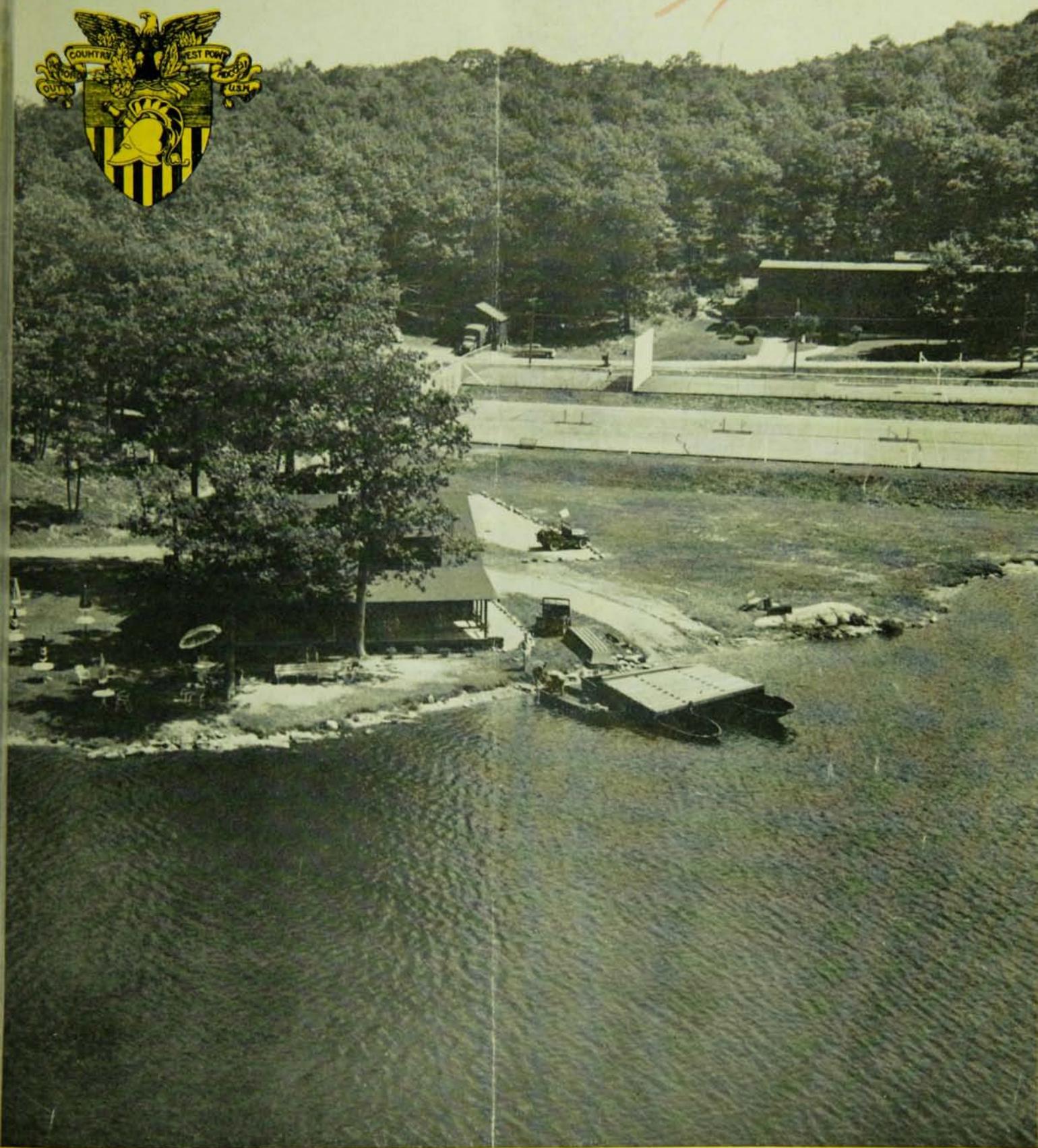


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PLAIN TALK

Fellow Graduates:

Since last I wrote, two of the Academy's most loyal foster sons have passed away; Tom Jenkins, our old boxing and wrestling instructor; and Dick Walsh, the tailor who fitted uniforms to so many of us so well. They were among our Alma Mater's staunchest supporters. Although they have passed on, the appreciation and memories of their long and faithful service here will linger on for many years to come.

The Class of 1961 entered last July 763 strong. To date only 11 have resigned, an unusually small percentage. It looks to be a very fine class; and, in my opinion, it has gotten off to a good start.

The activity to which I gave my most prompt and careful attention upon reporting here last Summer was the indoctrination of the Fourth Class in our Honor System. As I write this, we have just completed the Beast Barracks Indoctrination for the Class of 1961. I am sure you all will be interested in knowing how we go about this important part of our mission. The heart of the indoctrination is a series of eight lectures by the First Class members of the Honor Committee on the following:

- The Purpose and Mission of the Honor Code and System
- The Spirit of the Honor System
- History of the Honor Code and System
- The Signature
- Official Statement and Quibbling
- Lecture on Five Selected Points of Honor
- The Absence Card
- The Relationship between the Honor System and the Tactical Dept.
- Honor in Academics

The Commandant and I personally reviewed each presentation and have attended sufficient lectures to appreciate the quality of the presentations. I assure you that it is inspired and does full justice even to the code we hold so high. On each evening following the presentation an informal question and answer period is conducted in a relaxed atmosphere generally under the trees on The Plain.

An important feature of the program is an inspirational talk on the Honor System by an illustrious graduate. General Ridgway, the chairman of the Vigilance Committee in his day, gave a superb talk this summer.

Over the Summer we have made some changes in the administration of the Corps which I think will be of interest to you.

The first has to do with "first class authorization". This has been the term applied to certain special privileges permitted the First Class for the past 15 years. These are designed to ease the transition from cadet life to that of a junior officer in the Army and to develop a sense of duty and responsibility in the prospective young graduate. We have recently made a thorough reappraisal of

these authorizations, particularly the part that they play in developing a keen sense of duty and responsibility.

Under a completely revised plan of First Class Authorizations, the Class of 1958 will be granted, effective September 2, practically all the privileges, except the authority to drive or own automobiles, which accrued to the Class of 1957 by increments throughout the 1956-57 academic year. (The purchase and operation of automobiles will be authorized in May as in 1956 and 1957). The most significant aspect of the new program is the provision for the withdrawal privileges for 30 days on an individual basis for substandard performance in any of the major areas of cadet activity. The withdrawal provision is clear cut and well defined as opposed to previous curtailment provisions which were not sufficiently severe, did not cover a broad enough area, did not require a minimum standard of performance by each First Classman in order to take advantage of the authorizations, and were not uniformly administered.

Until this year it was the practice on the 1st and 2nd class trips to prohibit cadets from drinking on any of the military (including naval and air) installations visited. This policy drove those cadets so inclined to places off the post where the atmosphere was not appropriate and the opportunities for getting into difficulty numerous. This past Summer we changed this policy and gave the cadets the same privileges as junior officers, in other words, they were permitted to drink either beer or liquor at the Officers Clubs at the installations visited. I am glad to report that the 1st and 2nd classes lived up to their responsibilities admirably. Only one untoward incident arose, and the cadets handled it expeditiously and appropriately on their own initiative.

One area in which our policies have not been set down previously in writing is that with regard to our Intercollegiate Athletic Program. This Summer I issued a broad athletic policy to insure a clear understanding of this matter. The mission of the program (combined with the Physical Education Program) is to develop in every member of the Corps the physical qualities and attributes essential to his continuing development throughout a lifetime career as an officer of the Regular Army. Because I feel that this policy is of interest and concern to all graduates, I have asked the Editor of ASSEMBLY to publish the details of it in the Bulletin Board section of this issue.

Elsewhere in ASSEMBLY is a short discussion of the present awards program.

Regimental level competitions have been selected as the most desirable compromise between prestige of the award on one hand and a broad interest in winning on the other. Equalization of size and talent in all companies, which I discussed in my last ASSEMBLY letter and which has been

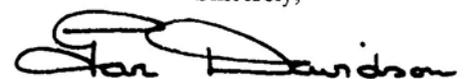
undertaken on a broad scale for the first time with the entering Class of 1961, should, within a few years, permit us to make a better evaluation of the effectiveness of the cadet chain of command. When we reach the point where all companies start the academic year with relatively equal ability, competition within each regiment should provide the necessary stimulus to bring out these qualities of positive aggressive leadership sought in the combat commander. Greater emphasis will be placed on unit effort at company level thereby raising the standards of performance of each individual cadet.

Procurement of suitable trophies in keeping with the dignity and importance of the awards will be a project for the immediate future. Offers from alumni societies, classes, or others interested in donating trophies will be welcomed.

A matter which is of considerable concern to me and to most of the parents of our country as well is the practice now prevalent in the Corps of Cadets as elsewhere throughout the country of "going steady". At the present time, some cadets "pin" their girls during plebe and yearling year and thereafter have dates with no one else. It is the common practice at the cadet hops for most of the cadets to dance throughout the entire evening only with the girl they escort. Of course, this is an area in which I cannot command the cadets. I am, however, explaining the situation to them and appealing to their own good judgment to make proper decisions of their own. The tactical and academic officers are assisting in this matter, and our social program will be directed toward providing at social affairs opportunities for cadets to widen their circle of female friends.

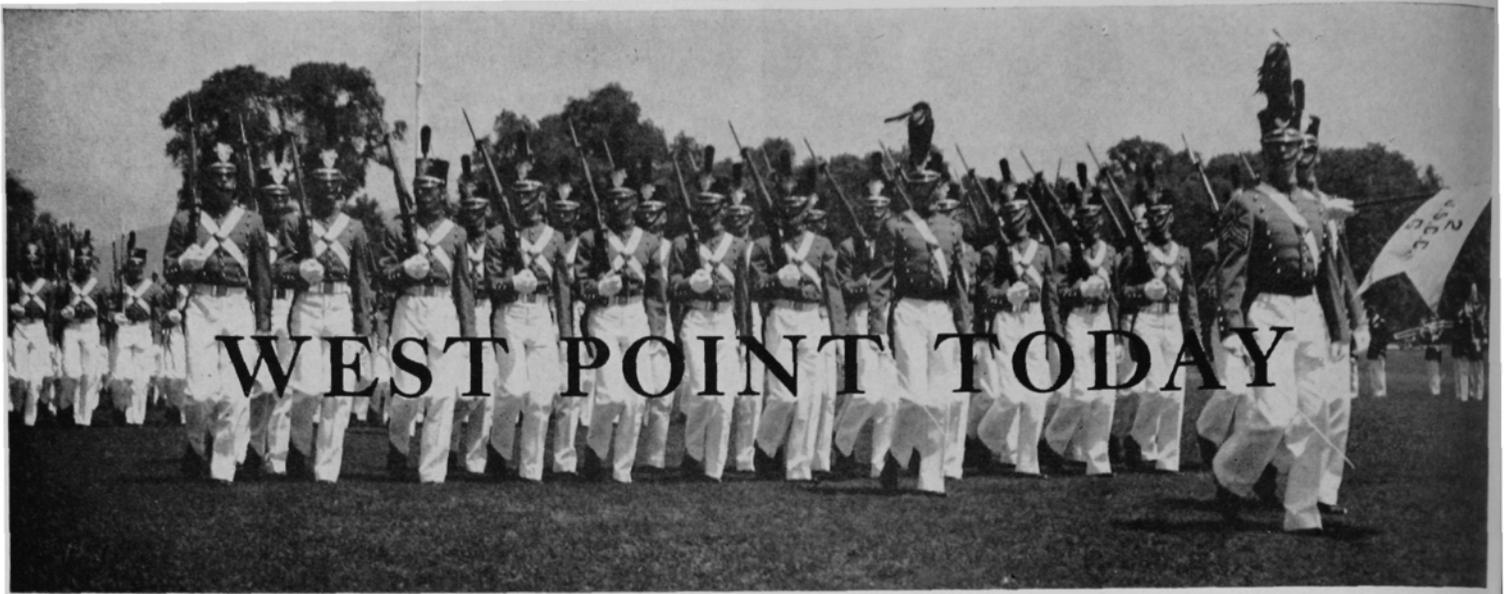
In closing, I should like to express my sincere thanks to the almost over 8,000 Alumni who had, as of September 10, returned the questionnaire mailed earlier this year. We are all particularly pleased by the obvious care and thought which went into the replies. The well thought-out comments, of considerable length contributed by many graduates will be especially helpful to us in achieving our goal of continual progress in building a better West Point. After the data on the questionnaire have been transmitted to IBM cards, we will begin an extensive analysis of the information so that we can put to work the collective thought of our graduates. I will keep you appropriately informed through ASSEMBLY.

Sincerely,



GARRISON H. DAVIDSON,
Lieutenant General, USA
Superintendent

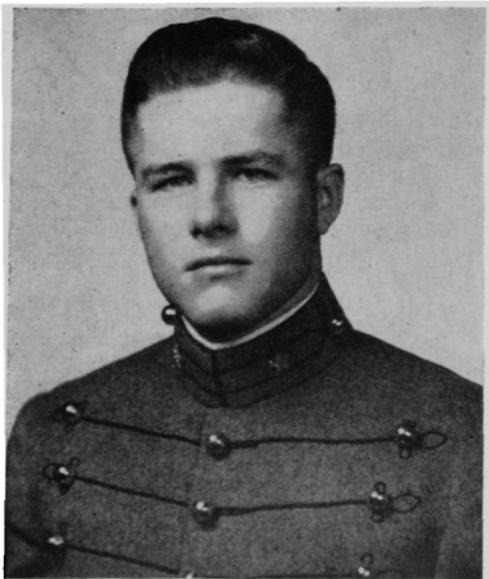




West Pointer Attains Highest Honors at Oxford

First Lieutenant Ames S. Albro from Arizona, who was commissioned in The Corps of Engineers, Class of 1954, received the highest academic honors as a Rhodes Scholar this year. He attained a First Class in The Honors School of Philosophy, Politics and Economics as result of his final examinations which are the culmination of three years' study at Exeter College, Oxford.

The record of the 26 West Point Rhodes Scholars completing studies at Oxford since 1928 include a notable number of second honors but Lieutenant Albro is the sole West Pointer to earn a "first." His extraordinary achievement is all the more praiseworthy, because the educational preparation within a specific academic



A. S. ALBRO—1954. . .

discipline is measurably less at USMA than in the colleges where most American Rhodes Scholars have "majored" in the field of their particular studies at Oxford.

Oxford degrees are in two categories. The lower is the Pass Degree; the higher

is the Honor Degree which rests on the result of one examination at the end of three years of work. Candidates for the Honor Degree are rated in five categories: first through fourth, and failure. Since such a small percentage, perhaps ten per cent or less of those taking the honor examination, receive first class honors, an individual who attains that distinction has reached the pinnacle of academic success.

NEW SELECTION CRITERIA ✓

The United States Military Academy has announced a new three point method for the selection of young men entering West Point in order to improve the caliber of cadets. Starting with the class which will enter the Military Academy next July, all competitive appointees will be selected on the basis of their mental abilities, physical aptitude, and leadership potential. About 15 percent of each class or approximately 100 vacancies will be affected annually by the new system.

Previously, only the scores attained on the College Entrance Examination Board mental tests were used to establish the order of merit for entrance under the competitive nomination categories.

Competitive nominees include those named by the President of the United States, those from the Regular and Reserve Components of the Army and Air Force, Sons of Deceased Veterans, and graduates of Honor Military and Honor Naval Schools.

Mental abilities will be determined by the nominee's record in the Scholastic Aptitude Test and Achievement Tests in Intermediate Mathematics and English Composition at the CEEB March testing and his scholastic standing in his high school graduating class. The tests are administered at selected military installations both in the United States and overseas.

Physical aptitude will be determined by the West Point Physical Aptitude Test conducted in March in conjunction with the CEEB tests.

Leadership potential will be determined by a review of the nominee's extra-curricular activities at all schools attended by an appraisal of the nominee based upon confidential evaluations by several school authorities in each case including principals, teachers, guidance counselors, and coaches.

Responsibility for the final selection of all competitive candidates under the new system is vested in the Academic Board of the United States Military Academy.

New "West Point" TV Series

The American Broadcasting Company recently announced that the "West Point" television series will be continued over the ABC-TV Network on Tuesday evenings at 10 P.M., EDT, beginning October 8th.

Although initially the first programs will consist of re-runs from the original 39 shows, it is anticipated that in the near future Ziv Television Programs, Inc., will start production on a new series.

The sponsors this year are Van Heusen Shirts and the Carter Products.

POST REHABILITATED

This Summer the Post has watched with interest the rehabilitation of the exterior of the Superintendent's, Commandant's and Dean's quarters. When you return for June Week next year you will be favorably impressed.

You will recall that those quarters were painted a camouflage grey, or maybe it was just age. The Superintendent's and Commandant's quarters were started first. There was considerable excitement among the esthetic members when, upon completion of the sandblasting, the houses stood in their bare brick. They were a beautiful pink shade and were very attractive. Many people hoped they would stay that way.

However, they were anything but waterproof in that state, and the waterproofing looked even worse than the old grey. But now they are complete and most attractive.

They are white with green shutters. Seen across the green of the Plain and against the colorful background of the hill, they are striking. The iron grill work on the Superintendent's quarters is jet black, emphasizing the contrast.

For several years the limestone trim in the Chapel has been chipping and weathering. Pieces as large as two and a half pounds have been found among the pews. Fortunately, no one has been injured. Also, some of the stained glass windows have warped and leaked.

This Summer a major rehabilitation job on the Chapel was accomplished. The contractor is repairing the stone by a process developed in Europe in which the spoil is ground up, mixed with a binder and replaced. The appearance is much the same, and the bond is said to be as strong as in the original stone. You can visit the Chapel now, knowing you are safe and having every expectation to be again impressed and proud.

INTRAMURALS AWARDS

During the past several years an informal awards program aimed at providing incentive for group effort within the Corps has been instituted. This program has grown on a piecemeal basis through the introduction of new awards and the retention of some of the older trophies such as the Banker's Trophy presently given for intramural athletics. Everyone here who has observed the results of this program feels that these awards have had a very salutary effect in raising standards in all the fields of endeavor to which they have been applied. These areas include: academics, intramurals, corps squad participation, drill and ceremonies, and all-round company performance.

Over the Summer we have adopted a formal awards program based upon the experience gained during the past few years. The awards will be presented yearly to outstanding companies in the various areas in regimental level competition. Suitable dignified names will be selected for the awards to be given for the following:

- a. Best Company Award—to the company that has the most outstanding record in all areas of endeavor.
- b. Academic Achievement Award (Present Dean's Trophy)—To the company that has the most outstanding academic record.
- c. Awards for Corps Squad Participation (Present AAA Award)—To the company that has made the greatest contribution to the corps squad program.
- d. Intramural Award (Present Banker's Trophy)—To the company with the best record in intramural athletics.
- e. Fall, Winter, and Spring Drill Awards—Three separate awards—presented at the end of each of the three drill periods to the company that has been most outstanding in drills and ceremonies during the contest periods.

ADVANCED LANGUAGE COURSES AT USMA

The first group of cadets to take an advanced language course at the USMA has completed its two year course in French. The experiment, an implementation of a recommendation of the "Green Board" report of 1954 to provide advanced instruction for those cadets capable of progressing faster than the average, is considered an unqualified success.

A similar course in German was introduced during the academic year 1956-57, and an advanced course in Spanish is being offered to incoming cadets of the Class of 1961. Advanced courses in Portuguese and Russian are not contemplated, due to the unlikelihood of sufficient numbers of cadets possessing previous experience in those languages prior to entrance into the Military Academy.

Shortly after their arrival at West Point, new cadets are advised of the particular advantages of the five languages taught during fourth and third class years and the Academy policy in assigning cadets to languages. Prior to the introduction of advanced courses, cadets possessing more than two years of secondary school study or more than one year of college experience in a language were not permitted to continue the study of that language in a regular course at West Point. Cadets may now,

however, indicate a preference to take an advanced course in French, German or Spanish, and if qualified, extend their knowledge and facility in that language. Two sections of approximately 12 cadets in each advanced language course are selected on the basis of personal interviews with instructors of the Department of Foreign Languages and oral and written examinations.

Advanced language courses are based on the same general principle now applicable to regular language courses at West Point; that is, primary stress remains on the spoken language. While the advanced courses cover more literature than is included in regular courses, they are not considered "literature courses" History, cultural studies and current affairs furnish much of the reading and discussion in advanced classes. Newspapers and periodicals are used extensively to provide materials for discussion—all in the foreign language.

Advanced language courses at West Point received favorable comment in the 1957 report of the Board of Visitors and are expected to continue to provide for cadets a goal of real fluency in French, German or Spanish to a greater degree than has been possible to attain in the past.

A portrait of Lieutenant General Garrison H. Davidson, 44th Superintendent of the USMA, was unveiled at ceremonies in the Superintendent's Quarters on August 19. Presentation of the canvas, destined for a niche in Washington Hall along with portraits of former USMA Superintendents, was witnessed by approximately 100 guests and officials. On the left, General Willis D. Crittenger, President of the Association of Graduates, sponsors of the painting, looks on as the artist, Robert Brackman of New York and Noank, Connecticut, shakes hands with Superintendent Davidson.



First Annual Conference On Youth Fitness Meets At West Point



Are the young men—and young women—of the United States physically fit? In these days of magic drugs, olympic champions, and beauty queens, are our young people the fine specimens of physical development which we imagine them to be?

We in the Army are familiar, to some extent, with the number of physical rejections among inductees and enlistees, but is the picture as dark as we sometimes think? Statistics can be used to prove many things, and statistics on youth fitness have been developed to the point where they disturb many of our national leaders. Disregarding percentages, the fact remains that several millions of men eligible for military service would be rejected because of physical unfitness. Tests of school children show a startling number to be unable to perform simple exercises. The same tests given under similar controls

to European children show them to be overwhelmingly qualified.

These facts shocked the President to the extent that he has put his personal influence behind a program to find out what is wrong and what can be done to correct it. In 1956 he appointed the President's Council on Youth Fitness, headed by Vice-President Nixon and including the Secretaries of Defense, Agriculture, Labor, Interior, and Health, Education, and Welfare. The President and the Council consider the problem so important that when the Council meets the Secretaries themselves attend, they do not send subordinates.

To assist the Council and to advise it upon problem areas and to recommend solutions, the President appointed to the Citizens Advisory Committee on Fitness of American Youth 120 of the nation's

leading physical education experts, coaches, publicists, public health specialists, and group leaders. The Committee is headed by former Assistant Secretary of Defense Carter Burgess, now President of TWA.

The first annual conference of the Council and the Committee was held at West Point on September 9-10, 1957. The Council was represented by the Vice-President, Secretary Benson, Assistant Secretary W. H. Francis, Jr., (Defense), and Under Secretaries J. T. O'Connell (Labor), Hatfield Chilson (Interior), and J. A. Perkins (Health Education and Welfare). The Committee was represented by over 100 members.

The choice of West Point as the site of the first conference was by no means an accident. The physical education program of USMA is considered by many experts to be the best in the nation. It is designed

"to contribute to the preparation of each cadet for a career of military leadership by developing personal qualities of physical ability, and professional knowledge and leadership qualities for military physical training by requiring a wide participation in vigorous team sports, and by providing a background of recreational sports to inculcate habits of activity that will insure maintenance of physical activity throughout later service." The conferees had many opportunities to observe the program and to talk to responsible officers and participating cadets.

For the two day conference, the group was divided into six discussion groups. Each group considered a special aspect of the problem. Groups were combined for discussion of general subjects and for reports of their deliberations. At press time the final report had not been issued.

The conference in general discussed proposed legislation, pilot programs, local implementation, an advisory board of youths themselves, and a proposed national youth fitness week. Group discussions covered many problem areas: youth fitness and special interest organizations, facilities and programs, harnessing community resources, leadership, youth fitness research, publicity to waken the Nation to the necessity for fitness.

President Eisenhower wrote to the conferees: "The demands of this age put great emphasis on the preparation of the youth of America, in body, mind, and spirit. I can think of no more important subject to merit the attention of our Government and all the citizens of our land." The fact that USMA was host to this important group did not influence its discussions for or against physical fitness as a consideration of national security. Vice-President Nixon said: "This conference at West Point



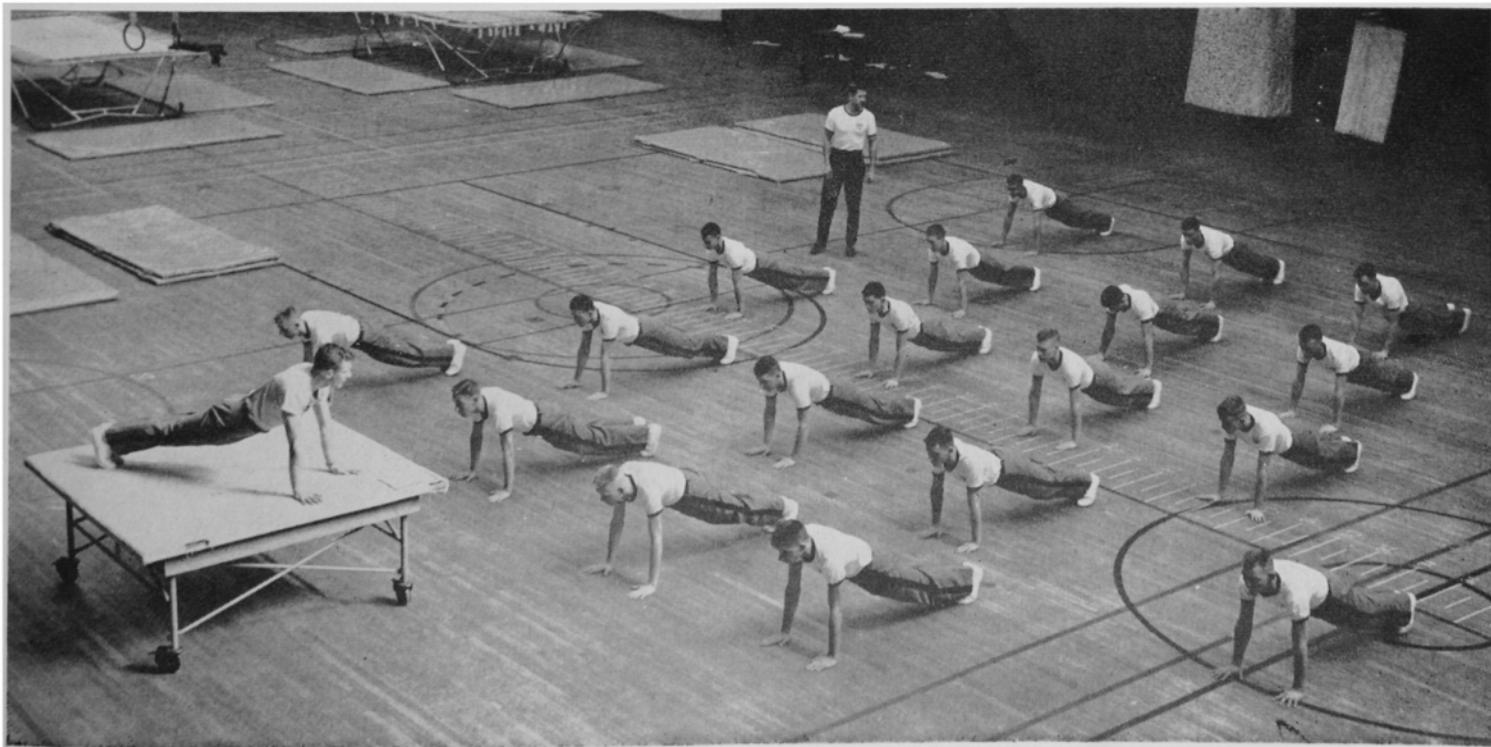
Carter L. Burgess, left, chairman of the President's Citizens Advisory Committee on Fitness of American Youth, confers with Dr. Shane MacCarthy, executive director of the President's Council on Youth Fitness, in their first official meeting since the appointment of Mr. Burgess by President Eisenhower to the committee chairmanship. Mr. Burgess is president of Trans World Airlines, Inc. Dr. MacCarthy and Mr. Burgess discussed plans for a joint meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee and the President's Council held at West Point September 9-10, 1957.

brings together the finest knowledge and experience available on youth fitness. We should be able to decide on ways and means to achieve the President's objective of an American youth whose fitness is second to none."

As host to the conference, Lieutenant General Garrison H. Davidson, Superin-

tendent, welcomed delegates and offered them the full facilities of the Military Academy. He said, in part, "Total fitness is as much a part of the heritage of the Academy as the very walls of these time-honored buildings for it is the basis upon which leadership, whether it be in military or civilian pursuits, is built."

FIRST CLASS ASSISTANT GYM INSTRUCTOR LEADS FOURTH CLASS CONDITIONING DRILLS



Brigadier General Thomas D. Stamps

DEAN OF THE ACADEMIC BOARD RETIRES

Brigadier General Thomas D. Stamps, Dean of the Academic Board since August 1, 1956, retired on July 31, 1957. Appointed Professor of Civil and Military Engineering in 1938, he held that position until his appointment as Dean.

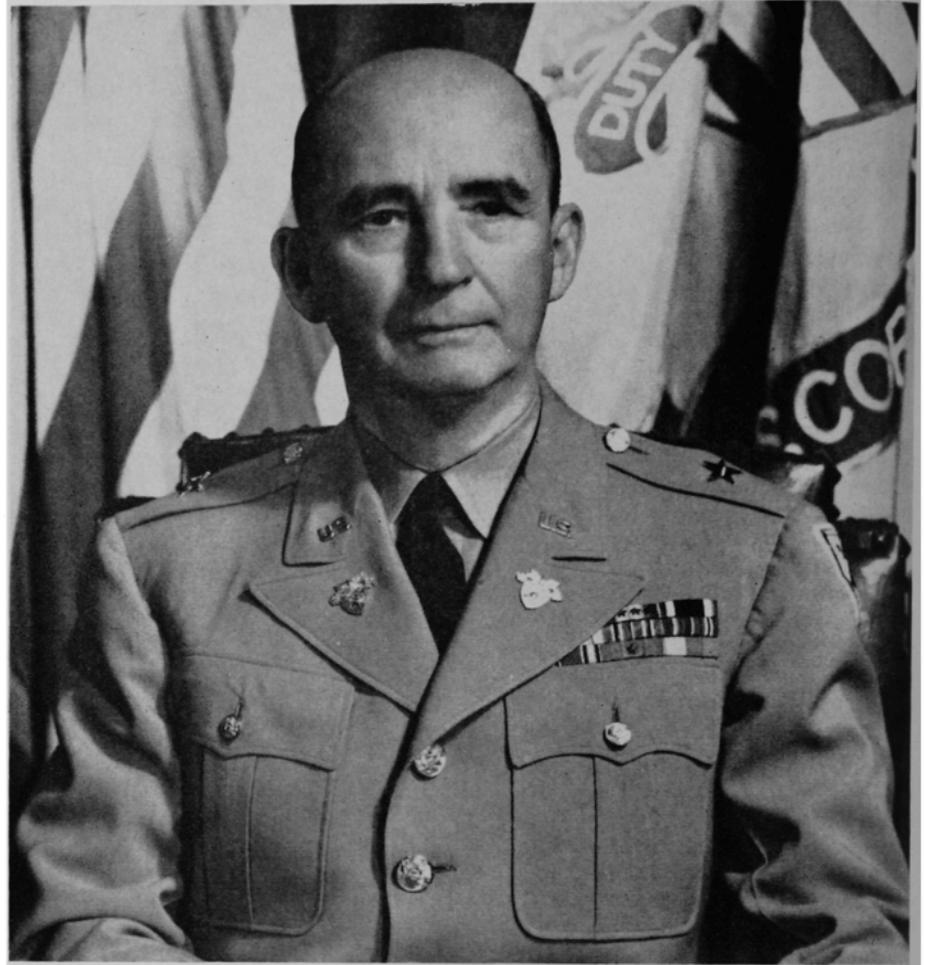
A native of Kingsbury, Texas, General Stamps attended Baylor University for one year and graduated from the University of Texas with an AB degree in 1912. He entered the Military Academy in 1914, and graduated on August 30, 1917. He was commissioned in the Corps of Engineers, and served in France and Germany with 107th Engineers, 32d Division. General Stamps was in the Aisne-Marne, Oise-Aisne, and Meuse-Argonne offensives. He attended the Army Engineer School at Langres, France, and was with his unit during its occupation of Germany. He received his B.S. in Civil Engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1921.

General Stamps' service followed the normal course of a young Engineer Officer. He had troop duty with the 8th Engineers at Fort Bliss and with the 1st Engineers at Fort Dupont, Delaware. His duty with civil works included projects on the Lower Mississippi and Illinois Rivers. He was in charge of the construction of the American Embassy in Tokyo and the American Consulate in Yokohama, both of which are familiar to many Americans. He served as Assistant to the District Engineer, Chicago, before he went to the Office of the Chief of Engineers. After four years in that office, he was assigned to Fort Leavenworth as a student at the Command and General Staff College.

General Stamps holds the usual service ribbons, the French Legion of Honor for his World War I service, and the Legion of Merit for his service as Professor. On July 27, 1957, he was awarded the Legion of Merit by the Superintendent for his service as Dean. The Camp Buckner Battalion of the Corps of Cadets honored him with a retirement parade on July 27.

In a message to General Stamps, Lieutenant General Willis D. Crittenger, President of the Association of Graduates, said: "Your retirement on July 31, 1957 brings to an end an association with the Military Academy, the cadets, and the alumni not often attained by graduates. Your long service makes you one of the most widely known West Pointers. As a result of your long and close association with West Point during the period of its greatest expansion cadets over the years have been inspired by your personality.

"During your residence at West Point the Association of Graduates has often benefited from your wise counsel and helpful endeavors. Both before and since your



election as a Trustee, the Association has utilized your services to our great advantage. We hope that your retirement will not terminate your availability in time of need.

"The Association of Graduates of the United States Military Academy, 14,319 strong, extend to you their best wishes for your continued good health and happiness. May you now have the opportunity to follow the pursuits you have forgone over the past 40 years."

In 1938, the then Major Stamps was about to graduate from the Command and General Staff School. "P" Mitchell, of long and revered memory, was about to retire as Professor of Civil and Military Engineering and Major Stamps was offered the position. We can assume that the decision was not made lightly. After 19 years of moving around the world, with a growing family, and the Army still feeling the effects of depression, the prospect of moving onto professors row looked good. But also, he would be giving up the possibility of stars and some good command jobs. He accepted the offer and was appointed Professor in the grade of Lieutenant Colonel on July 1, 1938. He was promoted to Colonel, AUS, on Febru-

ary 9, 1942, and to Colonel, RA, on September 1, 1947.

One of "P" Stamps' predecessors, Dennis Hart Mahan, had made his greatest contribution to West Point in his study and teaching of the Art of War. His successors had been less assiduous and had broadened this course into one of military history. In January 1942, under Colonel Stamps' guidance, the military history portion of the Department of Engineering was separated from its counterpart, was given its own professor and separate instructors. It then became known as the Department of Military Art and Engineering. Parenthetically, it should be understood that the "Art" studied under Colonel Stamps is the Art of War. Drawing, sketching, and topography are still in the Drawing Department, now called the Department of Military Topography and Graphics.

The "spec and recite" method of instruction was abandoned in favor of emphasis and discussion on the lessons to be learned from various campaigns and their application to modern tactical doctrine. This was a direct return to the Mahan system. More time was allotted to the course and more extensive coverage was given to outstanding military leaders. Emphasis was placed on logistics and its effect upon

strategy, and on weapons development, with its effect upon tactics and strategy. Every effort was made to keep instruction current. Consideration of minor conflicts was dropped in order to study more recent developments.

It was probably because of General Stamps' engineering background that the Department of Military Art and Engineering pioneered in the development of visual aids. Detailed maps, pictures, and terrain models were developed to accompany the study of each campaign. Training films and slides were developed and every structure studied in engineering which is capable of small scale reproduction has been modeled for close study.

Under his tutelage, the text books used in the Department have undergone many changes. Where they are applicable, standard texts are used. When no standard volume was available, books, atlases, and pamphlets have been developed locally.

His period of tenure as Professor and Head of the Department of MA&E covered World War II and the Korean conflict. These brought problems of curriculum revision, instructor procurement and training, and motivation of cadets. Major increases in the size of the Corps, changes in course length, rapid changes in the art of war and in military engineering combined to make the job anything but the pleasant sinecure it had once been. MA&E

Members of Corps of Cadets present to Brigadier General Stamps a plaque of commendation which acknowledges their appreciation of his contributions to USMA as Dean of the Academic Department, as he retires from the Army.



Brigadier General Stamps receives Legion of Merit from General Davidson, Superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy, at a Cadet review held at Camp Buckner on July 27, honoring the retiring Dean.

is a dynamic course, thanks to Colonel Stamps.

When he was elevated to Dean of the Academic Board, he turned over his department to his former deputy, Colonel Vincent J. Esposito. As Dean, it has been his job to coordinate the instruction of all departments. Like so many Texans, General Stamps talks slowly but thinks quickly. Woe betide the cadet—or instructor—who tries to put anything over on him. He was promoted to Brigadier General upon his appointment as Dean.

At his retirement parade, the Corps of Cadets presented to General Stamps a plaque in commemoration of his long interest and many efforts in their behalf. General Stamps put his brand (I almost said stamp) on a total of 9,974 graduates. This is 46% of the 21,660 men who have graduated from USMA since the first class in 1802. This, in itself, is a remarkable record.

USMA, the Corps, and the alumni all join to echo General Crittenger's wishes for General Stamps' continued good health and enjoyment.

Dr. Ernest O. Lawrence, Director of the University of California Radiation Laboratory, has been selected as the first recipient of the Sylvanus Thayer Award. The presentation will be made by General Crittenberger, President of the Association of Graduates, in a ceremony to be held at West Point in March, 1958.

Born in Canton, South Dakota, August 8, 1901, the son of a teacher and school administrator, Dr. Lawrence's early schooling was routine. He received his AB from the University of South Dakota, his MA from the University of Minnesota, and his Ph.D., from Yale. His formal education was interspersed with and followed by several years of additional schooling. His early interests lay in the field of ionization but soon advanced into atomic physics. He has always been a searcher after truth in natural phenomena, and has been especially adept at reducing his most advanced studies into practical devices.

Dr. Lawrence became an associate professor of physics at the University of California at the age of 27, and a full professor at 29. While an associate professor he conceived the idea of the cyclotron, a device which has since come to be a most powerful research tool, making it possible to smash atoms and transmute elements without the use of methods both dangerous and expensive.

His early experiments emphasized the dangers of radiation so he called upon his brother John, a brilliant student in the medical field, to devise necessary safeguards. Their joint experiments demonstrated the vast medical and biological usefulness of neutron rays and radioactive isotopes.

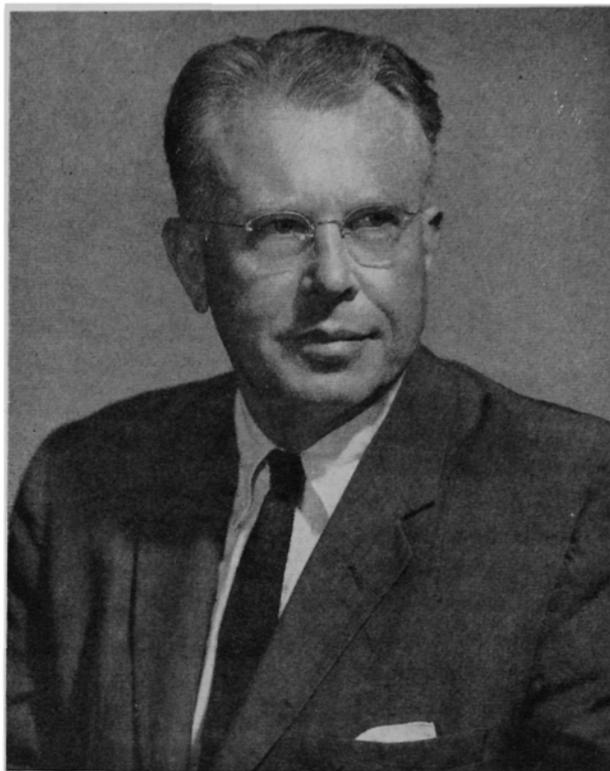
During this period the work of Dr. Lawrence and his associates was so impressive that grants were made from several sources to build successively larger cyclotrons. With these devices they were able to transmute elements, create radioactive isotopes, and to produce currents of, then, fantastic emplitude. In 1939 he was awarded the Nobel Prize for physics.

In 1941 Dr. Lawrence was one of six top-ranking scientists appointed to evaluate the importance of the atomic energy program and to recommend the level of expenditure at which the problem should be investigated. After the attack on Pearl Harbor he was one of three program chiefs in the Office of Scientific Research and Development. His research into electromagnetic separation of chemically identical isotopes proved its practicality and led to the building of the Oak Ridge plant as a large-scale application of his principles.

After World War II, when scientific research into further uses of atomic energy was primarily devoted to non-military application, Dr. Lawrence was the leader of a minority group of scientists who continued to urge investigation of military application. Almost singlehandedly he continued to press his considerable influence upon the necessary authorities. Only after several years of intense effort, during

Doctor Ernest O. Lawrence

FIRST RECIPIENT OF THE SYLVANUS THAYER AWARD



which he enlisted the concurrence and assistance of a few individuals in science and government, was the decision forced to develop a thermonuclear program. He is a member of the United States delegation to the London Disarmament Conference (Stassen Commission).

His honors and societies include Sc.D., University of South Dakota, Princeton, Yale, Stevens Institute Technology, 1937; Harvard, University of Chicago, Rutgers University, 1941, McGill University, Montreal, Canada, 1946; LL.D., University of Michigan, 1938, University of Pennsylvania, 1942; Sc.D., University Boston College, 1947, University of So. California, 1949; University of San Francisco, 1949; LL.D., University of Glasgow, 1951. Awarded Elliott Crosson medal, Franklin Institute, 1937; Research Corporation prize and plaque, 1937; Comstock prize, National Academy of Sciences, 1937; Hughes medal, Royal Society (Eng), 1937; Nobel prize in physics, 1939; Duddell medal, The Physics Society, 1940; William K. Dunn award, American Legion, 1940; Holley Medal, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, 1942; Medal for Merit, 1946; Medal of Trasenster, 1947; Officer de la Legion d'Honneur, 1948; Faraday Medal, 1952; Annual award American Cancer Society, 1954. Board, Foreign Scholarships, 1947. Maine Solvay Conference, Brussels, 1933; member (hon.) U.S.S.R. Academy Scis, 1943; Royal Swedish

Academy Scis, 1952; Royal Irish Academy, 1948. Member board of trustees, Carnegie Institution of Washington, 1944. Fellow American Physical Society, AAAS, American Academy of Arts and Sciences; Hon. Fellow Royal Society of Edinburgh, The Phys. Society, Indian Academy Sci.; member National Academy Scis, American Philos. Society, Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi, Gamma Alpha.

Ernest O. Lawrence has devoted his life to the pursuit of intellectual curiosity, which he considered his Duty. He has devoted his great talents to scientific development. He has not closeted himself in academic halls but has developed his advanced duties into practical methods and machines. The tremendous struggle by Dr. Lawrence and his few associates against opposition either overt or lethargic to press development of the thermonuclear program demonstrates his devotion to his country. His continued resistance to influence designed to prostitute his talents and to change the course of his efforts in what he considered right attest to his high sense of Honor.

For his great talent, for his tremendous assistance to the national effort, and for his continuation in the struggle against the enemies of our nation, Dr. Ernest Orlando Lawrence is considered to be an outstanding exponent of "Duty, Honor, Country", and is therefore nominated as the first recipient of the Sylvanus Thayer Medal.



The Corps of Cadets stand at attention prior to taking their seats in the stands at Yankee Stadium. This was in 1946, the last time Notre Dame and Army met on the turf of the "Bronx Bombers".

THE ARMY -- NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL SERIES



Knute Rockne, the first person to score in the Army-Notre Dame series. A former end and immortal all-time coach for the Irish.

For 20 straight years from 1893 through 1912 Yale had appeared on Army's football schedule. But in 1913 because of a scheduling conflict the two schools could not meet and Army was left without an opponent for Saturday, November 1.

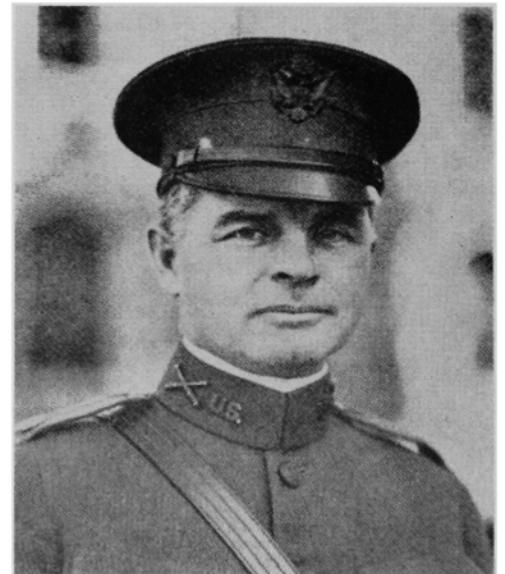
During this era the schedule was drawn up by the cadet manager under general instructions from the football officer. The coach, Lieutenant Charlie Daly, instructed Cadet Harold Loomis, a second classman, and football manager-elect for the 1913 season, to find an opponent for that date, regardless.

After contacting without success all of the schools in the East, Loomis extended his quest to the midwest and consulted a Spalding's 1912 *Football Guide* for a check list. He wrote a number of schools which included many he had never heard of.

It was one of these small "unknown" schools that promptly replied — Notre Dame. Contract arrangements were negotiated and completed and on that Saturday in November, 1913 the Army-Notre Dame football series began.

Both teams met on the gridiron for the following 34 years through 1947 until the series elapsed. On October 12 this Fall in Philadelphia's Municipal Stadium the Black Knights and the Fighting Irish will again renew their football rivalry after a ten year cessation.

Notre Dame has dominated the classic that has been played in West Point,



Lieutenant Charles Daly, coach of the 1913 Army team which was the first to play Notre Dame.

Ebbetts Field, the Polo Grounds, Yankee Stadium, Soldier's Field and Notre Dame Stadium. The Irish have won 23 and Army 7 while four contests have ended in ties.

The 1947 game, in which Notre Dame won 27-7 was played in Notre Dame Stadium where 1,800 extra bleacher seats were needed to accommodate some 57,800 fans for the "last game" of the series.



Elmer Oliphant, All-American in 1916 and 1917 and elected to the Football Hall of Fame in 1955, was a standout in his games against Notre Dame. A 1918 graduate of USMA he was captain of the 1917 team and played halfback.

Terry Brennan, now coach of the Irish, took the opening kickoff on his own three-yard line and raced 97 yards for a touchdown. He was aided with key blocks by Bill Fischer, Jim Martin and George Connor. Brennan scored again before the first quarter had ended and the Irish had a 13-0 lead.

Arnold Galiffa, Rip Rowan and Bobby Jack Stuart led the offensive attack for the Cadets, but a continuous attack was halted by the stalwart Irish line.

Johnny Lujack quarterbacked Notre Dame and remained on the ground rather than employing a passing game, as many had anticipated. He used end Leon Hart and Martin for only occasional targets.

Brennan was not only a menace to Army scoring-wise. Just before the end of the half he made a spectacular tackle to prevent Rowan from going all the way.

The Irish scored again in the third period with Bob Livingstone. Army's only touchdown came early in the final period when Rowan went into the end zone to climax a 55-yard drive. Larry Coutre completed the game's scoring by ending an 80-yard Notre Dame march.

IN THE BEGINNING

Looking back to that first meeting, there was much resentment around the Plain because of the absence of Yale on the 1913 schedule and the addition of Notre Dame. The Irish had a reputation in their own section of the country, but not the East. They had beaten Michigan 11-3 in 1909 and put together a winning streak of 20 straight games that began during the 1910 season and extended through 1912. They had also tied Pitt 0-0 in 1911 and beaten the Panthers in 1912, 3-0.

After a 20 hour train ride from South Bend, the Notre Dame team arrived at West Point the afternoon before the game. The squad worked out lightly before only

a handful of cadets and officers and Marty Maher.

The next day 3,000 persons gathered round the field on the Plain expecting a one-sided Army victory. Only the fourth time the "unknowns" got their hands on the ball they promptly marched 80 yards to score on a drive highlighted by passes from Gus Dorias to end Knute Rockne. The last Dorias pass went for 25 yards to Rockne in the end zone.

Army fought back to a 13-7 lead with quarterback Vern Prichard directing the attack and passing to ends Louis Merrillat and John Jouett. Before the half was over, however, Notre Dame was back in front, 14-13.

Before the day was over the Irish had completed 13 of 17 passes, 12 in succession, for 243 yards and had won a very significant 35-13 victory, which was the only loss in nine games for Army that season.

The Irish weren't about to spoil a perfect season for the Black Knights two consecutive years. Army had finished the 1913 season beating Albright 77-0, Villanova 55-0, Springfield Training School 14-7 and Navy 22-9.

The Cadets added five more wins in 1914 defeating Stevens 49-0, Rutgers 13-0, Colgate 21-7, Holy Cross 14-0 and Villanova 41-0, to carry a nine-game win streak with them into the game with the Irish.

Merrillat was outstanding throughout the game on defense, blocking and recovering a kick for a touchdown. Backs Bob Neyland, Elmer Oliphant and Paul Hodgson were also outstanding in Army's 20-7 win. The latter averaged 60 yards a try punting. Army went on to finish off Maine, Springfield Training School and shutout Navy 20-0 to climax its first perfect season.

With Prichard gone, quarterback problems plagued the Army team in 1915, and Notre Dame handed the cadets one of

their three season losses, 7-0. The Irish used only 11 men throughout the entire game.

The 1916 game was highlighted by a succession of remarkable individual accomplishments as the men from West Point evened the series at two games apiece, 30-10. Notre Dame led 10-6 at intermission as Stan Cofall threw a scoring pass to Dutch Bergman and then kicked a 45-yard field goal. Gene Vidal drop-kicked a 52-yarder for Army and Oliphant place-kicked one from 17 yards out. It was all Army, Oliphant, Vidal and Charlie Gerhardt in the second half.

ARMY MEETS GEORGE GIPP

Army was introduced to George Gipp in the 1917 game. Johnny Stokes blocked a Gipp-punt on the first series of downs for a 2-0 Army lead. However, little Joe Brandy of the Irish engineered a fourth period drive in which he dove into the end zone for the finale. The Irish kicked the extra point and retaliated with a 7-2 win.

The two schools did not meet in 1918 because of the first World War, but when they returned to the gridiron in 1919 Knute Rockne was in his second year as head coach. George Gipp passed and ran for two touchdowns in the fourth period to erase Army's halftime lead and give the Irish a 12-9 decision and a perfect season. Army coach Earl H. (Red) Blaik, then a star end for the Black Knights, missed the game, being hospitalized with influenza.

It was all Gipp again in 1920 as he broke through the line, rounded the ends, punted, kicked field goals and passed in spectacular style as Notre Dame piled up 20 first downs to Army's four and walked off with a 27-17 verdict, overcoming a 17-14 deficit.

The Irish won the 1921 game 28-0 and Army managed a tie game in 1922 which was the last time the two elevens battled

Coach Earl H. (Red) Blaik talks with his 1946 co-captains and All-Americans Doc Blanchard and Glenn Davis prior to scoreless tie with Notre Dame that season.



on the turf of the Plain. The game had outgrown the facilities at West Point.

THE FOUR HORSEMEN

In 1923 the game was moved to Ebbetts Field, home of the Brooklyn Dodgers. A backfield comprised of Harry Stuhldreher, Elmer Layden, Jim Crowley and Don Miller—"The Four Horsemen"—spelled the 13-0 difference for Notre Dame. The horsemen rode again in 1924 to a 13-7 win, this game being played in the Polo Grounds.

Going into the 1925 game, Army had managed only a tie in the last seven contests with Notre Dame. The stout Cadet defense with Moe Daly making tackles all over the field, broke up the Irish attack and Army romped 27-0.

Notre Dame came back to win the 1926 affair 7-0 in Yankee Stadium, the site where the classic would be played for the next three years. Chris Cagle sped 53 yards for the first touchdown in the 1927 Army win, 18-0, and scored the third on a 40-yard pass play.

Army was undefeated in six games, had an 11-game win streak and ruled a definite favorite prior to the 1928 Notre Dame game. Knute Rockne's team was only average and Cagle looked unstoppable. The Irish stopped Army and managed a scoreless halftime tie.

In the dressing room during intermission Rockne said "Boys, eight years ago next month George Gipp died." He went on about "The Gipper" and fired his team up so much that the Army had to battle 12 men in the second half. The Irish won "for Gipp" 12-6 as the game ended with the Cadets in possession on their opponents six-inch line. Notre Dame held off the Army again in 1929, 7-0.

THE 1930's

In 1930 at Soldier's Field, Chicago, ice, snow and sleet marred the game as the Irish eked out a 7-6 win. Army got its first victory in three years in 1931, 12-0, and didn't realize that it would be its last until the Blanchard-Davis era some 13 years later.

Only tie games in 1935, 6-6, and 1941, 0-0, prevented the men from South Bend from making a complete sweep. They won by scores of 21-0, 13-12 and 12-6 in '32, '33 and '34, respectively. Also 20-6, 7-0, 19-7, 14-0 and 7-0 in '36, '37, '38, '39 and '40. After the second tie game, the Irish handed the Cadets their fourth and fifth consecutive series shutouts, 13-0 in '42 and 26-0 in '43.

Army had to wait 13 victory starved-years for the 1944 contest at Yankee Stadium. Also the Black Knights hadn't scored against a Notre Dame team since 1938.

THE BLANCHARD AND DAVIS ERA

After kicking off and holding the Irish on downs, Army took over at midfield. It took 14 plays, all but one on the ground, before Doug Kenna bootlegged it for five yards and a score. Dick Walter-

house converted the point for a 7-0 lead. Kenna also passed to Ed Rafalko for 40 yards and Dick Pitzer for six, for touchdowns; returned a punt six yards and handed off to Max Minor at midfield who went the rest of the way; and set up two other touchdowns on an intercepted pass and a punt return. Minor also scored on a 25-yard run from scrimmage and Glenn Davis ran eight, six and 57 yards for three scores. Dick Walterhouse added five extra points.

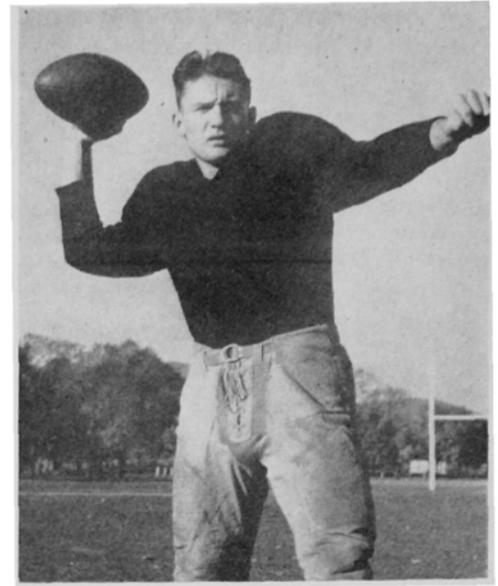
The final score—Army 59—Notre Dame 0. It was the worst defeat in Irish history!

Pass defense on behalf of the Cadets was at its best. The Irish had an excellent passer and T-quarterback in Frank Dancewicz, but had eight passes out of 20 attempts intercepted and runback a total of 120 yards. Ten were completed for only 102 yards.

In 1945 the Irish once again had no chance against Army. Blanchard and Davis accounted for the first five touchdowns. Davis on runs of 27 and 21 yards and a pass from Arnold Tucker while "Doc", who ripped holes in the opposition's line all day with blasts of 5, 10 and 15 yards, drove over from the three and returned a pass interception 34 yards.

Blaik's Black Knights carried a 25-game win streak into the 1946 meeting. However, they were rated only even with Frank Lahey's powerful Irish who had rolled unmercifully over all opposition including Illinois, later the Big-10 and Rose Bowl Champions. Army and Notre Dame were ranked either No. 1 or No. 2 in the nation according to which poll you were reading.

All aspects had pointed to a high scoring game, but the teams only struggled to a scoreless tie. In the second period Johnny Lujack engineered an 83-yard drive to the Army four where the Cadet line rose in defense and averted a possible score. That was the longest march of the day,



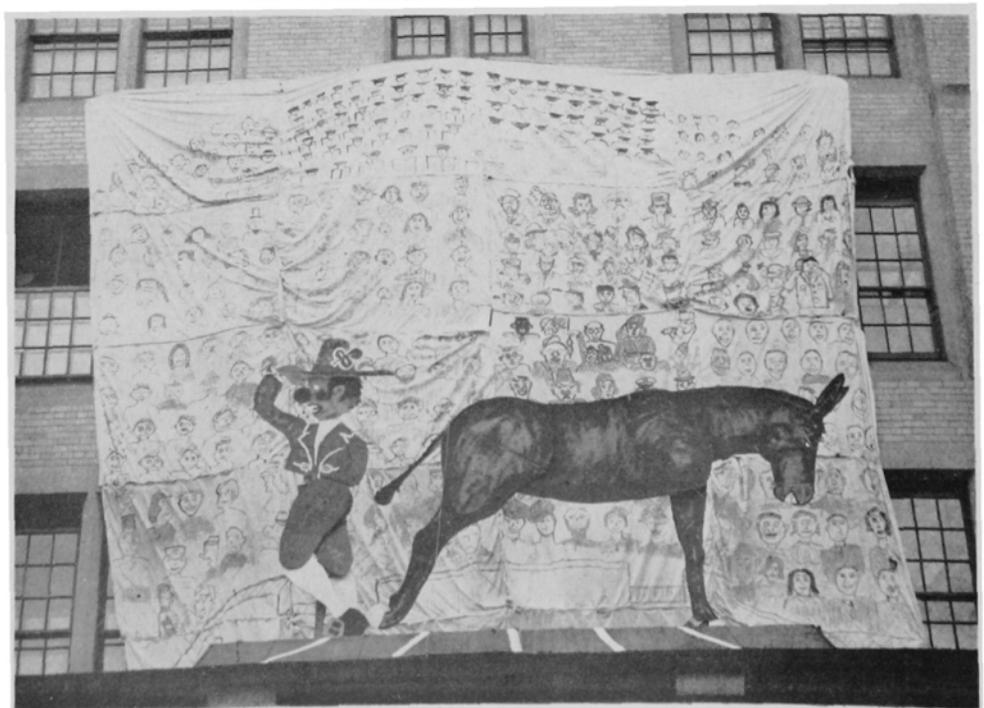
Edgar "Doug" Kenna, 1944 fullback, who was outstanding in the 1944 Army win, 59-0. He was an All-American and in the Class of 1945.

and the Irish were to invade Army territory only twice more.

Army was in striking distance when Goble Bryant recovered an Irish fumble on the 24. Tucker passed to Davis on the 18, but the short drive was quickly halted. Late in the third period Army seemed on its way again. Tucker intercepted Lujack's pass and ran it from his own 10 to the 32-yard line. Blanchard broke through the right side and sped 31 yards down the sidelines until Lujack nailed him from behind on the 37-yard line. Terry Brennan broke up the threat on the next play by intercepting an Army pass.

This year will mark the first appearance of the Army-Notre Dame game in the City of Brotherly Love, which will be all but forgotten after the toss of the coin on October 12.

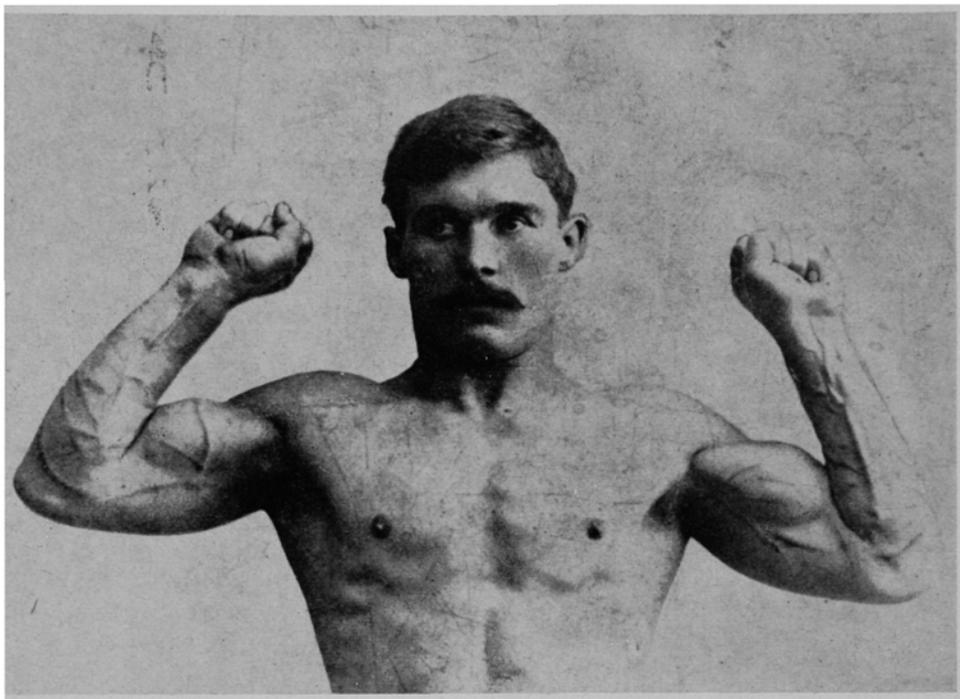
Sheet scenes before the 1946 Notre Dame game.



TOM JENKINS

« A HOLT THAT CAN'T BE BROKE »

By COLONEL ALEXANDER M. WEYAND, '16



Tom, at twenty when he turned pro.

On June 19, 1957, Tom Jenkins died from injuries received in a fall while visiting his daughter in Norwalk, Connecticut. He would have been 85 in August.

For 37 years Tom taught wrestling at West Point and, to a surprising extent, it was a labor of love. The "young gents" (the cadets) appealed to him from the first. He experienced keen delight in working with them and in following their various activities. Approximately 13,500 of them passed through his none-too-gentle hands. Most of them would have wholeheartedly endorsed the sentiments of Cadet John J. Norris who wrote in *The Pointer* in 1940 that, "the hold Pop Jenkins has on the long line of West Point men will forever remain unbroken."

Tom gloried in the fact that he qualified a future President of the United States in three subjects: until after World War I, he taught boxing and swimming in addition to wrestling. At the election of 1956, although badly crippled by arthritis that made movement painful and difficult, he manfully went to the polls and did his little bit to keep "Ike" in the White House. "Ain't never been a man like him. The greatest President and the greatest general this country ever had," said Tom soberly, as though awed by the recollection of the modest part he had played in the making of a hero.

Tom followed the careers of all of his "boys" with avid interest. A story in

Saturday Evening Post concerning one of his early and favorite pupils, "Big John" Littlejohn, pleased him immensely. It related that, in 1946, when General Littlejohn took over the directorship of War Assets Administration, "one of the world's meanest jobs" it was called, he informed his staff that the maxim of the office would be that of his old wrestling instructor, Tom Jenkins, "There ain't no holt that can't be broke." That was Tom's earthy way of stating that no problem is impossible of solution if one applies himself diligently and intelligently and doesn't quit. He pounded this philosophy into the hearts of his pupils and they never forgot it. It became a byword throughout the Army.

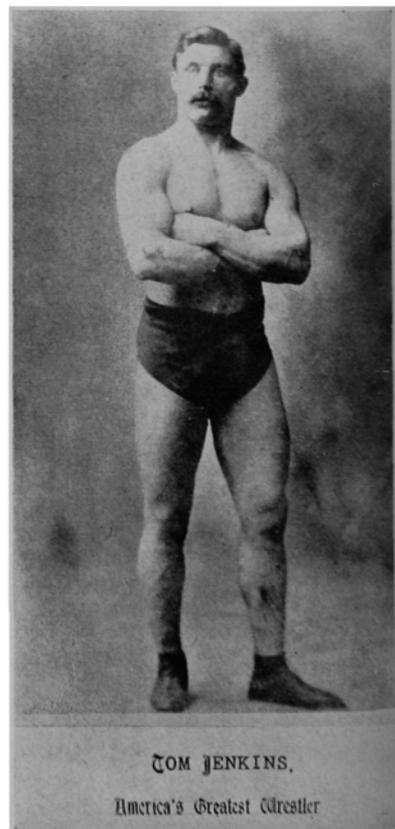
Tom's story-book career began at Bedford, Ohio, where he was born on August 3, 1872. When he was eight years old, and living in Newburg, a suburb of Cleveland, a home-made cannon exploded. He lost his right eye, the nerve of the left eye was exposed, his nose and jaw were broken and fragments were embedded in various parts of his anatomy. Almost miraculously he recovered entirely except for his eyes. He was obliged to withdraw from school and would remain illiterate until he was nearly 40, by which time his wife had taught him to read and write.

With no boys to play with during the greater part of the day and with nothing constructive to occupy his time, Tom sought his own amusement. At least a half-dozen times within the space of a year he was in

trouble with the police. On one occasion, this ten-year-old toughie dumped an officer of the law into a swamp. He became a juvenile delinquent.

Eventually a job was found for him, as water-boy at the local steel and wire mill. It was a break for him. The long hours and hard work served to discipline his spirit and develop his body. He grew up in the mill and was doing the work of a full-grown man, as a "rougher", when he was 16. He commenced wrestling professionally at 18 and two years later, in May 1893, he left the mill and embarked on a full-time professional wrestling career. He weighed 190 pounds.

It took Tom less than five years to reach the top. On November 7, 1897, he won the World's catch-as-catch-can title from Martin "Farmer" Burns at the Grand Opera House in Indianapolis. From then until he was finally dethroned as American champion in 1906, he wrestled all comers. On several occasions he traveled through the United States with a theatrical company offering 50 dollars to anyone whom he couldn't throw in 15 minutes. In like manner, he toured England, Scotland, Ireland, Belgium, France and Germany. They



TOM JENKINS,

America's Greatest Wrestler



NOUROULAK HASSEN
350 pounds of "Terrible Turk".

even matched him with a wrestling bear but that was just a publicity stunt.

Tom was considered one of the strongest men in America but, in comparing him with the "Terrible Turks", who came to plague his early championship years, sports writers invariably called him a pygmy, a school boy or some such significant name. With prize fighting outlawed in many states, wrestling was a prime favorite of the sporting gentry and promoters beat the bushes all over the world searching for suitable opponents for the new mat champion. In the Middle East they uncovered several human monstrosities—great brutes of unbelievable strength, well over six feet in height and weighing up to 350 pounds. They consumed so much olive oil that when they perspired, they became slippery as grease-balls. In turn, three of the best were brought to this country.

The first was Ismael Yousouf who threw Tom in one hour and 27 minutes on May 5, 1898. On July 6 the Turk was drowned and Tom was again recognized as World's champion. He managed to squeeze through a three-hour draw with Hali Adali, "the Sultan's Lion", on November 6, 1898, but he lost to Nouroulak Hassen on May 7, 1901. Nouroulak returned home and apparently never again worked under catch-as-catch-can rules. In certain quarters it was assumed, and seemingly with good reason, that he had vacated the catch-as-catch-can title and Tom was again frequently billed as the World's champion. Tom's claim was strengthened when he defeated Jack Carkeek, recognized in Great Britain as the catch-as-catch-can champion of Europe.

Tom's famous mat war with Frank Gotch commenced on Washington's birthday, 1903, with Tom winning rather easily. When the two again clashed, at Bellingham, Washington, on January 27, 1904, it was apparent that the Iowa farmer had come far under the expert tutelage of Farmer Burns. He had perfected the toe and other torturing holds. Against Tom he also employed other unrefined stunts such as working a finger in the socket from which his glass eye had been removed. When he began jabbing at Tom's one partially good eye, the latter became infuriated and clouted him on the jaw. "Gotch weren't no gent," said Tom sadly. Tom was disqualified and Gotch took the title. Early the next year Frank again defeated Tom at Cleveland. By this time the bloody feud had outgrown the hinterland and New York beckoned. Gotch was a heavy favorite when they tangled at Madison Square Garden on March 15, 1905, but Tom triumphed and was again champion.

Whatever claims Tom had to the World's title were squashed on May 4, 1905, when George Hackenschmidt, the huge "Russian Lion", defeated him at Madison Square Garden before 8,000 spectators, among them "at least 100 nice looking women", as one discerning sports writer reported. On May 19, 1905, at the Garden before a crowd of 10,000, Tom again conquered Gotch in a battle of bull apes, possibly the roughest, bloodiest and dirtiest in the annals of the game. Tom claimed that Gotch even bit him. Apparently, the referee, Tim Hurst, believed in letting the boys settle their grudge in their own way. He called no fouls. When, after two hours of muckering, Tom took the deciding fall, Gotch had to be carried to his corner where he became ill and could not leave the ring for a half hour.

That was Tom's last great effort on the mat. He went into partial retirement and, on May 23, 1906, the six-year younger Gotch defeated him at Kansas City. Tom took the first fall but Gotch won the next two and the American title. Frank went on to make Hackenschmidt quit with his torturing holds. He became a great and popular champion but, 25 years later, Jack Curly, the noted wrestling promoter, was quoted as saying that the best American wrestler of all time was Tom Jenkins.

It is generally understood that President Theodore Roosevelt advised adding wrestling and boxing to the curriculum at West Point and there are those who believe that he suggested Tom as an instructor. The latter commenced working at the Military Academy in the Fall of 1905 on sort of a probationary status. Tom liked the place and the people there liked him so, after losing the championship to Gotch, he decided to stay. He was sworn in as a civilian instructor on July 5, 1906. His sports writing friends delighted in referring to him as "Professor Jenkins of the West Point Faculty."

Tom's long years at West Point were well spent. His constant striving to couple the fighting spirit with high ideals of sportsmanship left a stamp on every cadet who came in contact with him. When Tom retired on his 70th birthday, in 1942, Major General Francis B. Wilby, the Superintendent, presented him with a testimonial in appreciation of his long and faithful service:

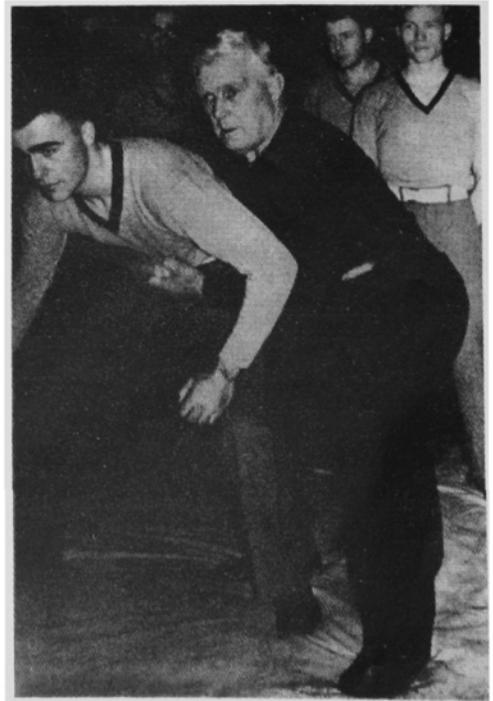
"... To his devotion to an ideal, to his sense of duty and his Loyalty and his Stimulating Influence... devoted himself to a singleness of purpose in his development of manly qualities and physical prowess in each individual cadet."

Tom and his devoted wife, Lavinia, made their home in Cornwall-on-Hudson, a few miles up the river from West Point. They celebrated their Golden Anniversary on February 3, 1948, and, on March 6, 1950, she passed to the Great Beyond. The shock almost killed Tom. He went to pieces so quickly it looked as though that was the "holt" he couldn't break. His daughter, Mrs. Lavinia Schreeder, who kept house for him, helped him carry on but he never was the same again.

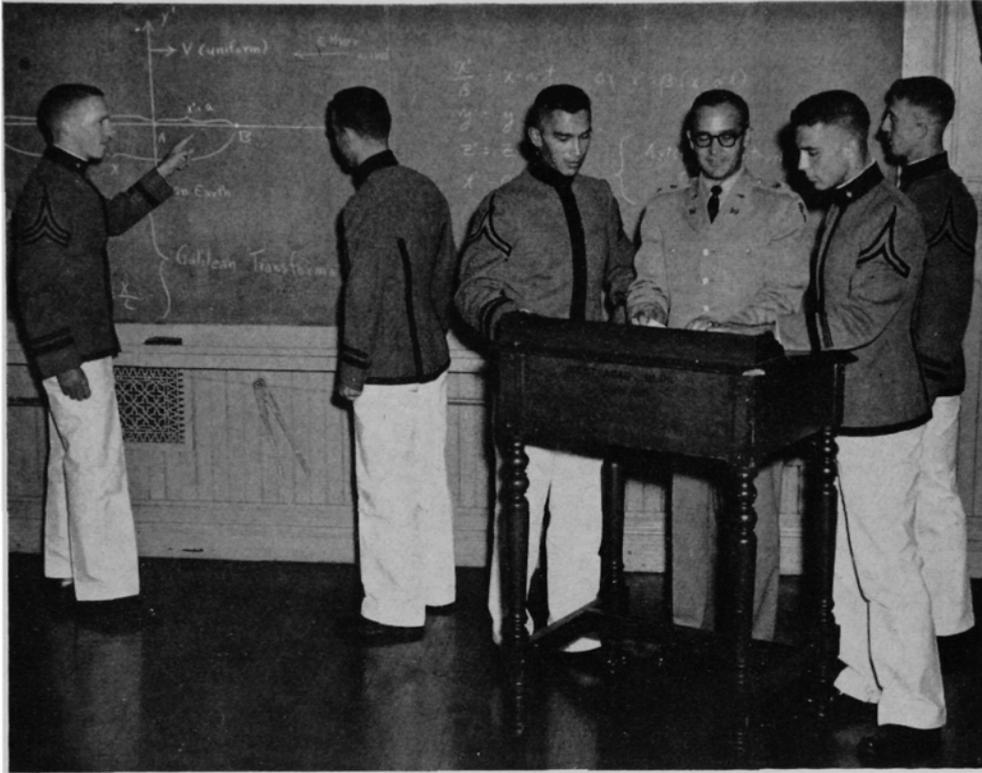
Now our old friend lies in the cemetery at West Point within easy hailing distance of many of his former pupils.

This is mystic country, these Highlands of the Hudson! Just to the North is the land of Rip Van Winkle and the bowling gnomes and, to the South, is Hi Tor. On the silvery Hudson, the *Flying Dutchman* sailed on its phantom voyages. A cadet of a long yesterday might not be surprised, upon passing the cemetery on a dark, still night, to hear a familiar throaty voice growl, "There ain't no holt that can't be broke." But, then, it might only be the wind in the spruce trees.

Tom Jenkins instructing cadets in wrestling.



MATHEMATICS --- A REWARDING HOBBY



Left to Right—Connell, T. J., Mitchell, G. E., Shepard, W. J., Major Eiler, Krankel, J., Stambaugh, W. S.

Mathematics as a hobby is not only mentally stimulating but also professionally rewarding, especially in this day of the atomic-age army.

In January 1949, a group of senior cadets who had completed the formal two year course in mathematics expressed to the Department of Mathematics a desire for extra-curricular advanced Mathematical discussion to include topics beyond those treated during the regular two-year course. This request resulted in the formation of the Cadet Mathematics Forum, a voluntary organization of First and Second Classmen sponsored by the Department of Mathematics. To be a member of the Mathematics Forum, a cadet of the First or Second Class must be proficient in all subjects. Presently, there are 70 active members. Members of the organization have ranged in academic standing all the way from the first man of the Class to men in the lower ten percent of the Class. However, the great preponderance of members comes from the upper third of the two classes.

The general aim or mission of the Mathematics Forum is to provide an opportunity for cadets who have completed the formal two-year course in mathematics to pursue

mutual and individual interests in mathematics and allied fields. The mission is accomplished each year by a series of lectures and one educational trip set up and organized by the cadets themselves. The educational trip provides an opportunity to see theory put to practice and to see some of the military applications of mathematics.

Meetings are held during the Academic Year at least once a month during evening call to quarters. The subject matter for lectures has covered a great variety of advanced material. Some of the subjects already discussed are "LaPlace Transforms", "Fourier Series", "Photo-Elasticity", "Mathematics in Optics", "Probability in Engineering", "Theory of Games", and "Einstein's Theory of Relativity". Although this is but a partial list of subjects discussed, it is an indication of the cadets' varied interests in the advanced field of mathematics.

The importance of mathematics in the education of army officers has been well appreciated by American leaders as far back as the War of Independence. A resolution of Congress in 1777 provided for the formation of certain military units "to serve as a military school for young gentle-

men previous to their being appointed to marching regiments; for which purpose all the subaltern officers, when off duty, shall be obliged to attend a mathematical school, appointed for the purpose. " Thus, the teaching of mathematics at West Point antedates the founding of the Academy by 25 years. Today, mathematics continues to be one of the most potent educational instruments for sharpening the mind.

Cadets who are active in the Mathematics Forum program are thus not only securing the desired mathematical outlet but are also furthering their development as regular military officers. As future officers eager to exemplify the motto "Duty, Honor, Country" they must maintain an attitude of mental alertness. Certain qualities essential to the correct mental attitude are fostered by the Mathematics Forum program. These qualities are interest, incentive, self-confidence, and common sense. The interest which must already exist for an active member is stimulated by the challenge of new concepts and new applications. Incentive is the logical result of an interest in higher mathematics: that is, by observing applications of advanced mathematics, they are motivated to further study by the realization of the role that mathematics will play in their careers as officers. Self-confidence is on one hand a natural result of knowledge, and, on the other hand, self-confidence is conducive to the rapid assimilation of knowledge. Common sense is not necessarily an inherent quality, but it may be developed by experience and training. To translate a physical problem from words to a mathematical equation and to solve that equation for its practical solution requires knowledge tempered by common sense.

The mission and aims of the Cadet Mathematics Forum are thus in complete harmony with the mission of the United States Military Academy: "To instruct and train the Corps of Cadets so that each graduate shall have the qualities and attributes essential to his progressive and continuing development throughout a life-time career as an officer of the Regular Army". The Army has an increasing need for the mathematical mind: the mind capable of analytical reasoning, of weighing the disadvantages and advantages of a given situation, and of assembling the facts and ideas into a well-ordered, logical conclusion and plan of action.

BULLETIN BOARD



MRS. HOLLAND NEW CADET HOSTESS

The position of Cadet Hostess, first established in 1928, has been occupied by a succession of gracious and devoted women. The original Hostess, Mrs. Harriet Rogers, established precedents that have been followed through the years. Her successors, Mrs. Marcia Lystad, Mrs. Doris Barth and now Mrs. Holland have enhanced the prestige of the position and have developed the scope of their duties to the point where they approach the omnifarious. The Hostess is much more than a social arbiter to the cadets and their girls. She is also the good listener, an understanding adviser, and a date bureau.

Upon the death of Mrs. Doris Barth, the position passed to her assistant, Mrs. Holland. Mrs. Beatrice E. Holland is the widow of Colonel John F. Holland, Class of 1925, who was killed in the Philippines on 29 January 1945.

Mrs. Holland was born in Houlton, Maine, and was married in 1927 to Colonel Holland, who was then a Second Lieutenant stationed at Fort McKinley, Maine. They had three children: Ruth, who is married to Captain R. H. McIlwain, Class of 1951; James, an instructor at New York Military Academy; and John, who is presently a member of the Army Pentathlon Team at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. She has one brother, Colonel B. V. Bryant, Provost Marshal of First Army, Governors Island.

New York; and one sister, Mrs. G. W. Nelson, wife of the Director, Coast Guard Institute, Groton, Connecticut.

Mrs. Holland worked in Washington, D. C., in the Office of the Quartermaster General prior to entering on duty at West Point in 1953 as Assistant Cadet Hostess.

The new Assistant Hostess is Mrs. Dorothy A. Rountree, widow of Captain F. B. Rountree, '46, who was killed in Korea. She assumed her duties on 28 April 1957.

Notes from the Office

One of our principal purposes of being is to maintain a current address file of all graduates and members of the Association of Graduates. The staff reads all the class notes and service journals but they are not specific as to addresses. We appreciate it whenever a graduate includes the Association in his distribution of change of address cards. We would prefer to receive them signed so we will know who is moving—we do get some from people who are so eager to move they forget to sign the card.

The number of West Point societies that are actively supporting the Superintendent's Candidate Information Program is gratifying. If any society needs help, the Secretary of the Association stands ready to assist in any way possible. The Register has staff responsibility and is eager to assist in spreading the word.

The girls in the office told me that I would be surprised at the number of graduates who do not know the difference between the Army Athletic Association and the Association of Graduates—and I am. We did a lively little business in July endorsing one dollar checks to AAA for annual memberships. The difference between the Association of Graduates and the West Point Alumni Foundation, Inc., is a mystery to a great many people. The Foundation is the publisher of, and pays for, ASSEMBLY for the Association. But the number of subscribers who misdirect their letters, and more important, their checks, is surprising. Don't let it stop your enthusiasm and support of any of these organizations. We have a most pleasant working arrangement among ourselves.

OLD HOWITZERS

The Department of the Army Library is trying to build up its Howitzer file but too many are missing. The Librarian has attempted to obtain the missing volumes to no avail.

The Army Library would appreciate either a gift or a bequest of Howitzers for the following years:

1909
1910
1911
1913 through 1921
1928
1931 to 1935
1942
1943
1947
1948

Donations or correspondence regarding Howitzers should be addressed to:

Director
Army Library
Office of the Adjutant General
Department of the Army
Washington 25, D. C.

Increase in Price of Sales Items

As part of its memorial program, and to provide a service to its members, the Association of Graduates has for several years offered for sale Wedgwood china, Heisey glassware, and chairs by S. Bent. Orders have not been overwhelming, but they are in sufficient number to indicate a continuing need.

The Association makes very little profit on these sales items. Our prices are well below similar items sold by other alumni associations. However, we have been notified by the manufacturers that the prices are to increase. Since the increases become effective at different times, the Association has increased its prices effective 1 October 1957. These are still excellent prices for this outstanding merchandise. With Christmas coming soon, get your orders in early.

RECOLLECTIONS OF OLD WEST POINT

The Published Memoirs of Williston Fish, '81, Presented to the Library by his Daughter

Williston Fish, '81, whose literary composition, "A Last Will", is well known in this country and abroad, at his decease left an interesting manuscript addition to the lore of West Point. He not only described the Academy of his day and related the incidents of his own cadet service, but he wrote a personal sketch of every member of the Corps in his time. His two daughters, Gertrude Fish Rumsey and Josephine Fish Peabody, have carefully edited the manuscript and published a limited edition in three volumes lavishly illustrated with photographs. The final result is a handsome one.

Mrs. Peabody made a special trip to West Point to present the set on August 13. It is number three out of a total of 22. She further stipulated that it should remain on the open shelves so that all officers and cadets might have free access to it.

Through this gift the spirit of West Point in the last quarter of the 19th century lives again.

—W. J. M.

WEST POINT SECOND CLASSMAN. By Colonel Russell P. (Red) Reeder, Jr., '26, New York: Duell, Sloan and Pearce, 1957. 238 pages; 8 vo; \$3.50.

Reviewed by

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

This third volume of Red Reeder's series of cadet life adventures is well up to the standard set by his "West Point Plebe" and "West Point Yearling." Those who have been following the progress of Red's hero, Clint Lane, will want to accompany him through another year on the road to graduation.

The Reeder series is the easiest, and certainly the most interesting way to learn the details of present-day cadet life. The progression from year to year in training and academics is set forth clearly and convincingly. All the Red Reeder qualities of expert narration are once more demonstrated in this third volume.

DEAN CONFIRMED

The Senate has confirmed the appointment of Brigadier General Gerald A. Counts, '17, as Dean of the Academic Board of the Academy to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Brigadier General Thomas D. Stamps.

General Counts, head of the Department of Physics and Chemistry since 1934, was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General on August 1, 1957.



PLAQUE MARKS PRESIDENT'S ROOM

A bronze plaque, 5" x 8", has been mounted in room 2644 to identify it as the room occupied by President Eisenhower during his plebe year. The plaque was received just before June Week, but in order not to disrupt the schedule, and to give the plaque its proper perspective, it was not mounted until 14 June.

Red Reeder, '26, is credited with the idea, and Snow, '15, followed up with the class support. There was little debate concerning the merits of the idea, the only problem was to determine which of the several rooms President Eisenhower lived in should carry the plaque.

While the 1915 Howitzer called him a prodigy, it also alluded to Beast Barracks as something the future President would willingly have skipped. It is hoped that gift by association may rub off on some future plebe a little of that heaven-blessed quality which produces greatness.

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC POLICY

On August 26, 1957, the Superintendent set forth in writing for the first time the intercollegiate athletic policy of the Military Academy. The purposes are: (1) to assure equality of opportunity for all cadets who desire to participate in the West Point intercollegiate program; (2) to grant privileges to each athletic squad commensurate with the time and effort which it must expend; and (3) to increase the support of the athletic program by the Corps of Cadets. General Davidson refers to this policy, the salient points of which are summarized below, in "Plain Talk" in this issue.

MISSION: The mission of the intercollegiate athletic program (combined with the physical education program) of the

Military Academy is to develop in every member of the Corps of Cadets the physical qualities and attributes essential to his continuing development throughout a lifetime career as an officer of the Regular Army.

These physical qualities and attributes are:

- A healthy, sound, well developed body.
- The ability to use that body with reasonable skill.
- Pride in physical well-being and desire for exercise.
- Habits of health and profitable physical activity necessary to preserve a sound and well developed body and reasonable physical skill.
- Proper military appearance and bearing.

Inherent in the mission are the objectives of:

- Promoting the development of leadership qualities through physical competition.
- Developing esprit in the Corps of Cadets.
- Providing recreation and relaxation for the Corps of Cadets.
- Demonstrating the relative quality of the manly attributes of the Corps of Cadets (for the Corps' satisfaction and the general public's edification), in a manner appropriately to enhance the prestige of the Military Academy.

The principles governing the conduct of intercollegiate athletics at the Military Academy to accomplish the foregoing, are to provide opportunity for all cadets representing the Military Academy in athletic contests, and to prepare properly so that they can represent the Academy with distinction **WHILE CONTINUING THEIR PROPER DEVELOPMENT TOWARD BECOMING CAREER OFFICERS IN THE REGULAR ARMY.**

BRIGADIER GENERAL JAMES W. GREEN, JR., '27, RETIRES AFTER 30 YEARS OF MILITARY SERVICE



Colonel James W. Green, Jr., '27, Professor of Electrical Engineering at the Academy since 1947, has retired with the rank of Brigadier General after 30 years of military service.

An expert in the field of Electronics and Electrical Communications, General Green has moved with his family to Fayetteville, Arkansas, where he has accepted an appointment as Professor of Electrical Engineering at the University of Arkansas.

No successor to his post at West Point has been announced.

While at the Academy General Green was instrumental in modernizing the Electrical Engineering course to keep it abreast of the explosive rate of scientific progress in that field. He was responsible for improvements in the laboratories and equipment of his Department which helped to maintain it as the equal in facilities for its purpose of any Electrical Engineering School in the country. Chairman of a committee which made an exhaustive study of the USMA curriculum and set forth constructive recommendations for its improvement, he also directed the West Point participation in the Eastern Colleges Science Conference involving the preparation and presentation of scientific research papers by members of the Corps of Cadets.

The Academic Board honored him at a farewell party in August and at that time he received from Superintendent Davidson a plaque inscribed as follows:

"In recognition of his outstanding professional competence; of his many years as an inspiring teacher and stimulating lecturer; of his helpfulness to innumerable individual cadets, the most brilliant and the slowest; of his forthright presentation of his ideas for the improvement of the curriculum; and of his deep devo-

tion to the purposes and traditions of his alma mater."

General Green began his military career in the 141st AA Bn, Arkansas National Guard. He entered USMA from Little Rock and was graduated as a Second Lieutenant, Signal Corps, in 1927. He holds a M.S. from Yale and a Ph.D. from Purdue. He previously had served as Commandant of the Signal Corps School; Commanding Officer, The Western Signal Corps Training Center; and during World War II was Chief Signal Officer of the Army Forces, Western Pacific.

In addition to his service ribbons General Green holds the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal and the Distinguished Service Medal.

General Green is a member of the American Society for Engineering Education; Armed Forces Communications Association; senior member, Institute of Radio Engineers; and was for many years a member of the Sub-Committee on Communications Definitions of the American Standards Association. He was a member of the 1957 Board of Visitors of the Signal School, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey.

He is married to the former Miss Merritt Murphy of Little Rock. They have two children: a son, William, 16; and a daughter, Sarah, 13.

Write Your Own Biography

Folk lore says the best way to retain one's youth is to associate with young people. That rumor may have its points, but it works just the other way for me at West Point. The Corps "has not": the current crop of cadets gets much better and much broader training than we did. But it makes me feel older everytime I see so many cadets whose birth I remember. What really scares me though, is to visit the Post Cemetery and see the number of names of people I knew intimately. And the number is accelerating.

This brings up a problem that occasionally faces the editorial staff. Our practice has been, upon notification of death of an alumnus, to write to the next of kin requesting an obituary, with a picture of the deceased. Too often this request merely raises very painful memories and the obituary is written by a friend who rehashes the military history of the deceased.

In most cases we have the essential facts of service. However, we do not have, and not infrequently, neither does the widow or author have, any knowledge of the de-

ceased's cadet life and early service. We want to do honor to our late fellow alumnus and we want to present him in the light which best represents him.

The editor suggests that you consider writing your own obituary. Every sensible individual makes a will for the disposition of his estate. Why not prepare a piece, with the picture you want published, and file it with your will and other papers? It will save your family the pain and difficulty of reliving the poignant memories that we would like to read about you.

All you have to do is remember the five W's of the English Department— who, what, when, where, and why. When and where were you born? Who were your parents, what was the family background? Where have you lived, what schools have you attended? What accomplishments have you attained? Whom did you marry, when and where? Children? Who are your relatives? Any incidents or anecdotes of your life that you wish remembered? All that remains is for your biographer to bring it up to date, and we can publish *your* story.

CAMP BUCKNER WINNERS

The presentation of individual team and company awards, for outstanding performance to cadets of the Class of 1960, United States Military Academy, highlighted activities at Camp Buckner during the final weekend.

Weekend festivities climaxed the seven weeks of intensive field training in which the class was engaged.

Top four awards included the Buckner Stakes Competition individual prize, awarded by Mrs. Simon Bolivar Buckner, Jr., widow of the World War II leader for whom the camp was named, won by Cadet Steele, J. S.; the New York National Guard Trophy, for the best company in the Camp Buckner Competitions of 1957 presented by Major General Ronald C. Brock, Guard Commander, won by 4th Company.

Also the Superintendent's Trophy for the best platoon in Rifle Markmanship, tendered by Lieutenant General Garrison H. Davidson, Superintendent, USMA, won by 1st Platoon, 5th Company; and the Commandant's Trophy for the outstanding Platoon Leader, presented by the Commandant, Brigadier General John L. Throckmorton, won by Cadet Williamson, N. S.

Branches of the Army awards, including Infantry, Artillery, Armor, Engineer and Signal, were presented to representatives of winning companies.

Suitable momentos for physical fitness, drill and markmanship were awarded to winners and runners-up.

PLAQUE HONORS KOREAN DEAD

On 19 August 1957 a bronze plaque containing the names of 156 graduates of West Point who died during the Korean operation was unveiled. It hangs on the wall above the landing on the east stairway of Cullum Hall.

The Korean plaque balances a similar one on the west wall in honor of Medal of Honor winners. The east wall location was the only space large enough for this plaque. It required relocation of the portraits of Thayer and Cullum, which now hang in prominent locations in the Pershing Room.

The plaque is 5'3" x 7'4 3/4" and weighs over 800 pounds. It was made by the United States Bronze Sign Co. of New York under contract with the Association of Graduates. The Association was acting as agent of the classes represented, who will reimburse the Association in proportion to the number of names.

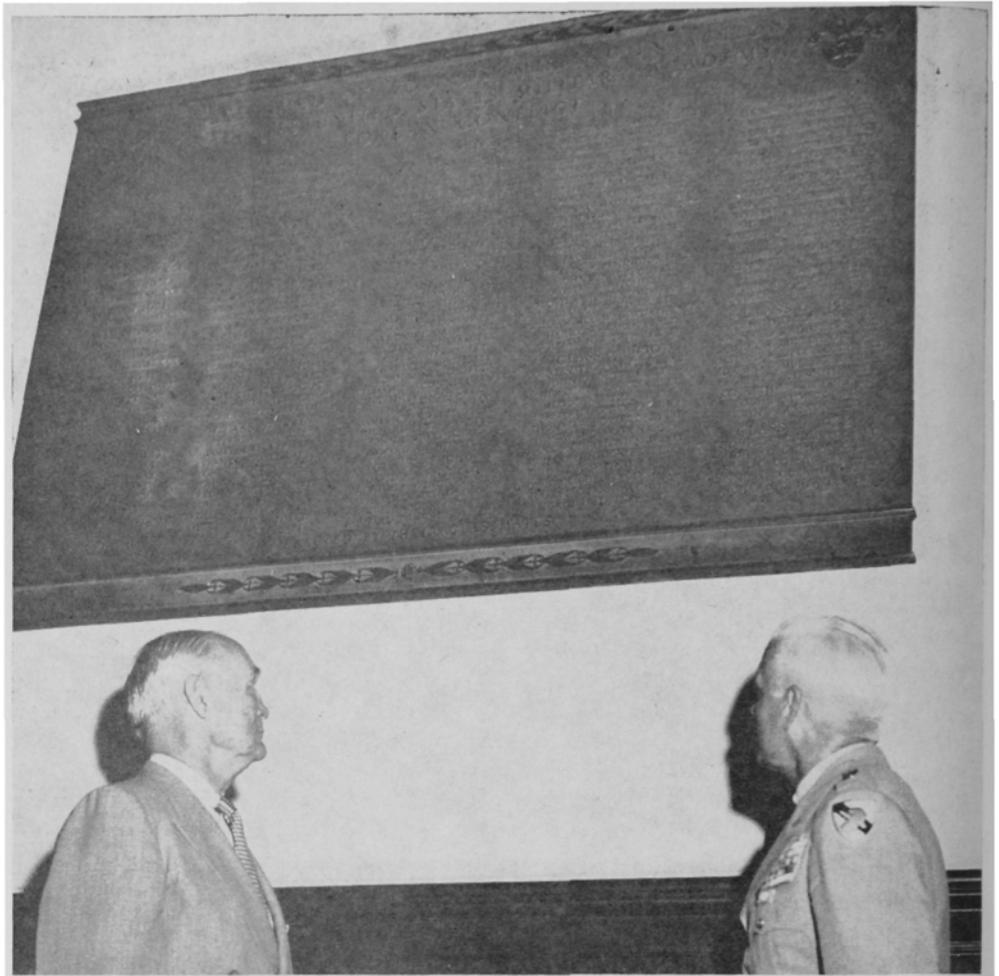
The Plaque represents a span of 40-years—from the Class of 1912 to the Class of 1952. It includes every commissioned grade except Lieutenant General and Brigadier General. The Class of '50 has the greatest number, 33, followed by '49 with 27 and '45 with 23.

In dedicating the Plaque, Lieutenant General Willis D. Crittenger, '13, President of the Association of Graduates, paid tribute to the honored dead and their devotion to "Duty, Honor, Country". He thanked the classes for their support of this project and said it was especially fitting that honor should be paid by their classmates to those who died in the service of their country.

In the presence of a modest gathering of classmates, families, and friends of the deceased, and Trustees of the Association of Graduates, General Crittenger said: "We who are here, as representatives of the more than 14,000 living graduates, are privileged to dedicate this plaque to those 156 comrades who died in this most recent of our eight American wars—in far-off Korea.

"As a part of our priceless heritage, West Point has acquired Cullum Hall as the repository of memorials to our success in arms, to our distinguished graduates, and to the honored dead. Every graduate has his own personal memory of this imposing shrine. My own early memory is vivid in recollection of the first continuous flight of an airplane from Albany to New York, which cadets of my class viewed from the balcony overlooking the Hudson, as the fragile flying machine, piloted by Glen Curtis bravely sputtered southward, two or three hundred feet above the water.

"In the 155 years since its founding, the graduates of the United States Military



Lieutenant General W. D. Crittenger (Ret.) and Lieutenant General G. H. Davidson, Superintendent USMA, unveil the Korean War Memorial Plaque, during ceremonies held in Cullum Hall.

Academy have served in wars, campaigns, and battles without number. Whether he commanded great armies, led his platoon up the hills of Korea or fought the Indians in the West, to the individual graduate his job at the moment was the most important in the world. How well he has done it over the past century and a half is a matter of recorded history.

"In today's ceremony, we honor those graduates of the Military Academy who died on that most recent battlefield in Korea. They died fighting for the preservation of the free world. They died fighting a far-away enemy, overwhelming in numbers, fanatical in execution,—and in a desolate, little known country. These West Pointers represented all ranks and ages,—from an Army Commander of many years service,—down to the Platoon Leader just out of West Point.

"Who was the most heroic? Whose was the greatest sacrifice? We cannot say. Who are we to try to put a finite measurement to an infinite object. These graduates died performing a duty for the honor of their country. No matter what the rank, no matter what the age, these graduates, whose names are emblazoned on this plaque as individuals, made the greatest sacrifice possible. Today after according them all the proudest reverence of which we, the living, are humbly capable, we

might be understood, upon this occasion, were we to pay particular tribute to those juniors of the Class of 1950, and others thereabouts,—so young, so bright, so promising. To them it was so strange, so distant, so unexpected—this battlefield onto which they were so suddenly catapulted, direct from their spartan life within these stone walls. And, so today, their names appear on this imperishable list. And none of us who live will question the greatness of their sacrifice. They were so eager—so hopeful—with everything in life before them. West Point will keep their memory enshrined in its heart and soul forever.

"It is most fitting that this plaque should be erected by the classmates of the men we honor. By so doing, the living classmates not only pay tribute to our glorious dead, but they also rededicate themselves to those unsurpassably close classmate-bonds, which have as their very basis, West Point's concept of duty, honor, country."

In accepting the Plaque for the Military Academy, the Superintendent paid special homage to those young graduates who went so soon to war and lost their lives upholding the honor and traditions of their Alma Mater. He expressed the pride with which all West Pointers speak of their accomplishments and sacrifices.

DICK WALSH DIES

Dick Walsh was a simple tailor who was born and lived in the unruffled old village of Highland Falls, New York, but when he died last August President Eisenhower paused amid the grave responsibilities of his office to pay tribute to this man and to send flowers. General Alfred Gruenther, former NATO commander and presently head of the American Red Cross, dispatched a moving telegram of regret, while General Garrison H. Davidson, U. S. Military Academy Superintendent, poignantly eulogized his death.

Although he retired from his Cadet Store job in 1948, Dick Walsh had been a tailor at West Point since 1895, when he became an apprentice to his father, James Walsh, himself a Military Academy tailor from 1872 until his death in 1899.

During his 53 years as a tailor at West Point, Dick Walsh came to be known personally by thousands who wore the Cadet Gray uniform, many of whom have since achieved lasting fame in the annuals of American history. He knew General Mac Arthur well, having made his Cadet uniforms as a Plebe, and again in later years as a General and Superintendent of the Military Academy.

Following World War II, another former Cadet returned to West Point to see his old friend, Dick Walsh. General George S. Patton had come back to his alma mater to have Dick make him another Cadet uniform, this one to be worn by the famous General at a costume ball. It was good enough for General Patton to win first prize at the affair.

In 1955 when President Eisenhower returned to West Point for the 40th reunion of his 1915 Class, he stepped out of the traditional march of graduates to shake hands with Dick Walsh and his brother, James, who were standing among the countless viewers along Jefferson Road. During this brief encounter, the President amusingly recalled the many times during his cadetship when Dick Walsh confused the name Eisenhower with Eisenschmidt—both in the Class of 1915. As the President rejoined the procession of graduates for alumni exercises at Thayer Monument, Dick Walsh must have remembered another June Week in 1947 when General Eisenhower, then Army Chief of Staff visiting West Point, sent for his old tailor friend to come and see him at the Superintendent's Quarters—at that time occupied by the present Chief of Staff, General Maxwell D. Taylor.

Dick Walsh was born in 1878 in Highland Falls, New York, where his father had settled after coming to the United States from Ireland in 1872. All four sons, Dick, Tom, James, Jr., and Jack, were tailors at West Point, and one of two daughters also worked there from 1910 until 1915. The entire Walsh family accumulated a total of 178 years service at West Point.

In addition to his unexcelled tailoring for the Cadets, Dick Walsh was always their personal friend. So much so that

in 1946 the Corps of Cadets presented him with a watch which had this inscription: "To Dick from the U. S. Corps of Cadets in recognition of 50 years service, 1895-1945". Because of his modest and humble nature, Dick Walsh tried to avoid the dinner in Washington Hall marking this presentation but General Maxwell D. Taylor, then Superintendent, and the Cadet First Captain persuaded him to come and receive the watch.

His brother, James, whose cherubic countenance and mild manner are quite captivating, wistfully remembers the esteem in which Dick was held by all who knew him. He had been a quiet, charitable man and was a member of the Knights of Columbus for 57 of his 78 years. As early as 1904 Dick Walsh had reached the highest degree of this organization, Grand Knight. Extremely active in the council, he did not miss a Knights of Columbus meeting in 57 years, except the few times when illness kept him away.

From apprentice tailor in 1895, assistant cutter in 1900, head cutter in 1917, to his service as manager in charge of production, Dick Walsh saw many West Point buildings erected and many young men made leaders for the Nation.

Throughout his long service at West Point, Dick Walsh was both an invaluable employee and a living tradition of the Military Academy. His many friends included Cadets who eventually became America's most illustrious sons. To them and to thousands more of The Long Gray Line, whose names remain unheralded in the archives of history, Dick Walsh is unforgettable.

Here at West Point, on many warm June nights to come, when familiar voices echo softly across the historic Plain to awaken reminiscences of days gone by, he will continue to be remembered by his "Cadets". For Dick Walsh lived and loved West Point with the fullest human emotion.

With his passing an era ends, but a tradition lives on forever.

SONS OF GRADUATES IN PLEBE CLASS

A study by one of the large foundations, recently published, showed that sons of fathers in the professions were much more likely to follow the same line of work than any other group. The reasons for this attitude are still under investigation.

A small group of people, both in and out of the Army, have been concerned about the large number of "Army children" who enter the Military Academy. The fact that some classes have included almost 50% "Brats" has raised the question of whether the Army will, or why it must, regenerate itself. Interest in the military profession as a life work has admittedly decreased in recent years. Our children, raised in an atmosphere of service to the Nation and exposed first hand to the ten-

sions of the world, have a realistic attitude toward their obligations as citizens. The whole purpose of the Superintendent's Candidate Information Program, which is being so well assisted by the West Point Societies, is to broaden the information base. The object is not to reduce the opportunities for service sons but to encourage outstanding young men with no service connection to try for appointments.

Some years ago one of our more bombastic legislators used to rail against "the military caste", implying that the Army was trying to become super-Prussianized. Such a condition could never happen: the country would not stand for it and the Army would not want it. One Army couple, while not trying to influence their son, were explaining some of the attractions and advantages of civilian life, but were met with: "That may be, but what do civilians do?" That boy is now a yearling.

The Class of 1961, 737 strong, includes the sons of 340 military families: 159 sons of officers who did not attend USMA, 120 sons of other military personnel, and 61 sons of graduates. The sons of graduates in the present plebe class are:

Class of 1912
Deuel, William T.

Class of 1918
Hastings, David A.
Sawtelle, Donald

Class of 1922
Lawton, John P.

Class of 1923
Carnes, George P.
Guevara, Nick J.

Class of 1924
Benz, Herbert T. G.
Royce, James B.

Class of 1925
Hodge, Walter W.
Mack, John H.

Class of 1926
Heiberg, William

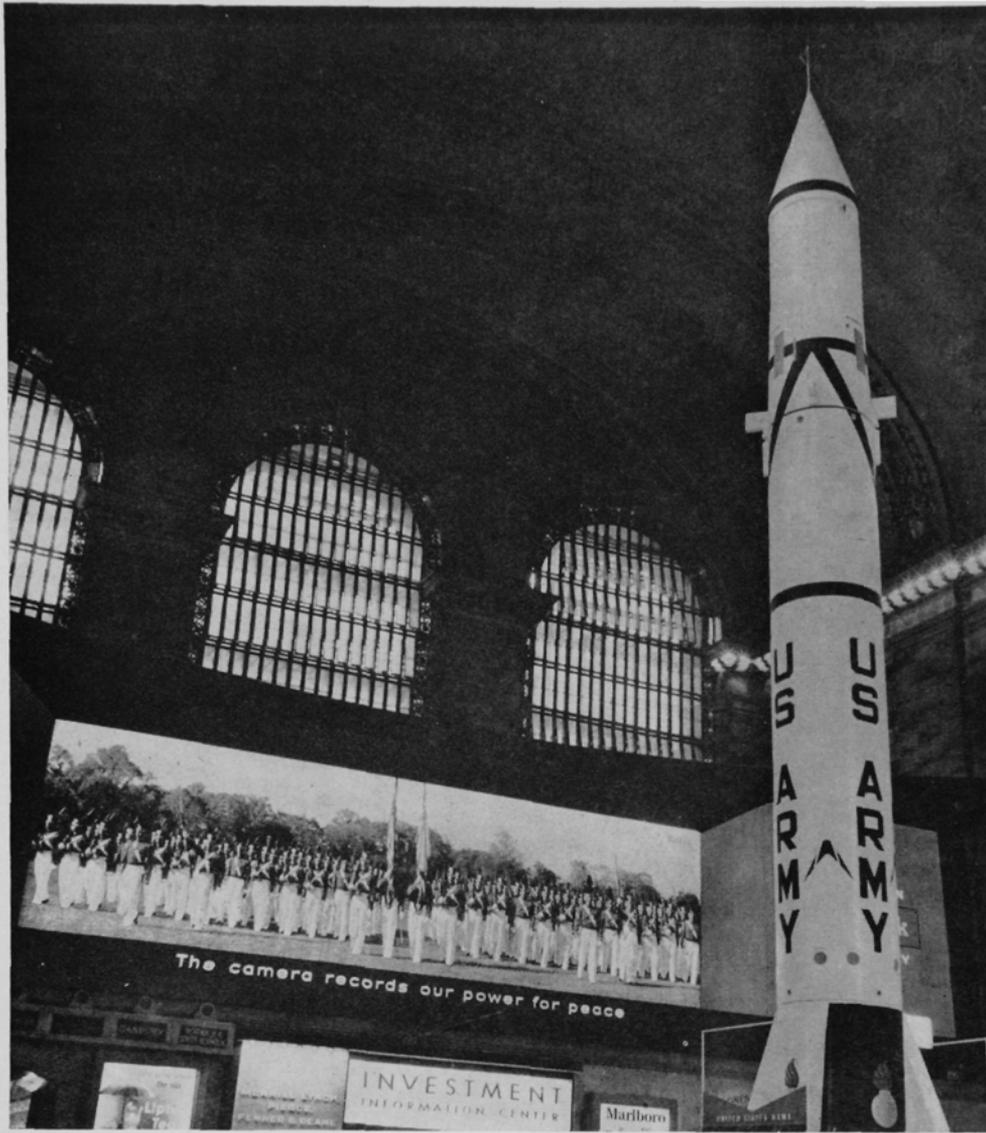
Class of 1928
Gavan, William H.

Class of 1929
Armstrong, Alan P.
Forney, John C.
Greeley, Brendan
Kirkpatrick, W. T.
Parient, Roger A.

Class of 1930
Smith, Phillips W.

Class of 1931
Brown, Edward A.
Carlson, Gunnar C.
Chandler, William
Coyle, James M.
Ford, William R.
Guenther, Michael
Herrick, Robert M.
Maloney, Michael
Sams, Dennis M.
Westpheling, C. T.

Class of 1932
Sciple, Carl B.



The huge Kodak Colorama of parading Cadets makes a symbolic background for the U.S. Army Redstone missile on display in the Grand Central Station concourse. Nearly 8 million persons saw the West Point Colorama which was exhibited in the New York station for three weeks.

Class of 1933

Cairns, Robert B.
Downing, Harry E.
Due, William F., Jr.
Evans, Alexander
Evans, John G.
Henderson, George
Lane, Thomas F.
Solomon, John K.

Class of 1934

Lardin, Harry E.
Shuck, Jack W.
Stuart, A. J., 3d

Class of 1935

Boys, Richard C.
Glass, Robert R.
Moore, Thomas J.
Neiger, John J., 3d
Strauss, Robert H.

Class of 1936

Gillespie, Frank
Goldtrap, John W.
Heintges, John A.
Heister, David W.
Powell, Beverly
Swain, Charles M.

Turnage, John O.

Walker, Fred L., 3d

Class of 1937

Richards, L. A.
Sollohub, Charles
Van Volkenburgh, Robert H., III

Class of 1938

Brown, Bruce K.
Brown, Harvey L.
Brown, Henry T., Jr.
Chambers, Barton
Ekman, Michael E.
Scott, James A., 3d

CADET CHAPEL SPEAKERS 1957 - 1958

17 November 1957

Dr. Elton Trueblood
Professor, Earlham College
Richmond, Indiana

15 December 1957

The Rev. Billy Graham
Montreat, North Carolina

26 January 1958

The Rev. Theodore Speers, D. D.
Central Presbyterian Church
New York, N. Y.

9 February 1958

Mr. Walter ("Red") Barber
Scarborough, N. Y.

9 March 1958

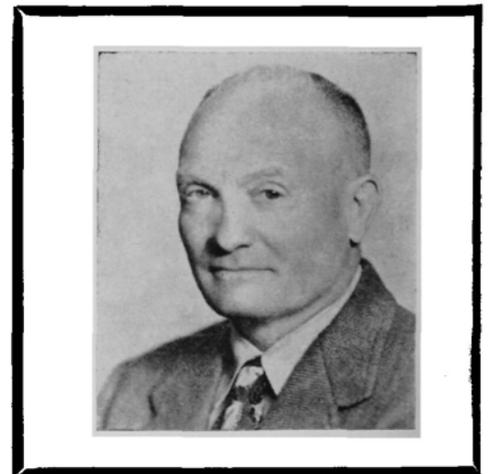
The Very Rev. E. N. Porter Goff
Provost of Portsmouth
Portsmouth Cathedral
Portsmouth, England

20 April 1958

Chaplain (Capt.) Fred D. Bennett,
USN
United States Naval Academy
Annapolis, Maryland

11 May 1958

The Rev. William G. Pollard, Ph.D.
Director, Oak Ridge Institute of Nu-
clear Studies.
Oak Ridge, Tennessee



Roland Bevan, 69, athletics trainer at USMA since 1940, died in a Dayton, Ohio, hospital on August 16 after an eight weeks illness.

A graduate of Ohio Northern University, "Rollie" achieved national fame as trainer for the West Point football team.

He coached at Steele High School in Dayton from 1917 to 1924 and later coached at Rayen High School in Youngstown and at Woodward High School in Toledo, Ohio. In 1934 he joined the staff of Earl Blaik, then coach at Dartmouth. When Blaik accepted the West Point coaching post, Bevan accompanied him here.

He was honored in 1942 by the Touch-down Club of New York as "Man of the Year" in College football.

"Rollie" trained the Cadets again last Fall and as was his custom, returned to his rural home near Waynesville, Ohio, to pass the Winter and wait for another football season.

Survivors include his widow, Harriett; a step-son, Robert J. Haas, North Ridge, California; and a brother, Delbert, of Dayton.

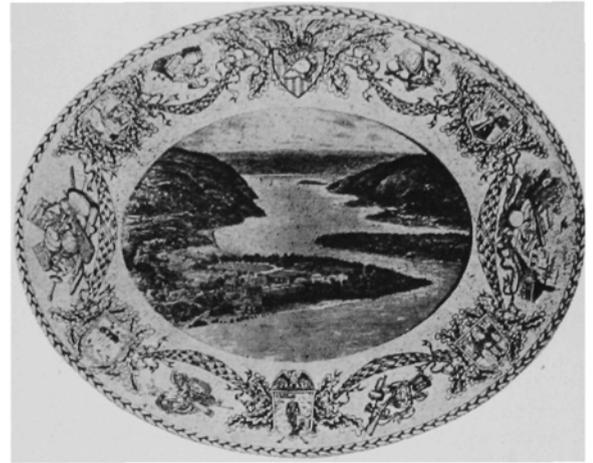
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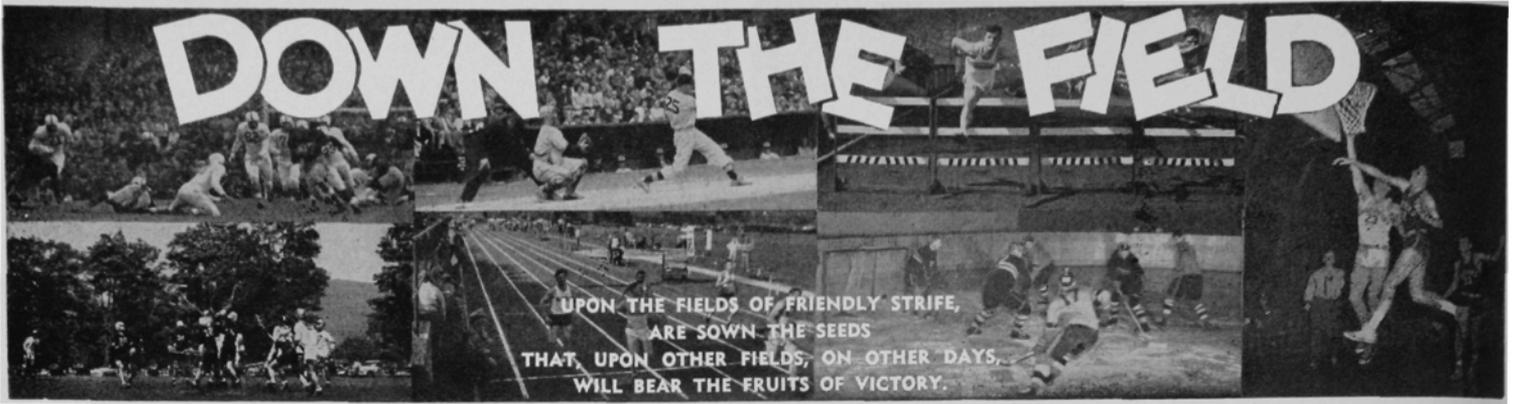
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By Joe Cahill

Army was conspicuous by its absence in the top 20 teams in the pre-season National ranking released by the Associated Press. The same poll was interesting for another reason. Pittsburgh, Penn State, Notre Dame and Navy were included.

The implications are quite obvious. The Black Knights do not figure, in the eyes of the experts, to be up to par. By the same token, it is just as clear that the schedule, of which the four teams mentioned above are included, shapes up as possibly the most difficult in modern history.

At the time of this writing which is less than a week before the season's opener with Nebraska at Michie Stadium the ball has been taking some peculiar bounces. The Panthers of Pittsburgh, undoubtedly one of the fine teams in the country, was solidly trounced by incomparable Oklahoma. Nebraska, likewise, was thoroughly outclassed by Washington State, admittedly on the upswing after several sparse seasons. Navy needs no excuses. The Mid-dies, bigger and stronger and more impressive than last Fall, ran roughshod over Boston College.

From these early season surprises it appears that undefeated teams are going to be scarcer than ever. It also looks as though a particular team cannot be judged on an occasional poor showing. This is what we must guard against in trying to analyze the Black Knights. It is the type of team that could either surprise any of

the ranking teams on a given Saturday, or, on the other hand, could find the going mighty rugged.

We base this conclusion after four weeks of viewing the squad in practice and in one pre-season scrimmage with Syracuse. The Cadets, at this writing, have not jelled. They have yet to demonstrate a sharp, cohesive attack, and have, on occasion been weak on defense. This may be good in the over-all picture. For one thing Coach Earl Blaik, now in his 17th season at the helm, has had no reason to point the team for any special workout. A sound strategist and fundamentalist, the veteran mentor is drilling the squad relentlessly in the various phases of the game. The calendar has not called for anything close to a peak effort.

This is a green team in most respects. The line in particular has been especially hard pressed. Only two regulars are back in the fold. While it appears that an adequate first line can be molded, the prime problem lies in the development of a relief unit so necessary to maintain the tempo of the game today.

The 40 man squad represents about as small a group in numbers as a major college team can have and expect to successfully cope with a tough nine game schedule. On the contrary the group, though small in actual numbers, is considerably over par in the poundage department as Army teams go. The starting line figures to weigh in at a 210 pound

average, and the backs are, comparatively speaking, on the large size, too, with a 185 pound mean.

Jim Kernan, Captain, center and line-backer, is the key man in the forward wall. He along with Stan Slater, guard, are the two returning regulars around whom Blaik and his staff are rebuilding the line. Kernan is a fine leader both on and off the field and holds the high rank of cadet captain in the Corps. Slater has performed well at guard the past two seasons as a starter and this should be his big year. He is being tabbed as a possible all-American. A knee operation hampered his early season conditioning, but he should be in top form before the season progresses very far.

The ends appear to be the best manned position on the squad. To start with, Bill Graf and Dick Warner, a pair of lettermen, are back. Behind them are two excellent yearling performers, Don Usry and Bill Carpenter. Carpenter will not appear in the lineup until this copy has reached your home. He has been sidelined since the last week in August with a severe ankle injury resulting from a jeep accident at Camp Buckner.

Main worry to the coaching staff is at tackle. Fred Wilmoth, 240 pounds, and Bill Melnik, 230 pounds, combine in giving Army the biggest pair of tackles in memory. Wilmoth was a substitute last Fall, and Melnik, though a firstie, has not played more than a few minutes of varsity ball because of injuries. Behind these men are Chuck Millick, a converted fourth string end, and Maurice Hilliard, who saw little, if any, action last Fall. So you can readily understand the coaching staff's apprehension here.

At guard the situation is bright. Bill Rowe, a second string tackle, has been moved in as a running mate to Slater. Rowe is a rugged competitor and leaves little to be desired. However, like Slater, he has a questionable condition in his knee. Hurt at the outset of practice this Fall, he was still limping at this writing and it is hoped that his progress will not be impeded by the injured ligaments. Behind the regulars are Chuck Lytle and Bob Novogratz. Lytle played some last

General MacArthur joins Coach Blaik and Captain Jim Kernan on bench during pre-season scrimmage game with Syracuse at Michie Stadium.



Fall. Novogratz, however, did not play football at any level a year ago, but has proved himself a fine competitor and has the potential once he gains the necessary experience.

Dave Bourland, a first classman from El Paso, is virtually in the indispensable class at quarterback. The only signal caller with any game experience on the squad, he must carry the burden and the entire attack is necessarily being constructed around him. He is a better than adequate passer, a talented ball handler, and has savvy. What he needs most is some breaks in tight games to enable him to gain a file in the confidence department. Behind Bourland, the story is one of chaos. Joe Caldwell, Jim Douglas and Bob Rudesill, a trio of yearlings, are in a scramble and it is a case of take your pick. Looking ahead two years, it appears that Caldwell, though a scrawny 160 pounds, has the edge. His passing has impressed, but he is weak on fundamentals and, like the others, is by no means ready. All three will be brought along cautiously, and in all probability will be utilized only in spots where the responsibility is not great.

We now come to the brightest spot of the squad. We are fairly well set in depth, size and ability at halfback and fullback. Lettermen from last year who are certain to be heard from are halfbacks Mike Morales, Gil Roesler, and fullbacks Vince Barta and Harry Walters. Newcomers from the Plebes are Bob Anderson and Steve Waldrop, a pair of competent halfbacks. Pete Dawkins, a second classman, was a low ranking sub halfback last year, but in view of sterling Spring practice and pre-season performances has all but captured the starting right halfback job. Anderson has also been given the stamp of approval, and at this writing, is the only yearling in the starting lineup at left halfback.

As we said earlier there is little that we have to go on. This report is being based on practice sessions exclusively. The only workout resembling a game was a scrimmage with Syracuse in Michie Stadium two weeks before the opener. The Orange won out getting two touchdowns on long passes while we were unable to score.

It is only fair to point out, however, that a greater effort was placed on testing the squad than on winning by the Army coaching staff. With due respect to Syracuse, the workout was fruitful to the Army, and it is to be doubted that the Orange would fare as well later in the season. The Cadet line showed power and promise, limiting the Syracuse running attack to less than 100 yards for the afternoon. In another interesting statistic, the Black Knights more than doubled the rushing yardage. Only two lapses in pass defense enabled Syracuse to register touchdowns.

There is no doubt that Army has its hands full with the type of schedule it



The USMA coaching staff whose Army team launched the 1957 football season with a 42-0 victory over Nebraska. Left to right are: Front—Dale Hall, Dick Voris, Barney Gill, Frank Lauterbur. Back—Gil Stephenson, Chuck Gottfried, Earl Blaik, Tom Harp.

faces. Nebraska, Penn State, Notre Dame and Pittsburgh on the first four Saturdays makes an early peak mandatory with no chance to taper off until well along in mid-season. With its lack of experience, this squad would, it seems, be better off to be playing the middle four in early season rising gradually then to the titans.

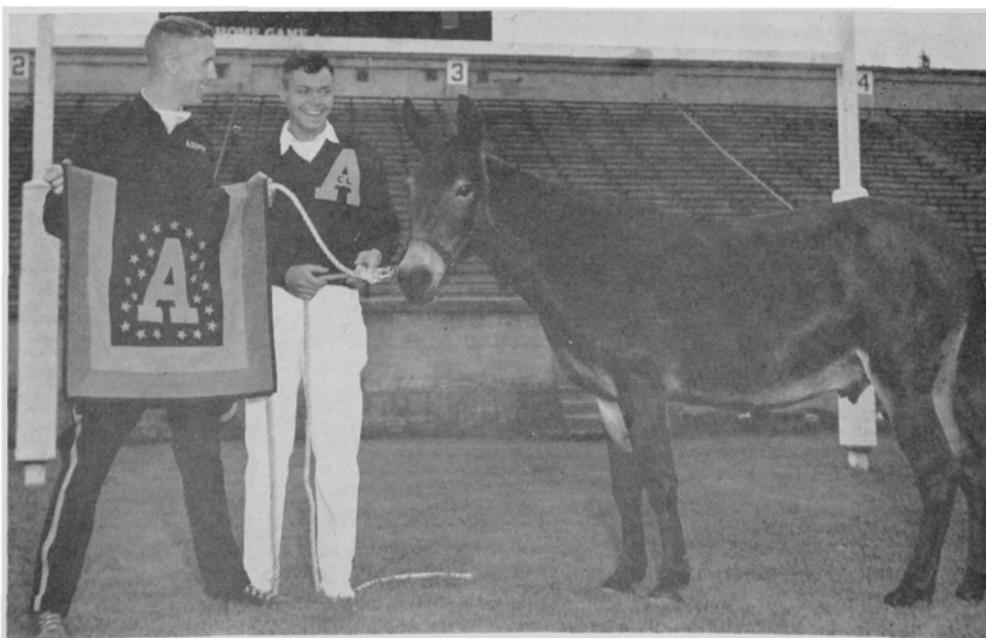
Coach Blaik insists that the squad is facing each team week-to-week, with no particular emphasis on the renewal with Notre Dame at Philadelphia's mammoth Municipal Stadium. The response of the public has been quite to the contrary. The ticket sale has been heavy and the largest crowd ever to witness the historical rivalry is a certainty. With only some 10,000 tickets left at this writing, a capacity crowd of nearly 98,000 will be on hand when the Corps of Cadets parade into the Stadium on October 12th. For the information of those in the East who cannot attend in person, the game will be

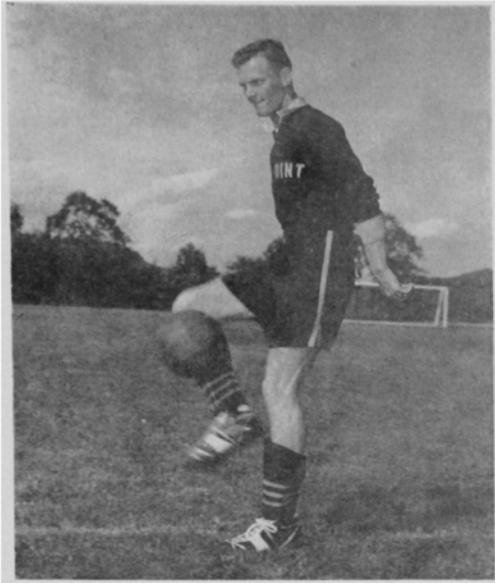
televised regionally over the facilities of the National Broadcasting Company.

TWO NEW ARMY MULES AT WEST POINT

The Corps of Cadets will soon have two new Army mules at West Point. One, tentatively named "K. C. Mo", recently was presented to the Cadets by Mr. James Parker of Kansas City, Mo.

Standing nearly 12 hands, this mule eventually will replace Pancho, one of two football team mascots now in service here. "K. C. Mo", a five-year old male mule, is similar in appearance to Pancho. He is shown in the photo above with Cadet Mike Davall, Washington, D. C., (left) and Cadet Vern Stilson, Birmingham, Michigan, who are the mascot riders.





Soccer Captain Bob Puff...

Another Army mule called "Trotter" is enroute to West Point from Colorado Springs, with a great deal of fanfare, to be given to the Corps of Cadets in a brief half-time ceremony at the Army-Nebraska football game on September 28.

"Trotter", an 11-year old gelding who stands over 14 hands, will replace Hannibal, the other Army mascot. He is being given to the Corps by the Colorado Springs Rodeo Association of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

TEN LETTERMEN ON HAND FOR SOCCER

With lettermen in ten positions, the varsity soccer team seems to have a good chance of improving upon last year's records of three wins, five defeats and two ties. The first hurdle in this improvement will be faced on Clinton Field next Friday afternoon when the Cadets attempt to avenge last Fall's 4 to 1 loss to Ithaca College.

A year ago, ineligibility and a resignation cost this major sport three key men, including the Captain-elect, before the season opened. These losses and some injuries, left the lineup in a state of flux throughout the campaign. The '56 team never really jelled.

It's a different story this Fall. There have been no serious injuries during three weeks of hard practice, and Army is going to be able to field an almost completely veteran lineup. The varsity played a practice game last Saturday against a club team from Patterson, New Jersey, and Coach Kress felt that in general the team already looked better than it did against Navy in last year's finale.

The starting forward line is composed of five first-classmen. Captain Bob Puff leads this group from inside right, with

Corky Henninger at center and Juan Vilanes at inside left. Tom Carpenter, who was the starting center forward last year, has been shifted to this important and tiring position.

Army claims a pair of veteran wings with Les Gibbings on the left side and Billy Morrison on the right. Both these men played a key role in a number of long crossing plays during the first half of last Saturday's practice game.

At this stage, the defense doesn't appear to be as strong as the offense. A number of experienced backs are in the lineup however, and goalie Fred Manzo is considered by many observers to be one of the best in the East.

Hank Watson, the only yearling on the first team, should become a good fullback with some game experience. First-classmen Hank Gardner and Charlie Miller are in a tight battle for the other starting fullback berth.

Center halfback Charlie Oxrieder plays in the middle of Army's three-back defense. Lettermen Bill Roosma and Ray Baugh round out the starting halfback line.

Top reserves are halfbacks George Robertson, Jim Bishop, and Pete Kullavanijaya, all first-classmen, and yearling forward Lee Farmelo.

The ten game schedule includes many of the leading soccer powers in the country, but John Kress is more optimistic than he's been at any time since he became head coach in 1955.

The varsity lost its opener to always-powerful Ithaca 2-0. Army Plebes won over Ithaca's Freshmen 3-2 in an overtime.

YEARLINGS KEY TO HARRIERS SUCCESS

"If the yearlings develop quickly, we'll have a good cross country team." This statement by Coach Carl Crowell could be the story of this year's Army harriers.

Although last Fall's Plebe team lost only one meet, the move up to varsity competition will be tough. Besides the obvious fact that the opposition will be stronger than the schoolboy and college freshmen runners who were beaten last year, the varsity course covers five miles as compared to the three-mile Plebe path.

Dick Healy and Bill Hanne head the strong yearling group, and both have shown well in time trials. Crowell predicts that both of these men will be able to run with the best in the East before they graduate in 1960.



Jerry Lewis—Cross Country...

Dick Greene, Max Rumbaugh, Gene Wilson, Davis Tarr and Jimmy Powers all scored in Plebe meets, and are now top varsity contenders behind Healy and Hanne.

Captain Jerry Lewis is the only first-classman who should be a consistent scorer. He finished among the leaders in several meets last Fall, and alternated with the departed Steve Quatannens as Army's top man.

The squad's depth may depend on the performance of a number of second-classmen who were on the team last year and gained much needed competitive experience as distance men on the varsity track team.

Dave Carroll heads this group and could push Lewis and the top yearlings. Jim Abrahamson, Jim Adams, Dick Bennett and Pete Foster have also shown well at times and have the experience which is lacking with the third-classmen.

The key to success, however, rests with the yearling group: These men chalked up an opening 25-30 victory over a Manhattan squad, while the Plebes lost to the Manhattan freshmen, 16-46.

Coach Crowell views the over-all picture with a degree of optimism. While he expects the squad to start slowly, he hopes that the needed experience will have been gained by November. The mentor even feels that Army has a good chance of equalling or bettering last year's third place in the Heptagonal Championships.



Dave Bourland, '58—185 pound Back...



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DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE DECEMBER 1, 1957

1895

The death of our esteemed classmate, August Nissen, has reduced the survivors to a mere octogenarian quartet who now are all in normal health. "Daddy" Herron's most recent birthday anniversary finds him a venerable but active 88.

Mrs. White is now with her son Colonel Daniel B. White at Griffiss Air Force Base. Although she has had a prolonged illness she now is holding her own. Her daughter, formerly Mrs. Necrason, was married again last January to Mr. Peter W. Bennet, a grandson of General John Bennet, '91, classmate of Artie White's brother George.

A fall caused Rose Darrah a broken hip, dislocated shoulder, four months hospitalization and three operations before a successful mend. She expects to discard her cane soon and reports two new great-grandsons. Present score: six grandchildren, three great-grandsons.

Except for arthritis, which compels Zinia Sturtevant to use a cane, she is very well. Katrina Schulz's whole family of 15 is flourishing. She says, "Lucky me! Hip fully mended and driving my car again!" Nellie Richardson also reports a grand slam of good health for herself and family. Estelle Simmons and son, Taylor, are both well since Estelle's recovery from an eye operation last December. Mrs. Smith and Gloria Pearce are in fair health. Bertha Bash, Jane McGrew, Ethel M. Dwyer, and Susanna Charles complete the reports of health and well-being of our class widows.

—Perry L. Miles.

1899

Merry has been in Washington this Summer indulging in the favorite sport of most octogenarians — inspecting grandchildren! His charming daughter, Mary Francis Perkins, and her Air Force husband are in

the city temporarily. William Topping still shakes a nimble foot and says he hopes the final trump will catch him doing just that! Herron has also been inspecting grandchildren, at Carlisle Barracks and on Cape Cod. At Carlisle Barracks he has a new granddaughter, who is just 80 years and three months younger than is he! At West Point he climbed again to Fort Putnam but discreetly turned his back on Cro's Nest, the hiking Mecca of other days. In Vermont he conferred with Kromer, who reports a good Summer except for one bad cold. Leon still thinks that he bakes the best bread in the State!

The many friends of Cowan, who departed this life in June of this year, will be glad to know that altho his heart attack of 15 years ago was severe, he was able to live on serenely and happily in his books and friends and the companionship of the fine wife of his youth, Emily, and that he never lost his delightful buoyancy and sparkle. Emily is staying on at the Kennedy-Warren and the son Jim and his family are in Philadelphia.

—C. D. Herron,
7611 Fairfax Road,
Bethesda 14, Maryland.

1901

June Week the Class was represented by Billy Tidball, Bobby Beck and Bev Browne. Class luncheons at the Army and Navy Club, Washington, regular each Wednesday since World War I, are still attended by West, Kent, Dent, Jordan, Beck, with Browne attending about once a month.

George and Alice Spalding still well and happy with a great-granddaughter at Bradenton.

Bettison in fine shape—was at the Browne's 50th wedding anniversary along with Dent, West, Beck and other old timers.

We did not see Frank Lahm when he was

East for the Air Service anniversary. I believe he and Grace have fully recovered from their rather serious automobile accident.

Hear from the Larkins in California and the Maguires in Arizona—all in pretty good shape—I may go out to check up on Mollie and Sylvia in October.

A wire from Johnnie Pearson says "appetite good for both food and drink—and morals beyond reproach".

Sherrill is not well but is better than he has been.

Abe Cooley says he sometimes feels older but friends insist he looks younger.

Willing planned to be at West Point in June but absence of son (B.G.) (chauffeur) prevented. He is pretty well.

Have also had letters or cards from Dinsmore, Tidball, Roth and Shinkle.

—Beverly F. Browne.
Druid Hill, Front Royal, Virginia.

1902

We are shocked to hear that Gilbert Stewart is gone. He passed peacefully away, from bronchial pneumonia, August 4 at the Saint Albans Naval Hospital, Staten Island, New York, and is sleeping at West Point, close by the Alma Mater he loved so well. His classmates who are left, knowing his worth from boyhood and appreciating his comradeship, share the family's deepest sorrow.

Pat Foley is convalescing among the Douglas firs on the lake shore of his Tacoma home.

Count Valliant is himself again and drove from his Virginia country place into Washington to attend our August Class Luncheon at the Army and Navy Club.

The Longleys have spent a delightful Summer with their children and grandchildren, sharing their Cape Cod gardens with two young families from Albany and Houston.

The Pegrams have just returned from a year in Spain and Italy. We hope that they may now appreciate better the land where the air is full of sunshine and the flag is full of stars.

—William W. Edwards,
6969 Greenvale Street,
Washington 15, D. C.

1903

Next June will be the 55th Anniversary of our graduation from the USMA! This anniversary comes only once in a lifetime so begin planning now to attend.

Our Class Committee met at the Army and Navy Club in Washington on June 11, with Rose presiding and Farnum, Rodney and Lynn, Pope, Schley and Cocheu present, the last three by special invitation so the Committee might benefit by their wisdom and experience. After full discussion and mature consideration, it was decided:

That (1) there would be no dinner in New York the evening before the reunion; (2) no special dress would be prescribed, but arm-bands with the class year would be issued to those attending; (3) the reunion dinner would be at the officers' mess as usual; (4) no organized entertainment, such as the showing of slides, etc., would be attempted, but every one attending would be requested to bring along any old photographs or other mementos to be passed around as "visual aids" to the recollection of old times; (5) some foregathering of classmates and wives and guests would be planned, probably for Saturday evening; (6) members of the Class are asked to make a contribution to the Class Fund of anywhere from \$5 to \$50; and finally that (7) a memorandum would be issued to all individual members asking whether they would attend or not, whether accompanied by their wives or other members of the family or guests, and giving full information about public transportation to West Point (buses seem to be the most convenient) and about hotel and motel accommodations for wives and guests.

Some time at the meeting was devoted to the discussion of ways of obtaining more information about the doings of members of the Class for publication in ASSEMBLY, and whether it would be advisable to abandon the Class Committee organization and go back to the election of officers (president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and editor) at the class reunion. As far as this reporter has been able to ascertain no decision was reached on this latter subject, but it is suggested that anyone wishing to run for president or any other elective position immediately register the fact with our Class Chairman, Rose, while the field is still open and too many candidates have not yet organized their election campaigns.

For the Roses the Class Committee meeting was but a good reason for a stop-over on a fairly extended tour that took in Boston, Cape Cod, Landsdown and Lancaster.

The Bradenton Herald of August 6 announced the return of Max and Mrs. Tyler from a visit to Lake George and the Adirondacks with his son, Lieutenant Colonel Max C. Tyler and his family, who were en route to San Francisco and Japan.

The "Eph" Grahams celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary and "Eph's" 76th birthday in San Antonio with a dinner party on August 10. The guests included our own "Mud Turtle" and his Maida, Colonel and Mrs. Arthur E. Wilbourn (1908), Colonel Edgar W. Taubee (1910), the Graham's daughter, Mrs. Helen Monroe, and the latter's lovely young daughter, Madeline, whose excellent manners made quite an impression on our not very susceptible reporter.

By telegram from Howze came the sad

news that "Billy" Nichols had died in the Yellowstone National Park on Tuesday evening, August 6. I am sure that his surviving classmates all join in deepest sympathy for his family. We have the fondest recollections of him as a cadet, and much respect for his high character and intelligence. Any information about him that might be helpful in the preparation of his biography should be sent to our Committee Chairman, William H. Rose, or to the undersigned.

—U. S. Grant, 3rd,
1135 21st Street, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

1904

Ellen and Bill Bryden dropped in recently on the Nick Carters at their comfortable and attractive place at Shelter Harbor, Westerly, Rhode Island, and found all well in spite of a stroke of lightning that, a short time before, had started a fire in the second story of the house but which was promptly extinguished by the local fire department.

Joint ceremonies of interest to old Field Artillerymen and to 1904 were held at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and Chillicothe, Ohio, on May 30, 1957. Brigadier General Joshua W. Sill, a native of Chillicothe and in memory of whom Fort Sill was named, was killed on December 31, 1862, at the battle of Stone River while leading a charge of one of General Sheridan's brigades. On Memorial Day 1957, while a bronze plaque was being unveiled at General Sill's grave in Grandview Cemetery in Chillicothe, a granite shaft in his memory was being dedicated on the site of the headquarters flagpole of old Fort Sill. At Chillicothe, under the guidance of McKell (1904) as M.C., the ceremony included a tape recording of greetings from Major General T. E. deShazo, Commanding General at Fort Sill; a dedicatory address by Brigadier General R. R. Mace as General deShazo's representative; the unveiling of the plaque by General Mace, a native of Chillicothe, and Mrs. M. L. Johnston, a grandniece of General Sill; music by the Mt. Vernon Drum and Fife Corps; a flight of six Army Airplanes, and attendance by many dignitaries.

The Moodys have another great grandson, John Barclay Egbert. No further details.

It has just been learned that W. F. L. Simpson's widow died some five years ago.

A letter from Gimperling in Denver tells the sad news of Ralph Ward's death on July 28, 1957 at the Fitzsimons General Hospital after a series of strokes. Burial was at the Fort Logan National Cemetery. Mrs. Ward expects to remain at their home at 1785 Kearney St., Denver 20, Colorado, and enjoy the garden that Ralph worked so hard to keep in shape. In Ward's passing we have lost a good friend and classmate.

—William Bryden,
Old Black Point,
Niantic, Connecticut.

1905

Good news from the Cases! Casey reports that he is doing as well as can be expected but still goes out to Walter Reed for tests. Mary has found relief from her bursitis.

Clifford and Harriet Early had a very enjoyable automobile trip around Virginia in May and June visiting relatives, old friends and familiar places. Last March Clifford addressed the West Point Society of Atlanta for the Founders Day Dinner.

Last June William B. Phillips of Rocky Mount, North Carolina, the only grandson of Phil Kiehl, was graduated from the Harvard University Graduate School of Business

Administration. He is now fulfilling his military obligation. Upon completion he will be located with an investment company in Charlotte, North Carolina.

—N. F. Ramsey,
R.D. No. 1, Box 211,
Dover, New Jersey.

1906

May 6, 1942. Wainwright to Roosevelt: "With broken heart and head bowed in sadness but not in shame . . . with profound regret and with continued pride in my gallant troops, I go to meet the Japanese commander."

May 6, 1942. Roosevelt to Wainwright: "You and your devoted followers have become the living symbol of our war aims and the guarantee of our victory."

Fifteen years ago. Remember. 1906 will not forget.

Russ Downing reminds us that a year ago, Fred, Jr., a distinguished Albany editor, died at the top of his career and that his sister, Frances, a cum laude graduate of Radcliffe, lives with her Harvard husband and two children in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Daniel George Daley, born in Bamberg, Germany, on May 21, made Mick a great-grandfather for the third time. And Jack Daley's cadet son drew a slug in May that lasted through graduation, keeping Mick away.

A. L. P. Sands, at Ventnor, New Jersey, lives a block from the Atlantic City boardwalk and praises the climate as superior. I expect to see him soon. Remember that V.P.I. game in 1905 when Carpenter beat us with his peppy team 14 to 6. As field captain that day, I wrote an appreciation of Carpenter for the Hall of Fame and with other papers, he made it. Being invited to the V.P.I. celebration, I declined, asking Fredericka Williford who is living there, be substituted, giving rise to a delightful correspondence with Fredericka in the center of it.

Johnny Pratt and his wife Alice are baby sitting for son-in-law and daughter while they roam Europe for the Summer. He and Alice are well and happy. Johnny and Josephine Johnson, along with the local fine group that we found here, had dinner with us last month and what a gay time we had! Both are fine this Summer.

Phil Mathews and sister Ann had the McFarlands to lunch lately in Washington. Phil is still active in the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Press Club and the brokers office. Earl and Edith McFarland, beating the Washington heat with a new air condition unit, report Earl, Jr., and family at Blue Ridge Summit and Mary Ann in Alexandria with hers. Jim and Gene Riley changing from Upper Shin Pond, Maine, back to Fiddle Pond, Connecticut, in late August to meet daughter Betty and son-in-law, Jim Shaw, returning from duty in Holland and Billy and Rosaly, son and daughter-in-law, returning from European honeymoon. Jim resided at Association of Graduates luncheon meeting, relieving President Crittenger, while he was being considered for re-election. "Critt" made it. We are all proud of his leadership.

The Fentons had the McFarlands as house guests and Jim Riley, McKew Parr, DeRussy Hoyle and "John" Danford as luncheon guests during June week. Hap Pennell, just back at Sill from Lake Lure, North Carolina, reports one child in Greece and another enroute to Japan, and Norma and he needing a chaperon at home. He plays three times a week, just nine holes, and still writes a readable hand. George and Christine Morrow are at High Hampton, planning to attend the Army-Navy game with three

grandsons. The Johnsons, Mettlers and Morrows rendezvous soon. Elizabeth and I sold Hoonanea, driving 1,600 hot miles down and back in July heat to finalize, but clouds and rain tempered the heat much of the way. Our new address in November, 4501 Prairie Ave., Miami Beach, Florida. Johnny Andrews is back from a long South American tour and will be at the Bath Club this winter. Be careful now. Take your antibiotics and be fit for 1961.

—Charles G. Mettler,
8 Boxwood Lane,
Asheville, North Carolina.

1907

Early in July the Martins sailed for London where Sunny Jim attended the meeting of the American Bar Association of which he is a prominent and highly respected member. In a photograph published in Life magazine he appears in a group listening to a speech being given by our Attorney General, Mr. Brownell. Following the meeting, he and Thelma visited Holland, Germany, Belgium, Switzerland and France. They especially enjoyed Switzerland and spent four days in Paris before sailing for home on the Queen Mary on August 15. They were gone five weeks and had a most interesting and enjoyable time.

We received a post card from Charley and Marion Wyman from Elsinore, Denmark, the scene of Shakespeare's Hamlet. They had a most delightful tour of western Europe even though it rained all the time they were in Paris. On the Rue de l'Opera they ran into Marjorie O'Connor who was staying at a pension near Paris.

Bob Glassburn reported that after careful study and reconnaissance they had decided to locate in Clearwater, Florida, and that their new house was now under construction. They hope to get into it by the first of December and in the meantime their address will be 7511 Bayshore Drive, Tampa Bay Gardens, McDill Air Force Base, Tampa 8, Florida. They have seen quite a little of the Wheelers, have had occasional glimpses of the Eastmans, but have not yet caught up with the Ganoes.

Roger Alexander is comfortably settled in a furnished apartment at the William Penn Hotel, Whittier, California, only 15 minutes from the home of Roger, Jr. and 45 minutes from his brother's place.

A class luncheon was held in Washington in July with the following present: Sullivan, Harris, Gutensohn, Drain, Wood, Ruthertford, Collins, Castle and Larned. Paul reported that McNeil had given up active work as consultant at the Pentagon and that Jim Laubach wants to reassure those who, at the reunion, were apprehensive regarding the health of the Class tree. Jim's former Chief Forester has given it expert attention and it is now in excellent condition.

John Jenkins' new address is La Salle Hotel, 1028 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C., not far from the Army Navy Club.

Those attending the class dinner will recall the messages which Ben Castle had received from classmates unable to be present. We asked Ben to let us look them over for items of interest and it is unfortunate that space will not permit their publication. Messages from Alexander M. Maish, Class of 1944, and David B. Garrison, Class of 1948, both sons of 1907, were especially appreciated.

Russell Davis, a retired Colonel of Marines, received his early service in Peking, Haiti, Cuba and Santo Domingo.

Jim Steese just back from a 2,000 mile jaunt up the Amazon was off to the West Coast and from there to London to repre-

sent the government at an International Congress.

George Patten says that he has outlived the medicos and the members of the retiring board who blasted his military career but admits that deafness, cataract, a hernia and chronic asthma have slowed him down a bit.

We believe that Sandy Chilton expressed the feeling of the majority who were back for the reunion: "The whole reunion was a heart warming experience. I have never lost the feel of West Point, but I think it is the better for being refreshed from time to time. Only, this time, as I watched the line at parade and saw the flag go down into the green of the trees for what may well be the last time, the emotional stress was almost more than I could take."

—Hayden W. Wagner,
Balmville Road,
Newburgh, New York.

1908

Recent 1908 news has been almost nil and such items as are available for this ASSEMBLY are limited to the Washington contingent of the Class.

Washington Class luncheons have continued during the Summer, on the second Friday of the month, at the Army & Navy Club, with a steady attendance of from six to eight.

Lacey Hall and Mrs. Lacey have been spending the Summer vacationing in Rhode Island; they are expected back in the Capital City in early September. Clarence and Beth Sturdevant enjoyed a three-week trip during August, motoring to Eagle's Mere, Pennsylvania, and Ashtabula, Ohio, where they visited friends. Garrison made a recent visit to West Point. Hobley and Mrs. Hobley are hoping to make a trip to Colorado shortly, where they will visit their daughter who lives at Central City. Hobley reports a change in street number, his address now being 7113 Ridgewood Avenue, Chevy Chase, Maryland. This does not reflect an actual move of residence, the changed address being caused by a change in street numbering at Chevy Chase.

Spec Edgerton has completed a recent assignment as Executive Director of the President's Advisory Commission on Presidential Office Space. The Commission has submitted its report which now awaits legislative action to carry into effect the recommendations made.

It was pleasing to receive in June a fine biographical report from Dickinson, at Southern Pines, North Carolina, which will be duly entered in the Class files.

This is a good occasion to remind ourselves that next June will soon be here and with it our big 50th Anniversary Reunion. Every member of the Class who can must be there. Enter it on your calendar now, in Big Red Letters, and, come June, be sure that YOU will be there to answer the roll call of the Class.

Ed. Note: Report has been received of the death of General Everett Hughes, 4000 Cathedral Avenue, Washington, D. C., on September 5.

—J. W. N. S.,
3900 16th St. N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

1909

Jim Hill died last March 26 at Beaumont Army Hospital in El Paso, Texas. He had been retired in 1942 for physical disability and was hospitalized the last year of his life. He is survived by his widow Eileen and their three children: Aileen H.

(Mrs. Richard) Mettee of El Paso; James H., now with the Atomic Energy Commission at Los Alamos, New Mexico; Barbara, now living with her mother in El Paso. There are five grandchildren. Anyone having anecdotes or other material for inclusion in a biographical sketch is requested to mail same to the undersigned.

Barney Oldfield writes that Bertha is somewhat improved and that he is still enjoying his job at Boeing. His older son, with wife and three children, had visited them. His young son John "has just purchased a second hand sports car with money he has saved." Barney says that Ely Denson is in good health but that his wife Florence is still indisposed.

Carlin Stokely reports (via Doniat) that his broken arm is coming along well and that he expects to regain full use of it. Franz Doniat and his daughter Marjorie are living with his sister Joanna in the old family home in Chicago. He and Marjorie have been vacationing at their Summer cottage on Schroon Lake in the Adirondacks. A note from Delos Emmons to Rodney Roberts says: "Please tell George Van Deusen that I am fine and looking forward to June 1959."

—G. L. Van Deusen,
304 Fairhaven Road,
Fairhaven, New Jersey.

1910

News of the Class this Summer is mostly of everyday living. Joe and Gladys Leonard are at their Summer home, High Gables, West Winfield, New York. They write of a few auto trips, stopping off on one of them at Saratoga Springs for the races, and winning money. They return to Washington in November. Bo and Kay Lewis spent a pleasant weekend with the Leonards en route to Canada during the middle of August. Charlie and Lowell Hines are winding up the Summer with a trip to Pocasset, Massachusetts, near Cape Cod, to visit Lo's sister, Flo Carter.

The Class Luncheon on August 14 at the Army and Navy Club in Washington was well attended — seven out of a possible eleven. The girls foregathered also and five were there. All reported a good time. Mick Miles was with us, coming down on a business trip from Maine where his family is enjoying the Summer. A card from Sam Edelman at Cape May, New Jersey, tells of getting away from his affairs in Philadelphia and having a good rest at this resort.

Hazel Frank, Tony's wife, met with a very painful accident while on a recent trip to New York City. She missed a step in the hotel, fell and broke her wrist. Recovery has been slow but, we are glad to say, sure. Jim Muir was in town the other day. We had a good chat over the phone. He cordially invites us for a visit to his place, Muirland, near Easton, on Maryland's eastern shore.

Spec Wallace, much recovered from his long stay at Walter Reed Hospital has returned to his home at Fairmont, Stony Point, Virginia. Pappy and Gertrude Selleck are up at Lake Dunmore, Vermont, and enjoying the Summer as always. Pap catches a big fish frequently. "Daddy" Byars' son, Colonel David O., Jr., had the honor of graduating from the National War College last June.

In the "Back to School" category: Durward Wilson's grandson, Charles A. Kengla, Jr. (Johnny), enters M.I.T. as a junior in Engineering with a scholarship from William and Mary, Virginia. Charlie Hines' granddaughters, Betty and Marion Hines, will enter Holton Arms in Washington; and his grandson, Henry P. VanOrmer, Jr., will begin his junior year at Gettysburg College, Pennsylvania. Dan Torrey's granddaughter,

Eleanor Stuart Blue, will continue her course as a sophomore at the Madeira School, Virginia, and Snakey's grandson, Robert H. Dunlop, III, will enter Phillips Exeter Academy, New Hampshire.

Speaking of grandchildren, the Class has a new one, Lawrence Morrill, the third son born to Captain and Mrs. D. S. Wilson, Jr., on May 25, 1957 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. This one is Durward and Olive's seventh.

—Robert H. Dunlop.

3711 Reno Road, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

1911

(Inadvertently omitted from July ASSEMBLY—Ed.)

On June 15, 1907, 73 of us began our service. Crawford crossed the Hudson. Half-century later, as senior graduate present, he was Founders Day speaker at Benning; Wheeler returned from five months' Suez clearing; Mehaffey, from two-months' World Bank business, Argentina and Chile: "No politics!"; the Bradfords visited daughter Sally Peek and grandchildren in Florida; Blunt, recovered from second 1957 surgery at Walter Reed, foreswears racing gets new sailing 30-footer "Holiday" for hacking.

Six USMA '11, 17 USNA '11 lunched together in Washington in January. USNA '11 contributed 17 stalwarts to Army, notably Prince, "first officer KIA, WWI" (Ronan, USMA 1811, was first graduate KIA by Indians 1812.) 1911's first Major General, Herb Dargue, was first General to die, WWII: Enroute Hawaii, heading Pearl Harbor Investigation, he crashed in California's High Sierra on December 12, 1941. His body was found in May 1942. Mrs. Dargue died September '43, saved from knowing that her Dargue, USMA '43, after flying B17's from Britain for four months was to be shot down near Berlin in October '44, to survive as POW. Major Donald S. Dargue, AM, HQ, SAC, lives in Omaha with wife and seven-year-old daughter.

At Offutt also his classmates A. J. Bowley, DFC, 3 AM; Freeman W. Bowley, Jr., DFC, 4 AM. (Captain William T. Bowley, AF, DFC, AM, USMA '46, on staff USMA.) Other 1911 sons, USMA '43: John P. Lucas, Jr., Inf., 2 BSM, Robert W. Clark, Jr., Art., BSM, AM, CR; and David B. Conard, Engrs., 2 BSM. Another Conard son, Jim (Thanks), was KIA, Germany 1945. Our Artie sired six, with 13 grandchildren; two will be at Wellesley this Fall, one a senior; daughters of Kathlene Heinlein.

H. H. C.'s daughter, Dr. Landonia Richards Gettell, is now First Lady at Holyoke College, her distinguished husband being its new president. Harrison, Jr., VMT '41, EE, Wright AB, WWII, helped make first Fairchild bomber. Effie's daughter, true AF blue, married Lieutenant Colonel J. A. King, Brookley AFB, Alabama: "Five daughters, 14 to ½!"

Anna Lee Surles Waller, 2022 Columbia Rd., N.W., Washington, reports that Colonel A. D., Jr., Infantry, USMA '37, top C of S Hawaii, is "Very like Alex"; that his son, Thomas Bryden, 15, is "true Surles-type athlete and West Point-bound"

Thomas Jonathan Jackson Christian, Jr., USMA '39, 2 DFC, SS, 4 AM, PH, kinsman of immortal TJJ, USMA 1845, was killed over Arras August '44; Colonel commanding 62d Fighter Group at 28; leaving a daughter now 13, and sister Marguerite Schwark, St. Petersburg, and two nephews. His father, our Jack, remarried in '48. His widow writes from 1922 Lakewood Circle, Jacksonville, of 1911's youngest siblings: William and Virginia, born August '49; and TJJ II, August '52. USMA '73?

Another Class milestone: C.A.'s son, Colonel Charles Phelps Walker, Cav., BSM, CR, USMA '35, had enough years to retire and has settled at Chula Vista, California. "Two sons". Marjorie (Mrs. C. A.) lives 114 Crescent Ave., Louisville, Kentucky.

Y'all gone fishin' in Florida?

—James R. N. Weaver,
660 Menlo Oaks Drive,
Menlo Park, California.

The unexplained omission of the 1911 NOTES from July ASSEMBLY elicited enough concern solicitous or captious, to placate your correspondent; but the frustrated contributors obviously wanted to know before they gave again. Some items had just missed the April issue deadline; to meet the West Point deadline, California closing for airmail has to be five days before the date given in preceding REPORT. And that may not be enough. For the January ASSEMBLY please mail to 660 Menlo Oaks Drive, Menlo Park, California, by November 15.

Reference was made in July NOTES to Free Bowley's three Air Force sons. The youngest, Captain William T. Bowley, USMA '46, PIO at the Academy, died July 29 in an aircrash near Stewart AFB. But in May the youngest son of another of 1911 in the shadow Long Gray Line had been taken to New York by his mother, Eleanora Christian, for the unveiling in the Hall of Fame of the bust of Stonewall Jackson, USMA 1845. Inspired by the Cadet Choir there, TJJ II, aged five, now wears cadet gray tailored from our Jack's.

Margaret and Jimmy Crawford, in a month's motor trip, east and northeast, in lieu of their projected European tour, revisited Gettysburg. Jim hadn't been there since our cadet trip. Margaret in California August and September to the pleasure of Bay Area 1911. Ida May Holland, George's widow, now at RFD Fremont, New Hampshire. Lieutenant Colonel Elizabeth Hoisington (nom.), from G.S. HQ, Sixth Army to student C&GS College. Yielding to a difficulty of some standing, Tommy Lawrence has become a patient at the Sawtell VA Hospital, California.

Edward P. Lowry, Ex 1911, was killed 1930 while serving as Second Secretary, U.S. Embassy, Mexico City. Mrs. Lowry, House Director for Women, University of Illinois, reports son Edward (Yale) with Winchester Army, New Haven—research; a younger son, Jose, left University of Illinois for WW II, fought all over S.W. Pacific as a cavalryman, was graduated '48, rejoined for the Korean do, and left the Army as a Regular Captain last year.

Colonel Jas. R. Weaver, USMA '36, from Chief of Foreign Liaison and United Nations Division, J-2 HQ FEC, to PMS&T, University of Massachusetts, in July. The junior Weavers enroute from Tokyo spent a month with their elders on the West Coast.

—J. R. N. W.

1912

The 45th REUNION—This was covered by Colonel Snow but I would like to add my two cents worth. It was by far the best one I ever attended. Gar Davidson and his staff and the officials of the Association of Graduates extended every possible facility and courtesy. I have filed for future reference Swede Anderson's alibi for not coming. It was a masterpiece.

LUNCHEONS—The informal class luncheons at the A. N. Club, Washington, D. C., will continue as heretofore—12 noon on the second Wednesday of March, May, September and December—visiting firemen always welcome. The following wives have volunteered to serve as a committee to assist your class officials and to have occasional

get togethers: Maude Drake, Dorothy Malony, Gladys Thomas, Mary Littlejohn. They have scheduled luncheons for the wives, widows and daughters for the December '57 and May '58 luncheon dates—same time and place as the class luncheons.

HARMON—Alberta, widow of Millard F. Harmon, Jr., 1912, who was lost at sea February 1945, died August 9, 1957. Interment was at Arlington National Cemetery on August 16. She is survived by a daughter, Helen, wife of Major General Nazzaro, USAF, and a son Millard III. The Class of 1912 extends sympathy to them.

SULLIVAN—Had quite a siege in Letterman Hospital but now reports: "Returned from the hospital August 11. I am now feeling like a million. This ulcer and gall bladder was the cause of my not attending our 45th reunion. With best wishes to all the old geezers of 1912, 'Sully'."

CHYNOWETH—(The distinguished editor and publisher of BERKLEY PATROL) makes a special report to Charlie Drake, the Veep—"My alibi for not coming to reunion is that I was so dog-goned busy that I was just one jump ahead of the devil. Grace's convalescence (quite slow) has given me many added tasks. She can hobble on crutches. I think she will recover completely. Then I put on an act myself. My horse stumbled and fell in class, at a fast trot, threw me clear, fortunately, but I made a three point landing on my forehead, elbow and thigh; a four stitch cut over my eye and a concussion. I rode back to the stables but it left me dopey for a week. I am over it and have resumed my weekly rides. I did regret missing reunion. I had counted on going. From all sides I hear that it was fine. You gave me some advice concerning PATROL which I tried to follow in my last issue. I have no great illusions about it—sometimes wonder if I do any good at all. Many people speak enthusiastically about the job but they never show up to fight in Board meetings or PTA meetings. We have too much prosperity, tranquilizers and Security in this country. People just drift along while the socialists run the show. Our son Ed is with us. He resigned in July—could not find interest in the Army career in peacetime. He is a graduate student in the University of California taking engineering courses. My sister Mrs. Hobbs sends me occasional word of Red Crawford and Nancy. I was pleased to hear that you and John are to head up the Class. Good strong slate. You are both strong-headed so I hope that you do not find too much difficulty pulling in double harness. As a matter of fact, if there is one characteristic of 1912 it seems to me to be just that strong-headedness. Not a bad trait. Give our best to Maud and the rest of the 1912 gang. In my riding class there is a Mills College freshman from Tokyo. A cute little Japanese girl. One day the instructor said "Let go your reins—feet out of the stirrup—REST". The little Jap looked puzzled so I yelled 'Yashume'. She nearly fell off her horse. Keep up the old pep, Charlie. Yours, Chen."

—Robert M. Littlejohn.

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3603 Chevy Chase Lake Dr.,
Chevy Chase, Maryland.

1914

So much material has been collected, I'm wondering how I can compress it into our allotted space. Unfortunately, most of it is sad news for all of us. 1914 has been very hard hit these past two months, which have marked the death of four of our classmates, and of the wife of another. Phil Thurber, Jim Bradley, Runt Jernigan and Jack Thompson have answered the last roll call in this life. Each in his particular way

meant much to the Class, and to each of us individually. We shall miss them — their place in our midst cannot be filled. Many of you have already heard this news, but I will fill in a few details:

Only five days after Phil and Muriel Thurber returned from a very happy three-month vacation in Hawaii, Phil suffered a stroke from which he never recovered. He died of complications on July 4, and the funeral was in Seattle where, unfortunately, there were no classmates to attend. The final interment will be at the Thurber family plot in the Old National Cemetery in San Antonio, where a graveside service in memory of Phil will be held a few days after our return from Virginia Beach, Virginia. Earll and I are up here visiting our daughter, May Berry, and her family. I will write more about the service in the next class letter.

Jim Bradley, who formerly was in San Antonio, moved to Rolla, Missouri, several years ago, to be with his mother. As was his annual custom, Jim was visiting his daughter, Mrs. Conrad Walter, at her home in Lafayette, California, and he was in the swimming pool of the Walter home when he died of a heart attack. Touching and impressive funeral services were held at the Presidio of San Francisco, where Jim was buried beside his wife, Pauline, who passed away in 1949. Of the 12 honorary pallbearers there were six classmates: Cress, Ryan, Forbes, Herrick, Byrom and Febiger. I am indebted to Brigadier General Monroe, Tom's brother, for a very moving description of the services.

I suppose not many of us saw very much of Jernigan after he was retired in 1919, but we all fondly recall the gay, witty, and irrepressible little "Runt" who contributed so much to making those "four long years" pass more swiftly for 1914. Jernigan was recalled to active duty in World War II, and was commanding Sarasota A.F.B. as a Colonel when he completed his active duty in 1945. In 1950 he moved to Tampa, Florida, where he and his wife, Josephine, were living when he died on August 16. He had been ill for several years. Ham Houston, the only classmate living in Tampa, had just returned home from a four-month stay in the hospital; so no classmates could attend the funeral services at St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Tampa. Burial followed in Paris, Tennessee, where Jernigan was born.

When I flew up to Virginia Beach on August 21, I already knew of the deaths of these three classmates, but I could not know that I was to be shocked once more, as I was when I learned from Brand about Jack Thompson's passing. Jack and Nina had a beautiful home on the Eastern Shore at St. Michaels, Maryland. Several of our classmates have visited them and enjoyed their hospitality. Jack was at Cranberry Lake, New York, visiting Archie Arnold when he died on August 24 of a heart attack. Graveside services at Arlington National Cemetery were attended by the Fen Lewises, J. B. Anderson, Brand, the Bulls, Hannum, Hoge, Holcombe, the Ingles, Loomis, the Stanfords, and Susanne Byron.

Woodberry wrote me a long and interesting letter which I would like to include with this, but due to space limitations I will have to give it "top billing" in my next letter. One item of the letter I will include was the sad news of the death of a sweet and gracious lady, Mrs. Lynda Lampert, Pug's wife. She passed away on July 3, after a lingering illness of several months, in a hospital in Fletcher, North Carolina. She was buried in the churchyard of Calvary Episcopal Church in Fletcher.

I also heard from Clara about Tom Monroe's eyesight. It is still poor, but another operation is to be performed in November. I do hope it will be successful. Clara's letter also quoted Brigadier General H. M. Mon-

roe's account, to which I have already referred, of Jim Bradley's funeral at the Presidio. The Monroe's son, Thomas, Jr. (USMA '40), is a Lieutenant Colonel, stationed in Korea. His wife and daughter are living in Eureka, California, near Tom and Clara.

Jessie Lewis sent me a post card on August 1, saying that Cedric had a stroke on July 8 and had to be taken to the Veterans' Administration Hospital on Indian School Road in Phoenix. His left side is paralyzed and he will probably be in the hospital for months. Jessie is there with him. The hospital room is No. 17 in Ward One. I know they would be happy to hear from you.

Fred Herman writes that their daughter, Mary Rose, is in Pittsburgh, where her husband is employed in the U.S. District Engineer Office. They have three boys. Fred and Dorothy made a trip to Florida last Winter and en route saw Bobby and Mary Crawford in their beautiful home (with attached tax-paying orange grove) in Orlando; also the Viners (Mary is Joe's sister) and Margaret Hoskins.

During his trip East this Spring Jim Cress sent me the newspaper announcement of the engagement and approaching marriage of Camilla, daughter of the Jens Does, to Lieutenant Frank Richard Fahland, U.S. Navy. He is a Naval Academy graduate, Class of 1950, and is now stationed at the U.S. Navy Postgraduate School at Monterey, California. The wedding will take place on October 5, at All Saints' Episcopal Church of Carmel. Camilla is a beautiful and talented girl. Those of you who attended our 40th reunion saw her there. I hoped she was going to cast her lot with the Army, but the Navy won out.

Skimp Brand reports that Charley and Ella Gross attended the August class dinner in Washington. Haven't heard where they plan to settle down.

That's about all except for a few personal notes. As I mentioned earlier, Earll and I are visiting our daughter at Virginia Beach. Yesterday we three had a pleasant visit with Empie and Fern Potts in their beautiful old colonial home in Hampton, Virginia. I hadn't seen Empie since our graduation, but we picked up where we had left off, as classmates can always do. We had lunch with them at the Fort Monroe Beach Club, and saw the historic sights, or sites, of Hampton. Jim Cress had seen them during his trip East. Empie is U.S. Commissioner for the United States District Court, Eastern District of Virginia.

As to the San Antonio news—there's not much. Ike and Lillian Gill are in Jamestown, Rhode Island, and should be heading home about now. Amy Rees flew to the island of Aruba, to visit her son, Jack, and his family. He is an oil company official. The Adlers have vacationed for several weeks in Colorado. Evelyn Downs recently made a trip to Estes Park, Colorado. In October, she plans to travel through the eastern part of the United States, visiting relatives and friends.

I have already written more than I had planned — forgive me. And when you have any Class News, please take the time and trouble to write me.

—John Carruth,
241 Claywell Drive,
San Antonio, Texas.

1915

In case some of you "Old F — Fossils" failed to receive the notice mailed by our secretary August 16, I am informing you that the 1915 gift memorial will be completed, unveiled and formally presented to the Military Academy on the morning of November 2, 1957. The invocation will be

given by our good friend and classmate Ed Hartigan and the gift will be unveiled by none other than our own Mamie Eisenhower. Ike will kibitz with the rest of us.

The ceremony will be followed by a dress parade by the Corps of Cadets, a 1915 lunch at the West Point Mess and the Army-Colgate football game at Michie Stadium. Those planning to attend are asked to:

- Make their own travel and reservation plans
- Notify Det Ellis if they intend to be present at the ceremony and if they want lunch at the mess for themselves and their better half. (You don't have to bring mess kits).
- Procure their own football tickets and mark their application "for the 1915 group"

It is hoped that many classmates will be present at what promises to be a gala affair and an interim class reunion.

Dutch and Mary Aurand's daughter, Linda Anne, was married to William George Nelson IV on June 12 at Fort Myer, Virginia. Best wishes, young "uns".

Venus Small gave me this version of the bronze marking which was placed in the room Ike occupied as a plebe: "The bronze plate, marking the room where Ike lived as a plebe, was put in place just before June week this year in room 2644 (old 2044). The plate reads: 'President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Class of 1915, lived in this room in his Fourth Class Year'. You will be interested to know that the plebes who lived in the room at the time the marker was installed were totally unaware that Ike had lived there until the 'Tac' accompanying the workmen who installed the marker, told them about it. Evidently the word got around barracks fast because when the 'Tac' returned a little later to make sure the job had been done correctly, he found two yearlings busily 'supervising' the plebes living in that room while other plebes were doing push ups in the hall. The 'Tac' was Arnold Tucker of All American football fame. I guess the yearlings are still walking the area."

At the July class luncheon Charlie Busbee startled the group with the announcement that he was married on July 3 (his birthday) to Mrs. Elizabeth Divers of Rocky Mount, Virginia. They are going to live in Charlie's house in Alexandria after a honeymoon in Canada. My informant adds: "Charlie is supposed to write you about his marriage". So far, silence of the grave from Charlie; but after all did any of you guys write any letters on your honeymoon? Good luck, Charlie, old boy! and the same to you Elizabeth.

John Kahle is reported quite ill. No details. You can write him at his home. We pray for your speedy recovery, John.

The sage of Leonardtown, Maryland, writes that the "fringe of Audrey" took away a couple of his awnings and a drifting raft destroyed part of his experimental jetties. He says he is as busy as that proverbial one armed paper hanger. If it wasn't for hurricanes, I wonder what Hume would do!

Joe Hayse, the Tennessee ham expert, had 15—count 'em—15 of the 1915 Washington group as his guests for luncheon on July 15 at the A & N Club. Those attending say it was a mighty nice affair and very much appreciated. Thanks Joe.

Henry Taylor, Jeff Davis, Robert Dwan and Tracy Mulligan were guests at recent D.C. class luncheons. Henry is the son of V. V. Taylor and is a Consul currently on duty in the State Department; Jeff is the son of Jack Davis and is a Lieutenant Colonel on duty in the Pentagon; Robert, the son of Eddie Dwan, is a Major in the same office as Jeff; Tracy is the son-in-law of Det Ellis. He also is a Major just back from Japan

and reports to MIT in September as A.P.M.S.&T.

It has been noted from the 1956 Register of Graduates that several of the class have not kept the Secretary, Association of Graduates, informed of their latest achievements and addresses. Get on the ball, men, and give the Secretary a break. Tell him what you have done and where you live. He won't tell the sheriff.

Two New York clippings announce:

1. The death of our old boxing and wrestling instructor Tom Jenkins in a Norwalk, Connecticut hospital on June 19. I can hear him tell his new pupils: "Don't trow dem harps". We salute a great guy and a fine gent. May God rest his soul.

2. The resignation of Major General Luis Raul Esteves as Commander of the Puerto Rican National Guard. The account stated: "The 64-year-old General is retiring because of declining health". Keep your tail over the dashboard, Steve, and good luck.

Change of Addresses:

Hobbs—1107 Fifth Avenue, Apt. 9-South, New York 28, New York.

Swing—5609 Pioneer Lane (Sumner, Maryland), Washington 16, D. C. (This is the third change I've had for Joe. Who's after you Joe?)

Joe Hayse—508 Republic Building, Louisville 2, Kentucky.

Cousins—727 West Seventh St., Los Angeles, California.

Ferris—3315 Middlesex Rd., Orlando, Florida.

Gilkeson—8 Fairfax Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia.

Metcalf Reed—1116 Lunalilo St., Apt. 1, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Mrs. Paul Hodgson (Ann)—203 W. Blithedale Ave., Mill Valley, California.

Mrs. Ben W. Mills—2623 Plunkett St., Hollywood, Florida.

The Oisean Kings have sold their house and will live in an apartment until their departure next Spring for a trip to Europe. On their return they will live in a new house which they will build here in the land of the sky, Asheville, North Carolina.

At a lovely luncheon given by the A. E. (Burfy) Browns, Class of '12, at their country home in Highlands, North Carolina, we saw Laura Brownell looking healthy, pert and pretty. She sends her regards to the class.

Unless a few more classmates limber up their arthritic pens and send me news there ain't gonna be no class notes—no foolin'—but God bless you all any how.

—WOG,

Cherry Lane,
Asheville, North Carolina.

P.S. Be seein' y'all November 2. And don't be like the guy who said he was sick and tired getting up feeling sick and tired.

1916

June at West Point this year had a special significance for the Class even though it was not a reunion year. Calvin DeWitt's oldest boy and Bob McBride's stepson graduated with the Class of 1957. When these two young men said goodbye to Kaydet Grey they left the Corps for the first time in many years with no junior of 1916 in its ranks and it is unlikely that any son of our class will ever march with it again. Parker Kuhn and Brig Bliss, the two class officers, were there to welcome these last two class sons to the Service and to present the class gift at the traditional little ceremony under the class tree near the Patton monument in front of the library.

Those present at the Point for Graduation were Kuhn, Bliss, DeWitt, Bob Mc-

Bride, Moses, Maulsby (who never misses), Weyand and Prickett. It was enough for 1916 to put two fours in the Alumni Parade. Ray Moses' son, John Will, who has been in the Tactical Department, left the Point this Summer but Fay Prickett has two married daughters there so he and Peggy are frequent visitors. On their way back to San Francisco Bob McBride and his wife stopped in Washington and Bob was just in time for a class luncheon; also a cocktail party given by the Scofields. Spike Maulsby also stopped for a week in Washington later in the Summer. He spends much of his time traveling over the country to meetings in the interest of the cancer prevention campaign. If there ever was one unselfishly dedicated to a worthy cause for the betterment of the afflicted it is Spike. While in Washington he was entertained by various members of the Class and then he threw a party with lobster and trimmings.

Jack Nygaard, after about 14 years in Europe, decided this year to visit Norway, the land of his forebears. He got far enough North to see the midnight sun. At Bergen he found a Square bearing his family name and saw his parents' home. His last letter was from Salzburg where his wife is singing in grand opera. They then expected to head for Berchtesgaden in Germany. The O'Hares were also in Berchtesgaden about the first of July. Red says they visited their son and his family, also ran into Jack Bennet's boy, now a Captain. They expect to be back in Washington around mid-September.

Ferdie and Helen Gallagher took a motor trip this Summer to Michigan and then through Canada as far as Quebec returning home to Washington the end of August. Frank Scofield had his son and his family visiting with him in Washington. Ham Maguire spent the Summer at his country place at Bluemont, Virginia. Dick Levy was in Walter Reed Hospital for a couple of weeks early this Summer undergoing an operation from which he is now completely recovered. Jimmy Ruddell who moved from Highland Falls, New York, last Summer, has now located in an apartment in Washington. Paul Kane writes that although the climate in Oregon is excellent the business conditions are not; mills closing and building at a standstill.

In July the Washington section of the Air Force Reserve Association gave a dinner at Andrews Air Force Base honoring Bob Walsh for his untiring efforts in the interests of the Air Force Reserve program. Brig Bliss reached the retirement age of the Bell Telephone System in July and retired at the end of the month after 35 years of service. He will continue to live in Washington.

News of the death of Carl Marriott on June 13 in Honolulu came too late for the last class notes. Carl was stricken with paralysis after his retirement and was never able to resume a normal life. His wife, Hazel, tells us that up to the last he deeply appreciated letters received from the Class. He fought a good fight. A loyal classmate has gone. The sympathy of 1916 goes to his wife and children.

—E. G. B.,

3808 Reno Road, N.W.,
Washington 8, D. C.

April 1917

Members of the class who have not already heard the good news will be pleased to learn that the long-standing injustice resulting from the withholding of pay increases to commissioned officers promoted during the period July 1932-July 1934 will soon be corrected, as a bill to that effect has passed both the House and the Senate, and now requires only the President's signature to make it a law.

Will all classmates, especially those whose names have not appeared in ASSEMBLY for some time, please send in informal notes on your activities? Also, the class is interested in the whereabouts of class widows, especially their addresses. So, all of you, let us hear from you now and then.

The Cowper Smiths' son, Cowper, Jr., left for Korea this Summer, leaving his wife Carrie (daughter of Eddie Sibert) here. Soon after Mary and Cowper had seen young Cowper off on the plane, their other son, Bob (Major, Class of 1944) and his wife, Helen Ann, arrived from Darmstadt, Germany, for a visit before going on to their new station at Fort Carson, Colorado.

Dorothy and Lawrence Mitchell had a pleasant visit this Summer with their daughter, Marjorie, her husband, Duane Luther, and their five children, who flew up to the Mitchells' home in Winter Park, Florida, from the Dominican Republic. They were joined by daughter Barbara, who lives in Washington, D. C., for the first family reunion in several years.

Vivian and Fred Irving's son, Captain Fred, is with the USAEATF in Greenland, where he is engaged in experimental work for Engineer operations in the Arctic. His family is living in Fort Belvoir.

Young Charles W. Yuill, Jr., recently flew up from Dallas, Texas, for a week's visit with the family. Charles has a full-time job with an insurance company and at the same time is working for his law degree at SMU. Kewp and Gay's daughter Julia, 11, won the Best Camper Award this Summer at Camp Sky Mount, in the Blue Ridge, near Luray, Virginia.

During August Dorothy and Birdie Eagles vacationed with their family up on Narragansett Bay. They are now back at their home at 4801 Quebec St., N.W., Washington, D. C.

A few weeks ago Aline and Burnett Olmsted drove over to Clark County, near Berryville, Virginia, where they spent a pleasant day with Ruth and Sam Ritchie on their 160-acre farm, "Open Hearth." Sam is a real farmer and has about 100 head of cattle. Sam and Ruth's daughter, Alice, lives with her husband, Jerry Colvin, and their infant son in Leonardtown, Maryland, where Jerry works for an accounting firm.

And in late August the Olmsteds joined Enriette and Harry Schroeder at their home in College Park, Maryland for a fish fry. Harry and their three sons, Harry, Bill, and Bob, caught the fish, 29 fine sea bass, over on the Eastern Shore. Young Harry is on General Max Taylor's briefing staff; Bill works at the Bureau of Standards; and Bob, Class of 1953, recently returned from Germany and is now stationed at Fort Carson, Colorado.

Florence and Francis Macon are enjoying life at the Kennedy Warren in Washington. Francis says that his most pleasant experience this Summer was his attendance at the fine class reunion at West Point.

Members of the class were saddened to learn of the death of Ray Harrison in July. Joe Collins, Kewp Yuill and Leo Erier flew to Pittsburgh for the funeral.

Jule and Bill Heavey visited both their sons this Summer: Bill, Jr., and his wife Betsy in Pittsburgh, and John and his wife Kay in Philadelphia. Kay is a daughter of Dad Herrick, Class of 1915.

Solange and Morris Barrall report that they have been taking life easy at their home at 3602 Quesada Ave., N.W., Washington, D. C.

Gwen and Aaron Bradshaw recently spent a week in New York where they did some shopping and took in a number of the best Broadway shows. Their home is at 6606 Barnaby St., N.W., Washington, D. C.

In June Jeanette and Jack Jackson spent two weeks with their daughter Jeanne and her husband in Ames, Iowa; and in August

they visited Bob and his wife in Dover, Massachusetts, where Bob is principal of the new elementary school. Page and his family spent two weeks with Jeanette and Jack in July.

Emily Tully lives at 913 So. Washington St., Alexandria, Virginia, not far from her daughter Neosha, whose husband is Tom Anglin. Neosha and Tom have four daughters.

Dot Sherrill is still at 3015 45th St., N.W., in Washington. Dot has a handsome silver-gray poodle which keeps her amused and busy.

—H. R. Jackson,
814 Albany Ave.,
Alexandria, Virginia.

August 1917

It was a wonderful Reunion and we topped it off with our visit with Dent and Elnor Sharp in Dennysville, Maine. With Miriam beside us and Emily Bingham and Marguerite Eyster in rear, we had a marvelous trip; we don't think we have ever traveled with nicer girls.

The Sharps have what we'd like; a modernized old New England home with many guest rooms and electric blankets on every bed; a barn with incubators and brooders for the pheasants and an apartment for more guests; a private chapel on the hill behind; and the Sharp Pool, famous for Atlantic Salmon, in the Dennys River in front.

En route Miriam fell in love with Loessa Coffey's home town, Searsport. Loessa says she can have it; she herself will take Washington where she has moved to 226 Westchester Apartments, 4000 Cathedral Avenue, N.W.

Bob Graham also has a new address; 8511 East 99th St., Hickman Mills 34, Missouri, plus four Missouri farms which keep him broke but happy; he loves land and cattle.

Maris Black keeps busy caring for his place in Bel Air, Maryland, attending Rotary, working for the church and traveling with Carly—to Florida each winter and to Denver, California, and Maine at other times.

Jack and Rena Carroll seldom leave The Plains, Virginia, but, during the Summer opera in Washington, they make the 100 mile round trip daily. They were rained out with us the night we heard Traviata.

Deepest sympathy to Joe Cohen who mourns the death of his father. Joe lives quietly in Baltimore with one wife, one daughter, one son-in-law and two very active grandchildren, aged three and six.

Congratulations to Jerry Counts on his appointment as Dean; it couldn't happen to a nicer guy. Dodson Stamps, his pred, is touring Europe before settling in Washington.

Good news of Des O'Keefe; out of the hospital after a long illness and at least two operations he is, Alice says, eating them out of house and home. She announces a new grandchild, the fourth, and adds "that's all there are; there won't be any more."

Roger Stembridge, we learn, enjoys a distinction we had accorded either to Des O'Keefe or Henry Gantt, that of being our most recent parent. Roger wins with a seven-year-old child.

Not satisfied with Reunion, Biff and Elizabeth Jones followed up by inviting the entire Washington contingent to their "Annual Brawl" at the McNair Club. They leave September 10 for Europe, visiting Dublin, Edinburgh, London, Stuttgart (where their son is stationed), Vienna, Rome, and Madrid.

May Heavey left a month earlier, flying first to Ireland and taking in Scotland, England, and Germany en route to Spain where she plans an indefinite stay with her son.

Elaine Griffith entertained August 6 with a Farewell Luncheon at the Kennedy Warren with May and Elizabeth as guests of honor.

Lew (only authorized nickname) Griffith is the President of the Virginia Society of Professional Engineers. Developer and sole owner of the Griffith Sewage Treatment Process, he is the man who can purify the Potomac.

Phil and Tommy Day, after a summer in their Blue Ridge home with all children and grandchildren as guests, plan an early return to Florida.

It is our sad duty to announce the death on April 24 of Bruce Moomau after a five months illness. He was buried at Fort Snelling, Minnesota. We extend our deepest sympathy to Sada in her great loss.

Doc Faust, under a wifely grinding heel, has completed renovating and refurnishing a small apartment at Beaulieu on the French Riviera.

The thanks of the Class are due Jules Schaefer for the speed and efficiency with which he provided identifications for the Reunion photograph.

Bob Bacon, a CPA in San Benito, Texas, works harder than he ever did in the Army and says he enjoys it—as he did a call from Luff Meredith who practices his hobby of falconry at his place in Bayview, some 25 miles distant.

Bob Hoffman has a new address, 134 Manor Drive, Red Bank, New Jersey, from which he commutes to his work with Wayne State University in Detroit, moving to be near his son who will enter Columbia Law School.

Pete Purvis, returned to Washington July 3 after taking son Bob, a recent Georgetown graduate, around the world in 17 days. Bob, now a student officer at Benning, is studying the effects of integration upon the Army.

Pablo Cole reports the wedding of Bill Mallory, Jack's youngest son, with Carlisle Wilson's son as an attendant. Jack is now visiting his daughter Sally in Europe. The deCamps, wedding guests also, announce that their son is now a Lieutenant of Armor on his way to Honolulu.

Other West Coasters whom Pablo has seen include Bill and Toodles Chapman, Anne and Ray Williamson (Ray is reported very ill), the Jack Bissells, Mickey Kernan and Salvador Reyes, recently returned from Manila.

Sara Ellen Shaffer was a lovely bride last July 13 when she was married to Lieutenant John Hewitt King, Jr., USAFR, in the Navy Chapel in Washington; you should have seen the pride with which "Red" gave her away.

Sad news of Hal Cooney; he died suddenly August 18 in the VA Hospital in Los An-

geles and was buried at West Point on the 22nd. Our deepest sympathy to Adelaide; may God bless and keep her.

—Leo B. Conner,
1529 18th St., N.W.,
Washington 6, D. C.

November 1918

Dick Babbitt writes from 139 East Pine Street, Orlando, Florida, where he teaches Real Estate Law: "I know you will be sorry to hear of the death of our old friend Tom Brinkley. I have just received a letter from Ruth telling of the sad occurrence. She said Tom had been in Fitzsimons Hospital in Denver, Colorado, for a routine check-up. He had just been released and was boarding a train to return home to Boise, Idaho, when he was stricken with a heart attack and died immediately. Ruth and their daughter, Ruthie, will reside at 1915 Larch Street, Boise, Idaho. Sorry to hear that you were under the weather—hope that you are all right by now and that your good right arm can still hold a glass. Hope to see you at the Fortieth Reunion."

Bev Tucker writes from 1324 South Madison Street, San Angelo, Texas: "It must have been a deep disappointment for you to have to miss this year's June activities. But when I read that on May 25 there were 70-80 thousand visitors! My Gosh! Remember when the Day Line used to bring 4-5 thousand? And that was considered a crowd!"

"Thanks for mentioning my efforts to get Jack Hisston to the Reunion. Not long ago I sent him a P L E A S E card (cost me 50c plus postage!) and to date the old goat hasn't sent me a word. Not that that is any different from past non-correspondence. I do hope that someone else will take up the hue and cry and put a burr under his saddle and boost him out of 'Chez Nous Ranch.' Our activities this summer have been limited, but come August 24, we take off for a few days at The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs and then our annual trek to Santa Fe, New Mexico, for La Fiesta, August 31-September 2. We've made this trip now for some nine years and meet there some old friends who assemble, coming from California, Chicago, Texas and elsewhere. A grand time is had by all at a furious pace."

Howard Peckham writes from New York: "I am in this neck of the woods again. General Crittenberger offered me a position with Free Europe Committee, Inc., and I was delighted to join him. Marion is still at MacDill A.F.B., but I hope to go down for her and close out our apartment there in a month or so. We expect to go to Europe later on. Our seven months' vacation was fine, and we accomplished our purpose of taking a good look at Florida. We missed



Left to Right—Esther Rhoads, Bill Blair, Isabel Blair and Mark Rhoads.

you at West Point during June Week. The ASSEMBLY just received gives the explanation. I roomed with Curtis, Shaler and Hatch, and of course saw Van Voorst, Stokes, Groves and the others who were there. I hope that you, Ethel and the children are well. When you come down to the city give me a ring, or better still, let me know in advance if you can. I would like to take you to lunch. My address is: Free Europe Committee, Inc., Two Park Ave., New York 16, New York. LEXington 2-8902."

Howard was at West Point recently, staying with the Hinshaws, who very kindly asked us up to have a drink, so we had a chance to have a very pleasant conversation with him. It is not yet decided whether he is to stay in New York or go to Europe.

Another mail brought from California: "New address for Ruth and Allison Miller: 12140 Tiptoe Lane, Los Altos, California, YO 7-1397. Note: We picked the house not the name of the street. Friends with flat feet or broken toes also WELCOME."

From Post Office Box 272, Sterling, Colorado, Bill Blair sent me a newspaper article about his wedding, but I think his own letter will be of more interest to members of the Class, so I quote from it: "I thought I might send in to you a newspaper clipping on my recent marriage, and a kodak picture taken just after the ceremony. The two people at each end in the picture are none other than our esteemed classmate, Mark Rhoads, and his wife, Esther. The inside couple of this foursome, you will probably recognize as my bride, Isabel, and me. About three years ago I received a note from Mark inviting me to a buffet dinner to be given by Esther and him at their country home near Arvada, Colorado. He suggested that I bring a lady of my own choosing, or if I did not fancy bringing one, he might provide one for me. I replied to Mark that I would be delighted to submit myself to his tender mercies in regard to a dinner partner. When I got to Mark's house for the party, there was Isabel, whom I had never met before. Also present were Kitty Belle and Bill Benton. When time came for us to depart, I asked Isabel if I might take her home. Bill Benton insisted that I needn't bother as it would be much out of my way, and Isabel's home was right along their route, and in addition, I was a poor and dangerous driver. Of course I did not let them get away with this blandishment, and said, 'No help wanted'. Isabel and I were married quietly with no fanfare, only several of the immediate family being present at the ceremony. No wedding invitations were mailed. Mark functioned as my Best Man. By the way, one of Mark's sons is married to one of Isabel's younger sisters. Mark and Esther are leaving for Florida for some months soon after September 1. Heinie Bergman and his wife, Pat, have now moved to Colorado Springs, and are busy getting established there now. Chuck Gildart and his Isabel stopped overnight with us several weeks ago driving through from New England on the way home to Sierra Madre, California."

Fred and Phil Butler were here. They spent the night at The Squirrels and drove off in their well travelled Volkswagon for Philadelphia where they expected to see the Dutch Cotas and the Monk Dicksons. We enjoyed hearing of their complete inspection of Europe.

Willard Holbrook writes from 839 Seventeenth St., N.W., Washington 6, D. C.: "I have been away off and on this Summer and have not been too good at corresponding. It was fun to have the Butlers with us and, of course, they passed on the latest news of the Conrads. We had Philippa go to our dentist and have a tooth extracted. It was something she had allowed to go for some time and I think it had the result of getting her home in better condition. Fred

gave us a full report of his trip and I think he had a good time. I suppose he will now go West and get himself another job which will cause him to have his usual worries. Helen is presently flying to Leavenworth with Joanne and the grandchildren. She should return here in a few days. I suppose you know that Alex T. McCone appeared on the scene a few days ago and announced he had bought a house on Nebraska Avenue. I have not laid an eye on him since that time, although I hear he is working hard fixing up the place. We had a small party for the Butlers while they were here. The few classmates who were available came in for cocktails. Pinkie Williamson came up last week to lobby for the Augusta Chamber of Commerce to prevent Fort Gordon from being inactivated. Van Voorst helped him make the proper contacts at the Pentagon and Pinkie and his politico departed with the feeling that they had accomplished something. Pinkie reports everything fine in his family. Of course, you know that young Vi is working for C.I.A. very competently and also sings in the Cathedral choir occasionally. Pinkie also made an inspection of her newest heart throb."

Fred Pearson writes from 110 El Rancho Way, San Antonio 9, Texas: "I saw Duke Dunkleberg recently. He had just completed his annual physical and was tops. Same for Alex Mackenzie. Alex and family took a trip to Florida early in June. While there he saw Howard Peckham. Howard has been approached about taking a government job over in Europe. Hadn't decided whether he would accept or not. Willie Webster is as chipper as ever but tells me that Margaret has not been feeling too good lately. Dick and Betty Babbitt called on us recently enroute back to Florida from Oregon where they were called on business matters. Dick says Hinds, Sherman and Swift live in his vicinity and that he often sees them. All are in excellent health, although Sherman has to report twice yearly to Walter Reed for a checkup on a serious operation he had quite some time ago. Dick has completely recovered from surgery he had some time ago and he and Betty look fine. Dick runs a real estate class down there and has been quite successful with it. Chris Knudsen's family has been on the move. His eldest daughter and family have moved to Atlanta. His youngest daughter and family have recently returned from Alaska and are stationed near Tacoma, Washington. His son is in the Naval Reserve and was on a cruise to Rio de Janeiro this Summer. Well, we joined the ranks of the grandparents on the 6th of July when our son and his wife presented us with a granddaughter, Jacquelynn Ann. Grandparents doing nicely, thank you. We are taking off for Lubbock, Texas, tomorrow to see our new grandbaby. Our son is taking multiple engine training at Reese Air Force Base near Lubbock. I had been in an argument with the sawbones since early June so they put me in the hospital on the 8th of July, operated and wrecked my plumbing on the 11th, let me out on the 27th and I have been trying to repair the leaks since. Making very satisfactory progress. While in the hospital Don Sawtelle was admitted for checkup and some necessary repair work. He looks fine and is getting along fine. He says he occasionally talks to John Works but has missed seeing him. Don had just returned from a trip to West Point where his son had entered as a member of the class of '61."

Jimmie Carrol was at West Point during July visiting his married daughter. He and his son-in-law came down to The Squirrels on a hot July afternoon and we sat under the trees and watched the Hudson and the river traffic and talked of old times.

Mr. Martin of the Bear Mountain Inn informs me that the Inn is now completely booked for June 1958.

As usually happens, the amount of class news that has filtered through to me during the Summer just past is not very great. Since the Summer issue went to press Ray Hardin and Bunny Burnell have retired, the former from Fort Belvoir on June 30 and the latter from Governors Island on August 31. With their retirements only 11 of us are left on active duty. With the promotion of Jerry Counts (August 1917) to Brigadier General and Dean of the Academic Board, I believe your scribe becomes the oldest (although not the senior) Colonel on active duty in the Army.

As these notes go to press Nate Twining has just taken over as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Interesting articles on his career and his illustrious family have appeared in the slick magazines, notably Life, during the Summer. We SO's know the services are in good hands.

It is my sad duty to report that Urban Niblo died in Walter Reed General Hospital at the age of 59 on August 12, 1957 after an illness of several months. Word has just been received of the sudden death of Wes Jervey at his home in Washington on September 1.

Roly McNamee contributes the following notes from 439 Deodara Dr., Los Altos, California: "A cocktail party was given by Marion Sheehy, on June 16 at her Palo Alto home, for the Woods (Otis and Nina) who came through here from Albuquerque on their way to Portland. Those also present were: Otis and Nina's son Edward and daughter Dorothy, Joe and Carlene Holly, Linc and Elsie Dillaway, "Rocky" and Margaret Rockafellow, Clarence and Helen Frank, Rhoda Springer (who is visiting her mother here) and her sister Mrs. Charles O'Connor, Louise Pacquet, Polly Armstrong (Johnny had gone fishing), and Roly and Emily McNamee.

"Marion was assisted by two of her sons, Harry and John, and a large time was had by all.

"It might interest you to know that the following classmates are in the San Francisco Bay Area: Armstrong, Dillaway, Drury, Ferenbaugh, Holly, Hutchins, Lavagnino, McMaster, McNamee, A. L. Moore, Ritchie, Rockafellow, Sanderson, Semmel-meyer, Vance, Whitesides, Williamson, E. V., Wilson (Forrest), and Barrick."

I might add that Ed Seebree has just bought a house in Carmel, California. He has a job as consultant to the Human Leadership Research Unit at Fort Ord.

Kyke Allan supplies the following new addresses: Burgher—PO Box 67, Fanwood, New Jersey; Chadwick—R.D. No. 6, Weston, Connecticut; Echols—PO Box 3471, Charlottesville, Virginia; McAuliffe—c/o American Cyanimid, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City; Rick—144 E. 40th, New York City; and Bellport, Long Island, New York; Seebree—PO Box 446, Fort Ord, California. Pat Echols has resigned as Graduate Manager of Athletics at V.M.I. Forrest Cookson has resigned his teaching job in Jacksonville, Florida, and moved to Clemson, South Carolina.

Two class sons have reported for duty as academic instructors this Summer, Captain Robert G. Gard, Jr., Class of 1950, in the Department of Social Sciences, and Captain Philip B. Samsey, Class of 1950, in the Department of M.T.&G. (Drawing to us). Among the younger officers attending the first Army Science Conference at West Point in June were Captains Robert M. Montague, Jr., Class of 1947, and William H. McMaster, Class of 1946.

Syd and Bea Gould were late Summer visitors at USMA. Syd's present avocation is taxonomy, a field in which he is the proponent of a novel numerical system of plant classification. He is currently writing a

learned paper applying his system to the taxonomy of the grass family.

—B. W. (Brick) Bartlett,
Dept. of Electrical
Engineering, USMA.

1920

It has been customary in this column from time to time to acquaint the Class with the names of the 1920 sons who are in the Corps of Cadets. The present sons are:

Class of 1958

Richard T. Lynch, George B. Mitchell (son of John D. Mitchell).

Class of 1959

Michael J. Gillette, John F. McBlain.

Class of 1960

George P. Bare, Francis Farrell, Henry D. Lambert.

Class of 1961

None.

There are also several 1920 sons of former years who have been or are presently back on duty at USMA. Those on duty at this time are:

John T. Hodes, '49—Department of Tactics.
Joseph R. Stauffer, '49 — Department of Social Sciences.

William L. Lemnitzer, '51—Department of Physics and Chemistry.

Homer W. Kiefer, '52—Department of English.

Corwin A. Mitchell, '52 (son of Carl E. Berg) —Department of Foreign Languages.

Previously on duty—completed tour in July 1957:

Raymond I. McFadden, '45—Department of Electrical Engineering.

Two of our classmates have only recently taken over new duties in assignments of tremendous importance in the Department of Defense. Tom White has the top command post of the United States Air Force, and Lyman Lemnitzer is the Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army. An editorial by Roscoe Drummond which appeared in the July 15, 1957 New York Herald Tribune, entitled "The Air Force Takes Over", said this in part and I quote: ". . . The top command of the United States Air Force itself has gone to the powerful team of General Thomas D. White, an imaginative strategist, as Chief of Staff, and General Curtis E. LeMay, one of the Air Forces' most impressive personalities. . ."

Our entire class will be saddened, as was the group in this vicinity, by the death of Charles Sheafe Joslyn on July 24, 1957 at his home in Lock Haven, Pennsylvania, of a heart attack. Sheafe is survived by his two children, Allen, 22, a student at Haverford College, and Lois, 18, who is attending Radcliff College. Flowers were sent by the class for the funeral services in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania. Other classmates in the vicinity were notified by Bill Bessell. I have been told that Cullum was able to be present at the funeral.

While talking on the telephone to Jimmy Stratton recently, the latter told Bill Bessell that Eddie Plank had suffered a mild heart attack last October in Bangkok, where he was working for Tippetts, Abnett, McCarthy, Stratton (Engineers). Recovering from this attack, he suffered a second one a few months ago, again recovering. He was examined carefully after this at a hospital in Manila where the doctors could find nothing wrong with him and he now seems to be entirely well. He is presently vacationing with his lovely wife Dottie in New Mexico.

—E. C. G., Jr.,
Dept. of P.&C., USMA.

1921 and 1922

While the Summer hasn't been non-busy, very little of it appears to have been newsworthy, so this will be a short column.

Wes Yale sends word from the Monterey Peninsula where he has recently joined a scientific group supporting the Army Combat Developments Center at Fort Ord. They are seeking to determine which types of weapons systems, reconnaissance units and such items are best in various situations. Wes finds it interesting and plenty busy.

Murphy is becoming a very fine correspondent for this column. This time he reports that Al Kastner, seeking certain civic betterments in his Virginia community, had run afoul of some of the municipal authorities, but the law evidently saw things Al's way and nothing ever came of the incident.

Bob Douglass' business has taken him (with Thelma) to Europe for most of the month of September. Bill Lawton's assignment as Comptroller has caused him to move to Fort Myer, where he and Max Taylor will be neighbors. The Lawtons have another son in the Corps, Class of 1961. Wonder how his First Classman brother and he get along! Mark McClure is preparing for his retirement at Fort Sam Houston and expects to make his home in Washington.

And that's about all—unless the customers write.

—C. J. Barrett.

1923

When my son, Richard was graduated last June and we became involved in a week of weddings of his classmates and sons of our friends, I overran the deadline for *Assembly*. That explains why there was no class column in the July issue.

Not long after the June Week and marriage frenzy, I received a phone call from Roy Foster. He and his wife were at the Thayer Hotel, having just survived an unusual calamity. They had driven up from Atlantic City, where they had attended a convention, and were approaching Bear Mountain on the new parkway. They had had the car's brakes worked on just a few days before. Suddenly they smelled smoke. Stopping the car and leaping out, they discovered that one of the rear brakes was smoking. The wheel and drum were covered with brake fluid. Soon the car was aflame. Although the Park Police got the fire engine there immediately, the car was a total loss.

Roy's account was as calmly delivered as a front-board recitation in history. He and his wife had lost about \$250 worth of clothing and possessions, but had succeeded in saving their bags from the back compartment. All he wanted was the address of the nearest U.S. Auto insurance adjuster, then he'd be on his way to Lake Helen, Florida. No—he was too busy and in too much of a hurry to let me bring him to my quarters; and so we parted by telephone.

Many of you probably saw the notice of O'Shea's death in the "Journal." He died at his home in West Bradenton, Florida, on April 7 last. He is survived by his widow, Sally, and one sister, Mrs. Kenneth Carr, of New York. Judd Arnett, the columnist, devoted most of his "Suncoast Sketches" of April 9 to a tribute to Kevin. The Florida West Coast Symphony announced that a portion of its scholarship foundation will be named in his memory. The Bradenton Herald also published a moving tribute entitled, "Kevin O'Shea: Master of Life." To one who was fond of "Touché" as a cadet, but saw nothing of him afterwards, this chorus of tribute comes as a revelation. Few graduates so endear themselves to the communities in which they settle after retirement.

Welcoming ceremonies were held in honor of Jeff Binns when he arrived at the Presidio of San Francisco to be Chief of Staff of the Sixth Army.

Heaney wrote to say that he received his MA in history from the University of Washington in June. His special field was the History of Science. He expects to go on to a Ph.D. He says Steve Conner is with the Boeing Aircraft Factory in Seattle.

Harry Scheetz came by the Library a few days ago, en route from a holiday on Cape Cod to Philadelphia.

Bill Craigie was decorated by the Italian Government with Italy's Grande Ufficiale Al Merito Della Repubblica Italiana in recognition of his guidance and assistance in expansion of the Italian Air Force in 1954-55 when he was Commander-in-Chief, Allied Air Forces, Southern Europe.

Temple Holland was one of the local artists in a show of paintings held in the U.S. Automobile Association Building in San Antonio in May.

On July 3 President Eisenhower asked the Senate to confirm regular appointments for 1,032 Army Reserve Officers. "Jazz" Harmany was head of the board that selected them.

Dave Schlatter and Pat Timberlake retired as Lieutenant Generals on July 31, thus further reducing the ranks of '23 on active duty. Pat has been elected Corporate Vice-President of the Northrop Aircraft Corporation.

Frank Albrecht has recently received his temporary second star.

Harry Scheetz says he will soon go to visit Dud Roth in Erie, Pennsylvania, where Dud is head of Roth Motors, dealers and distributors and holder of the Cadillac-Olds agency. He expects they will have some good bass fishing as Dud owns a Chris-Craft 23-foot cruiser.

The next issue may be by someone else, depending on the decision of the Washington Committee. Poor health and mounting fatigue have forced me to ask the Superintendent to let me return to retirement in the near future. Since I shall make my home in Sewanee, Tennessee, it is possible that a classmate in Washington may be in a better position to maintain class contacts.

—W. J. Morton,
Library, USMA.

1925

A class reunion in Stuttgart high-lighted the weekend of June 14-16, the hosts being the Seventh Army's C.G. and I.G., Bruce Clarke and Litt Roberts. The details are best stated in Litt's letter to Mike Esposito, herewith extracted:

"The group gathered on Friday, June 14. That evening we went to the Clarkes' very fine home for a delicious dinner. On Saturday morning we took a trip to nearby Schwabisch-Gemund for the express purpose of letting the wives raid the pocketbooks of their respective spouses buying silverware, glassware, and the like. Only the fact that the time was very short in the shops saved these pocketbooks. That afternoon, we all went to Baden-Baden for more shopping, sightseeing, dinner, dancing, and roulette for those who desired. This very beautiful spot, internationally famous and known to almost all of our people, was certainly ideal for the occasion. Strange as it may seem, most of those who played after dinner came out ahead. Next day, the closeout came after a late breakfast with the Roberts.

"Those who were present were: Bruce and Bessie Clarke; Milt and Marcelle Hankins; Bill and Sue Heacock; Bill and Margaret Kerns; Colby and Olive Myers; Hugh and Corrie Quarles; Charlotte and Litt Roberts;



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Ray and Agnes Toms; Rinaldo and Tip Van Brunt; Hank and Betty Westphalinger; and John and Aileen Willems. Don Mitchell and Freddie Powell were also very much with us, but unfortunately, Pat and Lilli could not be present.

"We were very happy to be able to assemble 24 individuals. It was to be regretted that no one was visiting Europe from state-side at this time and that some six or eight others now in Europe could not be with us, because it was fun. Nevertheless, we drank a toast to all absentees and we all look forward to seeing other classmates and wives when we return to the States.

"Bruce and Bessie join Charlotte and me in sending best regards and every good wish to you and yours."

Litt also sent the excellent photograph published on this page, regretting that the Van Brunts do not appear in it because they had to leave early.

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While we are on the subject of the Seventh Army, let me mention a WNS dispatch from Frankfurt, dated June 19, telling about the high standard of mess-management Bruce insists on. The story is a first class morale builder, and wonderful reading for fathers and mothers whose sons are about to enter the service. I read it in the Louisville Courier-Journal, and will quote portions for those of you who missed it:

"Perhaps the most food-fussy of all American military organizations is the United States Seventh Army, nuclear-armed fighting force guarding Germany's Iron Curtain frontier.

"Lieutenant General Bruce C. Clarke, Seventh Army commander, worries almost as much about food for his troops as he does about nuclear weapons.

"General Clarke makes a fetish of 'mess management,' which he translates as 'serving tasty meals'. He maintains that serving quality food in quantity is not enough.

"The General worries about the little things — seasoning, serving temperatures, and dining-hall decor.

"Military experts rate General Clarke's troops as the world's most potent fighting force, thanks to its full nuclear armament. It also boasts the world's most fastidious military cuisine.

"Clarke's nuclear GI's dine on fish from England, butter from Denmark, avocados from California, frozen strawberries from Belgium, canned ham from Yugoslavia.

"And: mushrooms from Switzerland, grapes and melons from France; bacon, pork

join, milk and cheese from Holland; beef from Ireland, and sweet corn, onions, egg-plant, peppers and tomatoes from Italy.

"The Seventh Army quartermaster, for example, introduced sweet corn to Europe, persuading the Italians to grow it for sale to the U.S. military.

"General Clarke has little use for canned vegetables. Instead, his quartermaster stocks at least seven fresh vegetables: carrots, cauliflower, celery, lettuce, onions, tomatoes, cabbage.

"General Clarke also believes that a GI's food should be as fresh as that he got from mother at home. The Seventh Army's bakers arise at 3 a.m. to turn out the day's 48,000 loaves of bread. Meat is kept in refrigerators until used."

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Another dispatch, this one from Alabama, headlined "Kirkpatrick Gets Law School Post" goes on to show a photograph of Graham Kirkpatrick busy at a telephone. The story announces that after six years of law practice in Selma, he has accepted a professorship in the School of Law, University of Tulsa, at Tulsa, Oklahoma, effective September 1. I wish I could quote more of the excellent account of Graham's busy and interesting career given in this dispatch, but the Editor's word limit on this column forbids.

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Here at West Point, Bee Holland became Cadet Hostess after Doris Barth's death on June 17, thereby taking on (and doing so most ably) one of the busiest responsibilities in the United States.

The classmates who have not yet heard will be sad to learn that Bee's mother, Mrs. C. Ralph Bryant, died on August 12 in the hospital at Governors Island. She had lived with Bee since 1933 and had many friends in the class of 1925. Her burial was in Cornwall.

Bee's son, Johnny, is now at Fort Sam Houston doing outstanding work with the Army Pentathlon Team. In June of this year he competed in a meet in Sweden, and is now training for world championship competition in Mexico this November.

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It seems only a few years ago that we considered it news to hear that a classmate was on duty at West Point. The news now is about classmates' children on duty here, and grandchildren. Two instances are in the Math Department. One is Buck Lewis' son, John Broadus Lewis, now in his third year as a Math instructor. John's wife is

Frances, formerly Frances Shouse of Blytheville, Arkansas; and their children are John, age 4, and Arba, age 2½. John's mother, Mary Lynn Lewis, is teaching Science and Mathematics (also coaching girls' basketball and physical education) in Lake Village, Arkansas. We were happy to see her here when she visited John in June Week of 1955.

Also in the Math Department group is Connie Sterling (nee Charlotte Cornelia Freund), Arch Freund's daughter and wife of Captain John E. (Bud) Sterling, Jr., CE, who joined the Math Department as an instructor this year. Their children are Deborah, age 5, Jack 3, and Barbara 1. Connie's first name is Charlotte, like her mother's; but to avoid confusing the Charlottes, the family settled on "Connie" for the daughter, based on the middle name Cornelia. Connie's mother lives in Arlington and works in the office of the Joint Chiefs.

Outside the Math Department the only case of a class son at West Point that I know of is Lucien Bolduc, Jr., Captain of Infantry and instructor in French at USMA. He studied contemporary French literature at the Sorbonne in preparation for his tour here, and on cross-examination admitted that he read *Bonjour Tristesse* in French. Lucien, Senior, came up to West Point in April of '56 to visit son and daughter-in-law (nee Mary Fleming) and celebrate the birth of his fourth grandchild, Douglas. The three earlier grandchildren are David, 5, Susan 4, and Nancy 2½. While Lucien, Senior was here I was honored to have a visit from him in the Math Department. He looked hale, rugged, young, and good-natured as ever. He is now retired at State College, Pennsylvania, where he was on duty as PMS&T at the time of his retirement.

Dave Tulley's daughter Gertrude (Trudy), wife of Captain L. E. Surut, Arty., was also here for the past three years while her husband taught English. They have gone to Fort Sill now and we are all sorry to see them go. Among other nice things about their tour here was the fact that Dave and Alice were frequent visitors. Just before leaving West Point the Surut children were Louisa and Christina; the third (David Lee, according to local intelligence sources) was born at Fort Belvoir during the Summer.

There may be (and no doubt are) other 1925 children and grandchildren at West Point whom I have missed so far. If so, will the papas please drop me a line?

The final item of second-generation news is about Ed Garbisch's son. Just received, this tells us that Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cooper Morris' daughter, Georgine Sherman, was

married to Edgar William Garbisch, Jr., on Saturday, August 24, in Old Trinity Church, Church Creek, Maryland.

—Nick Nicholas,
Dept. of Math, USMA.

Note: Since submissions of Nick's note above I have received a letter from Nannie Speer asking me to convey to the Class her heartfelt appreciation of their thoughtfulness and sympathies during the ceremonies for Doris.

—Mike E.

1926

As announced in the last issue of this column, Vald Heiberg is involved in a year of study in Holland — something about a dyke MOS. Another item mentioned was that Red Reeder would be the reporter for this column during Vald's absence. Something went wrong there. After some fast double talk and sleight-of-hand by Red, I had the poop sheets and the job. So here goes:

Again the big news is high level promotion. Leon Johnson, USAF, our Medal of Honor winner, has been named by President Eisenhower for four star rank. Congratulations, Johnny. The class is indeed proud to have representation in that very select four star group.

Congratulations to our new permanent Major Generals (August list): Corderman, Storke, Bowen, Baker, Barney, Smith, C. R., Osborne, Griffing, Toftoy, Ennis, Ryan and McDaniel.

Morris Nelson leaves his job as Vice-Commander of Continental Air at Mitchell Air Force Base for assignment in Rio de Janeiro as Chief of the Air Section of both the Joint Brazil-US Mission Committee and the Military Air Assistance Group. Johnson, A. H., has retired from the Air Force in the grade of Major General. Harry Storke, the C.G. at Fort Carson, is about to be the new Army Chief of Information. Harry and Red Reeder are still two of our more ardent baseball enthusiasts. Red reports that Harry's Mountaineers, the Fort Carson baseball team, is "the best team in the West."

Pinkey Grinder's daughter, Dorothy, was married in August to Edwin Bellows. The wedding took place in Phoenix, Arizona, where Dorothy (senior) now resides. Our very best wishes to the bride and groom.

The new Plebe Class includes one class son—Bill Heiberg.

Ralph Osborne reports on his recent travels. At Fort Bliss he met Laidlaw, Miter and McMaster. Bill takes care of things at White Sands Proving Ground and Frank and Dick live in El Paso. Frank and Grace Miter are attending college in El Paso, having in mind the teaching profession. Dick McMaster is also considering going back to teaching in El Paso. Two classmates were located in the Fort Sill area: deShazo and Stratton (ex'26, ex-roommate of Osborne). "Tom and Babe deShazo are holding forth in the Sherman house at Old Post, Fort Sill, where, as is well known, he is the boss of all those following in the steps of St. Barbara. Bill and Ruth Stratton are living in Lawton, and I understand he has a job with the Oklahoma Conservation Commission. This, undoubtedly, was the result of the fine conservation job he did at Sill prior to retirement."

Red Reeder reports: "Dick McMaster, eminent author, (POLO FOR BEGINNERS AND SPECTATORS) has written an excellent paper on light artillery in the early days of Texas for THE PASS WORD, the quarterly for the El Paso Historical Society. Dick's work is superior; his grade, awarded by this department, is 2.8. He is docked 2 for failing to include north arrow on map accompanying his splendid paper."

The Doyles have staked out some 300 acres in Southern Maryland for a homestead. The town is Welcome, Maryland. Reckon the store(s) sells door mats with Welcome in italics — or should. Jack's "They keep busy" address is Transportation Consultants Inc., Washington, D. C.

My address is, 1 Jean Court, Cornwall-on-Hudson, New York, and forgetting it is no reason for not sending in your news or items of interest. I am informed that anything addressed to: Representative, Class 1926, West Point, New York, has a better than average chance of going to the individual responsible for getting this column before the public. The deadline for getting these notes to the Editor of ASSEMBLY was September 1.

—Roy Herte,
1 Jean Court,
Cornwall-on-Hudson, New York.

1927

Post-retirement information trickles in slowly. An interesting brochure from Harry Paxson about Technical Military Planning Operation, (TEMPO), General Electric Company, Santa Barbara, California, of which he is Manager for Environment. Harry also writes that he saw Duke and Lonnie Gilbreath in July on their way to San Antonio where they will settle. Duke intimated that he had a teaching job lined up. Hermie and Helen Schull left the Canal Zone, where he was Lieutenant Governor under Joe Potter (ex-'27). Hermie will go into engineering work in Northern Florida. Paul Berrigan sent his new address, Box 48, Presidio of San Francisco, California. Chubby Roth is slated to attend San Francisco State College on a Ford Foundation Fellowship, with a view to teaching Math or History.

Bob Turner is Assistant Commandant of Cadets, V.P.I., Blackstone, Virginia. Bob Naylor has joined Michael Baker, Jr., Inc., a national firm of consulting engineers. Jack Griffith retired August 30 and departed with Grace for San Antonio. They plan a trip to New Mexico and California as soon as they are resettled. The Bixels moved from Fort Meade, Maryland to 4834 Davenport St., N.W., Washington, D. C., followed by a short vacation in Canada. Vachel Watley accepted a Civil Defense position in North Carolina following his retirement at Fort Bragg. Jim and Merritt Green are heading back to Arkansas where Jim has accepted an appointment as Professor of Electrical Engineering at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. Chuck and Mary Ewing are in Pompano Beach, Florida, where Chuck is associated with The Sanford Realty Company. Nellie and Meta Fooks are in Columbus, Georgia. Nellie has a position with HUMRO, at Fort Benning. Bob and Natalie Aloe are in San Antonio, Bob with Petroleum Service and Research Corporation. Cocky and Rita Crume are also in San Antonio, Cocky with an engineering firm marketing an improved concrete made from emery. Al and Mabel Lepping will be at Purdue University with Al taking a fellowship to become a teacher. Bill Pence and Larry Shaw are with MELPAR, Westinghouse, Falls Church, Virginia. Jerry and Lucille Lillard arrived in Washington from Europe in late July. Jerry plans to study for a Masters in Education. Chubby Doan writes from Fort Monroe that Ham and Belle Hunter are presently at the Chamberlain Hotel at Old Fort Comfort. Also, he and Greta had Ed and Betty Farrand as weekend guests when they stopped by on their way back to Fort Polk, Louisiana. The Frank Ostensbergs are at home, 412 Argyle Drive, Alexandria, Virginia. Frank is recuperating from a gall bladder excision in June, prior to embarking on a new career.

Dorothea honored Dot Zwicker and Mary Kyster at luncheon in July; her guests were Peggy McGown, Bert Pence, Kay Brown, Sue Shaw, Esther Hutchinson, Katherine Lowe and Eleanor Walker ('25). Jack and Fanny Schwab held a gathering of as many of the Clan as could be assembled on June 30, at their charming Summer home on Eastern Shore, Maryland. Greatly enjoyed by all present—Bix and Evalyn, Farmer and Annie Edwards, George and Linda Bender, Jim and Maisie Smyly, Ken and Vivian Thiebaud, Dot Zwicker, Peggy McGown, Chick and Mary Harding, Katherine and Bob Lowe.

Recent weddings: Miss Jane Losson Crume on June 13 at Governors Island, New York, to Theodore Carpenter Slosson, Jr., of Mt. Kisco, New York. Miss Janet Shaw on June 15, at Annapolis, Maryland, to Ensign Carl J. Rohsenberger, Jr.

We are proud that the name of John R. Lovell is among those inscribed on the recently dedicated Korean Memorial Plaque in Cullum Hall.

It was with regret that we heard, belatedly, of the death of Charlie Harrington on October 27, 1956. Interment was at the Marietta National Cemetery near his home in Pine Lake, Georgia. Our deepest sympathy to his family.

Recently, we received a bit of information which we think will be of interest to the Class as a whole. It concerns Martin Moses and is in the finest tradition of West Point. He commanded the 12th Infantry Regiment, Philippine Army, in 1941 and, subsequently, guerilla forces on Luzon. He was captured May 1943 and executed in Manila by the Japanese in November 1943, at the age of 38. I quote from a book by Philip Harkins, published in 1955, *Blackburn's Headhunters*—"Moses (Major Martin). Class of 1927, and Noble (Major Arthur), Class of 1929, West Point, are alive and being held prisoner at Baguio. They were allowed to make a speech over the radio, apparently in belief that they would appeal to their fellow Americans to surrender. When they got in front of the microphone, they sent this message out before being cut off the air: "Keep up your spirits. It won't be long now. The offensive is just around the corner."

We enjoyed the splendid feature story, "My Two Families," by Mrs. Garrison H. Davidson, in the American Weekly on August 11. Congratulations, Verone. The following in a letter from Gar: "Reunion pictures for those who did not attend can be obtained by writing me and sending a dollar. Those who did attend should have gotten a picture. If they did not, we will send them one free since this cost was included in their fee."

As this goes to press, a card from Jean and Mac Miller. Address: 10 Garden Drive, No. 5, MacDill AFB, Tampa, Florida. Mac has decided to join up with General Services, home offices in D. C. In order to write this column we rely on you for information. So please send in change of address cards, at least.

—R. G. Lowe,
Route 1, Lemon Road,
Falls Church, Virginia.

1928

Letters and questionnaires pertaining to our 30th Reunion have been sent out to all members of the Class. To date 34 replies have been received. Twenty-four have indicated their intention to be present and six indicate a possibility that they will also be here. Those planning on being present will be accompanied by 28 dependents. If you have not received your questionnaire please contact Bill Billingsley, Professor of Ordnance.

The Washington group had a luncheon at Fort McNair on July 12. Present were Red Brown, Butchers, Curran, Currie, Denniston, Maxwell, McLennan, Mills, O'Brien, Raymond and Traub. In the past few months there have been some departures and some new arrivals in Washington. Dave Traub is now in the Pentagon, Director of the Budget for the Army; Ralph Butchers is also there in the money bag business with the Army Audit; Will Turner has taken over Everest's old job as DCS/Operations for the Air Force; Andy McNamara is the new Army Quartermaster General. Coverdale is Chief of Staff for Sammy Samford in the National Security Agency. Bim Wilson with the Weapons System Evaluation group. Fred Maxwell has established a home in D. C. and is Vice-President and Eastern Representative for a West Coast electronics firm. Tommy Lane has completed his tour as DC/Engineer Commissioner and has left for Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, to command that operation. Sam Anderson left to assume Command of ARDC in Baltimore. Verdi Barnes is in Washington from Fort Hood, Texas.

Boatner, Born, Brentnall, Briggs, Maxwell, Ramey and Tunner were in Washington for the AFA Convention early in August.

Skippy Harbold, we believe, has been retired as this goes to press. He expected to be some time in August. Skippy and Steve will make their home in San Antonio. About the middle of August Butch and Anne Harbold presented Skippy and Steve with a granddaughter.

Chick Curran was recently elected President of the District Society of Professional Engineers.

That's the news from Washington. Now from other parts—Bill Maeridian writes from Presidio of San Francisco that Tarrant, Bill Watt and he have been playing golf together on Saturday mornings but Tarrant has left for the New York area. He sees Peddicord now and then as they are in the same business with the same boss—Peddicord is at Fort MacArthur. On the trips Bill makes to Los Angeles he stops by to see Watkins at the Veterans Hospital in Long Beach.

Bill Prunty has retired in Colorado Springs and sees Gude and Vickers every once in a while. They are at ENT Air Force Base.

Dave Heiman made a trip to the European Command in July. He saw Bob Fleming who is C.G. ADSES Headquarters at Verdun. Also bumped into Buck Wiley, C.G. of the Garmisch Area, who was to leave for the U.S. in a couple of days. He stayed with Benny Shute at Stuttgart and he is due to return to the ZI in a few weeks for an assignment in the Washington area.

That about does it for this time. From now on Billingsley will take over this column. Send all the news of yourself and other classmates to him. *Don't* forget the 30th and keep in touch. Thanks for your cooperation with this column in the past.

—Pete Calyer.

1929

Our incoming plebe class is strengthened by five classmates' sons—Armstrong, Forney, Greeley, Kirkpatrick, and Parient. The three sons in the Class of '58, five in the Class of '59, and nine in the Class of '60 gives 22 sons of '29 now in the Corps. There are reliable reports that Beast Barracks is no less vigorous, but it seems to have become oddly attractive. Among the young men of the incoming class who indicated at one time or another that they wanted to resign, it seems that less than half held the same view after the end of Beast Barracks.

Last week the plaque memorializing those who died in the Korean War was unveiled

in Cullum Hall with one name from the Class of '29—Frank Forney.

It has become useless to try and keep up with the promotions in the class but we are glad to record that Bozo McKee becomes a Lieutenant General (five thus far in the class, I think) and that the Air Force has belatedly gotten around to making George Keeler a BG. Bozo has received the first annual Distinguished Management Award of the Air Force Association for his system of on-the-job development of executive talent.

Most classmates now know that John Nesbitt passed away in June and was buried in Arlington. Many classmates were present. He had been teaching at Sullivan's since 1946. Alice is continuing to live at home in Washington and was recently promoted in the firm for which she has been working six years. A son is a senior in college and daughter, Ann, working this Summer at the West Point Catholic Rectory, goes back to Maryland as a sophomore. Grace Woods writes that she is going to make her home at The Carriage House, 52 University Terrace, Athens, Ohio. She invites classmates and friends to stop by and see her if they are traveling on Route 50. Apparently it is a former "carriage house" and Grace thinks it will be a very pleasant place to live. She sends word that Bob Ward is on leave convalescing after being through Walter Reed with a heart attack. She is seeing Sally and Ralph Strader, he being in the IG business in Washington.

George Reilly writes that Ralph Strauss has retired in the Washington area, Herbie VanderHeide is at Indiantown Gap, and that Wesley Wilson has retired to Bismarck, North Dakota. J. O. Stephenson sends a bulletin from his travels about Europe that he saw Newt Hunter in Paris busy packing to go to Fort Sam Houston, and Gus Herndon is taking over as CO at Garmisch. Maybe we should point our vacation plans in that direction.

Paul Freeman, now of the Weapons Systems Evaluation Group, writes me a note that I really should have stayed around West Point for the Army Science Conference in order to see classmates Freeman, Rasmussen and Calloway (Jim Gavin already ranks as a pro) cavorting among the Army's scientific brains. They secretly hoped they wouldn't get their E, I and R mixed up in casual conversation with any Ph.D's. I have asked my scientific colleagues among the local professors for comment on the correlation between class rank in Electricity and Chemistry and the current assignments of great responsibility of these classmates. No comment has thus far been forthcoming, but their current situation is useful in argumentation with the present-day cadet who thinks he is going to spend his entire life leading an Infantry platoon.

Merle Thompson, writing on the stationery of the American Iron and Steel Institute at 150 East 42nd St., New York City, gives his home address as 20 Sutton Place South.

Andy McKeefe writes on the stationery of the Blaw-Knox Co., Pittsburgh, asking for the name of a Pittsburgh cadet as a contact in arranging a unification dance this Christmas for cadets, middies and air cadets. He reports two youngsters in college and one in the 6th grade.

Dick Wentworth, taking over the job of Washington representative from Paul Harkins, contributes the information that Kai Rasmussen has been to Japan and Formosa recently. Kai is doing a very interesting and scholarly research job associated with American University. Dan Doubleday comes back to Andrews AFB in Maryland to be Deputy Commander of the Airways and Air Communications Service. I note a mistake in the last ASSEMBLY notes which reported Mish Roth as retiring. Instead he has arrived in Washington as the Assistant Dep-

uty Chief of Staff for Western Hemisphere Affairs. Zeke Napier has moved from the Caribbean command to the Penagon. Don Graul has gone to command the depot at Rome, New York.

The Lincoln family were fortunate to see Lou and Marylou Hammack enroute from Germany to station with the 4th Army at San Antonio. Their son Jim, aged 10, and son Bob, serving with an air defense outfit in New England, spent a couple of days at West Point.

Weary Wilson has been seen a couple of times visiting his son in the yearling class. Weary has been by to see Van Bibber at the Valley Forge General Hospital and suggests that any classmate passing in the vicinity give Julia Van Bibber a call. We hope to have a report on Van's progress in the next class notes.

Thus far there have been no takers, not even a nibble, on the suggestion in the last class notes that a 30-year book would be a fine idea if some member of the class would only step forward to do something about it.

Because of some publicity that might reasonably have been misinterpreted to the effect that your class editor is about to spend some time in a State Department position in Washington, let me stress that I am doing business at the old stand here at West Point for the indefinite future, I hope, and humbly beg for letters from classmates to help out with this column.

—Abe Lincoln,

Dept. of Social Sciences, USMA.

1930

Dear Gang:

As Sandy Stone explained in the last letter he has left the class files with me. Sandy and Mary come up to McNair frequently, and they are "having a ball" operating their estate, Mount Stuart, down in Virginia.

Presentation of Class Gifts was made on June 3 at Thayer Monument to Douglas Alexander, Neal Ausman, Jr., and Benjamin Beasley, our graduating sons in the Class of 1957. Bob Booth made the presentations. Others who were there to witness the ceremony: Connie Booth, the Murrells, the Kings, the Dices, the Stones, Al Watson, and proud parents of the graduates, the Ausmans and Alexanders.

It is always a pleasure and a source of pride to note promotions. On June 27 a star fell on Bill Whipple. (Congratulations, Bill, and I hope that is just the first of several).

Our own Sid Wooten has distinguished himself as a humanitarian. He has been awarded the Bene Merenti Medal by His Holiness, Pope Pius XII, for his fine administration of the Reception Center for Hungarian Refugees at Camp Kilmer. This is the highest the Pope can grant for outstanding humanitarian efforts. Sid has now moved on to Fort Devens, Massachusetts.

The retired list is becoming more and more popular. I have seen orders announcing the retirement of Chief Moore on June 30, Bob Cron on August 31, and Jac Rothschild on September 30. They no doubt have in mind dropping me a note to report their new CPs, and what they are doing. Dave Baker retired July 31 to become a TYCOON — President of Capital Airlines, no less. Class will tell. (Good luck, Dave, and keep in touch).

As always, people are moving. Georgia and Roddy Carmichael were in Washington on their way to their new station: 1st Logistic Command, Fort Bragg. They look great. Their elder offspring is entering his senior year at Georgia Tech. Chris Clarke was in Washington a few days, up from Mexico City. He looks fine — same youthful looking guy.

Wiley and Genevieve Ganey left Fort McNair for Wiley's new job as CG, Technical Training AF, Gulfport, Mississippi. Carl Brandt moved from Gulfport to The Air Training Command, Scott AFB, Belleville, Illinois. Bob and Sarah Wood have taken up residence at Fort McNair. Bob succeeded Andy O'Meara as Deputy Chief, R&D, when Andy moved on to be CG of the 4th Armored Division. That brings our count of DIVISIONS COMMANDERS to four: O'Meara of the 4th Armored, Porter of the 3d Armored, Linquist of the 3d Infantry and Stuart of the 25th Infantry!

Bill Carter has taken the important post of President of the Mississippi River Commission. There's now better than a fair chance that things on that Mississippi will be straightened out.

Bill and Betty Allen are firmly established at Cornell where Bill has dug in as PMST. To my knowledge this is the third faculty that Bill has served on which should give him permanent possession of the cup. Betty says they are prospective grandparents about the end of the year. Never mind, Betty, you'll always be a slick chick. The Allens are at home at 216 Forest Home Drive, Ithaca, New York.

Other moves that have been noted by checking orders or receipt of change of address cards: Jimmy Wilson to Seventh U.S. Army Arty; Jim Darrah to U.S. Army Military District Oregon; Ed Berry to 4th Infantry Division, Fort Lewis; Alva Fitch to Chief, MAAG, Belgium and Luxembourg; Carle Clifford to Engineer Division, San Francisco; Happy Brooks to Fourth U.S. Army, San Antonio; Bo Beauchamp to Washington; Phil Wehle and Johnnie Hayden to Fort Sill; Ed Sachs to American Embassy, APO 231, New York; O'Neill Kane to Avenida El Bosque 531, Santiago, Chile; Harry Boyd to USAREUR ComZ, APO 122, New York; Joe Twyman to Hq Giessen Sub-Area, APO 169, New York; Ham Hampton to 3700 Mil. Training Wing, Lackland AFB, Texas; Johnnie Kilborn to Office of the Air Attache, Box 107, APO 80, New York.

The more I hear from you good people the more I can play back. My address: Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington 25, D. C.

'Til next time.

—George.

1931

Discerning readers will find a distinct veering in style in the notes appearing in this issue. This development is the direct consequence of Phil Stiness' abdication from the post of Class Correspondent. He is now enjoying the deadbeat of a lush attaché job.

I wondered why he smirked so contentedly when my name was "volunteered" to take over his responsibility. What I suspect he knew all the time and what I have only just found out is that '31 goes into acute aestivation at this season of the year. If you don't get the drift, I mean that news just doesn't happen. Of course I'm a bit out of my element, not having a good sense of news, but be of good heart for my contract is to cover this issue *only*.

Charlie Densford, under date of May 28, sounded a plaintive note concerning the disposition of certain journalistic efforts which he had dutifully submitted. The material he sends from his point of vantage in HQ 2 ATAF, BFPO 40/ APO 82, merits publication in full:

"Dear Bob: (Johnston, that is)

"On reading the latest issue of ASSEMBLY, I was disappointed at not finding my news included. Guess it did not reach Phil Stiness in time for inclusion in his summary. Oh, well, I tried. Here goes again.

"While touring Holland with my family during the Easter holidays, I encountered

Roy Kauffman in the American Express Company offices in Amsterdam. Roy has spent the last few years becoming an expert in guided missiles, so he is now assigned as commanding officer of Camp Des Loges, France, an administrator. The Army is still running true to form.

"A junior size class reunion was held at RAF Station Laarbruck, Germany. by Bob Lee, Ernie Easterbrook, Phil Bethune, and yours truly. We were observing the awards of prizes to the winners of the annual reconnaissance competitions of the Allied Air Forces Central Europe. Easterbrook and Bethune are both assigned to LANDCENT at Fontainebleau, Lee commands the 4th Allied Tactical Air Force, and I'm Special Weapons Liaison Officer between AIRCENT and the 2nd Allied Tactical Air Force.

"Yesterday, I was browsing through some old files, when I ran across the original personnel order announcing that 43 members of our class had finished the flying course and were rated pilots. I made up a tabulation showing our status now, 26 years after. Here it is. (I might be off on some of my alleged facts, so please check up where you can.)

"TOTAL GRADUATED 43
 "TRANSFERRED BACK TO THE ARMY 1

("G. W. Carlson, who returned to the Corps of Engineers. Bob Lee accomplished a double switch—back to Cavalry and, three years later, back to Air Corps again. Then he turned on a full head of steam and became our first General.)

"DECEASED 8

("Hoyt Williams, air crash; Gerry Williams, air crash in South America; P. G. Miller, suicide; Ray Lester, air crash; Russ Griffith, air crash; Dave Motherwell, air crash; Art Kerwin, air crash; Johnny Helms, exposure after air crash.)

"RETIRED 6

"Milt Arnold, Jack Gordon, John Feagin, John Skeldon, Dick Wise, George Hartman, A. J. McVea. Arnold and Gordon attained the rank of Brigadier General before retirement. All the rest made Colonel.)

"ACTIVE DUTY 27

"STILL FLYING 25

("Guenther and Hockenberry turned in their wings voluntarily many years back, but are still on active duty.)

"COLONELS 11

("Lou Guenther, Bob Fulton, Marcellus Duffy, Bob Alan, Bert Muentner, Carl Damborg, Joe Carroll, Swede Carlmark, Charlie Densford, Les Kunish, Earle Hockenberry.)

"BRIGADIER GENERALS 4

("Billy Bell, Bo Dougher, Chet Young, APPLE-KNOCKER Bowman.)

"MAJOR GENERALS 11

("Don Yates, Ted Timberlake, Dan Callahan, Jake Smart, Bob Eaton, Gene Beebe, Mickey Moore, Jimmy Mooney, Bob Lee, Dave Hutchison, Gordon Blake.)

"LIEUTENANT GENERAL 1

("Doc Strother.)

"This study does not include those ground-pounders who came into the Air Force after the war, but is confined to those who went through the flying school in the big bunch right after graduation. Judy Chappell came along a few years later. He is still active, a Colonel, although he reached the rank of Brigadier General during the war.

"Cora is returning to the States next month, to preside over the birth of our sixth and seventh grandchildren. William, having finished high school, will accompany her and spend the Summer getting lined up for a job and for matriculation at some college, probably the University of Houston. I'm keeping our two youngest, Elena and Daniel, here with me for the Summer, as hostages to insure Cora's return. If she found herself in San Antonio with the only two children

we have left, she might abandon me, and I'm too damned old to be an orphan for a year.

"I shall probably have a chance to fly to Washington in August on MATS Blue Plane, to run some errands for AIRCENT. If I do, I shall surely find time to visit the Academy and my son Charles Jr., who will be deadbeating on the Beast Detail.

"That seems to be just about the size of it for now. Best to Mary.

"Regards,
 "Charlie"

Nice going, Charlie. May I be the first to question your "facts"? Which one of the seven named doesn't count against the six retired?

Dick Jewett has relinquished his post as Engineer Fifth Army to take over as G-4 of that headquarters. On the Washington scene, we are just about holding our own. Grove Powell goes to Aberdeen Proving Ground in October. Meanwhile Cam McConnell was in the Student Detachment of MDW. While the professors look up the books he will need to learn Portuguese for his next assignment, Cam is in durance vile as a member of a DCSPERS Screening Board.

The Class extends its deepest sympathy to Curly and Marion Wilson upon the death of their youngest son.

Cook stopped in to buy a set of USMA dishes. He was attending the Army Science Conference.

He reported seeing Scott Dickson recently. He was trying to chisel an engine out of the Signal Corps—fat chance.

Ben Turpin works for Bell Labs, and gets to Monmouth occasionally.

Bill Hardick has moved from beautiful Brussels to that Peculiar Pen on Potomac (ASD). He reports visiting Blair and Edie Ford in Kaiserslautern, along with Ockie and Doris Krueger. Bob Johnston, complete with Mary, Barbara, and Flicka (dog) left West Point on August 8 for Kaiserslautern.

This year's Plebe class has 10 sons of '31 in it (more than any other class): Brown, E. A.; Carlson, G. C.; Chandler; Coyle; Ford; Guenther; Herrick; Maloney; Sams; Westpheling.

Incidentally, the PIO sent us a fine picture of Blair and Bill Ford on the Kaiserslautern golf course. The caption said Blair made a 77, but I understand its only a nine hole course. Un-like father, like son, young Ford was the Best New Cadet for the week of July 27.

—McCrimmon,
 2420 No. George Mason Dr.,
 Arlington, Virginia.

1932

For once it appeared that this thing was started without undue stress or strain. I began a full 24 hours before deadline, had a reasonable amount of notes and in order to give it my full attention, had hired a neighborhood teenager at the going rate of 75 cents per hour to do the yard work. The latter got wind of Patty's plan to put me on the yard work, however, and pay him 75 cents an hour to write this so he never showed. Accordingly, the well clipped crabgrass and the English language will suffer alike as we give you social notes from all over.

From Baghdad-by-the-Bay Bill Fraser writes on our substantial membership (12 couples) in the Golden Gate area, including notes on some who have not been heard from in some time. Charlie Carrel who retired in 1945 is now Building Inspector and Assessor for the City of San Francisco. Bill Coit studied law after retiring in 1945 and is now Deputy District Attorney for Oakland, while Bill Freeland is Personnel Manager of the Lenkurt Electric Company of San Carlos,

an up and coming manufacturer of electronic equipment. Bill Fraser closes by saying that all seem to be holding their own, i.e., what they have lost in hair and teeth they have more than gained in pounds.

In Baghdad-by-the-Subway, we hear that Luigi Guiducci is well established in Wall Street after 11 years of hard work. He is with the investment firm of Tobey & Kirk, has written articles in the financial magazines on his specialty, mutual funds, and expects to have a book published late this Fall.

In Baghdad-by-the—let's see now—Tigris, Danny and Ruth Campbell have joined that sparkling pair of Iraqis, Tom and Ermine Hanna, and Danny is now Chief of the U.S. Element in the Baghdad Pact.

Orders have been plentiful since the last issue and from the number of new stars revealed, one would think they are being published in Palomar. New Brigadier Generals are Al Gerhardt, Commanding General of the 31st AA Brigade at McChord AFB (Fort Lewis) and George Power, 24th Div Arty. Commander in Korea. George, incidentally, is due home in February.

To Major General: Benny Webster, just arrived in Washington as Director of Programs for the Air Force; Rom Puryear, Chief of Staff of the Air Defense Command in Colorado Springs; Moose Mussett; Danny Campbell; Ed Suarez who just arrived as Deputy Commandant of the National War College; and Tom Darcy, who lives in the University Club but commutes to his job in Ottawa, Rio, and other points in the hemisphere. Sam Russell also received a second star and now rules Fort Bliss and all other appurtenances of the AA and Guided Missile Command.

While it added precious little metal to his brawny shoulders, Bus Wheeler's in-grade advance was probably as significant as any. When Paul Harkins ('29) went to Izmir, Bus moved up to replace him as the Asst DC/S of Operations of the Army. Shortly thereafter he did a very masterful job as stand-in for the Chief of Staff during Operation Alert 1957.

The reorganization of the command in the Pacific is being clarified and in Honolulu, CINCPAC is being built on solid foundations. Recent appointments in that joint command established Hunter Harris as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Operations, and Bob Hewitt as Assistant Chief of Staff for Logistics.

Other moves have taken Jack Sutherland to Keesler AFB, Mississippi, as Commander of the Technical Training Wing; Don Roth to Fordham as PMST; and John Steele to command the 56th AA Brigade at Fort Devens. John replaced Milt Ogden who went to Army Headquarters Caribbean in Panama.

Going a little further from home, the Wally Thinnes' went to Formosa in August and the Hartshorns to Cambodia. Eddie is Chief of the MAAG there and has no complaints with the marble cottage they occupy except that the swimming pool is on the second floor.

In Detroit, Bill Call has been appointed Deputy Commander of the massive Ordnance Tank-Automotive Command, while Farmer Jamison, a handy man with plow or cow, is the new commander of Eglin AFB in Florida.

Cal Smith has the honor of commanding the new 2nd U.S. Army Missile Command at Fort Hood. An impressive picture of the first parade shows that Cal is still trim enough to be mistaken for one of his own missiles; an important factor at this time when interchangeable warheads are a must.

After showing what makes a combat soldier by commanding an artillery group at Bragg, Phil Pope, one of our more polished diplomats is at it again, this time as the Army Attaché in Cairo.

News of the Junior League must be opened with apologies to Jimmy Woolnough, Jr., for not reporting his marriage after graduation along with the others of his class. He married Miss Sue Mulford Evans, a graduate of Kansas University and daughter of Jim Evans, USMA '29, at Fort Leavenworth, and is now viewing the breathless vistas of old Europe while dangling from a parachute.

In Tallahassee, Florida, Miss Joan Stecker married Lieutenant Richard Clyde Brown, and in June, Marie Therese Farnsworth married Second Lieutenant James Dorrance Powell, USA. Over in Yokohama, Second Lieutenant Jeff Childs, III (USMA '56) married Miss Barbara Jeannette Paine, a graduate of South West Texas State Teachers College, and moved shortly thereafter to Fort Rucker.

Here in Washington lovely Ann Beach, Vanderbilt cum laude, was married to Donald Edwin Jaekle, Yale '53, by Canon Luther D. Miller, former Chief of Chaplains. Cadet Sandy Beach, former dean of the South Area Hiking Club, proved he could also be a very debonaire usher. He neatly solved a disciplinary and social problem by sweeping young sister Twinky down the aisle on his left shoulder to the delight of all. Sandy, incidentally, ranks 16 academically in a class of over 600, which has Dwight mumbbling defensively about the Mendelian Theory which purports to demonstrate that a trait like that would have its origin generations back on either side of the family.

The Fort Myer Officers' Club did itself proud at the reception and I simply could not tear my eyes (or glass) away from the actual bubbling fountain of champagne. It was all very gay and one could not help thinking with a twinge of nostalgia of that other Beach wedding on a ranch outside of San Antonio in 1933. This time, however, Click Rees did not push Loney Campbell into the swimming pool, either because both were absent or because it was not officers' day at the pool.

In other areas, steps continue to be taken to replenish the officers' roster. Dick Coiner, Jr., entered the Air Force Academy with the class of 1961, and at Fort Eustis Larry and Ruth Babcock had the pleasure of pinning gold bars on Larry, Jr., before the latter took off for the AG School at Fort Benjamin Harrison.

Meanwhile, indestructable Ernie Powel went his merry way to prove that nobody is ever going to need replenishing by reaching the semi-finals in the National Senior Men's Doubles Tennis Championship.

The papers recently have been replete with accounts of placing the DEW line into operation. This extensive network of early warning radars stretches 3,000 miles from western Alaska across the upper side of the North American continent thru Canada to Baffin Island and lies entirely above the Arctic Circle. As Chief of the Electronic Defense Systems Division of the Air Materiel Command, Stan Wray built it all with his own bare hands; lock, stock and doper.

This in itself is a remarkable comeback for Stan. Those who remember back to the Berlin Air Lift will recall that Stan flew it regularly until his plane developed an unexpected air leak in the cabin during a mid-winter flight. Stan acquired a severe case of frost bite which grounded him for some weeks but only because planes were not available which could be piloted in a standing position. Meanwhile, Stan wisely maintains his home office in New York where, needless to say, frostbite remedies are more readily at hand.

While we left the last column with the halls of barracks merrily ringing with cries of "classmates once but friends now", we failed to mention that in Europe, Bill Powers sparkplugged an auxiliary reunion in delightful Garmisch, ably abetted by the

Wally Bruckers, Jerry Epleys, Walt Tisdales and Jack Webers.

Apparently, to Jim McCormack retirement from active duty is the signal to be more active than ever. He has just been appointed Vice President of M.I.T. for industrial and government relations and now has general supervision of policies of the Division of Sponsored Research, of the Lincoln Laboratory, the Instrumentation Laboratory in Cambridge, and the Operations Evaluation Group in Washington. Jim was also elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences recently to add to his memberships in the Air Force Scientific Advisory Board, the Board of Governors of the Air Force Academy, the Board of Governors of the Flight Safety Foundation and the Advisory Board of the Army Chemical Corps.

Photos in military publications seem to indicate that when our fellows aren't receiving decorations they are dishing them out. In the first instance, General Wyman presented Honey Whalen with a commendation ribbon for his fine work at CONARC. On the other hand, Joe Kelly pinned command pilot wings on Senator Goldwater, USAFR, the only jet pilot in the Senate; while Pop Duncan, that crafty woodsman who was never caught without his red comforter, presented the Eagle Scout badge to Wayne Duke, the second ever earned by a member of Berlin Troop 46. There is also one of Herb Thatcher, Vice Commander of USAFE, presenting the "cold dope" to General Gruenther but of course anyone is vulnerable to receive that from Herb at any time.

After three years of ups and downs, not to mention a few lateral shifts, I have been reassigned from the Pentagon. While no one ever really complains about emerging from the decompression chamber you've got to admit that some of its features are, if not attractive, at least unusual. For example, all administrative procedures and the language to express them are unintelligible to the human intellect but in Washington they have a rhythm of their own. Consider this explicatory heading on an official memo of July 26—nothing added; nothing deleted:

SUBJECT: LOGSPEX/NODEX Exercise USACOMZEUR.

Not long after that, one of my minions said he had to stay late to prepare a new MOS; specifically to describe the duties of an unattended-repeater man. Apparently the personnel people became alarmed at the gurgling noises which I could not seem to control and decided that an assignment to the Field was mandatory so that's how it is. We're moving in November, quarters on an Army post again, officers' club, reveille gun and all. It is to Fort McNair as Deputy Commandant of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces and while it may not exactly be the last frontier (altho people who have heard some of my speeches wish it were), the view is fine and we have concurrent travel.

—Ken Zitzman.

1933

After Summer doldrums we are getting cranked up under "new management." The "social season" starts with a luncheon at Fort Myer September 10 at which the following "team" will be installed: President, Hoy Davis; First Vice President, George Chapman; Second Vice President, Steve Fuqua; and Secretary-Treasurer, Robin Speiser. The Fall Dinner Dance is scheduled for October 12 at Fort Myer.

So far 112 classmates, plus 18 dependents, plan to attend the 25th reunion. We would like to hear from the rest of you.

We now have just over 100 life-time members of the 1933 West Point Society.

Our poll of the class with reference to presents for "sons" was fairly unanimous. A committee consisting of Broshous, Pohl and Guiney in the West Point area and Bus Evans in New York City will implement the class decision to give a present to all "sons" (retroactive) graduating from any of the three Service Academies.

Sam Donnelly and Kingfish Kelly are here on the Air Staff. Sam is Asst Dep CS for Plans and Programs and Kingfish is Director for Log Plans, DCS Materiel. Cy Letzelter recently arrived on the D/A staff as Ex, ACS Intelligence. Ira Cory is on duty with the Inspector General. Pete Bellican is back in Washington with the Quartermaster General as a civilian consultant. Moe Edwards, just before departing, received his Doctor of Philosophy degree at Georgetown University. George Chapman is now a grandfather.

We just recently learned, with deepest sympathy for Elizabeth, that Ben Thompson died in Los Angeles last February.

The Korean Plaque—Tom Hall for 1933—was unveiled in Cullum Hall July 31.

Russ Broshous, West Point, August 21: "There are eight sons of '33 in the Plebe Class—Cairns, Downing (E. B.), Due, Alexander Evans and John G. Evans (both Bus' sons), Henderson, Lane and Solomon.

"Saw Pinky Webster at Delafield on a vacation in Highland Falls.

"The West Point group of Pohl, Guiney and Broshous are seriously meditating on 25th Reunion Operations for June 1958."

Johnny Lane, CONARC, Fort Monroe, August 23: "'33 now here are Sparrow DC/S; Frame, Lonning and Chapman (Gerald), G3 Sec Merriam Combat Developments; and Lane, Transportation.

"Jerry Roberson visited here immediately after retirement. Jerry will teach school in Massachusetts. Ted Conway and Freddie Thorlin have been through on visits. Bob and Ann Turner adopted a baby girl about a year ago. Bob is Deputy Area Command in Munich."

Billy Harris, Fort Benning, August 12: "Hoebeke and I are the only members permanently stationed at Benning. I have the Third Division Artillery; Hoebeke the School Brigade.

"Ben Harrell rushed down to give out the assignments and then took off before any of the students could catch him. Ted Conway P.S.'ed the National Inventors Council on their trip.

"Moe Edwards was here for the last JCOC, escorting the Civilian aides from Sixth Army. Chet DeGavre comes down more often than any.

"I have just returned from a small '33 reunion in which Harpo Chase and I were roommates at Redstone Arsenal. Saw Johnny Shinkle *officially* but never saw Dunc Hallock or Pat Patterson.

"The Second Class has just invaded Fort Benning. We had most of the '33 members to dinner: Rocky Versace, Bob Cyr, Buz Haskin, Jim Walters, John Meyer and Spencer Maddux. McMorro, Van Sant and Engler were unable to come. My daughter saw Dick Olson at the swimming pool.

"Johnny Shinkle came to get Emily, who has been in the hospital here at Benning."

Bob Thompson, Fort Belvoir, July 4: "Four members of the class graduate in this class at USACMS: Joe Crawford, Jim Boswell, Morry (King) Henderson and Bob Thompson. John Honeycutt left the AFSC faculty in June for Korea. Anne will remain in Norfolk with Mary and little John.

"The Thompsons had nine sons of '33 of the Second Class in for a hop supper when that class visited Little Creek for its Amphib training: Meyer, Engler, Haskin, McMorro, Versace, Cyr, Walters, Maddux, and Van Sant."

Dick Montgomery, Barksdale Air Force Bas, August 16: "Saw Gabe Disosway at

Waco, Texas. I understand he has been recommended for the Distinguished Service Medal. He now commands the 12th Air Force at Ramstein Air Base, Germany. Tex Hetherington has just been promoted to Brigadier General and is commanding the SAC Air Division at Homestead Air Force Base. Saw Freddie Coleman at Camp LeRoy Johnson, New Orleans, a few days ago."

Hap Tubbs, Fifth Army, August 12: "See Dave Adamson often. He's a big insurance man in town."

Bob Arnette, San Antonio, August 21: "A West Point picnic was held at Fort Sam Houston in July—only other '33 there were Bill and Exa Damon. Bob Rayburn was at KAFB on ConVair business the last of May.

'Fuzz' Frenzell is now at 4th Army as G1—Frank Henley (now CO at Charleston AFB, Charleston, South Carolina) came to Kelly last week—We had an evening with Frank and Bill. Got renditions of 'Clementine' and other songs to include a few lines of 'O'Reilly's Daughter'. We and the Frenzells saw 'Rosie' and Jan Grubbs at the reception following the wedding of Josie (Burch) Shields."

Moe Edwards (Dep CG), Fort Ord, August 13: "Cal Smith is on his way to Fort Wood to take command of the new Missile Command. Cepeda has orders to the Philippines to the JUSMAG. Freddie Gibb is Commanding General of the Combat Developments Experimentation Center. Ruth and I got back to West Point last June Week to see our son, Richard, graduate. George Van Way visited us as a Senior golfer from Washington, in the All-Army Golf Championship. Had a visit with Ann Blanford—on her way to join Bill in Taiwan."

Tom Beck, Alaska, August 19: "Bill Quinn was up from Fort Lewis for a short visit in June. Bill is my closest '33 neighbor."

Ann Hill, (Fran never writes) Fort Lewis, (instead of Puerto Rico) August 18: "After seeing the Crawfords at Fort Carson and dropping in on the Moe Edwards and Freddie Gibb at Fort Ord, the Hills are now ensconced happily at Fort Lewis with Bill Quinn who commands the 4th Inf. Division. Fran is CO of Div. Arty."

Doug Gilbert, KMAG, Korea, August 17: "John Honeycutt arrived in July and is Senior Advisor to the Korean Army Training Command."

Lyle Bernard, Hawaii, August 15: "This paradise of the Pacific has far too few representatives of '33. The only ones I've found so far are Austin Miller, Quartermaster in the USARHAW Headquarters at Schofield Barracks, where I am the G4; and Pinkie Webster, the Area Engineer at Pacific Air Force Headquarters. Bill Blandford is now on Taiwan as Advisor to the 2d Chinese Army. 'Pop' Ridsen is also in that area."

Dick Park (Dep J-2), EUCOM, August 20: "Johnny Breit has just been transferred to Deputy for Plans in J-3, US EUCOM. He is hoping to see his son graduate from the Point at the time of our 25th reunion. Card is in J-4, US EUCOM. Bill Ely is Deputy J-4, US EUCOM and a first-class golfer (low 70's). Pat Patterson was through here today but only saw him momentarily. Thorlin went to Aberdeen but the rat hasn't written me.

"Vic King blew in today for a chat. He's got MAAG, U.K. Johnny Ferris and Sam Donnelly both left SHAPE for the U.S. recently which practically denuded SHAPE of our class. Disosway owns the Twelfth Air Force at Ramstein, Germany. I saw Abe Lincoln on his wanderings at Wiesbaden and here at Les Loges. He is moving to Italy from Rabat, Morocco."

—Bing Downing,
WSEG-ODS, Room 1E8071,
The Pentagon, Washington, D. C.

1934

Since the last publication of ASSEMBLY the class has acquired three more Major Generals and one Brigadier General in the Air Force. Arno Luehman, Monte Canterbury and Moose Donovan are wearing second stars and Paul Barton a first. Our total Air Force Major Generals now is eight, the others being Cary, Stone, Reeves, Bondley and Ainess.

Cy Betts had his nomination to Brigadier General confirmed by the Senate. The orders promoting him will no doubt be published by the time you read this.

Reporting in to Washington this Summer are Jack White to AFSWP, Jack Lawlor to Standing Group, Charlie Hill (who has a Ph.D) to R&D Division of the Surgeon General's Office and Arno Luehman to OSAF as Director of Air Force Information Services.

Washington departees have been: Walt Moore to Germany with the 12th Air Force; Junie Ligon to Wright-Patterson; Jeff Moseley, Joe Piram and Pop Gould to Hawaii; Hal Browning to Headquarters, 6th Army, San Francisco; Paul Hanley to Korea; Ron Martin to Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Denver; Bob Warren to France; John Hutchinson to Japan; Moon Northam to Romania as Army Attache, and Charlie Fell to retirement and faculty of Miami University, Miami, Florida. Incidentally, Charlie will be a grandfather by the time this article is published. Congratulations!

Wells, J. B., recently was assigned to KMAG in Korea. His wife Janet lives at 420 E. 23rd St., New York City. Don't worry, 16 months will pass before you know it. Hank Ebel was down to Walter Reed Hospital from his post in Saigon, S. Vietnam, in July for an emergency chest operation. Ten days later he was eating barbecued chicken and able to take liquids with gusto—never looked better! As of late August, Career Management advises that Hank, now fully recovered, will be reassigned to Iowa State College at Ames, Iowa, for a spell of ROTC duty. Dottie and daughter Shelly, who had been residing in New York while Hank was overseas, are fine and glad to have the old warhorse home. Travis Brown has returned from Europe and was through Washington this Summer on his way to Fort Polk, Louisiana.

Varsity Vars retired recently and apparently has returned to Tulia, Texas, his home town. Jack Benner has been retired but his new address is not known at this time. On July 31 Russ Volckman joined the retired ranks, at his own request, and is living in Morrison, Illinois, where he is associated with the Volckmann Manufacturing Company.

Charlie Johnson was through Washington in July and attended the class luncheon on the 11th. He is headed for the G-2 Section of USAREUR. Harry Lardin has moved from one spot in Germany to another and is now in Munich. His son, Eddy, is a plebe at USMA this year.

In addition to the elected officers already reported, the following committees were appointed: Correspondence—Barnes, Seaman, Craig, J. P.; Entertainment—McDonald, Rogers, W. L., Lipscomb; Personal Service—Ward, Brown, P. S., Smith, S. H.; Ways and Means—McCrary, Bondley, Inman; Contact—Spivy, Denson, Kenerick; Cotillion—Hayes, Bilbo, Neal, Crystal, Donoghue, Edson. The first listed in each case is the Chairman.

P.S. Brown sends us the following: "I have audited the class account for the period August 11, 1956 through June 28, 1957 and find the accounts presented to me to be correct."

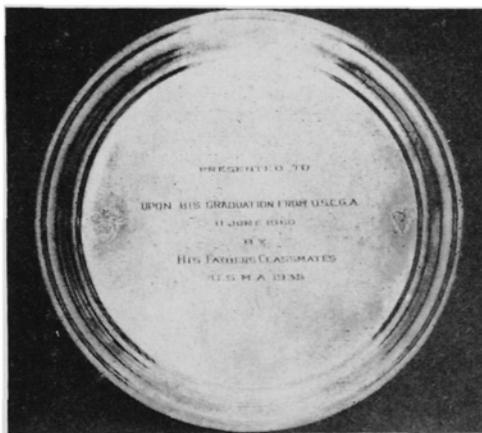
At our regular monthly luncheon, held at Fort McNair on August 2, McCrary was authorized to explore the possibility of obtaining cigarette boxes for presentation to USMA graduates of sons of '34. By obtaining a

small stock we will be able to have the same box given to all rather than having to shop around each year.

Hal Edson asked in the last issue that you send any class notes to Frank Norvell. So far the response has been exactly zero. Don't forget that we are all interested in your activities. A note to any class officer will do the trick.

1935

With the risk of becoming a bore, the response to the dun of one solid dollar from each and every member of the Class has not yet swamped the mails. Whereas the Class is solvent (now about \$520) the treasurer feels that those who have not yet forwarded their buck could make a decided contribution to national anti-inflationary efforts by dis-



Picture of Class of 1935 gift to Sons of the Class who graduated from USMA, USNA, USAFA, USCGA and USMMA.

patching the cited sum and thereby eliminating the pressure to spend it foolishly. The recipient of the dollar is the writer at RFD 3, Box 567, Fairfax, Virginia. For those who are not acquainted with the Class SOP: when the echequer drops below \$500, an assessment of one dollar on each member of the Class is automatic. That distressing state was reached about three months ago and the collection effort began.

The planning effort toward the 25th Reunion is just commencing. A few heads are being scratched and the Class of '32 has been pumped for information. Don Breakfield and the executive committee plan an early start toward concrete plans. One thing is very sure though if we are to have a real turnout everyone should start collecting his thoughts and pennies and plan to make a determined effort to be at West Point in June of '60. It looks very much as if Somers Dick should be there in a rather permanent professorial or assistant state even if Johnny Throckmorton should have departed to greener pastures.

Van Ormer, George Jones and the Entertainment Committee staged a Class picnic at Cameron Station the end of August. It was featured by startling picnic styles from some, and solid contentment with life, for the moment at least, by many relaxing soldiers and their ladies. Even the Air contingent of the class navigated to relatively successful landings in the area.

There wasn't enough time because of the ASSEMBLY deadline to get any picnic pictures published with this issue. In its place is a Bailey, Banks and Biddle photo of the Class gift to be given to each of our sons who graduate from the USMA, USNA, USAFA, USCGA, and Merchant Marine Academy.

During the Summer things have been pretty quiet and not too much news on in-

dividuals has come in. Class luncheons continued on the fourth Friday of each month in the Pentagon General Officers Dining Room. Les Wheeler, Jack Williamson and Hart Caughey snuck quietly into the House of Horrors here. Deacon Rhode, Ralph Haines, George Ruhlen, Gib Sherrard, Hoot Gibson and Mac McGoldrick have arrived along the shores of the Potomac to work or while away their time at the War College. Eddie Sawyer, an old hand in the area, will also attend the next NWC class. Gibson was happily expecting to go from Europe to Detroit but something happened and he is now assisting the Chief of Ordnance with his problems.

Al Ashman was slumming here for a few days after his tour in Egypt as ARMA. He believes he is going to Fort Baker, California. Charlie Leonard is allegedly gyroing to Europe with the Third Division. Dunc Sinclair expects to gaze upon the beauty of Korea soon—landscape of course. Jim Frink went through Walter Reed in July en route to Leavenworth from Panama. Fanny Haltom (C. M.) ex-B Co. writes he is working for the Air Force at Eglin Air Force Base as a mathematician. Fanny's address is P.O. Box 587, Fort Walton Beach, Florida. Herb Cady has a new address at 3000 PSFS Bldg., 125 12th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Bill Lapsley, Autrey Maroun and Jim Alger have soared to the stars joining our small band of Generals; Congratulations. George, the Eck, will soon be air-defending the Nation's Capitol with his headquarters at Fort Meyer and Al Robbins will be doing the same for Philadelphia.

Don't forget to keep your roving reporter informed of any and all news. With a firmly nailed footlocker here in Washington there isn't too much opportunity to travel and see the world.

—Mike Mitchell,
RFD 3, Box 567,
Fairfax, Virginia.

1936

According to records brought up to date, September 1957, the class roll call shows 191 '36ers present for active duty. Jimmy Goodwin has been most helpful in helping to bring our roster current and so before everyone shifts again I'm going to bore you with the exact known whereabouts of everybody. Maxie Kallman suggested that everyone's name be mentioned at least once in the column; so maybe this'll do it. I should really appreciate anyone writing in the missing locations, of which there are still a few.

Before the roster, the Class is happy to acknowledge the promotions and additional stars that we have won: T. C. Rogers, Monteith, and Necrason. We should also like to congratulate and give our best wishes to the new sons who are members of the class of 1961, USMA; Frank Gillespie, John W. Goldtrap, John A. Heintges, David W. Heister, Beverly Powell, Charles M. Swain, John O. Turnage, and Fred L. Walker III.

Here's what we know of those on active duty: ABRAMS—OACSRC, DA, Wash.; ARNOLD—3800 AB Wg (AU), Maxwell AFB, Ala.; AUSTIN—Oprs, CADF (ADC), Grandview AFB, Mo.; BARLOW—Hq Penn Mil Dist, Indiantown Gap Mil Reservation, Pa.; BARRETT—Dep Comdr 313 ADiv (5AF), Kadena Air Base, Okinawa (FEAF); BARTELLA—Dep Dir Trans. & Svcs (AMC), Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio; BEARD—Army Aviation Center, Ft. Rucker, Ala. (On way from Camp Wolters, the B's plus five children plus one in the hangar, stopped off at Atlanta. The Gages and Jacobys had a nice evening reunion); BEGGS—Allied Forces Central Europe, APO 11, NY; BELL—Dep Comdr, SAAMA, Kelly AFB, Tex.; BENSON—ODCSLOG, DA, Washington; BESS—OCSigO, DA, Washington; BILLING-

SLEA—Stud. NWC, Ft. McNair, Washington.

The way to hear from a non-writing classmate is to put something in this column in error. That's how I heard from Chuck. Congratulations to mama and papa B. on their man-child who was born April 29th and whose name I'll call 'Sherman' (in error, of course) so I'll hear from Chuck again soon.

BODINE—Signal School, Ft. Monmouth, N. J.; BREAKS—Joint Chief of Staff, Washington; BROYLES—JUSMAG, Philippines, APO 928, Frisco; BURNETT—OASA (FM), DA, Washington; BUYNOSKI—Faculty, C&GS College, Leavenworth, Kan.; CAIRNES—Dep Comdr, 3310 TTTWg (TTAF), Scott AFB, Ill.; CARMICHAEL—Dir. Personnel Procurement and Tng, Hq USAF, Washington; CATO—ODCSOPS, DA, Washington; CHAFFIN—Stud AWC, Carlisle, Pa.; CHAMPION—Opns 3345 TTTWg (TTAF), Chanute AFB, Ill.; CHILES—MAAG Spain, APO 285 NY; CHRISTENSEN—Hq CONARC, Ft. Monroe, Va.; CLARK—Chief of Staff, USAF, APO 633, Wiesbaden, Germany; CLIFTON—OCINFO, DA, Washington.

I'm indebted to Ted for the picture this month which was snapped at June luncheon at the Naval Gun Factory. Also I enjoyed a long phone chat with Ted on his second recent visit to Atlanta in late August. Next time promises a visual reunion.

COLE—Imperial Defense College, London, England, Navy FPO 100, NY. (has orders for USA Elm, SHAPE, Paris); COMBS—Comdt, AF Institute of Tech, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio; CONNOR—Hq USARPAC, Hawaii, APO 958, Frisco. Bill and Betty took an inter-station-move vacation this Summer and part of the way to a visit to Atlanta—the closest they got however was Betty's family in Mississippi.

COOKE—Hq CONARC, Ft. Monroe, Va.; CORDES—Hq 3rd Army, Ft. McPherson, Ga.; The Cordes, Hanekes and Pecks (and there may have been others) reunited at an Atlanta USMA dinner party the last of August).

COZART—Det R (PROV) KMAG, APO 102, Frisco; CRAWFORD—Military Attache, Denmark, Care of Dept of State, Washington; CURRAN—Hq COMZ, USAREUR, APO 58, NY; DALY—Hq USARPAC, Hawaii, APO 958, Frisco; DAVIS, B. O.—Chief of Staff, 12th AF, USAF, APO 12, NY; DAVIS, T. R.—USArmy Advisory Gp (USAR), Denver, Colo.; DAVIS, W. A.—Rochester Ordnance District, Rochester, NY; DAWALT—Faculty, C&GS College, Leavenworth, Kan.; DELESDEARNIER—Field Advisor Gp, 2nd Mil Region—Navy, 150 FPO Frisco.

In case you'd like to reach Louis you may write to Jane c/o Atlanta—it's much easier. Jane says she expects him back from some place above Saigon, pronounced "hooy!", very shortly; for two reasons: he can't eat the native food and because he gave Jane too fat an allotment check, so he's broke.

DICKENS—OACSRC, DA, Washington; DICKSON—R&D Prog. Contr, DC/R&D, Baltimore, Md.; DRAIN—Hq 2nd Army, Ft. Meade, Md.; DRAKE—US Army Attache, Santiago, Chile, Dept of State, Washington; DUIN—CRF, AIC, Ft. Holabird, Md.; DUNN—Hq C&GS College, Leavenworth, Kan.; EDWARDS—C/S Hq MDW, Washington; ELLERT—Comdr 7602 AB Gp, 16th AF, Madrid, Spain (JUSMG) APO 285, NY; ESTES—C/S Air Def System, Hq USAF, Washington.

Pony recently arrived in D.C. from Ohio. His oldest son who was hit several months ago by a car, is still on the mend—his leg was injured.

EVANS—Hq CONARC, Ft. Monroe, Va.; FAIKS—Hq C&GS College, Ft. Leavenworth, Kan.; FERGUSSON—Naval War College, Newport, RI.; FINLEY—USArmy Engr Distr Okinawa, APO 331, Frisco; FROST—Dep for Comm, TAC, Langley AFB, Va.;

GANNIS—US Army Advisory Gp (NG US), Savannah, Ga.; GARLAND—EUCOM, Representative to German Def Min, MAAG Germany, Box 810, APO 80, NY; GASTON—ODCSOPS, DA, Washington; GILLESPIE—Vice Comdr, 31 ADiv (CADF), Snelling AF Station, Minn.; GOLDENBERG—DCS/Mat, EADF, Stewart AFB, NY; GOODING—Hq 3rd Army, Ft. McPherson, Ga.; GOODWIN—ODCSOPER, DA, Washington; GRIFFITH—Plans & Policy Div, Hq SHAPE, APO 55, NY; GROHS—Chief of Staff EADF, Stewart AFB, NY; GROTHAUS—Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Denver, Colo.; GROVE—Hq USARCARIB, Ft. Amador, CZ; GRUBBS—Ordnance Officer, Hq USARCARIB, Corozal CZ, APO 827, New Orleans, La.; GUNN—Dep Asst C/S Prog (ADC), Ent AFB, Colo.; HAHNEY—USAA & Missile Center, Ft. Sill, Okla.; HANEKE—Comptroller, 3rd Army, Ft. McPherson, Ga.; HARVEY—Hq 2nd Army, Ft. Meade, Md.; HAYES—ICAF, Studt, Ft. McNair, Washington; HEINTGES—Dep Comdr, USATC (INF), Ft. Dix, NJ.; HIESTER—Ordnance Tank Auto Cmd., 1501 Beard St., Detroit, Mich.

All the Hiesters (mama—now, grand-mama, too) were in Germany this Summer. Not the least import reason was the arrival of Darcy Sue at the Minich's (Darrell Hiesters Minich).

HOLDERNESS—CINCSOUTH Ln Off, c/o MAAG Greece, APO 206, NY; HOLTERRMAN—Budget Div. OCA DA, Washington; HOLTONTON—Army Sec, MAAG Taiwan, FFAAT APO 63, Frisco; HOSMER—Comdr 3720 BMT Gp (TTAF), Lackland AFB, Tex.; HUGHES—USA Armor Center, Ft. Knox, Ky.; ILLIG—USARPAC, Hawaii; JACKSON—1400 Personnel Center, Ft. Hamilton, NY; JACOBY—US Army Engr Div, South Atlantic, Box 1889, Atlanta, Ga. (Jake as of now doesn't think too much of vacations. On his most recent "try" he had a wreck, was tired, got pinched, naturally—broke, result—disgusted); JANOF—Hq 5th Army, Chicago, Ill.; JONES—Dir Sup & Svcs, Maywood AFD, Maywood, Cal.; KALLMAN—Guided

Missile Dept, Air Defense School, Ft. Bliss, Tex.; KATZ—OCO, DA, Washington; KELLY—Hq US Army, Hawaii, Schofield Bks. T.H.; KERKERING—Stud, AWC, Carlisle, Pa.; KESSLER—Air Defense Board, ADctr, Ft. Bliss, Tex; KIEFFER—Dist Engr, Alaska Dist, APO 942, Seattle; KIMBALL—Dir Opns, CONAC, Mitchel AFB, NY.

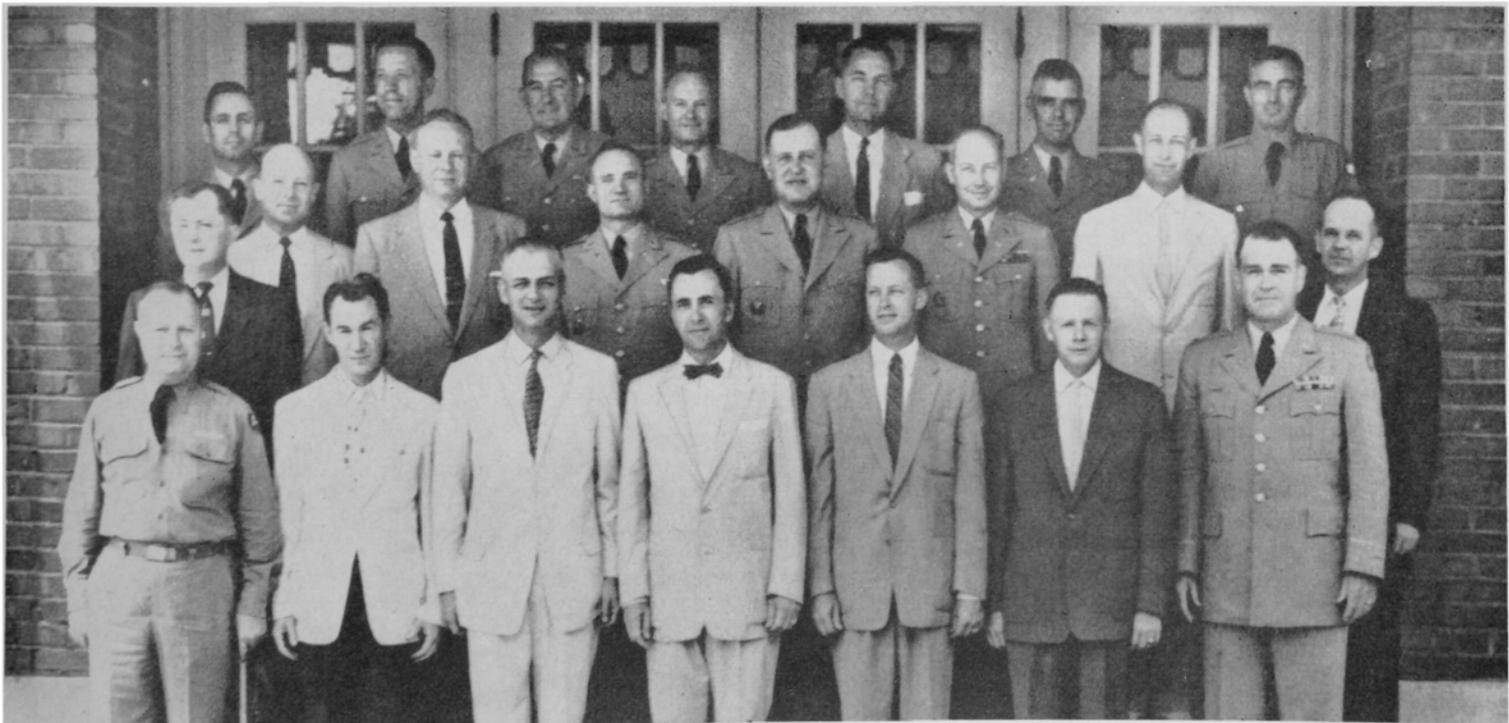
KINARD—Hq I Corps Arty, 8th US Army, APO 301, Frisco; KLOCK—US Army Eng Div, Miss. River, Box 1216 Omaha, Neb.; LAMPERT—NWC, Ft. McNair, Washington; LANDRUM—5th INF, Hq, Ft. Ord, Cal.; LANDRY—Hq US ODEC, Ft. Ord, Cal.; LAURION—US Army Eng. Dist, Kansas City, Kan.; LAWLOR—Hq USATC, Ft. Knox, Ky.; LAYNE—OACS/Intell, DA, Washington; LEE—VComdr 13th AF, Clark AFB, P. I. (FEAF); LEER—US Army Senior Advisor, Kearney, NJ.; LEMOYNE—Hq Ft. Stewart, Ga.; LIND—Hq 2nd Army, Ft. Meade, Md.; LIPSCOMB—USATC—(Inf), Ft. Dix, NJ.; LOCKHART—G-3 AirDefCtr, Ft. Bliss, Tex.; LYNCH—Hq SETAF, APO 168 NY; McCABE—3rd Armd Cav Rgt, APO 696, NY; McCARTY—Stud ICAF, Ft. McNair, Wash.; McCORKLE—C/S Guided Missiles, USAF, Washington; McCORMICK—Hq 4th Army, Ft. Sam Houston, Tex. (He is in Information Service, which according to Clifton sounds like a separate branch of service); McELHENY—OCE, DA, Washington. (Dan is class secretary for Washington; I only wish he were "class secretary—period!"); McMANUS—Hq USAREUR, Heidelberg, Germany, APO 403, NY; MEANY—(I'm sorry, but I'd like to know his current address); MICHAELIS—Chief Leg Ln, DA, Washington; MILES—Chf AF Ammo Sv Ofc, OOAMA, Hill AFB, Utah; MILLER—Mil Attache Rome, Italy, c/o Dept State, Washington; MILLIKEN—OCF, DA, Washington; MOHLERE—Detroit Ord Dist, Detroit, Mich.; MONTEITH—Cmdr 3535 Navigator Tng Wg (FTAF), Mather AFB, Cal.; MORRIS, H. A.—Hq USARPAC, APO 958, Frisco; MORRIS, T-willy—Ft. Buchanan, Puerto

Rico, APO 851, NY; NAZZARO—Dir Personnel Planning, Hq USAF, Washington.

Helen and the children called while passing through Atlanta in August. Now, that's the kind of reward for being secretary that is appreciated. Helen, unfortunately, was en route to settle affairs of her mother, Mrs. Harmon, who passed away. Helen and Joe are now settled in their new DAF job.

NECRASON—Comdr 11th ADiv, AAC, APO 731, Seattle; NOAKE—Trans. Trng Cmd, Ft. Eustis, Va. (Recently had several exchanges of correspondence with Don); NORRIS—Imperial Def. College, London, Navy FPO 100, NY; O'BRIEN—New Mexico Mil Institute, Roswell, NM.; OSWALD—Hq USAREUR, Heidelberg, Germany, APO 403, NY; PACK—Hq AIC, Ft. Holabird, Md.; PAGE—US Army Eng Dist, Seattle, Wash.; PALMER—Dep SGS, DA, Washington (same office with Westy); PARTRIDGE—Hq CONARC, Ft. Monroe, Va.; PECK—Hq 3rd Army, Ft. McPherson, Ga. (Al is getting settled in new quarters and will be in same office with Bill Haneke); PERKINS—Air Attache, Belgrade, Yugoslavia, c/o Dept State, Washington; PERSONS—OACS/Intell, DA, Washington; POWELL—Faculty, Arty & Missile School, Ft. Bliss, Tex.; PRINCE—PMS&T, Norwich U, Northfield, Vt.; PROSSER—US Army Tank Auto. Cmd, Detroit, Mich.

PUNSALAN—96 Tioga Ave, San Francisco; QUINN—Chf. Devel Planning Gp, DCS/O, USAF, Washington; RICKENBAUGH, Hq Armor Centr, Ft. Knox, Ky.; RIPPLE—Faculty, AWC, Carlisle Bks, Pa.; ROBBINS—Red River Ordnance Arsenal, Camp Stanley, San Antonio, Tex.; ROGERS, T. C.—Comdt, AFROTC, AU, Maxwell AFB, Ala.; ROMLEIN—USA Elm, SHAPE, APO 55, NY.; RUTLEDGE—Dep for Pers, TAC, Langley AFB, Va.; RYDER—OCR&D, DA, Washington; SAFFORD—101st AB Div, Ft. Campbell, Ky.; SEGRIST—Procedures and Analysis, DCS/Materiel, USAF, Washington; SHEA, L. C.—Annual Review Grp, Hq SHAPE, APO 55, NY.



CLASS OF '36 LUNCHEON

Held in Far East Room, Naval Gun Factory, June 13, 1957 at 11:30 A.M. First Row (left to right)—Colonel F. R. Sibert, USA; Colonel J. E. Goodwin, USA; Colonel W. S. Steele, USAF; Colonel W. G. Lee, Jr., USAF; Colonel B. E. Powell, USA; Colonel R. J. Quinn, Jr., USAF; Colonel D. L. Edwards, USA.

Second Row (left to right)—Colonel D. R. Bodine, USA; Colonel R. W. Breaks, USA (left of Bodine's shoulder); Colonel G. H. Holterman, USA; Colonel R. L. Cato, USA; Brigadier General C. W. Abrams, Jr., USA; Colonel C. L. Layne, USA; Colonel L. C. Shea, USA; Lieutenant Colonel A. N. Geist, USAF.

Back Row (left to right)—Colonel R. H. Tiffany, USA; Colonel G. H. Duin, USA; Colonel R. C. Dickens, USA; Colonel H. P. Persons, USA; Colonel J. E. Kelly, USA; Colonel J. B. Lampert, USA; Colonel E. E. Lockhart, USA.

SHORES—recent arrival at Stewart AFB, NY, (EADF). (The class feels very deeply the Shores' loss of Roy III last June); SHULER—ODCSLOG, DA, Washington; SIBERT—Hq USATC (INF), Ft. Jackson, S. C.; SIEVERS—Cmndt Finance School, Ft. Ben Harrison, Ind.; SIKES—Army Advisor Gp (USAR), Milwaukee, Wisc.; SIMPSON—Hq 7th US Army, APO 46, NY; SMITH, R. P.—Hq Armor Ctr, Ft. Knox, Ky.; SMITH, S. D.—Hq 7th Div Arty, APO 7, Frisco; SMITH, S. E.—US Army Eng Dist Far East, APO 301, San Francisco; SNYDER—OC/S, DA, Washington; SPANN—US Army Attache Oslo, Norway, Dept of State, Washington; SPENCER—Comdr 2853 AB Wg (WRAMA), Robins AFB, Georgia; STEELE—Mutual Security, DCS/Materiel, USAF, Washington; STEWART—Div of Military Application, ACE, Washington; STOKES—53 Ordnance Gp, USAREUR, APO 166, NY; STREETER—Advance Sec COMZ, USAREUR, APO 122, NY; SULLIVAN—US Army Garrison, N Area Germany, APO 250, NY.

SUTHERLAND—ASD (ISA), DA, Washington; SWAIN—Hq USARADCOM, Colorado Spring, Colo.; TERRELL—35 ADiv (CA-DF) Kirtland AFB, New Mexico; TETLEY—Studt ICAF, Ft. McNair, Washington; THOMPSON—US Army Instr Gp (ROTC), V.P.I., Blacksburg, Va.; TIFFANY—Reg Div, ODCSLOG, DA, Washington; TORREY—Studt AWC, Carlisle Bks, Pa.; TROUT—Hq CONARC, Ft. Monroe, Va.; TRUE—Air Attache, 1134 S/A Sq, Pakistan, Dept of State, Washington; TURNAGE—USA Elm, MAAG Italy, APO 794, NY; TWADDELL—Instr NWC (AU), Maxwell AFB, Ala.; TYLER—Studt ICAF, Ft. McNair, Washington; WAGNER—Dir Comm & Elec, DCS/O, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska, APO 942, Seattle; WALKER—CO, Ft. Devens, Ayre, Mass.; WARFIELD—Hq 8th US Army, APO 301 Frisco; WATERS—CO, Eng Regt, Ft. Belvoir, Va.; WEAVER—US Army Instr Gp (ROTC), Univ of Mass, Amherst, Mass.; WESTMORELAND—SGS, DA, Washington; WILLIAMS, "Inch"—TUSAG, JAMMAT, Turkey, APO 254, NY; WILLIAMS, Wert—ODCSOPS, DA, Washington; WILDRICK—Ch, STF Supp Insp Div, IG, AMC, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio (I'm informed he's going to Korea, but I know he was around at June week at USMA); YARBOROUGH—Hq 3rd Inf Div, Ft. Benning, Ga.; YOST—O Insp Gen, DA, Washington; ALBRO—Faculty AFSC, Norfolk, Va.; ORTH—Comdr 18 FBWg (13AF), Kadena AB, Okinawa, APO 331, Frisco.

Okay, now if I can make it, here goes for all not "active": BAGBY—would like information. BLAIR—ALCOA Div, New Kensington, Pa.; BOTHWELL—NY State Liquor Commission, NYC; BOWER—No information; BRIMMER—??; BROWN—4215 Teller St, Wheatridge, Colo.; CADY—Conn. Gen'l Life Ins. Co., Philadelphia, Pa.; CHAPPELEAR—254 Via Los Miradores, Redondo Beach, Cal.; CHILDS—1006 Quenton St, Denver, Colo.; COVINGTON—Culver Military Academy, Culver, Indiana; CRANDELL—Haven't heard from in about two years; CROCKETT—10 Crestwood Rd, Corning, NY; DAVIS, R. W.—last heard of at US Cemetery, Hamm, Luxembourg; DORLAND—801 Curtis Wood Ln, Nashville, Tenn.; DUELL—Country Side Rt 4, Ashland, Ohio; FINKEL—124 Cotton St, Newton 58, Mass., or 1671 Hyde Park Ave, Boston 36, Mass.; FISHER—Gen'l Del, Hilton Village, Warwick County, Va.; FOWLER—11811 Dorchester Dr, Dallas 18, Tex.; GAGE—1301 C&S Nat'l Bnk Bldg, Atlanta, Ga.; (Home Life Ins Co); GAPEN—Haven't been informed; GREENE—c/o Mrs. A. Tilquist, Great Road, Limerock, RI.

HARTMAN—2231 California St, NW, Washington 7, DC; HAY—152 South Craig Pl, Lombard, Ill.; HAYWOOD—18 Columbine Rd, Weston, Mass.; HENDRICKSON—Mutual of Omaha, Omaha, Neb.; HESS—Valley Forge Mil Academy, Wayne, Pa.; HIATT—Tippets, Abbett, MacCarthy, and Stratton, 62 W 47th St, NY 36, NY; HOLMES—c/o PM

Las Cruces, New Mexico; JAKLE—Florence and children live at 121 Eleanor Ave, San Antonio, Tex.; JANZAN—Have no recent knowledge of whereabouts; JORDAN—No current address; JOYCE—4251 N. Paulina St, Chicago 13, Ill.; KING—2160 Edgewood Dr, Palo Alto, Cal.; KRAMER—c/o Charles H. Kramer, 4761 Broadway, NY 34, NY; LONGLEY—412 W. Cowan Dr, Houston 7, Tex; LOW—106 Knollwood Dr, Carle Place, New York City, NY; MADSEN—Tippets, Abbett, MacCarthy and Stratton, 62 W. 47th St, NYC 36, NY; McCOACH—Booze, Allen and Hamilton, Mgmt Consultants, New York City. Dave will live in Westport, Conn. and work in the city; MIKKELSEN—1344 Alexander Circle, Pueblo, Colo. Mik will work for Industrial Engineering Div of Colorado Fuel and Iron Corp; MILNE—121 Blankenbaker Lane, Louisville, Ky.; MUCCI—c/o PM Bridgeport, Conn.; NEFF—Mary Jane is at 2830 28th St NW, Washington; NORMAN—914 Ashland Ave, Wilmette, Ill.; PATTERSON—don't know!; PEPPLE—don't know!; ROGERS, Buddy—don't know!; SCHWERING—c/o PM Alamogordo, New Mexico; SHEA, Frank—28 Norman Rd, Upper Montclair, N.J.; SHEPARD—Moultrie, Ga.; SINGLETARY—C12 Pierce Bldg, Presidential Gardens, Alexandria, Va.; STONE—100 N. Adams St, Peoria 2, Ill.; TURNER—1 Argyle Rd, Brooklyn, NY.

VINCENT—Peggy and three children live at 204 E. Oakview, San Antonio. One other child is an airline hostess. Peggy visited a number of the class this Summer in the East. She was guest at several Air Force conventions. She saw Bette Kelly at the Twaddell's at Maxwell. Bette has two girls in college. I was extremely glad to see Peggy even just for lunch in August. She seems very happy and has a number of interesting plans she is working with. Little Casey made the most of his trip by inquiring on every hand about his Daddy. Peggy is an inspiration!

WHIPPLE—Baylis Lane, Bedford Village, NY; WHITE—1629 Querrier St, Charleston, West Va.; WHITEHEAD—Chatham, Va.; WILLIS—1311 Moorhead, Houston 24, Tex.; Tim has joined the Conn. Gen'l Ins. Co. We wish you the best of luck and welcome to the insurance fraternity of Cady-Gage and Hendrickson; REDMAN—401 St. Francis St, Kennett, Mo.

Again, if anyone picks up any errors or additions, I'd be pleased to be notified. It's time to think about contributions to the class treasury for 1957-58; also a reminder for all who haven't, to join the Association of Graduates in compliance with endorsement of our 20th Reunion Resolution.

—Phil Gage,
2128 Belvedere Dr., NW,
Atlanta, Georgia.

1937

At the outset, I must offer two corrections to the 1937 squib in the July 1 issue of the ASSEMBLY: First, the unprintable picture of the Class of 1937, complete with two juniors, was printed, as perhaps some of you may have recognized. Second, among those present at the Reunion, but not listed, were Hank and Betty Spengler. I trust that this finishes off the 20th Reunion.

My information of the deeds, the comings and goings of 37'ers is sparse, antiquated and partially based on rumor. However . . .

The word is that Poopy Connor has moved from Heidelberg, and duties with the IG, to Berlin where he has been assigned as Chief of Staff of the Berlin Command. A comment or two from da Poop will be appreciated.

LeRoy Rook passes information from State Hospital Number 1 in Fulton, Missouri, that he is the Staff Psychologist at that Hospital. LeRoy acquired a Masters degree in clinical

psychology in 1949 and is now a candidate for PhD in psychology. Is having problems with the doctoral dissertation. He has a wife, seven-year-old daughter and five-year-old son. Rook requests that J. Y. Parker furnish him with a mailing address.

Have a report that Jim Browning was retired in San Antonio on June 30. He and Emily Ann and their two daughters will live at 615 Ridgemoor, San Antonio. Jim will enter the investment business in San Antonio with Russ and Company. It is a long time since the days of the 12th FA Regiment and 411 Artillery Post in Fort Sam. Our best wishes, Jim and Emily.

Perhaps you noted in the last issue of ASSEMBLY the brief announcement of the loss of our friend and classmate, Bill McKinley. Bill was a grand fellow. He served his country well and valiantly. His keen sense of humor and his sympathetic concern endeared him to those of us who knew him well. We shall miss him. Ann wishes to express appreciation for the flowers sent by the class. She and the children have been staying at Martha's Vineyard at the cottage they bought just before Bill went to Korea. They will move to Washington shortly after Labor Day so that the girls can continue school. Initially they will stay with Bill's mother.

Rumor hath it that Jim Pearsall has orders to someplace in the Middle East (Saudi Arabia). No scoop on where Ginny and the kids will go. Chances are good that it will be Washington.

Jim Peale, Juanita and the two youngsters have moved into the Washington area from Carlisle and have purchased a house out on the Virginia side in North Springfield.

Chuck and Lois Harrison and their three children have recently returned from Japan and now live in College Park, Maryland. Chuck holds forth in the labyrinth of the JCS.

Bud Hines, who recently completed his efforts at the Army War College, has now reported into the Pentagon and is now making special war efforts in this area.

Considerable additional light is to be cast on a number of Air Force enterprises these days. Jack Donohew and Curt Low have received their first star, while Bruce Holloway and Moe Preston have just added a second.

Finn Unger, Bob Seedlock and Jim Sheldon have arrived in the area to be students at the National War College. Finn and Bailey had the misfortune to have the van in which their household goods was moving burn. Consequently they are in the painful process of buying a new establishment.

Walt Conway, Jim Parker and McElroy have made visits through Washington. Elmer Blaha reported in Paris. Charlie Young planning Air Defenses among the civilian components.

I would like to get in a small pitch to have you get your correct address to the Association of Graduates. And I will appreciate a small note from you as to where you are and what you are doing at: OCAROTC, Department of Army, The Pentagon.

—Coy L. Curtis.

1938

Dear Classmates—

The class news this quarter is just about the same you'd get by reading the Army-Navy-Air Force Journal, but older. Help improve this by sending me some real oil before the next deadline, December 1.

We all take pleasure in the recently announced promotions to Brigadier General of Bob Breitweiser, Ken Skaer, Spike Spicer and Virg Zoller. Nice going and let's have more of it. A continued dearth of B.G.'s among the class beetle-crushers is noticed.

Page one of the WASHINGTON EVENING STAR for August 9 carries a picture of Mal Maloney's tribe. How do you get your picture on page one? Mal, Mary, and their five children did it by being aboard the MATS C-97 which flew the last 1,000 miles to Hawaii on its two starboard engines. We join the passengers in thanks to the skill of Major Sam Tyson and his crew. Incidentally, the fifth little Maloney, reported overdue in the last issue of ASSEMBLY, turned out to be Sheila, a little girl, who is off to a flying start as she accompanies the Maloneys to their new assignment.

Another recruit for the class of '78 is announced by Jean and Hank Hartline. He's a third son, James, born July 16 in Washington, where Hank continues in the military aid business for ASD, International Security Affairs.

Johanne Jannarone, unimpressed by his responsibilities as President of the Washington Chapter, '38, has forsaken the Pentagon and OCSA in favor of the position of Professor of Physics and Chemistry at USMA. Johnnie takes over from our old friend Colonel Counts (Ed. Note: *General Counts*), who has been appointed Dean. We can think of no better man for the job; congratulations on your selection, Johnnie, and best wishes to Audrey and the five young Jannarones in the new situation. With Jack Thompson as Post Engineer and Mick Amick as Assistant Graduate Manager of Athletics on the scene, things should now come under control.

With Summer fading, most of the class moves are complete but a few linger on. Bert Harrison, now commanding the 72nd Strat Recon Wing at Ramey AFB in Puerto Rico, is due in at the Pentagon to be Deputy Director, Personnel Procurement and Training, DCS/P, Hq USAF. For other news on Bert, see the July issue of Fairchild Corporation's magazine "Pegasus". An article "SAC Moves North" details Bert's struggles with and accomplishments for Loring AFB at Limestone, Maine. Good reading.

Likewise Deputy Directing is Bob McBride, who has recently moved up to Deputy Director for Logistics Plans, DCS/M, Hq USAF.

Other moves include: Hugh Wallace, just arrived from Italy and assigned as an intelligence on the Joint Staff; Bob Kasper due to leave the Chinon Engineer Depot, France, in September for duty with the Mediterranean Division, CE, in Livorno, Italy; and M. C. Brown getting a notice to leave the Basic Training Center at Fort Gordon and scheduled for Korea in January by way of Sandia Base. Fred Wright is being dragged from his niche at Fort Monroe and sent off to the Armish-Maag, Iran. Virg Zoller, in getting his star, ranked himself out of his transfer to Perrin AFB, Texas, and instead goes off to command the 314th Air Division in Korea.

A roundabout note from another class states that George Rhyne has been hospitalized at Valley Forge Army Hospital, Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, with tuberculosis, being due for release on extended sick leave in August. Vivian and the children are reported to have a house close by the hospital. A speedy recovery to you, George.

Bob Demitz has retired, with 20 years service, from the staff of the Industrial College and, according to Dixie Gillivan, is now Chief of Research for the National Carburetor Company in St. Louis. Congratulations, Bob, and best wishes in your new career.

Ed DeHart is also reported as retiring from the Air Force's Cambridge Research Center but no information is forthcoming on the what nows.

The miscellaneous file: Congratulations to Jim Isbell, who takes a new Legion of Merit with him as he reports to the NWC, reward for past performance on the Air Staff. Mark Brennan had his picture all over the WASHINGTON POST for June 29 as he con-

verted his Third Infantry into the First Battle Group, same regiment, at Fort Myer. Curly Harvey is getting off to a fast start at the Army War College, having a hole-in-one to his credit on the 14th hole on August 16. Obviously Curly is putting the emphasis on the right course. Ed Lahti was a big shot on this Summer's Exercise Alert, monitoring overall DOD participation in Phase I; Dallas Haynes headed an ISA Area Control Group. If you want to know what this means Dallas will be glad to tell you. As a final miscellaneous note, Red Sundin denies in general all rumors floated by John Damon and in particular any having to do with his fiscal and financial wizardry.

And so to close on a note for the 20th reunion. Mick Amick reports that he, Thompson, Glace, Boyt and Anderson made up the entire class representation at the 19th reunion and he and Jack didn't have much choice about attending. Will Walsh, now Assistant Professor of Speech and Drama at St. Joseph's College, Indiana, was so overcome by the thought of so much time passing that he has written us a poem called, appropriately enough, "Twenty Years", in which he asks versifically, "What *have* we done?" Well, with respect to the 20th reunion, *nothing*, but planning will kick off at the first Washington luncheon on September 18. Let's keep on it so that next June Week '38 will have a real get-together.

Pliz write!

—Bill Smith,
Joint Logistics Plans Gp., JCS,
Rm 2D940, The Pentagon.

1939

Harvey Fraser collected some interesting items at West Point. He writes:

"Jack and Martha Schrader spent a few hours at USMA in August. Jack is just back from Taiwan and will be stationed in Washington, D. C. Academics will soon begin so things are booming here."

(NOTE: I wish the Pentagon had Summer Camp! Ed.)

And Frank Kobes sounds off for the gym: "Walt Brinker spent a few days here at West Point, having just arrived from Paris. Walt is heading for Carlisle and the War College. General Swede Larsen and family visited West Point on their return from Europe enroute to Benning. Swede is coming back at the end of Summer training to present some of the awards to cadets who have been outstanding in their training at Camp Buckner this Summer. Bull Davis and Ginnie left West Point for Washington where Bull will attend the Industrial College. Scott Kurtz will take over from Bull as Executive and Associate Professor of the Ordnance Department."

"Mike Davison has left the Tactics Department to attend the National War College. Seth Hudgins has moved into Mike's slot as Commanding Officer of the First Regiment of the Corps of Cadets and has been whipping the new cadets into line in Beast Barracks. While moving into his quarters, Seth dropped a bed on his toe, separating it into two more or less distinct parts. As a result of this unfortunate accident, Seth will have to lead the Plebe hike on one leg. Fritz Fredericks has arrived to take over the Department of Military Psychology and Leadership. Fritz is an old hand (or head?) at this business and should have no trouble getting underway. Harvey Fraser (Dr. Fraser, that is) will be acting head of the Department of Mechanics this year in the absence of his boss, Colonel Heiberg. You can count on progress beyond the highest expectation to be made in Mechanics this year. Julian Ewell is extending a year to continue as Assistant Commandant of the Corps of Cadets, and Charles Mount is staying his second year as Chief of Staff. Huey Long, rumor has it, is going out to the south-

west to take over command of the Air Force Survival School."

Seth Hudgins passes along a note, too. He apparently writes from the orthopedic ward of the USMA Hospital.

"Saw a flock of classmates at the Army War College—23 in the class of 1957 and three on the Staff and Faculty. I arrived here on June 25 and since that time have been going through my second Beast Barracks. I'm not sure right now which is the tougher of the two—the one in 1935 or the one in 1957—tougher, that is, so far as I'm concerned."

From Leavenworth, the word is that:

"Walter Vann is heading up the department of Staff and Education;—Jim Shepard is in charge of a CGSC team that presented a Corps Tactical Problem world-wide—Alaska, Europe, Japan, Korea, and in the Continental U.S. Jim's permanent CGSC assignment is with Research and Development—developing tactical concepts for the battlefield of the future. Bud Laché is readying himself for attendance at the ARWC. Riel Crandall (Post Engineer) is getting packed for transfer to Fort Leonard Wood—has added a daughter during past year (Total now—two girls). Sam Kail is set up for interim duty in Washington and the Army Language School at Monterey for his duties in Cuba as the Army Attache. He also added a daughter while at Leavenworth. Shields Warren is serving as the Post Director of Operations—and having no small struggle to foster the implementation of the ACMS. Dick Wolfe is assigned as Executive to the Department having responsibility for Special Weapons Employment instruction. Had a letter from Dick Moushegian some time ago—he was then serving as an Advisor to the ORC in Texas. Has a family of four—three boys and a girl."

From the Army War College, we hear that a 39'er party was held on Sunday, June 18 under the sponsorship of Bill and Nan McConnell of the Staff and Faculty. Evelyn and Herb Price are among the students; their family consists of one 15-year-old daughter and two cats.

Higgy Higgins, also of the Carlisle Staff and Faculty, says:

"My two brothers-in-law are doing quite well. Rich Curtin, USAF, is working in an Exec. slot in ARDC in Baltimore, pending a move to Andrews to their new location. He lives in Alexandria now and provides me a place to hang my hat on my visits to the 'Big Building'. He is still a 'BACHELOR'. Bill McCaffrey is in an Executive spot in SHAPE handling the important affairs of that glamorous headquarters. Mary, Patty and Barry find Paris an exciting and interesting locale. Perhaps I will see you Washington types during my visit to the Pentagon in mid-September."

In Washington, the most important news is of the promotion to Brigadier General of Jack Merrill, John Bestic, and John Carpenter. Congratulations!

Bill McDowell, in Air Force Operations at the Pentagon, reports that he saw W. G. Dean and family in Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, where Dean is with a thriving cotton brokerage firm and storage warehouse. Any classmates passing by are very welcome, said Dean.

Earle Lerette attended an Army Commander's conference at Fort Leavenworth in late June '57 and took a week's leave in the Washington area, staying with Dave Dillard. Earle returned to his family in Anchorage, Alaska, where he commands a combat group. Dave, who is on the Joint Staff, JCS, has been recuperating since Earle's visit.

John Watt will depart the Executive Secretary, JCS, job at the end of September, report to Fort Benning for a few weeks' indoctrination and orientation in the new Infantry, and then proceed for assignment to the 101st AIRBORNE DIVISION, Fort Camp-

bell; for duty in early November in time for the "Quail" hunting season there.

Ken Collins just returned from a trip to Europe where he saw Pete Clifford and Jack Boles. They are both assigned to VII Corps at Stuttgart. Clifford is G4 and Boles is G3. Jim Collins is in the Chief of Staff's office. Tom, Pat and daughter Anne Crawford leave Washington August 20 en route to be Army Attaches in Rome, Italy. What a Pizza luck!

Bill Preston of DCSOPS just completed a quick trip to Far East. Enjoyed seeing: Hal Crawford in Hawaii, where he is looking forward to a full tour in G1 Sec. USARPAC; had dinner in Tokyo with Jimmy Keller, on his way to Korea (C/S 24th Div); Buzz Chapman, Asst G3, Army Hq in Japan; in Seoul, Don Miller is G1; Marshall Wallach G3, looking forward to an early assignment in Okinawa, also in G3 Jim Sykes Billups and M. C. Smith; C. J. Hackett, the comptroller, was battling the money problem. Dick White was just leaving Kobe for Fort Lee, Virginia.

Ned Geary just left the Pentagon for the Army Artillery and Guided Missile Center at Fort Sill.

Bill Hale says that: Burnham Batson, A Co. '39, spent a few days in Washington last month. Had his wife and three boys with him. He is now manager of the Chicago office of Connecticut General Life Insurance Company. I saw him a couple of times during his visit and he gave the impression that civilian life agreed with him.

Bud Newcomer just left his AA Gp, Fort Niagara, for DCSOPS, Army Staff; and Jim Roberts his AA Gp at Fort Sheridan to join the USA Abn and Electronic Board, Fort Bragg.

Brad Smith has just returned from Naples where he was a wheel in Hq. Allied Forces,

Southern Region, to assume command of the 15th Infantry at Fort Benning.

In Saigon, Dannemiller is advisor to the Vietnamese Officers Military Academy at DALAT and Matheson is Engineer for TERM (Temporary Equipment Recovery Mission).

—Sailor Byrne,
105 So. Pershing Dr.,
Arlington 4, Virginia.

1940

Lycon, the rising dawn that first appeared to Phoebus gave the presage of a beard and prayed that so he might in after-years on his grey locks, as now, employ the shears. Grant this request, and on his age bestow the honor that should crown a head of snow.

—Anonymous.

The plunge into ancient Greek poetry above is to pay honor to four who have crashed the eagle barrier. Milton, Gideon, Warren and Russell have been nominated Brigadier General and with this stroke all the care-free youth lies behind us. We are now over the hump and coasting down the other side. We have carefully avoided promotions in this column during the past decade but when we claim four General officers as classmates it is time to report the transition. These are the first and there will be more. Like breaking the four minute mile . . . we are now on our way. We are not sure why we chose the lines above but somehow they seem to fit.

Now for the prosaic. Ray Shoemaker leaves Leavenworth after three years there on the Staff and Faculty and reports as a student to the National War College. Moon Mullin leaves Leavenworth for the Office of the Area Engineer, APO 731, Seattle, Washington. Willis Lewis transferring from

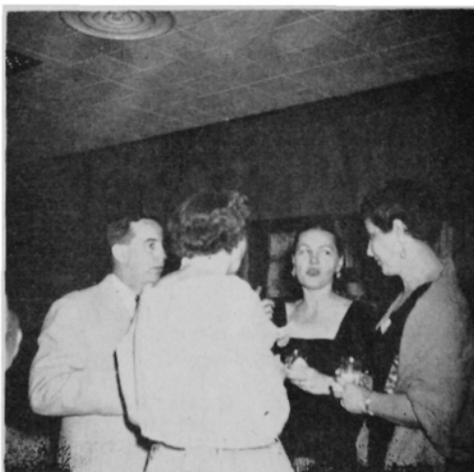
Deputy Commander 5039th Air Base Wing to Headquarters 10th Air Division, APO 942, Seattle, Washington. Paul Krauss moves from Ordnance Division in Hawaii to Student Detachment U.S. Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. Skip Fowler writes from on board S.S. America enroute to Weisbaden, Germany for USAF assignment. A long way from Omaha, Nebraska. Paul Reinecke on board same ship on way to new assignment EUCCOM just outside of Paris. Skip's new address is Hq. USAFE Dcs/Instl. APO 633, New York.

Syracuse University conferred the degree of Master of Business Administration on Mark Klunk and Walt Swank on June 3, 1957. Yeager is doing graduate work in international affairs at Princeton and has done so well he has been extended for another year to continue his work. G. E. Brown and Oseth are students at the Army War College. Clement and Banks are at the Army War College on duty with Staff and Faculty. Emery at Syracuse University to learn ins and out of an Army Comptroller.

Miner in New York City on duty as National Guard artillery advisor. Strauss, J. P., in Manchester, Connecticut, with A.A. Missile Battalion. Stewart, D. B., in Korea. Paul Cullen has left Fort Sill and is in USAREUR. Joe Hardin at West Point on duty with Staff and Faculty. Tom Monroe in Japan and Larry Legere in SHAPE. Pillsbury in England, Jim-Rat Moore in France and Davis, T. W., in Japan. O'Brien, J. A., with an A.A. Missile Battalion at Fort Slocum, New York, and Pat England at ICAF in Washington, D. C. Tiger Horton goes to Germany in September and Al Stroock is assigned to MAAG with Iran his destination. Bell with OCSIGO in Washington and Norris on duty with ACSI in Pentagon.

Freudendorf acting very smug about recent success of his daughters in local swim-

Class of 1939 at party at Camp Zama Officers Mess in Japan last March. Mary Gilchrist described the reunion in the Summer ASSEMBLY.



ming meets in Puerto Rico. Mary Anne, eldest daughter, named Miss Fort Buchanan for 1957.

J. B. Bonham reports that he has recovered from his recent long illness and is now on duty in the Pentagon in the same office with Woodward, Goodwin and Mayo. Reports that Kenney is at Eglin Air Force Base. Gleazer goes from G-2 at Fort Benning to Army War College. Hank Arnold is the senior artillery advisor at Benning.

George and Fran Mueller announce the arrival of Georgia Frances on July 13, 1957.

Bert Lane, Jenks and Margaret Floyd gathered at the Ralph Ross menage recently for a reunion at Fort Bliss. There were present various and assorted children plus Ken Yarnall of the class of 1939. Before the party deteriorated Bert set down the following information:

Big John Coontz on U.S. Army Air Defense Board with the aid of Bob Fate. Jenks Floyd took ten week course before being assigned Nike Bn. Co. in New York area. Jenks with five stars on his bathrobe for combat with USMA Academic Department sailed through the course at the Army War College without being turned out and without attending extra instruction. Maturity is a wonderful thing. Ross heads the Hercules Division of the GM department at Bliss and Hank Cunningham is with the Combat Developments Department. Jake Taylor directs VIP, GM, and Special Weapons Course. Hugh Turner is at the Naval War College and Johnny Aber is Chief of Nike Ajax Department. G. D. Green and Jim Strauss also took special course at Bliss. Bill Shanahan is off to command an AAA Group at Fort MacArthur, California.

Swampy Marsh is in the G-4 Section of the Air Defense Center at Bliss. Mike Kuziv, sweating out being a father again soon, is with C&S Department of the School at Bliss. Walters ordered to AWC. Frank de Latour is with Nike Battalion in Chicago area. Martin Chandler in command of AAA Group in Milwaukee.

Mac Lemley was graduated from AWC and has been ordered to G-2 Section DA in the Pentagon. Herb Bowlby and Wally Clements on Faculty of AWC. Wing Jung to G-2 DA, the Pentagon. Bob Pfeil to Japan. Ben Delamater and Thad Floryan are in San Antonio, Texas, at HQ Fourth Army. Ralph Rogers, wife Stella and five boys on way to Japan. Don Yeuell is Div Arty Ex, Ninth Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colorado. Hank Miley to Washington. Bert Haessley to Fort Bliss with OSWD. Bert Lane stationed in San Antonio as Army Advisor to 36th Infantry (Texas) Division. His address is 219 Lakewood Drive.

You will get this in your mail about December time so Merry Christmas to all. I would appreciate a used Xmas card giving me your latest address and any news that you have. All correspondence should be directed to 2167 Cacique Street, Santurce, Puerto Rico.

—Hank Brewerton,
2167 Cacique St.,
Santurce, Puerto Rico.

1941

Aloha! We have been redeployed to Hawaii along with most of the rest of the Tokyo contingent who had to exchange APO 500 for 953. Other local '41 types include: Paul Ramee, with USARPAC and Clint Ball, Dick Aldridge and Ted Sliney with PACAF. I just phoned Paul to see if he had any hot poop from the Department of the Army and he gave me a negative report. He did suggest that I offer congratulations for those who were recently promoted, as indicated in a recent issue of the ANAF Journal. He had to admit he couldn't remember any names and I had to admit I hadn't seen the issue. Sally Welles has a home near the Ramees on the windward side of Oahu and

is sweating out George's tour in Korea. Fortunately he's in the budget business and has been ordered to Hawaii twice in the past two months.

Bill and Marie Clifford and family stopped here recently on their way home from Tokyo. Bill will take a battalion at Devens. We didn't see nearly enough of them but they did admit that the Islands showed them a great deal. John Atkinson stopped en route from Clark AFB. He is apparently going to Schilling AFB, Salina, Kansas, having asked first for Florida, second for New England and third for "Anywhere but Kansas".

The mail bag has been pretty skimpy but that is normal for the Summer season.

Vince Carlson sends a new address from the Middle East: Gulf Dist CE, APO 205 New York. He turned in his Moroccan Fez for an Iranian turban. He says his household goods were shipped via New York but, "Unfortunately they didn't offer us mortals the same option."

In June I got the May issue of the Washington Drill Roll from the Pentagon Panjandrum, Jack Christianson. He says there was a swell dinner party at the ANC, Dutch-treated under the auspices of Jack Kelsey. "Fifty-four male and female members of '41 made a handsome and distinguished looking group, we said. Fran and Joe Myers won honors of coming the longest distance—up from Bragg." The drill roll, by the way, listed 70 names; this not to include the Summer input.

George Stalnaker has just moved to Tokyo as Director Plans, Programs and Requirements, Hq 5th AF, APO 925 SF. He says he hopes to catch a ride on the same plane as Wally Lauterbach. Wally is en route to Korea.

Have received two terse communiques from A. Wray White of the Directorate of Installations, Hq SAC, Offutt AFB, Nebraska. His second missive was a picture post card from Thule showing an ice cave at the foot of Glacier Mt. Dundas. Whimsical Wray writes, "Note the close resemblance to Waikiki Beach."

Brad Smith, having turned the gavel over to Jack Christiansen, is off to the Canadian National Defense College, Kingston, Ontario, and will pass recent graduate, Larry Greene, en route to the DCS/Ops D/A.

Got a change of address card from Jack Millikin: To: Stu Det, Army War College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Rip Collins, who arrived in Tokyo just as I was leaving, writes a plaintive card from Korea. "I've been placed on 'not to exceed 60 days' TDY with the UN Hq here in Korea, and when I get back to Tokyo and where I go from there are both questions. Have seen Tonetti, Bob Coakley and George Welles all stationed here."

That's all the letters. The only other news I have is taken from the papers. Stan Ramey is to go to Washington from Benning. Ben Kercheval to Saigon. Tom Corbin is Commander of the 4060th Air Refueling Wing, Dow AFB, Maine. Bob Tuttle becomes the first man in the class to command a B-47 Wing. He has the 44th at Lake Charles AFB, Louisiana. Andy Evans has taken command at Oxnard AFB, California. Floyd Cofer has recently moved to Hq 14th Air Force, Robins AFB, Georgia. George Brown is Exec to the Chief of Staff, USAF, and John Brooks is Secretary for the Air Council. John Henschke has just gone to Paris to the same job I have here; he is Senior Representative, SAC Zebra, APO 55 New York.

Sorry there is no more poop. Send me your address soon so that I can get the Christmas Card Address List out in time. BEAT NAVY!

—Burt Andrus,
Sr. Rep., SAC XRay,
APO 953,
San Francisco, California.

1942

Since June Week only two things of significance have happened: Bill Zimmerman got married, and the Class Fund ran out of money. Bill doesn't need help any more but the fund sure does. The Christmas News Letter project costs over \$100, so we need another go around of two bucks per man to carry it on for the coming years. Send checks to George Hozier, 2608 S. Grant St., Arlington, Virginia. Make checks payable to Class Fund of 1942. This money plea applies to all who haven't contributed recently. Frankly, that makes it all except four people.

Reference the Class letter—cards will be mailed some time in September and again we hope to have the letter out in time for your Xmas card list. If you don't receive an address card by mid-October, we don't know where you are. So, if you have moved recently, send a change of address card to Ed Corcoran, 1919 Camp Alger Avenue, Falls Church, Virginia.

News of the Class has been scant. Joe Cannon sent in the list of 34 to be promoted to Lieutenant Colonel. He had two lines under his name and said, "after nearly seven years in grade, I'm convinced the second verse of Benny Havens still applies." Guess it does, but don't remember the second verse. Congrats to all 34.

Rubenstein sent a newsy letter. Says both Footsie Rickman and his wife are teaching in Salem, Virginia. Rowland has "about" five children. That's a pretty round expression for an old chess player. Rubie saw Lee Hamerly down to San Francisco from Sacramento and Tabb down from Fort Lewis. He visited Jack Finney in Los Altos, California, and says that Jack is much improved.

The news all year has been scant. Let's get lots of it for the Xmas letter.

—D. E. Halpin,
981 N. Patrick Henry Dr.,
Arlington, Virginia.

January 1943

Fall Edition: the Football Games are on us, and with them our civilian cousins; the cadets have grudgingly reconciled themselves to the thought of academics; and the GAP swarm in numbers unknown to the memory of man. As I said last year (but incorrectly as it turned out) this promises to be the last big year of our members at Usmay. We gained two more than we lost over the Summer but the downhill is upon us. It will take class children to start us up again in a few years (it can't have been almost 15 years ago that we slid down the hill!). B-wig is running the doughfeet in the 1st RCT, and inspiring the troops to go Airborne. Jim Kelleher and his ladies are settled in a big house down the south end of the Post, from which Jim commutes to the Gym daily. Ralph Hoffman arrived and disappeared into the maelstrom of Beast Barracks; he recovered in time to take a Company in the First Regiment. Tony Antonioli is on the Staff of the First Regiment, while Jack Armstrong has gone up to Brigade S-3. With George Rebh at Brigade S-4 we are getting the place cornered. The rest of us continue in the same shops but more members accumulate grandiose titles: we now have three associate professors and one assistant professor.

The Saint has been busy and sent us various notes with all kinds of poop. He has taken over as Harry Pritchett's PIO, vice Ray Ruyffelaere relieved. Saint writes that Leavenworth is a madhouse these days. Those members of the class on the faculty are busy writing ALL NEW poop for those who arrive for the Course. Instead of atomic annexes to old problems, the joint is jumping with new and added items. Harry Pritchett (more on him later) is still in the Airborne business (Is there any other? as he

would say). George Maertens is in the Combat Developments Department but flexing his muscles. I gather the arrival of Nickel to the same Department gives him someone to do the work. Ed Lowery is in the Department of Larger Units (size of family is a criterion here) and Administrative Support. So also is Mitch Goldenthal, the book review expert. Helen and Mitch have been running the Duplicate Bridge for two years. Now Helen has also taken over the Women's Club—quite an honor. Saint has been teaching Corps and Infantry Division for the past year and a half but now he is the Assistant of the Assistant to the Assistant Commandant for Resident Instruction.

Now for the releases on our boy Harry Abn Pritchett. I personally do not seem to recall Harry as a consistent first-sectioner but he has organized the French Club at Leavenworth, where experts in French can converse once a week. Saint comments sourly that Harry figures we may have another war in Paris some day, or did you know about Harry's war in Paris? I know of no one who would care to tangle with Harry now for he has the internationally recognized "Black Belt" in Judo. With that experience (do I recall a New York Times photo of Harry sailing through the air propelled by the Japanese champion?) Harry has organized the Judo Club of Leavenworth with weekly sessions. For a while he had classes for the wives but the husbands stopped this. Not content with leaping out the door, Harry now has a civilian license to fly the monsters and organized a flying club but that has caved. He is also a skin diver and spent June in some convention in Florida chasing sharks or something. Harry was also the Leavenworth representative in the AAU Judo tournament for the Missouri Valley. Unfortunately he got nosed out by a guy he had whipped before, and who later won the championship.

Of the people who attended Leavenworth last year, Saint has also sent a roster. Jim Aleveras has been assigned to Career Management in Washington (which has given up the fight and now calls itself Officer Assignment, I believe). Bob and Robin Baden went to the Fourth Division at Lewis. Dick Batson should have reached Korea by now, while Frank Camm has gone to the General Staff in Washington (Flywheel, where are you with the poop?). Walt Cook left for Carson and the Ninth Division but I hear rumors of budget cuts eliminating Carson. Gerry Cosgrove started for Governor's Island in New York; football games should bring him out. Bob Fiss has joined Dewitt Armstrong at Princeton for some higher education and Master's degrees. Cheerful Willy Hensel is off for the Izmir, Turkey, Headquarters of Allied Land Forces Southeastern Europe. Swede Lundberg is off for Saigon and the MAAG but I have no dope on whether Milly and the kids are going. Don Powell was also sent to Carson (see comment above), while John Nickel has already been reported as Leavenworth Faculty. Milt Stevens has been sent to Omaha for River and Harbor work. George Rebh is here, and that completes the Leavenworth poop. Thanks, Saint.

A nice letter came in from Fred Spann just before he left Europe and containing some photos of the Reunion in Europe last January. I shall try to persuade the authorities to put one in this issue somewhere near this column. By golly, at this festive occasion, the boys managed to draw up a charter and set up a European Chapter of January '43. Chuck Heltzel is President; Hank Mazur is Secretary (Hey, boy, do those duties include sending me some poop?); and Joe Conmy is Treasurer since he has learned to live in France without going bankrupt.

The January cocktail-dinner was held in Heidelberg at the Casino. Present but returning to the ZI this Summer were the Kirby Geans, Jesse Hollis, Liz and Johnny

Johnson, Ginny and Ed Murray (yes, one of the last remaining bachelor strongholds of the class fell last Summer a year ago) and Isabel and Fred Spann. Those to remain were Irene and Wes Curtis, Margarete and Chuck Heltzel, Betty and Bud Reynolds, Dee and Johnny Russell, Lois and Johnny Stephens, Al Saari and Jutta and Charlie Wirt. Addresses on request. The Younts and Frankoskys were listed then as still in Spain (how long is that tour anyway?), and Ed Doran is Assistant Attache in the Netherlands. A member of the Dutch Underground came to our Division Reunion in New York this year and said Ed was a tremendous help in getting him his visas and the other poop necessary for him to get over here. Thanks, Ed.

Le Colonel John S. Wood sends me some stuff from Washington and assures me that Fly will send more. Fly is now President of the District Chapter and Keith Lindell is working hard to bring forth a roster. For those of you planning little trips to the Pentagon to find out why your OEI has dropped, there is a luncheon scheduled in the General Officers Dining Room of the Pentagon on December 27. Same at Fort Myer Officers Club on March 28. Dinner Dance on January 18 at the Country Club, with an End of the Gloom Period party on April 12 (doesn't anyone want to go and see the Cherry Blossoms? Write Fly's tourist agency).

I quote from the latest Class blurb in Washington. You will all recognize the fine hand. "Dear Troops of January '43—FY 58 is upon us, and like all firms which operate through the accepted but confusing goblydegook (sic) of programs, objectives, guidelines, check points, quarterly reviews, etc. ad nauseum, January '43, USMA, Inc., has an (sic) FY 58 program. Your newly elected class officers (and we'll thank John Courtney to stop stuffing the ballot box in the future) are admittedly a dictatorial bunch who decided that what's good for us is good for you. We also decided (a) that too many parties are worse than too few and (b) that timely notice of parties and events might get out some of our busier classmates."

Other items include notice that Bill Neale will organize the sodden safari to Philadelphia for the A-N Game. More on our gay brethren in the five-sided mousetrap in the next issue—provided Flywheel comes through with more poop to salvage this column.

I might mention a few more serious items here. The resident members of the Post organized again last year a trip to the cemetery on Memorial Day. It is not a formal service, but it does give those stationed here a chance to remember a few friends from the past and to place a few flowers on the graves. There are 25 of our number who are resting here: Benedict; Brittingham; Bachrach; Boyd; Chambliss; Finley; Hatch, J. E.; Hall; Hine; Jones, R. B.; Kerr; Little, J. M.; Neumann; Norris, B.; Phelan; Pinkerton; Pratt; Rippen; Seegers; Stroh; Suor; Thomas; Tucker; MacMullen; and McClure. Additionally, there was a short service in Cullum Hall the other day attended by Class members, when the Korean War Plaque was dedicated and unveiled. The names from January 1943 include Boone Seegers and John E. Roberts.

A last little bit of poop from our Paris friend Joe Conmy. Joe and Marie have left St. Germain for Vaucresson, the lease having expired. He writes (as of last June) that Brenning and Judy Waters were due at SHAPE. Incidentally, Hal and Charity Barber stopped off a few days on their way to Bermuda and then to Paris. We hope to have some news from them by next issue. I assume they did reach Paris, where Hal will liaise with the French General Staff School. Bill Brady has left Paris for the Air War College. Hank Ebrey has returned to the home of all Tankers at Knox, but on the Staff and Faculty. Daugherty Smith was to

leave SHAPE for the Pentagon. Joe ends by saying that the Left Bank is clamoring for Flywheel's return. He apparently visited with General Palmer and set Paris on its ear. That's what happened to the franc, I guess.

A letter from old buddy Arch Hamblen tells me that Walt Hogrefe's 326th Airborne Engineer Battalion was reported to him as probably the best all-around unit in the 101st. Ed Burdett also relayed to Arch that on a trip to Rome, Dmitri Kellogg had been most helpful. I gather Dmitri and Jinny are at Naples with the three kids.

All for now, friends. The usual plea re the poop. I can't type it if you don't send it. Have a good Fall, but send me news about Thanksgiving time before the deadline.

—Bill Knowlton,
Dept. of Social Sciences, USMA.

June 1943

With many of the class changing stations and vacationing during the Summer, we've had an opportunity to see several friendly faces in the DC area as these wandering souls valiantly seek poop from this great fount of sinkoids. Ed Rumpf, on a short visit from CONAD, was wearing his usual big smile as he told of the pleasant setup he and Jean have at 2008 Alpine Drive, Colorado Springs, Colorado. Wick Wickert, relieved after completing his sentence at Leavenworth, was happy to be en route to Italy. The Becketts, Hulls, Glasgows, Edringtons and Calnans helped cheer Wick on his way at a gay gathering. His new home is Hq. SETAF (Verona), APO 168, NY, where John Schatz and Johnny Lucas, already with SETAF, prepare the way.

Quint and Acey Atkinson, returning from France, visited Quint's parents in DC, proudly showing off their year old daughter born in Saumur, France. They go to Leavenworth where Quint will instruct. Ned Burr passed through on the way to Leavenworth also. Ned had just received a commendation award and a Certificate of Achievement for his job as CONARC liaison officer to Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. On the way back from South Vietnam to the States, Harold Seine had dinner in Yokohama with Jimmy and Smitty Greene. Harold and Ruth, together again, stopped overnight in DC early in August on the way to Fort Devens, Massachusetts, and a tour with ASA. I missed signals and didn't see them but Bill Calnan and Ray Blatt did. Bob, Florence and cute Margaret Mary Plett came down from West Point to visit the Hamblen's in Alexandria, Virginia. Bob arrived in a new green Chevy; he said Jim Betts at USMA had just bought a new Chrysler. Bob went on to state that since the Plett car had a standard shift, he guessed that made Jim shiftless. All this to prove the puns are still with the boy. The Orphans, Roos, Surkamps, Blatts, Schroeders and Kidder joined us in cheering them on to Leavenworth.

Lunch with Felix Kalinski in the Pentagon revealed that Felix has sold his lush home in Beverly Hills, California, resigned his VP job with an engineering firm in LA, in exchange for a new position (at the salary he gets you don't call it a job, it's a position) as assistant to the President for Long Range Planning, Vertol Aircraft Corp, Morton, Pennsylvania—they make choppers. Barbara and Felix have bought a new home at 722 Dixon Lane, Gladwyne, Pennsylvania, and are happy to be "back East."

After leaving Fort Carson, Colorado, this Summer, Bob and Val Sonsteli vacationed at Val's home in Canada. On their way to Tuscaloosa, Alabama, where Bob will begin a struggle with the University of Alabama for a master's degree, they stopped overnight with Bethel and Joan Edrington in Alexandria, Virginia.

Ed Burdett reported to the Pentagon in August for the aerial mapping end of AF Ops after an enjoyable MAAG tour in Italy. While Ed was buying a new house at 6902 Joallen Drive, Alexandria, Jean and their two youngsters were visiting her folks in Georgia. In Rome they saw several classmates: Robin and Ella Olds and their two daughters—Robin doing a top flight job as CO of the Air Weapons Center at Wheelis AFB in Tripoli; Mo Mozingo at Vicenza, Italy, with Supply in Hq, Allied Forces Central Europe; Al Tucker, on duty in London with AF Sect of MAAG when Ed saw him, was due to return to the States this year.

Ralph and Tody Hallenbeck, along with Harvey and Mary Latson, have checked in at the Air University where they attend the Air War College. Jim and Irma Bower are back for their third tour in the Pentagon, this time with Personnel, Hq USAF. Si Silvester has left the woes of the five-sided madhouse to fly B47's at Roswell AFB, Wichita, Kansas. Dale Sweat saw civilian Duane Wethe, a commercial sales representative for General Electric, at the AF Association convention in DC in August. Bud Holderness has forsaken the gay life of the AF Academy for inspirational work with the Director of Developments, Hq USAF. June '43 backup for AF Academy legislation before the Senate Armed Forces Committee this Summer was complete. Chris Munch, the AF Academy's Doctor of Laws, was available to dazzle them with footwork and I was on deck to offer Army blessings if needed. We didn't make a single mistake—the bill passed without either of us having to say a word.

Among the neater boondoggles pulled this Summer to get out of DC was that of Bill McKenzie who Tdy'd for two months in Maine with Claire and the family while he and others planners did some long range gazing.

Walt Roe, recently back from Formosa, has joined the Guided Missile Directorate of ODCSOPS, DA. Walt, still single, calls 2008 Columbia Pike, Arlington, Virginia, home. John Stockton arrived in ODCSOPS, Aviation Directorate, in June after attending an Avn Safety course at UCLA and a twin engine course at Rucker. Harry Schroeder, Eddie McCabe, Tom Johnston and I are the old guard at ODCSOPS. Al and Betty Lee Metts left Pentagon duty in July. They must have missed troop duty for the family took an extended camping trip thru the Southwest—California, Oregon, Washington and Yellowstone, ending up at Leavenworth. Earle and Dottie Johnson left the Pentagon for Leavenworth in lieu of Vietnam which has been postponed for a year. Enroute to Leavenworth, Jim Glendening went to Jump School. Bravo! Speaking of jumping, Joe Weyrick is S-3, 101st Abn Div Arty, Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

Jim Canning recently received the Commendation Ribbon for his fine work as S3 of the 52d AAA Brigade, Fort Wadsworth. Hi and Dotty Fuller continue on National Guard advisor duty in Jackson, Mississippi (home: 1167 Pecan Blvd), where Hi puts in about 2,000 miles a month visiting units. Hi promises catfish and hush puppies to any and all passing their way. After Fort Meade, Bill Lutz is now with KMAG in Korea. During the long wait, Jean Lutz stays at 20515 Marlin Rd, Miami, Florida.

The Bob Griffin's got together in August with the Dick Meyer's to celebrate Dick's return from Eneiwetok. Dick, now assigned to ERDL, Fort Belvoir, can be located at 1650 Harvard St, NW, Washington, DC. After Leavenworth, Gary and Marge Black have settled in Baltimore close to Memorial Stadium. Gary volunteers sanctuary to any classmates traveling thru Baltimore at 4020 The Alameda, Baltimore 18, Maryland, for the next two years while he does grad study in Operations Research at Johns Hopkins. Bernie Rogers was in the hospital at Fort Belvoir for nearly a month after an opera-

tion on his knee. His trick knee went out and just didn't come back. These athletic types fall apart after awhile, don't they? However, as you would guess, Bernie's mending so well, he'll be as good as new shortly. George Newman, recently returned from Japan, is now assigned to the Infantry Branch of the Officer Assignment Div, TAG. I rather suspect George will get a few letters from interested doughboys after this announcement. Bob de Camp, with his Harvard Master's degree safely under his belt, now works with DCSLOG in DA. Bob and Carol moved in to 6051 Essex Ave, Springfield, Virginia—next door to the Bernie Rogers.

Have you wondered what Army classmates are in services other than the combat arms? Here is what I learn: *QMC*—Marion Deekle is married to the only June '43 file in *QMC*; Bill's on duty at *OQMG* in Washington, DC. *TC*—Bill Welch (Fort Richardson, Alaska) and Bill Brabson (R&D, DA). *Ordnance*—Jim Miller (R&D, DA), Jim Lothrop (CONARC, Fort Monroe, Virginia), Charlie Benson (student, University of Syracuse, New York), Sid Katz (USAREUR), Mayo Elliott (USAREUR), Russ Scott (Watertown Arsenal, Massachusetts), Al Ellis (Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland). *Chemical Corps*—Gus Brill (in August, Gus moved from *Cmlc* R&D Cmd, Washington, DC, to CONARC, Fort Monroe, Virginia). *JAG*—Karl Wolf (USMA), Tate Taylor (Fort Leavenworth USDB), Dave Chase (USAREUR). All these have LLB's. Two other classmates, retired for physical disability, have LLB's: Jeb Tanksley (702A Casplan St SW, Atlanta, Georgia) and Page Jackson (2619 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg, Florida). I can find no classmates in Finance, Military Police, AG, Medical or Dental Corps. Let me know where I'm wrong, please.

You Army types overseas can expect to find Ed Geaney roaming around your area in the coming year. Ed is in the Manpower survey business in DCSPER, DA, and he's checking all the overseas commands. He has just returned from Alaska and will be giving SETAF the once over by the time Wick gets settled into that headquarters. He's a first class roving reporter for this column.

Alan and Lynn Jones have left their ample quarters at West Point for Honolulu, Hawaii. Alan is S-2, Hq 2d Battle Gp, 21st Inf, APO 25, San Francisco, but as of mid-August, Lynn, Alan and the youngsters were still living in a hotel in Honolulu while they tried to find a place to live.

Nick Parker, R&D, DA, saw Steve and Jean Brown at Fort Sill recently on a trip. Steve is using his "graduate level learning" to keep the Motors Department abreast of new developments in motor vehicles. On a visit to Fort Leavenworth, Nick found Pinky Winfield and Les Hardy working overtime to prepare a welcome party worthy of the large incoming gallants of June '43. Pinky has acquired a dog and sounds off about killing all the quail in Kansas this Fall. My old trusty roommate Bob Plett will be with this new Leavenworth class and has promised to keep me supplied with the Leavenworth news this year.

Jack Loughman, ASA in the DC area, reports a recent visit from Ernie and Jodie Hinds and their three youngsters. Ernie, who retired from USAF in 1955 due to physical disability, resides in San Antonio, where he is a Math instructor with Texas Military Institute. Hal Aaron, Third Inf, Fort McNair, saw George Bugg at Exercise Desert Rock this Summer. George is in the G-1 Section of Third Army and is going to Europe in January. Art Rasper, still on duty with the National Guard Bureau in the Pentagon, saw Ron Grady on a recent trip to Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Art also saw Allen Burdett briefly at the Atlanta airport during an airplane stopover. Allen was on his way to Fort Benning to an Infantry Instructor's Conference where Allen would be getting the latest in weapons to

pass on to his Air Force Academy charges. Thru sources usually known to be unreliable, we learn that Al Shipstead, still in Thailand, had broken his arm in a jeep accident and was forced to sit around partaking of liquid refreshment with a monkey on his shoulder picking in his hair (There are no flies on Al!) Can't imagine what native habit Fran might have taken up.

Dick Reitmann recently joined the University of California's Los Alamos Scientific Lab as an engineer in the Test Div. He has been lapping up culture since he resigned in 1949 for he now has an MA in physics from the University of New Mexico and a PhD in physical education from State University of Iowa.

I note a sterling picture of Bob Rooker in the Army-Navy Journal. His plebe-like brace indicated he was proud to be G-1 of the Second Army Missile Cmd, Fort Hood, Texas. The same Journal showed Ray and Barbara Blatt were going to a rigorous tour at the UK Joint Services College (AFSC level), Chesham, England, starting in January 1958.

Congratulations to Hal Aaron, Walt Hutchin and Lorry Thomas who have been selected to attend the February 1958 Armed Forces Staff College Course.

The Washington contingent was surprised and delighted this Summer to learn our bachelor ranks had been reduced by two. On June 1, Sonny Giffin married Miss Carol Heidenreich in Washington. After vacationing in Virginia and Ohio, the newlyweds start their Army life together at Fort Leavenworth where Sonny attends the regular course this year. Then on June 21 Ed Blount and Miss Betty McClain were married in a quiet church ceremony in Alexandria. Ginny and Jack Kidder attended the bride and bridegroom and insured that Ed, a slippery rascal to these many years, did not effect a last moment escape. Another surprise which will strike deep at such bachelors as Jim Miller and Wick Wickert—George Bugg, Hq Third Army, Atlanta, Georgia, finally left the single ranks and is now the proud father of a three-month-old baby. I'll dig up the particulars on George for you in the next column. Welcome to June '43 Carol, Betty and George's Queen and the best of luck to the new couples.

IMAGES: Hi and Dotty Fuller down in Jackson, Mississippi, welcomed Nancy K. in March this year—Jimmy and Anne are their other two youngsters; Jon and Jeff Vordermark added son Jeff at Fort Leavenworth in July while Jon was attending the Special Weapons Course; Stan and Marilyn Ott announced the arrival of Jimmy, the latest edition for the "Sage of the Artillery Board" at Fort Sill; Ralph and Barbara Young had a very productive leave this Summer—enroute from California (where for the past five months Ralph had been an AAA Group Cmdr at Fort MacArthur) to USMA, little Timmy was born on June 18 in Utica, New York; Art and Virginia Rasper were thrilled with Nancy Anne who checked in on August 10 to keep their 5½-year-old son company.

Jim Phillips, our USMA scribe, brings forth the following: "The dust of PCS has settled at the Rock and we find a net loss of two . . . Bob Plett (Leavenworth), John Moses (Aero Engineering at University of Michigan), Mo Anderson (Luke AFB, Arizona), and Alan Jones (Hawaii) left this Summer. Newly arrived to reinforce are Don and Lee Spiece (from Leavenworth), Ralph and Barbara Young (from an AA Command on the west coast), and James Thorn Barickman (from station hospital August 9, 8 lbs. 14½ oz. Terry and Jocko also doing nicely).

"As predicted in this column last quarter Pat Dilworth did join the Army Blue in San Antonio June 15 when she and Mark Boatner exchanged I do's. They are now settled in the quarters vacated by the Jones'.

"As we go to press no firm plans have been

produced for the gala 15th reunion next year. The word will be passed in plenty of time and in the meantime those of you with striking distance should be planning to come."

—Arch Hamblen,
492 Latham Street,
Alexandria, Virginia.

1944

"The class circular letter is an accomplished fact now and I hope it can become a permanent semi-annual publication. This can only be done through the help and cooperation of each and every member of the class. This class notes column will of course be continued as in the past and will be used primarily as a place to pass on items of a personal nature concerning members of our class while the circular letter will relate more to class activities as a whole, projects, class business and a continuing up-to-date address file. If you have not sent back the questionnaire, please do so as soon as possible. Also, let one of us hear from you if you have any suggestions pertaining to the letter, its use and content, or any item of class business you think should be brought to everyone's attention.

"Football season is coming on and so I expect classmates will be getting together in tight little groups to celebrate in their own way. Hi Ely, the New Jersey food magnate, is counting on seeing the Notre Dame and Navy games. Hi is now sole owner of his business in Flemington. The Ely's live midway between 'Philly' and New York with their four children, two and two. The family became balanced with the arrival of a baby girl in April.

"Mary Gene and Jim Giles have a new little girl, Anne, born July 29. That makes three, two girls and a boy. Jim is in the aluminum window business in Houston—address 2936 Albans Road.

"Jim Connell has set up bachelor quarters in Arlington Towers while now with the Office of Deputy Chief of Staff at the Pentagon. Another newcomer to that area, generally speaking, is Ernie Graves now assigned to Engineer Research and Development Lab at Fort Belvoir. Jim and Bea Dunham living at 201 Niblick Drive, S.E., Vienna, Virginia, during their tour at the Pentagon.

"John Brown received his Master's degree in business administration from Ohio State late last year but don't know where he is now assigned.

"If you enjoyed the new look of the last issue of ASSEMBLY, the major credit should go to Steve Mulkey who has pinch hit this Summer. Steve spent the night with us while passing through last month and though I hadn't seen him for 13 years I can't say he has changed much, either for better or worse.

"I need news. Keep us posted so this column and the circular letter can do the job each should."

—Buford Norman,
1748 Vinton,
Memphis, Tennessee.

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As you can see from Buford's last paragraph, we need news for our column. I have made up the list of people whom I am going to ask to work with me on the Steering Committee for my term; however, I have not written to them yet and so will not list their names in this issue since their official duties may preclude their accepting the job. Since a part of their work on the Committee is to help Buford, we hope that the next issue will have more news.

I thought you might be interested in the responses to the Questionnaire tabulated as of September 9. I would say that the figures are fairly indicative of the final results:

Project 1: Gift to Sons—For 43, Against 29; Project 2: For 63, Against 8. Attend

15th—Hope to 47; Probably not 25. News letter—For 71; Against 1. Reunion at AFA—For 30; Against 44.

The response to the request for contributions to the Class Fund has been superior. Only five members forget to enclose their checks. Keep up the good work since the success of all of the projects depends on you.

Both Roy Hoffman and Don Gruenther were good enough to include lists of classmates with them at Leavenworth. Roy also wrote a newsy letter, parts of which follow:

"... Thanks to the efforts of George Brown, McGuire and Cushman, the '44 students here had a lovely get together with wives and classmates renewing old ties on September 1.

"Just recollection and not all inclusive—Big STASER as non-plussed as ever, Tommy MOORE bouncing with renewed vitality with master paratroop wings, Bob PEARCE as stable as sin with a lovely family, Jim SCROGGIN looking for new learnin', the RODDENS whose wedding I forgot even though I was an usher with Hennesy, Pach and several others, Joe LOSCH and wife, Bill STOWELL as handsome as ever, Winfield SCOTT still retaining his bushy black hair, (the last three also ORDNANCE), BURR—not seen yet—, CAMPBELL—not seen yet—, Phil GRANT lookin' good, LEEPER—not seen yet—, Ernie GRAVES smiling along, GRUENTHER recognizable anywhere, Walt HARRIS looking worried and griping about the local Wherry housing, Art MARSHALL quiet and sedate, Bernie MCKEEVER—not yet seen—, Dave SILVER living up to his name with solid white hair, John TRIMMER looking like he did when he graduated but with a lovely wife this time, and probably many others I haven't hit yet."

Johnny KING commented in his questionnaire that he hadn't seen or heard from a classmate in five years. That's some kind of record, isn't it. Anyway John's at Brookley AFB, Mobile, Alabama. Why don't some of you birds at Maxwell give John a call and tell him to post on over? Even we "gravel agitators" can hook a ride now and then, so, John, take them up on it.

Frenchie and Betty Cyr have a new daughter, Barbara, born in July. Frenchie has finished at Vanderbilt and joined the Dep't. of MP&L at USMA. Cole and Hilda Murphy have added a new son—and Jelks and Ann Cabaniss have a daughter, Nellie Nabers, born in July in Birmingham.

The Washington Group reports via the questionnaire that a "starlight cruise" aboard the SS Mount Vernon was scheduled for September 7. Hope that the same number that left on the boat returned. Washington group also reports that the class has a luncheon once a month and a party each quarter.

IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED YOUR NEWSLETTER NUMBER ONE AND THE QUESTIONNAIRE ATTACHED TO IT, OR IF YOU HAVE LOST SAME, PLEASE DROP A CARD TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE, P.O. Box 24, West Point, New York.

—Jack Pollin,
Chairman,
'44 Steering Committee.

1945

ARMY

Congratulations, MAJORS! As someone else has said, "Now what will we talk about?" Of course, all TO's will probably be revised to provide Majors as company commanders—can't throw away all that experience.

LEAVENWORTH: My deadline here for the column was September 1 so as this went to press all you people at C&GS were just getting settled. Get busy now and write us a fat letter for the next issue. Dave Clymer and Del Fowler are the scribes for your

area so if you can't write personally please give your news to them.

Jim Root telephoned brother Walt the first news on promotion and Fay Worthington called me hoping we'd have a copy of the orders here. Must have been a small fortune spent among the class on Long Distance calls alone, not to mention promotion parties.

Orv Post and Jim Rasmussen reported early for C&GS and were put to work instructing Allied Officers. Dick West, staying on as an instructor, may have had to give up his student quarters; Bob and Alice Burgess left as Aide to V Corps Cmdr, and via D.C., Florida and Mississippi (where he visited the Heilbronnners) finally arrived at Leavenworth. Ed Gudel replaced Bob as Aide, and the rumor is that he will return with the General to VI Army Hq.

FORT BENNING: As we have not had a correspondent at Benning, Bill Ochs and wife Betty are hereby appointed to report from there. Bill is a wheel in the Hunt Club (the Infantry riding!) and works in the Combat Development Office, TIS, as, until recently, did Bob Hall. Bob and Bunny came through West Point on their way to C&GS and passed out the following poop. Don and Ginny Gross are in the 3d Div with George and Harriet Eyster (four kids, cat, dog), and Bob McDaniels, who just qualified as an Army aviator. In his change of status, Bob lost his quarters on the post and later was able to move back—with his six children he needs quarters! Linc Landis is going into the Russian language field with the full treatment—a year at the Presidio, civil schooling and then Oberammergau. Walt and Dorothy Root decided on a short leave on their way to C&GS since four children and a long leave seemed too exhausting. Walt hopes to improve his golf while living the easy student life. At a party in June at Earl and Sally Bell's house, the group decided to give Jim Root a phone call about promotion prospects. Jim gave his routine "No Comment", so they called again an hour later to see if there had been a change! Sounds like quite a party.

WASHINGTON: We spent a few days during July with my family in Falls Church and were able to see Tom and Joan Gleason and Rich and Peg Haley. The Gleasons bought a lovely house near the Haleys and we are indebted to both families and Tom's whiskey for the following:

The Gleason's third child is a girl, named Beth, which is a correction to our last issue. Tom and Rich work in ACSI (G-2 to you old fashioned types) with Put Monroe, John Murphy, Bob Waddington and Carl Liever, as well as Bob Herron, now a D/A Civ. Hap Macintire had dropped by on TDY before leaving Sill for Leavenworth. Jim Root and Jerry Briscoe supplied us at West Point and elsewhere with THE WORD on promotions. Thanks, Jerry and Obie O'Brien are in PIO and compose any necessary rumors. Arch Patterson (Air Force) is in the nuclear business and Phil Dolan with AFSWP. Keith and Jan Nusbaum, George and Katy Dexter, Frank and Joan Kane, and Patty and Tom Drake have taken up camping on the weekends. Imagine sleeping in a tent voluntarily! Incidentally, the Nusbaums' and Dave and Kathleen Clymer were to meet "somewhere in the Grand Teutons, sometime this summer." Did you, Dave? Dick Smith has left Frankfurt Arsenal to go to Sill. Do you have any Arty insignia left, Dick?

Tom Maertens is in R&D on his second Pentagon tour. Moose Hardy and Bart Kerr both attended Syracuse sometime back, thus making them experts in the Comptrollers Office—how about a pay raise, men?

Jim and Betty Root visited the McGovern's here at the Rock, and promised to write the usual informative column but the hangover was mightier than the pen so next issue we expect a double portion, Jim.

Cliff White is renting the house Rusty Heilbronner used to live in and works in PIO.

FORT BLISS: Martha and I talked to Pat and Dick Crane on the phone when the promotion news got out. We had just missed seeing Dick in Washington this Summer when he was up on business. Tom Gleason attended the GM & Sp Wpns Crse and saw the Cranes at the club. Bill Wolfe contributes: Bill Holcomb is working in the Msl Science Dept after Civil Schooling; Pat Powers is knocking down \$100 each for those magazine articles—is Dodie still as active with her flying, Pat?; Buster Hayden fired a Corporal for the cadets and Bill says they did very well; Bill rode out to White Sands with Bob Lutz, who will have to leave his part-time real estate business now that he is leaving God's country for C&GS.

WEST POINT: John and Mary McCulloch arranged a boat ride on the Hudson combined with a picnic at Constitution Island to welcome our new arrivals: Steve and Marilyn Day, Walt and Jean Geline and George and Joan Forssell. Doc Hesse, on his way to Morocco, joined the party as did Bob and Mary Velie, who were visiting the McGovern's. Bob is moving to Washington and has located a house within walking distance of the Pentagon. Nancy and Russ McGovern also have seen the following: Pete and Joyce Spragins, with three children, enroute to Heidelberg from C&GS (Joyce is a thespian, having been very good as the lead in a play at Leavenworth); Raf Rafalco on his way to Europe; Nancy and "Iron Hat" McCarthy, enroute from Benning to C&GS with their two children; and Bob and Nancy MacKinnon, expecting their fourth boy in November. Russ spent a few weeks at Fort Dix this Summer and saw Stafford there.

Bill Wolfe took a trip with the cadets this Summer and saw Rayburn L. Smith in the Arty Tactics and CA Dept at Sill. Bill and Sally have also heard from Hank Hankins in D.C.; Mary and Joe Hill in Germany, expecting to return to ZI with their three children this Fall; and Bill Preston (Air Force) who lives in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, with wife and three youngsters.

There have been many parties this Summer. The Days sponsored a cocktail-dinner party at the Club on August 24. The McGovern's entertained at the Velies and the Roots, and Charley and Martha Spann had a small group in when the Rusty Heilbronners visited them, enroute from C&GS to Hq USARCARIB in Panama, via Mississippi and Washington. Eleanor and Ernie Denz spent one day here with the McCullochs while traveling from Hawaii to Leavenworth, the long way. Mary and John had a few of the Denz's friends in for cocktails that evening. Walt Geline had to take a writ (those psychologists are crazy) the next day and Jean must make good coffee, as he passed (no, not "out").

Tom McCunniff's company won the Buckner Stakes, thanks to Tom's hard work this Summer. Nina McCunniff reports that Jock and Rosanne McQuarrie and Hal and Julie Moore have arrived in Washington from C&GS. Jock is in the Office of Legislative Ln, while Hal is in R&D. Jack Fehrs went to Benning on the Second Class trip this Summer and Izzy visited her sister in Washington while Jack was gone. Jim and Shirley Heyman went home to Texas in conjunction with attending the GM & Sp Wpns Crse at Bliss. Wish I could work that deal. Football season is with us again, which means that Dale Hall is scouting on the weekends. Rock and Pat Rochefort are going to be rich as soon as bonds from a chain letter start arriving (none have, as yet). Pat is having the class wives in for coffee and a business meeting to plan the women's activities for the year.

BRAGG: The McCunniffs furnish news from Bob McKinnon who is S-3 of the 325 AIR. Bob came up to the Rock to inspect a

Company from his regiment that was out at Buckner. Wife Nancy is publishing the post "Shop Talk" and is also a court reporter. "Big Jim" Morris and George Casey have arrived from Leavenworth and the Rhems have departed for C&GS.

EUROPE: Barney and Jean Schneckloth with their two girls have been in Vienna for a year and a half as Asst. M/A. Arch Arnold is returning from Europe to attend Leavenworth. Peg and Doug Atkins and son are still in Munich with Southern Area Cmd. Joan Gleason stayed with them during the Hungarian Revolt. Al and Dory Price have departed the Rock for SETAF—they will live in Verona. Celia and George Robson are the proud parents of a girl born in Nurnberg in June. George is in H & S Co., 371 AIB.

RILEY: Letter from Les Ayers: "Local news from Riley is in small quantity but one little item that will amuse everyone: DA Special Orders No. 135 came into 1st Division Headquarters last Monday, June 15, and within a few hours, I had been notified that I was a Major. Much later in the day I saw a copy of the list and noted that I was the only 45'er on that paragraph—that seemed strange, but orders are orders. We had a few drinks with the Del Vecchios on Monday evening and the next day I went about my business as the junior Major at Fort Riley—even went so far as to compute the pay differential so as to learn how much I could blow out on a field grade Lux hat!

About 1600 hours I received a letter, the text of which was so quaint that I can only transcribe same as not to lose any of the 'Pentagonese'.

AGPB-P 201 Ayres, Leslie S.
027213 (11 Jul 57)

SUBJECT Termination of Temporary Promotion

THRU: Commanding Officer
26th Infantry Regiment
Fort Riley, Kansas

TO: Captain Leslie S. Ayers,
027213, Infantry

1. By direction of the President, announcement is made that the temporary promotion of Captain Leslie S. Ayers, 027213, Infantry, to the grade of major, AUS, as announced in paragraph 13 Department of the Army Special Orders No. 135, dated 11 July 1957, is terminated effective 11 July 1957.

2. Officer was inadvertently promoted ahead of his contemporaries. Promotions on above cited orders included captains who had a Promotion Eligibility Date of 17 October 1950, with 143 months of active Federal commissioned service as of 30 June 1955. A review of records reveals that Captain Ayers had a PED of 17 October 1950, and that he had 120 months and 26 days of active Federal commissioned service, as of 30 June 1955.

3. Captain Ayers will be promoted when officers with like service are promoted.

By Order of
Wilbur M. Brucker,
Secretary of the Army.

RANDOM: George Benson is in Indochina. We are happy to hear that Bill and Lido Nichols now have a son to go with their three daughters. They are in Puerto Rico. Joe McDonough has received his Masters in International Relations from Georgetown and is assigned to the USNA. Jim Alfante is another who is at Annapolis.

AIR CORPS

Byron Knolle is in the Air Flight Test Center at Edwards AFB. Henry Stick has received his PhD from Ohio State.

HQ. ARDC: Marty Brewer sent his letter early as he was about to depart for Wright Field on a TDY trip. We quote:

"Have just heard from Ed Munyon (another Hq ARDC classmate) that Billy Hol-

lis has put in his resignation papers. He is currently at the AF Ballistic Missiles Division helping develop the ICBM. Dunno what he has in mind to do as a civilian but apparently he's made up his mind.

"Bob Hippert wrote that he is coming here to Hq to shop for a new assignment. He has been at Edwards AFB (Flight Test Center) since June or July of 1951. He's been a real homesteader out there, but figures it's time to see new places and faces, I guess. He is currently assigned there as a flight test pilot.

"Ed Mason has recently completed a year at Pitt where he got his degree (Master's) by successfully completing their course in management. He has been assigned to the Directorate of Operations here at ARDC, but is currently on a 30 day leave in Europe. In-the-field education???? He's due to report in on the 15th or so of August for duty.

"Have heard that Jack Broughton is putting in his papers also, and has had some very interesting (and lucrative!) bids from some of the aircraft companies. Jack has only recently given up the reins as leader of the famed AF "Thunderbirds", after about three or four years of some pretty nice, but hairy flying. As you may know, this team is the USAF supersonic precision flying outfit, that gives shows all over the country. They are really hot. Jack is on the roster to attend the current AF Command & Staff School at Maxwell AFB, but haven't heard whether or not his papers went through first.

"We bought a house here last winter. The address is 204 7th Ave. SE, in Glen Burnie. In case any of the troops are in the area, we'd be happy to see them. Got a call from Carl Steinhagen last week. He is a systems planning engineer for GE in Syracuse."

AIR ACADEMY: Johnny McWherter wrote a very informative letter but didn't mention his family. I'm sure the Math Dept is keeping John busy, as they are teaching many different programs. How are Ginny and the kids, John? His letter follows:

"Jake and Audrey Gatlin arrived with Jess, Donna and John, promptly bought a home in exclusive Hoffman Heights.

"Frank and Shirleigh Marvin with their three boys have moved in next to the Bob Valpeys.

"Johnny and Pat Ludlow with their two children have just arrived. Lud will work for Cas Myslinski, '44, the local "Master of the Sword."

"John and Helen Coffee held a dinner party for classmates here in honor of the new arrivals. Incidentally, John has been promoted to Associate Professor of the Department of Graphics.

"Along this line, Buzz Stebbins has become Associate Professor of Basic Sciences and Bob Valpey was promoted to Associate Professor of Mechanics.

"Jim and Betty Townsend have adopted two boys, ages two and one. Our congratulations and admirations. J. B. has been touring the States with the Air Gadgets this Summer and reports the following:

"Johnny Sherwood has recently arrived at Wright-Pat to be General Rawling's aide. Bill Jarrell feeds castor oil to the Univac at Linker every time it gets stopped up. Offa Nichols is at the Command and Staff College at Montgomery. Pete Van Matre, Chick Lindsey and Jack Nelson at Eglin. Virg Givens is working for Lockheed as coordinator for all F-104 test activities in the States."

From other fronts:

Hank Warren and Tom Curtis have F-100 squadrons in the 50th Fighter Bomber Group at Loul, France.

Axel Briggs has resigned, accepting employment with the Alger-Sullivan Lumber Co. He and Gloria are building a plantation in or around Century, Florida; in the interim can be reached at 721 Ferry St., Decatur, Alabama.

Alex and Sally Froede have a new daugh-

ter, Kathleen Ellen, born July 18. They are at March AFB, Riverside, California, where Alex is in the process of becoming an AC of a KC 97. They hosted a small brawl for classmates in June. The Allens, the Foleys, Bacons and Hawleys. They are all on their feet again, and recovering nicely, thank you.

CIVILIANS

First paragraph courtesy Gleason: The Favrets with four boys still doing fine with American Mach and Foundry. Dick and Ellie Walston, in Florida real estate, spent two weeks on active duty in G-2 at the Pentagon. Bill Gardiner says that civilian life suits him fine. Willie Davis is now "on site" with G.E., in Philadelphia—line for a bed for the Notre Dame and Navy Games forms to the rear. Bob Mantey is still with the Phila Electric Co., but he is now living in Detroit working on atomic power. Bob Marben is taking the Bar Exams in Illinois, after getting his law degree from the University of Illinois. He intends to be a Patent lawyer in D.C.

John Wood, late of the English Department and the preceding Class secretary, is now working for American Management Association and he and Ann are living in Norwalk, Connecticut. Axel Briggs never did get to Japan—instead he is in the lumber business in Alabama. Bring Gloria up for a football game in that Company plane, Ax. The third ex-English man, Ren Fortier (Class President), is still with the industrial consultant firm of Walter J. Byrne & Company, Inc., in New York. Ren spent the last two weeks in July playing soldier; we are hoping he'll drag a few New York classmates up this way soon.

Bob Woods is still with Continental Can Company, but has moved to a new house at 160 Longview Drive, Princeton, New Jersey.

Duke Schwinn's letter follows, but he didn't mention that while his Guard unit was shooting at Fort Riley they were caught in a cloud burst on the last weekend, soaking everyone.

"Enroute to Camp Riley for Summer field training with the Kansas National Guard, I stopped at Newton, Iowa, overnight for a visit with two of my wives, Ed Bailey and Al Bailey. Both are married, Al with two children. Ed is running one of the biggest Chevrolet agencies in the State of Iowa. Al is running a gravel business.

"John Gage has moved to Mission, Kansas, and is in partnership (law) with a State Senator. Doing well. Mission is a suburb of Kansas City, Missouri, on the Kansas side.

"I'm at home at Wellington, Kansas, and solicit visits. Mick McMurdo and family stopped through enroute from Leavenworth to Hawaii last month. I'll be back in Topeka next winter for the legislative session."

Ted Wagner reports that he saw Dick DeKay, Secretary to the General Staff at Jackson, while Ted was on his annual two weeks tour in the C&GS School, which was held there. Ted, Jr., has joined sister Karen in the Wagner family.

J. M. Fitzpatrick, still flying for Convair, lives at 1028 Norberry Street, in Lancaster, California, writes:

"Pat and I hope to get back East for a couple of weeks in the Fall (if we can find anyone foolish enough to undertake the care and feeding of our tribe of five); maybe we'll see you at the Notre Dame game.

"I'd also like to repeat the offer made by Hippert & Brewer to put up any reasonable (i.e., no more than a dozen at a time) number who happen to be out this way—provided they are willing to rassle the kids for their food. Hip didn't mention it, but we also have a well stocked bar for just such occasions.

"Received a letter from Tom Marks last week. He is now 'Executive Assistant to the Vice President' of Westinghouse Gas Turbine Division (whatever that means it

sounds good). Also occasionally see A. J. Steele when I'm down in San Diego; he is juggling a slide rule in one of Convair's long hair units behind locked doors.

"Also have seen Bill Clark and Fritz Hartwig a few times. Willy is manager of one of the Broadway department stores and Fritz is with one of the rocket motor firms after getting his PhD (both of them are in L.A.)."

Gar Landrith, working for Edison Electric, is building a house in Nyack, New York. Horowitz is leaving the Air Force for civilian life. Hartwig received his PhD in aeronautics from Cal Tech. Bill Taylor is now Assistant Chief in the Nuclear Power Branch of the Engr R&D Lab at Belvoir. Harris Findlay is now the manager of the pension division of the Life Insurance Company of Virginia. Howard Baldwin has been appointed to the post of Administrator, Atomic Energy Services, RCA Service Company. He will be responsible for the development of service in the atomic energy field, organization and training of a staff, and manufacturer and consumer relations.

EVERYONE

Since many classmates don't take the ASSEMBLY, how about passing your copy around? That might generate some interest. We received exactly six letters from a group of about 800. Not a single letter from overseas. Why don't you people in Heidelberg, Sill, Wright-Pat, etc., elect or appoint a scribe (or, better still, write yourself). We can't do our job properly without more help from everyone.

Deadline for next issue is November 20. Please write.

—Jim Christiansen,
Qtrs. 150, West Point.

1946

Washington, D. C.—USMA Alumni '46—A formal organization has been formed for our class in the nation's capital. All newly arrived classmates are encouraged to contact any of the following class officers for that area in order to join the local fun and festivity:

President, Al Futrell; Vice President, Don Hughes; Secretary, Bill Gavin; Treasurer, John Bodley, and Publicity Chairman, Jim Wirrick. It was from Jim that I received this notice. His address is 6820 North 25th St., Arlington, Virginia. In December 1956 the group held a party at the Naval Gun Factory Officers' Club and in May 1957 an even more gala affair at the Bolling Field Officers' Club.

Members in good standing (\$1.)—Fred and Jo Anderson, Wally Berry, Rodney and Carol Blyth, Charles and Gloria Buckingham, John and Joan Byrne, Louis and Ann Creveling, Pat and Frances Crizer, Franklin and Margaret Day, Phil and Vinny Farris, William and Mary Gavin, Fred and Mary Hafer, Guy and Dee Hariston, Guy and Ann Hoar, Roy and Jean Hudspeth, James and Betty Hughes, Jack and Gladys Kimball, Robert and Jean Montgomery, Wilton and Chris Persons, Wes and Mildred Posvar, Bill and Marilyn Roney, Will and June Schug, Asbert Leavitt, John Stratis, Bill and Jerry Temple, Fred and Kay Thomas, Bill and Ann Trotter, Joe and Vicki Wallace, Al and Dottie Wedemeyer, John Perkins, Bill Wray, Jim and Winky Wirrick, Roy Thurman, Jim and Ruth McGarity, Charles Williamson, R. M. and Doris Wagoner, Roy Gillig, Ed and Natasha Van Deusen, Al and Kitty Futrell, Rocco Petrone, Walt and Kay Dumas, Thornton Milton, Reuben and Harriet Pomerantz, George and Betty Otte, Lewis Rose, Jim and Lea Paschall, David Colaw, M. R. Richards, George Patton, Ben Evans, Norman Stanfield.

Jack Shultz will be with the 9th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colorado, when you read this. Jack is finishing 17 months in Saigon, Vietnam. In his opinion the tour

was well worth it. It is a beautiful country with beaches, mountain resorts and interesting inhabitants. No other classmates were with Jack during his tour of duty. Major David H. Smith reports a change of address from Military Assistant to Gov. of Canal Zone, Balboa Heights, Canal Zone, to Regular Course, CGSC, 13 Heintzelman, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Major and Mrs. Bert A. David are proud to announce the arrival of twin boys, Scott C. and Jon R., born July 30, 1957 at base hospital, Maxwell AFB, Alabama. They now have three boys, the oldest, Bert, Jr., being born in February 1949 at Kyoto, Japan. At the present time Bert is a member of the Army Advisory Group at Maxwell and is assigned to the Air Command and Staff College staff and faculty. The Davids reside on base in Qtrs. 504-C, but by December will be on their way to the Pentagon.

College Graduates—Syracuse University, June 3, 1957—Master of Business Adm.—Bill Culpepper, Tom Pardue, and Marvin Weinstein. University of Delaware, June 3, 1957—Master of Chemical Eng.—Charles Jaco. Army School Graduates—CGSC, Regular Course, June 18, 1957—Major Sam S. Walker (June '57) and Earl S. Dye. Sam and Charlotte, along with sons Walton Harris II, age 7, and Sam Sims, Jr., age 4½, are going to Washington where Sam will join the Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Earl is assigned to the Staff and Faculty of the College at Fort Leavenworth.

Bachelor ranks decrease again with the marriage of Tom Campbell to Dorothy H. Neill, on February 23, 1957 in Atlanta. Tom is with Central Soya & Co., Inc., Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Assignments: Bill Wray to the Engineer Research and Development Labs, Fort Belvoir. Bill is chief of operations for the nuclear power branch. Jack Becker commanding Co. E, 326th Engineer Bn., 101st AB Div, Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Major Guy Hairston to CGSC, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Bill McMaster has been awarded the Commendation Ribbon for his part in the experimental design and data analysis of one of the test shots of Operation Redwing. This year Bill will again be active in the experimental design of the diagnostics tests to be conducted in Nevada during Operation Plumbbob.

Remember any news should be mailed to Samuel E. H. France, 3 Spruce Lane, Verona, New Jersey.

Jack Schram, Chairman of the Ten Year Committee, asked that in the column a reminder be placed to those classmates who have not sent in their \$4.50 for copies of the Year Book they have reserved with an initial deposit. In this category are:

Baker, F. R.; Barlow, K. B.; Bodie, J.; Burke, R. O.; Cairns, J. T.; Carbine, J. T., Jr.; Carnwright, R. G.; Chase, B. K.; Chynoweth, W. E.; Cohen, J. J.; Cramer, H. G.; Dessert, R. A.; Dockstetter, F. E.

Elliott, J. S.; Feibelman, M. M.; Finley, J. W.; Futrell, A. F.; Gavin, W. G.; Gee, T. G.; Gordon, M. W.; Hirschfield, T. V.; Jordan, C. E.; Kelly, P. A.; Kopald, J. W.; Kurowski, L. C.; Lane, D. S.; Lawson, W. E.; Minnich, E. S.

O'Connor, J. M.; Paden, J. K.; Parker, W. C.; Parsons, C. H.; Petrie, B. A.; Plank, D. H.; Shade, L. N.; Weinstein, M. S.; White, R. D. W.; Zeh, T. G.

Letters have been mailed to members on this list but some of these addresses are not correct so we are repeating them here. In the next issue of ASSEMBLY will be published a financial statement for the Ten Year Committee including a final report on the Year Book.

—Samuel E. H. France,
3 Spruce Lane,
Verona, New Jersey.

1947

As a last minute fill-in reporter recovering from the rigors of assembling the Ten Year book during off-duty time, I shall try to recount the latest results of the annual shuffling of officers. Before that let me advise you that the final price of TAKE TEN is \$5; the book will be mailed this Fall by the printer. We are sending letters to everybody requesting your present mailing address and a check for the balance; if you don't get a letter and want a book, write to Box 147 and send the money.

Recent departures from the West Bank: Tom Benson to Eustis and thence to Georgetown U; Doc Blanchard to England (their third child, born in June, was a girl); Jim Edington to Polk instead of Alaska (an improvement?); John Paules to Leavenworth; Jean Burner to Hood; Joe Johnston and Forest Crowe to California where they are living in Rolling Hills with many classmates; Wayne Hauck to Babson Institute for school for two years; Ike Snyder to Aberdeen for Ordnance Advanced Course; Arnold Tucker to Maxwell; Ken Hatch to Hawaii; Dick Sforzini to Ordnance Advanced Course; John Mastin is at Belvoir in the Engineer Advanced Course and will be en route to the 802d Engr Bn at Drake in Japan this Fall (with concurrent travel for his family); Brent Scowcroft is in Washington at Strategic Intelligence School prior to going to Yugoslavia as an Attache. With him there are Otis Brannon and Dick McAdoo; Dick is going to Language School and thence to Brussels next Summer.

The current crop of cadets will be enlightened by these newly arrived classmates: Jay Bleiman in Social Sciences and straight from Harvard (he should have studied at a coeducational institution!); Bernie DeGil and Bernie Gardner teaching Spanish; Lee Haskin in Mathematics; George Lynn in Mathematics after getting an MS at Rensselaer; Bill Nairn on the staff with the TD; and Bing Perry teaching Mechanics.

A few visitors have stopped through here this Summer: Bob Montague was up from White Sands to attend the Army Science Conference, Don Burton here for the same reason; Bob McCord was en route from Canada to Leavenworth; Bob McNeil will be at Knox, just returned from Turkey; and Willie Conger came from Europe on his way to Leavenworth; and Jim Johnson, after school at Stanford, is going to an Engineer Battalion near Bordeaux, France.

Word from the Reckmeyers indicates that they are intent on maintaining their lead in families, even in civilian life. They are at 3001 Nancy Avenue, Orlando, Florida; Bill is working for the Martin Company, who must be paying him well; their eighth child is expected in the Spring.

Bob Haldane has a son: Alyce presented him with David Douglas to go with their two girls. Jo Hoover brought home another little girl (their second) and made John so proud that he went to the Associate Advanced Course at Monmouth and set the highest academic record for the last two years. For this achievement he was awarded the Ribbon and Medal of the Association of the United States Army.

Peter Karter has settled his family at 45 Ponus Avenue, Norwalk, Connecticut, where he is working for AMF. Currently he is becoming an expert on atomic reactors, in particular a research reactor for some Italian firms. Bunny is expecting their fourth child.

An unsolicited plug for Willie Munroe's resort came from Don Packard ('48): Green Harbor Village on Lewis Bay up at Cape Cod is a perfect vacation spot for those who like the beach.

Bob King has just moved to Berlin with Gloria and their two children; he is now Adjutant of the Sixth Infantry. He had been in the USAREUR G4 Section in Heidelberg.

Jim Smith has joined the faculty of Wheaton (Illinois) College as an ROTC instructor.

Hugh Bartley and George Maloney received the degree of Master of Business Administration in June at Syracuse University.

Jack Dunham has excelled in another field. He won the individual high in the Post pistol meet here at the Point.

The Washingtonians had a big party in the club at Fort Belvoir on August 22. Present for the festivities were the Allens, Burtons, Goldsboroughs, Hellings, McAdoos, Matterns, Mastins, Kinevans, Phil Boergers, and Jack Schuder (Betty and children indisposed temporarily). The Beuhlers missed since Hap was on the road; Harringtons stayed home to nurse colds (instead of hangovers like the rest who did go). Scowcrofts also missed (no Excuse, Sir); as did the Mel Rosens; Mel is now doing the same job he did as a Captain with the civil service rating of GS 14; it was the only way he could keep on doing the AEC work that he liked.

Bill Webb is at the University of Pennsylvania now recovering from Leavenworth; he is preparing himself to come back to the Point to teach English. He reports that Hindu Hill has recovered from the trouble in his abdomen and is now at George Washington undergoing a similar type of recovery from Leavenworth.

Jim Colburn, recently with Honeywell, now is one of the co-founders of an electronics research corporation located in Minneapolis. He and his partners are now demonstrating an electronic performance evaluator for aircraft and some other devices they have put together. TENLO seems to be set on making its mark in applied electronics both for the Armed Forces and for industry.

Jim reports that the Murrins had a farewell dinner for the Robbs who are leaving Wright-Patterson to go to Colorado Springs where Don will work on plans for the use of Bomarc in ADC headquarters. Jean expects a baby in December. Ralph Murrin, for the record, is a civilian working in the same job he had while in the Air Force.

Merlin Anderson, recently reported ill, has recovered completely during the Summer and is now back at work in MP&L here at the Point—analyzing the questionnaire that you recently sent in to the Superintendent.

We are trying hard to keep everyone in the class located during the years so as you move from place to place, please drop a card c/o the class here so that we don't drop too far behind in knowing where you are. We shall also be very happy to send addresses of classmates (if we know them).

If you plan to be around at any of the Army football games, let us know so that appropriate measures can be taken to set up parties or other gatherings.

—Frank Boerger,
MA&E, West Point.

1948

The dust caused by the annual Summer upheaval is beginning to settle so once more let's search the debris for all '48'ers caught in the storm of job shuffling. This is a particularly significant project this year because we want to have correct addresses for each and every member of that sterling class (guess which one) now in their 10th year!

One pleasant aspect of Summer at West Point is the number of classmates who manage to "check in" for a short visit. This Summer was up to "par" so without additional comment I'll pass out the poop! John and Babs Wadsworth, with two boys, stopped by en route to Leavenworth where John takes the C&GS course next year. They had just arrived from Berlin. They were followed shortly by Tom and Jerry Jones with their three boys, also newly arrived from EUCOM. Tom is with the advance party of

the 2nd Armored, "gyroing" to Fort Hood, Texas. The Jones also report that the Hoffmans and Bowens will follow suit ere too many months. Punk and Nancy Hartnell also touched home base on their way from the land of gasthouses, maids and sauerkraut to College Station, Texas, where Punk is assigned to Texas A&M on ROTC duty. Joe and Marianne Kiernan also managed a visit on a trip to see their parents in Washington. "Home" for the Kiernans until next June will be in the vicinity of Cal. Tech where Joe is going for his M.S.

Jerry and Marge Medsger, with boy and girl, also stopped for a "hello" Jerry is now going to pass on gems to the ROTC students at the Missouri School of Mines, Rolla, Missouri. Bill "Salty" Byers, together with Pat and kiddies, stopped by on vacation. "Salty" has at least six more months to go in the 2nd Army Engineer Section, Fort Meade. Claron and Lynn Robertson also got by for a short visit. Robbie, as previously reported, is now at Goose Bay with Lynn and kiddies living in Springfield near Fort Belvoir. I think that catches all visitors since June Week; if not, ye olde correspondent goofed again!

Still on the local scene, John McEnery and Don Packard recently arrived back from their jump training. The "Mutt and Jeff" of this Summer's jump class report that Lou Haskell, Al Cerow and Bob Marshall were also in the same class. As noted previously, Lou was married last December and has glowing reports on connubial bliss. The Haskells, as I understand it from my faithful agents, will be at Fort Bliss where Lou is teaching in the Missile School. Al Cerow is now at Fort Lee in the Advanced Course. If Al's eyes are as bad as ever he could know no fear from an airplane because he couldn't see the ground anyway! Bobby Marshall was on TDY from his previously reported ROTC assignment at Florida State.

Rosey Rosencrans passed on some poop gathered while tripping with the First Class this Summer. Rosey reports seeing Ash Foote at Fort Sill, still in the missile business. Ash gave a very fine talk to the cadets. It seems that Lake Churchill is still at Bliss. Frank and Elsie Williams, with two kiddies, are at Wright Patterson where Frank is in R&D. George Rutter spent a two month TDY in Europe and has now reported to Michigan University where he will start work on his MS in Aeronautical Engineering. Rosey also heard from Art Snyder who is out of the service. He and family are living at 7615 Atoll Ave., North Hollywood, so, travelers west, take note. Bill Caldwell helped me out with some additional news he had garnered. Reuban Anderson is now in Korea. Niki and kiddies are making the long wait in Kansas City. Jack Miller also traveled East but he landed in Vietnam with the MAAG. Bill also notes that Reese Jones will be back from Iceland this Fall. Next assignment is to the Cold Weather Training School of Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire. Bob and Beji Ward are at Syracuse, following the Advance Course at Benning. Bob is working on a 14-month comptroller course (for elaboration, see Bob!) Fran and Nancy Schless are among the Leavenworth contingent representing '48. Fran, incidentally, was head of the Jungle School in Panama. Besides professional benefit, you should also be in demand as a consultant for Tarzan movies. Fran! Pete and Dolly Peterson, recently back from EUCOM, are also now ensconced at Leavenworth. The last bit from reporter Caldwell was that Ken Ruddy and family are still in Beaumont, Texas. Don't buy a "Chevy" around Beaumont without seeing Ken!

Many of the flock in Korea are about ready to come home but I have reports on only a few. Howie Adams verified Jay Hatch's arrival here at West Point in October. Jay will report to the Dept. of MT&G. We are all looking forward to another stalwart ad-

dition to the local crew. Norm Robinson is due to go to Fort Dix in October. So far Al Pabst, Joe Meyer, Walt Meitzen, Chloe Swearingen, Jim Dingeman, Ed Callanan and Jim McCray have no orders or at least no report of any has filtered this far! Les Carter has arrived home from Vietnam and reports list the new Carter location as Fort Bragg. Right, Les? If I'm not mistaken, John Milton and Glen Wilhide should be about due also. How about giving your old struggling correspondent a break, you two?

Back to the States again, I'm told that Sam Cockerham is taking Army Aviation Training at Fort Rucker, Alabama. Jack Doody and family are now at Connecticut University, where Jack is on ROTC duty. Also looking forward to seeing the Doodys this week-end at the annual '48 Labor Day picnic at Round Pond. Gunder Patch, Jack Osteen and Phil Day are also helping uphold the honor of '48 at Leavenworth. Had a note that Jesse and Anne Kelsey were bound for St. Peters College in New Jersey but Jack Doody tells me Jesse's assignment was changed. More information please! Ah yes, Merle and Joyce Sheffield just reported Glen and Kit Wilhide as now being at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Still could use a letter, Glen! The Sheffield's also report that Gunk and Leonora McSpadden are at Fort Meade where Gunk is serving with the 2nd Armored Cav. Regt.

Now let me see, two more lads recently left the dwindling ranks of '48 bachelors. Fred Tibbets married Joyce Anderson at Stuttgart, Germany, on August 5. C. C. Elebash married Patricia Ann Snedeker at Washington, D. C. Incidentally, the Tibbets are now at Leavenworth and the Elebashes live at 1200 South Court House Rd., Arlington, Virginia. Everyone joins me in congratulations and a special word of welcome to Joyce and Ann. I note also that Bill Travis is to be married to Mary O'Neil on November 30 in Orange, New Jersey. Bill says anyone who can make it is cordially invited.

I'm very happy to report that the class continues to make its prolific contribution to the next generation! Locally, Anne and Steve Griffith had a third son, John Boughan, born on Fathers Day, June 16. Greta and Bob Mathis also report a new son, Robert, Jr., born on July 5. Not to be outdone, Phyllis and Bob Hallahan became the proud parents of Robert Francis II on August 11. Incidentally, this is a singular achievement since the Hallahans have three girls! The McGraws were also on the bandwagon with Don, Jr. (Date of birth unknown so a letter would help, Don!) Just to prevent a monopoly on boys for this issue, Sally and Buck Borg announced the birth of Marian Clare on May 8. Congratulations to all!

Last minute capsules include the following: Dick and Joan Weber are now living near Syracuse. Their address is 368 Northfield Way, Camillus, New York. Dick is now with G. E. and both announce that the welcome mat is out! Ed and Mary Nelson are in Charlottesville, Virginia, where Ed is attending the two year Nuclear Physics Course. Ben and Barbara Jacobellis are located at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. Rich Cooper also ended up at Monmouth. I think Ben and Rich are in the Advance Signal Course. Jack Creed passed his bar exams and is starting work with a law firm in Washington. See Nick if you have legal problems!

That's about it for this session, lads and lassies. Don't forget to look for your questionnaire in connection with our ten year book. We can only turn out a worthy "48" product with everyone's cooperation. By all means assist us in locating everyone you possibly can. In addition, I'd thoroughly enjoy—and appreciate—hearing from you anyway!

—Johnny Egbert,
Dept. of Mechanics, USMA.

1949

This will be a very short article as I have received very little news in the past three months; perhaps more will be coming in next week, but due to my being on vacation I will have to include it in the next issue.

I had a letter from Colonel Wilson of the Association of Graduates, informing the class of 1949 that our share of the Korean Plaque was \$575.53 for 27 names. I thought all of you would be interested in this information and I have sent a letter to Harry Griffith asking him to see that the Association was paid out of the class funds.

The latter part of June I had the opportunity of going to California on business and as a result was able to spend the week-end with Jim and Joan Schmidt in Menlo Park, South of San Francisco. We had a grand reunion and Jim is very enthusiastic about his work as an investment banker with Dean Witter. Since I had very few other addresses I was unable to see any of the rest of the class although I missed Dan McGurk in Fort Worth by just a few days.

Jack Pollin received his M.S. in Mathematics at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in June. I assume that he is now stationed at West Point in the Mathematics Department but I am not sure of this information. Bob Slizeski recently received his Masters degree in Aeronautical Engineering at Cal Tech. I do not know where Bob is now stationed.

The following have recently completed various courses: Ben Suttle, a four-month primary flight training course at Gary Army Air Field and is now at Fort Rucker, Alabama, for advanced tactical training; Jack Thomas from an airborne course at the Infantry School, Fort Benning, and Jack Krasko from an airborne course also at Fort Benning.

We have had a very enjoyable Summer, although the time has passed much too rapidly for I have been traveling most of the Summer and consequently, have not enjoyed the outdoors as much as usual. I hope that I will have the opportunity to see some of you at the Penn State and Notre Dame games which we are planning to attend. Please send in more news as I have nothing more to give you this period.

—John I. Saafeld,
700 Hyde Ave.,
Ridgway, Pennsylvania.

1950

You're going to have to look closely for this column—no letters from you!! No excuses accepted for the next quarter—JUST WRITE—hear?

First, most of you should have received the Index to the Howitzer by now—certainly a necessary adjunct to our book. Our thanks to Bill DeGraf who was ably assisted by classmates and wives stationed here last year, for the preparation of this list.

Before Bill departed from West Point for Fort Knox he turned over all the extras to me for further distribution. The above would have been the end of our column were it not for Ed West, J. Clark Duncan, Priscilla (Russ) Glenn, and Jack Crittenberger.

Ed West, assigned to the Joint construction agency in Donges, France, feels that if each classmate contributed two letters in seven years, as he has done, I would have received 1,344 letters by this time. You and your higher math, Ed. Now if all those letters were divided equally among the 28 three month periods (7 times 4), that would make 48 letters each quarter—a nice substantial column, I might add. (Check the math, Ed!)

Ed and Marcy living in La Baule, vicinity of St. Nazaire, and are really enjoying the tour. They have seen or heard about the following: Jack Hurst is in Orleans as S-3 of a construction battalion; Mauro Morosco is Resident Engineer in USACAF; Jack Maxwell, Resident Engineer at Gaurur (can't quite read it, Ed.); Bill Berry in Paris as a Project Engineer; Emmett Lee at Chinon Engineer Depot; Bill Slavins with USAREUR Headquarters; Jim Boylan, attending the Post Engineer course at the Engineer School in Murnau, Germany.

Clark Duncan is at Hickam AFB, Honolulu, and was recently checked out as an air craft commander on a C-124. He saw Tom Loper en route to Korea, at Travis AFB recently. Tom reported that Ralph Viskochil was due to report at Schofield Barracks in early Fall. John Howard is working with an Army Reserve unit at Hilo, Hawaii. Gus Hergert and Dunc Joy are also in Hawaii either at Schofield or Fort Shafter. Denny Roush is with the Honolulu District Corps of Engineers and living at Fort Ruger.

Priscilla Glenn confirmed the news above regarding those in Hawaii, and from the tone of her letter, Hawaii is one tour no one should miss.

CLASS OF 1950 PARTY

After the Founders Day Dinner, Heidelberg, Germany, March 1957. First Row (left to right)—Burke Lee, Johanna Price, Ding Price, Betty Griebling, May Nigro, '49, Jane Moore '49. Second Row—Patti Kelly, Jim Kelly, Ann Tormey, Al Griebling. Third Row—Lish Lee, Bill Slavins, Malvene Lewis, Jim Tormey, Elaine Dixon, Faye Watters, Chuck Watters, Tom Fife, Bill Moore '49.

Not in Picture—Lois Slavins, Ben Lewis, George Nigro '49, Lou Dixon.



Jack Crittenberger is assigned to the White House as Assistant to the Military Aide. Jack says his job is "terrifically interesting and gets even more so when Colonel Schulz, my boss, is away for a few days and I take over as Aide" Jack is buying a house in Chevy Chase, Maryland, and says it's big enough to house any friends dropping in. Be careful of those open invitations Jack! Hank Sachers, Jim Fooshe, Phil Bardos and Pete Nibley are all in the Washington area.

Miscellaneous items—Cal Tech announced that Frank Borman received his M.S. in Aeronautics; Iowa State College awarded an M.S. in Engineering to Bob O'Connell. Garrett Buckner was recently graduated from the Airborne School at Fort Benning.

There has been a net increase in our representation at West Point with the following newcomers: Walt and Shirley Adams, Bill and Woody Aman, Art and Barbara Blair, Frank and Sue Borman, John and Jay Cragin, Roy and Betty Easley, John and Jane Fox, Bobby and Lucy Gard, Lou and Rose Genuario, Chuck and Alice Graham, Dick and Biddy Hoffman, George and Carol Patterson, Jack and Joan Roehm, Manley and Martha Rogers, Blair and Mary Ross, Don and Clare Sampson, Phil and Pat Samsey, Jim and Hazel Thompson.

Those who recently departed include Paul and Ruth Gorman, Bill and Lois Howe, Nel and Margaret Thompson, Bill and Robin DeGraf and George Vlisodes.

Hangers on: Blackie and Mary Bolduc, Monty and Nancy Coffin, Don and Mary Creuziger, Jay and Grace Durst, Ken and Loris Ebner, Dave and Pat Hughes, Philo and Mitch Hutcheson, Bill and Pat Lamdin, Reg and Sally Lombard, Bob and new wife Valarie June McCutchen, Bill and Bev Miller, Sandy and Beth Oliver, Chuck and Evelyn Osterndorf, Jack and Julia Palmer, Walt and Jane Price, Harvey and Maris Prosser, Jim and Phyllis Ross, Bill and Lynn Schwoob, Jere and Lou Sharp, Ray and Peg Singer, Winnie Skelton, John and Ann Wickham, Jim and Ellen Workman, Dick and Franci Wyrrough, Herb and Jean Liechty.

Many of us are living in quarters known as the Grey Ghosts, nothing plush, but homey!! Don and Mary Creuziger are flanked by ten children belonging to the Workmans and Genuarios. Don has been trying to figure out the mathematical probability of such a thing happening—that is, being sandwiched in between two classmates with that many children!! Once he calculates the odds, he'll be able to prevent its ever happening again—to him at least!

The picture you see this time is the one that was number two priority for last issue. Fair enough?

I was just about to send this in when I received a well-timed letter from Malvene (Ben) Lewis. They are in Frankfurt, Germany. In addition to a great deal of news on their touring Europe, she added that Jim Trayers was recently attending a school in Oberammergau; Ding and Johanna Price now live across the street from the Lewises; Jim and Patty Kelly are in Hanau; Bill and Mary Ann Read are moving to Nurnberg.

Many children en route according to Malvene, but only one official arrival—a Girl to Gerry and Helen Kelley.

Thanks for the letter, Malvene, and we will write!

'Til next issue and, I hope, more news.
—Lou Genuario,
Qtrs. 518D, West Point.

1951

Judging from correspondence received from various sources since last we went to press, the most outstanding characteristic of '51 is still its diversification of assignments. Therefore, follows a list of new addresses; next, a list of recent '51 accomplishments worthy of note; and finally, news of general interest.

Gerry Tausch (who, bless her, has not missed a note to the column since I started synthetizing it) reports the Tausch household safely settled in Heidelberg and includes the following changes of address for three '51 wanderers: Lauren Ashley, 1909 Roberta Avenue, Champaign, Illinois (he is still at U. of Illinois); Marv Krupinsky, Hq. US ASA, Alaska, APO 949, Seattle, Washington; and Jim Barron, Hq. 7th Army, Arty Section, APO 46, NYC. A sort of post-script reveals Bob Dean as being concealed at Hq. 4th Army, Arty Section, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Gerry, my blessings on you all for faithfulness not displayed by about 700 other supposedly interested troops.

I have a note from Rocky Milburn (Asst. G-3 USA A&MC, Fort Sill) indicating, in addition to the fact that five Milburns have been collaborating with six Pitts while the latter await quarters, that the following roster is now taking "Redleg" Advanced: Barton, Birdseye, Davis, Depew, Gildart, Hemler, Leehey, Lins, Luger, Monsos, Pitts, Schuman, Stannard, Torseth, Thomas, Van Keuren, Atkeson, Foster, Thorsen, and Winfield. Incidentally, Rocky, now in his fifth year at Sill, claims to have evidence that he did not precede Geronimo at that station. He adds that contrary to poop issued in the last issue, the following addresses apply: Doerflinger and Dick Ryan, Instructors, Dept. of Materiel; and Malouche, Instructor, Dept. of Gunnery; all at Sill.

The bulk of this column seems to come from dope supplied by "Redlegs" Charlie McLean has the following to offer concerning tentative assignment of recent Sill graduates:

- Bailey—ROTC-NM, RPI, Troy, New York.
- Brian—82nd Abn, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.
- Crouch—Civil Schooling, University of Mississippi.
- Crowe—Civil Schooling—University of Florida.
- De Gil—Staff & Faculty, USMA.
- Evans—Gyro, 3rd Inf Div, Fort Benning, Georgia.
- Filchak—Gyro, 546 FA Bn, Fort Lewis, Washington.
- Hill—Staff & Faculty, USMA.
- Kelly—Gyro, 4th Armd Div, Fort Hood, Texas.
- McLean—Civil Schooling, University of Michigan.
- Miller—Staff & Faculty, USMA.
- Peloquin—Civil Schooling, University of Michigan.
- Phillips W.—Civil Schooling, University of Michigan.
- Szymczyk—USMA via Army Language School (Russian), Monterrey.

Maybe in next issue we can get some Infantry and Air Force accounted for. In the meantime, a list of laurels:

Bruce Bailey has accomplished a basketball team with the latest addition in June. Strength to your arm, buddy! Master's Degrees go to Fred Irving and Ted Post in Engineering, and to Aaron Sherman in Business Administration.

Bob Howes goes on record as having sired a boy, Robert A., Jr., in May '54, and a girl, Margaret Louise, in May '56.

Last-minute releases indicate that Gilbertson, with ROTC at Montana State, has taken the plunge (from the towers at Benning); Joe LaFleur is assigned to R&D Laboratories, Belvoir; W. R. Richardson traverses mortars in 28th Inf, Fort Riley; and Bob Isaac is engineering for Trane Company of Wisconsin, and will be assigned to their Los Angeles Office. George Psihas writes that he is working on the Redstone Project for Chrysler Missile Operations and has recently had pleasantly destructive encounters with Walt Phillips and Al Lichtenberg. George can be contacted at 13801 Sylvan Ct., Oak Park 37, Michigan; drop him a line and maybe he'll write us again.

I wish to close with a personal P.S.: Paul

Summers, write me that Virginia-hospitality-style letter again in time for next issue, AND INCLUDE a return address!

—Hinton,
Dept. of English, USMA.

1952

Time for another report. Let me first give you the reunion news I promised you in the last issue. First the result of the vote on proposals sent out last Spring:

<i>For Against</i>	
A. To rent P.O. Box 52 at West Point	204 7
B. Establish an Executive Council at West Point to handle Class business here	205 6
C. Executive Committee authorized to disburse Class Funds.	205 6
D. A Class sponsored award or memorial	128 83
E. Augmentation of Class Fund (\$3.00)	202 9

Proposals A, B, C, and E are therefore carried. Proposal D is defeated. Box 52 will be rented as soon as possible. Lyon, Corwin Mitchell and Tom Cole will comprise the Executive Committee, draw up rules limiting expenditures and authority; and will provide a central agency for funeral flowers (call Lyon), correspondence, and projects approved by the class and/or class officers. Fifteen dollars is the limit on any one expenditure by the committee. The award idea will be examined further as a result of many counter proposals and a vote at the business meeting by the class at reunion. Please send in \$3 each for the class fund, 15 have already contributed, and if you will send it, it will save me dunning you. Send checks to D. K. Lyon, Department of Electrical Engineering, USMA.

At the business meeting the following telegram received from Ken Simonet, our class president, was read:

"I wish I could be with you at your first class reunion. I would like to be there to renew old friendships, swap tales of the old days, find out what everyone is doing, and perhaps talk about what the future holds for us all. Graduates of West Point are bound by the ties of a common challenging experience; the bonds between classmates being the strongest. I think it good to renew these ties as often as we can; the best way to do this is to have class reunions . . . To revisit West Point and be reminded of Duty, Honor, and Country is a spiritual rejuvenation; thus reunions serve good purposes."

The following motions were made and approved and given to the Executive Committee to carry out where appropriate.

- (1) A vote of thanks to the Reunion Committee.
- (2) A resolution to support and encourage membership in the Association of Graduates.
- (3) A resolution to examine the class organization for purpose of filling the existing officer vacancy. Elected officers are as follows: President—Mallard (deceased); Vice-President — Simonet (Acting President); Historian—Reilly; Secretary—Ross; Treasurer—Seebach. Lyon is presently writing the column by appointment.
- (4) A resolution to attempt publication in ASSEMBLY of obituaries for those deceased classmates not already so honored.
- (5) A resolution that the Executive Committee prepare and distribute an up-to-date list of classmates addresses.
- (6) A resolution to have the Executive Committee examine the whole area of sponsorship of class projects.

The last financial report from Metz shows \$1,174.48 on deposit in Highland Falls. After reunion a bill was received for the class share of the memorial to Korea KIA's in

Cullum and this fund then has been depleted by over \$106.58. The anticipated \$3 contribution by 510 classmates would give us a fund of over \$2,500. A plan of investment is another matter to be taken up separately.

Bill Reilly's historical summary is given belows:

"The Class of 1952, USMA, consisting of 527 members, was graduated on June 3, 1952. At that time, the breakdown of the Class was: 126 Air Force; 173 Infantry; 100 Artillery; 55 Corps of Engineers; 39 Armored; 27 Signal Corps; 4 Foreign Cadets; 3 Graduated without commission. Throughout the past five years the Class has been saddened by the deaths of 13 members. They include: KIA: Thompson Cummings, Richard George Inman, Karl George Koenig, Jr., Kennis Earl Lockard, Jr., Richard Thomas Shea, Jr. Air Accidents: Thomas Paul Casey, James Richard Erwine, Laurean Thomas Esian, John William Feyrer, John Joseph Halloran, Terrell Butler Mallard, Jr. Training Accident: William Norman Cowan, Jr. Automobile Accident: Max L. Howard. Of the remaining 507 who were originally commissioned in the Army and Air Force, 101 have resigned, 4 have been honorably discharged or retired, and 402 remain on active duty.

"During our period of service members of the Class have collected 96 medals including: one Congressional Medal of Honor, one Distinguished Flying Cross, six Silver Stars, 19 Purple Hearts, seven Air Medals, one Soldier's Medal, 49 Bronze Stars, 12 Commendation Ribbons.

"At present our senior classmate is Captain Robert N. Kelley, Air Force; our junior man is Second Lieutenant Orin Hilmo, Artillery.

"Sixty-eight classmates have received, or are presently doing graduate work towards, advanced degrees.

"Three hundred and seven classmates are married and the class is the proud possessor of 293 children. (Count believed to be low but that's all we know of)."

The business meeting adjourned in time to make the cocktail party in a mood of optimism for the Class of 1952. Some thoughts for the future are: Do we want a 10th Reunion Book of some sort; Do we want reunion plans for 1958 and/or other "off reunion" years? Let me have your thoughts on these subjects and other ideas.

Typical of the gratifying remarks received after reunion are the following excerpts from Jim Pettit's letter to Tom Avers: "This is just a note to express my appreciation to you and all those who worked on the preparations for the June-Week reunion. Your program was interesting, well-organized and extremely enjoyable. It would be difficult to return to the 'Old School' without getting a renewed feeling of the principles for which it stands and I am sure all those who were privileged to attend feel indebted to you organizers for making it both enjoyable and possible." Incidentally, there is increasing interest in another reunion next June. If you are interested let us know.

Carlone (not Caroline as it came out in last issue) is the one rumored to be headed for AF Academy staff.

Al Griffin with Kathy and eldest son (of two) stopped by for a visit in early August. Al is still with Third Infantry at Fort Myer as ceremonial officer. Also an August visitor was Jack Quinn with Kay and oldest two (of three) sons. Jack was on leave from his Assistant PMS&T job in Rockford, Illinois.

DeAngelis is at Knox for the Advanced course. Bob Dunn is at Benning for Infantry Advanced course. Durie is there also.

More offspring for the class—Girls to: the Lennons at Fort Lee in July; the Maloneys (third girl) at Urbana on May 28, name Marianne; second out of three a girl named Meredith to Barb and Willy Ross on June 19 in Germany; Kerri Lea to Gerry

and Harry Wagner in March in Honolulu though they are now at Knox for advanced school; Julianne on June 18 in Stuttgart to Pete and Sonie Withers where Pete is with 160th Sig Gp; and finally a girl to Ernie and Ginny Condina at Dix on August 1. Boys to: Jeanne and Joe Wasiak, Mark Thomas on June 1, Joe is with ROTC at St. John's in Minnesota; Ivan and Evelyn Mechtly had Bruce J. on April 11 just before Ivan left for Texas A&M to study civil engineering; the Larry Putnam's boy (name unknown) came in early August.

Had a letter from Bill Shields with some welcome Air Force news. He was still at Pittsburgh Airport with Ted Loeschner. Bill is by now at University of Michigan to study Nuclear Engineering. Joe Austin is in Pittsburgh taking Industrial Engineering at Carnegie Tech. George Rule has finished Stanford and now goes to USAFA as English instructor. Dave Rohr and Bob Winger are at Youngstown in Ohio. Ted expects to leave Pittsburgh this year for advanced schooling.

A correction: Broadbent is at Fort Campbell contrary to what I wrote in last issue.

Hollender has finished Stanford and is now at Monmouth taking EDPS course prior to reporting for PCS to Comm. Engr. Ctr. in Washington. Ev Richards is now at University of Virginia, studying Physics. Vogel is at Benning for a Summer course.

Andy Wettlaufer, ex '52, died on May 22 at Fort Riley of a heart attack. A note has been received from Mrs. Wettlaufer expressing her appreciation for expressions of sympathy by the class.

Ken Simonet, 8th F.B.S., APO 919 SF, wrote last month. He enjoys the Far East except for the fact that his family is still not there with him.

Eddie Panchisin just finished Navigator's School at Ellington AFB in Houston.

'Til December.

—Dave Lyon.

Dept. of Elec. Engr., USMA.

1953

Mail has been rather sparse this Summer. Guess the warm weather has kept more than a few of you away from your writing paper. Now that Fall is around the corner I hope you will take a little time out to tell me what has been going on.

I have certainly received some nice Class pictures for the ASSEMBLY. This one was sent in by Rog Peterson. The fellows are attending the University of Illinois at Urbana, Illinois, and were at one of the Military Officer's Club dances. Others at the University

of Illinois not shown are Kirk Ehlers, Jerry Goetz, Bernie Hughes, Bob Laflam and John Toman.

Max and Pricilla Noah stopped by to see the gang at the University of Illinois while on their way to Purdue University where Max will study Electrical Engineering. He is slated to be an instructor at West Point after obtaining his degree.

There will be no Five Year Reunion Book for our class. Don Ramsay received only around 35 replies; therefore, with so little interest in the idea, the project is being dropped. Don also noted that the Cadet Hostess while we were at school, Mrs. Barth, passed away at West Point June 17 after a long illness.

Pete Clements wrote to confirm the decision to drop the Five Year Reunion Book idea. Pete is still studying hard at M.I.T. He and Vivian plan on being at West Point next June for our reunion if things go smoothly. Lee Crosby is now in Boston on ROTC duty at Northeastern University. Bob Kaplan is in Cambridge attending M.I.T.

Speaking of the Class Reunion next June, it isn't too early to start thinking about making plans to attend. Emily and I are looking forward to making the trip. I noticed that the Class of '52 had approximately 70 classmates at theirs. We should do that well or better.

Spark Jones dropped a note to let me know that he was at West Point this year for June Week and most of the time he was conducting a one man reunion. Conrad Osborn came up with his wife and baby to watch a parade but only stayed the one afternoon. Conrad is a civilian now and lives on Long Island. Then on Monday Jim Miley, Kurt Brewer and John Meglen showed up for the alumni exercises and Vic Luby and Pete Bidstrup appeared in the afternoon. Brewer is assigned to West Point and will be teaching plebe math. Luby is at the University of Michigan studying nuclear engineering. Meglen is in Ordnance and was on his way to Aberdeen Proving Grounds. Bidstrup is resigning to join the civilian ranks.

Spark, Early Rush and John Maher are at Princeton studying civil engineering and hope to receive Masters Degrees in 1958. Before entering Princeton, Spark went through Rangers Training at Fort Benning where he saw Jim Burkland, Stan Touchstone, and Tom Nesbit in the Ranger Department. Monte Lowry and Spike Holman were there, too. Spark is still a bachelor and has a studio apartment in the home of a professor at 25 Haslet Avenue. If anyone is passing through, be sure and look him up.

Rolf Arnheim wrote from Germany where

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he is an Assistant Regimental S-3. He and his wife, June, got the Summer off to a good start by taking a trip to Garmisch (a resort center in Germany), then swinging north through Holland and Belgium. Chuck and Pat Neal have left Germany and should be at Fort Benning by now.

Pat Hayes sent news from the University of Michigan where Al is studying mechanical engineering for a year. The Hayes recently returned from Taiwan. Also at University of Michigan are: John and Nancy Angstadt studying civil engineering, and Brant and Ada Lou Brentnall and Bob Hess, taking a Guided Missile Course.

Patti McCarty wrote from Charleston, South Carolina. Dyke is an aircraft commander there flying C-54's. He hopes to go to USAFIT in 1958. Patti and Dyke have a young son, Patrick, born September 1956. Their daughter, Melissa, who has cystic fibrosis, has been doing very well. Patti has lost track of Nickie and Stan Govern. If you see this, report in and I will pass your address on to Patti.

BABY CORNER

To Dick and Jane Miller, a girl, Rebecca Jane, (6-6-57, Germany).

To the Gary Colonnas, a boy, (2-28-57, Germany).

To Bob and Carol Bartlett, a girl, Susan Leslie, (6-18-57, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania).

To Tom and Tardy McGregor, a boy, (6-6-57).

To Mike and Jacquie Kallman, a girl, Mary Evelyn, (7-28-57, Ames, Iowa).

To John and Catherine Martin, a boy, Bruce Michael, (8-12-57, Holden, Massachusetts).

Jerry Lohrli attended the wedding of Bob Segal and Donna Drane at the Old Cadet Chapel at West Point on June 23. Al and Jane Grum and Vol and Kitty Heiberg came down from Boston. Bob Kaplan arrived from South Carolina. Al, Vol, and Bob were ushers. Some of the civilians attending were John and Pat Brinsko. Jim and Myra Endler and Jerry and Lili Lohrli.

Ray Eineigl finally arrived in Evanston to attend Northwestern. Emily and I were

happy to have him stay with us for a few days while he tried to find an apartment. Ray certainly succeeded for he found a real bachelor's den. He has a three room pine-paneled furnished basement apartment only about ten blocks from us.

Ray is taking a civil engineering course with a nuclear slant, along with two Captains. Ray manages to find time to attend a few classes between parties! He has already lined up some good connections for dates which resulted in his meeting a very striking blonde who regularly attends UCLA. Her name is Sandy Leek, daughter of a Marine Colonel, and besides her looks and being able to cook, she can paint pictures. It will be a sad day in Evanston when the Fall term at UCLA begins.

Tom and Ruth Brain and daughter, Sally, came up from Lafayette, Indiana, where Tom is attending Purdue, to visit Ray for a week-end. We all had a nice get-together but Sally stole the show. Tom is in Ordnance and is taking a course designed to turn out managers of Research and Development departments. Also at Purdue are Chuck Friedersdorf, Harvey Edward, George Dimtsios and George Egbert.

Norm Delbridge married Margy Drane in June at Detroit, Michigan. Max Noah, Tom Brain and Lee Crosby were ushers. Norm is at Michigan State. If you notice a similarity in the names of the girls that Delbridge and Bob Segal married, you are right. The guys married sisters—daughters of a regular Navy Captain. They say the Captain was really on the go for awhile with daughters being married only a week apart — one in Detroit and the other at West Point!

Ross Kenzie let me know that he is now a civilian and working for Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Beane (Stock Brokers) in Boston, selling securities.

Jacquie Kallman wrote from Ames, Iowa, to say that Mike has been assigned to the Army Reactors Group with the A.E.C. in Washington. They are hoping that it will be a two-year assignment. The Robert McDonalds and Bob Segals are close by at Fort

Belvoir. The Spike Flertzeims stopped by on their way to teach at West Point. Lou Manfre, still a bachelor, has begun a civil engineering course at Iowa State. Art Mavis is still at Randolph A.F.B. in Texas.

Now for some short tidbits: Jack Yale should be at Wright-Patterson Field taking a one year course in Aeronautical Engineering; Bud and Florence Tardiff and daughter, Laura, should be at Wright-Patterson also, with Bud studying nuclear engineering; Don Christman is at the University of Virginia taking nuclear physics; Si Nerone is at Princeton boning up for a teaching job in the Social Science Department at USMA in 1958; Dink Whalen is at Fort Knox getting some troop duty after the aide gravy train; Roy Fowler and Bart Filaseta might still be at Fort Knox; Roy Sullivan is a civilian working for Convair Aircraft in Fort Worth.

Well, I've run out of news, and I bet I haven't used up our 1,500 word limit. Emily and I are still civilians and my work in management consulting is very interesting but time-consuming. Sit down right now and drop me a line. My address remains: W. J. Jefferson, 148 Clyde Avenue, Apt. 2-B, Evanston, Illinois. Let us all hope that Army has a good football team this season. You guys in the East are the lucky ones. I'll be glad when Army consents to play another Mid-West game.

Best regards to all,

—Bill Jefferson.

1954

Greetings. Here's the latest news of the Class of '54.

Babies: Valerie Claire to Niki and John Wesner, March 2, Topeka, Kansas; Hal Eric to Betsey and Stan Beck, in June, Topeka; Victoria Cristina to Victoria and Ramon Aguilar, June 9, Caracas, Venezuela; Clinton Howard to Cynthia and Ben Schemmer, July 9, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California; Susan to Bonnie and Fred Bartlit, August 1, Seattle; Shannon Marie to Joan and Don

CLASS OF 1953—FORT AMADOR OFFICER'S CLUB, CANAL ZONE

Front Row: Charlie Hanson, Bob Blaisdell, George Bennett, Bob Hunt, Jerry Anderson.

Middle Row: Dick Baughman, Sue Washburn (Baughman's date), Diane Gettis (Hart's date), Peg Johnson, Joanne Storrs, Nancy Callaway, Elsie Ellis, Dot Farrar, Jane Calhoun, Jane LeCroy, Marion Burris, Peg Hincke, Josie DiBella (Koun's date), Sandy Grant.

Back Row: Ken Kramer, Frank Hart, Pete Johnson, Charlie Storrs, Luke Callaway, Bob Ellis, John Farrar, George Calhoun, Jan LeCroy, Jim Burris, Jack Hincke, John Koun, Buzz Grant.



Larson, August 6, Holyoke, Massachusetts; Andrea to Becky and Ed McNair, August 19, Westchester County, New York.

Weddings: Pete Pilet and Joyce Hoge at Renton, Washington, August 10; Bill Nickerson and Agnes Carol Montana at Griffis AFB, Rome, New York, September 7; Gene Procknal at Buffalo in August; Al Schalk somewhere on the West Coast recently—but no further details available on the last two.

Engaged: Len Reed and Joan Surkee of Concord, New Hampshire, are engaged to be married at Concord on December 28.

Alaska: Henry Mehserle was forced to parachute from his jet fighter in July and landed safely near the Salcha River, 55 miles from Fairbanks. Harold Barnes is still with 2d Engr Bn (APO 949, Seattle), and Wally and Mary Christensen are with 15th Armd FA Bn, Ladd AFB.

Canal Zone: Jim Williams and Tom Mayberry are engaged in cloak-and-dagger work at Fort Amador. Jim has been "dating the daughter of the Italian Ambassador (the Sophia Loren of the Fort Amador Beach Club)." He also approves of the "unbelievable" quarters, the people, the climate, and the mountains.

Hawaii: Recent arrivals are Tom Young, Marty and Pauline Lachance, Don and Marie Panzer, Audrey and Barbara Short, and Ed and Betty Knoff.

Malaya: A postcard from Singapore said that Hap and Joan Lieber had a big reunion there with Bob and Liz Morris. They're now touring Malaya and expect to be back in the US by the end of October.

Iran: Andy Underwood, Jim Bradel and Dick Kavanaugh are busy training the Imperial Iranian Army. Kavanaugh writes that at the same time he is an advisor for a Training Regiment, an Advanced Leadership NCO School, a Language School, and a Contract Sergeant's Program. But that still leaves plenty of time for golf, swimming, siesta, and enjoying the 38 Iranian holidays.

Japan: Dick and Betty Ziegler have joined the 8th Cav Regt at Sendai as Asst Regt S-3. Charlie Orr is there as a Co Cmdr with 8th Cav.

Korea: Representing the Armor in Korea are B. T. Thompson, Dick Diller, and Jay Massaro. Massaro is Exec of 2d Recon Sq, 10th Cav (APO 7, San Francisco)—the northernmost US tactical unit in Korea, about 55 miles northeast of Seoul. Diller has the tank company of 19th Inf, and Thompson has the tank company of 534th Inf. All three are scheduled to leave in December. Sitting it out stateside are Carole Diller in San Antonio, Wanda Jean Thompson in Houston, and Jean Massaro in Bloomfield, New Jersey.

In a thoughtful mood, Massaro wrote: "The young officer coming over to Korea is guaranteed 16 months of field-type living that only Korea can offer—in the Winter, diesel oil freezes in the stoves; in Summer, you get used to eating dust on the roads mixed with oriental smells. There is plenty to be done here—just to keep the wolf from the door. And time does pass quickly."

Glenn Matsumoto is a battery commander with 63d FA Bn in Korea. His wife, Eva, is working as an accountant with a CPA firm and is living at 600 R St., Bakersfield, California. She's hoping to join him in Japan soon.

Ron Salvador and Rog Browne represent the AAA in Korea; both are working for 7th Div ADE. Dave Richards arrived in Seoul in June to join the Korea Military Advisory Group.

Germany: John Tilley became CO of 58th Armd Engr Co, 14th Armd Cav Regt (APO 26) at Fulda. "For the first time I have the normal complement of three dozers, so we are building Sportplatzs like mad for the Comrade to play fussball (soccer)." Also with 14th Armd Cav at Fulda are John Ballintine and Duane McMartin.

Dick Hoy and Lou Ham recently trans-

ferred from Infantry to Armor. They're now in 2d Medium Tank Bn, 68th Armored (APO 35) at Leipheim, along with Gene Breeding and Ed Moses.

John and Madelyn Poteat are at Dexheim with 17th Armd Engr Bn, Don Bradbury is with 13th Inf at Ulm, Bob Short with 8th Div, and Price Darling with 8th Recon Bn in Nuremberg.

Stateside: Fred and Bonnie Bartlit and two daughters enjoyed the distinction of being the first family to move into Nike Village just outside Seattle, "the first Army on-site housing for Nike personnel in the country." Fred is S-3 of the 28th AAA Missile Bn.

Bill Hauser is exec of a howitzer company in 2d Armored Cav Regt at Fort Meade. He's scheduled to Gyroscope to Germany in late January for two and one-half years of border patrol near Amberg.

At Forbes AFB, Topeka, Kansas, are John and Niki Wesner with a boy and a girl; Stan and Betsy Beck with two boys; Bud and Lou Bonham; the Jimmy Ortizes and son; and the Dan O'Maras. As of June, Stan Beck was scheduled to go to Castle AFB for three months in K-135 jet tankers, and then probably to a base in Maine.

Len Reed, home from Korea in June, is the sole representative of '54 in the Battery Officers Course at Fort Sill. Ken Brant transferred from Artillery to Ordnance, going to Student Officers Course at Aberdeen. John and Betty Lohman, and Chuck and Dona Stodter are now with 4th Armd Div at Fort Hood. Gene and Cathy Donnelly are with 82d Abn at Fort Bragg. Bob Weeks is still at Carlisle Barracks as an aide. Bob and Terry Garwood and their red-haired daughter are on a three-month TDY at Maxwell AFB.

Civilians: These resignations were published in Army-Navy-Air Force Journal: Jerry Anderson, Fred Attaya, Owen Belville, Bob Blaisdell, Dick Boyle, Pete Bunevich, John Craig, Bud Dahl, Dick Grifenhagen, Elliott Gritton, Lou Gross, Charles Hanson, Pete Manus, Walt Martin, Art McCarthy, Jesse Moore, Doug O'Connor, Howard Prescott, Colby Ross, Bob Sale, Floyd Siefferman, Carl Stark, Carl Steimle, Perry Studt and Frank Sweeney.

Ed and Becky McNair are living at 25 Soren Street, Randolph, Massachusetts. Ed is a management trainee with Proctor & Gamble in Quincy, Massachusetts.

Bob and Rachel Egelston have settled down as homeowners at 207 Jackson Avenue, Lansdowne, Pennsylvania, a suburb of "Philly." Bob is undergoing a "two-year grind, with a thesis requirement to boot" as a finance major at the Wharton Graduate School of the University of Pennsylvania. After completing four of the 48 credits required for a Master's Degree, Bob has high praise for Wharton, the professors, the students, and "the graduate school atmosphere." Bob's wife, Rachel, is teaching seventh and eighth graders at the Charles Ellis School for Girls at Newtown Square, Pennsylvania.

Also in "Philly," Buzz Grant is working for the Philadelphia Gear Work.

Robal Johnson, ex-'54, has received an Engineering degree and is working for the Gair Company. He and Jody and family are living at 4 Gardners Acres Road, Norwich, Connecticut.

Rog Pearson, ex-'54, and wife and son are living at 61A Curcombe Street, Hartford, Connecticut. Rog is with Pratt & Whitney as a buyer of jet engine parts. He'll be in Hartford a year, and then to West Palm Beach, Florida.

That's all for now. Our class column is rather skimpy this time, compared with our usual volume of news. So, let's hear from many more of you before December 1. The address is Tompkins Avenue, Upper Nyack, New York. Best regards to all.

—Jim Plunkett.

Plebe year is a memory distant enough to most of us to seem almost a former incarnation. "Pop" Warner, however, has flung himself back into time as a part of the "Beast Detail" at the United States Air Force Academy. "Pop" has been the only member of the class stationed with the Air Force Academy. He completed this assignment in September and henceforth the cadets will run their own "Beast Detail," now that they have the capability of doing so. "Pop" is back as a mission pilot now at Ellington AFB, Houston, Texas.

Frank Chura, who had been at Ellington also, has received his navigator's wings and moved to Mather AFB, California, to take the advanced navigation course.

The Tom Weavers have bought a home in Bryan, Texas, where Tom is instructing jet pilots. Al and Sally Opper also live in Bryan.

Speaking of Texas, the Second Armored Division classmates involved in Gyroscope will call it home in the near future. The Dan Dugans went to Fort Hood with the first increment of the Division. Bob and Pat Strati, Chuck and Elaine Schuh, Leo and Pauline Hergenroeder, Eck Hayes and, I am certain several others stationed between Mainz and Mannheim will be at Fort Hood by the time this issue is printed.

I will be here in Germany until January so send news for the next issue here prior to December 1. I also command a battery now; therefore my address has changed again: A Btry, 1s How Bn (105mm) (SP), 14th Arty, APO 34, New York, New York. Remember that letters sent to arrive after the first of January should be sent to Fort Hood, Texas, rather than APO 34. Confused? So am I.

Back to stateside news . . . going through BIOC have been our Army Aviation classmates: Carl McNair, Skip Massey, Wynn Stern, Bill Welter, Buddy Roberts, Don Smith and John Wing. According to the report I received, all of them have applied for branch transfers to the Transportation Corps.

Al Coleman has left Fort Benning for School at Fort Hollabird, Maryland. Rod and Flora Waterstrat are living at Fort Niagara, New York, where Rod is with Battery B, 44th AAA Missile Battalion. Bob and Rosanne Wray became parents for the second time on May 6. They have named the boy Robert Oakley Wray, Jr. Bob is with SAC in Plattsburgh, New York. Jim Keegan married Mary Gordon August 17. Sam Lowry, still on the available bachelor list, at last report was cooling it on the white sands of Florida. But he was due to report in to the Ranger Department at Fort Benning shortly. Speaking of the Ranger Department, those of you who remember him might be interested to know that Lieutenant Dick Agnew is in Germany now; he is stationed near Jack Kinzer in Wildflecken. Bill Graham now is an L-19 instructor at Fort Rucker.

Here in Germany, in addition to the Gyroscope plans of the Iron Deuce, both the Third Armored Cavalry Regiment and the Tenth Infantry Division are making Gyro plans. Lou Tebodo and Jim Drummond both return to Fort Meade with the Third A/C this Winter. In the Tenth, Rod Vitty is now serving as aide to the Commanding General, General Yeager. Ted Livesay has been acting as assistant Plans Officer in the G3 Section of the division. Dave and Marse Young and Bill and Natalie Wilcox are stationed in Bamberg with the division. Dave has been in charge of several of the division's competitive marksmanship teams and has been able to travel about much of Germany in this capacity.

Bennett Johnston, ex-'55 is with JAG of V Corps in Frankfurt. Bob Henry has been working as a Special Weapons Instruc-

tor in a new school that the Army has opened in Pirmasens. Bob is engaged to marry a girl from Nurnberg. Bob Hinrichs is also planning to join the married ranks soon; also a German girl. Ken Ginter, with the 530th Engineer Company in Heidelberg, was married to Joan Elizabeth Freeman in September. Clancy and Patsy DeLong have missed the Second Armored Division's Gyro-scope for an assignment to the Third Missile Battalion (HJ) (SP), 21st Artillery. They remain in Baumholder and are expecting their first child in December.

Myron and Darrell Minich became parents of a girl, Darcy Sue, on August 3. Rich and Helen Struss have a boy, Ricky, born the last of July. Jim and Nancy Strickland have just arrived in Germany, specific location unknown. The Minichs also write that they have heard from L-1's illustrious former tac, Major Cooper. He is retired from the service, living with his wife in Baltimore.

The Minichs queried about another reunion for those of us still Continental this Christmas. Sounds like a good idea; we shall try to get details to you individually by the time you receive this issue.

Hawaii: the Bob Doerrs had a boy, born May 24. Jim Ryan is now a company commander. Pres Mayson is aide to General McGee. Two branch transfers have taken place on the islands. Dick Stemle has transferred to Quartermaster, Jim Brokenshire to Armor.

News from the Far East has become slim with the completion of tour for many classmates formerly stationed there. Jerry Greene, who was in Korea, is now in France with the Air Force. Jack Strom has left Korea, assigned to the 82d Airborne. Currently he is TDY to Fort Benning, Communications Officer Course.

Jud and Carol Faurer are among the newcomers to the Far East. Jud, previously at Loring AFB, Maine, will be with the 7th Tactical Depot Squadron on Okinawa. The Faurers are expecting a brother or sister for their daughter Linda about Christmas time. John and Georginna Sechrist preceded the Faurers from Loring to the same unit overseas. The Sechrists had a second child, Anne, in May.

And that, regretfully, is all the news for this issue. I hope for the Winter issue you will supply me with more ammunition. Some of you people on AAA assignments around the country have not been heard from in some time. And we ought to get voluminous reports on the activities of the many of you clustered together at Sill and Benning. Many, many, many of you have never written. So how about letting us hear from you?

—John Lovell,

Hq. 2nd Armd Div Arty,
APO 34, New York.

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I'll begin this article with the PIO report for the quarter and then save the more personal news of the class for the end. A flood of forms from Camp Gary, Texas, way have arrived, stating that the Air Force files are not the only ones who can brag about their wings. Among those graduated from a four month primary flight training course and now reporting to Fort Rucker, Alabama, for advanced training are Dick Washburn, Dick Malinowski, Harry Marvin, Win Frank, Herb Wagenheim, Charlie Bagnal, Ed Van Dervort, Pete Vann, Les Weinstein, Bob Andree, Charlie Singletary, Tony Ortner, Jim Blewster, Ed Crouter, Bert Tucker, Rudy De France and Dave Moore.

Elsewhere around the world, Griff McRee and Don Morelli both recently were graduated from the motor officer course at the Army's European Ordnance School in Fuesen, Germany. Don will now report as a platoon leader with the 41st Engineer Battalion's Company A, while Griff will be as-

signed as wire operations officer in the 10th Infantry Division's 10th Signal Company. Also in Germany, Frank Smith completed the track vehicle maintenance officer course at the Seventh Army Tank Training Center. His permanent assignment is with Company B of the 2nd Armored Division's 29th Battalion. Jim Shirey completed the Army's seven-week "struggle for life" course at the Ranger school. Luciano Salamone was assigned as a platoon leader in the 3rd Division's 7th Infantry Regiment. Don Shean is with the 2nd Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Washington. Harry McGuire is a platoon leader with the 1st Division's Company B of the 26th Infantry at Fort Riley, Kansas. Charlie Swezey is a member of Battery B of the 44th A.A. Missile Battalion regularly stationed at Fort Niagara, New York, and is participating in the Army Air Defense Command's annual firing practice at Red Canyon, New Mexico.

Received a gem of a letter from Dex Shaler way over in the Orient's own "Frozen Chosen." He and Bill Narus are both assigned to Charlie Battery of the 1st FA Bn, 31st Artillery (APO 7, incidentally). He is the battery's Recon and Survey Officer and Bill is the Battery Exec. They are the only firing battery in the 7th Div. Arty to be commanded by a Second Lieutenant and say it's great. I understand that Captain Hickey of A-1 tactical fame is Battalion Commander of the nearby 48th FA Bn, so he can keep a close eye on the boys. Phil Farmer was assigned to the 13th Field for about two weeks before receiving a morale leave to go home and care for his mother after the sudden death of a brother. While home, he was re-assigned to the 101st at Fort Campbell, and, according to Dex's wife, Marcia, is now engaged to a University of Kentucky girl who is a suitemate of Marcia's cousin. Dick Johnston is with the 24th Signal Company. Don O'Shei is the Company Commander of C Company of the 3rd Engineers and is Dex's main source of supply for building materials and other contraband. Bob Farris and George Ward are in B Company of the 3rd Engineers and I understand Bob is Motor Officer there among other things. Bob Cremer is with D Company of the same outfit, and he and Don O'Shei have combined their MA&E talents to build the longest foot-bridge in Korea. Jack Sloan was supposed to have been shipped to the 7th Field, but when last heard from was still Stateside. Guess the women wouldn't let him loose. Mark Sisinyak is playing with the affections of the Red Cross girls at Camp Casey while being assigned to the 7th Division Headquarters. Woody Martin is with the 73rd Tanker outfit in Korea. Dex crossed John Linsky's path at Camp Drake, Japan, just after John had performed as the "youngest grad" at the local Founders Day Dinner. Since Dex's sources of information are even better than mine, he also reports that Ed and Nancy Redline are at a Nike site 15 miles from the Presidio at Sharp Park, California. Tony and Betty Lee Benish are awaiting their new addition at 134 Mitchell Drive, Eatontown, New Jersey. Tony is with a Nike outfit at Fort Hancock. Roger and Mary Redhair and the Bolins are at Fort Sill. Both Jim Bolin and Roger have been on a committee to drum up interest in the USMA among the EM there. Interesting.

Virginia, Barry and Sarah Honour Turner are at the Edgewood Arsenal (Army Chemical Center) in Maryland. Dick Thompson has married a girl called Witte in New Orleans but the accuracy of this report is questionable. As a favor to Dex, would anybody knowing the whereabouts of Jerry Werbel please report it to him. When last heard from, he was still in the air over Marana awaiting for his gas tank to run low so that he could land.

Received a "girl" announcement from Norm and Sandy Levy at Randallstown, Maryland. Diane Sue arrived on July 12 and weighed in at seven pounds.

It seems that Don Shannon is now stationed at Fort Ord, California, and has been dating a former next door neighbor of mine. Curses, Don! I'm foiled again! The source of this information was my mother.

Received a letter from Edna Bowman, Al's wife, and she brought me up to date on the latest at Ellington AFB. The Bowmans boast of a little girl, Erica Jane, born February 18, 1957, and are expecting yet another Bowman next February. Al is enjoying his Navigator training program, as are the Bob Grassbergers who are stationed at Harlingen AFB. Edna reports that Maury Cralle was to have been married on August 23 at Fort Sam Houston and that Al, Renny Hart, Fred Dent and Perry Smith were to do the honors as ushers. Susan Catherine joined the Tony Wetzels in March. The Dick Compis are expecting in September. The Rand Rensvolds are now living in Enid, Oklahoma, where Rand should be receiving his wings by the time this article is published.

Gerry Richardson wrote from Fort Knox that he was the only Pointer in his Ranger class at Benning. Presently, he's assigned to the 276th Armored Field Arty there. Dick Washburn, currently at the Army Flying School, was scheduled to report to Knox on September 1. By the way, Gerry married his wife, Barbara, on May 11 and had Dick Curl as his Best Man. Dick's wife, Louie, should present him with a baby momentarily (or sooner). Jack Scholz and Carl Croft were ushers. Dick Curl is presently stationed at Fort Campbell and Carl Croft is "roughing it" at a Nike site in the Philadelphia area. Gerry further reports that Walt Liska and Connie are at Fort MacArthur, San Pedro, California.

Received a message from Harper Gordon at Webb AFB stating that he has been doing a good deal of water skiing and sailing this past Summer. Harper received a letter from Jon Matt who is now stationed in Alaska. Jon's letter was written in the broad daylight at 2330. Carolyn and Ray Cannon wrote two letters since the last issue of the ASSEMBLY and filled me in on some of the other Air Force poop. I was sorry to hear that Jo and Don Ackerman lost their second baby recently. Jo is fine at this writing, however. Jim and Denise Linden have been showing off Jim, Jr., at their back yard grill parties. Butch and Ann Harbold are patiently waiting for an important birth in the family, and Butch has his twin sisters to care for him until the baby is born. Denny Butler is due to report to Moody AFB in Valdosta, Georgia. Mark Smith is at Wichita Falls, Texas, attending an Air Force Intelligence Division school. Otis Studdard is marrying Sally (the girl I reported that he had met at the University of Arizona a few months ago). The wedding was to have been September 18. Bob Page and his wife Peg are taking the "grand tour" of Europe. He has 15 more months to spend there in the Army. Carolyn further reports that the Air Force wives spend most of their spare time at the pool, playing bridge, and playing tennis. Boy —if I could *only* be reincarnated!

As a parting shot, I might add that your poor reporter has left his beach Valhalla on the Pacific and is now testing rocket engines at the Army's Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama. Since I don't know German, it is a handicap working with Werner Von Braun and Company, but the southern hospitality is superb and I hope to stay here for a while as a North American Aviation engineer. Most of my weekends are spent visiting a certain miss in Dalton, Georgia, but mail sent to Rocketdyne, P.O. Box 557, Huntsville, Alabama, will reach me. My apologies to Harper Gordon and Ray Cannon who made valiant attempts to see me in California only to discover that I had skipped the country.

—Stan Walker.

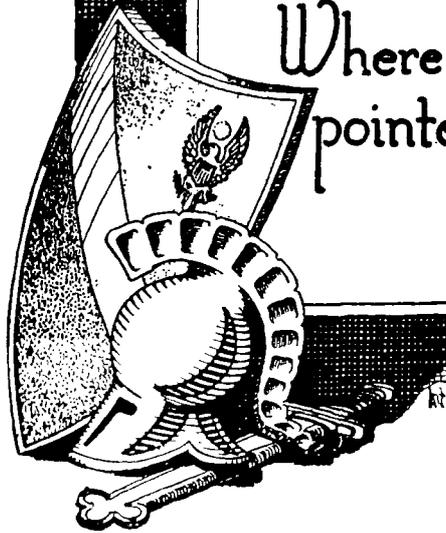
LAST ROLL CALL

Reports of death of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of the Summer 1957 ASSEMBLY

Name	Class	Date	Place
Francis H. Schoeffel	1891	September 15, 1957	Marion, Massachusetts
Gilbert H. Stewart	1902	August 4, 1957	St. Albans Naval Hospital, Long Island, New York
Sigmund S. Albert	Ex-1902	May 7, 1957	New York, New York
William M. Nichols	1903	August 6, 1957	Mammoth Hot Springs, Yellowstone Park, Wyoming
Enoch B. Garey	1908	September 24, 1957	Los Angeles, California
Everett S. Hughes	1908	September 5, 1957	Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, D. C.
James L. Bradley	1914	July 30, 1957	Lafayette, California
John B. Thompson	1914	August 24, 1957	Cranberry Lake, New York
Philip L. Thurber	1914	July 4, 1957	Seattle, Washington
Lawrence J. I. Barrett	Ex-1916	June 23, 1957	Anderson, South Carolina
Ray Harrison	April 1917	July 13, 1957	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Harold A. Cooney	August 1917	August 18, 1957	Los Angeles, California
Thomas M. Brinkley	November 1918	July 22, 1957	Denver, Colorado
William W. Jervey	1919	September 1, 1957	Washington, D. C.
Urban Nible	1919	August 13, 1957	Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, D. C.
Charles S. Joslyn	1920	July 24, 1957	Lock Haven, Pennsylvania
Lawrence G. Smith	1920	June 5, 1957	McAllen, Texas
Earle B. Leeper	1931	June 26, 1957	Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, D. C.
Albert C. Hegenberger	June 1943	March 26, 1957	Air Accident Near Wendover AFB, Utah
William S. Chandler	1944	July 13, 1957	Lackland AFB, Del Rio, Texas
William T. Bowley	1946	July 29, 1957	Aircraft Accident Near Stewart AFB, Newburgh, N. Y.
Eugene E. Melo	1946	July 29, 1957	Aircraft Accident Near Stewart AFB, Newburgh, N. Y.
Francis L. Revere	1954	May 27, 1957	Aircraft Accident at Lenox, Massachusetts
Fredrick G. Johnson	1955	July 2, 1957	Germany
James W. Staudaher	1955	August 25, 1957	Germany

In Memory

We sons of today,
we salute you,
You, sons of an
earlier day,
We follow, close
order, behind you,
Where you have
pointed the way.



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“Be Thou At Peace”

<i>Name</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Page</i>
ALFARO, C. E.	EX-1913	APRIL 12, 1957	74
BARDEN, W. J.	1894	OCTOBER 2, 1956	61
BEATTIE, R. B.	1928	FEBRUARY 15, 1957	78
BLANCHARD, H. N., JR.	1941	JUNE 17, 1944	79
BOLLES, F. C.	1896	JULY 14, 1955	63
BRUNER, D. H.	JANUARY 1943	APRIL 30, 1950	80
CASTLE, C. W.	1894	JANUARY 19, 1957	62
CHRISTIAN, T. J. J.	1911	SEPTEMBER 15, 1952	72
COOPER, V. W.	1904	JANUARY 6, 1957	66
DRAKE, C. B.	1896	AUGUST 14, 1956	64
EDWARDS, B. D.	1912	JANUARY 7, 1957	73
FENN, G. H.	1945	MAY 6, 1951	81
GERHARDT, C.	1887	JUNE 5, 1957	61
HALL, W. M.	AUGUST 1917	APRIL 9, 1953	75
HAWES, P. R.	1938	OCTOBER 1, 1956	79
HEFFERNAN, L. G.	1911	FEBRUARY 9, 1956	72
HICKS, G. R.	1911	JULY 19, 1954	73
HILL, J. R.	1909	MARCH 26, 1957	70
KRAMER, H.	JUNE 1918	FEBRUARY 16, 1957	76
LOUSTALOT, A. L.	1908	JANUARY 19, 1956	69
MAGHEE, T. B.	1905	SEPTEMBER 25, 1956	67
McCARTHY, J. E.	1919	OCTOBER 18, 1956	76
McILROY, J. G.	1904	DECEMBER 3, 1956	67
MILLER, T.	1902	JANUARY 26, 1957	66
NISSEN, A. C.	1895	JUNE 19, 1957	63
O'DONNELL, L. A.	1905	DECEMBER 6, 1956	68
ORRELL, L. B.	EX-1910	NOVEMBER 24, 1956	71
PUGHE, K. F.	1922	DECEMBER 2, 1956	77
ROBENSON, J. A.	1910	DECEMBER 21, 1956	71
SASSE, R. I.	1916	OCTOBER 15, 1954	74
SOMERS, R. R.	1907	JANUARY 22, 1957	69
SUOR, E. C.	JANUARY 1943	MARCH 21, 1945	81
VINCENT, J. I.	EX-1895	DECEMBER 20, 1953	62
WESSON, C. M.	1900	NOVEMBER 24, 1956	65
WOODS, R. N.	1929	DECEMBER 20, 1956	78

Charles Gerhardt

NO. 3221 CLASS OF 1887

DIED JUNE 5, 1957, AT MENDHAM, NEW JERSEY, AGED 94 YEARS.

CHARLES "FREDDIE" GERHARDT was born in Maryland, March 19, 1863, appointed a cadet at the United States Military Academy from North Carolina and admitted July 1, 1883.

He was well liked by his comrades; roomed for a time with Wirt Robinson; was studious and attentive to regulations; was graduated No. 48 in the class and was assigned to the 20th Infantry, serving with it in Montana for seven years. He married Miss Kate Watkins of Richmond, Virginia, on November 19, 1890. Shortly after they arrived at the post he left with his company for the Pine Ridge Indian Campaign in the winter of 1890-91. During his Montana service he was much interested in rifle practice and became a Distinguished Marksman.

He was detailed to Cumberland University at Lebanon, Tennessee, 1894-1897. While there he became Secretary of the U.S. Military Wheelmen, a civilian organization to develop the bicycle for military purposes. The young officer devised a uniform for them of limited visibility, the first step in this country in this direction.

Promoted to First Lieutenant in 1894 he was assigned to the 8th Infantry. Joined his new regiment at Fort D. A. Russell, Wyoming, in 1897, and later was with it in Cuba for a year and a half. Promoted to Captain, March 2, 1899, and shortly thereafter was assigned to Company D, and remained its Captain for nine years.

In 1899, just as the Army was being filled with inexperienced officers from the Spanish-American War, Gerhardt wrote a Manual for Boards of Survey to help these young men who until that time, had no adequate guide for this work. This was before the days of typewriters. Recorders of these boards, usually subalterns, had to prepare three copies in long hand for each class of property. A single error required all pertaining to that class of property to be rewritten; a burdensome task for an inexperienced officer.

Left Cuba with his regiment in 1900 and went first to Fort Snelling, Minnesota, and then with his company to Fort William Henry Harrison, Montana, to remain until 1902 and then to Fort Gibbon, Alaska for two years.

On returning to the U.S., his company was stationed at Fort McHenry, Maryland, and remained there for six months. While there he requested the War Department to have a suitable tablet attached to the Post Flagstaff, to commemorate the birthplace of the "Star Spangled Banner" This was done a few years later and the Fort is now a National Shrine.

His company was transferred to Columbus Barracks, Ohio, in 1905 and remained there a year. From 1906 to 1908 he was with his regiment in the Philippines. For one year he was in command at Ilo Ilo. On returning to the U.S., he and his company were attached to the Musketry School at Presidio of Monterey, California, for a few months.

He attended the Army Service Schools at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, graduating from the Army School of the Line in 1909 and from the Army Staff College in 1910. In the Summer of 1910 he coordinated a movement to establish a Field Officers Course at the Army Service Schools for the benefit of those who had not taken the regular course. This course proved of great value and many

of its graduates later became efficient general officers.

Charles Gerhardt joined the 10th Infantry as a Major in 1910 at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, and accompanied it in 1911 to the Maneuver Division at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and then to the Panama Canal Zone, where he remained for a year.

He attended the Army War College in 1912 and was graduated in 1913. He was detailed as instructor at the first Student Camp at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, in the Summer of 1913 and while there initiated and, with the help of other officers there, developed an effective broad course for the rapid military training of young men in these camps. He returned to the Canal Zone for two more years with the 10th Infantry and was in 1916 detailed to the Infantry Desk in the Militia Bureau, Washington, D. C. He served there through the important period of mobilizing the National Guard, first for service on the Mexican Border and then for the World War. In 1916 he wrote and had introduced in Congress a bill for promotion by length of service; the system now in effect for the Medical Department and, somewhat modified, for the rest of the Army.



Charles Gerhardt was promoted to Colonel on May 4, 1917 and later assigned to the 4th Infantry, which he joined late in 1917 at Camp Greene, North Carolina, and then with it was sent to Camp Stuart, Virginia, where he built it up and trained it for service overseas. Sailing with the Regiment on April 6, 1918 to France, he was promoted to Brigadier General, National Army, while on the way across. His first assignment was to the Intermediate Section, S.O.S., and later to the organization and command of Base Section No. 7, with its ports of La-Rochelle LaPallice, and Rochefort sur Mer.

In October 1918 he was released for duty at the Front and was attached to the 35th Division for a period of orientation and instruction. The Armistice arrived as the period terminated. For a time he attended staff college at Langres and was later assigned to the 183rd Brigade, 92nd Division, which was returned to the U.S. early in 1919. He was then given command of the 161st Depot Brigade at Camp Grant, Illinois, and made Chief of Demobilization there. On converting the Brigade into a compact demobilization unit and cutting down the time of demobilization from six days to two, he was called to Washington and helped organize and initiate a system of demobilization that saved much time and expense.

Next assigned as a Colonel to the 49th Infantry and Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, he later moved with the Regiment to Fort Snelling, Minnesota, where he served a year

and was then assigned to the 36th Infantry at Camp Devens, Massachusetts, where he served another year. Then to the Army War College for a second course where he was graduated in 1922.

He was assigned to the 16th Infantry and served with it for two years and in 1924 was detailed as Chief of Staff, 76th Division, and served as such until March 19, 1927 when he was retired for age. Regained rank of Brigadier General by Act of Congress, approved June 21, 1930.

General Gerhardt was deeply religious and for years was an active communicant of St. Bernard's Episcopal Church Bernardsville, New Jersey. He maintained an active interest in West Point, returning for June week yearly. His last attendance was 1956.

Surviving are his daughter, Virginia, wife of Colonel John H. Stutesman, U.S. Army, Retired, and his son Major General Charles H. Gerhardt, U.S. Army, Retired. His funeral at Arlington National Cemetery was a military one with full honors and he is buried next to his wife, the late Kate Watkins of Richmond, Virginia, who died in 1951.

—C. H. Gerhardt.

William Jones Barden

NO. 3564 CLASS OF 1894

DIED OCTOBER 2, 1956, AT WASHINGTON, D. C., AGED 86 YEARS.

BILLY BARDEN

Yearlings, Class of 1894:

The Academic standings had been published. Laddie Ladue stood one; Billy Barden, two. During the remaining three years at West Point they shared top honors, and on the date of Graduation they were recognized as "The Intellectual Leaders of the Class."

Moreover they emerged from Plebedom as Cadet Officers, a distinction never surpassed no matter what honors might be conferred during their official careers.

"A clean sleeve," I watched Billy in his dazzling chevrons as we formed for our first parade as Yearlings. Another "clean sleeve" was next to me. "Billy Barden", I observed, "is a typical Cadet and Gentleman". He was splendidly qualified for the rank conferred upon him by his previous service as Major of the Washington, D. C. High School Cadets.

In obedience to the "spark" within him, which he had inherited from his Father, Billy had won by competitive examination, appointment as a Cadet, USMA, and entered the Academy in 1890. I was privileged to be one of his Classmates.

Strong, virile, eager, Billy joined the First West Point Football Team. Shrimp that I was, I could only applaud as we saw Billy battling the famed members of the Ivy League against whom we hoped some day to score a touchdown!

Billy ranked as a leader throughout the three grinding years that followed. With something akin to envy, I watched him, a high ranking Cadet Officer, receive his Certificate of Graduation, next only to Laddie Ladue in intellectual attainments. Billy with Laddie joined the Engineers, the "Brain Trust" of the Army.

Dignified, considerate, radiating those qualities that had made him a distinguished member of our Class, Billy brought with him into the Armed Services all the high attainments that fitted him for the career of an Engineer.

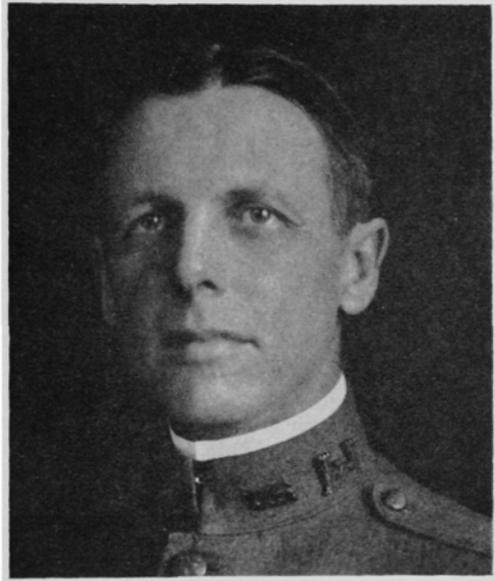
But the role of the Engineer had changed. No longer were wars won by capture of fortified cities or complicated permanent fortifications. Vauban was out of date. Field fortifications served only as jump-off areas from which to launch "Offensives" and seek

decision in open warfare. Engineering had become largely devoted to the peaceful service of mankind in the betterment of rivers, the building of canals, dams, and bridges and the conservation of soil. It had become a profession that might not lead to military distinctions. So be it, Billy adhered to the choice he had made on graduation.

His distinguished career as an Engineer is outlined in the Cullum Biographical Register of Graduates of the U. S. Military Academy. Suffice it to say that Billy, at the date of death, was "consulting engineer" for the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, one of the greatest industrial organizations of the World.

I prefer to dwell more intimately and affectionately on Billy's family life.

Two years after graduation, Billy took the most important step in life. . . He married Claudia Rhett Stuart, and thus initiated a line of distinguished personages . . . two children, five grandchildren, and three great grandchildren whose lives are largely dedicated to the military and naval service of our country. Billy's son, Colonel A. R. S. Barden, is a graduate of the Class of 1919, USMA. His daughter, Claudia, is the wife



of Admiral William Renwick Smedberg III, presently Superintendent of the U.S. Naval Academy and who is the son of General W. R. Smedberg, Jr., Class of 1893, U.S.M.A. William Renwick Smedberg IV is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and is a Lieutenant in the Navy; his younger brother is a second classman at Annapolis, and his sister is married to Commander Robert S. Adams . . . potential admirals of the American Fleet!

It seems possible that Billy Barden's male descendants may face each other on that football "friendly field of strife" when a championship is at stake . . . one a member of the Black Knights of the Hudson, the other a disciple of John Paul Jones!

Inspired by their original Ancestor, I feel sure that they will obey the injunction

"Go forth and conquer if you can,
But if you fall, or if you rise,
Be each, please God, a GENTLEMAN."

—Paul B. Malone,
Major General, U.S.A. Retired.



Charles William Castle

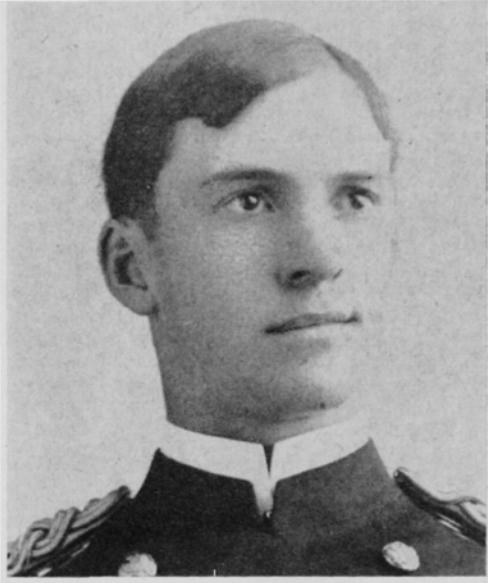
NO. 3572 CLASS OF 1894

DIED JANUARY 19, 1957, AT WILMETTE,
ILLINOIS, AGED 84 YEARS.

COLONEL CHARLES W. CASTLE, Retired, was born in Minnesota on August 21, 1872.

He entered the United States Military Academy in 1890 and was graduated tenth in the class of 1894. He served in Puerto Rico during the Spanish-American War, in the Philippines during the Philippine Insurrection, and in World War I.

An honor graduate of the School of the Line in the Class of 1920, he was retired



on October 19, 1920. During his retirement he devoted much of his time to the various Veterans organizations of which he was a member—the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Spanish-American War Veterans and the American Legion.

Colonel Castle is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Edward R. Stone of 226 Woodbine Avenue, Wilmette, Illinois, and Mrs. Fred C. Christy of Phoenix, Arizona.

Colonel Castle was a sterling character, an able officer and a loyal friend. Unassuming, modest and serious-minded, though possessed of a quiet sense of humor, he was too keenly devoted to his duties to be interested in preferment and fully lived up to West Point's motto, "Duty, Honor, Country."

In a letter to Mrs. Stone, Colonel Lewis S. Sorley, U.S. Army, Retired, wrote:

"Colonel Castle and I were Lieutenants together in the 16th Infantry at Fort Douglas and other stations in the 1890's, and I was particularly fond of my younger friend and comrade.

"He and I made a bicycle trip from Fort Sherman, Idaho, to Fort Spokane, Washington, which was very exhausting, as we had just gotten our wheels and had done no preliminary practice for the long ride over an endless succession of steep hills. We were also on a time schedule and were two very tired youngsters when we returned to Fort Sherman.

"Castle was a brilliant, happy, and magnetic soul, whom everyone liked, and I feel a real loss in his departure."

—Walter Krueger,
General, U.S. Army, Retired.



James Irving Vincent

EX-CADET CLASS OF 1895

DIED DECEMBER 20, 1953, IN FLORIDA,
AGED 83 YEARS.

"SPECK" VINCENT, as he was affectionately called by his classmates, was born on his grandfather's farm near Yale, Michigan, on December 20, 1870.

His father, Jotham Vincent, came from a Protestant family that left France at the time of the Huguenot trouble and came to

the North American colonies. His mother's name was Julia Michels. She was born in Switzerland and came to this country at an early age.

"Speck" worked as a boy helping his father on the farm. He used to say that he gripped the plow handle so firmly when he was very young that his fingers never became fully straightened out.

He attended the typical one-room country school, and then went to the Yale High School, driving five miles each way. He qualified for admission to the Michigan State College at Lansing in 1890 and took a course in engineering.

On June 15, 1891 he was admitted as a cadet to the U.S. Military Academy. He did well in French, becoming a member of the first section. Vincent was in the Corps for three years. He was a quiet well-behaved cadet and had lots of friends. He was a conscientious student with a strong physique and was a good rider. In June 1894 he was discharged for deficiency in Natural and Experimental Philosophy, a course in which he worked hard but unsuccessfully.

Upon leaving West Point he taught in country schools for awhile. Then he again



entered Michigan State College where he resumed his engineering studies. When he finished the course that he took there he obtained a position with the American Bridge Company in Chicago. He worked for two years with this corporation as an instrumentman, as an inspector, on office work and drafting.

From June 1899 to February 1903 he was employed by the Great Northern Railway Company of St. Paul, Minnesota, as a draftsman in the office of the bridge engineer and in field work as inspector in responsible charge of new steel bridges.

From February to July 1903 Vincent was superintendent of erection of steel bridges in the employ of the Kelly-Atkinson Construction Company of Chicago and was in direct charge of the erection of a 160 foot span railroad bridge at Rochester, Minnesota.

From 1903 to 1910 Vincent was an assistant engineer for the Scherzer Rolling Lift Bridge Company of Chicago, being employed during construction of rolling lift bridge at Cleveland, Ohio. He then represented the Scherzer Company during construction of all its bridges east of the Allegheny Mountains. The Scherzer Company specialized in the "Bascule" type of bridges.

After 1905 and until he resigned from the Scherzer Company on account of ill health in 1939, Vincent was in charge of its New York office. However, during this period he planned the method and was in actual

charge of the erection of the main span and two approach spans in Burma, Farther India, for the use of the Burma Railways. In this work he was greatly hampered by supply difficulties and by the inefficiency of the native laborers. Upon the completion of the work in Burma he returned to the management of the New York office.

During his connection with the Scherzer Company Vincent was successful in seeking business for it. He pointed with pride to a bridge on the New York Central Railroad near Garrison, New York, opposite West Point, a "job" which he had obtained for his employers.

"Speck" was the first person to explain to this writer the operation of the "sand jack". This is a standard engineering method by which the firm of Norcross Brothers of Stony Creek, Connecticut, in 1894 lowered the shaft of the Battle Monument at West Point a distance of 18 inches until it rested on the circular base where we see it today.

In World War I Vincent was commissioned a Captain in the Ordnance Department of the National Army. He served at Camp Mills, Long Island.

He was admitted to membership in the American Society of Civil Engineers June 30, 1910 on account of his work in Burma. He terminated his membership September 30, 1939 on account of ill health.

"Speck's" physical condition compelled him to give up active work in his profession. In 1944 a "stroke" crippled him in the use of one of his arms.

In 1945 "Speck" attended the Alumni exercises at West Point. He was glad to meet his classmates at the 50th reunion of the Class of 1895. If he ever had any bitterness as a result of his non-success at West Point he showed that it had fully disappeared. He was deeply interested in observing all the events of June Week; and he looked with satisfaction on the growth of the Academy in the many years since his cadetship had ended. During this period he attended several annual West Point dinners in New York City.

Vincent was married twice. His first wife was Mrs. Judith Fyles, a widow whom he married in 1913 while he was working with the Scherzer Company in New York City after his interesting experience in Burma. She died in 1926, leaving one son by a previous marriage.

Two years after the death of his first wife Vincent married Miss Katherine Proctor Green of New York City. She was a devoted helpmeet. She took him to Florida to avoid the hard Winter in New York City. While there he died in his sleep on December 20, 1953.

"Speck" was laid to rest in Yale, Michigan, not far from the farm where he was born.

Those who knew him will recall with admiration and affection his quiet courage and his unassuming modesty.

—Langdon '96.

date failed to pass the physical examination for entry into the Academy, young Nissen received the appointment and entered West Point with the Class of 1895.

His first tour of duty upon leaving USMA was with a Cavalry unit at Fort Myer, Virginia. Later service included tours in the China-Burma-India, Pacific and European-African-Middle Eastern Theaters. He also served in the Spanish-American War and World War I.

Colonel Nissen was retired from active duty in 1923 and made his home in Washington, D. C. Prior to retirement he partici-



ipated in the Rifle Matches at Camp Perry, often distinguishing himself in marksmanship.

Colonel Nissen was preceded in death by his wife, the former Mrs. Elizabeth Cheever, in 1952, and is survived by his sister, Mrs. Ruel Crawford of 306 East Perry Street, Port Clinton, and a niece, Mrs. Thomas A. Benham of Port Clinton.

Interment was in Arlington National Cemetery.

Frank Crandall Bolles

NO. 3737 CLASS OF 1896

DIED JULY 14, 1955, AT MARLIN, TEXAS, AGED 82 YEARS.

FRANK CRANDALL BOLLES was born at Elgin, Illinois on September 25, 1872. Within a few years his family moved to Rolla, Missouri, where he spent his boyhood and attended school prior to his entering the Military Academy. He has many times recounted that, when he left that little Missouri town during the summer of 1891 and made the long journey up to the Plain, he little knew what there was in store for him. During the ensuing years at the Military Academy, he had many bouts with the Academic Department as well as the Tactical Department but was able to surmount them all, even though he joined the class of 1896 instead of graduating with his original class. In later years he always remarked that the "distinguished cadets" were not those listed in the Army Register each year but those who graduated after a period of more than four years.

Bowser upon his graduation was assigned to the 6th Infantry at Fort Thomas, Kentucky, but after a short tour of duty there was transferred to the 18th Infantry at Fort Sam Houston. However, the Spanish American War was looming on the horizon and soon the units at Fort Sam Houston were

moved to Mobile, Alabama, preparatory to a move to Cuba. Before it could be accomplished plans were changed and the 18th Infantry was ordered to the Philippines.

Shortly after arrival, the regiment was engaged in a period of active operations including participation in the capture of Manila. During later operations around Jaro, he was wounded, but not seriously. He has said that reports were received indicating he had been killed in action; but nothing was farther from the truth; and there are many in the service today who will attest to that fact. In January 1899, he was promoted to First Lieutenant and during the following year participated in engagements at Porac, Angeles, and in the expedition to San Ignacio. During an engagement at Torgalon he was wounded twice.

His promotion to Captain came in October 1901. His duties continued in the Philippines with service as company commander on Bohol, Panay, and Negros prior to his return to the United States in 1902. He served at Fort Riley and Fort Leavenworth but returned again to the Philippines in 1905. Active operations were still continuing and in March 1906 he participated in the assault and capture of Bud-Dajo. However, this tour was much shorter; and he returned again to the United States in November 1906.

After a period of routine garrison duty with his regiment at Fort Lincoln, North Dakota, he was detailed in the Quartermaster Department. While on this detail he served at Saint Louis, Missouri; Omaha, Nebraska, and for a period in the office of the Quartermaster General in Washington. In August 1915, he became a student in the School of the Line at Fort Leavenworth and graduated the following year. His promotion to Major came shortly thereafter.

In May 1917 he was ordered to Hawaii and served at Fort Shafter until March of 1918, as Commanding Officer of the 2nd Infantry as well as being Post Commander. At this time he was ordered to the 4th Division which was then in training and assigned to command the 39th Infantry Regiment. In May 1918 he moved overseas with the division and during the entire period in France and Germany he commanded the 39th Infantry Regiment except for brief periods as Brigade Commander. He participated with the regiment in the Aisne-Marne, San Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne offensives, being wounded again during the operations in the Bois de Septsarges.

Following the Armistice he returned to the United States with his regiment. In August 1920 he attended the General Service School at Fort Leavenworth, and the following year was a student at the Army War College in Washington. In July 1920 he was promoted to the grade of Colonel. Upon completion of his duty at the Army War College, he was assigned as Chief of Staff of the 94th Division with station at Fort Devens, Massachusetts. During this assignment he was instrumental in the initiation and continuation of the Citizens Military Training Camps which were to play an important part in our Reserve program during the period between the two World Wars. In 1924, he was assigned to the Office of the Chief of Infantry, and after a two year tour of duty he was assigned to command the 30th Infantry and Presidio of San Francisco.

In 1928, he was promoted to Brigadier General and was assigned, in turn, in command Fort Francis E. Warren, Wyoming, Fort Stotsenburg, P. I. and Fort Sheridan, Illinois. In 1935 he was promoted to Major General and assigned to command the 2nd Division at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Within six months he was assigned to command the 7th Corps Area with headquarters at Omaha, Nebraska where he remained until his retirement in September 1936. During the period 1933 till his retirement, he spent

August Carl Nissen

NO. 3636 CLASS OF 1895

DIED JUNE 19, 1957, IN WALTER REED HOSPITAL, WASHINGTON, D. C., AGED 84 YEARS.

COLONEL AUGUST CARL NISSEN was born in Port Clinton, Ohio, on September 5, 1872 to German-American parents.

He was one of six graduates of the Port Clinton High School in 1891. Following graduation he placed second in a competitive examination held by the congressman from that District. When the top-ranking candi-

much time and effort in activities at the Civilian Conservation Corps and developed a strong and productive organization in the areas he commanded.

He then moved to San Antonio, Texas and in 1937 assumed the Presidency of the South San Antonio Bank, a position he held until 1951 when he was forced to relinquish it because of his health. He continued to live in San Antonio among his many friends in the military and civilian community there. Shortly after the death of Mrs. Bolles in 1954, his health required his hospitalization where he remained until his death on July 14, 1955.

General Bolles was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and Oak Leaf Cluster for gallantry in action in the Philippines and in France during World War I. For his services during the first World War he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal as well as the French Croix de Guerre and Legion of Honor. Upon his retirement from the active service he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal of the State of Missouri.

General Bolles married Irene Hobby Petit at Hempstead, New York on January 10, 1909. They had five children: Commander

farmer by occupation. "Ducksie" therefore grew up on a farm. He attended local public schools and then became a student at Wyoming Seminary in Pennsylvania from which he graduated.

The Congressman in whose district young Drake's home was located decided to hold a competitive examination to determine what young man should most deserve the designation as a candidate for admission to the Military Academy. "Ducksie" came out Number One and received the appointment. He entered the Academy as a cadet on June 15, 1892.

One of the newspapers in "Ducksie's" home community published a very complimentary article about his success with the competitive examination. Somehow this article got into the hands of a member of the yearling class. "Ducksie" was made to commit it to memory and he had to recite it whenever called upon to do so. However he saw the funny side of the situation, and he took this and all other incidents of "plebe camp" with good nature.

As a cadet "Ducksie" had lots of friends. He was always a good student. From his first year to graduation he always stood high in mathematics and mathematical subjects. He graduated No. 28 in a class of 73 members. He met all the vicissitudes of cadet life with quiet cheerfulness.

After his cadet days, Drake's first assignment to duty was as a second lieutenant in the Fifth Cavalry with station at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. He was subsequently stationed with his troop at Fort McIntosh and Fort Brown, both in Texas, and then in camp at Huntsville, Alabama. In January 1899 he sailed with the regiment to Bayamon in Puerto Rico.

Upon attaining his first lieutenancy in February 1900, Drake transferred to the First Cavalry with stations at Fort Yates, North Dakota, and Fort Yellowstone, Wyoming, a few months at each post. In June 1902 he became a captain. Having transferred to the Fourteenth Cavalry, he served at Fort Grant, Arizona, for a year.

In October 1903 Drake sailed with his regiment to Jolo in the South Philippines. He participated in the Second Sulu Expedition in November 1903, and was awarded a Silver Star "For gallantry in action against hostile Moros at Laksamanna Usap's cotta January 7, 1905, on the Island of Jolo, P. I."

Drake took part in the Third Sulu Expedition in May 1905, and was again awarded the Silver Star "For gallantry in action against hostile Moros at Peruka Uttick's cotta, Island of Jolo, P. I., May 2, 1905." Drake was mentioned in orders from Headquarters Department of Mindanao and was recommended for the brevet of major. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross with the following citation:

"His conspicuous bravery and daring were demonstrated in leading his men to the firing line and being the first over the bamboo fence and the stone wall of the cotta, at the siege and taking of Cotta Pang Pang, Island of Jolo, P. I., February 14, 1904."

He returned with his regiment to the United States in October and November 1905. Drake was then fortunate in having been given a post of his own at Boise Barracks, Idaho, a very desirable one-company command where he remained until August 1906. He was then assigned to duty at the recruit rendezvous at Fort Slocum, New York, where he remained until January 1909.

He returned to duty with his regiment and served with it as regimental quartermaster at Camp Stotsenburg, P. I., until March 1912. With his regiment he returned to the States and served at posts on the Texas border until April 1915.

Having been detailed for a tour of duty in the Quartermaster Corps, he served at the

Quartermaster Depot at Philadelphia to March 1916. He participated in the Punitive Expedition into Mexico in March, April and May 1916, and commanded one of its motor supply trains.

Upon returning to the States he was on duty at Fort Sam Houston and Del Rio, Texas, to June 1916. His promotion to Major of Cavalry dated from June 1, 1916.

In July 1916, he was assigned to duty in the Office of the Quartermaster General where he served until relieved from detail in the Quartermaster Corps in June 1918. He was then assigned to the General Staff with station in Washington, D. C. While with the Quartermaster Corps he received temporary promotion to lieutenant colonel and colonel of Cavalry both dating from August 5, 1917.

In August 1918 he was selected to organize the Motor Transport Corps, and was its Chief until July 1920 when it became a part of the Quartermaster Corps.

He received the Distinguished Service Medal with the following citation: "For conspicuous service in the organization of the Motor Transport Corps."

Drake was a brigadier general on the temporary list from October 1919 until June



(Ret.) Frank C., Jr., U.S.N.A. 1934; Seaman; Elizabeth; Henrietta; and Jonathan.

Throughout his service General Bolles always felt a debt of gratitude toward his Alma Mater and maintained a keen interest in the Long Gray Line. He was always an inspiration to his subordinates and his continued interest in their training and well being was justified by their accomplishments in the following years. Many of the successful commanders and staff officers of World War II learned much from him during their earlier service, and the utilization of his methods served them well in combat as well as in peacetime service. He always strove for the highest in his profession and his success in these endeavors was a rich reward and great satisfaction to him throughout his life.

Charles Bryant Drake

NO. 3696 CLASS OF 1896

DIED AUGUST 14, 1956, AT REHOBOTH, DELAWARE, AGED 83 YEARS.

"DUCKSIE" as we affectionately called him, was born at Old Forge, a suburb of Scranton, Pennsylvania, on September 14, 1872.

His father, Thomas Drake, was of good American Revolutionary stock, and was a



1920. He was promoted to Colonel of Cavalry July 1, 1920.

After being relieved from detail in the General Staff Corps in August 1919 he served as assistant to the Quartermaster General in July, August, and September 1919, and as assistant to the Chief of Finance from September 1920 to February 1921. He was then assigned as assistant to the Chief of the Militia Bureau as Director of Cavalry and in charge of the Personnel Division of that office from February 1921 to June 1922.

Having been in the service for thirty years, Drake at his own request was placed on the Retired List on October 31, 1922. He was appointed Brigadier General, Retired, June 21, 1940.

After his retirement "Ducksie" pursued the many sports which had always interested him until his health began to fail.

While "Ducksie" was stationed at Fort Sam Houston, he met Miss Hilda E. Jacobs, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Barron Jacobs of Tucson, Arizona, while she was visiting friends at the post. They were married in Tucson on March 17, 1898.

The Drakes had a happy married life. Their daughter Barrine is living with her mother at No. 1909 S Street N.W., Washington 9, D. C.

After a long and painful illness "Ducksie" passed away from cancer of the throat on August 14, 1956, while the Drake family were at their summer place at Rehoboth, Dela-

ware. Interment was at the Arlington National Cemetery.

"Ducksie" leaves a memory of an efficient officer, always likeable and invariably calm. —Langdon, '96.

Charles Macon Wesson

NO. 3960 CLASS OF 1900

DIED NOVEMBER 24, 1956, AT WALTER REED
ARMY HOSPITAL, WASHINGTON, D. C.,
AGED 78 YEARS.

No son of West Point has honored his Alma Mater by distinguished service more outstandingly than did Charles Macon Wesson of the Class of 1900.

He was born at St. Louis, Missouri, July 23, 1878, son of Charles M. Wesson of Virginia, and his wife the former Miss Caroline Moye Dancy of North Carolina. His mother's second marriage was to The Honorable W. T. P. Turpin of Queen Anne's County, Maryland; and it was from Maryland, where he was living in Centreville, that he received his appointment to West Point. His early education was in the public schools and at Davis Military Institute, Winston, North Carolina; and he entered West Point on June 15, 1896. With his fine character showing, he early gained the confidence of his classmates and became deservedly one of the most popular men in the class. Academically throughout the four years course, he stood well going from 31 in his plebe year in a class of 108 to 21 at graduation in the 54 then surviving.

High spirited and a believer rightfully in his own self respect and dignity, he did not too easily tolerate some of the attentions bestowed upon plebes by upper classmen. On one occasion, while a plebe, there resulted a meeting before reveille under the cupola of a corner tower of the old gymnasium. In the vigor of his attack he broke a bone in his right hand; and when taken by his seconds to the Officer in Charge for permission to visit the Hospital, "Dick" Richardson, Class of 1884, the "Tac" on duty, examining the hand very knowingly, expressing sympathy but asking no questions, said, "Yes, take him on down, it needs attention." This was Wilds P. Richardson of Alaskan fame from 1897 to 1917, who became a brigadier general in 1917 serving in the A.E.F., and Russia, receiving the D.S.M. He was a great favorite as a "Tac"—nobody was "skinned" for "off limits".

Urbane, disarming and courtly in manner, Macon Wesson was chosen by his class as one of its Hop Managers and enjoyed greatly the hospitality extended by the garrison at West Point to the Corps of Cadets. He was on the football squad, and in 1899 so successfully quarterbacked the Army team that the Navy was gloriously beaten 17 to 5. Throughout his life in after years when suitable occasions were presented he wore with just pride the miniature silver football watch charm he won in recognition of his prowess. Not because of the robustness and vigor he possessed physically, but exactly because on convivial occasions when called upon he would gleefully toast, to the enjoyment of his listeners, a peripatetic bull which "roamed the woods," he came to be called affectionately by his classmates and by associates throughout the service "Bull" Wesson. The "Bull" was a delightful and interesting companion.

When in February 1899, the then First Class was graduated early because of the Philippine Insurrection, he was appointed a Cadet First Sergeant, and during 1900's First Class Camp was an Acting First Sergeant until he lost his chevrons on the fate-

ful 12th of July, when, with others, he was reduced to the ranks, a victim of the class protest against stringent orders issued to break up hazing. These seemed to threaten some of the most cherished traditions of the Corps. But there was a come-back—after the return of the Battalion of Cadets from camp to barracks he held, because of his military bearing, the favored and honored assignment of one of the sentinels of The Color Guard during the remainder of his First Class year until graduation.

Following graduation on June 13, 1900, commissioned in the Cavalry as a second lieutenant, he saw troop service with both the 7th and 8th Cavalry in Cuba and at Fort Riley, Kansas, until July 1, 1903, when he was detailed as an Instructor in the Department of Natural and Experimental Philosophy at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point. Completing four full academic years on this duty July 1, 1907, he was detailed as a captain in the Ordnance Department of the Army. This marked the beginning of his outstandingly distinguished service in that department during the remainder of his active career in the Army. During these years, with advancing rank, in his various



assignments in positions of responsibility, many times great, his service was marked by high leadership, outstanding administrative ability, and professional competence.

In particular, advancing to the grade of Colonel, Ordnance Department, N.A., January 21, 1918, he completed during that year more than seven years duty on the staff and as Commanding Officer 1917-1918 of the important Watertown Arsenal, at Watertown, Massachusetts.

Ordered to France in October 1918, he was assigned in the American Expeditionary Forces as the Officer-in-Charge of the Construction and Maintenance Division of the Ordnance Activities. Shortly after the Armistice he was transferred to duty as Commanding Officer of the Ordnance Base Depot, Mehun-sur-Yeu, which included, in addition to the supply depot, the Ordnance Repair Shops for Mobile Artillery and Small Arms. All ordnance material in France, as well as all ordnance personnel, were eventually evacuated through this Depot. In recognition of his distinguished service in these particular assignments he was awarded the U.S. Distinguished Service Medal with the following citation:

"For exceptionally meritorious and distinguished services as Commanding Officer Watertown Arsenal, Massachusetts, from January to October 1918, by his indefatigable energy, great administrative ability, and thorough technical knowledge he planned, erected, equip-

ped, and brought to a highly efficient working basis a new factory for the manufacture of 240 m.m. howitzer carriages, as well as a new forging plant for large calibre guns—a definite contribution to the military power of the Nation. From November 1918 until August 1919, as commanding officer of the ordnance base repair shops at Mehun-sur-Yeu, France, he again rendered highly meritorious service in a position of great responsibility in salvaging ordnance material valued at millions of dollars, and prepared it properly for shipment to the United States."

Returning to the United States upon relief from duty in the A.E.F., on July 8, 1919, Colonel Wesson reported to the Chief of Ordnance in Washington and received the assignment to the important command of the Ordnance Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Maryland. He did not join however, for on September 30, 1919, he tendered his resignation as an officer of the Army, and accepted the office of the Vice-President of the American Clay Machinery Company, at Bucyrus, Ohio.

This post World War I period was a trying one for career officers of the Regular Army. The demobilization, practically a complete disintegration of the great wartime army, the consequent reduction of them to their permanent rank from their temporarily held wartime advanced grades presented a disheartening outlook for their future careers until the passage of the National Defense Act of July 1, 1920. Colonel Wesson upon its passage applied for reappointment in the Army, and reentered the permanent service as a Major of Ordnance, August 3, 1920.

In the ensuing period prior to World War II, receiving his lieutenant colonelcy in 1923 and his colonelcy in 1933, Colonel Wesson pursued the course at the Army War College graduating in 1925, and filled important assignments in the Office of the Chief of Ordnance including that of Chief of the Technical Staff, was twice in command of the Aberdeen Proving Ground, and served as Assistant Military Attaché in the American Embassy in London. On June 3, 1938, while on his last assignment at Aberdeen he was appointed Chief of Ordnance with the rank of Major General and from 1938 to 1942 directed the vast Army weapons program of the United States until six months after Pearl Harbor. The gathering European war clouds in 1938 witnessed the beginning of the largest arms production program in the history of the United States and General Wesson in his direction of the Army phase of this program, with acute appreciation of the problem involved, utilized the research and production facilities of American industry to maximum effect. For this he was awarded an oak leaf cluster to his World War I Distinguished Service Medal with the following citation:

"Major General Wesson was charged with the expansion of the Ordnance Department and the conduct of the greatest ordnance program of all time. In this position General Wesson demonstrated rare technical knowledge, drive, and good judgment and handled the work of the Department with such skill and boldness as to contribute greatly to the success of not only the war efforts of the United States but those of the United Nations."

In addition to this oakleaf cluster to his D.S.M., he was awarded the Major General C. C. Williams Gold Medal of the American Ordnance Association at a testimonial dinner given by the Association at the Waldorf-Astoria, New York City, on May 28, 1942.

On this occasion tributes to his leadership were paid by Henry L. Stimson, Secretary

of War; Bernard M. Baruch, World War I Chairman of the War Industries Board; Robert P. Patterson Under Secretary of War; Lieutenant General William P. Knudsen, Director of Production; and General Wesson's successor as Army Ordnance Chief, Lieutenant General Levin H. Campbell, Jr. Mr. Stimson in his tribute said: "To you fell the responsibility of directing our tremendous wartime ordnance program, a program unequalled in size by anything in our history. From a small organization in 1938 when you became Chief of Ordnance, you have built the splendid machinery capable of handling our program of tens of billions of dollars of ordnance matériel."

Retiring May 31, 1942, as a Major General, 40 years service (Acts June 30, 1882, June 4 and August 18 '41), General Wesson was recalled to active duty June 1, 1942 to December 31, 1945, with the Lend-Lease Administration, and for his outstanding service during this period of his career was awarded the second oak leaf cluster to his Distinguished Service Medal. On December 19, 1945 his retired status was changed to Disability Line of Duty—Retired Officers in Active Duty. (Act of June 29, 1943)

Hospitalized in Walter Reed Army Hospital early in November 1956, while devotedly attended by his immediate family he died there November 24, 1956. After a service in the Walter Reed Chapel, November 26, 1956, accompanied by members of his family his body was taken to West Point for burial there November 28 in the shadow of his Alma Mater which he loved so well and honored so greatly.

Charles Macon Wesson was married twice. His first wife whom he married May 31, 1904 in Washington, D. C., was Anne Dunbar Davis the sweetheart of his cadet days at West Point. She was the daughter of the then Lieutenant Colonel George B. Davis of the Class of 1871 who was Professor of Law and History U.S.M.A., 1895-1901, Judge Advocate General of the Army 1901-1911, retiring as a Major General in 1911.

Mrs. Wesson died tragically in the collapse of the Knickerbocker Theatre in Washington in January 1922, leaving as survivors with Major Wesson their three children Anne Davis, born March 4, 1905, Helen Prince, born May 10, 1906, and Macon, born September 14, 1907.

His second marriage was in April 1926, in Philadelphia, to Miss Virginia Rowland, daughter of James Day and Virginia L. Rowland who, with his two daughters by his first marriage, now Mrs. Wesson Stone and Mrs. Gordon M. Wells, wife of Brigadier General Gordon M. Wells, Retired, survive him. His son Macon Wesson died March 25, 1931.

The surviving members of the Class of 1900 will always cherish with pride the memory of Charles Macon Wesson's high professional attainments as an officer, and with affection the charm of his personality as a gentleman, and they extend their deep sympathy to his family in their loss.

—Upton Birnie, Jr.

Troup Miller

NO. 4119 CLASS OF 1902

DIED JANUARY 26, 1957, AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA, AGED 77 YEARS.

TROUP MILLER, son of Judge Alexander Lawton Miller and Katharine Hurt Miller, was born at Perry, Georgia, February 10, 1879. The next year his family moved to Macon, Georgia where Troup received his early education and his first taste of military service as a private in Company C,

2nd Georgia Regiment, the "Macon Hus-sars".

In 1898, Troup received an appointment to the United States Military Academy from which institution he graduated in June 1902, and as a Second Lieutenant of Cavalry, was assigned to the 7th U.S. Cavalry at Chica-mauga Park, Georgia.

During his long and varied career in the Regular Army, General Miller served in all the grades from Second Lieutenant to General Officer and at many stations throughout the United States; in Europe during World War I; and two tours of duty in the Philippine Islands from 1905 to 1907 and again from 1911 to 1914.

He saw service in five cavalry regiments, his last command as a Colonel being that of Commanding Officer of the 11th U.S. Cavalry and the Post of the Presidio of Monterey, California from 1936 to 1938.

His long period of service also included important staff assignments. As G-1, 82nd Infantry Division he participated in the San Mihiel and Meuse Argonne offensives. After the Armistice he had additional General Staff duties in France. These included G-1 First Corps, G-4 First Army, and G-4 Inter-



mediate Section, Service of Supply. For distinguished and meritorious service during this period, General Miller (then Lieutenant Colonel) was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

He later served on the War Department General Staff from 1921 to 1924. This was followed by a tour as Assistant G-3, Fourth Corps Area, Atlanta, Georgia from 1925 to 1926.

A good many years of General Miller's service were spent as an Instructor at the Service Schools, including the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, from 1919 to 1921 and again as a Director from 1932 to 1936, and at the Army War College, Washington, D. C. from 1926 to 1930. A broad section of the commissioned officers of the Army felt his influence. He was thoroughly grounded in the knowledge of his profession and displayed sound judgment and skill both as a teacher and director. His standards were high and exacting but always just and considerate. General Miller commanded the high esteem of both his superiors and subordinates.

From 1938 to 1940 he served as Inspector General of the Second Corps Area, Governors Island, New York, and from 1940 to 1941 as Inspector General of The Eastern Defense Command. He continued in this assignment during World War II and was promoted to Brigadier General on February 2, 1943. For his services during this per-

iod he was awarded the Legion of Merit and a War Department Letter of Commendation.

On June 30, 1942 General Miller was retired by operation of the law and recalled to active duty the next day. He was again retired on December 31, 1945 for physical disability.

General Miller (then a Second Lieutenant) was married to Miss Rosa Coffin of Knoxville, Tennessee on November 4, 1903. They had two children, a son, Major General Troup Miller, Jr., U.S. Air Force and a daughter, Rosa, Jr., wife of Colonel Frederick W. Barnes, U.S. Air Force. There are five grandchildren, four girls and one boy.

After retiring General and Mrs. Miller lived in their home at 2332 Dellwood Drive, NW, Atlanta. General Miller interested himself in civic and church activities. He was deeply interested in the Evangelistic Program of his church, North Avenue Presbyterian Church of Atlanta, and gave generously of his time. He was elected an Elder December 7, 1947.

The Session of his church adopted a Resolution February 24, 1957, extolling General Miller's exemplary life as a Christian Soldier and Layman and his abundant service to the Church. In part, the Resolution read, "We give thanks to Almighty God for the example and inspiration of his life, and pray that we may serve our Master with the same zeal, loyalty, and faithfulness."

General Miller leaves a host of friends both in and out of the Service. We esteem him as a Soldier, Christian, and Good Citizen. He will long live in our memories.

—J. A. P.

Vaughn Washington Cooper

NO. 4228 CLASS OF 1904

DIED JANUARY 6, 1957, AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, AGED 76 YEARS.

COLONEL VAUGHN WASHINGTON COOPER was born in Davidson County, Tennessee, December 7, 1880, at the home of his grandfather, Hiram Vaughn, just east of the present Shelby Park. His mother was the former Sarah Theadosia Vaughn, and his father, James Litton Cooper. His early life was spent at the farm of his parents, Longfield, at the end of the Vaughn Pike and immediately north of the Hiram Vaughn place. He attended the old 18th District school, Spout Spring, until 1894, when he entered Wallace's University School, then located on South High Street. In 1898 he graduated from Wallace's and entered the Engineering Department of Vanderbilt in the Class of 1902. At Vanderbilt Cooper made no record as a student, but was active in athletics, winning a "V" in both baseball and football.

In 1900 he received from Senator William B. Bate the first Senatorial appointment from Tennessee, as a Cadet at the United States Military Academy at West Point, and entered with the Class of 1904. At West Point Cooper was again active in Athletics, winning an "A" in both football and baseball. He was also one of the six cadet captains in his First Class year, and graduated 14th in his class of 124.

Upon graduation in 1904 he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Cavalry and sent to the Philippines for duty with the 12th Cavalry. On return from the Philippines he served at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia; Norfolk, Virginia, and other posts until 1907, when he was ordered back to West Point as an instructor in mathematics. He remained at West Point for the next five years, serving as an instructor in mathematics, and in addition, as an assistant football coach. For

three years he was a member of the Intercollegiate Football Rules Committee.

After leaving West Point in 1912, Cooper again went to the Philippines for three years with the 8th Cavalry. He was a member of the 8th Cavalry championship, Far Eastern Polo team, served in Jolo and Luzon and returned to the United States with the Regiment in 1915. He was stationed with the 8th Cavalry at Fort Bliss, Texas, and other border posts until the outbreak of World War I. In the summer of 1917 Cooper was assigned to the 77th Division and accompanied the Division to France. In France and Germany for the next two years, he served with the 77th Division, as a student and an instructor at the General Staff School at Langre, as G-3, and as Chief of Staff of the 6th Division, returning to the United States with the Division in 1919.

Back in the United States, Cooper served three tours with the War Department General Staff in Washington, and at various posts with the Staff, and with the 7th Cavalry.

In 1929 he was ordered to Los Angeles, California, for duty with the Committee arranging for the Olympiad, and served with this Committee until his retirement for



physical disability in 1932. On retirement he returned to Nashville to live, and except for about a year's active duty in Washington as World War II was beginning, remained thereafter.

Colonel Cooper was a bachelor. He is survived by two brothers and a sister, Edwin W. Cooper, William P. Cooper, and Mrs. Norman Frost, all of Nashville, and by a number of nephews and nieces.

James Garfield McIlroy

NO. 4227 CLASS OF 1904

DIED DECEMBER 3, 1956, AT COLUMBUS, OHIO,
AGED 75 YEARS.

JAMES GARFIELD MCILROY, second son and fourth child of James Merriman and Susan Kimball McIlroy, was born in the little central Ohio farming village of Irwin on November 21, 1881.

Jim McIlroy, or "Mac" as he was most often called, had a boyhood probably not typical of his neighborhood. His father, starting from scratch, worked the land into a substantial country estate, becoming a respected and prominent squire in central Ohio. He brought up his sons on a fare of frugality, respectability and tolerance. Mac was taught and early accepted the prime

principles of fairness and utter honesty. As a boyhood friend once said, "Others on occasion would 'fudge' at marbles or cheat in some special way; Jim McIlroy, never."

Perhaps a hint of the influence that turned Mac's eyes toward the black and gold can be found in his father. Mac, Senior, was a typical volunteer leader in the Civil War, inducing and pledging neighbors and friends to join him, then marching them off to camp. Toward the end of the war he was leading his company as Captain. A uniformed picture of the fine gentleman hung beside his scarred wartime sword in the hall of Mac's Irwin home, and, as Mac approached the significant age of 18, he was often regaled by his understanding father with the stirring tales of those magic Civil War days. So, in 1900, Mac entered West Point, appointed by Senator Mark A. Hanna.

Hometown friends saw little of Mac after that. What brief glimpses they had, though, were long remembered: a ramrod-backed youngster in white ducks home on Summer furlough who would — and always did — mount horse simply by making a one-hand West Point style vault into the saddle, a notable maneuver in the eyes of his Ohio neighbors.

The West Point traditions and precepts of honor were easy for Mac to accept, formalizing as they did the training his family had given him. He did well in all his Point undertakings, from playing first base on the baseball team to graduating 13th in a class of 125.

Mac's first assignment sent him to the legation in Peking, China. In 1908 he was again in the Orient as one of the first four language officers ever sent as attaches to the Embassy in Tokyo. These early assignments in the Orient set the course of Mac's Army career for in 1929 he was offered an assignment as Military Attache to Japan and accepted it as offering a rich experience for his family as well as himself.

In 1912 Mac married Alberta MacFarlane Scott from Winnipeg, Canada. Their life together was spent at various camps, posts and stations throughout the country. During World War I, Mac was sent overseas, where he became an observer in the Belfort Sector and Inspector General of staff work at advanced GHQ in the Argonne Sector and at GHQ, Chaumont. During this period he acted as General Pershing's personal investigator and observer. After bearing him a son and four daughters, Bertie passed away in 1924 after a minor operation.

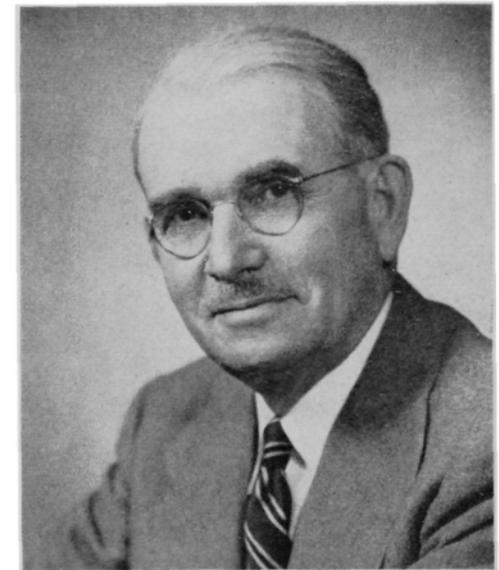
Mac can be said to have originated the service flag idea. He sketched out its first design while on recruiting duty in Cleveland, Ohio. It was the familiar white rectangle surrounded by a red border, but with white crossed vertically by blue bars to show the number of family members in service. The use of stars was deliberately rejected by Mac to avoid resemblance to or confusion with our national flag. Before going overseas in 1917 Mac repeatedly tried to have this design recognized but the government did not give it official sanction on the basis of its being bad policy to approve the use of any flag other than the national flag. So no service flag was ever officially adopted during World War I days. However, in Germany later, Mac was approached at headquarters by a Colonel, a stranger to him, who stated, "I was chairman of the committee which turned down your service flag. It was a dreadful mistake and I want to apologize to you now." In the 42nd Congress the official design now used was approved and established and it is identical but for the stars.

In 1926 Mac married Gwynneth Lafeur. Tours of duty then took the family to Fort Benjamin Harrison, then Japan, followed by Philadelphia, Omaha, and finally as PMS&T to the University of Dayton, where he was retired in 1944. One child, a daughter, was

born of this marriage while the family was in Japan.

Mac filled his retirement years with activity. He spoke extensively both at lectures and over radio station WOSU in Columbus, on subjects covering the Far Eastern situation—Japan in particular. Mac's boyhood on the farm had given him a love of farm and country which he never lost. During his retirement he moved to a country home where he could occupy himself with gardening and take relaxing walks through the wooded countryside. Writing also occupied Mac in these days of increased opportunity for relaxation, for he wrote a number of books for family consumption, including, "Japan, Just Different; Autobiography"; and "A Military Attache In Japan." Because of classified material within these writings, public distribution has not been made.

In June 1954 Mac attended the West Point Class of 1904 50th Reunion. It was a happy and satisfying affair for him. His joy was short-lived, however, for in July word was received of the death of his son, Lieutenant Colonel James Garfield McIlroy, Jr., who as Commander of the 36th Fighter Bomber Squadron was lost in flight over Korea.



When President Eisenhower suffered his heart attack in 1955, Mac said, "That's the way I want to go: clean, quick." His wish was granted. There was no unnecessary pain or misery. He enjoyed good, active health to the last moment.

All of Mac's children were proud to have had him as their father and they hope to graduate to the next step with as much honor as he did.

—Donald Scott McIlroy,
Jane Susan McIlroy.

Torrey Borden Maghee

NO. 4446 CLASS OF 1905

DIED SEPTEMBER 25, 1956, AT VETERANS
HOSPITAL, LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA,
AGED 74 YEARS.

"FOOT SOLDIER," an apt appellation for one who was soldier in the grain, and whose heart was as stout as the saber at his belt.

The 1905 Howitzer concluded his sketch by characterizing him as "one of those gentle ones who would use the devil with courtesy".

Soft spoken, urbane, but ever resolute and firm, Torrey raised his voice only to utter a command on parade. Familiar to him was the name of each in his command. Quick

to commend; hesitant to criticize or censure unless positive of every fact, his wisdom and encouragement to officers and men alike was his "open sesame" to their loyalty and admiration.

Distinguished names of World War II flourished in the fertile mould of his concept of leadership—Major General Eugene F. Cardwell, the late Major General Leo Donovan, the late Brigadier General Charles M. Ankorn, and others no less eminent, were among the young junior officers of his command during the 1920's.

Born in Rawlins, Wyoming, May 18, 1882, the son of a prosperous ranch owner, progeny of early Wyoming settlers, he spent his youth in the saddle midst the natural grandeur of a State thus so richly endowed. Tales of early exploits of United States troops, and of their skirmishes with the Indians kindled in him the fervor of service to the vast and generous country which had nurtured him. At West Point his skirmishes were many, but principally with the intricacies of Euclid and calculus, the "descrip" and the "analyt". His penchant for writing poetry, in which he described his jousts with the late Colonel Echols, was ever a source of amusement to those of his con-

longed for the opportunity again to serve his beloved country in World War II.

Reminiscent of Torrey's many activities and projects, and of his constant quest for time in which to accomplish all of them, is characterized by the verse he contributed to the 1905 Class letter of 1952:

*"I'm pushing the hands of the clock around
 "I pushing the clock hands around
 And never a moment remains
 To do all the things I've in mind.
 The minutes turn into small hours—
 The hours turn into short days,
 The days into years in their passing
 And still I'm a wee bit away—
 But some day I'll no longer push clock hands,
 Some day I'll no longer be behind
 Because Eternity will spread out before me—
 To do all the things I've in mind."*

Eternity has now spread out before him, granting him his prayer to do all the things he had in mind to do. May God grant him eternal peace.

Torrey was laid to rest in Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery at San Diego, midst the comrades in arms whom he loved so well.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Betty, to whom he was ever a tender and loving husband, and who will continue to reside at their home, 5275 East Broadway, Long Beach 3, California. He is also survived by his daughter, Mrs. Josephine Britton, a teacher at Chaffee School, Windsor, Connecticut, and by his two grandchildren, Jane and David Britton.

*Illustrious son of West Point, spread
 Thy banner midst my noble dead;
 Triumphant sons sleep at this breast;
 A grateful Nation guards thy rest.*

—Brigadier General Norman F. Ramsey,
 USA., Ret'd., Class of 1905.

—Lieutenant Colonel John R. McGinness,
 USA., Ret'd., Class of 1925.

Louis Albert O'Donnell

NO. 4420 CLASS OF 1905

DIED DECEMBER 6, 1956, IN A LOCAL HOSPITAL,
 SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, AGED 74 YEARS.



temporaries who loved his mischievousness and droll humor:

*"I'd like to be a plebe again
 With P. Echols at my door
 A watchin' every move I make,
 Hopin' math would put me on the floor.
 But I gathered my strength
 And mastered his math,
 Then with tears, he left my door.
 And now I'm in the Army again
 And P. Echols I'll see no more."*

Assigned to Infantry upon graduation, many of his company officer years were devoted to mapping expeditions and fighting insurgents in the Philippines. As Major General William Weigel's assistant chief of staff, G-3, in World War I, he served with distinction from the date of mobilization of the 88th Division until its demobilization upon its return from France.

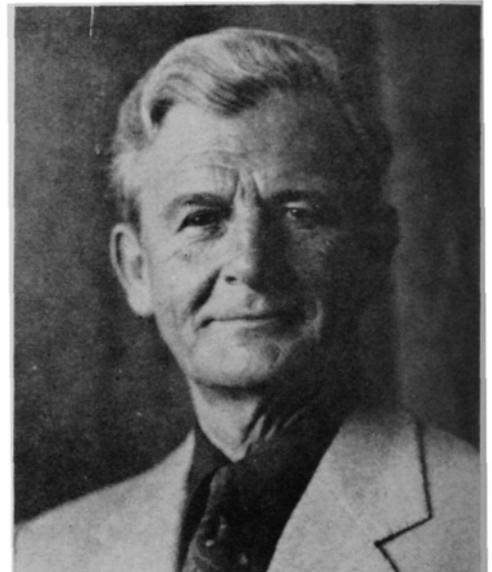
Torrey was graduated from the Command and General Staff School in 1927, and from the War College in 1931. On December 20, 1926, while at the Command and General Staff School, he married the lovely and accomplished Bess Stringfellow, who endeared herself to all who knew her, and to whom he affectionately referred as, "my Betty".

Retired as a Colonel June 30, 1940, for disability in line of duty, Torrey adjusted readily to life in his beautiful Long Beach, California home, where he and his devoted Betty cared for their flowers and lawn together, although deep in his stout heart he

was appointed by the late Senator Ware of Pennsylvania.

In June 1901 Mike joined the Class of 1905 at West Point. A spirited member with love for song and story, the Howitzer referred to him as "straight from the old country with a life preserver in front of his name" He was a member of the Cadet Choir, became a member of the Howitzer Board and took part in Hundredth Night in 1903, 1904 and 1905.

Upon his graduation he was assigned as a Second Lieutenant to the 10th Cavalry. He joined the regiment at Fort Robinson, Nebraska, and reported for duty to William F. H. Godson. The new experience of the "Wild West" combined with his admiration for his commanding officer made this a happy tour of duty for Mike. The remoteness of the post made it necessary for them to entertain themselves and Mike spent many happy evenings playing his violin in home musicals. When the regiment was ordered to the Philippines there was again the thrill of the new, the unexplored. The treks through the mountains taking topographical readings, the swimming in the bay, the tropical nights of gaiety and dancing all made a fascinating experience for a



young bachelor. Then came an abrupt change to Fort Ethan Allen with its cold long Winters. Here Hank Adair and Mike bought their first car, "The Blue Goose". They had it driven down to Winchester, Virginia, when the troop marched down there for Summer maneuvers. The southern hospitality extended the officers made this another memorable experience. Beside their joint car ownership, Hank Adair and Mike had shared quarters and were devoted friends. When Hank was killed in June 1917 at Carrizal in the Punitive Expedition, the loss of his friendship remained with Mike forever. Mike had been chosen as aide-de-camp to General T. F. Davis and thus did not participate in this expedition. During this service he was graduated from the Mounted Service School and was stationed with troops along the Mexican border. It was in this duty along the border that Mike refreshed and continued to study Spanish, an interest maintained through the rest of his life.

During World War I he took a course at the School of Fire for Field Artillery, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, but after a siege in the hospital at Hot Springs, Arkansas, he was assigned as Military Attache in Central America from 1919 to 1921. The earthquake coupled with the revolution of Estrada Cabrera made 1920 a tumultuous year in Guatemala. Much of Mike's time was spent in traveling by pack train or up rivers to iso-

lated areas gathering helpful information. The next four years he was with the Organized Reserves in the 61st Cavalry Division in New York City, and was one of the active spirits in the Twentieth Reunion at West Point and kept things lively for everyone. For his higher education Mike was graduated from the Field Officers Course at Fort Riley, Kansas, and the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

In 1927 he was assigned to the 7th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division, and after an assignment of one year in the Office of the Chief of Cavalry, he was designated as a student officer at the Ecole de Guerre, Paris, France, for two years—followed by a three months detail with French troops. Upon his return to the United States he was assigned to the 13th Cavalry at Fort Riley, Kansas. During that assignment Mike was the moving spirit in securing the funds and in making arrangements for the dedication at Fort Riley of the tablet to honor his classmate, James Hoop Dickey, who died of wounds in World War I. Mike was retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in August 1933 for disability in line of duty.

Upon retirement, Mike was able to follow his life interests of music, the theatre, languages and the sea. He attended the New York School of Dramatic Arts and studied with the Pasadena Players. He renewed his violin playing, and studied French, German and Spanish. He was always a notable linguist. After some months in Europe in 1938 he went to Key West where he became a bicycle enthusiast and rode almost daily for the rest of his life. In Key West he met Margaret B. Lyons, whom he married on June 9, 1943.

Study at the University in Mexico City, Winters spent in Acapulco's tropical climate, trips to Central America, to Spain, England and Italy filled his days. The good friendships of these later years were the final manifestation of his special warmth and charm of personality.

The last three years of his life were overshadowed by severe illness. His classmates and friends in San Antonio were most helpful and kind. "he enjoyed the world he lived in while avoiding those of its activities which most violently outraged his natural feelings. He refused to be ambitious, to join in the sordid scuffle for place and power; he conducted his own personal relationships by a rigid standard of delicacy and honour."

—Margaret O'Donnell.

Richard Robert Somers

NO. 4538 CLASS OF 1907

DIED JANUARY 22, 1957, AT UNDERWOOD HOSPITAL, WOODBURY, NEW JERSEY, AGED 75 YEARS.

BRIGADIER GENERAL SOMERS was of Quaker descent, born in Mantua, New Jersey, of modest farm folk. His antecedents for many preceding generations had inhabited the southern New Jersey area. More enthusiastic about the value of education than the rigors of farming, he taught in grade schools near his home for two years following graduation from high school. He realized his intense desire for further education for himself in 1903, when he sought and received an appointment to West Point.

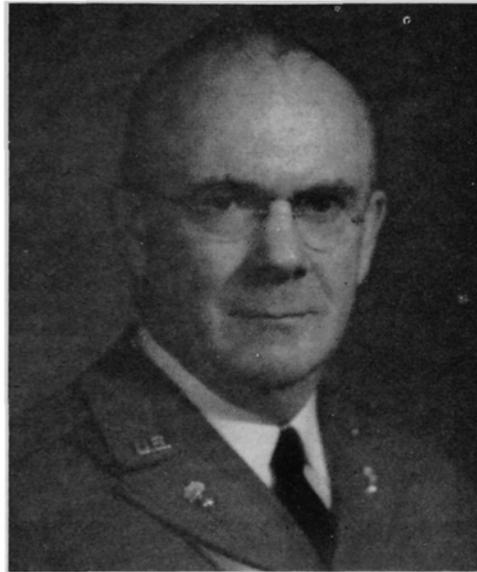
Graduating eighth in his class, he was married to Sara Edith Shute, also from southern New Jersey, on August 26, 1907. Their first post was at Fort Strong in Boston Harbor where he was assigned as a Second Lieutenant of Coast Artillery.

In 1909 he transferred to Ordnance, in

which he served throughout the rest of his Army career. Stationed initially at Sandy Hook Proving Ground, it was he who surveyed various possible sites for a much needed, larger proof facility and who made the recommendations which led to the adoption of Aberdeen Proving Ground for this purpose. He also served as assistant professor of Ordnance and Gunnery at West Point.

His good friend Colonel Leo A. Codd, writing in "Ordnance" for May-June 1957, summarizes the rest of his military career very nicely as follows: "When the Aberdeen Proving Ground was begun during the First World War he was one of the first officers of its staff and served as commandant of the Ordnance School there. Throughout his long active military service in the Ordnance Department he served as chief of the Artillery Division, Office of the Chief of Ordnance; Ordnance Officer of the Panama Canal Department; Commanding Officer of the Watervliet Arsenal; and chief of the Ordnance Technical Staff.

"General Somers also served as executive officer of the Army Industrial College following his graduation from that institution in 1924. He was graduate of the Ordnance



School of Technology and the Graduate School of Business Administration, Harvard University. He served also as assistant professor of military science and tactics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

"General Somers first came to the Ordnance Association in 1922 when the office of secretary-editor was filled by a Regular officer of the Ordnance Department on active duty. He returned again to the Association after his retirement from active service in 1942 and served the society and its publications until 1945. Thereafter, he became professor of Mathematics at Dartmouth College and at the University of New Hampshire. He retired to his native New Jersey in 1951.

"General Somers was a man of exceptional talent and industry. Throughout his career as an Ordnance officer he was known as one of the Department's best mathematicians, sharing honors with his co-workers, the late Major Generals William Crozier and William H. Tschappat, both of whom contributed to the Department's well-earned fame as a leading engineering and scientific organization.

"Although he filled many important Ordnance posts, probably none brought him greater pleasure and satisfaction than his part in the establishment of the Aberdeen Proving Ground and his service in the Army Industrial College. The former has merited the distinction of the world's best-known armament proving center and the latter, now

the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, is firmly established as an integral part of our military educational system at the highest level."

After his retirement to New Jersey, General Somers continued his active interest in mathematics, spending his last years in deep study of advanced forms of algebra and number theory. The afternoon of the day he died was spent in continuing his efforts to solve Fermat's Last Theorem, a problem which has puzzled mathematicians for many years.

In addition to his widow, who continues to reside in Pitman, New Jersey, General Somers is survived by four children and twelve grandchildren. During his last years, his greatest satisfaction was found in sharing with his wife a deep pride in the continuing growth of his children and grandchildren.

—O. H. S.

Albert Lawrence Loustalot

NO. 4667 CLASS OF 1908

DIED JANUARY 19, 1956 AT VETERANS ADMINISTRATION HOSPITAL, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, AGED 72 YEARS.

ALBERT LAWRENCE LOUSTALOT was born at Franklin, Louisiana on February 15, 1883. He was the fourth child in a family of seven children, six brothers, and one sister who died in infancy. His father, Vincent Loustalot, a native of Pau, France, came to the United States as a young man, settled in Louisiana and died in Franklin on January 21, 1928. Albert's mother, Eulalie Mequet Loustalot, born in Lafourche Parish, Louisiana, on December 16, 1852, died at Franklin on July 25, 1908. Four of his brothers; Joseph Edgar (1875-1936), Edward Vincent (1879-1938), Robert (1885-1955), and Thomas Eugene (1892-1954) lived and died in Franklin. The fifth brother, Louis Augustus Loustalot, born July 20, 1888, resides in Hammond, Louisiana.

Albert spent his boyhood in Franklin, where he attended St. Anthony's Catholic School and established an excellent record of scholarship and conduct. In August 1900, he won a scholarship at Louisiana State University awarded by St. Mary's Parish as a result of an examination which he passed with high honors. He attended the University nearly four years continuing the excellent record of his earlier youth. He received awards for scholarships and was proficient in athletics, including football and track events.

He left the University before his graduation to enter the U.S. Military Academy in June 1904.

The admirable scholastic career, begun in the grades and extended in college, was maintained at West Point, where Albert was one of the most loved and respected members of his class. He was notable for his delightful personality, his talents as a musical entertainer, and his athletic accomplishments, as well as for the diligence and intelligence which enabled him to stand in the upper part of his class throughout the four years at West Point.

His roommate there for three years and many other classmates, testify to the high qualities of character and comradeship that were his outstanding attributes. He met all requirements of the Academy with a good margin to spare. He established early at West Point and has held always a high place in the esteem and affections of his classmates and of the cadets of other classes, too. His popularity is attested by the many affectionate nicknames that were given him by his comrades—Looper, Loup, Lou and others, now almost forgotten.

His academic, military, athletic, and social activities were all highly creditable. In French he was outstanding. Although he did not speak or read French fluently when he entered West Point, his natural aptitude, special interest, and diligent application, combined to carry him to first place in the Class in that subject. He was undeniably an excellent cadet. It is an attainment of which any young man should be proud.

He graduated with his Class on February 14, 1908, number 26 in class standing in a class numbering 108. He was assigned by his own choice to the Coast Artillery, in which he served with credit and distinction in all the ordinary and many extraordinary assignments, through the grades from Second Lieutenant to Colonel, for 36 years.

His first duty assignment, also of his own choice, was to the 164th Company, Coast Artillery Corps, at Jackson Barracks, Louisiana, which gave him an opportunity to return to his native State and to renew the associations, friendships, and family ties of his boyhood days.

He was recalled to West Point as an instructor in French from 1910 to 1912. After that assignment he served as Company Officer and Company Commander in the 76th,



48th, and 123rd Companies at Forts Hancock, Jay and Hamilton in the vicinity of New York. During 1916 he attended the Coast Artillery School at Fort Monroe, Virginia, and in January 1917 he was transferred to the Pacific Coast where he served in the early months of that year, with the 8th Company at Fort Winfield Scott, and at Alcatraz.

In World War I, he served in France from July 1917 to November 1919. He became an outstanding specialist in the use of artillery in trench warfare and served with distinction as instructor in the Army Trench Mortar School, as Trench Artillery Officer of I Corps, as Adjutant of the 66th Field Artillery Brigade, and in command of 1st Battalion of the 56th Regiment, Coast Artillery Corps.

He was a member of the Inter-Allied Commission to the Baltic States in the latter part of 1919 and the early part of 1920, and then became military observer and Assistant Military Attache in Berlin until the end of 1922. During 1923 he was Military Attache to Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia and Finland.

Returning to the United States late in 1923, he attended the Coast Artillery School and graduated in 1924. In October 1924, he was assigned again to the harbor defenses of New York, serving with the 7th Coast Artillery until August 1927.

He attended the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, 1927-1928,

and after graduation served in important staff positions in the 9th Coast Artillery District and in the Ninth Corps Area at the Presidio of San Francisco until May 1932.

From July 1932 to October 1934, he commanded the 92nd Coast Artillery (Philippine Scouts) in the Harbor Defenses of Manila and Subic Bay.

Again at the Presidio of San Francisco, he was Executive Officer for Organized Reserves, Ninth Coast Artillery District, from November 1934 to February 1939.

In Hawaii from 1939 to 1941, he served in the Headquarters Staff of the Hawaiian Department.

He was Executive Officer and Inspector of Training at the Anti-aircraft Training Center, Camp Hulen, Texas, from July 1941 to February 1942.

After a brief assignment in the Military Intelligence Division, War Department General Staff, he became Military Attache at Habana, Cuba. He was retired for age on February 28, 1943, but was recalled to active duty immediately and remained in the same assignment until September of that year.

He was assigned to staff duty with the Air Transport Command at Miami, Florida, until the termination of his active military duty on April 2, 1944. That date marked the end of an honorable military career of forty years of loyal, faithful, and distinguished service in the United States Army.

Colonel Loustalot was awarded the World War I Victory Medal with Defensive Sector Clasp and four Battle Clasps for participation in the Champagne-Marne, the Aisne-Marne, the St. Mihiel, and the Meuse-Argonne Campaigns; the Army of Occupation of Germany medal; the American Campaign medal; the World War II Victory medal; and by the French Government, L'Etoile Noire. He held the degree of Bachelor of Science from the United States Military Academy, 1908. He was a Distinguished Graduate of the Coast Artillery School in 1919, a graduate of the Advanced Course, Coast Artillery School in 1924, and of the Command and General Staff School, U.S. Army, in 1928.

After his retirement Colonel Loustalot devoted himself to community and other public service in which his many unique talents and his diversified experience were most useful. He was associated with International House in New Orleans, contributing to the development of foreign trade and cultural relations between the United States and its Latin American neighbors. He was Executive Director of the New Orleans Chapter of the American Red Cross in 1946 and 1947.

He was married twice. His first marriage to Elsa Michaelis, who was born and reared in England, took place at St. Ludwig Church in Berlin, Germany, on April 26, 1926. She died in San Francisco on September 26, 1950. His second marriage to Marie-Aline Zatarain de Blanco, of an old and honored Louisiana family, was celebrated at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Slidell, Louisiana on January 11, 1956. His widow resides in Slidell.

This is an outline for the record of the chronicle of the exemplary life of a good soldier, a fine officer, a most devoted and generous son, brother, uncle, husband and friend. A near and beloved relative has contributed these verses by an unknown author:

"Here was a man whose heart was good,
Who walked with men and understood.
His was a voice that spoke to cheer,
And fell like music on the ear.

His was a smile men loved to see,
His was a hand that asked no fee
For friendliness and kindness done,
And now that he has journeyed on,
His is a fame that never ends
And leaves behind uncounted friends."

-G. E. E. & L. L. P.

James Rowland Hill

NO. 4806 CLASS OF 1909

DIED MARCH 26, 1957, AT EL PASO, TEXAS,
AGED 73 YEARS.

JOHN MILTON once said, "I call a complete and generous education that which fits a man to perform justly, skillfully, and magnanimously all the offices, both private and public, of peace and war."

This quotation surely fits the life of Colonel Hill, for in addition to his regular army duties he was most interested in the field of education, both for himself and others. Fortunately, during his army career he was able to pursue that interest and talent. After his graduation from West Point in 1909, one of his first stations was at Texas A & M and he was Commandant of Cadets there. Several of his students grew to take their places in performing "all the offices, both private and public, of peace and war," and he was rewarded by seeing them reach the highest degree of performance. Colonel Hill's son, James H. Hill, also graduated from Texas A & M. Several years later



Colonel Hill again was able to work with the education of young people, when he was Commandant of Cadets at Dayton University, Dayton, Ohio, and Miami Military Institute, Miami, Ohio. During these years he was gaining a more complete education for himself and he attended the various service schools. In the latter part of his military career he transferred into the Quartermaster Corps and became interested in the motor transportation branch of that Corps. He became commandant of the Motor Transport School at Holabird Quartermaster Depot, Baltimore, Maryland. His last official act there was the arrangement of an United States Army Motor Exposition, which gave the surrounding area a chance to inspect the plant and equipment of the depot. Also during his tenure of duty in Maryland he was Chairman of the Baltimore branch of the Society of Automotive Engineers. He was appointed by the Governor of Maryland on a Commission to revise the motor vehicle laws of that state.

His retirement in 1942 gave Colonel Hill an opportunity to further his own education, so he attended Texas Western College in El Paso, Texas, and he was awarded an M.A. degree in History. He was then asked to become a professor of history of that college but ill health prevented him from doing this. Colonel Hill died at William Beaumont Hospital on March 25, 1957.

Written by his daughter,
Aileen H. Mettee.

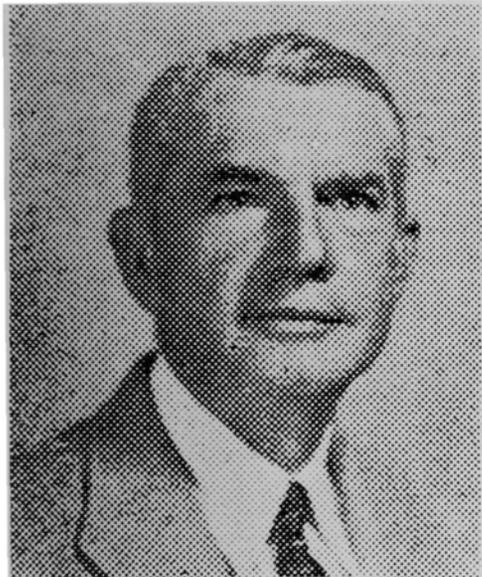
Louis Brenneck Orrell

EX-CADET OF 1910

DIED NOVEMBER 24, 1956, AT WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA, AGED 68 YEARS.

LOUIS BRENECK ORRELL was born in Wilmington, North Carolina, on December 5, 1887. He was the youngest son of Robert Cowan Orrell who was the only son of James B. Orrell of Wilmington. Louis's mother was the former Virginia Barden of Sampson County near Clinton. She had one brother who was the father of Graham A. Barden, present member of Congress from North Carolina.

Louis entered the United States Military Academy upon graduation from the High School in Wilmington. After leaving West Point he was affiliated with the Murchison National Bank of Wilmington until 1915, when he took his family to France. There he became associated with the Cotton Exporting Company of Alexander Sprunt and Son, with head offices in Wilmington and branches



throughout Europe.

In 1920, Louis, with his brother Thomas R. Orrell, founded the cotton importing firm "Societe Cotonniere Franco-Americaine", which remained active until 1934, when the brothers returned to the United States and opened the cotton merchant and exporting firm of Orrell Brothers in Houston, Texas. This company was in operation from 1934 until 1938.

During the 20 years Louis lived in France his quiet dignity, charm of manner, and keen sense of humor earned him many friends, not only among the Anglo-American colony but among the French people as well. He had the kind of forthrightness, the level gaze and uncompromising integrity which makes and keeps friends. He was not only respected but truly loved by those who knew him.

Louis was an outstanding amateur golfer and his fine sportsmanship and even disposition made him one of the very popular members of the European golfing fraternity. He was one of the founders of "Le Golf du Havre", was a member of the Rouen, Etrepat and St. Germain golf clubs and was a frequent player of the various championship courses in Paris. He played regularly in amateur and open championships and was a winner of many tournaments.

During World War I Louis was in touch with many of his West Point classmates in France and was always glad to give any assistance of which he might be capable. On

his return to America he remained in touch with many of his friends from Academy days and attended several class reunions at West Point and Fort Bragg.

Louis was married to the former Bessie Sears of Norfolk, Virginia. They have one daughter, Mrs. Ruff De Vane, and one granddaughter, Orrell Parker.

While in Texas he made many friends and was prominent in the social life of Houston and a popular member of the golfing set.

In 1938 he brought his family back to Wilmington where he spent the later years of his life developing his real estate holdings in North Carolina.

Louis and his brother Thomas jointly owned a large area of ocean and river front property, including the site of the battle of Fort Fisher, situated at the mouth of the Cape Fear River near Wilmington.

The brothers were active in promoting area beaches, and Louis was the first president of the Southeastern North Carolina Beach Association.

During the second World War, he served as a volunteer on the ration board, giving his entire working day. He was active in many civic affairs, was a member of the Rotary Club, the Cape Fear Country Club, Cape Fear Town Club, L'ariosa Club, Surf Club, and Carolina Yacht Club.

His interest in golf continued until the onset of his last illness. He was the Cape Fear Club champion on three occasions and was one of the active promoters of the P.G.A. Tournament in Wilmington, held during the Azalea Festival each Spring.

He was also a past president of the Southern Seniors and a member of the U.S. Seniors Golf Association.

In private life, Louis was a devoted husband and a deeply-loved father and grandfather whose example and influence will remain strong and lasting.

Judging by the hundreds of letters received by his family, his death was a great personal loss to many from all walks of life, who loved, respected and admired him. Truly it can be said, "He was a great Gentleman".

—T. O.

John Arner Robenson

NO. 4921 CLASS OF 1910

DIED DECEMBER 21, 1956, AT LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA, AGED 69 YEARS.

OUR "Robbie" has passed away. It is hard to think of him yielding even to the Grim Reaper.

Retiring in 1947 for disability, he and his lovely charming Isabel made a home at Los Altos. She was Isabel Smith of Topeka, Kansas. They were married before "Robbie" joined the Seventh Cavalry in the Philippines in 1914. Their one child, Abigail, is the wife of Colonel Vincent L. Boylan, Armor of the Class of 1939. Isabel never really recovered from a serious automobile accident, and died in 1949.

Robbie was a true Cavalryman and spent his entire career in that arm, except for a short detail in the Field Artillery during World War I. He graduated from the Command and General Staff School in 1923 and from the Army War College in 1925, being one of the first of 1910 to take the latter course. Robbie literally rode the Mexican Border from Second Lieutenant to Colonel, his last troop duty being in command of the 12th Cavalry in Texas in 1939 and 1940.

When contemporaries recall "Cadet Days" they are bound to reflect on some of the colorful characters of 1910, among whom were Robbie and some of his closest friends —

Harry Chamberlain, "Nellie" Thornell, "Rim" Polk, Dan Pullen, Lawson Moore, and Rex Cocroft. At bull sessions of those and later days in the service, his friends and acquaintances will tell and re-tell anecdotes of his hell-raising and pranks. They often came to the attention of the "powers-that-be". Robbie's wit was matchless in variety and penetration. His speech bristled with pointed simile and metaphor. He was as salty as the half-broken cayuses he rode, but beneath a hard-boiled exterior was a heart of gold and a willingness to share his all with one in need.

Pearl Harbor found Robbie on a transport, somewhere West of Honolulu, headed for the Philippines and General Wainwright's command. But December seventh changed the course of the ship and early in January 1942, Robbie landed at Darwin, Australia and took command of the Service Forces there. Then began a real saga of the South Pacific, with our John Arner in the leading role.

The War Department had set up a project to send blockade runners through to Corregidor and Bataan. Robbie's directive from Washington, received by him on January 19th was: (paraphrasing)



"You and six other Officers will proceed by air to Java. Officers will be of Junior grade, athletic, resourceful and of sound judgment. MacArthur reports food situation on Corregidor and Bataan becoming serious. States blockade is light and may be easily run by bold action. Imperative that you organize comprehensive efforts to run the blockade. Only indomitable determination and pertinacity will succeed and success must be ours. Risks will be great. Rewards must be proportionate."

Ten million dollars was placed at Robbie's disposal to be used in his sole discretion. The next long month is the subject of a two-installment article in the November and December issues of COSMOPOLITAN, 1945, by Bogart Rogers, entitled, "Help for the Heroes of Bataan." The story is an epic and well worth reading.

Robbie's job was to find, outfit and load small surface craft with rations; ammunition, quinine and antiseptics and to dispatch them through the Jap-infested seas to our beleaguered forces in the Philippines. He hoped to dig up fifteen or twenty ships and with this in mind, set off for Soerabaja, Java, with his small hand-picked staff. But surface craft were hard to find, let alone commission, outfit, and load. It was a period of cajoling, wangling and negotiating, not only with our own forces and services in that area but also with our British and Dutch Allies. It was a month of frustration

—hope alternating with despair. One who knew Robbie can picture the hell he went through, thwarted on almost every hand, and one can almost hear his picturesque invective in those interminable conferences. He may not always have won his point, but his listeners, regardless of who they were, knew what he meant and what he wanted.

Initially, two small coasters were loaded and dispatched; one was bombed and sunk, the other so badly battered that its cargo was a complete loss. Finally, a third ship was started out through the Java Sea but was probably caught in the maelstrom in which Admiral Doorman's little Allied Fleet was destroyed by a Jap armada, late in February, as it never reached its destination. At this point, Robbie was ordered back to Australia. He barely managed to escape capture.

Robbie's big heart was in this job. He knew the necessity for getting vital supplies to MacArthur and Wainwright, and he toiled at it unremittingly as long as he was in that part of the War Theatre. Small wonder, when one knows the conditions under which he strove, that he should develop ulcers, which eventually would kill him. His valiant efforts won him the Distinguished Service Medal.

Surviving him, in addition to his daughter, Mrs. Vincent L. Boylan, Maxwell Air Base, Alabama, are his sister, Floyd, Mrs. Frederick M. Barrows, of Washington, D. C., widow of Colonel F. M. Barrows, F.A., and his wife Marguerite, Box 582, Los Altos, California. The latter was the widow of Lieutenant Colonel Roscoe S. Parker, Cavalry. The Robensons and the Parkers had seen considerable service together in the Cavalry Division. Robbie's mother, Mrs. James Rowley, of El Paso, well-known in the service as "Muddie" to many of Robbie's friends, passed away on her Texas ranch in the mid-forties.

Robbie's ashes and those of Isabel rest in the National Cemetery at the Presidio of San Francisco. —E. J. Dawler, 1910.

guerite Louise, were born of that marriage. The son, graduated in the Class of 1939 at West Point, entered the Air Force. He was lost on an air mission in the vicinity of Arras, France, August 12, 1944, leaving his widow and a daughter, Lou Ellen, now 13, both living in Austin, Texas. Marguerite Louise married Lester M. Schwark in St. Petersburg, Florida, in 1952. They are living in that city with two sons, Lester M. Jr., four, and John Thomas, three.

Shortly after the outbreak of World War I when a number of cavalry regiments were converted into field artillery, Jack transferred to the Field Artillery, hoping for service overseas. But while he held various commands in that arm, he did not get overseas, the Armistice finding his regiment still in the United States. During the period between World Wars I and II, he served two tours as PMS&T and attended the Field Artillery School, the Command and General Staff School and the Army War College. During this time, he also served a tour in the Office of the Chief of Field Artillery.



At the beginning of World War II, Jack was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General and assigned to command the Field Artillery Training Center at Camp Roberts, California, and later to command the 73d Field Artillery Brigade at Camp Sutton, North Carolina. In July of 1942 he was assigned to duty with the Air Force, with which he served until the end of the war.

From October of 1946 until his retirement in August 1948 Jack was a member of the Officers Interview Board at Bolling Field, and of the Army Personnel Records Board in the Pentagon. After his retirement he settled in Jacksonville, Florida, where he passed away on September 15, 1952.

On February 26, 1948, not long before his retirement, he was married in Washington, D. C., to Elenora DeJarnette Faison. The Christian twins, William Edmund and Virginia Stuart, were born on August 6, 1949. A younger son, born August 11, 1952, was also named after his father, but was called Thomas Jonathan Jackson Christian II to distinguish him from his half-brother who was lost in France. Mrs. Christian and the children are now living in 1922 Lakewood Cir South in Jacksonville. In May of 1957 she and the three children travelled to New York to be thrilled by the unveiling in the Hall of Fame of a bust of Jack's grandfather, "Stonewall" Jackson.

Throughout his service Jack was the recipient of numerous commendations, testifying to his generous and unselfish attitude and his whole hearted cooperation under varied and difficult conditions. He was a

gallant gentleman in every sense of the word, always cheerful, and invariably kind, thoughtful and considerate of others. We who were privileged to know Jack Christian loved him.

"Cheerful as the morn he wakes from short repose,
Breathes the keen air, and carols as he goes."

—Wilfrid M. Blunt.

Leo Gerald Heffernan

NO. 5016 CLASS OF 1911

DIED FEBRUARY 9, 1956, AT LOS ANGELES,
CALIFORNIA, AGED 66 YEARS.

ON April 12, 1889, in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, came into the world Leo Gerald Heffernan, the ninth of ten children born to Andrew Humphrey and Mary Connole Heffernan, who began their married life in 1868. Thus, Heffie early began a militant life, disciplined and schooled by three older brothers, one twenty years his senior, and by five older sisters. It is significant that in this representative family, with the father in the County Commissioner's Office, and older brothers—lawyer, postmaster, banker, journalist, Leo and his younger brother espoused the military, the latter being a captain in World War I.

From the beginning of his career at the Military Academy in 1907, the Irish wit and exuberance that persisted throughout Leo's life ameliorated the serious aspects of cadet life and endeared him to a host of friends; but, despite various "excursions and alarms" during his West Point days, he was graduated on June 13, 1911, and assigned to the Cavalry, to begin years of faithful service to his Country.

His first military service was with the Fifth Cavalry in Hawaii, followed by duty in Arizona. Like his other venturesome classmates and pioneers in aviation, Dargue, Jones, B. Q., Kilner, Rader and Richards, he later transferred to the Signal Corps, and, in 1916, became the 14th officer in its Aviation Section to be awarded military wings. He knew and went through those early rough years of aviation work; and he counted among his friends such giants of that early air age as Jimmie Doolittle, William Mitchell, Clare Chennault and others. During the memorable Punitive Expedition, in 1916, into Mexico in pursuit of the notorious Francisco Villa, Leo was a pilot with the 1st Aero Squadron and served as an aide to the Expedition commander, General Pershing.

Later, he organized the ground personnel for various aviation squadrons for World War I, and, after duty at various new air stations, including command at Kelly Field in Texas, went to France. There, among other assignments, he served as Corps Air Service Commander for the 9th Corps at St. Mihiel, and with Air Service Headquarters, 2d Army.

After returning from France, he commanded the 1920 patrol on the Mexican Border and in 1922 organized the Third Attack Group at Kelly Field. From 1922 to 1925, he was Air Officer of the 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Bliss, Texas. Then, in 1926, when the Air Service became the Air Corps, he was ordered to and was graduated from the new Air Corps Tactical School, and the Army Command and General Staff School. From 1927 to 1933, he held various posts, including the command of Chanute Field in Illinois and France Field in the Canal Zone, the duty as Air Officer of the Panama Canal Department, and as executive officer at Langley Field in Virginia.

In Las Cruces, New Mexico, on February 11, 1921, he was married to Jane Hamilton

Thomas J. Jackson Christian

NO. 5009 CLASS OF 1911

DIED SEPTEMBER 15, 1952, AT JACKSONVILLE,
FLORIDA, AGED 64 YEARS.

JACK CHRISTIAN was born in California on August 29, 1888 but spent his youth in Richmond, Virginia. A grandson of Thomas Jonathan "Stonewall" Jackson of the Class of 1846 at West Point and of Civil War War fame, he followed the steps of his illustrious forebear and entered the Military Academy in June of 1907 and was graduated with the Class of 1911.

Although almost always in the "goats", Jack nevertheless participated in a wide variety of activities, including football, baseball, wrestling, track, polo, poetry and attention to the fair sex. His gallantry and charm, combined with a gay and sunny disposition, endeared him to everyone with whom he came into contact. His poetic talents early gained him cadet fame as the Poet Scout. His was a kindly soul, he was never known to disparage others, and his strongest profanity was "Well, confound it!"

After his assignment on graduation to the 7th Cavalry, he served a three-year tour in the Philippines, on the conclusion of which he served on the Mexican border until detailed as PMS&T at the Colorado State Agricultural College in January of 1917.

While assigned to the Philippines, he returned to the States on leave to be married, on January 8, 1914, to Bertha Cook in San Rafael, California. A son, Thomas Jonathan Jackson Christian, Jr., and a daughter Mar-

Davis. Their one child, Elizabeth Jane, is the wife of Colonel James W. King of the Air Force and had given her proud father four granddaughters.

Leo Heffernan's career in aviation covered the early days of fragile wood and canvas airplanes, capable of speeds of 35 miles per hour, to the advanced types of aircraft being produced in the early nineteen thirties. Yet, he was noted as a flight commander who never lost a plane or a man; as the first Army aviator to take a flight of airplanes over water, from Langley Field to the Panama Canal, non-stop; and as the first to attain a speed of 250 miles per hour. That record was made in 1923, when Major Heffernan was piloting a DH-4B between Nogales, New Mexico, and Fort Bliss.

Unfortunately, his active and strenuous life resulted in his retirement because of physical disability in September 1933, at the comparatively early age of 44. During his years of retirement, living in Los Angeles, he acted in an advisory capacity with several aircraft companies, and engaged in other activities, until his great heart gave out on February 9, 1956. Then, after 67 eventful years, our brave Classmate was returned

of science, civil engineering and mathematics enabled him to master the academic requirements of his Alma Mater and to graduate about the middle of his class. This record is even better than it would appear when it is remembered that only about one-half graduated of those who at one time or another were members of the Class of 1911. His interests embraced a wide field including, in addition to his real artistic ability, history, biography and the classics. He was also a Greek scholar. From childhood he was a skilled chess player.

His active duty career included rifle competitions both as a marksman and as an offi-



Basil Duke Edwards

NO. 5050 CLASS OF 1912

DIED JANUARY 7, 1957, AT HIS HOME IN BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY, AGED 69 YEARS.

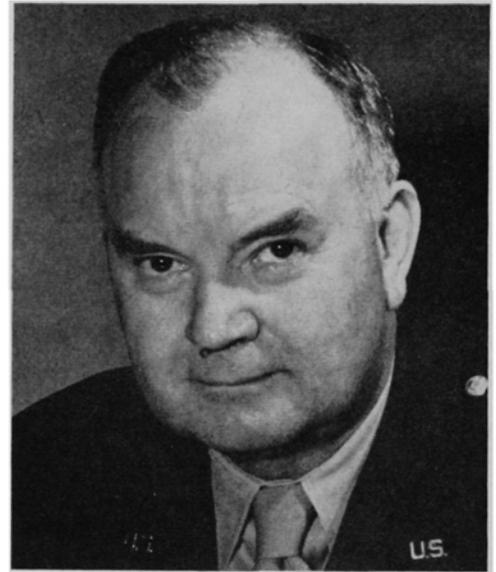
BASIL DUKE EDWARDS was born September 20, 1887, in Powder Mills, Kentucky.

He came up through the local schools and entered West Point through the East Sallyport on March 2, 1908.

He brought that happy smile and infectious laugh from his podunk in Kentucky and carried it not only through West Point but through his years in the Army and his later years on retired status, but actually a farmer.

His captivating personality automatically caused him to be known as "Duke," his middle name—meaning the prince, the man above par. He was so known by his friends and acquaintances throughout his life.

Major General Thomas T. Barry, the "Supe" when 1912 graduated, said, "This is



cial at National Rifle Matches. Tours with the Civilian Training Camps, Reserve Officer Training Corps, Organized Reserves and the Civilian Conservation Corps; and foreign service in China, Japan, and Hawaii fell to his lot. Before entering West Point he attended Iowa State A & M and Lake Forest University. At the Military Academy he earned the degree of Bachelor of Science. Later he graduated from The Infantry School, the Command and General Staff School, and was placed on the General Staff Eligible List.

After his retirement in 1940 he took up the hobby of model railroading. He reproduced the Harpers Ferry station and scenery, the Detroit terminal and surroundings at one end and the Washington terminal at the other. The scenery for all of this he made by using his skill with the brush.

He was called back for active duty in December 1942, but his physical condition at the time prevented him from accomplishing what he so greatly desired—to serve his country in its time of need. His illness was diagnosed as hypertensive cardio-vascular disease which was followed in 1946 by a cerebral hemorrhage with resulting paralysis. After a magnificent fight of eight years he passed away at Walter Reed Army Hospital July 19, 1954 at the age of sixty-eight. Burial was at Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia.

He is survived by a brother, his wife, Edith Palmer Hicks, a daughter, two sons, and three grandchildren. The family continues to reside at 332 Magnolia Avenue, Frederick, Maryland where he settled after retirement.

Always good natured, cheerful, and with a personality of great good humor, his companionship and steady devotion to the best traditions of the United States Military Academy and the Regular Army of the United States has endeared him to his family, the undersigned, his classmates and friends both in the service and in the civilian circles of which he was a member.

—B. C. Lockwood, Jr.

to his Pennsylvania homeland, to rest in St. Mary's, in Hanover Township.

Our Hefie was beloved as a gallant, loyal and happy-natured man, who truly lived the words of his "Alma Mater":

"Let Duty be well performed,
Honor be e'er untarn'd"

—H. F. N., 1911.

George Richmond Hicks

NO. 4968 CLASS OF 1911

DIED JULY 19, 1954, AT WASHINGTON, D. C., AGED 68 YEARS.

ON June 15, 1907, there arrived at the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York a young man by the name of George Richmond Hicks from the State of Iowa. Born August 24, 1885, in Sioux City, Iowa, he had, upon reporting for duty, developed into a clean-cut pleasant personality, and was almost twenty-two years of age. He thus embarked upon a military career that was to run for thirty-three years of active commissioned service.

Possessed of a naturally quiet but happy disposition, he also had a keen sense of humor and an outstanding ability to translate it into clever cartoons and sketches depicting the otherwise not overly humorous life of a cadet in those days.

His well-trained mind with its background

the best class that has ever graduated from West Point." So we of 1912 say that Duke was one of the best that we had in our class.

He stood well in his studies at the Military Academy, without fuss or feathers. He became a Corporal and later a Cadet Lieutenant without bootlicking.

One of his truly outstanding accomplishments was his Fourth of July speech in 1911. It definitely marked him as a great orator and a candidate for the profession of law.

Upon graduation he joined the 30th Infantry in Alaska. In 1914, he entered the Harvard Law School and received Bachelor of Law degree in 1916.

At the beginning of World War I, he was an instructor in law at West Point. However, he went to France with the 5th Division. Later he served at GHQ, AEF and as G-3 First Division. Returning to the USA in March 1919, he served briefly with the War Department General Staff.

His service for the next ten years was briefly as follows: PMS&T, Emory University; A.C. of S-G-3, Headquarters Fourth Corps Area; Organized Reserves, Fourth Corps Area; Graduate (1925), Command and General Staff School; Office JAG, Washington, D. C.; Instructor, Command and General Staff School; Student Army War College (1929).

His next important assignments were as PMS&T, University of Michigan; Executive Officer to Assistant Secretary of War (1933-1937); PMS&T, University of Michigan

1937-1941); Executive Officer to the Undersecretary of War (1941-1944).

While a student at Harvard Law School Duke met a most charming and gracious person—Elizabeth C. Beale. They were married on March 31, 1917.

Due to coronary thrombosis, he retired in October 1944 and went to Bowling Green, Kentucky, to manage and operate his 600 acre farm, a life he loved.

After retirement the Edwards family spent the Summer months at Mrs Edwards' old home on Cape Cod; there Duke really enjoyed life. His 12 grandchildren, as a token of affection and esteem called him "Big Paw," a title which Duke considered the greatest compliment he had ever received.

Duke is survived by his widow, who continues to live in Bowling Green, Kentucky; 12 grandchildren, and the following children: Basil Duke, Jr., a banker in Barnstable, Massachusetts; Joseph H. B., lawyer, Dover, Massachusetts; James King, lawyer; Thomas Day; Betsy Newton (Mrs. John T. Clarke), Highlands, Massachusetts; Sally Littlejohn (Mrs. Wm. G. Reuter, Jr.), Manchester, Massachusetts.

Ike Spalding reports an interesting reminiscence of Duke: "At Graduation time some rubber company from Boston sold raincoats to the Class of 1912; the prices were \$10.50 and \$4.90. Most of the class bought the \$10.50s, two the \$4.90s. Duke came to my room, saw the cheap \$4.90 job, kidded me and offered to make me a substantial bet that it would leak under a shower. I found out later that he was the other sucker who had bought the cheap job—this was his way of having clean fun out of a deal on which he had been stuck."

Duke wished to be buried in the Military Cemetery at West Point, where he had made so many friends and lived so many happy days.

So it was on January 14, 1957. Pall bearers were Crittenberger, Maxwell, Gatchel, Dick and Snow.

Personality, conviviality, joviality, super-efficiency—that was my friend and classmate, Duke Edwards.

May his soul rest in Peace.

—Robert M. Littlejohn.

Colon Eloy Alfaro

EX-CADET OF 1913

DIED APRIL 12, 1957, IN PANAMA,
AGED 65 YEARS.

WHEN the members of the Class of 1913 began to know each other in March 1909, we found among us a most spirited citizen of Ecuador, named Colon Alfaro. He delighted us with his Hispano-American stories and charmed us with his sunny disposition and delightfully unique sense of humor. Because of these characteristics, he also became the target of the 1909 Beast Barracks Detail as well as of the members of 1912, just turned Yearling. The ministrations of these upper classmen were received with uniformly good grace and by original and unusual answers to their many questions. Although he did not remain to graduate, he nevertheless remained at West Point long enough to leave his mark and to be remembered by all of us with marked affection during the succeeding years of his distinguished service to Latin America and to the United States.

Born into one of the most distinguished families in South America, Colon attained his early education in the schools of his native Ecuador. Just prior to his entering West Point, he attended the Colegio Nacional in Guayaquil. His mother, who died in 1917, was Ana Parades (y Arosemena). His

father, President of Ecuador at the time of Colon's entrance into West Point, was General Eloy Alfaro (y Delgado), a great soldier and liberal statesman who was called "El Viejo Luchador" (The Old Warrior.) He devoted his life to establishing a liberal ideology in the political life of Ecuador. He achieved many reforms such as a gold-backed currency, opened government positions to women, gave them the suffrage, abolished Indian servitude, revised the legal and other codes and built the first railroads. In his reforms he incurred enmities which resulted in his assassination in 1912. He was a victim of his dedication to the elimination of injustice and tyranny and to the promotion of honest government.

From his illustrious father, our Classmate Colon inherited a high sense of honor, justice and dedication to public service. From West Point, he went to Europe where he studied at the German Cavalry School, after which he served as an officer in the 16th Hussars. With his German Army training completed, he returned to Ecuador to continue the practice of the military profession. Among the assignments in his native country, he commanded the "Yaguachi" Cavalry Regiment, was Adjutant to the Ministry of



War and was Professor of Military Tactics at the national military academy at Quito. Subsequently, he served tours as Military Attaché in London and Brussels.

Following his return to the Western Hemisphere, he began a life of diplomatic service to his country that showed versatility seldom equalled by any statesman. Successively, he served as Consul General, Chargé d'Affaires and Minister of Ecuador in Panama. Next came a series of assignments as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from Ecuador to Mexico, Cuba, Colombia, Guatemala, Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama. During this time, he found time also to serve as delegate to various Latin-American Congresses and Conferences.

In 1933 there began a period of diplomatic service for which he is best known by Americans in general and by his Classmates in particular. In that year he became Minister of Ecuador to the United States in which position he was raised to Ambassadorial rank in 1936. In those two capacities he served continuously until 1944 when he retired from the Diplomatic Service and moved to Panama to make his home. While so serving from 1933 to 1944, Colon also was representative of Ecuador on the Governing Board of the Pan American Union and on many Inter-Allied Councils. During his tenure as Ambassador, his wise counsel was much in demand by the State, War and Navy Departments with whom he worked

closely and who gave great weight to his opinions. In recognition of this valued service to the United States, he was awarded The Medal of Freedom with Silver Palm. The list of his honors from many other countries is so long as to preclude its inclusion in this brief history of his dedicated life.

When Colon settled in Panama following completion of his most distinguished diplomatic career of more than 40 years, he set up an Export-Import firm called *Compañia Alfaro, S. A.*, as a means of establishing his three sons in business. The venture prospered to the extent that he was able to turn its management over gradually to the sons and in recent years he became only "The Elder Statesman" advisor of the concern. These three sons of Colon and his charming wife, the former Blanca Puig (Arosemena) were all graduated from West Point. Eloy, born in 1917, and Jaime Eduardo, born in 1918, were graduated together in the Class of 1939 while Olmedo, born in 1921, was graduated in the Class of 1942.

Many people and the Army and Navy especially will remember Colon Alfari best for one generous deed. This was the presentation of a "mulita", called Pancho, to the Corps of Cadets in 1936. This symbol of Army football has been the Corps mascot ever since and is widely known, as the counterpart of the Navy goat, wherever the Army plays football.

Although Colon had been ill since early 1956 and had undergone two serious operations, he had partially regained his health when on April 12, 1957, a thrombosis caused his untimely death. His love for West Point and all it stands for was surpassed by that of no one. He aspired to do worthwhile things and he must have had his compensation and satisfaction in his outstanding accomplishments. He was a true son of West Point and it can truly be said of him, "Well Done." Each of us in the Class of 1913 grieves at his passing and all of us send our affectionate best wishes and sincere sympathy to the members of his family with whom we share his great loss.

—H. B. Lewis,
F. K. Newcomer.

Ralph Irvine Sasse

NO. 5529 CLASS OF 1916

DIED OCTOBER 15, 1954, AT REHOBOTH BEACH,
DELAWARE, AGED 65 YEARS.

RALPH IRVINE SASSE was first, last, and always a soldier's soldier. He was one of those people of which in this age of mechanization and standardization so few remain, a striking personality, completely individual. Had he lived in an earlier era he could easily have been the Beau Sabreur, rivalling the exploits of that great southern cavalry leader J. E. B. Stuart. He was one whom once you had met you would never forget.

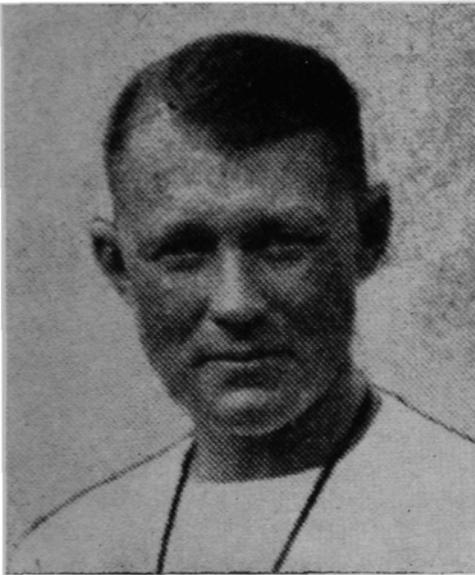
Born in Wilmington, Delaware in July 1889, he joined the Class of 1916 during its Yearling Camp. To that class he gave everything he had. Scholastically he was one of those fortunates who could maintain a safe position about the middle of the class without too much effort, and to Ralph a military education was broader than mere striving for tenths. Immediately on joining 1916 he made his presence felt in the class activities, color lines, Camp Illumination and Hundredth Night; in all these he was a moving spirit.

It was in the field of sports, however, that he found outlet for his boundless energy—football, hockey, basketball and polo. Here he displayed those qualities which later were to make him one of the most colorful characters and coaches in the sports world of his generation. A knee injury

early in his football career prevented him from getting his "A" but he was faithful in his attendance at practice. He was in those days, in the punishing work on the second team, not only contributing to the success of the Varsity but also acquiring and storing up a wealth of football knowledge so valuable to him in his later coaching days.

On graduation in 1916, Ralph joined the Cavalry. He probably was influenced by the fact that at that time it was the Cavalry that was patrolling the Border and many regiments were deep in Mexico with the Punitive Expedition. It was active field service and that was what he wanted. His disappointment must have been keen when his first orders took him to a squadron stationed at Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont. Next year his opportunity came with the outbreak of World War I. He sailed for France with the Headquarters troop of the 1st Division in June 1917.

It was not long before it was apparent that the place of Cavalry in the war of position then existing would be far different from the combat service of Sheridan's day. Again opportunity came to him and he was



sent to England for tank training, returning to France later to command the 301st Heavy Tank Battalion then operating in the British Sector of the Western Front. It was while in this assignment that Ralph received his first decoration for gallantry, the British Distinguished Service Order. His citation reads that, reconnoitering with his radio-equipped tank close behind the line, he found the British infantry hard pressed in a small village. After radioing for reinforcements he left his tank and entering the village assisted in repelling a counter-attack. He located two German guns and his getting their positions back to the British artillery enabled them to be destroyed. He displayed remarkable gallantry, energy, initiative and devotion to duty.

After the Armistice Ralph remained with the Army of Occupation for a short period, then in the spring of 1919 he returned to the United States with his tank battalion. In the period between then and 1923 Ralph took the course at the Cavalry School at Fort Riley and later graduated as a Distinguished Graduate from the Command and General Staff College at Leavenworth. Next he returned to West Point on the academic staff in the Drawing Department. There he served one year as instructor and four years as Assistant Professor.

It was during this period that Ralph's activity in the field of football was renewed, leading to his being recalled in 1928 and 1929 to act as an assistant coach after his academic detail had expired. In January

1930 he took over from Biff Jones as Head Coach of the Army Team, which position he held until 1933. When he took over he told the Corps, "I promise you fireworks" and fireworks it was. His three-year record stands: 25 games won, 5 lost and 2 tied.

After leaving the Point, Sasse went to the Army War College, one of the first of his West Point Class to get this assignment. In 1934 he graduated and in 1935 was detailed as P.M.S.&T. at the University of Mississippi where the University immediately appointed him Head Coach of the football team. The team had not been spectacular up to the time Sasse took over. During his years of coaching "Ole Miss" he won 18 games, lost 8 and tied 2. In his first years he brought them north and beat the Army. Leaving Mississippi in 1938 he returned to duty with the Cavalry until 1940 when he retired.

Following his retirement he became Assistant to the President and Athletics Director of Pennsylvania Military Academy. In 1942 Sasse again sought active service and was recalled to duty at the Tank Replacement Center at Fort Knox, Kentucky where he remained throughout the war. He returned to retirement in 1946 and established a boys' camp on Rehoboth Bay between Lewes and Rehoboth, Delaware. This was a life that Sasse thoroughly enjoyed, outdoor athletic training for youngsters. It was during this period, however, that he lost his first wife, Katherine Ringold Nichols, whom he had married in 1920. In October 1949 Ralph married again, Ella A. Robertson of Fort Smith, Arkansas, with whom he lived for the remainder of his life at the home he had built in Rehoboth.

For some time, even prior to his retirement, Sasse's health had been failing and in 1951 he underwent a serious operation at Walter Reed Army Hospital, from which he appeared to make a good recovery. Early in 1954, however his health began to deteriorate rapidly, requiring him to give up his activity and sell his boys' camp. On October 15, 1954, Ralph passed away at his home at Rehoboth Beach.

While for the country as a whole the life of Ralph Sasse will undoubtedly be remembered for the outstanding record he built up in the football coaching field we, his classmates, know that despite whatever fame he gained in other fields he was first and always a soldier, a combat soldier, and one of the best. And this opinion is not limited to his classmates. In discussing Ralph Sasse with a brother officer during World War II, General George Patton remarked that he "would rather have Sasse serving under him or he, in turn, would rather serve under Sasse than any other officer in the Army". A higher tribute than that could hardly be paid to a combat officer. We, his classmates, however, will always remember him best as the generous, forthright, loyal friend that he was, always ready to do his part for West Point and the Class of 1916. It was with that in mind that we followed him to his last resting place in the hills of Arlington that October afternoon in 1954.

Willard Merrill Hall

NO. 5787 CLASS OF AUGUST 1917

DIED APRIL 9, 1953, AT WINTER PARK, FLORIDA, AGED 57 YEARS.

THE subject of this obituary was the son of an Army doctor who died in Manila when Willard was four years old. Of his father Willard had no recollection. His mother settled at Princeton, New Jersey, in 1903; and in that town he spent almost his entire time prior to entering West Point. Owing to a friendship between his older sister and

the younger daughter of the then President, he had the opportunity during the winter of 1913-14 of seeing a good deal of Washington society at a somewhat tender age. The experience did not seem to disqualify him for his subsequent service in the Mexican and Venezuelan oil fields.

His career as a cadet was not particularly distinguished but he made a lot of friends. He formed a lifelong and very intimate friendship with his roommate Walker G. White, who died in 1956. When Willard graduated he was assigned to the 58th Artillery and went abroad in command of a battery of that regiment. His battalion commander was Thomas A. Terry, '08, who was in command at Governors Island during the Second World War. Captain Hall and Major Terry always had the most pleasant recollections of that service together. Among the battery commanders in that battalion was John C. Hawkins, who also died in 1953.

When the war ended and the regular officers of the battalion were pulled out to remain in France until all the temporary officers had been repatriated, Willard was assigned to duty with prisoners of war. Although he spoke not a word of German, he



seems to have been quite popular with his strange command. Certainly the Provost Marshals, who were by this time more or less pro-German, spoke highly of his service. He returned to this country when the prisoners went back to Germany.

After brief service in this country, Willard resigned (December 17, 1920) and almost immediately entered the service of an oil company in Tampico, Mexico. He was stationed in or near Tampico for many years. He was hired as a rig builder but he finished his Mexican service as Assistant General Manager. It was there that he met Mildred Sidwell, to whom he was married in 1927. He learned to speak Spanish fluently. This writer has heard him speak many times of his Mexican experiences. While no one would expect a Standard Oil man who had gone through the period of confiscation to speak with pleasure of those experiences, Willard always seemed to appreciate that the Mexicans had a case. At any rate, after the Second World War, when he had the rank in the company required to affect its policies, he always got along very well with the upper class Venezuelans and with the native workmen.

Because of his interest in labor relations he was moved from Mexico to Venezuela just eighteen months before the Mexican expropriation. He was assigned as a specialist in industrial relations and stationed in Maracaibo. In that constantly hot climate, Willard developed his theories on Latin-American relations. He always said that by

Carefully selecting his men and training them under competent Spanish-speaking instructors, he could develop skilled laborers in South America who were the equals of the average American artisans in six months. It was the willingness of the American oil interests to do just that which produced the good feeling between the Venezuelan authorities and the companies. This good feeling has been a welcome feature of the South American scene in recent times.

After some years in Maracaibo, Willard was transferred to Caracas, but he had hardly got there when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. Willard immediately volunteered his services; and on December 28, 1942, he was commissioned a Major in the Coast Artillery (his old arm). After attendance at a number of short service schools, he wound up in an anti-aircraft regiment stationed near Bayonne, New Jersey. It was while he was being re-educated, at 46 years of age, that he made the acquaintance of Orlando, Florida, and its adjacent satellite town, Winter Park.

In the early winter of 1944, it became evident that Majors of 47 years of age would not be sent abroad. The Standard Oil Company, about this time, was called on to release a rather important man to the government and asked for Willard as a replacement. Willard refused to ask for relief but he agreed not to oppose it, and in about a week he was back in civilian clothing at Rockefeller Center. Here he had the first premonition of the cardio-vascular ailment of which he was destined to die, and the Standard Oil medical authorities recommended that he consider going back to the tropics. An excellent post in his old stamping ground, Caracas, was offered him in 1946, as a member of the Management Committee in Charge of Industrial and Public Relations, Medical and Legal departments. He shortly became the Number Three man for the Standard Oil subsidiary (Creole), was made a director, and was "tapped" for *Who's Who in America*. Here he was able to put all his theories of Latin-American labor relations into effect. Willard was one of the authors of the industry's 50-50 profit sharing principle which was later to have world prominence.

To the surprise of his associates he insisted on retiring when he qualified for a pension (55 years of age, 30 years in the tropics) and built a charming home in Winter Park where he settled down in 1951. The Company continued to employ him as a consultant from time to time. He and his family made many friends including members of the Rollins College community and a number of fellow graduates of West Point. Life was very pleasant and he was never bored or annoyed because he was no longer a big shot; he preferred golf in the afternoon. In the midst of this almost idyllic life there was a recurrence of his cardio-vascular trouble, and, after a brief illness, he passed away. He is survived by his widow and three children.

—C. L. Hall, '08.

Hans Kramer

NO. 5897 CLASS OF JUNE 1918

DIED FEBRUARY 16, 1957, AT LETTERMAN ARMY HOSPITAL, PRESIDIO OF SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, AGED 62 YEARS.

On February 16, 1957, Hans Kramer, as he would have said, "ran out of ammunition" at Letterman General Hospital. Two days later he was buried in the Golden Gate National Cemetery.

Born in Germany on December 12, 1894, he came to America at an early age; and, henceforth, American he was to the core.

After a brief period at the University of Michigan, he graduated from West Point in June 1918 near the top of his class as an officer in the Corps of Engineers.

Early in his career he won a Freeman Scholarship which enabled him to earn a Doctorate of Engineering at the Technical University of Dresden. His thesis is still a valued engineering paper. In 1935, still a Captain, he was placed in charge of the great Conchas Dam project in New Mexico and, on its completion, the design and construction of the Third Locks Project of the Panama Canal.

In September 1942, Hans, now a brigadier general, took over engineering activities in Hawaii which included not only post Pearl Harbor construction but also the building of a great military base for the war in the Pacific. For this, he received the Legion of Merit. This was only a beginning for Hans had his health held up. However, it was here he found that he was suffering from cancer and that he would have to undergo a major operation which would not restore full physical vigor. Those of us who visited him immediately after the operation could see the suffering which he had to undergo, but never did we hear a word of complaint.



Thus, Hans had to retire from the Army he loved so well. This man who had never thought of physical discomfort readjusted his life to a self-discipline which would allow him a few hours of work each day. He did not remain idle for a day but, under conditions which would have caused most of us to quit in despair, led an active life and constantly increased his already well-established reputation as an engineer.

As consultant to Sverdrup & Parcel, he maintained an active office in San Francisco. He served as consultant for the high dams in the Missouri River Valley. In 1945, he was selected by President Truman to represent the United States in negotiations between Colorado and Kansas over the disposition of the waters of the Arkansas River, and later to serve as ex-officio member and chairman of the Arkansas River Compact Administration. Other major tasks were: Board on the Isthmian Canal studies, Board to the State on Salt Water Intrusion in the San Francisco Bay area, and consultant to the State of California on flood control.

These engineering achievements, imposing as they are, do not indicate the full size of the man. His ROTC students of some thirty-five years ago, civilians and soldiers who served with him at Conchas Dam, in Panama, in Hawaii, wrote to express their gratitude for the increased purpose which he had given to them. A few extracts from

some of these letters show what they thought:

The Adjutant General, "He served with distinction"; the Chief of Engineers, "His career exemplified the high tradition of the Corps"; a 19-year old girl, "There was cheer and good will wherever he was"; General Tyler, "He was a great and good man"; Herbert Vogel, "All of us are richer for having known him"; William Leavitt of the Arkansas River Compact, "None of us has any heart to continue . . . with the General no longer at the head of the table."

In spite of the suffering which was his for twelve years, Hans was fortunate to have found a happy way of life. His first marriage did not provide the ties he wanted. When he married Alice in 1939, he really found the home life which he sought so eagerly. Alice lived and laughed with him, and their devotion to young Hans was evident to all. With Alice as a constant companion, his home became a castle in which each day he could gather his strength to move out into the world and to meet with his fellow man with no concessions to his own physical problems. Theirs was a rare partnership in which one sought to hide his suffering and the other to make each moment memorable without outwardly recognizing the ever present danger.

To his classmates and old Army associates there is a special loss. We learned very early that the brusque exterior covered a warm and sentimental interior, that the sardonic humor which became almost a trademark was but the outer coat to hide the emotions of an extraordinarily sensitive and lovable man. We can never forget Hans coaching at third base, exhorting the Army team to victory, as a classic example of the will to win. In his zest for victory, defeat was only a temporary interlude in progress to ultimate success. Always, to be with him was to be mentally alert because his was a mind which lived to challenge and grow.

Alice and young Hans live at 462 Nevada Avenue, San Mateo, California. They can never fill the void created by his loss, nor can we who were his friends. They have the memories of happy years, the feel of his warm devotion, and pride in his many accomplishments. So, too, we who knew him have the memories of his warm friendship. No reunion can ever be the same without his booming voice to welcome each new arrival, to participate joyfully in all activities. There is no one among us who became young officers together of whom it can be said by all the rest, as it can of Hans, "He was our friend."

—Lucius D. Clay,
James H. Stratton.

John Edward McCarthy

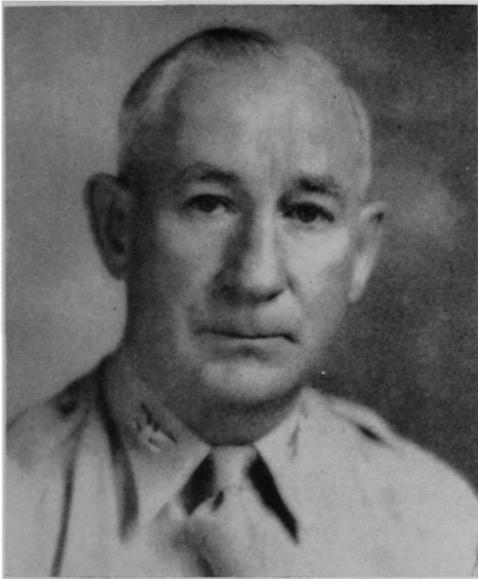
NO. 6350 CLASS OF 1919

DIED OCTOBER 18, 1956, AT FORT BENNING, GEORGIA, AGED 61 YEARS.

It is doubtful that any member of his West Point class was more popular or more highly esteemed by his classmates than was John McCarthy. In a group distinguished by an exceptional number of general officers, McCarthy never wore stars, never served in combat, and in the peacetime Army he had but few of the honors that came to his more illustrious contemporaries yet he will be warmly remembered in the hearts of his friends long after many VIP's in his class have been forgotten.

John Edward McCarthy, known to his classmates as "Nell", from some long-forgotten kaydet incident, was born of pioneer parents on the family homestead near Kal-

ispell, Montana, in 1895. He received his early education in the public schools of Kalispell and immediately following his graduation from high school enlisted in the infantry of the Montana National Guard, then under orders for service on the Mexican Border. He served with his company as a private and noncommissioned officer during the mobilization of 1916 and 1917 and in the Spring of 1917 was commissioned Second Lieutenant of Infantry in the Montana regiment. Shortly thereafter he received his appointment to the Military Academy. While awaiting the results of his entrance examinations he appeared before a Board of Officers for appointment to the Regular Army but before the decision of the Board was announced he decided to accept the Military Academy appointment. He came then to West Point as a relatively mature young man with two years of Border service behind him; and as one of the older members of his class, he was, during his cadet days, when the routine of the Military Academy was disrupted by the early graduation of four World War I classes, a stabilizing influence upon the younger members of the Corps of Cadets.



At West Point John was a cadet officer and won his "A" as catcher on the baseball team. He won his numerals in basketball; and at a time when, because of the rather low standard of instruction in rifle marksmanship, it was a distinction for a cadet to qualify on the target range, he was rated a Marksman. Without too much effort he was graduated in the upper half of his class and was assigned to the branch of his choice, the Infantry.

No one enjoyed or profited more by the class' tour of the World War I battlefields following graduation than did McCarthy. He was an avid student of history and a lover of the fine arts, and much that was passed with slight interest by many of the class was of vital interest to him; and of considerable value to him in his later tours as an instructor at West Point.

At Camp Benning, where the class inaugurated the present Infantry Center, McCarthy was outstanding as a student officer. On graduation from the Infantry School he was assigned to the 19th Infantry but was shortly returned to Benning for duty with the 29th Infantry, the demonstration regiment of The Infantry School. It was during this duty, while a member of the post baseball team, that he received the injuries that resulted in his retirement in the midst of World War II.

In 1922, in company with several others of his class, McCarthy attended Columbia University in preparation for a tour as an instructor at the Military Academy. He

served at West Point in the Departments of English and History for three years, and in 1926 joined the 31st Infantry in Manila. He lived at the Army and Navy Club during two years in the Philippines and was a leader in the activities of the genial group of service bachelors who made the club their home during those happy days. His Philippine service and his Navy friends gave McCarthy the opportunity that he welcomed to travel through a great part of the Far East. On various trips he visited the China Coast, Japan, Korea, Indo-China and the Malay States. On the expiration of his foreign service he was assigned to the 18th Infantry at Fort Hamilton, New York, and remained in the New York area, maintaining a bachelor apartment in Greenwich Village until 1932, when he went to Hawaii. A second detail to study at Columbia University followed his Hawaiian service and in 1937 McCarthy returned to West Point for four years in the Department of English. He completed that detail as the mobilization for World War II was getting under way.

For one whose entire life since graduation from high school in Montana had been pointed to commanding infantry units in combat McCarthy's service in World War II was a tragic disappointment. For many years the injuries received on the baseball diamond had become increasingly disabling and as a result he was prevented from service overseas. After a series of important training posts in Infantry centers McCarthy was retired for physical disability in August 1944. He was placed on active duty the day following his retirement and served with distinction during the remainder of the war as Chief of the Infantry Branch, G-1 Section, of the General Staff at the Headquarters Army Ground Forces. He was returned to the retired list in the Spring of 1946.

Following his second retirement McCarthy was Professor of History at Georgia Military Academy, College Park, Georgia, for seven years, and at Gordon Military College, Barnesville, Georgia, for three years. Although suffering extremely from a mortal illness, he remained at the latter post until he was forced to enter the hospital at Fort Benning, where he died on October 18, 1956. He was buried by his classmates in the Fort Benning Cemetery two days later.

McCarthy married Nell Baldwin of Talbotton, Georgia, in Talbotton on June 25, 1935. Nell McCarthy took over John's classes at Barnesville after his death and carried on his work as he would have wished. They had no children of their own but none of the hundreds of young men that McCarthy taught at West Point and in Georgia will ever forget him. For he was an inspiring teacher, both in the classroom and with troops. He had a sincere devotion to the subjects that he taught, and he could make almost any cadet, even the Goats, to whom he devoted much of his time at West Point, see the beauty of English poetry. He would quote at length from the classic poets; but no one had a more complete fund of the Old Army Songs than he. He was a most convivial soul and an asset to any party. His knowledge of history was exceptional and he brought life to his history classes with his fund of little-known anecdotes about historical personages.

John McCarthy will be missed; for there are too few people in the world like him. He loved West Point and the good things of life; and everyone loved him. It is doubtful that he had an enemy in the world, or that he ever did anything petty. If physical misfortune kept him from enjoying the honors that his innate abilities should have insured him, that was, as he used to say, "the way the ball bounced." Farewell, gallant soldier and classmate.

—C. V. A.

Kenneth Francis Pughe

NO. 6878 CLASS OF 1922

DIED DECEMBER 2, 1956, AGED 57 YEARS.

I did not know Ken when he was a cadet but I knew him as a staunch friend here in Coral Gables, Florida, for something over two years prior to the time of his death on December 2, 1956.

Ken was born in Cassville, New York, on August 19, 1899. He entered the Military Academy in November 1918 and was graduated in June 1922. He served in the European Theatre as a member of the 89th Division. He was retired in 1947 and moved, with his wife and son Kenneth, Jr., to Coral Gables. He then entered the University of Miami and received his LLB degree in 1951. He was in Law practice from that time until his untimely death in December 1956.

It was in the Coral Gables Congregational Church that I met Ken and his wife, Polly. Ken was very active in the Church, serving



for many years as a Deacon and as Senior Deacon. He was a member of many committees and was one of the most faithful and valuable members of the Church. Polly, too, was a devoted church worker. Polly and Ken were ideally suited to each other and each adored the other. Polly was happy, gay and loved life. Ken was very quiet and serious but when you got to know him, you found him to be solid and one on whom you could depend at any time and under any circumstances.

Ken and Polly lived in a lovely apartment here in the Gables for about eight years. They were both admired and liked for their qualities. Ken, as a student in the University of Miami, demonstrated—as was to be expected—that he was serious, hardworking and extremely conscientious. Ken was a cultured man. He read widely. He loved opera. And, he was a devout Christian.

In later years Ken's health was not too good. In addition, Ken was struck by two blows from which I believe he never recovered. The first was the death of his mother to whom he was particularly devoted. This occurred on July 12, 1955. The second, and perhaps more tragic, was the death of Polly in whom for him the sun rose and set. Polly passed away on April 26, 1956 and from that time Ken seemed to withdraw into himself and to take little interest in the passing world.

But let me cite the opinions of others as they concern Ken. His landlord, who knew

Ken very well, said that Ken was very prompt and meticulous in everything which he did; he was a good neighbor—what more can one say? Whenever the landlord was called out of town Ken took over and assumed all of the duties. They never had an unpleasant word during the eight years that Ken lived there.

Ken's associate in law practice said that Ken's integrity and moral character were unexcelled; that he was completely dependable; he had no personal conceit, no inflated ego; he was alert and thorough in everything which he had to do; he was highly respected and admired for his qualities as a graduate of the United States Military Academy and as a gentleman.

The Church to which he was so devoted and the community in which he was so sincerely interested have lost an ardent supporter and I have lost a good and firm friend. All of us who knew Ken will long remember him and the solid virtues which he represented.

He is survived by his son, Kenneth Francis Pughe, Jr., whose address is: St. Mary's Monastery, 328 Washington Avenue, Dunkirk, New York, and by his brother, Gerald G. Pughe of Snowden Hill Road, New Hartford, New York.

—W. W. Jenna,
Colonel, Infantry, Retired.

Robert Bernard Beattie

NO. 8407 CLASS OF 1928

DIED FEBRUARY 15, 1957, AT WINTER VETERANS HOSPITAL, TOPEKA, KANSAS, AGED 52 YEARS.

BOB BEATTIE liked people; and, consequently, everyone liked him. He will always be remembered by his West Point classmates as the little man with the flying fists and a big smile. Bob was an athlete and a boxer, easily winning his matches on points. He appeared to enjoy his bouts as much as the spectators, and disconcerted his opponents by laughing at their inability to retaliate. His foot work was also conspicuous at Cullum Hall, where he obtained more knockouts with white gloves than he did in the boxing ring. Life could not be very serious, especially his last year in "I" Co. with characters like Kelly, Finnegan, Wilson, Johnston, Saunders, Wetherill and Murtha. Consequently he graduated in 1928 around the middle of his class, but no one enjoyed the Point more than Bob.

Bob married Gertrude Sheetz in 1930, and they went to Schofield Barracks the next year. Bob spent a year on duty at Kilauea Rest Camp. Those were the days when recreation funds were scarce and such facilities were the products of scrounging by second lieutenants. Bob left a monument of a complete facility at no expense to the Government. A tour of duty with the CCC in the summer of 1933 was another challenge requiring skill and a sense of humor.

The early war years of 1941 and 1943 found Bob in Alaska and the Aleutians with the 4th Infantry Regiment. In succession, he was located at Fort Richardson, Adak and Shemya. He had been at Chilkoot Barracks in 1936 and 1938.

He had attended the Infantry School and Tank School in 1933 and 1934, returned to Benning in 1943 for the Advanced Course, and went to Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth in 1944. Later, he was with the 75th Division and was retired in 1945 for physical disability.

During most of his service, he coached a boxing or wrestling team. He organized

the first Golden Gloves tournament, and was the first A.A.U. representative in Alaska.

After retirement, Bob's main interest was the educational system as pertaining to the elementary and secondary schools in Kansas. He enrolled in the Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia, Kansas, in February, 1949, and was awarded Bachelor of Education and Master of Education degrees in 1950. He was Principal and Superintendent of Schools in Kansas Elementary and Secondary schools for a few years.

His heart had been overworked during his military service, and it was contrary to all his principles either to slow down or coast. He gave up his school work rather than continue without his customary aggressiveness and speed. Bob was a first-time loser at the Winter Veterans Hospital, Topeka, Kansas, on February 15, 1957. He had reached fifty-two years of age the previous September.

A daughter, Sidney, is a commercial artist; and a son, Brian, is now in the Marine Corps, but will later attend college. Bob's wife, Gertrude, lives at 1943 Gage Blvd., Topeka, Kansas.



Throughout his life, Bob was motivated by the motto, "Duty, Honor, Country". His contribution to the physical and mental welfare of thousands of young people will be his lasting monument.

Ralph Nisley Woods

NO. 8674 CLASS OF 1929

DIED DECEMBER 20, 1956, AT WALTER REED ARMY HOSPITAL, WASHINGTON, D. C., AGED 53 YEARS.

RALPH was born to Wilbur and Jennie Woods in Dorrance, Kansas, 54 years ago. His parents later moved to Gering, Nebraska, where he attended the public schools, graduating from high school in 1920. During the next four years he attended the University of Nebraska and worked on a Survey team. In the summer of 1924, he received an appointment to the Military Academy through the Nebraska National Guard in which he had been active.

Though he was older than most men in his class, he entered the plebe class with enthusiasm; going out for football, track and other sports—even tried out for the choir but was "detected" before the first trip. Some may remember Norm Webb made that "first" trip.

One great disappointment during Ralph's years at the Point was when he was found

Yearling June; but not one to be easily discouraged, he prepped with Doc Silverman and re-entered in January 1927. He decided he had had enough of scrub football and spent those extra hours browsing through the old and rare books at the library and talking with Mr. Mayer about the Chapel organ. One of his ambitions was to contribute some stops to the organ; but upon inquiry regarding this as a memorial to Ralph, it was learned the organ is now complete.

Somehow he acquired the nickname of "Daddy," which he always attributed to first classman Rinaldo VanBrunt, that first year; but it is suspected it was given him because of his mature attitude and concern for his associates. This affectionate name followed him throughout his army career.

Upon graduation he joined the 29th Infantry at Fort Benning, Georgia. He had various assignments in the next several years: the Signal School, Hawaii, Fort Sill, and four years at West Point in the Drawing Department. In 1940 he joined the 22nd Infantry at Fort McClellan, Alabama; later moving to Benning as a part of the 4th Division. In the fall of 1941 he was ordered to the 65th Infantry in Puerto Rico. He spent 34 months with this regiment, with three months respite to take the short course at Leavenworth.

In June 1944, he was assigned to the 363rd Infantry of the 91st Division just as it was going into combat in Italy. During the next ten months he was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, and the Italian Military Valor Cross. His battalion was the first American troops to occupy Trieste.

As the European War ended he was made Chief of Staff of the 91st Division which began staging for the move to the Pacific theatre. However, as the war with Japan ended, it was decided to deactivate the division. Ralph stayed on as the Chief at Camp Rucker, Alabama, until the last man was mustered out or transferred; and then he moved to the west coast: first, at Fort Ord and Camp Beale and on to the Presidio of San Francisco for three years; a short tour at rown Military Academy and Fort Lewis Washington.

He then went to Fort Benning where he organized and commanded the Combat Training Command. When he was ordered overseas in 1952 he had hopes of going to Korea but spent three years in Japan with the Central Command and the Military Advisory Group. In 1955 he went to Comm Z headquarters in Orleans, France and later to Frankfurt, Germany where he was the commander of the Frankfurt Sub-Area Command and later Deputy Commander of the Northern Area Command under Major General Rinaldo VanBrunt.

On October 29, 1956 Ralph was ordered to command the Headquarters Area Command in Heidelberg and on November 24, he suffered a heart attack after a football game, just as the championship award was being given to the Black Knights of the Northern Area Command. He finished introducing General Hodes and walked off the field to his car. He said the only thing he could think of was "to get off this field; don't go down here." He was rushed to the 130th station hospital, remaining conscious throughout. He even remarked to the doctor in the ambulance he had to be at a reception that evening. Though the doctors said he could not live he did seem to improve with the constant medical care, the prayers of his hosts of friends, and his own great strength and desire to live. Only once did he say he wasn't sure he could make it. On December 18, it was decided to move him to Walter Reed for a necessary heart operation. He did not regain consciousness after the oper-

tion. He was laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery along Custis Walk across from the Todd Lincoln Memorial.

Ralph's esteem may be best illustrated by the many tributes received by his wife, Grace, following his death:

... "There are many many things that can be said about Colonel Woods but to those of us who served with him during the tough days of World War II he will always be a living strength, a symbol at the top of the list of all other men. But for him, many of us would not have made it out in those hectic days. In all my experiences dealing with people, I have never known another man like Ralph Woods."

... "Your husband was as near a fearless man as any I have ever known and I used to marvel at it."

... "He was that rare type officer who was quiet, sincere and loyal, and who produced superior results without benefit of fanfare, display of false pride or unnecessary harshness. Whenever I faced adversity, either professionally or personally, somehow my thoughts, guidance, and inspiration were found in his example; the way he lived and



the accomplishments he so quietly made. This guidance will continue throughout my life."

... "Ralph was a very important part of our life. I think there is no doubt that he had a stronger influence on me than anyone else in my adult life with the exception of my wife."

... "Ralph was one of the finest men I have ever known and I am proud to have called him my friend. He had a tolerance of the human race and an ability to accept the rough spots that very few people ever have."

I, Grace Johnson Woods, also from Nebraska, met Ralph on foundation furlough in December 1926. We became engaged in 1928 and were married in December 1929. During the many years I knew him I believe he lived this prayer each day of his life:

*"Grant me, O Lord, this day to see the need this world may have of me
To play the friend unto the end;
To bear my burden and to keep my courage, though the way be steep.
Grant me, O Lord, to set aside the petty things of selfish pride;
To toil without too much doubt;
To meet what comes of good or ill and be a gracious neighbor still."*

—Edgar A. Guest.
—His wife, Grace.

Philip Robert Hawes

NO. 11202 CLASS OF 1938

DIED OCTOBER 1, 1956, IN AN AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT NEAR MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, ALABAMA, AGED 43 YEARS.

OUR sorrow at Phil's death has been tempered by the many times we have heard him reject sorrow as a way of life. He simply did not believe in it. There was one way of life for him and that was "now and tomorrow." His faith was very deep. Sorrow to Phil was taking refuge in the past; to do so was a waste of our limited time here on earth where we have a mission to accomplish. He steadfastly refused to look back.

As a New Cadet, Phil entered the Military Academy a mature person. Some people live to be one hundred years old and don't accomplish ten per cent of what God intended them to do. Because of Phil's maturity, his sound and clear thinking, in his 50 per cent of what should have been his life's span, he fulfilled his mission.

The above makes Phil sound like a stuffy individual, which he emphatically was not. Having years ago squared himself away emotionally, he was able to be as gay, as extroverted, as outgoing as anyone we know. Stories are legion of his quips, his practical jokes, his ability to make light of serious situations. In a tight spot, he was never one to moan and beat his breast. He did what needed to be done, did it efficiently and well, and did not look back.

A California boy, Phil entered the Military Academy through the West Point Prep School at Fort Winfield Scott. His year as a G.I. was memorable for many things, not the least of which was his ability to fit into any group at the level at which he found himself. Peeling potatoes on K.P. in the morning, and dancing with the Colonel's daughter at the Club at night were both taken in stride. Finding the best place in San Francisco for a bowl of 15c clam chowder, hitch-hiking to Los Angeles to visit his family, taking off with others on a big weekend in Yosemite; all situations he met with complete aplomb.

Certain people are leaders, others are followers. Phil was a leader in the truest sense of the word. As one of his West Point room mates wrote, "Phil was the 'Dad' of the room, let there be no mistake about it. Yet, in four years of intimate daily contact, there was never one harsh word or jarring note. His position as leader he earned, and we were glad to place and keep him there."

As a Cadet, Phil distinguished himself as a gymnast, taking an Eastern Intercollegiate championship his Second Class year. Perfectly co-ordinated and in top physical condition, he went to Randolph Field and completed flying training in 1939. Service at various air bases in the States before and during World War II was climaxed with duty as C.O. of the 461st Bomb Group, 15th Air Force in Italy.

It was shortly after World War II that Phil became interested in Russia; and he attended Army Language School in Monterey, California, to study the Russian language in preparation for a tour of duty as the Air Attaché in Moscow. A back injury and surgery while at Monterey delayed his departure for Russia and his next duty was in the Pentagon in a highly sensitive position. Eventually, after assorted mishaps, the family left for Europe where the three children stayed in Switzerland and Phil and Jean spent 19 months in Moscow. The tour in Russia was one of the high points in his career. During the worst of the restrictive life under the Stalin regime, Phil managed to do a demanding job well, keep from being sent off to Siberia, and one letter he wrote

to some of us is a classic which has perhaps circled the globe and was last heard from in Alaska. Somehow he managed the light touch even when he represented our government at Stalin's funeral in the absence of the Ambassador and First Secretary.

Upon his return from Moscow Phil was a student at the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks in Pennsylvania. There they were able to resume normal living, and Phil spent more time, not only as a family man, but at his hobbies of skeet, golf, fishing, squash and writing.

His next assignment was at Maxwell Air Force Base. Versatility is a pre-supposed attribute of service people, but occasionally a man is found for a job and a job is found for a man and both fit together perfectly. Such was Phil's last duty before he died. As Deputy for Academic Instruction at the Air War College, he was in a position of great responsibility, and one in which his many talents were brought to full fruition. He always liked every job he was given to do, but the Air War College work he loved.

Returning as a passenger on a flight to the West Coast in a T-33 in October 1956, unusual weather difficulties prevented a safe



landing, and in bailing out of the aircraft both Phil and the pilot lost their lives. Phil's widow, the former Jean Hermes of Nanuet, New York, and their three children, Philip R., 16, Ann Adele, 14, and Howard H., 11, are living at 2852 Northampton Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. His mother, Mrs. Estelle Hawes lives in Arcadia, California.

General Nathan F. Twining, Chief of Staff, United States Air Force, wrote shortly after Phil's death: "... Officially, his record was excellent. Personally he could be relied upon to accomplish each assignment successfully, and he was highly regarded for his capacity and willingness to assume responsibilities. He was the type of officer we can ill afford to lose. You may indeed be proud of his performance of duty in the Air Force. . ."

He was an officer the Armed Forces could ill afford to lose and a friend who was irreplaceable.

—Haynes.

Henry Nathan Blanchard, Jr.

NO. 12333 CLASS OF 1941

KILLED IN ACTION JUNE 17, 1944 NEAR BRICQUEBEC, FRANCE, AGED 26 YEARS.

HENRY NATHAN BLANCHARD, JR. was a good man. He was quiet and gentle when quietness and gentleness were needed. However,

he could be firm, determined and resolute when these qualities were required. His sustaining and infectious courage inspired those who knew him and well reflected all the great qualities of the United States Military Academy. His family and friends are rightly proud of Henry's outstanding representation of his God and country both at home and abroad.

Henry was born in Mobile, Alabama, September 18, 1917, the son of Chaplain and Mrs. Henry N. Blanchard, the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Wells of Hanover, Indiana, and Mrs. Carrie L. Blanchard of Greensboro, North Carolina. Henry, age ten months, and his mother went to Hanover, Indiana for the duration when his father sailed for duty with A.E.F. in France. As an "army brat" Henry lived in many parts of the country.

His first years of school were at Chicamauga, Georgia, near Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, and Chattanooga, Tennessee. From there he was transferred to Lieliehua School, Wahiawa, T. H. It was there his sense of racial tolerance began to develop. After three years he enrolled in the Graded School of Carlisle, Pennsylvania and graduated six years later from the Carlisle High School. He served as class president, member of the chorus, Dramatic Club, French Club, Debating Society and was awarded the American Legion Medal for scholastic standing and best all around boy for his class.

At Carlisle he developed his talent for debating, being the captain of the team when it represented the Carlisle High School in the Southeastern Pennsylvania Forensic League.

After his high school graduation in 1935 Henry entered the C.M.T.C. at Fort Meade, Maryland. Not being eligible for promotion to Corporal, because it was his first year, Henry showed his capacity and ability for leadership by being selected and serving during the period of training as "acting sergeant". Having to leave C.M.T.C. two days before the camp closed to go to New York to sail for Hawaii lost for him an award for which he was chosen.

He entered the University of Hawaii, in Honolulu, as a freshman. Again, not being eligible because of his first year in R.O.T.C., he asked to be allowed to take the examination for corporal and was so appointed as a result of his ability and the high grade he attained.

Since Henry grew up "standing retreat" and was always rightly proud of his father's service, the Army became his first love. Although West Point had been in his mind for years, he did not decide to try for entrance until talking with many of the West Point graduates whom he met in Hawaii. However before the end of his year at the University of Hawaii he decided to enlist in the Signal Company at Schofield Barracks for the West Point Preparatory School, Schofield Barracks, T. H. After his West Point competitive examination, he asked to be transferred to Signal Company so that he could have the benefit of training while awaiting the results of the examination.

Having passed with flying colors, on June 1, 1937, Henry sailed from Honolulu for San Francisco, where he was discharged at Fort McDowell, to proceed to West Point. His continuing interest in stamp collecting and photography, well remembered by his classmates and friends was exemplified by his traveling cross-country in a day coach, eating apples and candy bars, saving money to spend on his hobbies.

Henry loved West Point and was happy there. This as well as his love and devotion for his father and mother is reflected in the weekly detailed letters that he wrote his parents.

At West Point, as elsewhere, Henry's well-rounded abilities were proven. He won his

numerals in soccer and was a member of the choir. In addition to his duties as a cadet officer, he carried on his hobbies with radio and photography. He was a member of the Camera Club and was an outstanding member of the debating team.

Some cadets have doubts about the branch of the service that they desire, but not Henry. He early realized that electronics was a great and competitive field and the only place he wanted was to be at the top. Accordingly, from the beginning Henry wanted the Signal Corps for his army career.

After graduation upon reporting to the 9th Signal Co., 9th Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, Henry was sent the following day to Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, to the Signal Corps School for a course in radio. In November 1941 he graduated and rejoined the 9th Division in time for a part of the Carolina maneuvers. In middle of December he was on his way to the Quartermaster Motor Transport School at Detroit, Michigan.

On his return for duty at Fort Bragg he was detailed to organize a radio school and teach a class. When the class completed the course he was transferred to Supply Dept.



and given the job of helping to equip the 9th Division for overseas duty. He was made "acting Company Commander" and took the 9th Signal Company to North Africa to join the Commander and men who had landed with the first invasion group. They arrived at Casablanca on Christmas Eve 1942.

While in Africa, Henry was made Company Commander of the 9th Signal Company. Henry's name was in the paper with several of his men with a picture of Easter Services 1943 near Mateur, North Africa. Henry was deeply religious and was always a friend of the Chaplain. While in his early teens on a visit to his grandmother, he joined the First Baptist Church, Greensboro, North Carolina. Being in a foreign land did not make him neglect his religious obligations. His last letter home, before sailing for France from England, contained a check for \$50.00 to the First Baptist Church Building Fund.

After the fall of Bizerte, Henry and his Company went to Sicily and took part in the capture of Randazzo. December brought them to England, and it was a happy group that billeted in historic old Winchester. It was doubly happy for Henry, for it was here that he met Mrs. Violet Joan Margaret Russell, a major in the M.T.C., a British Women's Volunteer Service, whose husband, Lieutenant Commander Russell, had been killed on the deck of his ship the day it was sunk in the Pacific.

On Easter Monday, April 10, 1944, Henry and Joan were married in an old 12th century parish church. Her parents had a reception at their home for several of the officers and a few friends, including Major General Manton S. Eddy. Their brief honeymoon was spent at Bournemouth.

The day of his marriage Henry was made Assistant Division Signal Officer and Acting Division Signal Officer of the 9th Division, a duty he held until the day the division sailed for France. Also on April 10, 1944, his promotion to Major was recommended and approved. It was due to become effective July 10th.

June 17, 1944, the day the 9th Division closed the Cherbourg Peninsula and reached Barnesville, four jeep loads on reconnaissance near Bricquebec, France, were caught in German cross-fire. Henry was in one of those jeeps. It was there that he stood his last "Retreat" and joined the "long gray line" in the sky. He was awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star.

The son he never saw, Henry N. Blanchard III, was born in Winchester, England, on February 2, 1945, and is being brought up in the English countryside by his mother and stepfather, Kenneth Goodall, Jr., Esq., a gentleman farmer near Andover. This son stands high in his grades and is classed as "brilliant" by the Headmaster of the Marsh Court Boarding School for boys, near Andover, England. Henry's son's godparents are Lieutenant General Manton S. Eddy, U.S.A., Retired, Major Leo Eisenstadt, Omaha, Nebraska, and Mrs. Osmer S. Wells, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Henry gave his life that we might live in freedom. His memory is an inspiration not only to his son, family and friends but to all who are faithful members of the Long Gray Line. We know that God called Henry to another duty. There as here Henry is faithfully serving, giving his all without any reservation or even a thought of evasion.

—H. N. B., Sr. and L. B. L.

Donald Hepburn Bruner

NO. 13274 CLASS OF JANUARY 1943

DIED APRIL 30, 1950, AT LEBANON, ILLINOIS, AGED 29 YEARS.

On April 30, 1950, the outstanding career of a young Air Force officer came to a tragic end in an unexplained airplane accident. Don was a very close personal friend of mine and the news of his tragic ending was almost impossible for me to believe.

Donald Hepburn Bruner was born at Dayton, Ohio, on February 21, 1921. He was the son of Mrs. Effie Bruner and the late Captain Donald L. Bruner who made a distinguished name for himself by pioneering night flying techniques for the Army Air Force. Don's childhood years followed the pattern of Army life, frequent moves and strange lands. He inherited the desire to become a military pilot from the close association he had with his Dad during those formative years.

Don was graduated from Ponce De Leon High School, Coral Gables, Florida, and prepared for entrance into the United States Military Academy at Marion Institute, Marion, Alabama. He was admitted to West Point in 1939 and was graduated in January 1943. As a cadet, Don was quite active in sports, excelled on the swimming team, and participated in many other extra curricular activities. His classmates liked him most for his frankness, loyalty, and vehement dislike of unfairness.

Following his graduation from the Military Academy, Don was engaged in one of

the most important flying assignments of the war—the training of the then heavy bomber crews which brought ultimate victory in the Far East. There, and in subsequent assignments to other flying units, he learned his trade well and rose rapidly.

As Senior Tactical Officer, Perrin Air Force Base, Texas, from 1948-1950, Don was looked upon with admiration by the cadets and fellow officers. The cadets in particular considered him a "tower of strength". He was unbiased in his opinions and had the reputation of always being fair. In both personal and official matters, the cadets continually sought his advice. He was in love with flying and enjoyed the reputation of being one of the best pilots assigned to the base. He was devoted to the service and to his family. Because of his wife's illness and the demands of his official duties, he had very little time that he could call his own. He devoted attention to both of these matters so that neither was neglected.

In May 1950, Major Donald H. Bruner was laid to rest beside his distinguished father in Arlington National Cemetery. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Effie Bruner of Coral Gables, Florida.



During his short service to his country, Don made a host of friends and proved that he was a sincere, kind, and loyal officer. Whenever a plane flies overhead, we will remember Don, for his fine abilities and his faith in others.

—Herbert J. Rogers,
Lt. Col. USAF, 8262A
Armed Forces Staff College
Norfolk, Virginia.

Gordon Suor and lived his early days in Kansas City.

He always had a love for riding and was an accomplished horseman, which later was to lead him straight to the polo team at West Point. His early schooling included two years at the University of Missouri before he arrived on the scenes of the Plain to make his imprint here.

To quote from the *Howitzer* gives the picture of Ed, as we all knew him at the Point: "Ed first attracted our attention in Beast Barracks because of the extremely military



manner in which his deep, deep voice boomed out the right answers. He has kept it ever since, on the hop floor and in the Riding Hall, in the choir stalls and on the area (the T.D. nabbed him yearling summer but later gave back all his stripes and more). A hearty extrovert and a genial enthusiast."

He was active, from chess to the choir to being a corporal. He took flight training as an air cadet and graduated with wings on January 19, 1943.

On that date, he married Betty Lois Jordan of Pittsburgh, and together they joined classmates and wives at Brooks Field, Texas for his further training. Even the Texans had to talk big and fast to keep up with Ed and that winning personality of his.

The next phase of training took Ed to Florence, South Carolina where he joined the 650th Bomb Squadron, one of the newest units in the Air Force. He trained in P-39, A-20 and B-25 types of aircraft. By this time he had the additional rating of aircraft observer in reconnaissance, and he headed overseas in February 1944.

His combat duty took him to the Pacific Theater where he joined the 89th Bomb Squadron and was stationed on New Guinea. Ed was now a captain and flight-commander, doing his usual outstanding duty. In his first year of combat he was made major and commanding officer February 11th—and had flown about ninety missions.

It was the first air mission over Cebu, Philippine Islands on March 21, 1945 when he was leading his squadron flying in support of the Philippine Campaign that as he got his target, his was the first plane to be taken out of action. War took a good man from our midst, and there is always pride in one's saying, "Sure, I knew Ed Suor, what a fine officer and gentleman."

Ed is survived by his wife and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph G. Suor and an older brother, all of Kansas City, Missouri.

J. F. F. and J. G. S.

Grant Harrison Fenn

NO. 14800 CLASS OF 1945

DIED MAY 6, 1951, AT KIRTLAND AFB, NEW MEXICO, AGED 26 YEARS.

CAPTAIN GRANT H. FENN was born in Chicago, Illinois, on May 27, 1924. There and in Clearwater, Florida, he spent his boyhood, attending the public schools in both cities, until he entered the Morgan Park Military Academy in Chicago in 1938. He was an honor student throughout the four year course, and on graduation at the age of 18, was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Illinois National Guard. However, that summer, 1942, he entered the United States Military Academy at West Point, and became a Cadet again.

In 1945, he graduated from the Academy and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Corps.

He spent two years of his foreign duty as Assistant Air Attache in the United States Embassy at Athens, Greece, where he met his future wife, Raymondé Barry, a fascinating and beautiful French girl.



Captain Fenn was a young man of extremely fine qualities. He was high principled, and always sincere and loyal to his family and friends.

In his work he was conscientious and tireless, and the willing manner in which he accepted responsibilities won the respect and esteem of his associates.

As a graduate of the United States Military Academy he keenly felt his responsibilities in living up to the dignity and tradition of that institution. He wore his uniform with pride and his Air Force Pilot badge with distinction and honor.

Socially, he was modest but had an air of debonairness and dignity, combined with a gracious diplomatic manner. Too, he liked fun. He got pleasure and happiness out of life and he gave pleasure and happiness to others who came in contact with him. He could see and enjoy the humor of a situation, even under stress and strain. This trait, combined with his kind, pleasing personality and warm regard for others, won him many friends who enjoyed and respected him and whose friendship he deeply prized.

Captain Fenn lost his life in the service of his country, in the crash of a B-36 Bomber, in Albuquerque, New Mexico on May 6th, 1951, a tragic loss to those near to him and to his country. He is greatly missed by his family and many friends who will always cherish his memory and the satisfaction and happiness he brought into their lives.

Edmund Cornish Suor

NO. 13109 CLASS OF JANUARY 1943

KILLED IN ACTION, CEBU, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS (AIR MISSION), MARCH 21, 1945, AGED 25 YEARS.

Ed, always a climber and destined for the higher things in life, lived and died in the words and meaning of West Point—Duty, Honor, Country! He was booming in voice when we first met him; he zoomed through West Point; and only in a matter of a few short months after graduation he truly touched the face of God when he joined others in the "Long Gray Line."

Ed, as known to us all, was from the "show-me" state by way of Kansas City, a true son of the Middle West. He was born on January 20, 1920 to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph



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