessee, with daughter Karen. Ted will be at C&GS summer camp at Fort Jackson the first two weeks of July. In answer to your question Ted, Peg and Harold Van Haut are at Fort Carson (still in the Army) expecting their seventh child. Can anyone top that? Ted reports Tommy Scarborough, an optometrist in Charleston, South Carolina, is married and has a daughter. Wendell Long is in the Construction business with his father in Harriman, Tennessee. Wendell, wife and daughter live in Knoxville, however. Carl Anderson is an oil executive in Oklahoma City; Carl sent an interesting article relating to finding Christ as a result of the Billy Graham Crusade. Jim Crowe is in the real estate and hotel business in California. Mary McCulloch reports that Hal and Eunice Hogan are living in Covina, California, where Hal is a wheel in the Aircraft Industry. Their eldest boy is an ardent supporter of West Point.

## BABIES

The following had girls: Del and Rickey Fowler, Vin and Margaret Vinson, and the Hap Argos. All three families now have 2 girls and 1 boy. Boys arrived to: Tom and Nina McCuniff (1 girl, 2 boys), Bob and Larry Cunningham (2 girls, 1 boy), Tony and Ann Parrish (living in Arlington with 3 boys), Frank and Dottie Davies (3 boys), Ann and Geoff Keyes, Virginia and Bill Norris (1 of each), Peg and Dick Haley (6 assorted), Tom and Joan Gleason (1 girl, 2 boys). Twins arrived for the V. W. Pinkey's who now have 4 children.

## MARRIAGES

Bob Mann married Pat Hagen of Maplewood, New Jersey on April 27, 57. They live in Huntsville, Alabama: Bob is working at Redstone.

## LATE NEWS

Dave and Kathleen Clymer just got back from a trip to D.C. where they saw many old friends. They went to a party given by Jim and Louise Gillian at Belvoir. Jim and Walt Highlander go to Goose Bay, Labrador. Walt, who resigned in '54 is back in as a Reserve and has applied for integration. Gabby and Mary Anne Shumard are leaving Belvoir for "overseas", i.e., across the Potomac to Washington Engr. Dist. Jim instructs in Engr School. Jean and Lee Love live in Springfield, Virginia; Lee handles personnel in the Off of the Chief of Engrs. Roscoe Barber is also in the Chief's Office, as is Bill Taylor (retd). Amos Wright has been extended a year in the Engr Sect., CONARC. Cliff and Phyllis White enjoy back yard dining in their Falls Church home. Charles and Mary Dubsky nervously awaiting the arrival of twins, which will give them four. Jerry Briscoe is in public relations and is on the Bd. of Gov. of the W. P. Society in Washington.

Keith Nusbaum reports: "Ralph Ford, USAF, going to Fort Leavenworth wonders why the map symbols have changed since cadet days; Bud Farris is in USAF promotions. Harle Damon works for Glen L. Martin in Baltimore and goes to the U. of Maryland at night. Larry Jones is Aide to General Watlington in Germany. Russ Taliaferro is in supply at Andrews AFB. Dick Moore in WADC at Wright-Patterson and Bobby Marlowe with AFBMD in Los Angeles."

Deadline for next issue is August 20. Everyone write, or get the reporter in your area to feed us the poop.

—Jim Christiansen,

Qtrs. 150

West Point, New York.

## 1946

"Heard on Wall Street—New Mutual Offering—St. Albans Hospital, New York, May 14, 1957—The investment management firm of MATEJOV & MATEJOV announced today at 5:38 A.M. its sixth and final offering to God and public service of their fine grade securities, the last registered as MARY MATEJOV. Initially introduced at 7 lbs. 11½ oz., underwriters are proclaiming its unusual long-term growth potential and predictions are being circulated widely that its net asset value is expected to increase materially in the near future. Current yield, while understandably small at this time, is being rated by analysts as regular. Although past performance is not always indicative of future trends management reported its other issues, ANNE, STEPHEN, JOSEPH, JOHN AND CATHERINE, as comparing remarkably well with others in similar circumstances. In the earlier, crucial years, the presiding Directors, MARY D. and STEPHEN A. decided not to specialize deliberately and they now cite their diversifications to be a satisfying, firm foundation that is believed will help weather the crises of our times. Progress Reports on these Series will be released periodically to interested stockholders. Prospectus and allied information is available at 1511 Mace Avenue, New York 69, New York."

That's the way Steve mailed to me the announcement of his sixth, and I give it to you the same way.

The following note came from Brigadier General and Mrs. Willard Ames Holbrook who announce that they are the proud grand parents of the third Patton child, Robert Holbrook Patton born March 9, 1957, to George and Joanne Patton. The other children are Margaret 3 and George 2.

Jane and Jack Schram wish to announce the arrival of Elizabeth Ann on March 21, 1957. The other Schram children are Hap 7½, Jimmy 3, and Patty Sue 2, all of which make a lot of little feet running around their house. Jack has now been out for a year and is very happy with his job. The Schram's live at 39 Holland Place, Hartsdale, New York.

From Sam Title, 111 Pearl Street, Hartford, Connecticut, comes the following letter. Sally and he had a baby boy born last February 27, 1957, by name of David Gershel Title and doing fine. Sam finds civilian life agreeable although his wife thinks he is still in the Army because the reserve takes a lot of his time. He is Asst G-3 of the 76th Inf. Div. Sam likes the insurance business and he is in it with his father, a 40 year veteran of insurance. Sam reports that the Connecticut West Point Society is made up of 25% Annapolis men.

Wm. R. Parker, who resigned in June 1955 is working on his Ph. D. at the Univ. of Washington. His father, Judge Glenn Parker, reports his present address as 323 West Eighth Ave., Cheyenne, Wyoming. John Thurman reports he is on the way to Paris as he will be with the Office of the Deputy US Commander in Chief, Europe, APO 128, New York, New York. Al Futrell has been assigned as Secretary to the General Staff in Headquarters, Military District of Washington, D. C. Prior to taking up his new duties Al was commander of Co. A—the ceremonial company—3rd Inf. Regt., Fort Myer, Virginia. Al and Kathleen with their two sons, Jonathan 6 and David 5, live at 7 South Edison Street, Arlington, Virginia.

Zeke Hopkins, 408 Avenida Mirola, Palos Verdes Estates, California writes to tell us of an interesting tale. The letter is dated May 11, 1957. Zeke's next door neighbors moved about three weeks ago; and just prior to this, the new owner dropped over to ask Bobbie and Zeke to keep the key for him, so if necessary the Hopkins could let the movers in. Just imagine the surprise registered when the new owner turned out to be Cal Arnold, someone Zeke hadn't seen since graduation. Cal has just moved to Los Angeles as production manager for Minneapolis Honeywell's new plant there. Zeke is still an Engineering Test Pilot for North American Aviation. Cal and Lynn have three children whose ages correspond closely to the three Zeke and Bobbie have.

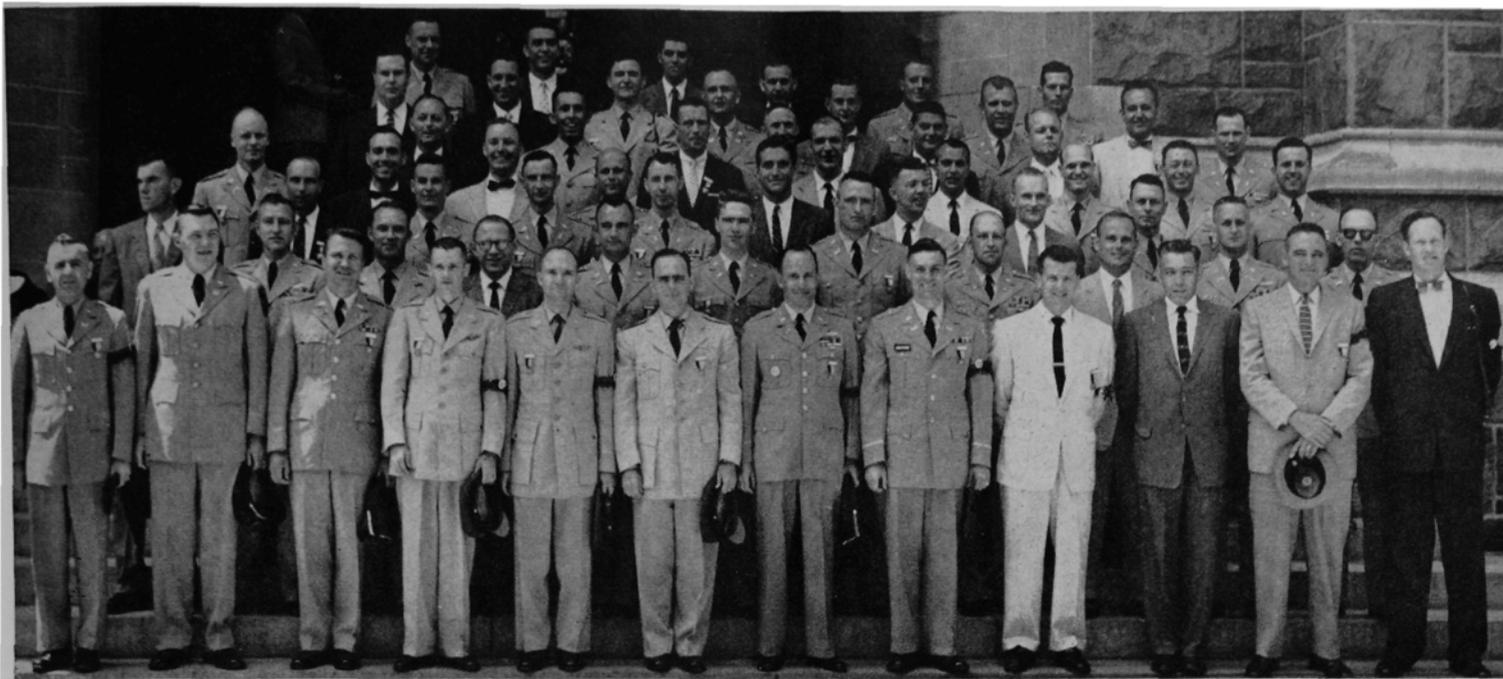
On a snowy February 14, 57, Dori and Bob Eichenberg (Captain R. J., Hq 26th Air Division, Roslyn AF Station, New York) with their three daughters left Misawa AB, Japan, after their longest stay in one spot—26 months. They were given a great send-off in Tokyo by Bill and Ann Horton (base operations officer at Yokota AB), Jim and Jean Carbine (at Tachikawa AB) and Cornelius MacMillan (SAC) on Guam). The next day they were in San Francisco, thanks

to a wonderful flight on a commercial DC-7 and the odd quirks of the international date line. At home in San Bernardino, California, Bob's brother gave them a wonderful cocktail party. "C-Square" Larson and his wife drove up from their farm in Palm Springs to be there. Bill Evans wasn't able to come but Bob and Dori got to see him out at George AFB where Bill is the C.O. (Lieutenant Colonel) of an F-100-D Fighter Squadron. On their way east the Eichenbergs visited Bill and Caroline Gordon, 205 Fortson Drive, Athens, Georgia, in their new rambling ranch style dream house. Bill was already out with his earth-moving contract outfit, "Pushing dirt like crazy to pay for the new home." At last on Long Island on March 17 Bob and Dori met Twill and Dot Newell who gave them a welcome par excellence, and then helped them decide that they would need to buy rather than rent. The home address is 6 Netto Lane, Plainview, Long Island, New York. In the meantime, Twill is on his way to England where he will be C.O. of an RAF Fighter Squadron! Some addresses Bob mailed: Major Senour (Si and Sue) Hunt, 5612 Layton Dr., North Highlands, California. Major Robert (Bob and El) Stewart, 5 Greenwood Dr., Bordentown, New Jersey. Continental Moving and Storage Corp., P.O. Box 743, San Juan, Puerto Rico is the present address of Bob Hughes. He is general manager of a trucking firm, Francisco Vega Otero, Inc., as well as, general manager of the United Van Line moving agency. Bob says he does not mean to brag, as his Puerto Rican wife, Hilda, owns both companies. Bob says his personal cash assets are less than those of a Second Lieutenant. The only other classmate in Puerto Rico is Ken and Jo Ann Barlowe. Ken is at Fort Buchanan and also G-3 Section at the Antilles Hq in Fort Brooke.

On May 12, 1957, I received the following letter from Inez Gay, 140 East 46th St., New York 17, New York—"On March 29th, 1956 Arturo Gay and I had our first child, a lovely daughter, Inezita. After my having had six miscarriages in ten years of marriage, we had given up hopes for children. Inezita was a wonderful miracle. In August 1956 Arturo resigned from his position as Asst. Manager of Adv. and Sales Promotion for Overseas Distributors Branch of Ford Motor Co. International, where he had been for five years, and he vanished. The Missing Persons Bureau has been unable to locate him. Perhaps he is a victim of amnesia. Will you ask anyone in the Class of '46 who might have heard of Arturo's whereabouts to con-



'47 LONG GRAY LINE.



MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 1947 PRESENT AT WEST POINT FOR THEIR 10th REUNION

Seventh Row: Paules, Hayes, Cretella, Levenback, Dexter, Edington. Sixth Row: Goldsborough, Litt, Harrington, Mastin, Force, Nickel, Mahlum. Fifth Row: Tate, Griffith, Cosgrove, Matern, Landis, Biggs, Hauck. Fourth Row: Haldane, Abrams, Cooper, Rachmeler, Wright, Halligan, Tucker, Palmer, Smith. Third Row: McCullough, Boerger, Richardson, Snyder, Maloney, Reckmeyer, Murrin, Lange. Second Row: Ball, Arnold, Lilley, Dell, Hering, Dunham, Bate, Coghill, Colburn, Nairn, Egger. First Row: Karter, Biles, Lynn, Weaver, Scowcroft, Robb, Williams, Boerger, Krause, Gainey, Bass Moore.

tact Detective Connelly, 15th Precinct, East 35th Street, Manhattan?"

This past June Week your reporter Sam France was able to get up to West Point for Alumni Day. It seems to me I was the only classmate at Alumni Parade who was not stationed on the post. After the parade I enjoyed a lengthy luncheon and conversation with a number of the class stationed at the Point. That's it for now, Sirs! For those wishing to relay news please write to Sam France, 3 Spruce Lane, Verona, New Jersey.  
—Samuel E. H. France.

## 1947

Whew, June Week has, and now all who attended can pull up their rockers and recuperate. I don't know just how this happens but here I am again this year writing the June Week issue of this column. I am very happy to report however, this year will not be an article on rain as it was last year. This time we had just a little of the nasty stuff and the little that we got didn't interfere with any of the class activities.

To begin with, Hal Richardson who figured that his tour in the sally port last year would be his last found himself keeping Pete Karter company this year at the class table acting as official greeters and/or money takers. They report that you can get blood out of turnips after all. After they hit everyone for a month's pay they sent the dazed arrivals off to find their cubby holes for the next few days. I didn't get into many quarters during the week but several used the double bunk, men in the basement and women to the second floor gimmick in order to get most everybody into quarters. This worked pretty well in most cases and only a few had to go looking or live in the North Barracks area. As the payments were made, Hal gave each and every one an envelope containing the brain storm of John Paules—the distinctive insignia—a bright red can-can garter complete with black lace and a 47 button. It goes without saying that there were some arched eyebrows from some of the older grads. You can't say that we weren't noticed though.

The first party was at the Officers Club where we met for a couple of hours of cocktails and followed by a big dinner. We on the entertainment committee planned on about 120 people but you fooled us and about 130 showed up. This was the first indication of the excellent turn out we had for the whole time. A quick list of the off the post people who made it for this one includes Tate, Eberle, Hayes, Mahlum, Harrington, Stevens, Landis, Gould, Abrams, Bill Williams, Reckmeyer, Wright, Levenbach, Moore, Colburn, Marion Jacques, Lenore Curtis, Dell, Force, Robb, Murrin, Cosgrove, Rachmeler, Krause, McCullough, Halpern, Biggs, Ball, Garrabrants, Beuhler, Greene, Mike Maloney, Nickel, Pete Boerger, Bill Smith, Nairn, Lynn, Palmer, Bate, and Cooper, Moore and Biggs arrived in a 1935 heap with a chicken crate tied to the roof and the sign Moore-Biggs Chicken Farm Class of 1947 on the side. They parked it in front of the Supe's quarters naturally — where else?

Saturday turned out to be a beautiful day and we had managed to get the mess hall at Camp Buckner for use as a picnic site. The club arranged a bar for us and we had a catered dinner. I wouldn't want to make any definite statements as to how much the picnic was enjoyed other than 160 people managed to consume two barrels of beer and keep three bar tenders busy between five and midnight. When I got home after the dull routine of cleaning up I found Roger Bate telling Jim Cosgrove, Bill Cooper, and Stu Force bed time stories about Hydrogen Bombs—very pleasant. I noticed Bill and Stu looked up each time they went out from then on. Incidentally, this Cosgrove is indestructible. I had five bunks in my basement and Jim drew an upper. The inevitable happened Saturday night—when he hit the floor though, all he did was bounce—like I said, it was a good party. Lots more people showed up: Coghill, Mattern, Alfano, Kent, Bing Perry, Lange, Paul, Halls, Fox, Bass, Shields, Biles, Gainey, J. J. Murphy, Cretella, Ellis, Goldsborough, Halligan, Lilley, and George Maloney. It was wonderful to have Marion Jacques join us for all of the parties. It had been a long time

since many of us had seen her and we wanted her to know that she will always be one of us. Also, Lenore Curtis (Bob is in Korea) stayed through the whole week—never missed a party.

After each and every Saturday there comes a Sunday and no exception here. Most people spent a relatively quiet day—quietly drinking that is—and this is where the inevitable rain came. Not much, just enough to wash out the Supe's reception and keep people inside. We started in again at seven o'clock at Cullum Hall with a formal dance. We had cocktails, dinner with all the trimmings, and then dancing to a nine-piece orchestra. Everyone turned out well shined up and with a big thirst. We had bent our backs for a while before the party and had arranged the ceiling lights to read 1947. Also, Tom Benson designed a king-size class crest to erect over the bandstand which was really a fine deal. Between the fifth and sixth hops we had the Anniversary Waltz for those married in June '47 with each couple getting on the floor as their date was called. I must say that the number of eager dancers was amazing after I had called only through the 6th of June. As for new arrivals on Sunday, I only noticed one that hasn't been mentioned before and that was Bob Kennedy. I hope that I haven't slighted anyone. The party officially ended about one in the morning but that didn't slow it down—it just moved. A large contingent moved in on Hank Emerson in the BOQ and it is also rumored around the post that the Arnolds are having the same trouble they had last year. It may take months for Jane to get all the drunks from under the furniture. For all I know, Tom Hayes may still be at Emerson's telling stories. Speaking to Tom, he was never in better form. He can keep a party moving better than anyone I know.

And so on Monday morning, heads in baskets, the class formed for the alumni parade. There is an alarming number of people beginning to form behind us in that solemn ceremony. I used to think that the music was slow for the people at the head of the column—not so, any faster and I couldn't have carried that basket. A few more joined

us here: Tully, Molnar, and Litt. During the Alumni luncheon, the wives met for theirs. Each got a cook book and those of you who sent in your favorite recipe, we'll try to get your copy mailed to you. Monday evening we went to Bear Mountain Inn and extended ourselves for the last time. The turnout was wonderful and we all appreciate your efforts in getting here to join the throng. And so we close another June Week and the 10th Reunion. We all had a wonderful time and are now looking forward to the 20th.

A few birth statistics here. The Hoovers have a new daughter, Holly, born on the 30th at West Point. The Langes also boast a new daughter born during June Week in New York. The Reckmeyers are saying number 8 is not far in the future and Bill is never wrong on that subject.

We'd all like to congratulate Merlin Anderson for doing so well at St. Albans in New York. It is expected he will be back to duty in a month or so. If you're in New York before August 1, he could stand a little company in the hospital room.

Wayne Hauck got a letter from Wally Veaudry about the Founders Day Dinner in Frankfurt, Germany. He reports that Nairn, J. J. Williams, Haig, Grossman, Perkins, Faith, Bielicki, Becker, King, Bing Perry, Callan, Lukens, and Veaudry attended (Nairn and Perry are now at West Point).

Hap Arnold heard from Joe Addison who reports that he was at the Founders Dinner in Detroit with Piepenbrink. Joe is going to the Artillery Board at Fort Sill the 1st of July. Bentley is finishing at University of Michigan in June having taken Aero Engineering.

Frank Boerger got a telegram from the class at Fort Leavenworth on the 10th reunion signed: Hill, Lemberes, McAdoo, Webb, and Wildrick. They hung one on too, apparently. Frank also talked to Bill Williams who feels a party is in order after Army beats Tulane in New Orleans this fall. Those who can make it, drop Bill a line at: Army ROTC, Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana. Bill will take care of all. The game is November 16th.

We would all like to congratulate Ted Gregorie who we hear is graduating No. 1 at St. Mary's Law School in San Antonio. How come you're so smart, Ted? Also to George Goldsborough and wife whose baby was hit by a car—we hope the baby is continuing to do well and that all will be well shortly.

The ten year book, "Take Ten", is going to be published and distributed early this fall. But so far many classmates have forgotten to send their family pictures and autobiographies in. If you are one who is still *not* in the book, the absolute deadline is August 1—so push the information without delay. The books will be mailed direct to you by the publisher as soon as you pay the difference between your \$2.00 and the yet uncomputed final cost; so keep us informed (Box 147) of your current address. If you want an extra copy, let us know by August 1 so that we can order an adequate number from the printer. (Frank Boerger)

Also from Frank, the following note. "All of the 89 classmates who gathered at West Point to celebrate the 10th anniversary of our graduation extend heartiest thanks to the committee who planned and executed all arrangements for the reunion. Jim Egger, Chairman, Bob Haldane, Housing, Hal Richardson and Pete Karter, Finances, John Paules, Distinctive Insignia, and Jack Dunham, Entertainment, all did a noble job in planning and executing all arrangements for the reunion and lining up a perfect program. The chief assistants on the entertainment committee were Lannie Dunham (cook book and labor), Jean Burner, Dan Hering, and John Mastin. For their fine

job they truly deserve the 'Order of the Black Garter' which was emblematic of our big Tenth."

We have five changes to note. Karter, Reckmeyer, Novomesky, and Mel Rosen are all out of or getting out of the service now. Karter is with AMF at Greenwich, Connecticut, Reckmeyer with Martin in Orlando, Florida, and Novomesky with IBM in Poughkeepsie, New York. Also, Buster Little is now stationed in Germany in the Special Forces. We especially want to wish the four new resignees the best of luck in their new endeavors.

Last, anyone interested in a party after either the Notre Dame game or the Navy game, both in Philly, write Box 147 at West Point and we will see what we can do.

—Jack V. Dunham.

## 1948

June Week is over so while all sundry 48ers in attendance lie panting for breath after the rigors of several parties, I must take pen in hand to forward those capsules of news which have filtered in since we last went to press.

Actually June Week for 48 was relatively sedate by our supremely high standards. This is of course a planned phase prior to "big ten" which pops up in '58. Lest you feel sorry for the group here, let me hasten to add that the class dinner Saturday night, the picnic on Sunday, and the Monday luncheons were gay events! These events are always particularly pleasant because some "unexpected" members of the clan suddenly appear on the scene. This year was no exception. Jack Peppers, in Philadelphia for a convenient business conference, dropped up for the Army-Navy baseball game Saturday afternoon (which Army won let me add) and of course attended the Saturday night gathering. Jack reports the family in fine health and requests visitors Tampa, Florida, way look him up. Grim Locke flew in from Hamilton AFB for a day's visit. Grim's only complaint was that he hadn't seen a classmate in some five years! I'm sure that situation calls for some action. All Far East bound travelers take note!

Bill Bandoen was also a welcome addition to the dinner. Bill is still at the Evans Signal Lab., Belmar, New Jersey, but goes to Fort Churchill on June 25 for two months. Eloise and Lowell Genebach were also on hand for festivities. Lowell "admits" that business and politics are doing nicely! Louise and Joe Bratton stopped by for the Sunday picnic. They were on their way to Boston where Joe is about to start a two year course on nuclear engineering at MIT. Charlie and Betty Ann Shook came down from Rochester, New York. Both guaranteed a warm reception for those going through Rochester. John and Betty Sternburg managed a visit from Norwalk, Connecticut, to help the celebration along. We had begun to think all the "near" neighbors were unable to join us this year! I believe that was the extent of this year's guest list—not as large as usual but a wonderful time was had by all. Those who couldn't come are surely saving their visit for next June!

Phil Whitney, accompanied by native mustache, arrived for a short visit just after June Week! Phil's mustache was cultivated in Iran, but I'm not sure it will grow so well at Fort Meade!

The big event which ushered in June Week for the West Point contingent was the wedding of Maria Petschek and Bill Smith on Memorial Day. The wedding was held in New York and proved to be a tremendous affair. Bill didn't look too unhappy at having to shed the cloak of bachelorhood! On behalf of all '48ers let me congratulate you and welcome Maria to the family.

To continue the news of visitors up West

Point way, I'm pleased to note that Arnold Braswell was up for a short business trip in March. Arnold noted only one change in the '48 Air Force Academy representation. In February Pete Shively and family reported for duty with the Flying Training Dept. Red and Doris Maple also stopped by in May on their way to a new assignment at the University of Iowa. They had just arrived from a pleasant tour in Panama. Don and Lettie Starry were also welcome visitors this spring. They are still living in Baltimore with Don "snowing" the students under at the Intelligence School.

Now to those faithful correspondents who have kept me abreast of things since we last went to press. Tom Hoffman wrote a welcome letter from Germany in which he described his change from a COM Z assignment to his present job with the 41st AIB in Mannheim. He also verified much of the information previously reported on '48ers in EUCOM. The only additions or changes which I noted were Keith Boss with the 32nd AAA Brigade and Harry Buckley now with the 36th AIB near Frankfurt. Tom expects to gyro with the 2nd Armd. Div. so we're expecting a 10th Reunion visit!

Irv Schoenberg dropped me a newsy letter from Washington. Irv made a visit to the Air Force Academy and stayed with Ken and Carolyn Barber, who have two horses to keep them in that Colorado spirit! I also received a detailed description of the class gathering at Joe and Louise Bratton's house on March 30. Those attending in addition to the Brattons and Schoenbergs were Jim and Tammy Richardson, Bill and Donna Cook, Jack and Ann Brennan, Larry and Joan Hoyt, Bill and Denise Kaula, Joel Aron, Patsy Fry, Bill and Rachel Thomas, George and Ginger Thomas, Claron and Lynn Robertson, Ben and Barbara Jacobellis, Flossie Whitley (Al was at Princeton studying for exams), Jim Barnett (Pickle was visiting in Boston), C. C. Elebash, and Denny and Joanne Patterson. The Cooks were house guests of the Brattons. Irv noted several items of news regarding the guests so here goes. The Brennans are leaving for Germany this summer; George Thomas, now with DCS/O, Air Force, was hoping for school; the Robertsons, for Labrador; C. C. Elebash is with the Ass't Chief of Staff for Guided Missiles; the Pattersons leave for Bermuda; and the Brattons, for MIT (already reported). All other locations have been reported previously.

In addition Irv passed on information from Charlie Sunder to the effect that Paul Weaver is out of the Air Force and working on his Ph. D. at American U. in Political Science. Bill Cook also reported that Lou Schalk, at Edwards AFB, California, had done most of the testing on the new F-104. Oh yes, Tex Edwards is working for the construction company doing much of the work on the Air Force Academy—small world! Thanks for the letter, Irv. We all appreciate it.

Lyle Walter recently took time to catch me up on his coming change of station plus other news from Fort Sill way. Lyle is going to Vietnam to help relieve the already large '48 contingent! His only regret is that he will probably miss number 10! Lyle reports Lou Haskell is staying at Sill as an instructor in the Dept. of Materiel. Lake Churchill stopped by from Fort Bliss and both Whitey Emerson and Frank McClaffin attend the Advanced Course, starting this summer. Good luck on your new assignment and many thanks, Lyle.

Press dispatches recently arrived noted that Dave Garrison participated in "Exercise Hard Times" with the 2nd Inf. Div. at Fort Richardson, Alaska, and that Sid Berry graduated from the Advanced Course at Benning.

Back to the local scene, Tom and Joan

Cormack leave for Ethiopia in early August.

With Tom and Flapps Capps as advisors, the Ethiopian Army is in good hands! Scotts and Cushings are leaving for Leavenworth. Bill Burns goes to the Associate Advance Course at Belvoir and then to Greenland in November with Casey staying in Highland Falls. Dick Webber has resigned but his final destination has not been determined.

Not much news in the baby column, boys and girls. Jack and Mary Ella Waggener have a new arrival, Harvey Drake, born March 4. The Herbets also have a new baby boy, Mitchell, born in March.

That about winds up this session. By the end of September each of you should have received a questionnaire and request for pictures in connection with our 10 year book. If these items don't arrive, *please write in* as the available address is probably incorrect. Let's make '58 a big year all the way through so write in anyway!

—Johnny Egbert.

## 1949

I wish to make an apology to the entire class for not submitting my article in time for the April issue of the *Assembly*. Unfortunately, I got mixed up on the dates on which this article was to be in to the Alumni Office and, as a result, was late. I had been awfully busy previous to this time as I was trying to get my work cleaned up in order to go to Florida around the first of April. I hope everyone will accept my apology and I will try and see that it does not happen again.

Your Class Committee at West Point, namely Harry Griffith, called me to see if there was any chance of our making a special copy of the report and sending it to everyone—unfortunately, this could not be arranged.

I think I should report to all of you that "yours truly" as of the 15th of December became President and Treasurer of the Pure Carbon Company, St. Marys, Pennsylvania. This was quite a surprise to me, and you can imagine that I have really been busy since the first of the year. I think I should report also that your "godchild" has been having a lot of difficulty with his ears and hearing, and as a result, Til and the children left around the middle of March for Florida and I joined them around the first of April. Otherwise, we have been well this winter and have enjoyed the snow and winter sports.

A letter from Harry Griffith reports to us that he and Ann are the proud parents of a 6 lb. 9 oz. girl born on February 20th. Congratulations, Harry and Ann! Bob Stender is at the USAF Hdqrs. in Wiesbaden, Germany. They just recently had a big boy, Randall.

This news is a little late, but did not receive it in time for the previous *Assembly*. There was a big reunion and cocktail party and dinner at Fort Benning around the 1st of December at which 20 classmates and wives attended. The following attended the party: Lou and Pat Bauman, Lou and Priscilla Bayard, Turner and Claire Croonquist, Ernie and Gloria Denham, Bob and Mary Fallon, Jack and Tina Fatum, John and Pat Forrest, Bob and Mona Johnson, Ross and April Johnson, John and Frances Kraska, Bob and Adele Lynch, Harry and Jeanne Maihafer, Bob and Joan Nelson, Clint and Jody Norman, Pat and Virginia Paulson, Ralph and Jean Puckett, Bob and Virginia Sanders, Jack and Lee Thomas, Charles and Marie Walz, Don and Barbara Whistler, Murry and Beth Williams, Carol Dilts, and Dee Gibson (Andy and Joe left their wives at Benning when they departed for Korea). Apparently, the party was a big success and everyone had a grand time.

Pat and Sue Kimble have left New Jersey to make their home in Loveland, Ohio, which is a suburb of Cincinnati as Pat has recently joined G.E. as a management counselor. Don and Erika Keith, who are now stationed in El Paso, will be moving to West Point to join the Chemistry Department after a year of study at Columbia University. A clipping from the Memphis paper tells us that Captain Elwyn Rowan announced to the paper that Elvis Presley had been reclassified 1-A. We will all be looking forward to seeing you on TV someday "Rip", as Elvis' CO.

Virg Millet resigned last September and the last report we have is that he is now working for Fairchild E & A at Hicksville, Long Island. Dick Tallman has recently gone to Europe with the 10th Division and is now settled in Nurnburg. Herm Boland is working on his PhD in Economics at Columbia and is expected to join the Social Science Department at West Point next summer. Jud Conner spent New Year's at West Point and is still at Knox, but due to leave in the near future. Dick White, who is stationed in Anchorage, Alaska, reports a new baby boy. Herb Turner, who as everyone knows is an artist, sculptor and contractor in Corona, del Mar, was recently married to the best model; Herb says this is an occupational hazard of artists.

Craig Betts recently became engaged and is presently stationed in Korea and probably will be married in November.

Bob and Wren Ennis are still stationed at the Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell AFB. John Andrus is also stationed there, and Bob reports that everything is going very well.

Don Gower has written from Germany that he is now stationed in Frankfurt and has been following and replacing Clay Moran in his assignment. Don says that staff duty certainly beats field duty and that he is enjoying his assignment, although there are not too many of our classmates presently in Germany. Dan Williamson is stationed in his Division, but that is the only classmate Don has run into recently. He had a Christmas card from Boyd Allen, who is in California, I believe, going to college. Don says he also heard from Dick and Mary Craig and Dick is now TC instructor at Presbyterian College in Clinton, South Carolina. Dick is expecting orders for Europe late this Spring or early Summer.

The Estes' announce the arrival of their fourth son on March 23rd. They are now living in Falls Church, Virginia. The class at West Point had a "49er" party at Duchess Manor, Beacon, New York on May 4th. The Planning Committee was made up of Gillespie, Stauffer and Kirby, who Harry Griffith reports did a marvelous job. Those attending the party were: Gillespies, Stauffers, Kirbys, Griffiths, Metzgers, Swett, Roebuck, Reeds, Bradleys, Roses, Battrealls, Hales, Sylvesters, Hansens, McMullens, Nordins, Armstrong and date, Ranks, Rasmussens, Mortons, Costas, Bells, Olsons, Meyers, Fullertons.

Harry also reported that there was to be a picnic at Round Pond, Thursday, May 30th and the committee hoped to attract a few other classmates who were working in the vicinity of West Point.

George Graham stopped in to see me about a week ago as he is working with Bessemer Cement in New Castle, Pennsylvania. George has one daughter and three sons. He reported to me that Marty Appelbaum is living in Chicago and expects to finish law school in June. Tom Luzon is with Bell Telephone Company as an engineer in New York. R. C. Nelson is at the Pentagon with the Army Corps of Engineers and living in Virginia. The next time George is in this vicinity, we are going to try and get together for a golf game.

Jack Hayne reports a new addition to his family, Michell Tod. Jack is stationed at Fort Totten—he says he has his orders to report to Fort Sill the middle of August to attend the Officers Advanced Artillery Course. Jack is complaining of more calluses.

I expect to be going to the West Coast the end of this month and expect to see Jimmy Schmidt and I hope others of you who are in the Los Angeles and San Francisco area.

Please send in more news as we cannot write a column unless we have news to report.

—John I. Saalfeld,  
Class of 1949.

## 1950

My weeping and gnashing of teeth routine really worked — I've received more letters this quarter than in any quarter in the past year. Timely, too, since I'm leaving for a new assignment in two days!!

Our gratitude to the following for their contribution to this issue: Ken Hall, Gail Wilson, Lauris Eek, Terry Parsons, Bill Ward, Boyd Bashore, Bill Slavins, Al Crawford, Dan McDaniel, Fran (Andy) Pick, Boe (Nate) Gallagher, Jean (Falkner) Heard, Betty Jane (K. T.) Veley, and Marie-Ruth (Bill) Hinds.

Ken Hall is presently in Viet-Nam and scheduled to return to the States in September. At the Founders Day Dinner in March, Ken, being the junior graduate present, had to deliver the traditional talk. Ken reports that Bill Baxley is in Korea as a general's aide; Jim Irons, also in Korea, assignment unknown; Lyman Hammond is a Company Commander with the 25th Div. in Hawaii; and Ty Tandler, Ken's brother-in-law is studying mechanics at the University of Michigan preparing for his assignment as an instructor at the Air Force Academy. At a class meeting held at Fort Benning last year, Jack Murphy appointed Ken Hall and Jim Irons as a committee of two to investigate the possibility of a Class-Blazer for the 10th Reunion. Ken is working on a \$22 Blazer—all black, brass buttons, and the class crest or numerals 1950 (yellow or gold) on the pocket. Ken asked for some comments, so in your letters for next quarter let's hear your views on the Blazer or any type of distinctive memento. Ken and Mary's 5th child, a boy, arrived in May '56; their oldest boy, our class Godson, started first grade last September and Ken says that he "seems to be doing O.K. except that he tends to goof-off a little, so the report card says. I guess that qualifies him as a suitable '50 Godson." Regarding the five children, Ken commented, "I can't say much more except it's a lot isn't it?" It certainly is a lot Ken, especially when all five are in the bathtub at the same time.

Gail Wilson and Lauris Eek reported on the following classmates at the Armored Advanced Course at Fort Knox; Lin and Jackie Mather going to Madrid, Spain and then to West Point; Al and Bobbie Paulger to ROTC at McNeese College, Lake Charles, Louisiana; George and Sally Tilson—Harvard then to West Point; Phil and Pat Samsy—MT&G Dept. West Point; Briggs and Betty Jones to Michigan (Univ.?, State?); Ed and Marcia Crockett to Vanderbilt then to MP&L, West Point; Jack and Jen Hendry to Illinois; Gail and Ardath Wilson—Gail to Viet-Nam, Ardath to Houston, Texas; Tut and Irene Parmley staying at Knox with the Armor Board; and Sid and Jeanne Steele with the School Troops, no orders yet. The following are in various assignments at the Armor Center and are scheduled for the advanced course in August: Lauris and Jean Eek; Carm and Barbara Millia; Phil and Lorel Bolte; and Cloyce and Joanne Mangas.



#### CLASS OF 1950 PARTY

Doe Run Inn Near Fort Knox, Kentucky, May 18, 1957.

Top (Left to Right)—Cloyce Mangas, Joan Mangas, Jen Hendry, Gail Wilson, Ardeth Wilson, Phil Samsey, Pat Samsey, Laurie Eek.

Middle Row (Left to Right)—Carm Milia, Briggs Jones, Betty Jones, Bobbie Paulger, Al Paulger, Jack Hendry, Tut Parmlee, Sid Steele, Jeanie Steele, Lynn Mather, Jean Eek, Jackie Mather.

Bottom Row (Left to Right)—Barb Milia, George Tilson, Sally Tilson, Irene Parmlee, Phil Bolte, Lorel Bolte.

At the West Point Dinner at Knox "Tilson, Jones, Paulger, and Wilson were prominent in a masterful production called Edward R. Moron in 'Person to Prison'". Gail added that Rufe and Nancy Smith are at Benning; Pat and Elaine Wilson at Albuquerque, New Mexico; Jim and Hazel Thompson will be reporting to West Point in the fall after Jim completes his tour in Iran.

Terry and Joan Parsons are at the Ordnance Advanced Course at Aberdeen, Maryland. Terry is scheduled to go to Civil School for graduate work. Bob Edwards, who is also at the Advanced Course will be leaving soon for Rossford Arsenal. At the Founders Day Dinner in Baltimore were Jake Allen, Terry Parsons, Bob Edwards, Ed Gillette, Frank Howard, Nelson Ritter, and Bill Waddell who is with Kaiser-Aluminum in Baltimore.

Bill Ward is now a Financial Planning Officer for duPont in Wilmington, Delaware and is also a Company Commander of a Reserve unit (317 Tank Bn.) in that area. Bill reports that Pete and Barbara Schira are living close by in Wilmington; Bob White is Asst. PMS&T at Valley Forge; Claude Doughtie is near Hatboro, Pennsylvania with an AAA Unit; Bud and Peg Mische live in Madison Township, New Jersey; Bill Rapp is Aide to the CG at Hanscom AFB, Bedford, Massachusetts; Bob and Lucy Gard are also in Bedford, Massachusetts—Bob is on orders to West Point, to teach Social Sciences; and Jack Magee, Bill Aman, and Bob Cheney are at Harvard Business School. Boyd Bashore, a regular contributor, is still in the Philippines with the Joint United States Military Advisory Group. Boyd mentioned that Eddie Ramos has been doing a fine job and recently received the Philippine Army's Medal for Military Merit. Eddie left his job in Division G-3 Section at his own request and now commands a company in the Laguna Area where the remaining Communist Huks are most active. Ed recently survived an L-5 Aircraft crash without injury. Boyd ran into Bert Aton at the Manila Hotel. Bert is at Itazuki, Japan, flying the new "Century" series jets. On a

visit to Korea recently, Boyd tried to contact Bill Mastoris and Bob Hoisington but it seems that the field tactical switchboard connections were bad at the time. At any rate, he reports that Bill and Bob are in Korea.

Bill Slavins, in Heidelberg, reported on classmates in Germany. Also in Heidelberg are Jim and Ann Tormey, Tom Fife and Lou Dixon; in Frankfurt—Ding and Johanna Price, Chuck and Faye Watters, Ben and Malvene Lewis, and Al and Betty Griebing; Mannheim—Burke and Lish Lee; Giessen—Jim and Patti Kelly; Kaiserslautern—George and Beverly Shaffer and Gerry and Helen Kelley; Wurzburg — Bill and Mary Ann Read; Friedburg—Chuck Butler; Bad Kreuznach—Paul McDaniel.

Al Crawford writes from Fort Huachuca, Arizona, that he has seen the following classmates in his travels recently: Pete Pettigrew, flying B-47's out of Tucson; Bill Yeoman, who was recently interviewed for the job as Head Coach of Football, University of Arizona; George Fullerton and Ralph Pinto in the Pentagon with the office of the Chief Signal Officer; Dick Kramer, Aide to the Chief Signal Officer; Grady Banister and Bob Leary with the Army Signal Supply Agency in Philadelphia. Second Hand in formation—third hand now—Jack Wagoner is in the Milwaukee-Toledo area as Sales Representative for a bronze, copper zinc firm; and Frank Gaillard is selling insurance in Dallas. Al added that he and Bettie are really enjoying Huachuca where he is working on a program that will put "electronic high speed digital computers with every tactical Hqs. from battle group up to theater".

Dan McDaniel sent a short note from Port Orchard, Washington. In that area are Jim Drewry stationed at Fort Lewis and Bill Stewart, out of the service and working for Boeing Aircraft Company in Seattle. Po Cornay and Dan are on orders to Fort Sill for the Advanced Course.

Fran Pick writes from the Stuttgart area where Andy has a Panel Bridge Company in the 540th Engineer Group. In the 540th

also are Jack Wagner, Dave Cameron, and John Brinkerhoff. Jim Lynch is aide to General Uncles, 7th Corps Commander. Thanks for the offer regarding errands, Fran.

Boe Gallagher, having given up hopes of Nate writing, decided to do the chore herself. They have been at March AFB, California for over five years now and still going strong. Nate is an Aircraft Commander on a B-47 and is now on a three-month TDY tour at Guam. Boe reports that Frank and Sue Borman are at Cal Tech and will be reporting to West Point this Summer; John and Dee Pennekamp are at the Air Force Academy—John is Aide to the Superintendent; Dick and Bonnie Drury, recently married, are at Biggs AFB, El Paso—Dick is B-47 Aircraft Commander; Ty Goodman, recently married, flying jet escort for SAC out of Montana; Ed Reidy, just married, is out of service and is a lawyer in Washington; Cully and Coleen Mitchell are still at Mountain Home, Idaho; Clyde Clear is at Guam waiting for wife Mary Lou and two girls to join him.

Jean Heard wrote a short note to bring us up to date. She and Falkner were married on December 28, 1955 at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. They broke into the offspring column December 23, 56 (see below) at Fort Bliss. With them are Spike Wood, D. S. Wilson and Bill Knapp.

Betty Jane Veley announced the arrival of twins, one boy, one girl, making a total of five children. That's a shady way of getting into the "Five Children Club", KT, but we accept you happily! Jack and Marty Fahs are in Springfield, Massachusetts; Patty Greer is at home in Pittsford, New York waiting for Tug to return from Korea.

Marie-Ruth Hinds reports from Fort Bliss where Bill is on the Artillery Board Testing Weapons. He spent two years at the University of Virginia and was awarded his Masters Degree in Nuclear Physics. Hank and Muriel Strickland live next door to the Hinds. Marie added that their 4th girl arrived in February but they are not trying to equal the Workmans' Record of 5 girls. Why not Marie?

Miscellaneous Notes: Don Bohn participated in the production of the "Wide, Wide World" television show at Fort MacArthur on February 17. Don is a Battery Commander in the 451st Battalion of the 47th AAA Brigade. Dean Schnoor was recently assigned to the 24th Infantry Division in Korea; Bill Pogue, out of service, is with the Chicago Bridge and Iron Company and was recently transferred to the New York Sales Office; Jack Wickham received his Masters Degree in Public Administration from Harvard University in March.

I received two class pictures this quarter, one from Gail Wilson at Fort Knox and the other from Bill Slavins in Germany. Since both probably will not be printed in the next issue, let's flip a coin—heads, Fort Knox, tails, Germany. Heads wins! Note: Coin was flipped in the presence of Lieutenant Mark McDermott, Class of 1954—OK? I'll submit the picture of the Germany group as number 2 priority for this issue. If there's no space, we'll get it in next issue.

Others reporting to West Point this summer are: Blair Ross, John Roehm, Bill Aman, Art Blair, Phil Samsey, Roy Easley, Chuck Graham, John Fox, Manley Rogers, Dick Hoffman, John Cragin, Walt Adams, Don Sampson, Frank Borman, and your scribe. I'm going up next week as Resident Engineer for the New York District — the main job, which is now 50% completed, is the conversion of the Riding Hall to an Academic Building.

Babies Reported: Boys to Bill and Elaine Ward, Vic and Carolyn Cuneo and Falkner and Jean Heard. Girls to Bert and Ellie Brady, Art and Lorette McGee, Eddie and



CLASS OF '52, 5th REUNION PARTY AT BULL POND

Ming Ramos, Andy and Fran Pick (May '56), Hank and Muriel Strickland, and Sid and Marie-Ruth Hinds.

Twins: One of each to KT and Betty Jane Veley.

Excellent response this time—Let's have even more letters for next quarter.

—Lou Genuario,  
Norwalk, Connecticut.

### 1951

The first item for this issue is essential poop for postal purposes: Russ Johnson is taking a well-deserved rest from the business of amassing this column, so please address all future info to John Hinton, Jr., Dept. of English, USA.

It's a graduation month; witness the following dispersal of '51 troops from various service schools:

**Artillery** (The Word via Bill Malouche):  
Herb Albritton—to 4th Armored Div, Fort Hood.

Pat Brian—to 82 Airborne, Fort Bragg.  
Bruce Bailey—to ROTC, RPI, Troy, New York.

Lew Casbon — Staff and Faculty, Fort Bliss.

Bill Crouch—student, to Mississippi State U.

Charlie Crowe—student, to University of Florida.

John Derrick — Staff and Faculty, Fort Bliss.

George Filchak—to 546 FA Bn, Fort Lewis, via jump school.

John Hill—to Staff and Faculty, USMA.  
Larry Kelly—to 4th Armored, Fort Hood.

Bill Malouche—to Staff and Faculty, Fort Sill.

Chuck McLean—student, to University of Michigan.

Rocky Milburn—17th FA Gp, Fort Sill.

Wayne Miller—Staff and Faculty, USMA.  
Ed Peloquin — student, University of Michigan.

Walt Phillips — student, University of Michigan.

Joe Sites—546 FA Bn, Fort Lewis.  
Dick Szymczyk—Army Language School, Monterey.

Mike Davis, Otto Doerflinger, Dick Ryan, and Bill Thomas, all to post units at Sill.

A class is about to drift loose from Benning, but I know nothing of their destinations beyond the fact that Waldo Russel and W. J. Clemmons, in a vain effort to recapture a horridly misspent youth, will attempt Ranger School before passing out of the picture. In *pace requiescant*. Ann and

Bill Louisell, heading for Navy where the Deerslayer will command yalls as an exchange tac, will no doubt need moral support. Address is H-1 Perry Circle, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Armor** (The Word via Gerry Tausch):

Charlie Knapp—to Korea.

Brooks Martin—to The Armored Center, Fort Knox.

John Haumerson — student, University of Michigan.

Dick McLean—student, Purdue.

Bruce Robertson, Lee Duke, and Dave Phillips — to Advanced Course, Fort Knox.

Lauren Ashley—continues as student, University of Illinois.

Mel Snyder—to Europe (France).

Wally Steiger—to 14th Cav, Germany.

Roland Tausch—student, Heidelberg.

Herm Vetort—to WEDLOCK, Fort Knox.  
Felicitations!

Word from Bud Richardson indicates a '51 AF buildup at the Air Academy. Bud and Hal Schultz are for duty as P's; Don Zurovski as a Flying Training Instructor; Ken Hite with the Professional Studies Division; Rudy Prince rumored to be on the way in.

All troops drop lines when you can—I want to wind up with formal, printed thanks to Russ Johnson for the time and effort he spent on this last year.

—Hinton.

### 1952

June Week has as this goes to the editor. Approximately 70 classmates joined in a dinner-dance, picnic, and cocktail party; as well as taking our class's place in the Long Gray Line of alumni. I will give you the results of the business meeting and the vote on the various proposals in the next issue. I am short of space again so will give you the news pretty much in the order received.

I have the unpleasant duty of informing you of the death of Max Howard, on March 16, near South Bend. We have lost another very fine classmate. The class sent a floral tribute. Our sincere sympathy to Max's family.

Scheduled for the advanced course at Belvoir in September are Cannon, Lawrence, Roper, Driskill, Weinert, Luther, J., Wilson, D., Stokes, Swygert Dutchyshyn, Lehman, Ackerson, Welch, Sell, Pickett, Wilson, H., Gilkey, Williams, L. A., and Burns. Most of these people are finishing civil school before Belvoir beckons.

Mel Young finished advanced course at Benning, re-returned to civilian status, and

married Sonia Winer of Chattanooga on February 24. Classmates in St. Louis are invited to visit. Vann Brewster is in Medical school at Augusta, Georgia and can be contacted through the school. Deryle Whipple resigned last December and enters Emory U Medical school in the fall. Phone is Atlanta ME6-2003. Bill Moore is aide to CG at Fort Leonard Wood and represented the class at Max Howard's funeral. Bill Walker married last year and their first child, a son, was born at Sill this spring. Bill will be there until '58 on staff and in the advanced course.

Bob Sears reported in for these classmates in the 11th Airborne: Milt Sullivan, J. G. Hill, Phil Hamilton, Jack Hettinger, G. Miller, Wally Hastings, George Underhill, Mone Asensio, and Lloyd Rhiddlehoover. They will have their own reunion on Hoensfels training area.

Bob Rutte, still at Nellis AFB, is still single and broke with the help of the tables at Vegas. Stew and Nancy Patterson wrote from -45F Alaska. Gar and Gloria Weed are with them. Tom Hill has also married. He and Judy are at Polk. Ted Gregory finished Sill and heads for 4th Armored and will gyro with them to Europe in the winter. Ed Eckert is enroute to Sill from Hawaii via reunion. Jim Underwood at Mather AFB and E. C. Hamilton at Laredo need a bigger share of the Air Force's bulging budget to provide cross country flights to reunions. Steven Thomas was born to Harry and Joanne Lamp on January 8. Total—3. Girls, 2.

Happily I report the number of "unheard from" classmates dwindled considerably. I would like to hear from or about DuVall, Carpenter, Bob Richardson, J. D. Smith, Rainey, Jordan, Brooks, Ed A. Thompson, Dick Moore, Dick Coleman, and Mike Boos.

DeAngelis is aide to CG, 4th Armored at Hood, and goes to Knox to advanced school in August. Joe, Ruth and their 2 girls returned from Europe last year. Whit Brown, Obach, and Broadhurst are at Huachuca. Whit goes to Monterey in June. Bill Dana is at USC studying Aero Engineering. Jim Campbell, PCS from Bragg to Benning for advanced school.

Dean Welch wrote from Iowa U that Bob McCrindle was seriously stricken with a rare heart disease. Bob was rushed to Fitzsimons, operated upon extensively and after much treatment is now happily on the road to recovery. Speedy recovery, Bob.

A letter from Jim Maloney brought me up to date on U of Illinois. Gil Burns is in Mech Engr, his son is in New York with Gil's folks. Ralph Garver is taking Civil Engr. He and Charlotte have two children, Sher-

rie and Randy. Jack Gilkey (also in CE) and Maxine had a boy on February 9. George Relyea is studying structural dynamics. Winnie, Debbie, and George, Jr. are there with George. Bill Horn in CE and Ed Wuthrich a Dynamics major are roommates. Bob McGarry and Marilyn also there have two children, Paul, and Melanie. Warren and Fran O'Sullivan with son Richard are there. Warren is in CE as is Lew Williams. Lew and Millie have a boy, Mike. Harry Wilson is studying Mech Engr. Nancy and son, David, are with him. Jim Maloney is with Dynamics. He, Jeri and two girls are planning on adding a third child, model not known, in the near future. The U of Illinois group do not finish school in time to attend reunion so extend their greetings herewith.

Jerry Gibbs reported in from Camp Stewart, Georgia. After basic and jump school he has been with 82d Div Arty, in Korea, 159th FA at Bragg, Ranger School, aide at Bragg and now aide to CG at Stewart. Jerry goes to Columbia this fall for Math Dept at USMA. He married Della Smith last July (56). He told me Larry Mickle is at Georgia Tech.

Jerry Kutz is out in the Black Hills. After pilot training he has been at Elsworth AFB in B-36s. In December 53 he married Jackie Phinney and Rebecca is the only child. Invitations are out for anyone near 803 E. Indiana, Rapids City in South Dakota.

Corwin Mitchell and family, 2 girls, is studying in France prior to teaching French here at WP. They are in Paris having left Germany a year ago. Steve and Caroline Nichols, slated for a tour with teaching French too are there with the Mitchells. The Nichols have three children. Bert Kidwell is in Germany with the 76th Tk Bn, John Misch with the 41st Tk Bn. Bob Hubeli is flying fighters in France. Incidentally, Corwin has been nominated to the Board of Trustees for Assoc of Grads. '52 will soon be in complete control. If only we had a candidate for chief of staff.

Born to Swede and Madeline Berry, on April 2, at Nagoya, Japan, Ronald. Our congratulations. Jim Crow and Pat Sladen were married at Fort Lewis on March 13. Welcome to the class, Pat.

Reynold Thomas passed by the Point and pooped me up on the Sig C gang. He and Nancy (and 3 girls) are at Monmouth on faculty. They returned from Europe last year. The Broadhursts with three boys are with 101st Div, the Vogels and their three girls are with 501st Sig Co of 101st. Phil and Marjorie Coleman (1 boy) were reported at Devens in Electronic warfare. Last word on Keith and Helen Comstock had them returning from Europe and headed for Devens. Ev and Ann Richards are now parents of a new boy. Ev is aide at Monmouth. DeWald is with Post Sig at Redstone, and Burkheimer is headed for Europe. Pafford is still with White House Sig Center, Pereyea is Captain in Peruvian Army, Caroline is headed for AF Academy.

Herb Schandler and Gerhardt, both at Harvard, hope to squeeze out PhDs by remaining the rest of the summer before reporting here at the Point.

Ed Gilbert reported for the gang at Baltimore and vicinity. At the Baltimore Founders day dinner were: Harry VanTrees, works for Westinghouse and attends U of Maryland, will go to MIT this fall for doctorate, he and Diane have 2 boys and expect child three soon, address 607 Marlboro Rd, Glen Burnie Park; Jim Tow is aide to General Edwards at Meade, is army aviator, Bachelor, drags pro; Dan McMahon, recently resigned, works for Glen Martin Aircraft, he and Nancy have two boys, address 22 Lambourne Rd, Towson, Maryland; Bob Bradley, x52 is in real estate in Baltimore wishes to be remembered especially to Korchek, Seebach, and Malone. Ivan and Eve-

lyn Mechtly, still at Meade are momentarily expecting child three. Clyde Earnest still with CIA. Bill Sadler and Evelyn of 217 Columbia Ave., Cranford, New Jersey, connected with ESSO in Linden as project engineer.

Ole Olson, Bud Jenkins and Bill Reilly assembled for Founders Day in Watertown Arsenal. I will, incidentally, try to reprint for you in next issue Bill's historical summary of our first five years. C. E. McKnight alone represented 52 at the Heidelberg, Germany dinner. Fortunately our class seems no longer eligible for giving junior graduate addresses so now the long haul till we start giving the other ones.

Promotions to Captain not previously reported and deserving of our congratulations are those of Jim Underwood, Carey, Erdle, Maloney, Kenney, McInerney, and Boone. Carey wrote from Wright Patterson where he is in USAFIT studying Aero Engr after three years as flight instructor. Jerry married Joan Bennett of Brooklyn in 54 and they have two children, Jerry and Cathy. Jim Woodward is also at AFIT, Jim Day is enroute to Germany, Bob Craine in AF Intelligence in Washington and E. C. Hamilton headed for Wright Patterson in September.

Leo Lennon wrote to inform me of the death of his brother, Phil, who you will recall was a classmate found in academics. Phil died in April in an auto accident. Our sympathy to Leo and the family. Leo is at Fort Lee and goes to their advanced course this fall. He and Claire expect child number two in July.

Pete and Dolly Selleck won a new Merc Station Wagon on Ed Sullivan's contest. Ray Espey won \$1,500.00 in the Army Times Aircraft Identification Contest. Our congratulations to the winners. Niblack and Koestner at U of Oklahoma. Landon at Carswell AFB is still single. Dave Ahearn reported at Fort Sill. Tipton and Ed McClung at Fort Polk with 1st AD. Elmore and Spencer at Benning. Upton has resigned as has Raiford. Pickering will be out soon.

Glennon Kingsley, Dave Rohr, Bob Winger and Bob Craig and Jim Woodward were pall bearers at Jim Erwine's funeral. Dave and Bob Winger are at Youngstown, Craig, Woodward and Kingsley are at Wright Pat-

erson. Glennon and Jane are now home-owning, parents of three boys (David R. on June 16, 56) at 14 Lynnhaven Dr., Dayton, where the welcome mat is out to you. Glennon is a student at AFIT.

Tom Murphy and wife are the first reported parents of four. There are Danny, Debra, Douglas, and Diane February 2, 57. Congratulations and keep up the good work. They live in Granby, Connecticut, address Box 202. Jim Paris married Tom's twin sister Dolores a year ago and they are living in Philadelphia, where Jim is in advertising. Tom's brother graduated with the class of 57.

That is it for this time. Keep writing. Drop in if at USMA.

—Dave Lyon.

## 1953

The article for the April issue arrived too late for printing, and I offer my apologies to the Class. I will try my best to never let you down again. The April article contained the following information:

It is with deep regret that I report the death of two classmates Bob Lindsay and Guy Waller. Bob had an explosion in a F-100 shortly after takeoff at George AFB, California in November. Guy, who was also a jet pilot, was a passenger in a L-20 liaison plane which flew into the top of a hill near Burtonwood, England.

Fred Smith was Guy Waller's roommate at West Point for the four years. Fred wrote to tell me that he attended Guy's funeral which was held on December 20 at West Point. Father McCormick officiated, and he had married Guy and Betty in the same chapel only 3½ years before.

Bob Bartlett dropped a line from Bethlehem, Pennsylvania where he is with the Steel Co. there. Bob ran into quite a few classmates at the Army-Navy game. He saw Al Grum who is at MIT along with Val Heiberg under the auspices of the Corps of Engineers. John and Cathy Martin are in Massachusetts with the New England Engineer Division. Vic Luby is with the Philadelphia Engineer District. Vic was married at the end of September to Suzanne Morris of Dover, Delaware. Early and Pat Nush



MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 1953 AT FORT BLISS, TEXAS.

Front Row (left to right): Curt Brewer, Bob Nutter, Dave Best, Harl Graham, Earl Chambers, Jim Linka, Al Merritt, and John Oblinger. Back Row (left to right): Harl Graham's date, Mary Nutter, Berteh Brewer, Peggy Best, Barbara Linka, Nancy Chambers, and Joan Merritt.

came from Fort Dix where Early is with the Post Engineers. The Civilians at the game included Rick and Joyce Gilmartin and Gerry and Lilli Lohrli who are with the New York Telephone Co. Glenn and Jan Schweitzer are with the State Dept. Jim Endler is with Webb and Knapp in New York City. Ralph Sanders is attending North Carolina State as a civilian. Vince Araskog is with the Dept. of Defense. Sid Carter is studying as a civilian at MIT. Bob mentioned Ted Husing. I have read in the newspapers that he is very ill in New York and is losing his eye-sight. Bob wonders if the Association of Graduates could extend some gesture toward him. Ted will be remembered as the announcer of the Army football games during our cadet days.

George Williams, Class Treasurer, wrote from Crane, Texas where he is a civilian with the Texas Company. He is also a bachelor which is more unusual than being a civilian. George sent me all of the balance sheets for the Class Fund since Graduation. We have had no expenditures in the last two years and on December 31, 1956, the Class Fund balance was \$2,773.80. George sent some news on others: John Oblinger is now at school at Fort Bliss, Texas. Joe Wilson and wife are at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Keith Kahl and family are civilians in Bumpus Mills, Tennessee with plans to enter school this spring.

I heard from Abbie and Stu McLennan the other day. Stu is at Fort Rucker and plans to complete Army Aviation training in March. The only classmates Stu has seen have been Bill Bauman who graduated from Rucker in January and Don Schmidt who is assigned at Rucker. Stu's next assignment will be Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

I received a note from Don Ramsay, and he has had a change of address. In order that he receive the cards giving your okay for the Reunion Book, please send them to his Duty address as follows:

1st Lt. D. A. Ramsay  
Box No. 3090, MCLI  
AF Institute of Technology  
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

Remember—if we are to have a Five Year Reunion Book, a majority of the Class must vote yes for the plan as published in the January Class News. To date, Don has 14 yeses out of 510. Get your postcard in the mail today! Don appreciates the offers to help which he has received and to the extent possible will farm out some of the writing and editing work, so do not make offers carelessly!

Chuck Lowman reported in from Mannheim, Germany where he moved next door to Cary and Pat Hutchinson. The apt. he moved into was vacated by Bob and Mildred Alberts who are returning to the states to resign. Chuck is S-4 of his Signal Battalion and travels considerably. He has run into Beech and Janey Dierdorff, Roger and Sherry Ellman, Drew and Marlene Dowling and Don and Maureen Meglen. Sorry, Chuck, I haven't heard from Ken Dawson since he was stationed in the Chicago area. Maybe he will write in, and I will forward his address.

Bill Horton is studying Civil Engineering at Texas A&M. He heard that Don Carter was there also studying meteorology, so he and Jo dropped in to see Don. Seems that Don's course really delves into calculus a great deal and makes him pour over the books. After talking to Don, Bill has almost been convinced that there is more to being an Air Force weatherman than a graduate engineer.

I received a letter from Pat and Jack Johns the other day. They are in the Mannheim area of Germany and have a daughter, Cynthia Sue, with another addition ex-

pected in the summer. Jack is the executive officer of his company in an Armored Infantry Bn. Tom Nugent and wife, Joan, are in the area. Since they just arrived last fall, they are expected to be there some time. Jack's ex-roommate, Bill Campbell and wife, Cathy are stationed at Landstuhl AFB which is just an hour's drive from Jack, so they see each other frequently. While in Berlin recently, Jack ran into Dick Fischer and Chuck Brubaker. Jack is looking forward to the Founder's Day Dinner at Heidelberg on March 16 which should prove to be another huge success.

Clay Jackson wrote for the first time since graduation. Seems that since that time, Clay has acquired a wife, Mary, a cocker spaniel, a baby girl, and a baby boy. Clay is in the Air Force stationed at Hunter AFB, Georgia and flies B-47's. The only classmate whereabouts is Ray Kotowski, and Clay has seen him several times. Clay is taking a trip to Wichita and plans to see his ex-roommate, Mike Cousland who is there.

Back in February my ex-roommate Bob Karns, came to Chicago to attend a Sporting Goods Convention, and Emily and I had a nice visit with him. Bob, Marilyn and their two children are still in Denver, Colorado where Bob is a Physical Ed. instructor and wrestling coach at the Air Force Academy.

#### Baby Corner

To the Ed, Coggins, a girl, Patricia (9-13-56, Big Spring, Texas). To the Doug Sligers, a girl, Elizabeth Ann (10-24-56, Dayton, Ohio). To Jim and Ruth Miley, a boy, Mark (11-1-56, Port Davis). To Drew and Marlene Dowling, a boy, Stephen James (11-16-56, Bad Cannstatt, Germany). To the Roger Ellmans, a boy, Thomas Paul (11-22-56, Bad Cannstatt, Germany). To Stan and Pat Touchstone, a girl, Mary Elizabeth (11-30-56, Dahlonega, Georgia). To Jim and Taffy Eubanks, a boy, Todd Marshall (12-19-56, Sendai, Japan). To Pete and Vivian Clements, a boy, Jay Brian (1-4-57, Cambridge, Massachusetts). To Jerry and Maddy Dresner, a girl, Caren Sue (2-18-57, Elizabeth, New Jersey). To Bill and Steph Jewell, a boy, Stevan Hunt (2-22-57, Canal Zone). To Frank and Janie Wilkerson, a boy, Bruce Preston (Denver, Colorado). To the Jim Sibley's, a boy, Wayne Scarborough (3-16-57, San Gabriel, California).

Marlene Dowling wrote from Boblingen, Germany where Drew is adjutant of the 39th Signal Battalion. They will be returning stateside in August so that Drew can begin work at the University of Michigan on a master's in Electrical Engineering.

Lee Gray dropped a line to bring me up to date on his whereabouts. Lee is a civilian now and is working for North American Aviation as a Field Service Rep. on the F-100. He is presently assigned to Norton AFB, California. Lee, Nancy and their two boys live in Rialto, California. Lee's job is varied and involves technical problems in hydraulics, electronics, structures, etc.

Pat Glenn let me know that she and John are at Chanute AFB, Illinois where John is taking a Maintenance Officer's Course. They will be there until October but haven't any idea where their next assignment will be.

Now for some short tid-bits: Ed Reed is in Germany; Earl Chambers has resigned and is in business in El Paso, Texas; Arthur Wells is in Germany; Gail Freimark was married in Louisiana in February to Miriam Cook; George Brosious is still in Italy; Gus Schweitzer is a civilian in California; Chuck Lowman is in Heidelberg, Germany; Joe and Pat Brown are in England with the Air Force; Bill Fio Rito is in Germany; Mort Saffer is still in France; Al Grum was married in South Carolina in January to Jane Patterson.

Since April, I received a nice letter from Curt Brewer which contained a photo-

graph. Curt was at Fort Bliss when the picture was taken, but the group has finished their AAA and SAM Btry Officer's Course and have been assigned elsewhere by now. Not shown are the Don Shaws, the Doug Waters, and Edith Oblinger. Bob Mutter is a civilian working at White Sands for Minneapolis Honeywell. As I mentioned previously, Earl Chambers is civilian and is in the Automotive wholesale business.

Bill and Jo Horton dropped a line to say that in June they will be moving to Colorado where Bill will teach ROTC at the Colorado School of Mines. Jim Lammie is assigned there also, so the Class of '53 is well represented at CSM.

Ray Eineigl wrote from Fort Benning, Georgia. He is in charge of a construction company, but in June will go to Northwestern University where he will study Civil Engineering. Quite a few classmates are at Fort Benning. Dave Rumbough is an aide there, Spike Holman is an instructor at the school, Jim Harris, Stan Touchstone, Jim Burkland are Rangers there, Tom Brain is in Ordnance and is going to Purdue for two years, Fred Seibert is in the 3rd Division, Spike Jones is attending Ranger School.

This is about all the poop for now. Let's have some more letters in the next three months. My address remains: Bill Jefferson, 148 Clyde Ave., Apt. 2-B, Evanston, Illinois. Best of luck to everyone.

—William Jefferson.

#### 1954

The Class of 1954 extends deepest sympathies to Ellen Revere and the family of Lee Revere. Lee was killed May 27 when his F86D crashed and exploded near Westover AFB during simulated combat.

You will be hearing soon from Bill Schulz about a plan for guaranteeing a college education to children of the deceased members of our class. With everyone's cooperation, the class can set up an educational trust fund. Within 15 years this fund will be large enough to send to college all the children of our deceased classmates.

*June Week:* Five members of '54 were on hand at West Point to celebrate our third reunion. Howard Hunter writes that "it was a well balanced group of one civilian, two Army, and two Air Force." Besides Howard, who is still single and still at Griffis AFB, New York, the June Week celebrants were: John and Irene Klein, civilians, in the real estate and insurance business on Long Island; Dick Baughman and Bob Hunt, both single, both stationed in Panama and due to return next year; and the Kevin McKays, stationed at Otis AFB, Massachusetts, with an airborne early warning unit.

*Babies:* Trevor Scott to Janie and Ames Albro, December 11; Kathleen Marie to Carole and Bob Reed, March 1; Ann Lyn to Anne Lyn and Bill Welsh, March 8; Mary Elizabeth to Bobbie and Leon Bryant, April 6; Laura Dianne to Sylvia and Bernie Serano, April 15; Leslie Ann to Joan and Bill Allan, April 21; Cheryl Ann to the Clark Bennis, April 29; James Long IV to Chris and Jim Chapman, May 16; and Keith Russell to Ann and Russ Parker, May 19.

Two births in particular, were attended with some excitement. The first was when Melanie Lea arrived to Valerie and Dale Vesser at Oxford, England, February 16. Dale writes that "National Health certainly makes a good job of things, although they misinformed me as to the child's sex. After I had sent telegrams to all our relatives, saying we had a boy, Ames Albro congratulated me on the birth of a daughter. I was flattened. The nurses, who didn't seem to know about the birds and bees, had another look when I threatened to make a personal inspection."

But the father was required to do more than make a personal inspection when David Clark was born to Barb and Don Porter at Aberdeen on May 23. Don took the doctor's place and delivered his second child at home, after it was obvious that there wasn't time to make it to the hospital. Don advises that his rates are reasonable.

**Alaska:** Sam Walker, Jim Cooper, and Hal Stout are at Fort Richardson with 23rd Regt of 2nd Inf Div. Recently, Walker and Cooper participated in "Exercise Hard Times," and Stout took part in the Army's annual Alaskan ski firing patrol event at Ladd AFB. Don Alameda, once from sunny California was subjected to a four-week arctic winter indoctrination course at Fort Greely; he's a Co Exec with 9th Regt at Ladd AFB.

**England:** Ames Albro and Dale Vesser are winding up their University days at Oxford. Just 10 miles away with a SAC Wing are Jim Cronin, Bob Dorr, Jack Arnet, Jack Charles, Ed Bavaria, Lennie Johanson, and Jack Carter. But "petrol rationing makes the 10 miles much farther," writes Vesser.

**France:** Larry Willner writes from Fontainebleau, 35 miles from Paris, where he's with 298th Sig Co. SHAPE Hq, Central Europe. With him is his recently acquired wife, the former Inga Katz of Columbus, Georgia.

Willner gives this rundown of the '54 contingent in the Paris area: Also with 298th Sig Co is Fred Kersh; Jock LeMere, attached to a Sig Bn from Germany, is working in Fontainebleau; Bill Hilsman is at EUCOM Hq, Sig Unit, Paris; Jim Obendorfer is with SHAPE Signal in Paris; and Al Milder is a supply records control officer at Orleans.

"Paris in the spring really isn't the worst place in the world," according to Willner. "Living here is just short of ideal, the per diem paid to compensate for the high cost of living eases things greatly, and the leave policy is wonderfully liberal."

**Germany:** Quite a few engineers are in USAREUR. These include: Norm Bedell as CO of 530 Engr Co, a panel bridge outfit, near Heidelberg; Ed Keiser at Heidelberg as aide to General McNutt, USAREUR Engineer; John Tilley as CO of H&S Co, 18th Engr Bn; Dave Dimick as Recon Officer of 15th Engrs at Furth; and Ben Breslauer as Asst S-3, 11th Engr Group.

At a "tiny little Kaserne in beautiful Bavaria" are Brad Honholt and Fritz Anklam in 93rd Engr Co, a float bridge unit; Gene Breeding and Ed Moses with 41st Tank Bn of 8th Div; and Will Buckheit, a Co CO with 546th Engr Bn. Buckheit writes that he is "above my eyeteeth preparing to Gyroscope to Fort Knox."

Jim Hays has a busy and challenging job as aide to the CG of Seventh Army. He is travelling all over Seventh Army area and happening across classmates in almost every unit. "One of the unpleasant things I've seen in this job," Jim writes, "is all of the resignations of our classmates in Seventh Army as they come to the CG for approval."

Don Mawhinney, a transfer from Infantry to Engineers, arrived at Karlsruhe in May to join the 175th Engr Co (Heavy Equipment). His company supports various projects throughout USAREUR and has jobs from the Czech Border to the French Coast. This means Don will be travelling all over Europe to keep track of \$2½ million of construction equipment. Don was married on April 20 to Wendy Houston of Toronto, Ontario, and is now waiting for her to join him in July.

George Petley, Pete Manus, Pete Leone, Art McCarthy, and Jack Carnahan are with 87th Inf at Aschaffenberg. Bruce Bidwell is also there with 40th FA, after completing a tour as CO of 10th Divarty's NCO Academy at Erlangen.

John Marcus is still at Darmstadt, now as CO of Hq Co, 32nd Sig Bn. John and Roz

are the first to write that they'll be glad to leave Germany. They'll be winding up a three-year tour at the end of this year, and are hoping to go to Army Aviation School.

And now let's round up everyone else in Germany. Bill Haskell and Skip Combs are in Bayreuth, and Ed Partridge at Amberg, all with 3rd Armd Cav. Jim Scovel is in infantry at Heilbron. Freddy Attaya is with 553rd FA Bn at Darmstadt. Bud Dahl and Bob Sale are Co Execs with 41st Engr Bn. Ed Cutolo, qualified in Airborne, Ranger, and Jungle Warfare, is the long range patrol expert of 188th. Abn Inf Regt in Augsburg; he also sports about in a Mercedes. Ed Moses has a platoon in 41st Trans Bn, 8th Inf. Bob Lykens is a detachment Exec Off in the Army Garrison, Southern Area Command, Munich. And Jim Miller is an aide at Frankfurt.

**Iran:** Red Kavanaugh is speaking the language, hunting boar and eagle, running cargo through 400 miles of mountains in a three-quarter-ton truck, and setting up an NCO School for the Imperial Iranian Army. It's really rough now that the 110-degree weather has arrived—his working hours are 8 to 1.

**Japan:** Dick and Betty Zeigler travelled concurrently to Sendai, Japan, to join 5th Cav Regt. Bill Klein is also with 5th Cav Regt, and Charlie Orr is at Camp Whittington with 8th Cav Regt.

**Korea:** Don Kirklighter arriving in Korea recently, after transferring from Infantry to CID because of bad knees. Dick Diller has a Tank Co with 24th Inf Div, and Lenny Reed is in Korea with KMAG.

**Panama:** Tom Mayberry and Jim Williams completed a course at the CIC School at Fort Holabird, Maryland, took a month's leave, and then headed for Panama in June. Sue Mayberry got to travel with Tom.

**Philippines:** Ted Sanchez is still teaching mechanics at the Philippine Military Academy at Baguio City. He finds the job interesting and the climate about the best in his country. Ted is now with the Corps of Engineers and hopes to go to a local civilian college to get an engineering degree. He's also been invited by the Dean to join the Corps of Professors at the Military Academy. Ted says that his door is always open to anyone passing through the Philippines.

**Air Force:** Flying B-47's at Altus AFB. Oklahoma, are Jake and Marianne Diebold in 339th Bomb Sqdn and Leon and Bobbie Bryant in 337th Bomb Sqdn. Each family has two children. Diebold and Bryant put in three months of TDY at Guam during the winter.

Jody Rudy is at Selfridge AFB, Michigan. Dick Vossler and Chuck MacWilliam are flying out of Hawaii; MacWilliam is in C-124's at Hickam Field, Honolulu. And we're told that Vossler has met "the" girl and plans to wed in July.

AAA: Tom DeSimone and his bride, the former Marjorie Ann Schroer of Washington, D. C., are in the Chicago Defense with 86th AAA Msl Bn. They expect to go to Korea about February '58. Mark Ormsby is also in Chicago Defense.

Russ and Ann Parker are still with 551st AAA Msl Bn in California. Russ is commander of a Nike Battery situated on top of a 4,000 foot mountain overlooking the San Fernando Valley. Russ has his own motor pool, mess hall, theater, PX, comms section, and aircraft landing strip, along with seven days of C rations in case he gets snowed in. He's 1¼ hours from Bn Hq and 2 hours from his source of rations at Edwards AFB.

Defending Seattle, Washington, are Fred and Ann Bartlit with 28th AAA Msl Bn; and Pete Pilet, still single, and Pete and Terry Jones, with sons Peter and Paul, in 513th AAA Msl Bn. Pete Jones writes that he's had every job in the unit but BC, and is now radar plat ldr.

Orders for the "new" Basic Officers

Course at Fort Bliss are being received by many in AAA. Among those scheduled to attend the course beginning in September are Russ Parker, Fred Bartlit, Bob McPherson, Pete Jones, George Milligan, and John Koskella. Prospects after the course are for an overseas Nike package.

**State-side Roundup:** Now with Ordnance Corps at Aberdeen Proving Ground are Don Porter, Larry Skibbie, Bill Allan, Tom Brown, Jay Edwards, Ed Judd, and Bud Boose. After the 10-week basic school, Don Porter expects to go to Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Alabama; Bud Boose is bound for Purdue U. to get his MS.

At the Army Aviation School, Fort Rucker, Alabama, are Steve Avery and Norm Matmuller in the Academic Department; Ed Aguanno and Pete Hall in the Tactics Department; and John Young and George Olmstead as students. The Halls have their own house in Enterprise, Alabama, and expect to put in a two-year tour there.

Dale Jenne, Bill Cory, and Jack Porter are at Fort Benning. Jack and Cinny Porter are living in style, for he's aide to the Post CG. They have plenty of room and invite anyone to visit them.

After nine months of school at Fort Bliss, Myron Rose, John D'Aura, and Paul Erickson received orders for 1st GM Brigade at Bliss. Orders for Korea went to Roger Browne, Dick Grinder, Al Walser, Ron Salvador, and Dave Richards. Bob Badger sent a photo taken at a party Rog Browne threw for the Bliss group, but unfortunately space in this post-June Week issue did not permit using it.

Doug O'Connor and George Perrin are general's aides at Fort McPherson. Gene Donnelly and George Kourakos are now with 82nd Abn at Fort Bragg.

**Resignations:** Chuck Brown, Tom Flaherty, Jay Gould, Paul Jenkins, George Olmstead, Tom Stark, Wilbur Brickwell, Bob Bullock, John Carnahan, Jerry Curtis, Bob Egelston, Paul Garneau, Art Sirkis, Jim Slogar, Ike Coron, Don Geiger, Marv Danford, Ed Freeman, Wendell Grant, Les Kirshner, Lou Mologne, Dick Moulton.

Other new civilians include: Jim Ranson with the atomic power division of Westinghouse Electric at Pittsburgh; Bob Harvey with Glen L. Martin's nuclear division at Baltimore; Prop Walker with Schlumberger Well Surveying Corp. at Midland, Texas; Gerry Lodge playing pro football with the Baltimore Colts; and Bill Schulz seeking an advanced degree at Harvard's Graduate School of Business Administration.

**Where are you?** Tom DeSimone is trying to locate Bud Dahl; Tom is at Battery A, 86th AAA Msl Bn, Arlington Heights, Illinois. And Jack Porter would like to hear from Brick Brickwell and Bud Passmore; Jack is at Dtrs 308-D, Lumpkin Road, Fort Benning.

All's well with the Plunketts, and work at McGraw Hill gets better every year. We have now become home-owners, so please note our new address: Tompkins Avenue, Upper Nyack, New York. Let's hear from you before September 1st. All for now.

—Jim Plunkett.

## 1955

Thanks to the outstanding PIO work of Bean, Brown, Ralls, Matuszak, Camp, Botoms, Hotchkiss, Pheiff, Klung, Polly, Heren, McNamee, and Strati (and wives, in many instances) we again have a duffel bag full of news for you.

The tour of many classmates in the Far East will be over soon. Dick Bean, now a company commander in the 34th Regt, will report to the Ranger Department as an instructor this autumn. Before that, however, on September 7, he is marrying Miss Sally Alexander. Jim Napier and Wayne

Smith are execs of companies in the same battalion with Dick. Ski Ordway is CO of G Co of the regiment; he made the All-Stars while playing football for the regiment last fall. Rex Perkins is Asst S3 in the 3d Bn of the regiment. Don Hilbert has now left Korea for Japan, where he is with his wife. John Giddings, Zip Spellman, and Chris Miller are in the 21st Regt in Korea.

Several Air Force files made their appearance at the Founders Day banquet in Korea. Among these were Jerry Green, Jerry Hawkins, Ted Vitori, Bill Roth, and Ray Karam. We have further information on Ray, who is still a confirmed bachelor, flying F86-F's for the 311th Fighter-Bomber Squadron. The Army's representation included John Sloan, Bob McClelland, Doc Schow, Dick Gray, and John Strom.

Bob Soper and Sandy McDonald (ex-55) are newly arrived at Korea, assigned to the 6th Tank Battalion.

Bob, Helene, and Kathleen Anne (born December 8, '56) Brown, stationed at Fort Knox, said they might get out to the graduation of the Class of '57. We shall be looking for a report from those of you who may have gathered for June Week this year. Dick Becker is the only other classmate still at Knox with Bob. Artillerymen may remember John Labinski from OBC, who also is there. Bob reports that the Bill Edwards are now at Fort Rucker, Jerry Denman is due to attend the Army Language School, and the Lou Crandalls are at San Marcos, where they expect a new addition soon.

Rawleigh Ralls is aide to Brigadier General Legare K. Tarrant at Sixth Army Headquarters at the Presidio. He sends news of the following classmates who will be attending the FA & FA Msl Btry Off Crs 6-0-1 at Fort Sill for 36 weeks starting in September: Don Andrews, Jim Barker, Bob Brown, Karl Brunstein, Bob Camp, Dick Cheesborough, Dick Dinwiddie, Ken Dion, Cliff Fralen, John McCloskey, Jim McIntosh, Ted Patterson, Mike Stevenson, and Joe Vincent. In AAA, Jay McCormack and Bill Wildermuth are still in San Francisco with the 9th AAA Missile Battalion. Bill and Jane are enjoying Angel Island. Jay and Mona are expecting their first child this summer.

Passing through San Francisco have been Norm Blahuta, on his way to Hawaii, and Vee Singer, en route to Korea. Both stopped in to see Rawleigh, his wife Anne, and daughter Lizanne.

Steve, Vi, and Nancy Ann Matuszak say they have come out of hibernation up in Alaska by now. In the same territory are Joe and Mary Ann Thomer, Ken and Jane Ikeda (expecting), Gil and Vorece Batchman, Art Follett, and Wayne Wood. Dick Shimunek made a brief appearance in Alaska recently, long enough to take an arctic indoctrination course. Now, however, he has returned to his wife Mary's cooking in Louisiana.

Bob Camp is aide to the Commanding General of 4th Div Arty at Fort Lewis. As mentioned above, however, Bob will be among the Fort Sill student body come September. He says he and Bill Terrio are still trying to get each other married so they can go to a reception.

John and Marlene Senger are expecting, as are Don and Bernice Gransback. Skip and Noreen Massey are now at Fort Rucker for helicopter school.

Now in the 4th Div Arty with Bob is Dick Scott, who also went through OBC at Fort Sill with us.

Bill Bottoms now has trouble keeping up with whether it is yesterday or tomorrow on his MATS assignment between California and Tokyo. He prefers, however, the "todays" during the stop-offs in Hawaii. Just prior to this assignment, Bill visited Warren Jones and Ed Nidever, at Benning, and Jerry Gilpin at Webb AFB. The Gilpins were ex-

pecting a new member of the family soon.

From Bill's class at Ellington AFB, John Gamble went into MATS at Dover, Larry Michalove went to Radar Intercept School at Waco, and John Karnes went to the Altar in December.

John, Jerra, and Jeffrey Hotchkiss are with the 85th Fighter Interceptor Squadron at Scott AFB. Also flying the F86-D are George Monahan and Phil Bouchard, at Selfridge AFB, Michigan. Hank Hollensbe and wife Willie are with the 10th Fighter bomber Squadron in France.

Larry Herdman and John Hardy are in the same squadron at Langley AFB. Buck Riggs and Chuck Flynn are both at Stewart AFB. Chuck and Rita had a baby boy, Tracy, in March. Stan Harvill is at McGhee-Tyson AFB, Tennessee, near his home. Jim Heye is also near home at Foster AFB, Texas; he, Betty and Carol are there. George and Janet Kennebeck are at Bunker Hill AFB, Indiana; they have bought a home in nearby Peru, Indiana. Chuck and Laura Stoeckel are also with ADC, at Kirtland AFB, New Mexico.

Bob Pheiff and Anne, at Tucson, pick up the Air Force news where John leaves off. First of all, Chuck Roades has been readmitted to the flying program at Mariana AFB; improvement in his eyes during the year has made this possible. Don Sutton and Bill Dean both dropped in on Bob at Tucson recently. Don is a flight instructor at Laredo, with several other classmates including Ron Weissenborn and Bob Sherman (recently married). Bill is a flight instructor at Bryan AFB, where he won his wings going through Air Cadets. He sends his regards to his former classmates of '55. Also at Bryan are Fred Phillips, Tom Weaver, and Al Oppel (another recent bridegroom).

Jim Howard is at Travis AFB; Ken Wilson is at Hunter AFB. Reb, Betty, and Betsy Young are at Valdosta, Georgia. Bob and Anne Pheiff, by the way, are expecting their second child in December.

A correction to an entry in a previous issue: The Hank Klungs are the proud parents of a boy, Mike. Hank is with the 2596 Air Reserve Flying Center in Texas, flying TC-47's, C-45's, C-46's, and T-28's. Hank was the only member of the class at the Founders Day Banquet of the West Point Society of North Texas, but saw Willy Lawrence of '54, who now is studying electrical engineering at Arlington State College.

Wayne Polly is now with the 237th Engineer Battalion in Erlangen, Germany. He received a letter of commendation for his work with the 70th Engineer Bn. David Wayne Polly, Jr. was born to Wayne and Betty on March 14. Bill and Carol Novell, also in Germany, had a son in November. Hi Stevens and Mick Meekison are near the Polly's in Germany.

Tom Herren and Will Holbrook are practically packed for their PCS to Germany in August. Last minute liaison with the hostess section of Braniff and American Airlines in Dallas keeps the battery on their car from going dead.

Gregory Lewis McNamee was born to Marty and Cleo on April 12. They are in Gelnhausen, as is Dave Gilpatrick. Lee McKinney, Sandy Sanderson, Jack Campbell, and Vince Warner are in nearby Hanau.

Bob and Pat Strati had a girl, Teresa Ann, on May 2. Walt and Edie Landers had a boy, Richard Michael, on March 17. Chuck Gersitz's bride, Sally, is now here in Germany with him. The Clancy DeLongs are expecting a child in December.

And last scraps of news from hither and yon. Bill Robinson is at Fort Riley with the "Big Red One". Ted Gay is at Fort Bragg with the 307th Engineer Battalion. The Carl Cathey's recently became parents of a girl; they are with the Air Force at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Jim Keegan is

flying F-84s at Langley AFB. Tom and Elaine West are at Fort Benning, where Tom is attending the associate company officer's course. Carl McNair recently completed the Third Army Instrument Flight School at Fort Campbell.

Can you recall July six years ago?

—John Lovell.

## 1956

My mail bag was conspicuous by its emptiness until about a week ago. Now I'm beginning to wonder how I'm going to keep this article under 1,500 words. Thanks for the marvelous last minute response gang—keep those letters coming.

I will dedicate this article to those who struggled and won in the Army's Fort Benning ranger course. Those deserving a bottle of liniment and a year's supply of band-aids are Jim Beal, Ed Martin, Ernie Wilson, Joe Carraway, Jerry Hutchinson, Don Fisch, Walt McCahan, Bill Schrage, Gene Fox, Harry McGuire, Bill Lyon, Charlie Kottich, Bill Crites, Don Shannon, Keith Barlow, Mike Pendino, John McGinn, Bill Baxter, Doug Williams, "B. J." O'Brien, John Haley, Jerry Burcham, Harry Raymond (also Master Paratrooper), Charlie Eastburn, John Foss, Whit Coats, Bud Twichell, Steve Beebe, Paul Merola, Dick Keating, Tom McAniff, Ray Celeste, Jim Anderson, Dick Tripp, Ed Rhodes, Russ Mericle, Zeb Bradford, Vic Bullock, Reid Barrett, Sam Lemmon, Charlie Saint, Ed Valence, George Loffert, Gary Williams, Gerry Wynn, Yogi Yon, Francis Mathews, Fred Rall, Tom Hanson, Wally Crain, Warfield Lewis, Woody DeLeuil, Lon Matt, Jim Ellis, John Sloan, Rich Frederick, Ernie Cross, Erv Beauchamp, Bill Roll, Jim Spires, Steve Woods, Gerry Speiser, Charlie Scott, Dave Palmer, Jim Waldeck, Don Graesser, Jon Porter, Bob Nicholson, Dick Chase, Bill Crews, Don Lee, Tony Jezior, Jerry Amlong, Bill DiGennaro, Bob Hammond, Phil Farmer, Harry Comeskey, Frank Bonnarens, Frank Sharer, Mike McGrath, Chuck Swezey, Cliff Baker, "Dee" Dantos, Art Boudreau, Charlie Gorkinski, George Young, George Rostine, Bob St. Louis, Jim Dozier, Dave Corderman, Charlie Poole, Gene Lynch, George Brandel, and Morrill Ross. If I left anybody off of this list, blame it all on Fort Benning's P.I.O.

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I note that a good many of the guys are getting their feet wet in the field. Greg Wold was forced to drop out of the Airborne training because of arthritis in his left ankle and heel, but he caught the next class and is now a full fledged "jumper." He and Iline are at Fort Polk, Louisiana where Greg took part in "Exercise Sledge Hammer" to test the combat readiness of the newly-formed "Pentomic" division. While not attending his duties as platoon leader in the 2nd Med. Tank Bn., Greg and Iline are enjoying life in their new 45 foot house trailer. Incidentally, Greg's younger brother, Doug, may join the Class of '61 if he can pass the physical. Greg and Iline also mentioned that Carolyn and Bob Nicholson were stationed at Polk where Bob is a platoon leader in the 1st Armored Division's 81st Recon. Bn. Hank Miles has joined the 1st Armored Division as a member of the division's 46th Inf. Regt. Thornton Burns is now a member of the 1st Division's 2nd Inf. at Fort Riley, Kansas. Dick Adams is also with the 1st as a forward observer in Battery B, 32nd FA Bn. Elsewhere stateside, I have received notification that Vern Ebert has been assigned to the 710th Tank Bn at Fort Stewart, Georgia. John Scholz is with the 36th Antiaircraft Artillery Missile Bn in Pasadena, Maryland, and Ed Holloway is a member of the 75th AA Missile Bn's Battery A at nearby Waldorf, Maryland.

Recently arriving in Germany and joining the 2nd Armored Division are John Johnson, platoon leader in Co. A of the 12th Inf. Bn. and Jim Sewell, platoon leader in Co. B of the 67th Tank Bn. Pat Uebel was recently graduated from the motor officers' course at the Army's European Ordnance School in Fuessen, Germany. He has returned to his regular duties as an FO in Battery C of the 10th Infantry Division's 35th FA Bn.

From the Far East, I note that Bob Randall is enjoying the Japanese hospitality as a member of the 802d Engineer Bn., and Tom Masterson is spreading "good will" amongst the Okinawans as a member of the 65th Antiaircraft Artillery Bn.

I received two very fine letters from Chuck Garvey and Vince Esposito now stationed in the Hawaiian Islands. Chuck tells me that Mike had to give the "youngest West Pointer talk" at the Annual Founder's Day dinner held there. Chuck also mentioned that he, Larry Fitzgerald, and Mike all met on the cinders again because they each joined their respective Regt track teams. Mike says that Jim Paradise is living in an apartment just below him near Waikiki beach and both are members of the 65th Engr. Bn at Schofield Barracks. Chuck is in "C" Co. of the 35th Inf. and Fitz calls the Mortar Battery of the 14th Inf. Regt. home. By the way, my apologies Mike for calling your wife Janice "Janet" in a recent article. Mike also informed me that little Georgie Ward outran all the candidates and the instructors in one of the Ranger School's "run until everybody drops out" routines. We're proud of you George!

Several extremely small notes with very important news arrived on my desk these past three months. These notes announced that Hugh and Helen Munson have a boy, Robert Michael, born on March 23; Judy and Ward LeHardy have a girl, Sarah McIntosh, born May 12 (father Ward was on his way to Korea at the time); Win and Bobbie Frank are the proud parents of a son, Steven Lawrence, born March 17; Frank Mathews' Bonnie presented him with a girl, born March 26; Carol and Denny Hattler have a baby daughter, Hilary Ann, born March 14; Jesse and Cynthia Blackwell have "survived" after having a girl, Frances Elizabeth, born March 27 and Doug and Nancy Johnson have proudly presented a girl, Catherine Marie, to the world, born March 26.

In addition to announcing the birth of his girl, Doug also took time enough to tell me that Neal Luft has a boy; Joe Strofance a girl, Gene Lynch a boy, and Bill Carey a boy. He mentioned that Butler, Sager, Spaeni, Tindall, Luft, White, Folden, Gordon, Medley and himself had all soloed on the T-33 at Big Springs, Texas and that Ackerman, Denson, Gromek, Holmquist, Lynch, Nicolais, Ross, Schaumberg, Perry Smith, Studdard, Wallace, Chuck Young, Beyer, Campis, Carey, Dent, Harbold, Schannep, Mark Smith, Stewart, Strofance, Thelin and Waters were expected at Big

Springs momentarily and would have the opportunity to try their hands on the T-bird jet.

Carolyn and Ray Cannon wrote from Webb AFB in Big Springs that the weather there has been lousy — and has prevented Ray from soloing as quickly as he would have liked. They added to Doug Johnson's list by informing me that the Lindens have a boy, as do the Kendalls. Don Holleder was seen with his girl—they have been recently engaged.

Skipping around the countryside, Gene Dewey writes from San Marcos, Texas, that the boys are rapidly acclimating themselves to the friendly, nearby, Spanish community. Aside from flying the L-19s, the Army boys have found nice apartments near San Marcos with the exception of Pete Vann and Ted Dayharsh who are in New Braunfels, and Charlie Singletary, Dave Johnson, Shattuck and Woodmansee who have settled in Lockhart, Texas. Gene mentions that when things really get dull, everybody hunts armadillos with Charlie Bagnal leading the pack and Charlie Sirkis providing the necessary support with his pack of beagles.

Bob Sorley writes from Fort Meade that he has his hands full commanding Company H, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regt. there. Mary, his wife, presented him with a girl, Mary Kathleen on the 24th of April. He mentioned that George Rostine and Jim Dozier are platoon leaders in "H" Co. and "E" Co. respectively of the 2nd Regt., and Charlie Poole is Exec of "I" Co. of the same regiment. Bob had the unique thrill of hearing his grandfather, class of 1891, give the oldest grad's talk at the Founder's Day dinner in Washington. Dave Corderman was there also, as was Bob Farris, who gave the youngest grad's speech. Bob also stated that Jack Scholz is stationed in a nearby pasture with an AAA outfit and that Jack plans to fly to Germany soon to be married.

Ted and Pat Jasper write from Camp Gary, San Marcos, Texas that Pete and Mary Vann have a son, Tommy, born in late April. Fay Dayharsh is expecting her addition any day now. George and Barbara Woods will be expecting about November. Skip and Fran Ross are stationed at Fort Hood and enduring the early hours of Skip's schedule. Woodie DeLeuil is a lucky boy being stationed so close to home (Louisville, Kentucky). Carolyn and Milt Shattuck will have a new arrival soon.

A frost bitten letter from Alaska arrived in Fred Rall's handwriting. Stanton Smith and Carol plus Fred are currently with the 9th Inf. Regt. of the 2nd Div at Ladd AFB. Soon, they both plan to move to Eilsen AFB where they will be platoon leaders in "B" Company. Jon Matt is already at Eilsen and is stationed with "G" Co. Charlie Glenn and his wife are with the 450th AAA sksweepers at Ladd, and Pete Lash and Mrs. are at Fort Richardson near Anchorage. Fred mentioned that Fairbanks offers nothing in the way of diversion for a tired officer, but he feels that there are organiza-

tional parties to keep things going and decent Officer's Clubs.

Charlie Parker writes from Schweinfurt, Germany that he is "field officer's club officer" for the 86th Inf. over there. What is it?? He is crying in his beer (German) that he has not been assigned as an armor officer as yet. He has located several members of '56 including Rick and Ann Brown, Gelhausen, 3d Arm'd Div., plus the Weihl's and Phil Stynes, (also the same division). Bill Hooker (3rd Armored) is in Buedingen. Randy Parker is "foot slogging it" in Bamberg. Jim Waldeck is with the 86th in a rifle company. Jim Strozier and Jack Bray are in the 85th FA. Don Morelli is somewhere near Heidelberg.

Dave Palmer writes from Berlin that he, Chuck Kottich, Jim Spires, Tony Jezior and Mike McGrath are all with the 6th Inf. Regiment there. They say the duty is terrific. Dave tells that he was married on April 13th and that his wife, Lu, will join him in June. Jim Spires was an usher and Zuke and Lucy Day looked on. Jim Stroope noticed Dave Palmer's example and took the same "drastic" step one week later.

Understand Harry Raymond is stationed near Colorado College with "C" Co., 39th Inf., Fort Carson, Colorado. Lucky fellow! Bill McPeck also wrote from Lowry AFB, Colorado that he will graduate from the Matador guided missile school there in August. He will forego a lush tour to Germany to re-enter the observer training program at Ellington AFB in Houston. Bill mentioned that Ned Ragland is also in his class and that Jim Cook is in the Armament school. Bob Sullivan was seen at Fort Carson and his wife is expecting at any time. Barry Bynell has been leading a wild life jumping for the 101st. Roy Lindquist will be stationed with the 82nd. Vern Van Vonderen has turned "academic" on us and been assigned to the Chemistry department at the Air Force Academy. He will report for duty after he receives his Masters degree.

The word from Carl Coulter down the Canal Zone way at Fort Davis is that life there is plush. He mentioned that he saw Mike Conrad and Jerry Amlong (both fathers) at Fort Dix. Mentioned that he stumbled over George Lee's "Triumph" in San Francisco. George is stationed with an AAA battery near there. Ned Serrio is now attending the University of Southern California and hopes to start with IBM in September. "Spoony" Sloan left a trail of broken hearts across the U.S. and is now in Korea. Ernie Wilson is also on the "single" list. Mike Cavanaugh and Maury Cralle are with Carl at Panama. Carl mentioned in passing that he is still single but doesn't plan remain this way long.

As for myself, I am still single, but I'm now living in a beach apartment in Malibu, California. It will always be an "open house" for '56, so come on over and visit me, and bring your bathing suits. The address is: 19746 West Pacific Coast Hwy, Malibu, California. Oh yes—there's plenty of beer in the ice box. —Stan Wilker, '56.



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Reports of deaths of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of the April 1957 ASSEMBLY

Name	Class	Date	Place
Charles Gerhardt	1887	June 5, 1957	Mendham, New Jersey
William Brown, Jr.	Ex-1893	March 23, 1957	New Milford, Connecticut
August C. Nissen	1895	June 19, 1957	WRAH, Washington, D. C.
Wilson B. Burt	1899	March 21, 1957	USNH, Chelsea, Massachusetts
Arthur S. Cowan	1899	June 24, 1957	WRAH, Washington, D. C.
William S. Neely	Ex-1900	February 7, 1957	San Bernadino, California
James W. Lyon	1908	May 28, 1957	Letterman AH, San Francisco, California
James R. Hill	1909	March 26, 1957	El Paso, Texas
Colon E. Alfaro	Ex-1913	April 12, 1957	Panama
John G. Burr	1914	March 5, 1957	Near Genoa, Italy
Sylvester D. Downs, Jr.	1914	April 20, 1957	San Antonio, Texas
Carl L. Marriott	1916	June 13, 1957	Honolulu, T. H.
Joseph V. Bolton	Ex-1916	May 17, 1957	San Antonio, Texas
Joseph McGill	Ex-1916	June 9, 1957	El Paso, Texas
Edgar B. Moomau	August 1917	April 24, 1957	Minneapolis, Minnesota
Kevin O'Shea	1923	April 7, 1957	West Bradenton, Florida
Robert B. Beattie	1928	February 15, 1957	Topeka, Kansas
August W. Schermacher	1928	April 8, 1957	Omaha, Nebraska
John S. Nesbitt	1929	June 28, 1957	Chevy Chase, Maryland
Duff W. Sudduth	1933	January 7, 1957	Brooke AH, Fort Sam Houston, Texas
Bailey C. Cook	Ex-1936	April 13, 1957	New Castle, Delaware
William D. McKinley	1937	June 22, 1957	Seoul, Korea
Thomas E. Ramsey	January 1943	May 23, 1957	WRAH, Washington, D. C.
James R. Erwine	1952	January 31, 1957	Air Accident in France
Max L. Howard	1952	March 16, 1957	Automobile Accident near South Bend, Indiana
Philip R. Lennon, Jr.	Ex-1952	April 1957	Providence, Rhode Island
Andrew C. Wettlaufer	Ex-1952	May 22, 1957	Fort Riley, Kansas

