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# PLAIN TALK

Fellow Graduates:

We were very saddened on November 7th by the sudden death of our lacrosse coach, Morris Touchstone. Morris was a fine Christian gentleman whose high principles and ideals made him a superb teacher and a fine example for the cadets he coached so well. Having to develop most of his players from scratch, he still produced teams that always did the military proud and more than held their own against the Navy. He was an exceptionally fine ambassador for West Point in the lacrosse world. We mourn the loss of a splendid coach, a gentleman, and a friend.

Our football team has had an excellent record this season to date. The loss to Notre Dame was a heartbreaker. A change in a few small incidents in the game could have resulted in a victory for us as impressive as the Navy's over them. We should enter the Navy game as underdogs. Our first team does not have to concede theirs anything; but, as in all athletic squads, they have considerably greater depth than we. So the outcome of the game, in my estimation, will depend upon the degree to which our mental determination can offset their greater depth. Injuries in the wrong spots could ruin us. By the time you read this, the issue will have been decided.

We adopted 150-pound football this year and are now a member of the Eastern Intercollegiate 150-pound Football League, composed of Columbia, Cornell, Navy, Pennsylvania, Princeton, Rutgers, and ourselves. We are proud to have won the championship under the able tutelage of our new coach, Eric Tipton, in our first year in the League.

Last Fall I commented on this page about the practice that had been built up with regard to the number of unscheduled after-taps rallies, the costumes worn under cadet clothing to meal formations on the occasion of Friday night football rallies, and singing in ranks enroute to the mess hall. I permitted these to run their course though I was concerned lest Corps "spirit" transgress proper military discipline.

After last Fall, I decided these were neither necessary nor beneficial for Corps Spirit. Therefore, this Fall, on the recommendation of the Commandant, these practices were stopped except for special after-taps rallies, and some singing in ranks for the two weeks preceding the Navy game.

The modification of the definition of personal-use to require that a member or his wife occupy one of the seats at football games has resulted in appreciable benefit to the junior members of the Army Athletic Association. At this year's Army-Navy game, the requirements of the members of the Association were two sections less than heretofore. This represents a two-section upgrade for the junior members. I plan to make a complete review

of ticket priority and distribution when this season is over.

Our revised policy regarding First Class authorization appears to be bearing fruit. As compared to this time last year, five per cent less First Classmen are deficient and five per cent more First Classmen are above 2.2 in all but one subject.

The tempo of change in so many things related to our profession is more rapid in this generation than in any other in the history of the Military Academy. The prospects are that it will be accelerated by the developments of the past six weeks. I feel it incumbent upon me, if I am to carry out my mission properly and insure that West Point is keeping pace with the times, to take a comprehensive, objective look at our curriculum.

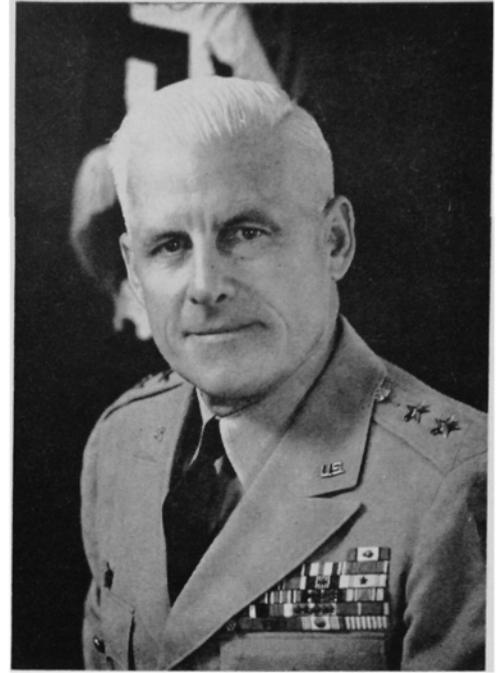
It has been surveyed by several boards since World War II and is scrutinized annually by the Board of Visitors. I have reviewed all of these reports but seek further assurance. I would have been happier had these reviews gone into the history of the Academy to derive the lessons to be learned from it and if they had been based on an estimate of the situation as it will probably exist in the reasonably foreseeable future.

Therefore, I have asked our Curriculum Committee to undertake a thorough, factual study of our curriculum. I have asked that the lessons of the past be searched out and evaluated in terms of the present and the best possible estimate of the probable future requirements of our graduates be made.

I am approaching this with constructive inquisitiveness. I have a completely open mind and no preconceived ideas or convictions. I seek only what is best for West Point. The answers to your questionnaires will be a tremendous help.

Perhaps the results of this review will not indicate the necessity for any significant departure from the modifications that will normally take place in accordance with our continuing program of self-evaluation and revision. If sufficiently persuasive, they could serve to advance modification of individual courses ahead of the normal schedule. On the other hand, they might result in a major modification of the curriculum if the preponderance of evidence certifies the wisdom of such a measure.

Whether the conclusions are a reassurance as to the soundness of our present course and result in no action or whether they point to a better way of doing things, we are embarked on a thorough soul-searching. If it can be done the way I plan, it will represent the most complete survey of our curriculum that has been made in over half a century. It will be a monumental task but one whose fruit, I believe, will be well worth the effort.



I will get an initial over-all tabulation of the responses to the graduate questionnaire next week and will include an initial report to you in the next issue of ASSEMBLY. Of course, these will be just gross tabulations and represent only a minute fraction of the mine of information which your responses contain and which I will report to you as we go along.

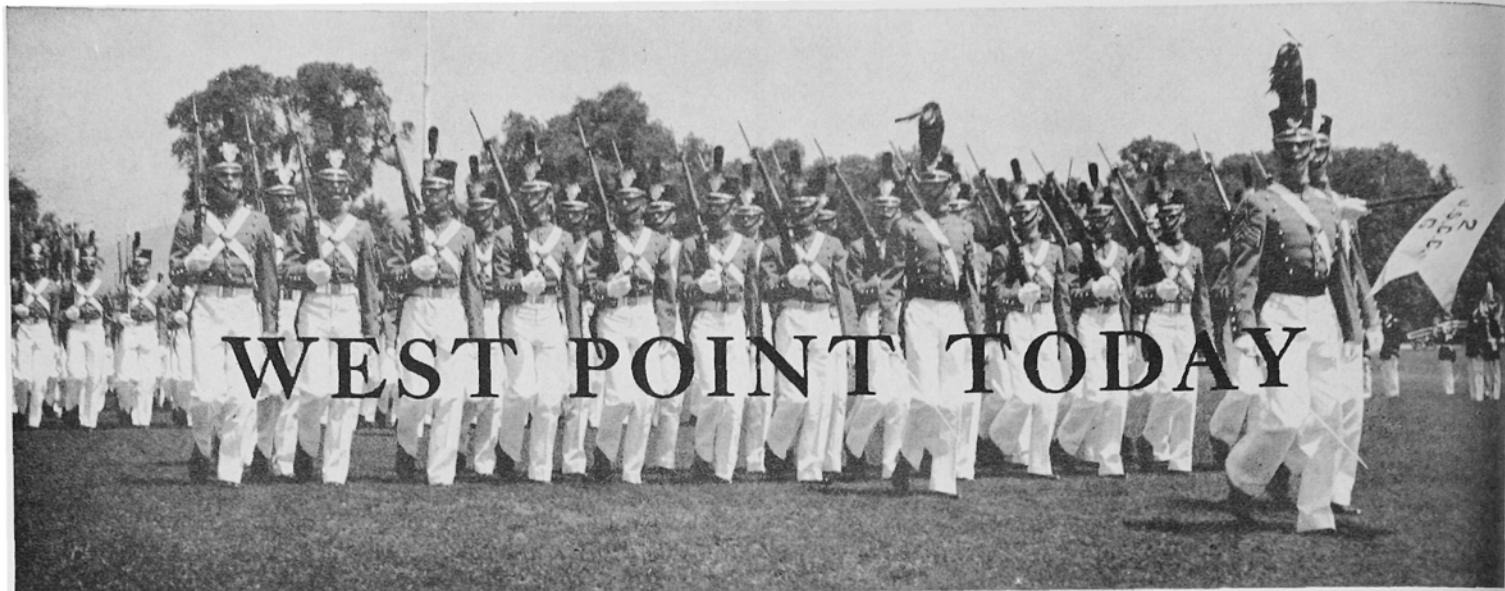
We are anxious to obtain comparable data on nongraduates — particularly the Eddys, the Gerows, the Middletons, etc. It will be interesting to learn what other types of curricula also produced successful soldiers. So we are about to send a questionnaire to a selected group of approximately 2000 nongraduates. We have delayed this until we knew who among our graduates would answer the questionnaire, thus enabling us to select a comparable cross-section of nongraduates.

The West Point Societies of Baltimore and Chicago arranged this Fall for groups (10 and 6, respectively) of selected secondary school students to visit the Academy. Each young man was selected by his high school principal at the request of the Society. The Society arranged transportation to and from West Point. We owe Bill Halligan a big debt of gratitude for personally footing the bill for the air transportation of the Chicago group and Jim Early and Fred Harris for providing transportation for the Baltimore group. A carefully designed program of orientation was arranged for the groups, and selected cadets acted as hosts. All proved fine young men who would make fine cadets and officers. I hope that some will ultimately find their way here.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Garrison H. Davidson".

GARRISON H. DAVIDSON,  
Lieutenant General, USA  
Superintendent



### Founders Day At West Point

Founders Day dinners throughout the world traditionally are held on the Saturday closest to March 16. At West Point the weekend of March 14-16, 1958 will be Spring Leave. Only the Plebes will be left on the post. Therefore, the Superintendent has scheduled the local dinner for Friday, March 21.

This occasion will be of special interest to all West Pointers. It will mark the presentation of the first Sylvanus Thayer Award to Dr. Ernest O. Lawrence (See Fall ASSEMBLY). This award is designed not alone to honor the recipient but also to emphasize to the Corps of Cadets the ideals of the Military Academy and the importance placed on those ideals by the graduates.

The Superintendent extends to all graduates and former cadets an invitation to attend the Founders Day Dinner at West Point. It will be held in Washington Hall with the upper classes as special guests. The cost of dinner will be nominal and billeting facilities in Cullum Hall to the extent possible will be available to those desiring them. If you plan to attend this dinner, send your reservation to the Alumni Secretary, USMA, along with your check for \$2.50 and your request for billets, if applicable. Because of the number expected, the Secretary suggests that you make your reservation not later than March 1.

### Plaque To List Recipients

A picture of Hal Beukema and a plaque to bear the names of the recipients of the Hal Beukema Memorial Award were presented to the Military Academy by Lieutenant Colonel William Knowlton in behalf of General and Mrs. Beukema on Saturday, November 23, 1957. Lieutenant General Garrison H. Davidson, Superintendent of the United States Military Academy, accepted the gifts, which are in the Hockey Team dressing room at Smith Rink. Following General Davidson's acceptance for the Military Academy, Cadet L. R. McCormack, Captain of the West Point Hockey Team, expressed the thanks of the Hockey Team and of the Corps to General and Mrs. Beukema and to Hal's former friends for these mementos of a man to whom West Point and service to his country meant so much.

The Hal Beukema Memorial Award was established in 1955 and donated by members of the family, former and present officers of the Department of Social Sciences, USMA, and a group of former friends, in Memory of Major Henry S. Beukema, USMA 1944, who was Captain of the Hockey Team during his First Class Year.

Brigadier General Gerald A. Counts, Colonel William W. Bessell, Jr., Colonel L. E. Schick, Colonel R. P. Reeder, (retired), and a group of Hal's former friends and classmates were present at the ceremony in addition to the Hockey Team.

### HAL BEUKEMA PLAQUE

Left to right: Lieutenant Colonel Craston E. Covell, Lieutenant Colonel William A. Knowlton, Cadet McCormack, and Lieutenant General Garrison H. Davidson.





Lieutenant General Garrison H. Davidson, Superintendent USMA, greets General Marcos Soliman, Superintendent of Philippine Military Academy, who visited West Point for two weeks of orientation.

Left to right: Cadet Vichitra Sookmak from Thailand, Brigadier General Aung Potiganit, Commandant, Corps of Cadets, Chulachomklao Royal Military Academy, Thailand, and Cadet Pichitra Kullavanijaya from Thailand.



## Philippine Superintendent Visits West Point

Brigadier General Marcos G. Soliman, Superintendent of the Philippine Military Academy, visited West Point for approximately two weeks last Fall on an orientation and observation of training given to the U. S. Military Academy cadets.

## USMA APPOINTMENTS LIST AVAILABLE UPON INQUIRY

For the information of Societies and Associations who are working on the Cadet Candidate Information Program, the Adjutant General has suggested, in response to an inquiry by your editor, that the published list of Congressional vacancies for appointments to the United States Military Academy is available upon request to the Office of The Adjutant General, Attention: AGPB-M, Washington 25, D.C.

## THAILAND OFFICER VISITS US MILITARY ACADEMY

West Point was host recently to Brigadier General Aung Potiganit, the Commandant of Cadets at Chulachomklao Royal Military Academy, Thailand. General Aung spent two days at West Point on an orientation visit during which he inspected the facilities at the Academy, observed the academic and tactical training given the United States Corps of Cadets, and received briefings by staff officers on the mission and history of the American Academy and its curriculum. Also included in the itinerary was a luncheon with cadets in Washington Hall, the cadet dining hall, and a tour of the buildings and grounds.

During the course of his visit, General Potiganit met and talked with two young men from Thailand who are presently receiving instruction at the United States Military Academy—Pichitra Kullavanijaya, son of Mr. C. Kullavanijaya of 156 Naress Road, Bangkok; and Vichitra Sookmak, son of Mr. P. Sookmak, 3 Bangkrew, Nondhaburi. Both are members of the Class of 1958.



#### CADET GLEE CLUB

The Cadet Glee Club at the US Military Academy is shown assembled on the steps of Washington Hall, the Cadet Dining Hall. In the center of the front row left to right are: Captain John Metzger, Major Minckler, CWO Frederick Boots, Club Director, Captain Harry Griffith, Officer in Charge, and Captain Stoner. The Glee Club appeared on the Ed Sullivan Show over the Columbia Broadcasting System Television Network on Sunday, November 24, 1957.

#### CADET GLEE CLUB

As many of you already know, the Cadet Glee Club was first organized in 1928 at which time it was directed by cadets. It has grown from a membership of 25 in 1928 to 200. The latter number includes the 60 plebes who comprise the Plebe Glee Club. The plebe club is a new thing this year, and it was started to give them a year of singing experience prior to joining the varsity club. Auditions were held for more than 500 cadets this year, which is indicative of the club's popularity in the Corps.

Our rehearsals are held for approximately 25 minutes on Sunday night and an hour on Tuesday and Thursday. Prior to a concert, however, Friday night is also added to the regular schedule. Deficient cadets can not attend rehearsals. Trip sections consist of 95 cadets.

In addition to the June Week concert and the Christmas concert given at West Point each year, the Glee Club gives about 10 concerts in the New York area and New England. The concerts away from West Point are obtained by invitation, and this has more than filled our schedule each year. Last year, concerts were given, among other places, in West Hempstead, Scarsdale, Carnegie Hall, New York Athletic Club, Atlantic City for the New Jersey State Educational Convention, and on the Ed Sullivan Show. We also made a recording with Vox Studios compiled from two different live concerts which has sold more than 5000 copies.

This year's schedule has already begun with a concert on the Ed Sullivan Show, November 24, 1957. Following this a joint concert with Vassar College at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., was held on December 15, 1957. The Christmas Concert followed this and on January 25, 1958, the Glee Club will perform at the New York Athletic Club. Harvard University is the place of our next

concert on February 15, 1958, and April 26 will bring the Glee Club to Montclair, New Jersey, for a joint concert with Smith College.

There are other concerts which are tentative as of yet, and more definite information may be obtained by contacting either

Captain Harry A. Griffith, CE  
Tactical Officer, Company F-1  
Headquarters, USCC

or

Cadet Clinton R. Bunke  
Company D-2, USCC  
Public Information Officer  
Cadet Glee Club.

Our director is again Chief Warrant Officer Frederick W. Boots, Assistant Bandleader, United States Military Academy Band. His musicianship has gained him the Commendation Ribbon for his services in Korea and Japan, in addition to the Tokyo Metropolitan Government's award for exceptional public service. Under his direction the Cadet Glee Club has continued its excellent progress.

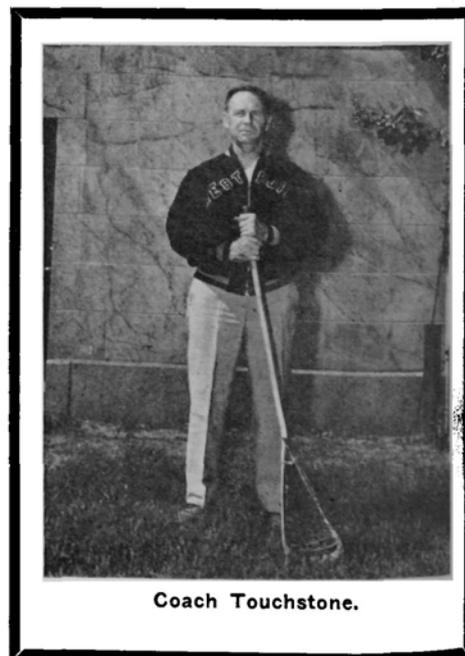
The Cadet Glee Club is an active member of the Association of Male Choruses of the United States and of the Intercollegiate Music Council.

#### ACADEMY MOURNS MORRIS TOUCHSTONE

On the 7th of November Army lost one of its most widely known and respected coaches. "Coach", as he was known to countless thousands of graduates and cadets, had been the lacrosse coach at West Point for almost 30 years. This coming season, for which he was working so hard and for which he had such high hopes, was to have been his 30th. He was, perhaps, known by more graduates than any other person in the Academy's history, as certainly it would appear from the multi-

tudinous messages that have poured in from all over the globe. When a sizeable percentage of the Corps, past and present, gathered to talk and someone used the term "the coach", there was never any doubt in anyone's mind about whom the person was speaking. To many of "his boys" he was more than an athletic coach—he came closer to being a father away from home. Innumerable were the times when he helped and counseled them in matters far removed from lacrosse.

His lacrosse teams provided the ideal recreation, relaxation and outlet for excess energy for many who otherwise might



Coach Touchstone.

not have been able to play a varsity sport. Most sports require considerable experience before reaching the college level but lacrosse, as "Coach" taught it, surmounted this disadvantage. He spent every season of the year developing and forging players

completely from scratch. In the Summer he conducted a screening clinic for the new plebes; in the Fall and Winter he coached "off-season" lacrosse, working with the plebes one day and the varsity the next—six days a week; in the Spring, of course, he had his hands full coaching and supervising three teams—the varsity, the junior varsity, and the plebe team.

With all this, he found time to be an executive in the Army Athletic Association, to interest outstanding boys in coming to West Point, to help the younger boys' lacrosse team on the Post, give equipment and advice to innumerable small colleges and high schools that were taking up lacrosse for the first time, and served in varying capacities with the Lacrosse Coaches Association. He was the originator and first president of this latter organization and was an inspiring leader in it for the past 25 years. His latest project for this association was the establishment of a Lacrosse Hall of Fame similar to those of other major sports. He had just finished the design for the certificates, the first of which are soon to be awarded.

A native of Baltimore, the lacrosse center of the country, "Coach" officiated lacrosse, soccer, and basketball games in Baltimore, and held teaching clinics throughout the state, before going to Yale where he first coached college lacrosse. He came to the Academy in 1928 and coached there until his death, compiling an enviable record. In only one of those 29 years did he have a losing team. In 18 of those 29 years his teams lost no more than 2 games. His over-all record was: 214 won, 73 lost, and 8 tied.

All this was done in competition with schools whose squads were made up of experienced material. Anyone familiar with the Baltimore area knows that, as the saying goes, "every boy is born with a lacrosse stick in his hand." In some schools it is required that a player keep his stick with him at all times to retain the "feel" of it, whether attending classes or sleeping. And while, in other sections of the country, baseball or football might be a boy's driving desire in athletics, in Baltimore it is lacrosse.

These boys make up the teams of most of Army's opponents. Most of "Coach's" teams did not have a single experienced player on them, and none had more than a few. However, by constant year 'round work he managed to develop and train players from the rawest material, thereby instilling in these boys not only the confidence gained from doing something well, but also the knowledge that with desire and application they could do anything. In lacrosse, learning to "handle the stick" is a very difficult skill to acquire and one that, normally, takes many years to learn. Army's teams were often unable to bridge the gap in stickwork but, in spite of this, the drive and determination inspired by "Coach" carried them through to establish records that were the envy and amazement of the lacrosse world.

One of "Coach's" trademarks, which will be remembered for years, was his

cigar. Normally he was the calmest of persons, and even during a game maintained that outward appearance. But his cigar, never lighted during crucial moments, was chewed to varying degrees of pulp—depending upon the tenseness of the game. If, finally, he lit up a fresh one, it meant that the game had definitely been won by a comfortable margin.

In the words of one of his friends of some 40 years standing: "He was one of the greatest — making 'bricks without straw', champions of the unskilled, and amassing consistently amazing records backed by teams without depth. The spirit of the coach, and the spirit of the Corps and the spirit of the team were inherently effective."

The President of the United States Inter-collegiate Lacrosse Association has written: "I can recall so many times taking a lacrosse squad of mine to see Army play. I wanted the boys to see the type of game Morris inspired—clean, hard, fast, beautifully-executed lacrosse. He led teams over and over again to victories over teams far better heeled in experienced material. As far as I know, no other team was as successful as his against Mt. Washington."

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lillian Touchstone, his daughter, Mrs. Anne Touchstone Combs, and his son, Lieutenant Stanford Touchstone, Class of 1953.

## CHRISTMAS WEEK ACTIVITIES—1957

Boredom and homesickness have been banished from the schedule of cadets doomed to spend Christmas at West Point. Plebe Christmas has taken on all the gaiety and bustle of a Winter carnival. The following calendar is a sample of the activities enjoyed by Plebes and their families during the holiday season just past:

### Schedule of Fourth Class

- SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21**  
 Formal Hop, Cullum Hall..9:00-12:00 p.m.
- SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22**  
 Mass, Catholic Chapel,  
 8:00, 9:00 & 11:15 a.m.  
 Holy Communion, St. Martin's  
 Chapel (Voluntary) ..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Morning Worship and Sermon,  
 Cadet Chapel ..... 11:00 a.m.  
 Tea Hop, Hotel Thayer..... 3:30-5:30 p.m.
- MONDAY, DECEMBER 23**  
 Tour of Cadet Store,  
 9:00, 10:00 & 11:00 a.m.  
 Tour of Cadet Dining Hall,  
 9:00, 10:00 & 11:00 a.m.  
 Bus Tour of Post,  
 Beginning..1:30, 2:00, 2:30 & 3:00 p.m.  
 Formal Hop, Cullum Hall..9:00-12:00 p.m.
- TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24**  
 Department of Tactics Open House  
 for parents, guests and Fourth  
 Class, East Gym .....9:15-12:00 a.m.  
 Gymnasium and Exhibit Open for  
 Inspection .....9:15 a.m.  
 Welcome by Commandant and  
 Movie, "Making of a West Point-  
 er," Army Theatre.....10:15-11:00 a.m.  
 Gymnasium and Exhibit Open for  
 Inspection .....11:00-12:00 a.m.  
 Organ Recital, Cadet Chapel..4:30-5:00 p.m.  
 Christmas Carol Service, Fourth Class  
 Choir, Cadet Chapel.....5:00-5:45 p.m.

- Formal Hop, Cullum Hall..9:00-11:30 p.m.  
 Christmas Carols on Organ, Cadet  
 Chapel ..... 11:15 p.m.  
 Christmas Eve Communion Service,  
 Cadet Chapel .....11:45 p.m.  
 Midnight Mass, Catholic Chapel..12:00 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 (Christmas Day)

- Mass, Catholic Chapel....8:00 & 10:00 a.m.  
 Holy Communion and Sermon,  
 Cadet Chapel (Voluntary) .....11:00 a.m.  
 Christmas Dinner in Dining Hall for  
 Families and Cadet Guests.....1:00 p.m.  
 Open House, Cadet Barracks for  
 Cadet Guests .....12:00-4:30 p.m.  
 Concert, Fourth Class Glee Club,  
 Army Theatre .....7:30-8:30 p.m.  
 Christmas Party, Washington Hall  
 (includes Informal Hop)..9:30-12:00 p.m.

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

- Tour of Cadet Store,  
 9:00, 10:00 & 11:00 a.m.  
 Tour of Cadet Dining Hall,  
 9:00, 10:00 & 11:00 a.m.  
 Academic Departments Open House  
 for Parents, Cadets and Guests,  
 Military Topography and Graphics  
 5th Floor, Washington Hall,  
 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
 Foreign Languages, Rooms 318  
 & 320, East Academic Building,  
 10:00-12:00 a.m.  
 Mechanics Laboratory, Basement,  
 East Academic Building,  
 10:00-12:00 a.m.  
 Electricity Laboratory, Room 109  
 & Basement, East Academic  
 Building .....10:00-12:00 a.m.  
 Square Dance and Games....2:30-5:30 p.m.  
 Fourth Class Hockey Tournament,  
 2:00 & 4:00 p.m.  
 Academic Board Reception for Par-  
 ents and Guests of Cadets, Cullum  
 Hall .....4:00-5:00 p.m.  
 Formal Hop .....9:00-12:00 p.m.

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

- Fourth Class Hockey Tournament,  
 8:00-10:00 a.m.  
 Academic Department Open House  
 for Parents, Cadets and Guests,  
 Mathematics, West Academic  
 Building .....9:00-12:00 a.m.  
 English, West Academic Building,  
 9:00-12:00 a.m.  
 Tour of Cadet Store,  
 9:00, 10:00 & 11:00 a.m.  
 Tour of Cadet Dining Hall,  
 9:00 & 10:00 a.m.  
 Fourth Class Basketball Tournament,  
 Central Gym .....2:00 & 4:00 p.m.  
 Special Program, Army Theatre,  
 8:00-9:00 p.m.  
 Informal Hop .....9:00-12:00 p.m.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

- Fourth Class Hockey Tournament,  
 Smith Rink .....8:00 & 10:00 a.m.  
 Fourth Class Basketball Tournament,  
 Central Gym ....10:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.  
 Formal Hop .....9:00-12:00 p.m.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

- Mass, Catholic Chapel,  
 8:00, 9:00 & 11:15 a.m.  
 Holy Communion, St. Martin's  
 Chapel (Voluntary) ..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Morning Worship and Sermon,  
 Cadet Chapel ..... 11:00 a.m.  
 Motion Picture, incl. second show-  
 ing of "Making of a West Point-  
 er," Army Theatre .....1:30 p.m.  
 Tea Hop, Cullum Hall .....3:30-5:30 p.m.  
 Ice Carnival, Smith Rink...8:30-10:30 p.m.

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

- Square Dance .....9:00-12:00 p.m.

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

- New Year's Eve Costume Hop,  
 9:00-12:30 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

- Mass, Catholic Chapel,  
 8:00, 9:00 & 11:15 a.m.  
 Informal Hop, Weapons Room,  
 9:00-12:00 p.m.

### MOTION PICTURES—

- Afternoon and Evening Daily

# SCUSA IX

## Ninth Student Conference, United States Affairs

By CAPTAIN RICHARD E. GILLESPIE, '49,

Executive Secretary for SCUSA IX and Assistant Professor  
Far Eastern History, Department of Social Sciences, USMA.

SCUSA IX opened amid the roar of high winds and a record seven inch snowfall. In spite of the hazardous driving conditions which disrupted traffic to the extent that the one hour bus ride from New York City turned into eight hours of frustration, comments from the conferees were highly laudatory. "Magnificently successful", "the most enlightening and informative discussions I have ever participated in"—such compliments as these indicate that the ninth in the series of annual student conferences dealing with United States security policy may well have been one of the most successful the Military Academy has yet sponsored.

Among the students who braved the snow and sleet of opening day to take part in the Conference were delegates from four Canadian colleges and universities, a native of Ghana studying in this country, representatives from nine service academies and military schools, conferees from seven girls' schools, and other young Americans representing institutions from as far west as Texas and Colorado. Most of the participants were drawn, as in previous years, from those college seniors majoring in political science, government, or international relations. The majority of these young men and women are representative of the most distinguished undergraduate leaders and scholars in the eastern United States.

One of SCUSA's three objectives is to "produce an orderly examination and discussion of the national security policy of the United States". The substance of the first two plenary sessions on the opening day was geared toward developing a general framework to assist the conferees in analyzing security problems. The keynote speaker for SCUSA IX was Mr. William C. Foster, Vice President of the Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation and recently Co-Chairman of the Security Resources Panel—popularly known as the Gaither Committee—whose report to the President on the military potential of the Soviet Union together with recommended policies to meet this threat have been publicized recently in the press. After a brief welcoming speech by General Garrison H. Davidson, Superintendent of the United States Military Academy, Mr. Foster discussed in some detail for the assembled conferees (and the top two cadet classes) the military, economic, technological, political and ideological threats posed for this country by the Sino-Soviet Bloc, emphasizing the increased realization of this danger by the American people

in recent weeks occasioned by the successful launching of Sputniks I and II. He then cited the great resources available to the United States and its free world allies to meet this threat and suggested several possible ways of better utilizing those resources which might be examined by the conferees. Mr. Foster closed with several "musts" for all Americans: to renew our faith in our ideals; to renew our will to resist the inroads of world Communism; to disregard the myth that all things American are inherently superior; to recognize the value of humility; and to join with the rest of the free world rather than stand apart from those who would cooperate with us. It is significant to note that the substance of Mr. Foster's address has been of great interest to a number of high government officials and newspaper pundits as well as to the SCUSA participants.

For the plenary session on Wednesday evening a group of four panelists had been slated to discuss the principal theme of this year's conference, "Problems of Peaceful Change". Unfortunately, three of these panel members—Mr. Gordon Dean, former Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, Dr. Henry Kissinger of the Center of International Studies at Harvard, and Dr. Walter W. Rostow of the Center for International Studies at MIT—were among those unable to reach West Point due to the weather. It speaks well for the quality of the 23 other senior participants in SCUSA IX that an extremely effective substitute panel was improvised. In this group were Mr. Foster, Mr. Edwin F. Stanton, former Ambassador to Thailand, Mr. Edwin Wright of the Foreign Service Institute of the Department of State, and Colonel G. A. Lincoln who served as moderator. Although the discussion was centered largely around Mr. Foster's earlier keynote address, questions from the conferees ranged over a broad field of foreign and domestic policies of the United States. The panel's stimulating discussion of various aspects of our complex security problems, along with the penetrating questions of the conferees, provided an excellent jumping off place for the student deliberations the next day.

Thursday morning the student conferees, divided into nine roundtable discussion groups of 17-18 conferees each, began their discussions, which were to last throughout the daylight hours on Thursday and Friday and culminate Saturday noon. As in the past, students had been prepared well in advance for the Conference, having been assigned to the discus-

sion group of their choice early in the Fall and having received ample substantive and administrative data on SCUSA IX from the Conference staff. Guidance during the roundtable sessions was furnished by two qualified senior experts, serving as chairman and adviser respectively for each area under discussion.

The roundtables for this year were focussed on: the Atlantic Community (three roundtables), the Middle East, North Africa, South and Southeast Asia, East Asia, and the USSR and its Satellites (two roundtables). The Conference staff had originally planned for only two discussion groups to deal with the Atlantic Community, while two were also allotted to South and Southeast Asia. However, in view of insufficient student interest in Asia, the staff was forced to drop one of the tables on South and Southeast Asia and add another in the area where student interest was highest, the Atlantic Community. In fact, student interest in Europe (Atlantic Community, USSR and Satellites) surpassed that for all other areas of the world combined. The surprisingly low interest in things Asian points up the dearth of non-Western studies in American high school and college curriculums as well as the lack of adequate newspaper coverage of these strategically important areas of the world. During the height of the Korean crisis it was possible to devote one Conference (SCUSA II) wholly to the topic of United States Far Eastern Policy. However, since the termination of hostilities in Korea and Indo-China, the amount of newspaper space allotted to the coverage of Asian affairs has continually diminished, and student concern—as evidenced by analysis of their roundtable choices for recent Conferences—has gradually decreased. Since descriptions of the tense situation existing in the Middle East and North Africa still make headlines in many of our leading news publications today, student interest there remains high and the Conference staff experienced little difficulty in filling up the discussion groups dealing with these areas.

A second objective of the Conference is to provide the participants with an appreciation of the complexities of government policy formulation. At the third plenary session on Thursday evening, another panel group discussed in some detail the mechanics of policy making. Included in this panel, again moderated by Colonel Lincoln, were Professor Robert Bowie, former Assistant Secretary of State for Policy Planning and present Director of



(Top) A North Atlantic Community roundtable in the Military Room of the Library. (Left) Mr. Foster delivers his address, "Problems of National Security." (Right) Mr. Bowles delivering his address at the SCUSA Banquet.

the Center for International Studies at Harvard University, who discussed the role of the executive in security policy formulation, the Honorable Jacob K. Javits, formerly a member of the House Foreign Relations Committee and now Senator from New York, who described the influence of Congress, and Mr. Arthur T. Hadley, News Direction Editor of the New York Herald Tribune, who commented on the role of the press.

As conferees from such diverse geographic locales as Texas, Ghana, Maine, Virginia, Ohio, and New York attempted to develop policy within each roundtable they became further aware of the problems of policy making. As Miss Elizabeth Mathis of Rutgers University, an international relations major and president of the Rutgers International Relations Club, remarked:

In theory I was aware of the difficulties of policy formulation. However, when one has to come up with a policy in four days through interaction of 18 minds, one can begin to see

the complexity of the situation with which one is dealing and also to appreciate the problems of group planning—of reconciling a number of divergent viewpoints.

The Honorable Chester Bowles, former Governor of Connecticut and Ambassador to India, discussed non-military aspects of our national security policy at the Conference Banquet on Friday evening. Mr. Bowles challenged those who question the legitimate place of principles and ideas in American foreign policy and who insist that the primary factor in foreign policy is power. Although military power is vital, he emphasized the necessity of taking into account the power generated by people and ideas, a power that has changed governments throughout half of the world during the last twelve years in spite of the fact that orthodox military and industrial power supported the status quo. Mr. Bowles suggested that the leaders of this country should pay more attention to the principles which move other people to action and proceeded to set forth five basic

principles that he felt the American people are well on their way toward accepting as a basis for the conduct of our foreign affairs: peace, resistance to aggression, anti-colonialism, increased economic ties between nations, and the necessity of working closely with other countries although we may not agree with them on certain issues. These, he stressed, are a set of ground rules that ultimately can form a basis for an American foreign policy that is meaningful in today's world. The tenor of Mr. Bowles' speech was optimistic as he predicted a resurgence of the traditional American idealism which has been evidenced in dealing with difficult challenges in the past, a tremendous surge of national purpose, "brought up to date and focussed on the problems of tomorrow." Following his address, Mr. Bowles was subjected to an hour of informal, comprehensive questioning by the conferees at Grant Hall.

The Conference closed with a plenary session on Saturday afternoon when a representative from each roundtable presented a resume of its final report to the as-

sembled conferees, stating the conclusions drawn in each discussion group.

The third goal of SCUSA is to broaden students' contacts with their contemporaries. In this respect the snowfall on opening day assisted the Conference since it fostered a certain *esprit de corps*. A large number of the conferees, having undergone a rather harrowing experience in getting to West Point, were acquainted with each other by the time they reached the Military Academy. Attempts to maximize student contacts were also undertaken by the Conference staff by scheduling three informal receptions at Grant Hall during the Conference, one at the end of each day's activities. Male students also ate together in the Cadet Mess, female students in the West Point Army Mess. The opportunity to talk with students with common interests from other institutions, many of whom appear interested in entering government service, was particularly appreciated by the participants. As one conferee remarked:

The personal contact with students of other schools was one of the bright spots of the Conference. I found many people who thought as I did, and many who did not. But all were sincerely struggling toward a rational security policy. It is the exchange of ideas which makes the Conference so worthwhile.

A principal by-product of the Conference—one of particular importance to the Military Academy—is the fostering of mutual understanding between potential civilian and military leaders of the coming generation. A substantial segment of the cadet corps, approximately 50 cadets on the Conference Staff and 27 roundtable participants, mingled continuously with conferees from other schools. Also, tours of the classrooms, laboratories, museum and other points of interest were arranged for the visitors; all had the opportunity to attend a formal ceremony in Central Area, and many attended the informal hop Saturday evening. On Sunday, one USMA participant, Cadet Joseph C. Luman, and several outstanding conferees from other

schools appeared with General Alfred M. Gruenther on the New York Times Youth Forum Television Program.

One of the more worthwhile results of the Conference is the dispelling of an attitude prevalent in civilian educational circles that the curriculum of the Military Academy is geared solely to turn out narrow military specialists. Cadet participation in the roundtables was lauded by the civilian participants who left West Point feeling that the Academy graduates broadly grounded, inquisitive young officers who are well equipped to devote a life-time of service grappling with the many-faceted problems of our national security. Cadets, too, were pleasantly surprised at the knowledge of the military aspects of our national security which was exhibited by many of the civilian conferees.

The success of the nine Student Conferences held thus far at West Point can be gauged by several means. First, by its growth—the scope of and participation in SCUSA has increased considerably since 1949, when 135 students from 53 colleges and universities along the Atlantic Seaboard constituted the first Student Conference to discuss "A European Policy for the United States". Due to limitations in USMA funds and facilities, participants are still drawn mostly from schools located east of the Mississippi River. However, an increasing number of institutions from as far west as California have recently been seeking invitations. The Chief of Staff of the Army has also indicated an interest in having more geographic spread in the Conference roster. With the conversion of the old Riding Hall into a spacious new academic building nearly completed, serious consideration is now being given to the possibility of a further increase in the number and geographic distribution of students participating in the Conference.

Another yardstick by which the results of these Student Conferences can be measured is by the increasing recognition they have received. Recent Conferences have received three awards from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge: SCUSA VI received a George Washington Honor Med-

al and a check for one thousand dollars which represented that Foundation's top award in the College Campus Category; George Washington Honor Medals and other cash awards were also given to SCUSA V and SCUSA VII. Complimentary messages were sent by the Prime Minister of Canada and the President of the United States to SCUSA VII and VIII respectively. Since emulation is probably the sincerest form of flattery, the Military Academy is proud of the fact that at least two other schools have sponsored student conferences in recent years patterned after the proceedings of SCUSA. The Student Conference on National Affairs at Texas A&M College (SCONA), which has just completed its third session, and the McGill Conference on World Affairs (MCWA), which has recently sponsored its first conference, are both outgrowths of the Military Academy endeavor.

Perhaps the adage that an actor is only as great as his last play may serve to assist us in a final evaluation of our Student Conferences—that SCUSA is only as good as its last Conference. The following general observations, characteristic of those expressed by senior participants and observers who were present at the Conference, may best measure the attainments of SCUSA IX:

I found this conference of great assistance to me and have also learned a great deal about how our youngsters think in terms of our foreign policies. I was especially moved by their vision and great interest. This conference offered both to students and to myself an opportunity to share our thoughts and get a tremendous "brain workout".

*Observer, Civilian Institution.*

It was for me a highly valuable experience, both from the standpoint of knowledge and from the standpoint of pedagogical technique. You have evolved a tremendously effective institution in the Student Conference.

*Chairman, Roundtable  
Discussion Group.*

Panel Group (left to right): Mr. Wright, Ambassador Stanton, Colonel Lincoln and Mr. Foster.



# NEW DRINKING FOUNTAIN

## Presented to USMA by the Class of 1915

Almost since the memory of man runneth not to the contrary there has been a drinking fountain on the corner of the Plain across Jefferson Road from the Clock Tower. How many thousands of cadets, or millions of visitors, have drunk from that bubbling four-place fount would be impossible to guess. Built about 1910, it was removed and the area resodded in late October, 1957.

Weep not for the parched public. dry your tears for the panting plebe. The Class of 1915 has presented to its Alma Mater a new drinking fountain. Located close to the site of the old fountain, the Presentation was made on 2 November 1957. Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower unveiled the fountain before a gathering of the Class and their guests.

The President, some 30 members, their wives and guests participated in the short ceremony. It was timed to occur just before assembly of the Corps for Saturday Review. The invocation was pronounced by the Rt. Rev. E. M. Hartigan, ex-'15. Mrs. Eisenhower was escorted by General John B. Wogan and General Henry B. Saylor. She pulled a cord and the black, gold, and grey bunting dropped, revealing the strikingly simple center block.

General Saylor, Vice-President of the Class, presented the fountain to the Military Academy in the absence of General F. W. Boye, Class President. The latter was laid low by influenza two days before the ceremony. In his formal presentation, General Saylor said: "Whatever measure of success each of our classmates has attained is immaterial at this time. Sufficient is the fact that the Class of 1915 has been true to its heritage and proud of its loyalty to its Alma Mater and of its service to our Country.

"And now that 'our work is done'— forty six years later — we assemble here today in all humility to pay homage to this great institution and to dedicate this monument as a symbol of our devotion to our Alma Mater and to express our deep appreciation for the ideals which have so enriched our lives and will correspondingly inspire the 'long grey lines' of future generations."

The simple 4½ foot cube of polished purple Minnesota marble carries on three sides the seals of the United States, War Department, and USMA. The fourth side says, "Presented by the Class of 1915."

The Superintendent, Lieutenant General Garrison H. Davidson, accepted the Gift and thanked the class for their desire to do something for the Military Academy.

"We feel that from a Class that has given so much to our Country and to West Point it is a fitting tribute to an Alma Mater that has given them even more.

"Practically every day most of the members of the Corps pass this spot. Here this cube of granite is a fitting tribute to the solid, incomparable contribution of the Class of 1915 to the welfare of our Country and to the reputation of the Military Academy. Here this enduring stone will serve as a constant reminder of the present-day members of the Corps of the proud and endless heritage that in their turn they are dedicated to preserve."

Benediction was pronounced by the Rev. George E. Bean, USMA Chaplain.

The Class and their guests walked to their seats at the review. The President took the review, with the Class as honored guests. Following a luncheon in the Pershing Room, Cullum Hall, the entire body went to Michie Stadium and watched Army take Colgate 53-7.

CLASS OF '15 DEDICATION CEREMONIES AT WEST POINT



# THE CORPS HAS —

BY BRIGADIER GENERAL HARRIS JONES, USA, RET.

*The author graduated Number One in the Class of April 1917. He was Professor of Mathematics from 1931 to 1947, and Dean of the Academic Board from 1947 to 1956. No one is better qualified to discuss the changes made at USMA. This article was first written in 1952 for the 35th reunion of his class. It is the most lucid discussion of the subject matter the Editor has seen. With permission of the author, the article has been brought up to date and is herein republished.*

The Corps has gone to hell, of course. It goes without saying at any reunion (or it should; actually it goes with constant repetition) that things ain't like they used to be, and any lurking suspicion that perhaps they never was must be loyally concealed. They grew men at West Point before World War I. You had to be smart and strong and tough to survive. All quite true, but the goat of our class can thank his lucky star he didn't have to take what they dish out now.

Don't get me wrong. The West Point of 1917 was a fine institution, reflecting in its time the principles first worked out by Colonel Thayer a hundred years before. Those principles haven't changed a bit. But as in warfare the principles of strategy remain constant while weapons and tactics change, so in military education Thayer's principles have been the foundation upon which succeeding generations have created a structure ever changing in methods, schedules and equipment, but steadily devoted to the same ideals and objectives.

The USMA College, as the modern cadet sometimes calls it, is of course neither a liberal arts college nor an engineering school. According to Army Regulations, "The mission of the United States Military Academy is to instruct and train the Corps of Cadets so that each graduate shall have the attributes essential to his progressive and continuing development throughout a lifetime career as an officer

of the Regular Army (or Air Force). In general, courses of instruction and training shall be designed to develop character and the personal attributes essential to an officer, to provide a broad collegiate education in the arts and sciences, and to provide a broad, basic military education."

The purpose of a West Point education is not, and never was, to turn out second lieutenants meticulously trained in every detail of the technique of an arm or service, but rather to provide potential commanders and staff officers who have absorbed the basic principles of discipline and responsibility and who are mentally, morally and physically capable of development to meet the military demands of the future;—in short, to build leaders. Newton D. Baker showed a keen insight into the Academy when he said: "The purpose of West Point is not to act as a glorified drill sergeant but to lay the foundation upon which a career in growth of military knowledge can be based and to accompany it by two indispensable additions; first, such a general education as educated men find necessary for intelligent intercourse with one another; and second, the inculcation of a set of virtues, admirable always, but indispensable in a soldier. Men may be inexact or even untruthful in ordinary matters and suffer as a consequence only the disesteem of their associates or the inconvenience of unfavorable litigation, but the inexact or untruthful soldier trifles with the lives of his fellow

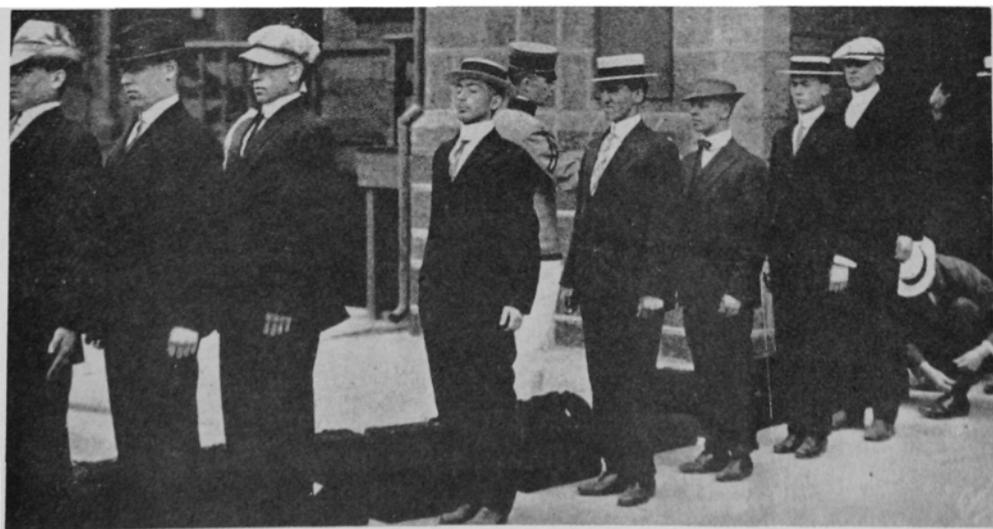
men and with the honor of his government, and it is therefore no matter of pride but rather a stern disciplinary necessity that makes West Point require of her students a character for trustworthiness that knows no evasions." Nothing there that hasn't been true for most of the century and a half of West Point's existence.

What, then, has changed during the last 35 years? Well, among other things, admission requirements, faculty selection and training, curriculum, plant and equipment, officer-cadet relationships, extra-curricular activities and cadet life in general.

The general method of appointment remains about the same as it was, except that a Congressman may appoint three alternates to each principal and that the number and size of the competitive groups have been increased. The mental examinations are prepared and scored by the Educational Testing Service, and consist of selected College Entrance Examination Board Tests. The mean College Board scores of our successful candidates compare very favorably with the entering freshmen of the best-known Eastern endowed colleges and universities. In addition to the mental achievement tests and the medical exam each candidate must pass a scholastic aptitude test and a physical aptitude test, the latter a fairly new development to screen out those who, though they have no disease or deformity, lack the coordination or stamina required for success in a military career. The results of more accurate methods of selection of candidates are encouraging. During the last five years the annual loss from each plebe class directly due to mental or physical failure has been kept below ten percent.

Marked changes have taken place in the selection and training of the faculty. In the first place, the number of permanent professors has been tripled, from seven to 21, including the Dean of the Academic Board who has no departmental assignment. Then, nearly all of the academic instructors have profited by graduate study at civilian institutions or by comparable experience before reporting for duty at West Point. Many of them continue with New York University, or other universities during their tour. To be a Tac the minimum requirement seems to be three rows of ribbons topped by the D.S.C. The First

PLEBES BEGIN LIFE OF "SPLENDID ISOLATION"



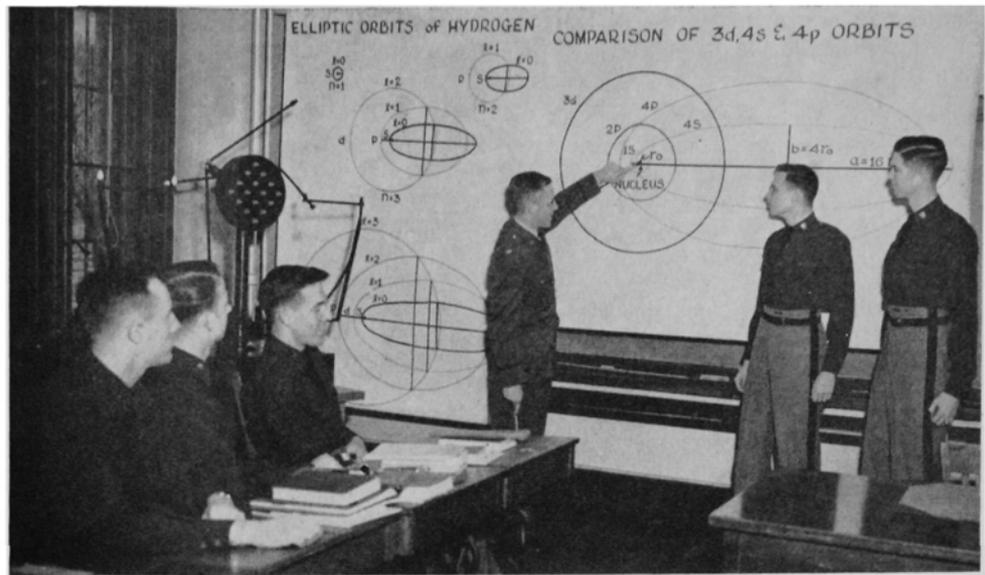
Regimental Combat Team, successor to the old enlisted detachments, is a smart, well trained organization, packed with experienced and capable sergeant-instructors.

The curriculum is still recognizable as a type of general education with a scientific cast, administered in a military atmosphere. The balance is about midway between a typical curriculum of an engineering school and that of a liberal arts college. About 60 percent of the academic work could fairly be classed as essentially scientific-engineering and about 40 percent as social-humanistic. By the very nature and mission of West Point, consideration of the curriculum cannot be restricted to the purely "academic" education but must include military instruction, physical training and moral discipline. In his four years, about 60 percent of a cadet's hours of instruction are under the control of the academic departments and about 40 percent under the Department of Tactics.

The authorized strength of the Corps of Cadets is 2,496, plus a few Allied students. The Corps is organized as a brigade of two regiments of 12 companies each. The brigade commander and staff need long enough arms to support a sizeable area of gold braid. A normal entering class would consist of some 700 to 750 cadets. After net losses averaging approximately 25 percent, about 575 might be expected to be graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science and commissions as Second Lieutenants in the Regular Army or Air Force.

The new plebe enters about the first of July and proceeds without delay to experience Beast Barracks—essentially the same old story, but with a difference. There is nothing soft about the first Summer's training, but it is conducted more intelligently by the first classmen on the detail. The absence of the continual yapping is conspicuous. Plebes run because there is much to do, not merely to satisfy the sadism of some upper classman. While they still learn to sound off Scott's fixed opinion and the definition of leather, their spec also includes the components of a field order, the classification of supplies, the names of the army commanders and other useful military information. At the end of eight weeks they have pretty well completed the basic training cycle and have absorbed a good deal of the business of being a cadet.

Plebe year has more academic work than it used to. Math still separates the engineers from the goats, but C. Smith and the other medieval textbooks have long since been replaced and the poor boys get well into the calculus before the first endless year is over. Foreign languages come in five packages, one per cadet — French, German, Spanish, Russian and Portuguese. The modern techniques of language instruction really bear fruit. On one occasion a group of cadets went down to Columbia to take part in a debate in Russian! The English course is marked by progressive writing practice leading up to a formal re-



DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICITY CLASSROOM AT USMA

search paper and by substantial work in public speaking, which most of us could have used with profit. The old Drawing Department which is now dignified by the impressive title of Military Topography and Graphics, keeps the plebe riding the drawing board with elementary descriptive and engineering drawing. The emphasis is more on basic principles and less on prettily finished drawings than it was in our day. Formal gym classes meet only every other day, being supplemented by intramural athletics alternating with drill in the afternoon.

Yearling camp is quite a different institution from the old camp behind the hedge. Camp Buckner on Popolopen Lake is well equipped with firing ranges for all weapons and with rugged terrain for small unit problems. First classmen give most of the instruction. A 44 hour week schedule for eight weeks gives the yearling a fairly thorough acquaintance with weapons and unit equipment of all arms and still leaves time for a lot of fun. Incidentally, the long furlough is a thing of the past. Except for plebe year, each cadet gets a four-week leave every Summer.

Back to barracks by the end of August, the new yearling continues with math (calculus, statistics and elementary differential equations). English (more reading, writing and speaking), a second year of the foreign language he took as a plebe, and the topography side of "Military Topography and Graphics" — surveying, map construction and map reading, field sketching and terrain appreciation, applications of photography to military mapping. Two basic science courses—physics and chemistry, presented by the youngest of the academic departments — complete a busy schedule.

Second Class Summer training consists of a 2½ week training trip to Fort Monmouth. The Signal Center; Fort Belvoir, The Engineer Center; Fort Benning, The Infantry Center; and Norfolk Naval Operating Base, Virginia. During the visit to Fort Benning, besides receiving

instruction in Infantry Tactics, the class receives a brief orientation on Army Aviation and the Air Force. Following the trip, one half the class takes 30 days leave while the remainder act as squad leaders in Beast Barracks or as assistant platoon leaders with regular Army Divisions. The boys get around a good deal more than we ever imagined possible.

Gluttons for punishment, the lads now plunge into the Second-Class academic year, which many find the toughest of the four. The work is concentrated in three departments. The Department of Electrical Engineering teaches the fundamentals which a line officer should know, including the fields and circuits, machinery and electronics, wire and radio communications, terminating in a brief but concentrated attack on the problems of nuclear physics relating to radiation hazards, nuclear fission and atomic power. The power and electronics laboratories have been completely redesigned and equipped with up-to-date apparatus in recent years. The essentials of mechanical engineering for military men are covered by the Department of Mechanics in four subcourses — analytical mechanics, strength of materials, thermodynamics and fluid mechanics. Laboratory equipment includes testing machines, gasoline and diesel engines, steam engines, turbines, a jet engine, wind tunnel, and refrigerating and air conditioning equipment. An extensive two-year sequence is conducted by the Department of Social Sciences. The Second Class course is devoted to economic and industrial geography, history of modern Europe, modern history of the Far East, the national government of the United States and the principal contemporary foreign governments.

The final Summer starts off with a two week trip to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Fort Bliss, Sill and Knox, where the new First Classmen get a brief picture of the various phases of Army and Air Force operations. Then they get practical training in command and instructor positions for the Third Class at Camp

Buckner, the new plebes in Beast Barracks, or for trainees at an Army Training Center.

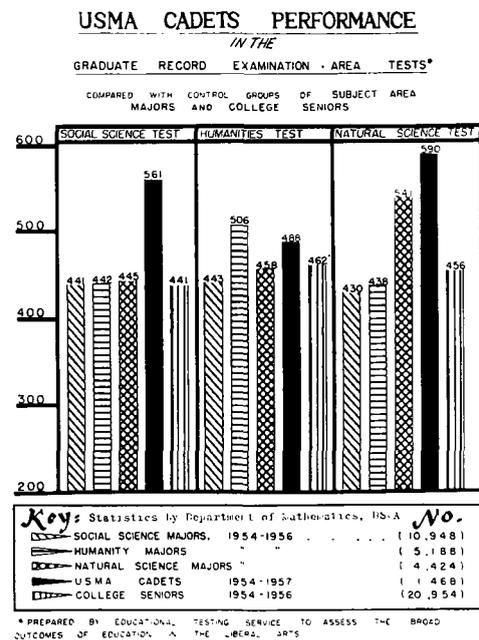
The First Classman's academic course is a varied one. In Military Engineering he rubs his nose in structural analysis and design, military bridges, roads, demolitions, field fortifications, camouflage, airfields and construction in war. In the History of Military Art he studies the art of war on land, sea and in the air, by historical example. The Ordnance course surveys the fields of engineering materials and processes, armament, explosives, ammunition, small arms and artillery; the principles of interior, exterior and terminal ballistics; the design, functioning and trends of development of guided missiles; and the design, production and development of wheeled and track-laying vehicles, with emphasis on the internal-combustion engine. The Department of Social Sciences works him over with instruction in economics, both basic principles and applications to the national security, and a broad study of international relations. In addition to court-martial procedure, the course in Law includes basic coverage of elementary law, criminal law and constitutional law, with a thorough discussion of the rules of evidence as applied to military courts. Come June, the young man is off to get a car, a wife and a war, with no more books to read, he hopes.

This outline of the curriculum may have slighted the work of the Department of Tactics, which carries on its traditional duties of discipline, administration, military instruction and physical training with many new ideas and effective techniques. Also under the Commandant is the sub-department of Military Psychology and Leadership, which conducts courses in basic psychology, military instructor training, and leadership in the Corps and in the service. The young graduate has a real opportunity to learn what makes men tick by the experience of others instead of getting it all the hard way.

The basic methods of instruction which have long exemplified the "West Point System" remain fundamentally unchanged. The small sections, frequent grading, sectioning according to ability, written reviews, insistence upon proper presentation, thoroughness and accuracy are still S.O.P. There is, however, much more variety in the instruction than appeared in our pre-historic era. Lectures, both by faculty members and outside lecturers, are a common occurrence instead of a rare occasion. Discussion groups and seminars are conducted as appropriate. Cadets visit such diverse installations as the Brookhaven Laboratories of the Atomic Energy Commission, the Hayden Planetarium and the United Nations General Assembly. Laboratory work has been increased in quantity and in scope. The interdepartmental approach to common problems is exemplified by the Program of Studies in National Security and the coordination by the Special Weapons Committee of all instruction concerning atomic

energy. In general, instruction has been broadened, integrated and directed toward its objective more effectively than ever before.

Cadet activities outside the framework of formal instruction are at once freer and more profitable than they were in our day. What with Corps squads in 17 sports, intramural competition in as many or more, some 50 different cadet clubs, committees and organizations, a ski run, skeet ranges, indoor and outdoor swimming facilities, to say nothing of reception rooms for visitors, radio and television, the poor cadet has scarcely time to get the creases out of his red comforter. Week-end leaves for First Classmen, football trips for the Corps, annual four-week leaves in place of the old single furlough, the interchange of visits with the Naval



Academy and with R.O.T.C. units at neighboring universities, debates and forums all give the modern cadet many contacts with the world which make the old days seem like splendid isolation.

No doubt the cadet still thinks of the officer primarily as the man who takes tents and gives demerits. Nevertheless, there is a lot more of friendly intercourse between them than there used to be. By a system of voluntary sponsorship it is arranged that every plebe will have made the social acquaintance of at least one officer and will have visited at his quarters. A great proportion of the officers on duty at West Point are helping cadets in some form of extracurricular activity. The company Tacs have their offices in barracks and have quite close contact with the cadets of their company. By these associations the cadet absorbs a good deal of value for his future career.

Is the cadet of the 1950's as well educated and trained as were his predecessors? That is not easy to answer except for a single class. No one, naturally, has ever quite approached the heights attained with the greatest of ease by the Class of 1917.

There is, however, a substantial body of objective evidence by which to compare cadet academic performance with that of his contemporaries at civilian educational institutions. The following statements are not made in a spirit of boastfulness but simply to indicate that the Academy is a respectable institution whose degree means as much as most of them. (Of course, if someone should want to brag a little there will be no automatic penalty).

a. The studies of USMA admission standards on the College Board Scholastic Aptitude Test indicate that our mean scores compare favorably with the leading colleges and universities in the country.

b. The Tests of General Education and the Area Tests of the Graduate Record Examination, also prepared and scored by the Educational Testing Service, have been administered to the graduating classes since 1948. The average cadet performance is better than that of 75 percent of the college seniors from 29 different institutions which constituted the control group. Practically no cadets (a small fraction of one percent) scored as low as 13 percent of the college seniors.

c. In May 1951 the Corps of Cadets participated in the Selective Service College Qualification Test to assist the testers in setting qualifying scores for the deferment of college draftees. Of the college freshmen, 54% made a score of 70 or more; of the plebes, 93.6%. Of all classes of college men 63% made the grade as against 96.4% of all cadets. The critical score for seniors for deferment to do graduate work was 75; this score was achieved by 50% of college seniors and by 85% of West Point first classmen who did not have the incentive of deferment which appealed to some college seniors.

d. On the Army General Classification Test, 97% of the cadets scored 120 or better; 75% scored 130 or better. These are the scores said to be comparable to 70 and 75 respectively, on the Selective Service College Qualification Test. The average cadets score on the A.G.C.T. was 137.4.

e. From 1946 through February 1952 a total of 976 USMA graduates terminated their graduate school training in the Army Civil Schooling Program. Of these, 885 completed their work satisfactorily, only 11 left because of academic failure, and 80 failed to complete their courses for reasons other than academic failure (transfer, illness, change of Army policy, etc.) This record of achievement compares very favorably indeed with the customary heavy attrition at graduate schools.

f. Thirty-four West Pointers have been selected to attend Oxford University as Rhodes Scholars in less than 35 years, a record exceeded only by two or three of America's largest and best known universities. A number of these men have subsequently served their country with distinction in positions for which their Oxford training prepared them.



# THE HISTORY OF MILITARY ART

## (THE WEST POINT COURSE)

By COLONEL VINCENT J. ESPOSITO

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**Purpose and Scope**—This course is the outgrowth of the course known to graduates of years prior to 1948 as the military history course. It has been expanded progressively in time and scope until now it is a full course of 105 periods of 80 minutes each which cadets attend three times weekly throughout their First Class year.

The change in title results from the fact that the course now covers much more than pure military history. It is presented from the over-all armed forces viewpoint and is designed to bring out by study of campaigns and battles—

1. The factors that influence the planning and conduct of military operations.
2. The impact of successive technological advances on the conduct of war in the strategic, logistical, and tactical fields, with emphasis on the probable influence of nuclear weapons.
3. The development and application of the principles of strategy and higher tactics.
4. The growing influence of logistics upon strategy and higher tactics.
5. The development, influence, and interrelationship of land, sea, and air power in military operations.

6. The principles governing the organization and functioning of high commands in combined and joint field operations.
7. The attributes of great military leaders and the contribution of these leaders to the advancement of the art of war.

**Integration With Other Courses.** — The course in the history of military art is an integral part of the *Program of Studies in National Security and the Armed Forces*, which also includes courses given by the Departments of Social Sciences, Tactics, and Ordnance. The general purpose of this program is to stress the interrelationship of the political, economic, military, and socio-psychological factors as they pertain to national security and the preparation for and conduct of war.

Though the course in the history of military art deals primarily with the military aspects, contemporary factors which are taught by other departments are pointed out concurrently with the study of military events so that the latter can be viewed in proper perspective in relation to history in general.

**Contents of the Course.** — The course is divided into four subcourses with the general titles given below. For administrative convenience each subcourse in-

cludes some material not indicated by the subcourse title.

**Subcourse 1: Great Captains Before Napoleon and Napoleon (18 lessons).**—The first three lessons of the subcourse are foundation lessons in which the cadets study the principles of war, military terminology, and modern doctrine with respect to the various types of offensive, defensive, and retrograde actions as well as special operations at river lines and defiles. Later, the cadets study the other types of special operations (amphibious, airborne, jungle, desert, night, fortified and built-up areas, etc.) in conjunction with the study of appropriate campaigns. The text used for these foundation lessons is a specially prepared department pamphlet (*Notes for the Course in the History of Military Art*), which is based largely on current Field Manuals. Much of the material covered is an extension of instruction already given the cadets in their combat arms instruction on small-unit tactics, although the course in the history of military art deals with higher units (generally at army and army group level, but at corps, division, or smaller-unit level when necessary to bring out specific points).

The next three lessons are devoted to Alexander, Hannibal, Caesar, Gustavus Adolphus, and Frederick. The cadets

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study the nature and limitations of warfare during the respective periods, why these men were great leaders, their great battles, and their contributions to the art of war. A department pamphlet (*Great Captains Before Napoleon*), containing a monograph on each Great Captain, is used as the text.

The following 11 lessons are devoted to a study of selected campaigns of Napoleon, which provide an excellent vehicle for initial instruction in the principles of strategy. The text used is the two-volume set, *Napoleon as a General*, by Wartenburg, for which the department has prepared an accompanying atlas. The campaigns studied are as follows:

- The First Italian Campaign
- Campaigns against Wurmser and Alvinczy
- The Marengo Campaign
- The Ulm and Austerlitz Campaigns
- The Jena Campaign
- The Eylau Campaign
- The Campaign of 1809 (2 lessons)
- The Campaign in Russia (2 lessons)
- The Waterloo Campaign

The final lesson of the subcourse, *Jomini*, is the first of three lessons devoted to great military writers. The department pamphlet (*Jomini, Clausewitz, and Schlieffen*) is used as the text. In addition to monographs on the three writers, the pamphlet also contains the Maxims of Napoleon, studied during the treatment of Napoleon's campaigns.

*Subcourse II: The American Civil War (17 lessons).*—The first period is devoted to a reading of the history of the U. S. Army, from its establishment up to the period of the Civil War, in *The Compact History of the United States Army*, by Dupuy. Other chapters of Dupuy's book are read concurrently with the study of military operations of the particular period, i. e. Civil War, World War I, etc. One purpose of this phase of the course is to acquaint the cadets with the birth, development, traditions, and customs of the Army and its contributions to the development of our country. Another purpose is to emphasize the evolution of our military policy.

The succeeding 16 lessons are devoted to a study and analysis of most of the campaigns of the war. Special attention is given to: the implications of total war; the impact of technological advances stemming from the industrial revolution; the capability for increased maneuver in war; and the conduct of joint operations. The following campaigns are studied:

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| First Bull Run   | Fredericksburg   |
| Shiloh           | Chickamauga-     |
| Antietam         | Chattanooga      |
| Wilderness       | Second Bull Run  |
| Peninsular       | Chancellorsville |
| Jackson's Valley | Gettysburg       |
| Vicksburg        | (2 lessons)      |
| Atlanta          | Franklin and     |
| Petersburg       | Nashville        |

*Subcourse III: World War I (17 lessons).*—The first two lessons are devoted to a study and analysis of the military



**INSTRUCTORS, HISTORY OF MILITARY ART**

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teachings and philosophies of Clausewitz and Schlieffen. Here also is provided the opportunity to study Napoleon's Campaign of 1814, the Austro-Prussian War of 1866, and the Franco-Prussian War of 1870-71.

The succeeding 15 lessons are devoted to a study and analysis of military operations on the various fronts as indicated below. The text used (*A Short Military History of World War I*) is a one-volume work with accompanying atlas, both prepared by the department. Special attention is given to the introduction in World War I of weapons, material, and tactics which were developed and employed in World War II.

- Plans and Forces of the Major Powers
- Western Front (6 lessons)
- Eastern Front (4 lessons)
- The Dardanelles
- Italy and the Balkans
- Mesopotamia and Palestine
- World War I Operations (film)

*Subcourse IV: World War II and Modern Warfare (48 lessons)*—This subcourse covers the period beginning with the early campaigns of World War II and concludes with present and future developments in the art of war. The text used (*A Military History of World War II*) is a two-volume work with accompanying atlas, both prepared by the department.

Military operations are studied and analyzed with a view to pointing up the valuable lessons of modern warfare, with emphasis on such as the following: modern logistics, strategy, and tactics; combined and joint operations; the influence of technological developments on the art of war; introduction to and application of nuclear weapons in warfare; leadership in modern warfare. In addition to the specific lessons devoted to logistics and nuclear weapons, campaigns of the period are used as a framework and vehicle to ensure adequate and concurrent coverage of these two major issues.

The first lesson is devoted to an introduction to modern logistics. Specific phases of logistics are studied later concurrently with those campaigns to which they are particularly relevant. The department pamphlet (*Notes for the Course in the History of Military Art*) is used as a text for both logistics and basic nuclear weapons instruction.

Nine lessons, interspersed throughout the subcourse, are devoted specifically to the probable influence of nuclear weapons in the various types of military operations. Campaigns of the war are studied as they were fought and are reviewed in the light of the development of weapons of mass destruction to ascertain what changes in the conduct of the operations, organization and training would have been necessitated had these new weapons been in existence. For example, the two lessons just preceding that covering the German invasion of Western Europe in 1940 are devoted to a study of the principles and doctrine pertaining to the employment of atomic and other modern weapons in offensive and defensive operations. The German invasion and Allied defense are then studied as they occurred and again from the viewpoint of the impact of modern weapons.

Thirty-six lessons are devoted to the study and analysis of World War II land, sea, and air operations in the theaters of war indicated below. Particular emphasis is given to correlate contemporary factors, to illustrate modern doctrine, and to point up the probable influence of technological developments.

- The Campaign in Poland, 1939
- The Soviet-Finnish War, 1939-40
- and The Campaign in Norway, 1940
- The War in Western Europe (10 lessons)
- The War in Eastern Europe (5 lessons)
- The War in the Mediterranean (6 lessons)
- The Campaign in the West, 1940
- (2 lessons)
- The Campaign in the Balkans, 1940-41

The War in the Pacific (9 lessons)  
True Glory (Documentary film)

The final two lessons are devoted to the study of the strategy and higher tactics of military operations in Korea. A department pamphlet (*Operations in Korea*) is used as the text.

Review (5 lessons).

Partial reviews after each few lessons, which are the custom in most other courses, are not employed in the course in the history of military art. Because of the wide field to be covered and the limited time available, it is believed that the time can be spent better on breadth of coverage. However, a system of "running" reviews is used in which cadets are held responsible for salient features of campaigns already studied in the current subcourse. This review material is contained in a department publication entitled *Summaries of Selected Military Campaigns*.

At the end of each of the two terms, full-period written general reviews are given on the material studied during the term. These reviews are based primarily on the *Summaries*, but a number of the questions call for objective interpretation and analysis of this material.

Cadets who are in the upper sections (approximately 40 per cent of the class) are excused from the written general reviews and spend those five periods in advanced reading, as described later.

*Text Material For The Course.*

It will have been noted that much of the text material has been prepared by the department. Many excellent books on most phases of the course have been published commercially, but few of these treat individual subjects or campaigns within length which can be managed by cadets during the time available for preparatory study. Therefore, where published material cannot be adapted to cadet use, the department designs monographs and chapters of about 25 pages which include the most important information and considerations on particular subjects or campaigns. The instructor amplifies this material during the recitation period.

*The Instructional Staff.*

The department's policy pertaining to the procurement of instructors is to try to obtain graduates of the higher service schools and to have each branch of the Army, as well as the Air Force, represented on the instructional staff.

Instructors are rotated monthly so that by the end of the school year each cadet will have been taught at one time or another by each instructor.

As the instructor plays such an important part in the conduct of the course, great care is taken to provide him with adequate tools and to further the development of his qualifications. The new instructor is given an intensive preparatory course during the Summer of his arrival. An elaborate set of notes for each lesson and selected supplementary material are issued by the department. A rather complete collection of the best reference books on the subjects covered in the course has been

assembled, and the instructors' notes indicate the appropriate books for each lesson. Of the most important works there is a copy available for each instructor.

*Classroom Procedure.*

Each section consists of about 15 cadets. The desks are arranged in the shape of a "U" thus creating the desired round-table-discussion atmosphere.

The 80-minute period begins with a brief question period during which cadets may question the instructor on matters relevant to the assignment. This is usually followed by a 15-minute "writ", similar to the "shotgun" quiz used by many college teachers, which is based on the text assignment and review material for which the cadets are currently held responsible. These writs are occasionally omitted in order to vary the pattern of classroom procedure.

During the remainder of the period the instructor concentrates on the many valuable lessons that can be learned from the campaign under study, including the impact of the many attending factors on the conduct of the operations, their validity in warfare today, and the circumstances which influenced the decision of the commander. He amplifies, but does not rehash, the material which the cadets have studied in the text and introduces interesting sidelights. As a basis for much of the discussion he uses situations which he has posted with colored stickers on large (4 feet by 6 feet) section-room maps mounted on swinging panels. By means of questions and solicitation of the views of the cadets he continually brings them into the discussion. Also, a cadet may break in at any time with a question or an expression of opinion. Controversial issues are presented for open discussion, the instructor being careful to avoid appearing dogmatic in his views.

The cadet's grade for the day is based on his performance on the "writ" and his contribution during the discussion period.

Cadets are arranged in sections according to ability. In the upper sections the level of discussion is higher, and the instructor can proceed more rapidly with amplification and introduction of new material. Also, upper sections are given greater opportunity for additional reading, as explained below.

*Outside Reading.*

It is an aim of the department to develop in cadets a liking for the reading of military history and to encourage them to continue such reading after graduation. To this end, as already mentioned, all cadets are allowed certain periods for a partial reading of *The Compact History of the United States Army*, by Dupuy, free from pressure of book report or examination; and those in the upper 40 per cent of the class are permitted to read other military works under similar conditions during the written general review periods. With each subcourse the cadets are provided a list of books which the department recommends for outside reading. All of these books are in the department reference room or the Military Academy

Library and are readily available to cadets.

*Cadet Topics.*

Frequently during the course cadets are permitted to prepare brief presentations on subjects of their choice, allied to the subcourse currently under study. These topic presentations lend variety to the classroom period, contribute to the general store of knowledge, give the cadets additional experience in preparing and presenting short reports, and stimulate their interest in undertaking additional individual reading.

*Leaders.*

Leadership is a governing element in any military campaign; and discussion of a campaign naturally includes consideration of the attributes, characteristics, and talents of the respective leaders. In addition to this routine analysis of leaders, the department presents 12 half-hour lectures and one full-period lecture on selected military leaders.

*Motion Pictures and Displays.*

Full use is made of available motion pictures. In the World War I subcourse a film depicting military activities during that war is presented. With the first lesson of the World War II subcourse there is shown a specially assembled film covering events leading up to the war. Thereafter, a total of 16 motion pictures are shown concurrently with the study of the various campaigns. At the conclusion of the course an excellent full-period film (*The True Glory*), on World War II is shown as well as motion pictures of the operations in Korea.

Pictures and other material relating to the campaign currently under study are posted on wall boards in the hallway of the section-room area. Also, at appropriate times weapons employed during the period under study are exhibited and described to cadets by the staff of the Military Academy Museum.

Prior to and during World War II, with a fairly stable doctrine and concept of warfare to build up to as a ceiling, the conduct of the course in the history of military art remained relatively consistent, requiring only the addition of campaigns as they occurred. Developments of the past decade have created a movable "ceiling" which demands that we be alert to changes and that we reflect these immediately in our instruction. This fluidity introduces many problems in course and material revision.

We are taking advantage of our move next Summer to the new academic building (old riding hall) to improve our training aids and overhaul our instructional methods and materials. Map boards will give way to the latest projection equipment. Our current critical problem is the preparation and completion on time of some 15,000 colored projection transparencies. The new building has provision for the installation of television equipment. Whether such equipment could enhance the presentation of the course is currently under study.

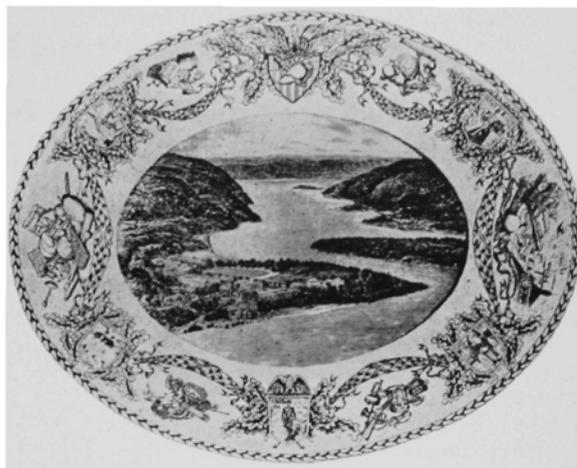
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# Cadet Ordnance Engineering Projects

BY CAPTAIN RICHARD H. SFORZINI, USMA '47

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For several years the Department of Ordnance at West Point has been experimenting with a program which allows interested cadets of the First Class to devote some of their regular course time to working on engineering projects of their own choice. Ostensibly, the only aim of the program has been to stimulate creative thinking; actually, the program has accomplished much more.

A cadet who elects to perform a special project must submit a paper on his subject at the end of the term. His efforts are graded on a 12.0 basis. When experimental work demanding the presence of more than one individual is involved, two cadets are permitted to work together on a project. Both cadets receive the same grade.

Very little, if any, of the scope of the Ordnance course has been sacrificed. When the program was first instituted in the Fall of 1955, cadets were allowed to substitute a paper of their own choosing for the prescribed term problem which involved the preliminary design of a complete weapons system or motor vehicle. In 1956 it was found advantageous to drop the regular term problem as a separate part of the course in favor of integrating it into the framework of the daily lessons. This created a momentary problem as to the status of the special projects.

Fortunately, the elective program had by this time proven itself to the extent that the Professor of Ordnance allowed cadets in the upper half of the class to substitute their own research projects for two of the three written partial reviews in each of the two major subcourses.

Very little restriction has been placed on subject matter. It is only necessary that the paper fall within some area of Ordnance engineering, which is practically no limitation at all. Topics have ranged from "Construction of an Electronic Ignition System" and "Effects of Humidity on Internal Combustion Engine Performance" in the automotive field to "A Study of Stresses in Gun Tubes Caused by Rotating Band Pressure" and "A Design for Improving the Linear Response of a Loudspeaker" in the armament field. Occasionally, a cadet is allowed to start a project which obviously cannot be completed in a single term. The cadet proceeds as far as he can with the project and then prepares his report which includes suggestions for future research. The report is available to any cadet who wishes to continue the project.

To date 55 cadets have participated in the program. Admittedly, this is a small percentage (about 5%) of the total number of First Class cadets who have taken the Ordnance course in the last two years.

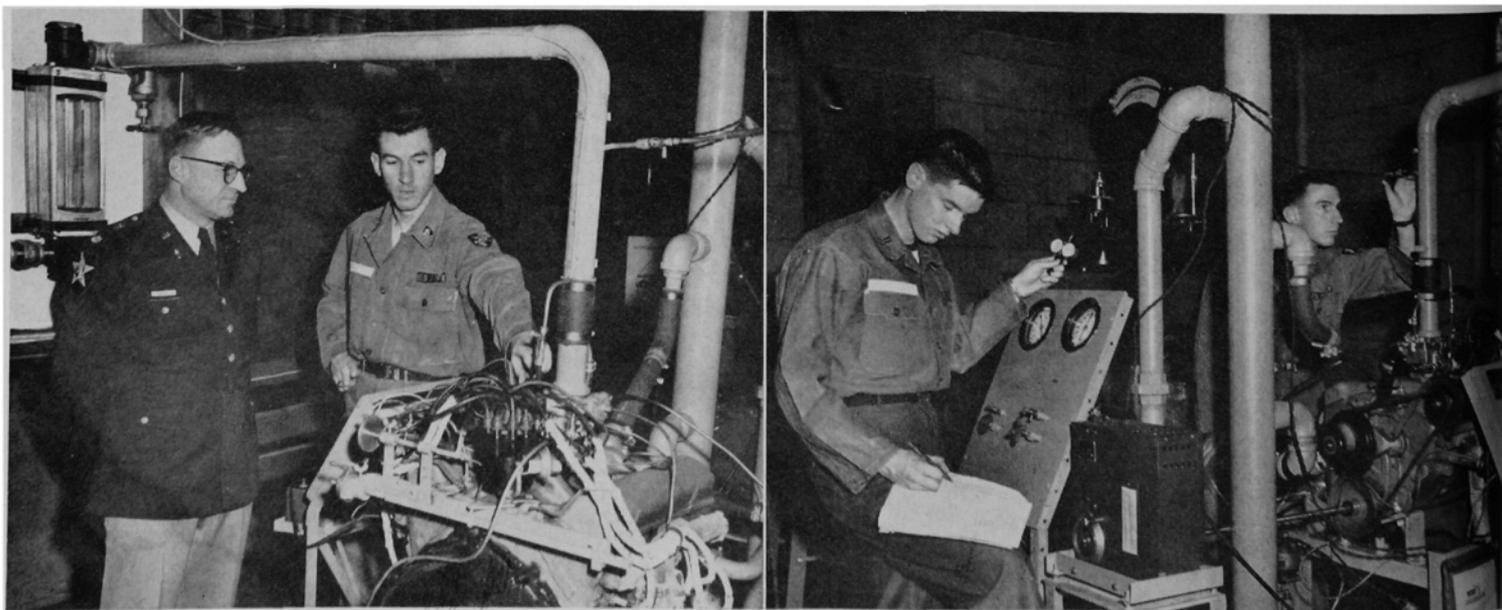
The program appeals most strongly to the cadets who stand high in the class and can best afford the time required to see a project through to the finish. Often the participant finds himself spending five, or even ten, times as much time on his project as he would spend in preparing for the two written partial reviews from which he is excused.

In spite of the rather restricted participation the Department of Ordnance considers its program a success. It must be kept in mind that the program is designed to supplement, and not to supplant, the regular course of study. The time available for teaching the basic engineering principles of ordnance is little enough and to reduce the scope of the course in favor of an elective program would be detrimental to the cadet's efficiency in a very vital area of his profession.

On the other hand, the program has created an outlet for the energies of those academically outstanding cadets who feel a compulsion to investigate physical phenomena more deeply than the curriculum allows. It is in this area that the special program has had its greatest success. Topics such as "Practicality of a Transistorized Electronic Ignition System" and the "Performance of Diesel Engines Using Various Types of Fuel" attest to the depth of the cadet's inquisitiveness. Thus, the program

Cadet A. R. Lamb '57 talks over an instrumentation problem with Assistant Professor of Ordnance, Lieutenant Colonel R. W. Samz, '41. The term projects present many opportunities for such liaison between student and instructor.

Cadets R. E. Bell and A. R. Lamb '57 conduct a test run to determine the effects of humidity on internal combustion engine performance. Term projects provide opportunities for the cadets to investigate physical phenomena more deeply than the curriculum allows.



is one of the ways in which the Department of Ordnance has implemented the academy-wide policy of supplying opportunities for gifted cadets to progress beyond the normal educational level.

Although the program functions strictly on a voluntary basis with the cadet being required to assume the initiative in undertaking a project, there are occasions in which an instructor may use the program as a valuable pedagogical adjunct. The author recalls, for example, the case of a cadet who in a classroom discussion steadfastly refused to agree with the consensus regarding the effectiveness of a certain device which was advertised as being a real fuel saver in passenger car operation. The suggestion from the instructor that one experiment is worth a thousand expert opinions resulted in the necessary formal request for permission to work on a term project. Contrary to the cadet's original stand it turned out that the "fuel saver" was completely ineffective. Nevertheless, the cadet did a superior job of analyzing and then debunking the product and, incidentally, was awarded a very high grade.

A faculty advisor is assigned to each cadet project. Benefits accrue to officers and cadets alike from the resulting close associations of instructors and students. The cadet, of course, gains from the experience of the instructor, but the instructor's own thinking is stimulated and his background broadened by the typically challenging problems encountered by the cadets. One particular problem involving temperature measurements in the venturi of a carburetor produced at least two experts on pyrometry among the instructional staff. Two assistant professors, Lieutenant Colonel Robert W. Samz and the author, have used some of the cadet findings and conclusions in their text, *Elements of Automotive Engineering*, which

is currently the text for the Ordnance Automotive subcourse.

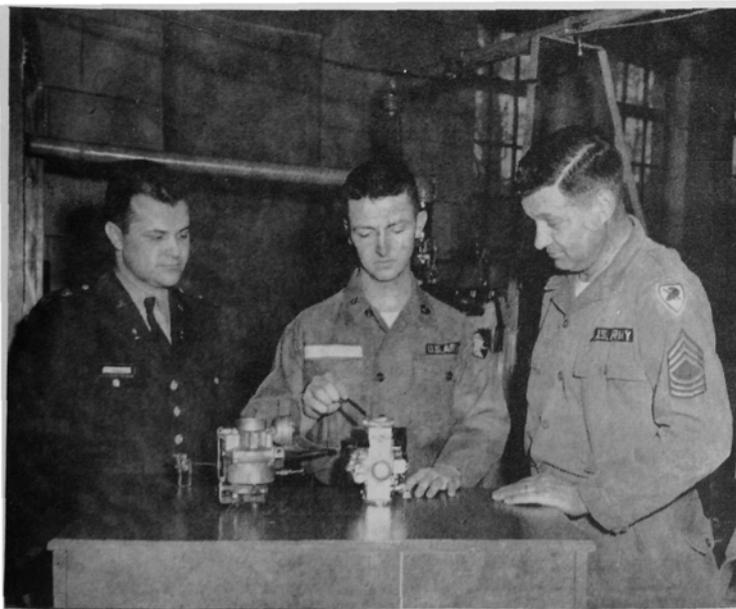
Perhaps the greatest benefit of the program to the cadet is that it allows him to apply the knowledge he has acquired in his scientific courses to the solution of a real engineering problem. Topics such as "Design and Construction of an Electrical Analogue for an Automobile Suspension System" and "A Study of Propeller Shaft Vibrations Induced by Universal Joints" provide a common meeting ground for the subjects of mathematics, electricity, and mechanics. One group who undertook the "Determination of the Relationship between Rolling Resistance of a Motor Vehicle and Road Gradient" found themselves exercising the skill acquired in plebe topography. Such practical applications of engineering and scientific principles have been found invaluable not only for enhancing the cadet's technical knowledge but also for helping him acquire confidence in his ability to analyze technical problems, which is in keeping with one of the important missions of the Military Academy: "To develop the powers of analysis so that the mind may reason to a logical conclusion."

Three of the papers prepared by cadets under this program were accepted for presentation at the Eastern Intercollegiate Science Conference at Temple University in Philadelphia in April 1956, and one was accepted for presentation at the 1957 conference at Georgetown University in Washington. One paper, "Automotive Gas Turbines" by Cadet (now Second Lieutenant) Richard L. Curl, was published in the July-August 1956 issue of *Ordnance*, an official publication of the American Ordnance Association. Such accomplishments not only benefit the cadets but also have obvious public relations value to the Military Academy as a whole.

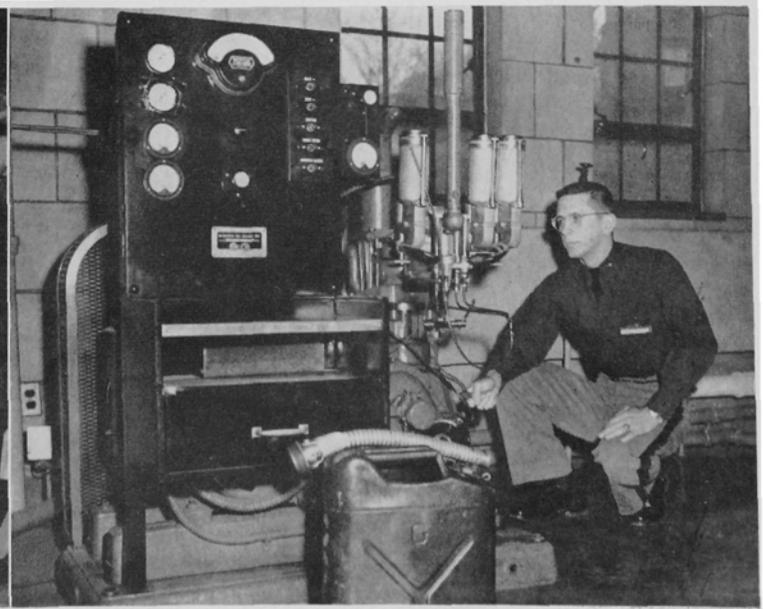
The Department of Ordnance feels that there is room for improvement in its program. A lack of certain facilities has curtailed selection of topics in certain fields in spite of the fact that other departments have cooperated in making equipment available. For example, it may be noted that the topics cited in this article pertain mostly to the automotive field. This is not because of any lack of interest in the field of armament. A number of cadets who have expressed a desire to perform research in the latter field have been unable to carry out their investigations due to lack of appropriate fire control and weapons instrumentation or testing apparatus. Even in the automotive field several types of research have had to be suspended because the automotive laboratory has space for only two dynamometers capable of developing the maximum horsepower of modern engines. Steps have been taken to improve these conditions. In 1956 a separate armament laboratory was established and is being equipped as funds become available. Completion of the new academic building, Thayer Hall, (at the site of the Riding Hall) will allow further expansion of facilities. Such expansion, of course, is guided by the overall departmental requirement for keeping instruction up to date, but the latter requirement is certainly compatible with improvement in the special project program.

Cadet special projects in Ordnance Engineering have accomplished their primary objective of stimulating creative thought. Additionally, they have effectively supplemented academic instruction with no sacrifice to the basic curriculum, improved faculty-student relations, and augmented the prestige of the Military Academy. The program will continue with efforts being made to extend facilities so that more cadet interests may be accommodated.

Cadet J. H. Vickers '57 discusses the relative advantages of two modern carburetors with Assistant Professor of Ordnance, Captain R. H. Sforzini '47, and laboratory technician, M/Sgt. J. I. Gauker.

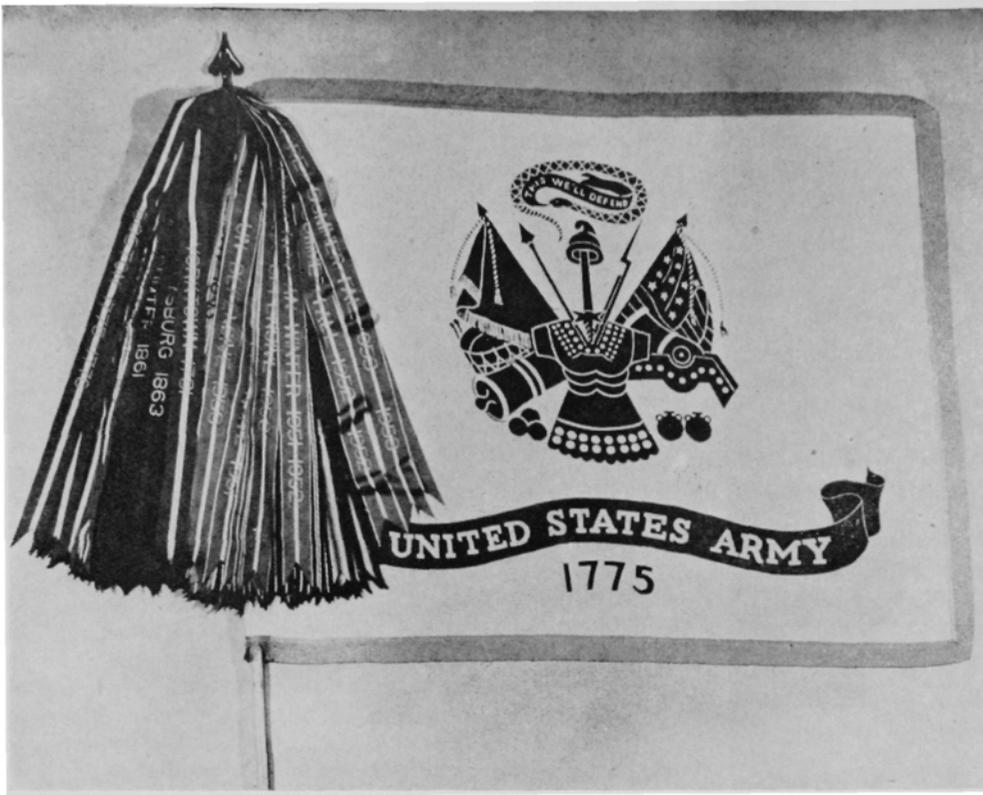


Cadet J. L. Easterwood '57 adjusts the compression ratio of a test engine during an octane rating determination. The practical experience gained in such work is a valuable supplement to classroom instruction.



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## Notes From The Office



About the Cover—In June 1956 the Department of the Army adopted a flag to represent the Army as a whole. On May 11, 1957, Secretary of the Army Wilbur M. Brucker presented an Army Flag to the United States Corps of Cadets.

Issue of the Army Flag is authorized to each numbered Army and to each General of the Army. On October 16 an Army Flag was presented to General Omar N. Bradley, '15, at a ceremony held at the Pentagon. On November 6, at Governors Island, before a distinguished gathering which included former President Hoover, Chief of Staff General Maxwell D. Taylor, '22, and many others, Secretary Brucker presented a Flag to General Douglas MacArthur, '03. At that ceremony were the present Superintendent, USMA, and three former Superintendents.

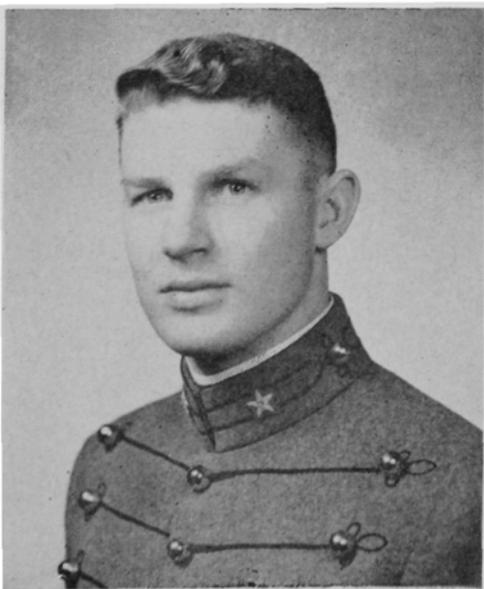
Back Cover—During three seasons of the year, West Point is the most beautiful location in the world. The rugged hills, the green Plain, the long view up the river to Newburgh, the spectacular foliage in the Fall, all combine to make the location one of inspiring beauty.

From the moment he first walks through the east sally port of Central Barracks until Graduation Parade, no cadet would ever voice such a sentiment. The period from Christmas Leave until Spring Leave is known to the Corps as "Gloom Period". Nature combines with the Academic Department to make West Point one of the coldest, most desolate, least attractive places on earth. The back cover is an attempt to symbolize this period.

### WEST POINTER AWARDED OXFORD PRIZE

First Lieutenant Harvey A. Garn from Idaho, who was commissioned in Armor, Class of 1955, received this year one of Oxford University's major prizes for outstanding scholarship. Oxford University elected him a George Webb Medley Scholar, which is an award based on the results of a competition in the field of Political Economy.

As an Honor Degree candidate in Philosophy, Politics and Economics, Lieutenant Garn will take his final examinations next Spring after three years of work.



*Correction.* In this column of the Fall issue we congratulated the West Point Societies, and said, "The Register has staff responsibility —" It should have read "The Registrar has staff responsibility —" The "Register of Graduates and Former Cadets" is published annually by the West Point Alumni Foundation, Inc., and neither the Foundation nor Register has any staff responsibility.

The officers of the Association and the Board of Trustees met at West Point on October 19. Collins, April '17, and Johnson, '21, represented the Vice-Presidents. Fenton, '04, was the only Honorary Trustee present. Twenty of the 36 Trustees attended. That is an excellent showing, considering the fact that some had to come great distances. Hayden, April '17, coming from San Francisco Bay Area, got the nod for distance.

The Board considered a number of subjects, including the publication of programs being followed by the Association. This met with enthusiastic support. The President appointed as the Nominating Committee Bartlett, '19; McAuliffe, '19; Nicholas, '25; Reeder, '26; Booth, '30. Any member of the Association who has recommendations for nominations among President, 5 Vice-Presidents, and 12 Trustees, including Regional Trustees from Second and Fifth Army Areas, should send them to the Secretary.

Considerable discussion developed regarding the Cadet Candidate Information Program. Naturally, there is wide variation among the West Point Societies in the vigor of their programs. It also appeared that interscholastic conferences in some areas have such rigid rules that the Program is effectively hampered. It was agreed that the NPRC Newsletters would be used to disseminate information on this Program. Any West Point Society which is meeting effective opposition, or more important, has overcome effective opposition is asked to give the details to the Alumni Secretary, USMA.

### Colonel Morton Re-Retires

Colonel William J. Morton, Class of 1923, who has been Librarian at the United States Military Academy since January, 1943, returned to the retired list at his own request on November 30, 1957. Replacement is being sought among retired officers who have not yet reached their forty-fifth birthday and who possess a degree in library science. All interested officers are invited to communicate with the Superintendent, setting forth their qualifications for the librarianship.

### The Cadet Mathematics Forum

The excellent article in our last issue on the Cadet Mathematics Forum entitled "Mathematics — A Rewarding Hobby" should have been credited to Major Robert E. Plett, Artillery, who prepared it. Major Plett served as Instructor and Assistant Professor of Mathematics during the period 1954-1957. Prior to joining the Faculty of the Military Academy he pursued the study of Mathematics at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute where he was awarded the MS Degree. Major Plett was Officer-in-Charge of the Cadet Mathematics Forum during his last two years at West Point and was instrumental in developing the Forum as a means for its members to capitalize on their interest in mathematics and its modern applications. Major Plett is currently a student at the Command and General Staff College.

### Outstanding Students Visit West Point

Outstanding students from high schools in the Baltimore, Maryland, area were selected by the West Point Society of Maryland to spend two days last Fall at West Point as guests of the Corps of Cadets. Upon their arrival at West Point, the boys were welcomed by members of the Military Academy Staff and were then met by their cadet escorts at Cullum Hall.

During the visit the high school students lived in barracks with their cadet hosts; observed all cadet formations, including classes; and climaxed their visit by witnessing a full-dress review of the Corps. While here, they also ate in Washington Hall with the USMA Cadets and attended Chapel Services of their individual choice.

### Recommended Reading List

Last Fall the Association received a number of letters from members concerning a recommended reading list for the professional advancement of officers. Those letters contained both recommended lists and inquiry regarding such lists.

Many recommended reading lists have been prepared in the past. As many lists have been published as there were agencies interested in such a program. Before World War II each branch and general school published in its respective Journal such a list. The Editor carried with him for many years, and tried to follow, a four page mimeographed list published by USMA. But a comprehensive, authoritative list has gone out of style.

While ASSEMBLY is not a "professional" magazine in the sense that we try to improve the competence of our subscribers, we are happy to assist them in any way possible. The Chief of Staff, General Maxwell D. Taylor, is personally interested in this problem and has directed the Army Staff to prepare a recommended reading list. The Army list will probably be more comprehensive, but published below is the "Short List of Current Works on National Security Matters" published by the Department of Social Sciences, USMA:

1. Dupuy, RE and TN, *Military Heritage of America*, McGraw, 1956.
2. Finletter, TK, *Power and Policy*, Harcourt, 1954.
3. Huntington, SP, *The Soldier and the State*, Harvard, 1957.
4. Kaufman, WW (ED.), *Military Policy and National Security*, Princeton, 1956.
5. Kissinger, Henry, *Nuclear Weapons and Foreign Policy*, Harpers, 1957.
6. Philip Wiley, "Tomorrow", Rhinehart, N. Y., 1954.
7. Knorr, Klaus, E., *War Potential of Nations*, Princeton, 1956.
8. Masland and Radway, *Soldiers and Scholars*, Princeton, 1957.
9. Millis, Walter, *Arms and Men*, New York, Putnam, 1956.
10. Stanley, Timothy W., *American Defense and National Security*, Washington, Public Affairs Press, 1956.
11. Osgood, Robert E., *Limited War*, Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1956.
12. Lincoln, GA, and Colleagues, *Economics of National Security*, New York, Prentice-Hall, 1954.

### BOOK REVIEW

**BLOOD AND FLOWERS.** By Elbert P. Epperson, January '43, New York: Vantage Press, 1956. 331 pages.

Michael Provost, January '43, against the backdrop of hedgerow fighting and staff duty in SHAEF, is searching for his answer to "Why do we have wars?" As a refreshing variation to the approach of most civilian novelists, Epperson's hero holds up his end as an effective lieutenant of Infantry, looking for more efficient ways of killing Germans as he pursues his secondary, self-appointed mission in the realm of social science. There to give him the benefit of their personal philosophies are the erudite Sandy Clemens, ex-professor of international relations, now commanding Co. "I" of a regiment in the 8th Infantry Division; and the enchanting Abbée, *ex-maquisarde*, now trying Communism for size. Sandy is killed; Abbée, in return for showing Mike Paris, is wised up to Communism.

General Herman Beukema has called **BLOOD AND FLOWERS** "a further contribution to the education of our people in world affairs" —M. M. B.

### SUGGESTIONS WELCOME

ASSEMBLY was first published in April 1942. In his Foreword, Major General Frank R. McCoy, '97, President of the Association of Graduates said:

"We believe this magazine to be a necessity for the proper accomplishment of the threefold mission of the Association of Graduates. But we realize that this office alone cannot make the magazine a success in its purpose; such success will be determined in large measure by the active co-operation and interest of every loyal alumnus of West Point. ASSEMBLY is your

magazine, and we hope and believe that your efforts, in furtherance of ours, will make the magazine the medium for a recurring reunion, a real ASSEMBLY every three months. . . . Any criticisms of ASSEMBLY will be welcomed by us. We want this magazine to be what you want it to be."

ASSEMBLY is primarily a means of communication among graduates of USMA. It espouses no "cause" other than that of our Alma Mater; it waves no flag other than that of the United States. Our policy, form, content, and style are supervised by the Board of Trustees. There is an Editorial Advisory Board, consisting of graduates qualified by experience in writing and publishing, which periodically offers suggestions.

However, the Board of Trustees takes this occasion to reemphasize General McCoy's last sentence: "Any criticism of ASSEMBLY will be welcomed by us. We want this magazine to be what you want it to be." We would appreciate hearing from our subscribers both pro and con. If you have ideas for improvement, let us have them.

### WINTER SPORTS SCORES

VARSITY BASKETBALL				
Date	Opponent	Army	Opp.	
December	4 Yeshiva	98	68	
	7 US Merchant Marine Academy	98	58	
	11 Lehigh	64	51	
	14 Columbia—at New York	56	60	
	18 Springfield	65	52	
20 & 21	Bluegrass Holiday Festival Tournament at Louisville, Kentucky	61	80	Louisville 66 Seattle
		51	79	
January	4 Colgate	77	79	
	8 Rutgers	74	72	
	11 Boston University	56	57	

VARSITY GYMNASTICS				
Date	Opponent	Army	Opp.	
December	7 Swiss Gymnastic Society	63	33	
	14 New Jersey Recreation Center	55	41	
January	5 New York Olympians	56	40	
	11 West Chester State Teachers	71	25	

VARSITY HOCKEY				
Date	Opponent	Army	Opp.	
December	7 Tufts	8	5	
	14 Princeton—at Princeton	4	3	
	18 Norwich	5	2	
January	8 Middlebury	5	9	
	11 Brown	5	4	

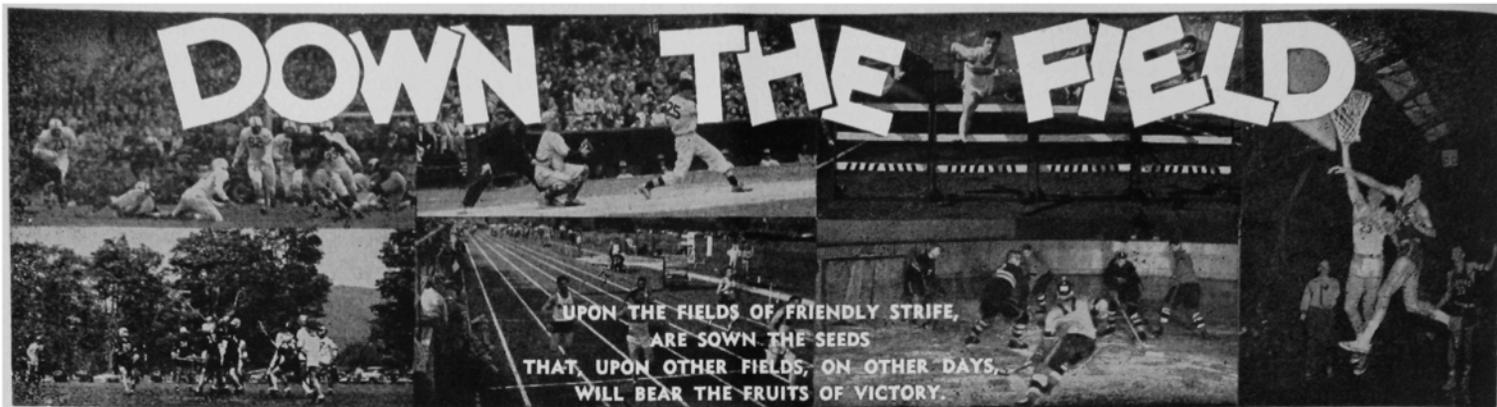
VARSITY PISTOL				
Date	Opponent	Army	Opp.	
December	7 US Merchant Marine Academy	1338	1208	
	January 11 M.I.T.	1374	1288	

VARSITY RIFLE				
Date	Opponent	Army	Opp.	
December	7 Catholic University	1427	1346	
	14 M.I.T., New Hampshire	1423	1416	1400
January	11 Tri., Yale, Drexel, Army	1439	1370	1373

VARSITY SWIMMING				
Date	Opponent	Army	Opp.	
December	7 Long Island University	72	14	
	11 Fordham	53	32	
	14 Harvard—at Cambridge	28	58	
January	8 Colgate	45	41	
	11 Dartmouth	49	37	

VARSITY TRACK				
Date	Opponent	Army	Opp.	
January	11 Manhattan	43	66	

VARSITY WRESTLING				
Date	Opponent	Army	Opp.	
December	7 Franklin & Marshall	18	6	
	14 Columbia	32	0	
January	11 Yale—at New Haven	18	6	



By Joe Cahill

The intercollegiate sports season bowed in a little earlier this Winter with only the track and field team unable to get in a pre-Christmas contest.

It figures to be a typical indoor campaign both in quality and quantity. There will be several individual champions crowned in the individual competitions, but teams will be hard pressed to capture a title.

Some 200 contests involving varsity, junior varsity and plebe competitions are slated for Wednesday and Saturday recreation in the main. "A" squad teams will represent the Academy on nine fronts with strong schedules set-up in each sport. To operate this comprehensive program, the Military Academy will host approximately 1,200 visiting athletes during the Gloom period."

In the early season operations, the basketball squad has attracted the most interest. The quintet under the able direction of Coach Orvis Sigler won its first three

in a row against minor competition. However, once the cagers moved in against the majors the story was quite different.

They lost successively to Columbia, Louisville, Seattle and Colgate, and that's where the record stands at this writing. The team did well in the Blue Grass Festival at Louisville where they encountered the unusually tall man for the first time. They battled Louisville even until the last two minutes before losing by a five point margin in the opening game. In the consolation round, Seattle was too much for the Cadets who came up with a poor game to boot. Elgin Baylor, the great all-America, led Seattle to a 30 point victory.

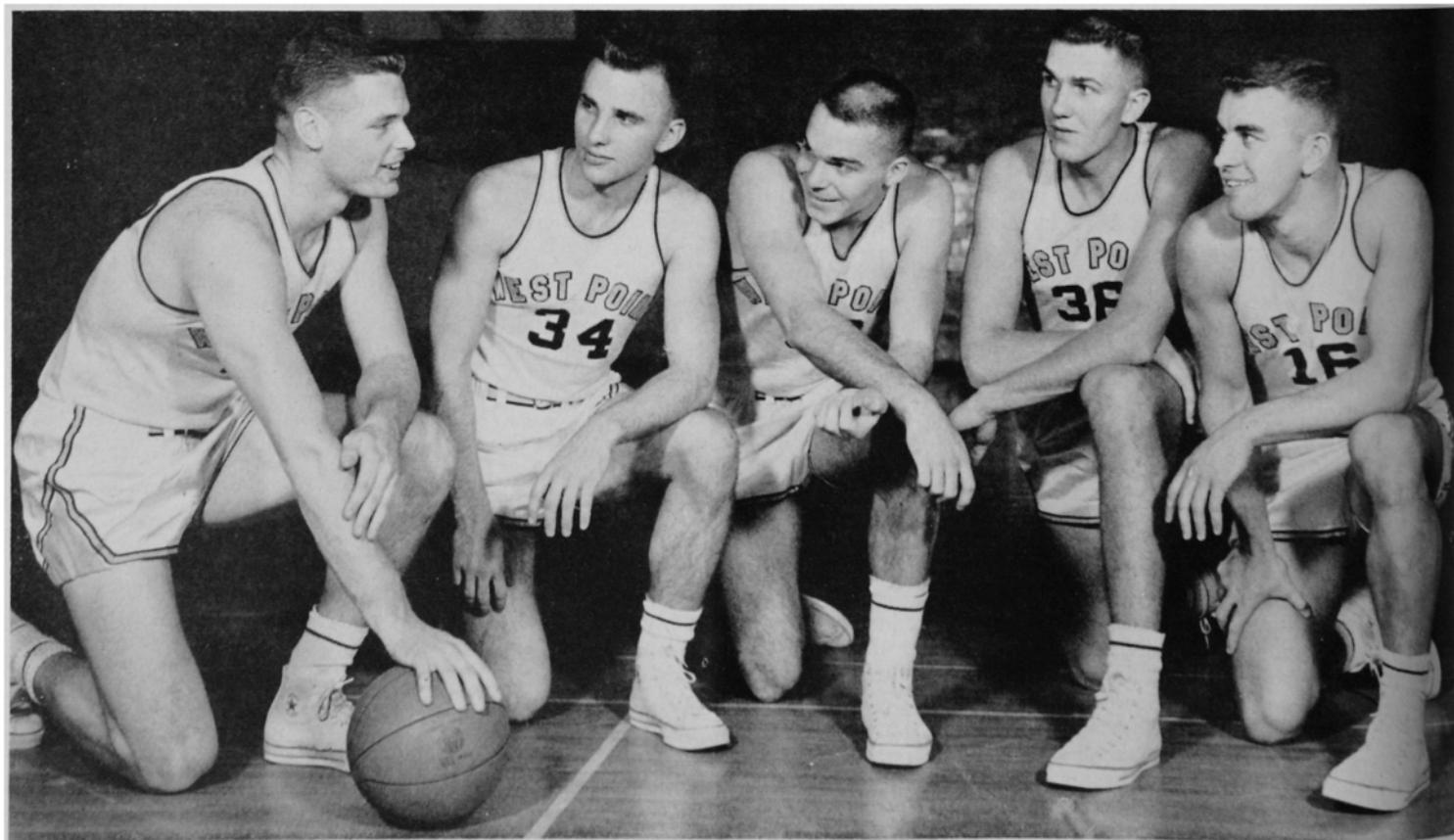
Despite the fact that the team is a game off in the losing column as play resumes after Christmas leave, it is the belief in this corner that Sigler has a much better all-round team than at any time since he took over five years ago.

Team Captain Don DeJardin is the only

first classman on the squad. Chuck Darby is the only second classman on the starting five. Joe Bobula, Jim Klosek and Darryle Kouns, a trio of yearlings, round out the starting five.

Kouns appears to be potentially one of the truly outstanding players in West Point court history off his early form. He has been consistently among the top twenty scorers in the country and his average has been hovering around 20 points a game. The 6 foot 2, 190 pounder hails from the heart of a hot basketball area, namely; Ashland, Kentucky. Klosek brings some badly needed height to the situation being the tallest man on the squad at 6 foot 5. However, he has much to learn before he will be considered a strong threat in the post position. Darby and DeJardin lend the squad much needed experience. It is hoped that this combine will be able to pull the group together until such time as the new-comers can muster more experience.

DON DE JARDIN (Captain), JOE BOBULA, DARRYLE KOUNS, JIM KLOSEK, and CHUCK DARBY.

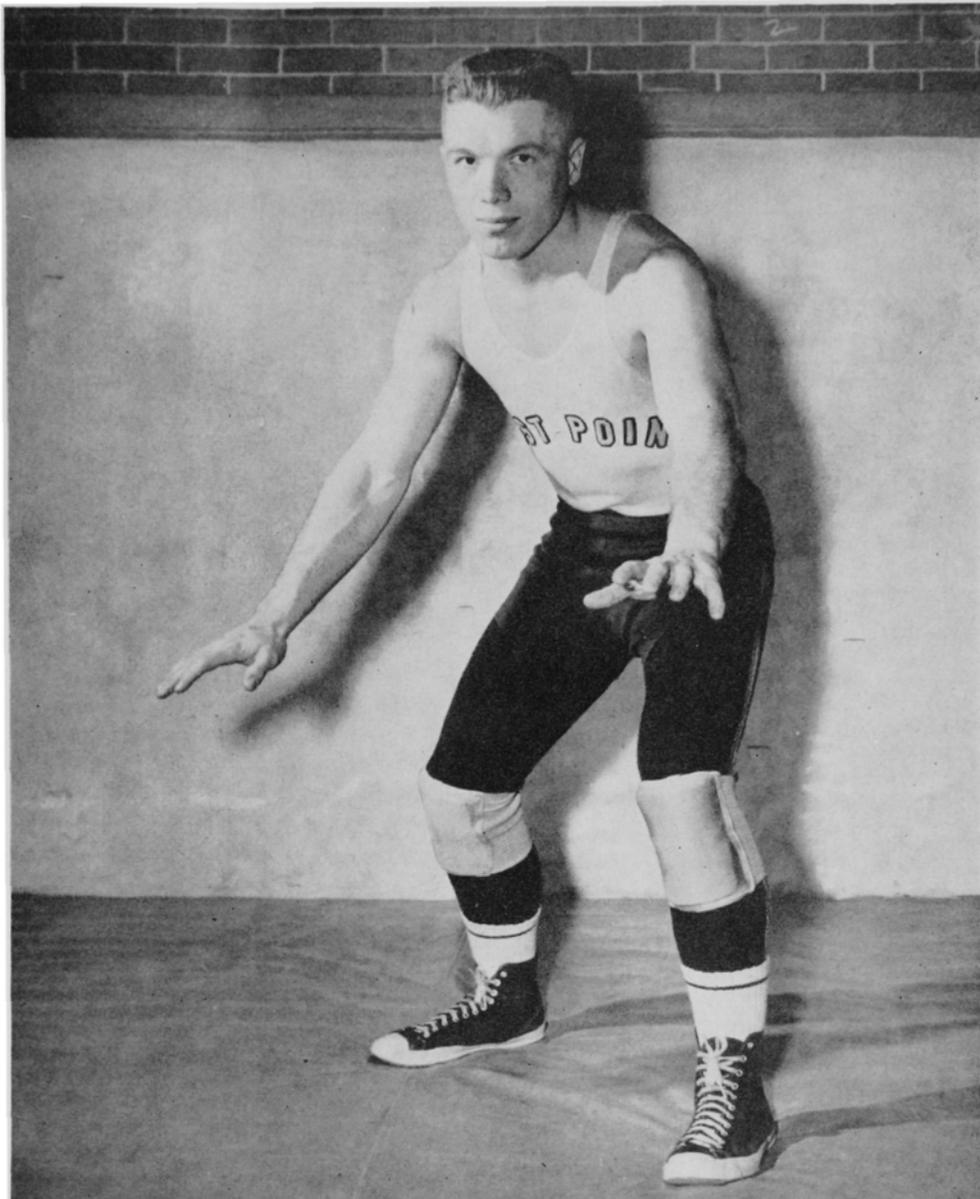
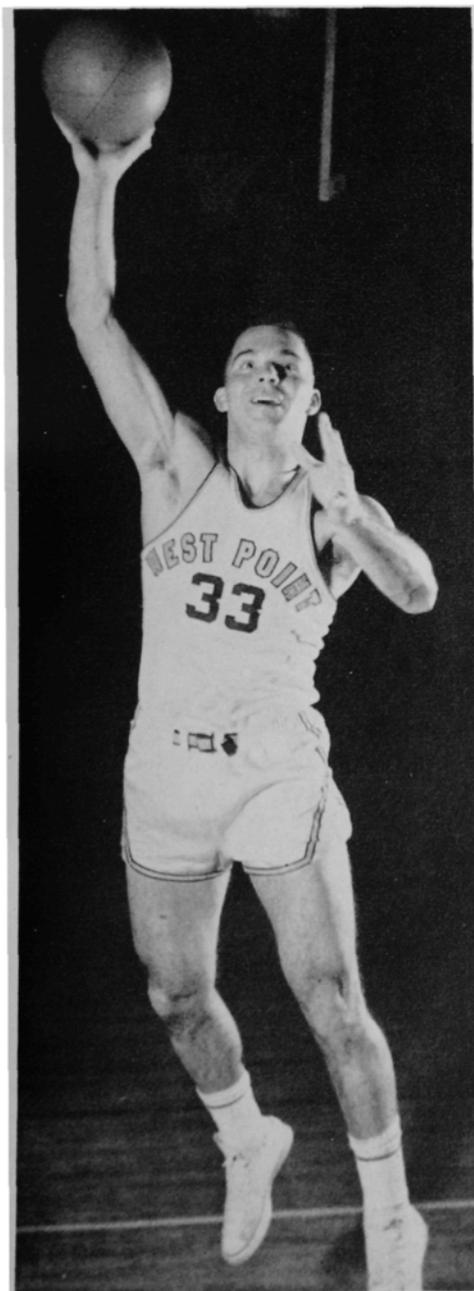


Though this season may well have to be discounted as far as a good record is concerned, it appears safe to say that the Cadets are beginning to emerge from their shell of mediocrity that has been their hallmark virtually without exception for ten years. The Academy height limitation has been extended to 6 foot 6 which should help somewhat in the years to come.

Jack Riley, who garnered Coach of the Year honors last Winter, has the hockey sextet off and winging again this Winter. In three pre-Holiday engagements, the pucksters took up right where they left off in 1957, i.e., with a victory.

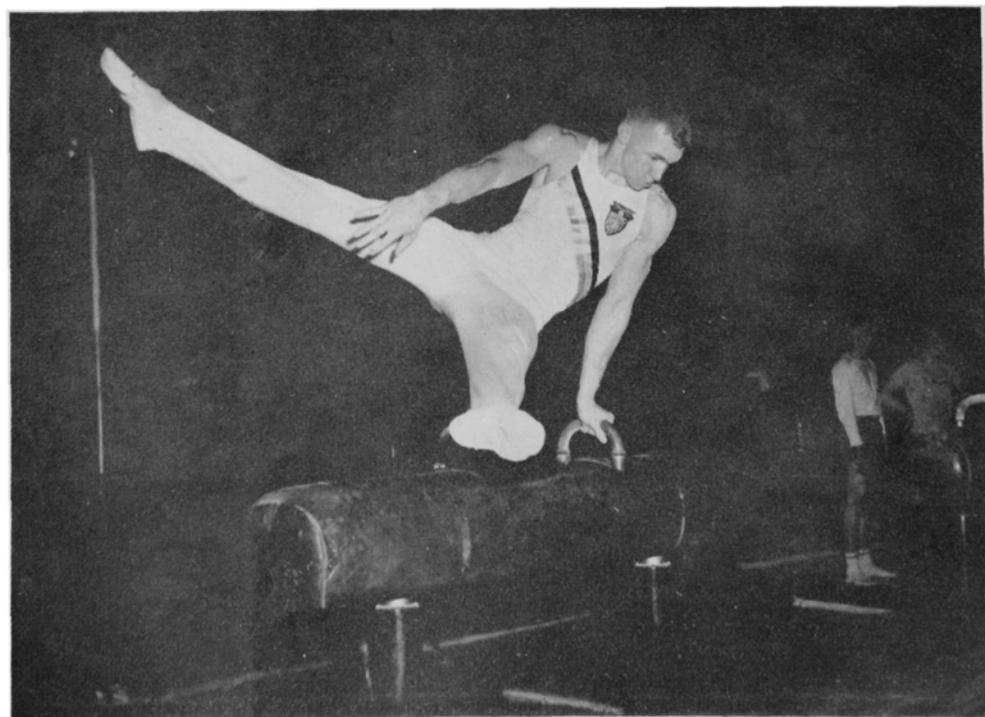
The sextet flooded the visitor's goals with 17 goals in the three games proving conclusively their ability to score. The play of Goalie Larry Palmer has been particularly noteworthy. The veteran tender has come up with 83 saves while giving up ten goals. Mike Harvey and Pete Dawkins combine to give the Cadets a powerful defensive alignment. Ted Crowley, Skip Hettinger and

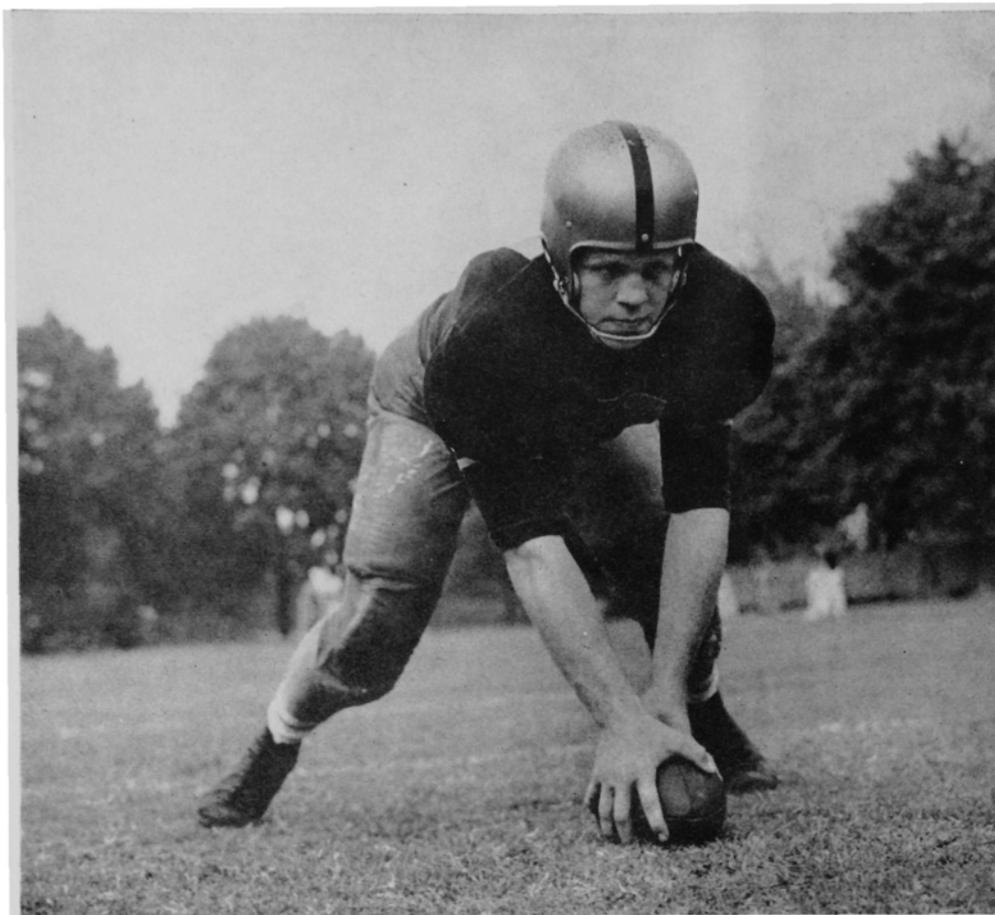
DARRYLE KOUNS. . .



KEN PHILLIPS, Captain. . .

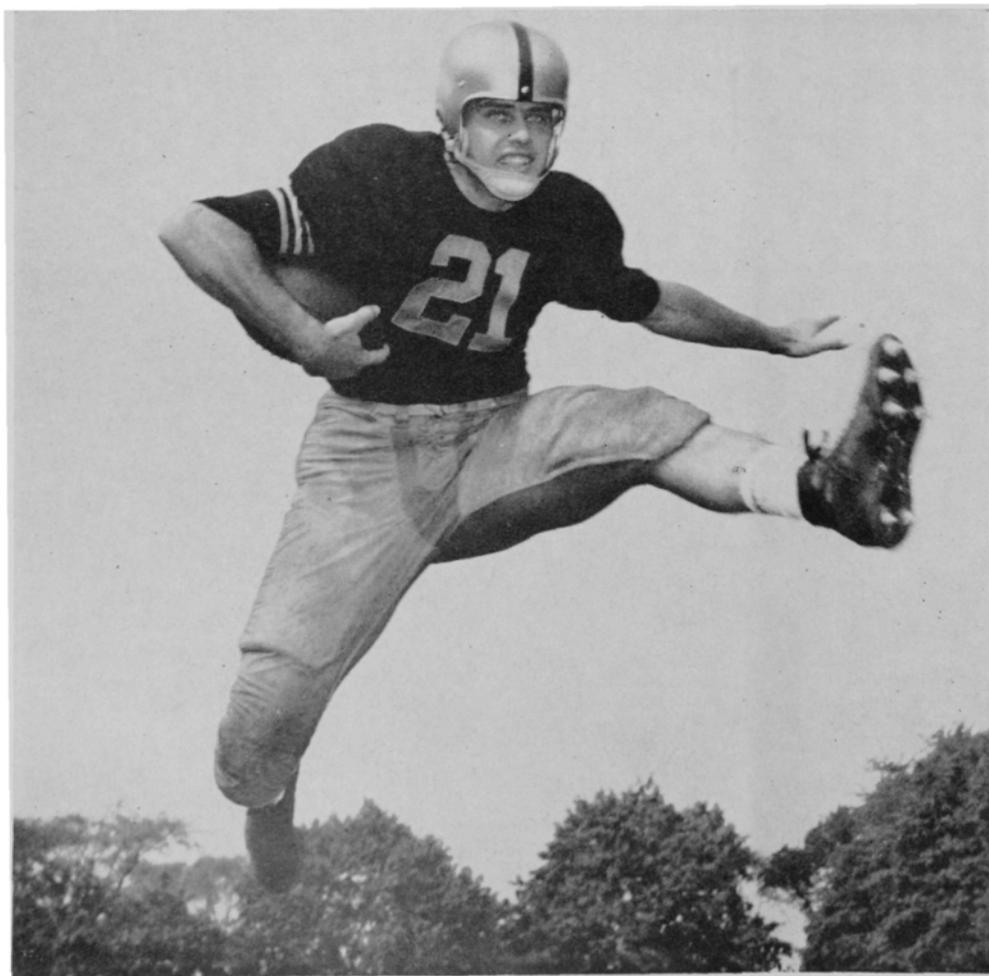
GAR O'QUINN, Captain. . .





JAMES KERNAN, Captain—Center, 1957 Season. . .

BOB ANDERSON, Halfback. . . .



Mike Harvey have been setting the scoring pace with 9 points apiece. Crowley leads in goals with six while the others have three each.

Coach Riley was optimistic regarding the chances of this club against most of the major teams on the schedule until the untimely injury to Captain Lenny McCormick, potentially a leading scorer. McCormick, who is also a baseball pitcher, tore a knee cartilage and a subsequent operation put him out for the season. McCormick's loss was a considerable setback to the squad's chances of equalling the brilliant record of 14 and 4, possibly the best mark in West Point annals.

As previously noted, Coach Carl Crowell did not take the wraps off the thinclads until after this column went to press. However, Army's strength lies in the 35 pound weight with Ed Bagdonas, an all-America in the hammer throw last Spring, Captain Jerry Betts in the sprints, halfback Gil Roessler and John McBlain in the hurdles, Arv Doucette in the broad jump, and Keith Nance in the shot put.

In Gymnastics, Tom Maloney is optimistic regarding the possibilities of two individual performers. Garland O'Quinn is regarded by Maloney as possibly the finest ever to represent Army in gymnastics. Team captain and a brilliant all-round performer, O'Quinn served notice to the Olympic Selection Committee that he is not to be overlooked by winning seven events in the New York Metropolitan AAU Development Meet in December. O'Quinn also took all-round honors and is currently being tabbed as a prospect for the Pan American Games in 1959. His best event is the side horse where he has been the defending Eastern Intercollegiate champion the past two years. Maloney boasts another potential champion on the flying rings. Bill Giallourakis has been both consistent and impressive in the early meets and Maloney has high hopes that the first classman can cop a title. Giallourakis must, however, displace the defending titlist, Bill Darling of Pittsburgh, who won both the NCAA diadems last year. Giallourakis was fifth in the Nationals.

Improvements are noted in the rifle, pistol, swimming and wrestling teams. Squash racquets may have the same difficult path to hoe as in the past with not a single player who has had any previous experience before entering the Military Academy.

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## WHAT THEY'RE SAYING

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We would like to reflect for a few lines on the 1957 football season. Of course, no season minus a climatic win over Navy can be termed "glorious." Nevertheless, it would be less than fair to the 1957 squad to say that the season wasn't surprisingly successful. The Knights won 7 games while dropping, besides the Navy finale, a 23-21 heartbreaker to Notre Dame.

If my memory serves me correctly, most of those intimately associated with the Black Knights would have settled for an even split back in August. The football authorities reluctantly numbered Army in the top twenty in their pre-season estimates. Both schools of thought appeared to be logical.

This team was characterized as being exceptionally thin in reserves and woefully lacking in experience. Only four regulars returned from the previous year. Contrast this with Navy which had eight starters back and you have an idea of the problem confronting the coaching staff. Much the same situation figures to exist next Fall. Only three members of the team that started against the Navy will return. These include Captain-elect Pete Dawkins and all-American Bob Anderson at the halfbacks, and Bob Novogratz at guard.

With all angles considered, it is the opinion in this corner that Earl Blaik and his staff turned in a splendid coaching job. In some quarters it is believed that this may well have been Blaik's finest effort, all things considered.

In any discussion of the athletic program we always recall the words of a former executive in the athletic department at the Naval Academy who said: "Army does not figure to beat Navy very often in any sport after 1956." Though not a prophet, the man's prediction looks fairly good at the moment. In the four sports played to date this academic year, the Middies are out in front by a total of 3 to 1. The only win for West Point came in 150 pound football.

Under the capable direction of Coach Eric Tipton, Army fielded a team in this grid loop for the first time. The 150's proved the class of the circuit though it was their first time round. It is interesting to note that the Middies had fairly well dominated the league the past five years.

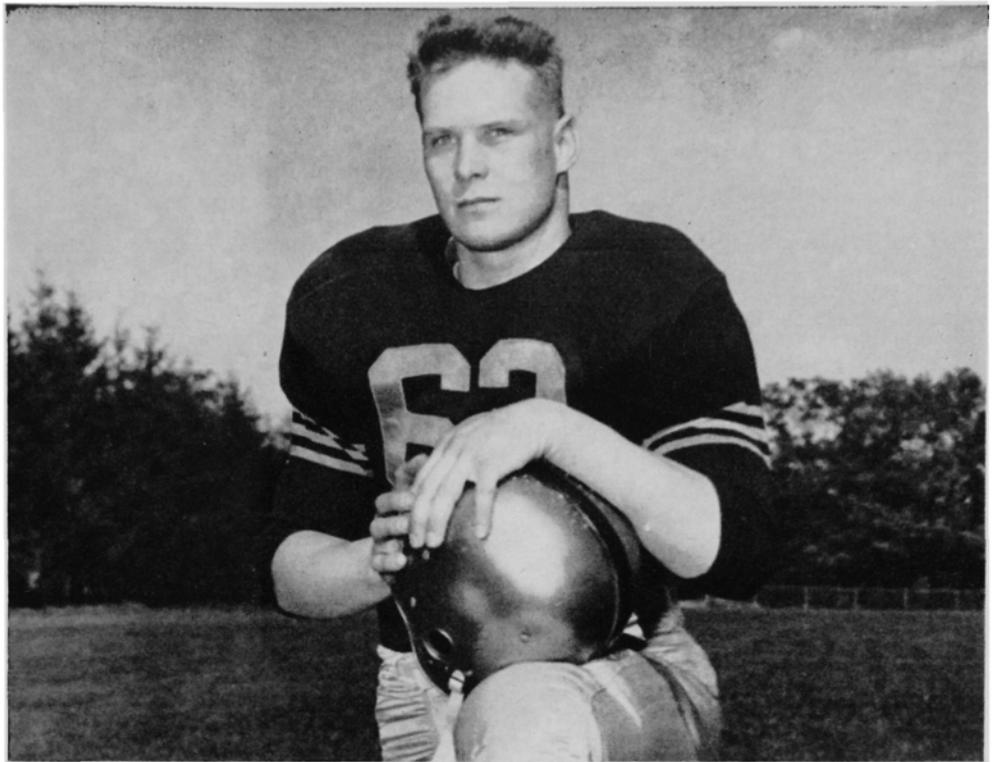
Tipton came to West Point from William & Mary where he was head baseball coach. A former Big League outfielder and an erstwhile all-America back at Duke University, Tipton combines the duties of baseball coach with the smaller football league. "Tip" played with Cincinnati and the Philadelphia Athletics, former American League entry.

The rules of this type of football are interesting. For example no scouting is permitted. All players must weigh less than 154 pounds, and they must weigh in at 6:30 on the evening prior to the game. In all other respects, the rules governing intercollegiate football are followed.

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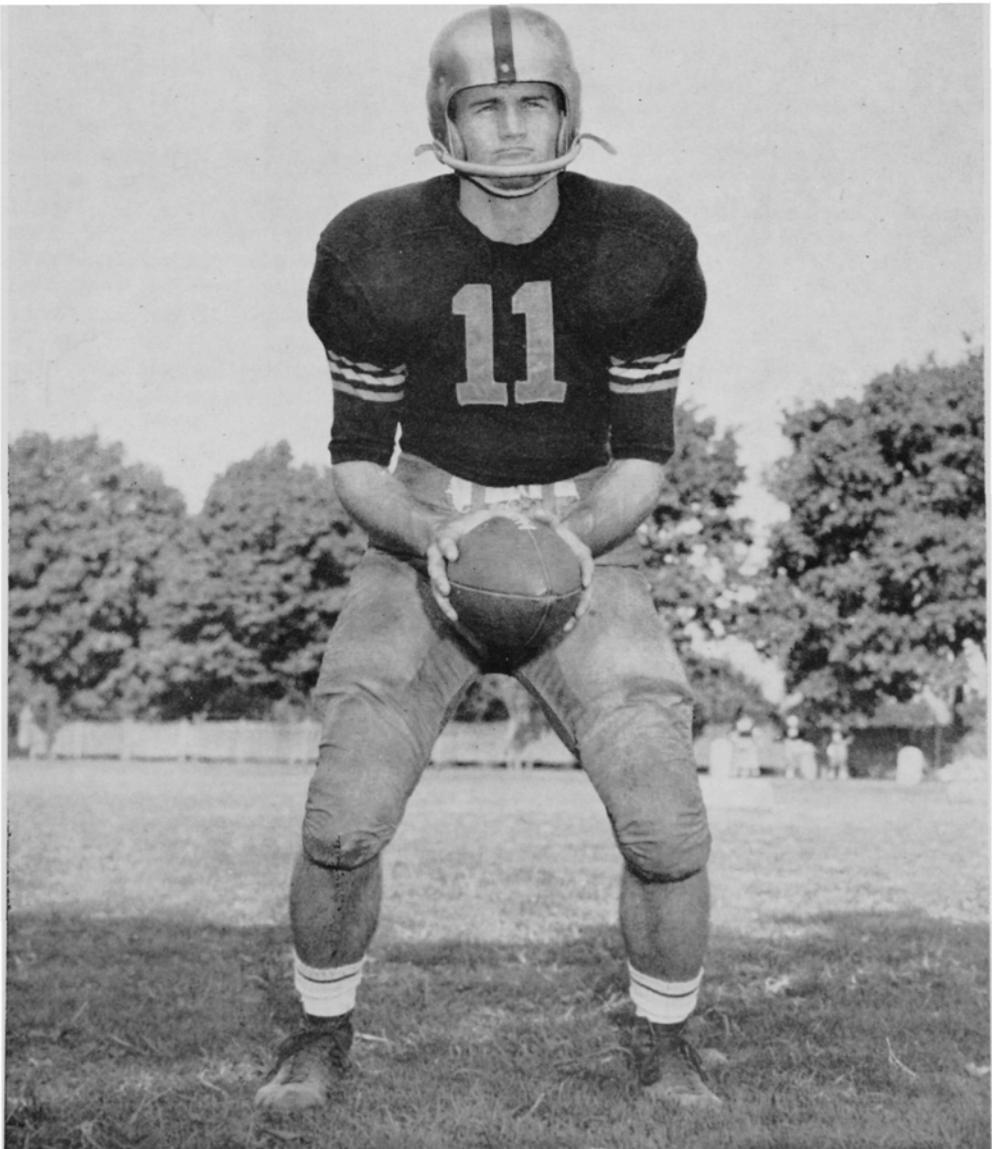
## NOTES

Bob Anderson was prominently named on most all-America teams as a first team halfback. Captain Jim Kernan and Stan Slater made at least one all-sectional team. Slater and quarterback Dave Bourland played with the East against the West in the annual Shriner's game in San Francisco.



STAN SLATER, Guard. . .

DAVE BOURLAND, Quarterback. . .



# LAST ROLL CALL

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Reports of deaths of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of the Fall 1957 ASSEMBLY

Name	Class	Date	Place
Chauncey B. Humphrey	1898	January 4, 1958	Sea Cliff, Long Island, New York
Thomas F. Maginnis	1898	November 6, 1957	San Francisco, California
George A. Nugent	1898	January 5, 1958	Veterans Hospital, Newington, Connecticut
Stanley D. Embick	1899	October 23, 1957	Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, D. C.
Henry L. Harris, Jr.	1899	November 6, 1957	San Francisco, California
Upton Birnie, Jr.	1900	October 15, 1957	Washington, D. C.
Owen S. Albright	1905	October 11, 1957	Palo Alto, California
Rolland W. Case	1905	December 16, 1957	Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, D.C.
James S. Dusenbury	1905	August 16, 1957	Myrtle Beach, South Carolina
Augustine B. Kelley	Ex-1908	November 20, 1957	Suburban Hospital, Bethesda, Maryland
Francis R. Hunter	1909	October 9, 1957	Berkeley, California
Harry Hulen	Ex-1909	October 23, 1957	Palacios, Texas
Jesse A. Ladd	1911	December 14, 1957	Letterman Army Hospital, San Francisco, California
Robert F. Hyatt	1912	November 8, 1957	Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, D. C.
Gordon Lefebvre	Ex-1912	June 27, 1957	Oakville, Ontario, Canada
Basil M. Stevens	Ex-1913	November 7, 1957	Montclair, New Jersey
Glenn P. Anderson	1914	November 4, 1957	Marion, Virginia
Hamner Huston	1914	November 22, 1957	Tampa, Florida
Desmond O'Keefe	August 1917	October 23, 1957	Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, D. C.
Raymond E. S. Williamson	August 1917	September 27, 1957	Pebble Beach, California
Charles W. Leng, Jr.	November 1918	August 18, 1957	Staten Island, New York
Martin A. McDonough	June 13, 1922	November 16, 1957	Plainfield, New Jersey
Walter L. Weinaug	1924	October 15, 1957	Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, D. C.
Lowell M. Limpus	Ex-1924	December 19, 1957	New York, New York
David M. Perkins	1929	October 2, 1957	Airplane crash on Bloodroot Mt., Vermont
Henry L. Hille, Jr.	1935	November 7, 1957	Washington, D. C.
Walter G. Gleye	1937	August 21, 1957	Grand Haven, Michigan
Peter Van Matre	1945	August 22, 1957	Airplane crash at Eglin AFB, Florida
Thomas D. Blazina	1946	November 5, 1957	Airplane crash at Landstuhl, Germany
Harry G. Cramer	1946	October 21, 1957	Viet Nam
John F. Dent, Jr.	1948	December 6, 1957	Airplane crash at Barksdale AFB, Louisiana
William A. Shuster, II	1948	November 19, 1957	Veterans Hospital, West Haven, Connecticut
Robert L. Rutte	1952	September 26, 1957	Airplane crash at Nellis AFB, Nevada
William P. Purdue	1954	December 17, 1957	Brooke Army Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas



## New Members

OVER 97% OF OUR LIVING GRADUATES ARE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

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

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

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### 1893

Of the original members of the Class of 1893, only three of the graduates of that year remain; three of those that were graduated in 1894, one non-graduate who was commissioned from the Army, and one non-graduate in civil life.

The writer of this has replies from all the above except from Houle. Jamerson, who lives in Richmond, Virginia, writes that he is doing fairly well with a nurse in constant attendance and doctors almost daily. However, he is cheerful and in good spirits. Walker, (the undersigned), lives in St. Petersburg, Florida, and early in September suffered a stroke from which he is rapidly recovering.

Of the 1894 graduates, Cocheu, who lives in Washington, reports he is doing better as a result of the kindness and attention given him at Walter Reed. Both Hunt, who lives in Berkeley, California, and Whitworth, who lives in Los Angeles, report reasonably good health. Wolfe, who lives in San Francisco and who was commissioned from the Army, reports his health all that could be expected, and Mathews the other non-graduate, who lives at Sharon, Connecticut, reports that he suffers from hardening of the arteries, but is able to drive about the country and even reported a visit to West Point.

—Kenzie W. Walker  
2962 2nd Avenue, North,  
St. Petersburg, Florida.

### 1895

The goose hangs high for '95. Nothing depressing to report. Bertha Bash and Mildred de L. Smith have new addresses, Bertha at 11370 Page Mill Road, Los Altos, California, Mildred in San Antonio area, where she and her daughter intended to locate after a long motor tour. Her exact address can be obtained from her son, Siegmund W. Smith at 4965 Catoctin Drive, San Diego, California.

Ethel Dwyer plans three months absence from home for visiting this Winter. Jane

McGrew has similar plans but for a shorter time. Katrina Schulz, Nellie Richardson, Estelle Simmons, Gloria Pearce, Zinia Sturtevant and Susanna Charles expect to stay put this Winter, Zinia to nurse a broken arm and Susanna, temporarily below par, to convalesce. The news of Rose Darrah's expected further convalescence had not arrived by deadline date nor had Ida White's expected report of "same at same"

—Perry L. Miles,  
Johnstown, Ohio.

### 1897

So far as reported, the class seems well dug in for the Winter and not unduly excited by reports of the various sputniks and missiles.

Connor and wife are back home in Washington after visits in Europe and New England.

The Conklins spent the Summer in North-western New York, and Roberts, C. D., in Hawaii with his son Tom and daughter-in-law, who accompanied him back to Washington.

Mrs. Conley spent the Summer in Germany with her daughter and son-in-law, General and Mrs. Watlington, and is back at the old home at Fairland, Maryland.

Mrs. Easton R. Gibson lives at the Canterbury Hotel in San Francisco.

Letters sent to Alcantara at his last Venezuela address, and inquiries at the Venezuelan Embassy brought no response as to his whereabouts.

—Charles D. Roberts,  
7210 Maple Ave.,  
Chevy Chase 15, Maryland.

### 1899

Since the last writing, the final trumpet has sounded for that wonderful friend and splendid character, Stanley Dunbar Embick, of the Class of '99. Early in his career he became an authority on Coast Artillery and was soon called to the Office of the Chief of Coast Artillery and then to the

Coast Artillery Board. Later, he served the Army on the War Department General Staff as the head of its most important committee, the War Plans Division, and then the Nation on international committees in both World Wars, and as military advisor at the top conferences of World War Two. In his more than 50 years of active service, he greatly served. And in November, another classmate, Henry L. Harris, departed this life. Brilliant, talented and erratic, he was a colorful character and we all remember him as a cadet. But he was early retired for disability and few of us have seen him since. After retirement, he turned to painting, went to live in the California desert and pictured it in all of its many aspects, until his recent entry into Letterman General Hospital. He is survived by a daughter and a favorite niece, Miss Nonica Whittstock of San Francisco.

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

### 1900

Of the 116 men whose names at one time or another graced our cadet class rolls—15 survive as graduates and eight as non-graduates. The recent round-up effort educed the fact that his children and, more particularly, his grandchildren, are the focus of each man's interest.

Glynn still practices law—albeit vicariously. He "permits his son Jim to carry the ball most of the time". Moreover, he, himself, now needs something more stable than a canoe to take up the recoil when he shoots ducks.

Harvey and wife still enjoy travel to far places. During the year they visited Manila, Baguio and Honolulu. Manila is nothing like it was in our days of yore, but Baguio is still the garden spot of the world, and Honolulu proved quite satisfactory.

Hopkins continues as President of his bank in Cassopolis, Michigan, but his travel radius is limited by illness in his family. He visited West Point in June Week (1957) where he, Tidball and Beck ('01) exchanged

old soldier reminiscences to their mutual satisfaction.

Mitchell, Simmons and Sunderland report nothing worthy of note. Although they enjoy reasonably good health they find life decidedly on the unexciting side. Simmons takes special pride in his son who, in July 1957, was installed as president of the Dade County Bar Association, which ranks as one of the Nation's 12 largest organizations of its kind.

Rockwell and Westervelt, as previously reported, suffered disabling strokes some few years since, but they do get around and explore, in a limited way, their respective localities in Long Island and Vermont, which are rich in history. About November 20 "Tex" had the pleasure of seeing his first grandson, named Dirck for "Tex's" son ('45) whom we met at our 45th reunion. He subsequently lost his life in Korea in April of 1951.

Perkins has concluded that, on the whole, the life of a retired man is very ordinary, but he and his wife, both in excellent health, enjoy motoring and viewing the scenic grandeurs of the western states.

Tidball is one in whom youth springs eternal. He and his wife are building a new home. However, as a grudging concession to senescence, it will apparently be a one story job—no stairs to challenge arthritic joints.

Although Wood, as an army officer and a big business mogul, is technically retired in both capacities, he is on the board of six or seven large corporations and is as busy as ever. By way of relaxation he finds his greatest civic interest in the Chicago Boy's Club, for which, in past years, he has done much indeed. Wood and his wife are planning a trip to the Orient, Tokyo and Hong Kong, in February, after which they will be looking forward to their 50th Wedding Anniversary. They have five children, 15 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

McVicker reports nothing special concerning himself, but claims as a noteworthy fact that in the past five years he has acquired seven great-grandchildren — four of them in 1957. So, as a patriarch "Mac" has out-paced Wood, but the latter hints at good prospects.

Youngberg, the bottom man on the Totem Pole, is still the Engineer and Director of Procurement for the Florida Reach of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway from Trenton, New Jersey, to Miami, Florida.

It is felt that Birnie definitely merits the thanks of the Class for his very fine appreciative obituary of "Bull" Wesson (Page 65, ASSEMBLY, Fall Issue 1957).

During the past year Mitchell, Davis, F. E., Birnie and Jackson, attained the respectable age of 80 years, and ipso facto, became members of the Le Coterie des Vieillards instituted in 1955. Neely didn't quite make it, having died about eight months before his 80th birthday anniversary. By virtue of one whole year of "juniority" Jackson succeeds Sunderland as the "Youngest Old Codger"

—G. A. Youngberg,  
Post Office Box 36,  
Jacksonville 1, Florida.

## 1902

A belated announcement has been received from the editor of a stamp magazine that William L. Stevenson, who left us last Christmas Day (1956) was one of the leading students of American stamps. For 40 years, because of his accomplishments in this field of hobbies, he was an honorary member of a leading stamp club. Many later stamp studies as well as the present interest in certain stamp issues began with his original researches.

In October the Bells took a short motor trip to see the Autumn colors of the Allegheny mountains and the Pennsylvania

Dutch farms, fraught with childhood memories, and on their way back stopped at their daughter's home near New York.

Sep Dockery went back to Mississippi in the Spring for a few weeks with his sister in his old home town. She spent the Summer with him at Carmel, California. The 11 hour plane ride made the trip easier for both of them than it would have been when we were graduated.

The Longleys, after a Summer conclave of their three families, old and young, in the rural and marine setting of Cape Cod, went back to Frank's native Michigan to celebrate their Golden Wedding Day with his brothers and their families.

The Griffiths wound up an extended automobile tour at Louisville, Kentucky, where within their quiet domicile walls they are making travel plans for 1958.

Dorsey Rodney spent the Summer in Maine and visiting his daughters in Texas and Kentucky.

The Valliants, content with reviving other scenes among their oriental art treasures in their delightful Virginia home, do not choose to join the Ramblers' Club.

The Edwards family, weary with wandering about for several years, have decided to spend the Winter on their hillside, pursuing their hobbies of writing and painting.

—William Waller Edwards,  
6969 Greenvale St.,  
Washington 15, D. C.

## 1903

The 1958 Reunion Bulletin No. 1, dated August 28, went to all members of 1903, subsequent to submission of our Class News for the last issue of ASSEMBLY. Attention is invited to it, as in some details it differs from the information about our 55th Reunion published in ASSEMBLY, and of course the Bulletin prevails.

You will all be distressed to learn that Rose, in the first week of October, had what he calls "a rather serious upset", due to an internal hemorrhage of sufficient duration to cause loss of consciousness and require blood transfusions. However, investigation has shown its cause not to have been anything malignant, and he is up and about again, feeling "all right again except for some residual weakness of the legs and the inconvenience of a rather rigorous diet." The latter precludes the drinking of any alcoholic or carbonated beverages. Poor William!

The Class all join in heartfelt sympathy to "Sep" Winfree in the loss of his wife, who died in DeWitt Army Hospital at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, on October 1. After this bereavement Winfree stayed on at the hospital for two or three weeks for a general check-up "plus a few accessories like teeth, eyeglasses and possible hearing aid." From there he was going to visit with Colonel and Mrs. E. F. Gillivan in Arlington, Virginia. Mrs. Gillivan is a daughter of his wife, Mary, by her first husband.

Winfree assures us he wants to attend the 55th reunion, not merely to see his old classmates, but also to check up on whether the "Supe" is carrying out all the reforms in the USMA which he, Winfree, recommended in his reply to the recent questionnaire. He feels that with his thorough program for the reform and revivification of the Academy, the Superintendent "cannot go wrong" We shall be looking for you "Sep," and we shall probably hear your "gentle" voice before we see you.

Dorsey Rodney and his sister-in-law, who had spent the Summer at Paris, Maine, after a call on "Dad" Hawkins in Brunswick, Maine, stopped by to see "Puss" and Florence Farnum in Augusta. Since their return from Europe a year ago last July, the Farnums have stayed at home except for short trips to New York, Boston, and local visits in Maine.

Turtle made a generous contribution to

the Class Fund before a re-estimate of the latter led to the conclusion that contributions to it are not really necessary. Turtle, who is about our best correspondent, writes that he is well enough except that he felt the heat greatly last Summer and tires easily. His good Maida is now interested in genealogy, and is finding much interest in tracing her ancestors. Our "Mud Turtle" has discouraged her doing the same for his progenitors, claiming that his classmates had already traced his ancestry to the Silurian Period and there was no use in trying to go back further in the past. However, he reports that Maida did discover the grave of a Revolutionary ancestor of hers in an abandoned cemetery and, for the first time in 30 years, visited her three sisters in Kentucky, July 6-31, on their farm. Characteristically, he stayed in town near the library and whiled away most of the hours reading Eckerman's Conversations with Goethe, with "no yard to bother with, and no housework to do!" They are planning to be with us in June at West Point.

Telford reported from La Jolla, in response to inquiries, that Nichols spent his Winters in La Jolla, that he saw "Billy" often and they discussed many things but the latter never discussed his career or business, though much liked and esteemed in the community. Telford seems to be well "in a relative sense", swimming and sun bathing every day, but ends with Oliver Wendell Holmes' "Oh, to be seventy again."

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

## 1904

No 1904 notes for this issue. At our age, however, no news is usually good news! Best wishes for 1958.

—William Bryden,  
3555 Springland Lane, N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.

## 1905

Since the last report we have lost two classmates. James Dusenbury died suddenly at his home in Conway, South Carolina, on August 16 and interment was in Conway. Owen Albright died on October 11 in Palo Alto, California, as the result of a cerebral hemorrhage. Interment was in the Golden Gate Cemetery in San Bruno, California. The sympathy of classmates has been extended to both families. Arrangements have been made for the preparation of obituaries for ASSEMBLY.

Death has struck not only at classmates but at two widows of classmates. Eve Kiehl passed away at Benicia, California, and was buried in Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, beside Phil, on October 10. Prosser and Joe King '06 were among the pallbearers. Isabelle Lowe died in Walter Reed Army Hospital and graveside services were held in Arlington National Cemetery on October 24 where she was placed beside Tom. Daddy Gibson arranged for flowers on behalf of the Class for this service.

Clifford Earl has had copies made of the interesting talk he gave to the West Point Society of Atlanta in March 1957 and has sent copies to several classmates and friends. In the course of time he expects to get around to all classmates. If you don't hear from Early soon, write to Clifford or your scribe for a copy. It is well worth while.

In the LIFE article of October 14 on Beasts at West Point, Doug McKay considers that on page 150, the fifth file from the front on the right of the column, looks exactly as Charlie Daly did when he was a Plebe. Could it be that he is some relation?

Burns Magruder reports the arrival of a seventh grandchild, Sarah Beall Magruder.

The proud parents are L. B. Magruder, Jr. and wife. Lloyd Jr. was recently promoted to Manager of the First National City Bank of New York Branch at 117 Old Broad Street, London, England, the bank's largest foreign branch.

Towhead Broadhurst reports that Hugh Jr., '52 USMA is with the Signal Corps stationed at Orleans, France. Towhead advises that since he and Frances made their trip around the world, they still have South America, Australia and Africa unexplored and they might take off some time and try one of them.

Harold Halsey Dunwoody '43 USMA, is second in command of an armored regiment in Germany. Doris Dunwoody's address is now 309 North Aurora Street, Ithaca, New York.

Margaret O'Donnell was in New York City last Summer. The Ramseys had her as a guest at luncheon one day and found her a most charming person. It is easy to see how even so confirmed a bachelor as Mike succumbed to her charms.

Rumor has it that Alvin Barber has finally retired. It is understood that he recently had a successful cataract operation. Best wishes from your classmates, Alvin.

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

## 1906

The pelicans and the mallards are riding the waves on Biscayne Bay along with the water skiers. The bang tails are running at the race tracks and the greyhounds at the dog tracks. The poinsettias are flaming in all the gardens for Christmas. The season is on. The fun begins. Pearson Sands says the boardwalk is still wonderful, especially when the beauty contests are on. Gordon Bartlett has left West Point for Japan and Korea for a bit of foreign service. Dawson Olmstead writes through daughter, Bisbie Dootson, that he has recovered from his three operations and is feeling fine. He wants the addresses of the class widows. About him at Lake Washington are his three children, his five grandchildren, his two great grandchildren. Address him at 9125 N.E. First Street, Bellevue, Washington. Dick and Ella Burleson send postal cards from the Monte Estoril hotel in Lisbon, Portugal, where they expect to stay till Spring, having motored from Cannes across Spain to get there. McKew Parr has been there this Summer and ought to be home now. He's probably chasing down more news of Magellan, about whom he wrote such a splendid treatise.

The Washington contingent has resumed monthly lunches at the Army & Navy Club. The McFarland family is now gathered around the capital city. Earl Senior has returned from a family check-up in Topeka and Chicago and found all going strong. The Riley family will soon be together in Greenwich, Connecticut, when daughter Nanie gets back with her family of Andersons from Heidelberg, Germany, (except Bill and Rosalie, who are in school at Syracuse). Jim Shaw expects to retire this Spring, probably as a rear admiral. He's Betty's man.

For the Army-Navy game at Philadelphia, the Rockwells, the Hoyles, the Rileys, Jack Hoyle and his bride, Bill Riley and Rosalie, Jim Shaw and Betty, Joe Anderson's brother and his wife and Marion Howze, '03, will fill a cheering section. We may need some rooting too.

Red Hoyle and Christine have been out to Oklahoma for Jack's wedding. Christine fell and broke a coccyx but she is now recovered. We have a rumor that Cort Parker and Elizabeth are somewhere in Florida and that Cort is recovering from an illness. We are checking.

Clifford Early, '05, sends a fine letter and a copy of his excellent talk to the Atlanta

West Point Society. What a nice thing to do! I hope many got similar letters.

Elizabeth and I fled from Beaucatcher Mountain at the end of the Summer. All Summer long, we had around us in and near Asheville, North Carolina, a large group of retired Army and Navy officers, their wives and civilian friends. They have a retired officers' association that meets for formal dinner four times a year to rekindle the flames of friendship and to talk of the good old days. We joined Johnny and Josephine Johnson at two of the dinners and met dozens, whom we knew by their nicknames. And they knew mine. It was fun. Come down and enjoy the sunshine, before the sky gets full of Sputniks and things.

—Charles G. Mettler,  
4501 Prairie Ave.,  
Miami Beach, Florida.

## 1907

Paul Larned forwarded an interesting letter from Eddie Householder in which he reported his activities during the past year: "On the Board of the Chamber of Commerce, president of the Planning Commission, president of the local Republican Assembly and organizer of a group to fight communism. Have made speeches to all the Civic Clubs in this area and even though past 74, I am still going strong." Glassburn wrote that his entire family had the flu and had found nothing mild about it. The completion of their new home in Clearwater has been delayed but they expect to get into it about December 1. Their address is 1301 Hamlin Drive, Clearwater, Florida.

Geoff Bartlett had planned a trip to California with his daughter but it had to be deferred when she met with a serious automobile accident and was in a hospital for two weeks. Despite severe injuries about the face she has miraculously come out of it without any disfiguring marks whatsoever.

With references to class widows, Bob Cheney reported that Jean James was well and still living in San Antonio. Dorothy Robins is with Joske's, the big department store there, as mail order shopper. Her name should be added to the list in the Class Roster. Bob recently bought a spinet and is taking piano lessons. He promised to favor us with piano selections at the next reunion.

Judge Henry wrote that he finds life very pleasant in Carmel with its mountains, sea and rocky coast and the many old friends who live near by. He has been in Carmel since December of 1943 and is more than happy to have Tom and Janette Spencer now permanently settled there. His only regret is that Enrique White did not remain there as well. Tom Spencer, Bob Cheney and Judge Henry were roommates in barracks during yearling year which Tom likes to refer to as his classical year. Bob came from Athens and Judge Henry from Rome, Georgia. The Judge's younger daughter Chiquita, is with him in Carmel and an older daughter, whose husband is a chemical engineer with the Richfield Oil Company, lives not too far away in Bakersfield.

Ray Hill was greatly disappointed not to have been able to return for the reunion last June. The doctors decided that he had a kidney which should come out so on April 30 they operated and as a result he didn't feel much like traveling. Now he feels fit as can be and had planned to go to New Orleans with a group from San Antonio to attend the Army-Tulane football game until it was desegregated and transferred to West Point. Ray was an old friend of the late Roland Bevan, former trainer for the Army football team.

Our eldest granddaughter, Jill, who helped us celebrate our 50th Reunion, was married in Newburgh on December 21 to Lieutenant Stephen Whitney Blodgett, Jr., USMCR, who is now undergoing flight training at Pensacola, Florida.

From Washington we learned that the Sulivans took an extended trip through the south during the Fall, Jim Steese is on the move again headed for the most improbable places and Enrique White had passed through on his way west to spend the Winter with his son either at Fort Sill or in Hawaii. A class luncheon honoring J. B. Rose, up from Warrenton, was attended by ten members of the class.

At a recent special retreat parade at Fort Myer, Virginia, Paul Larned received the review of the 3rd Infantry Regiment in a ceremony honoring his distinguished grandfather, Brigadier General Edmund B. Alexander, for whom Fort Myer's south drill field was formally named. General Alexander commanded the 3rd Infantry during both the Mexican and Civil wars and after the battle of Chapultepec the regiment was commanded by General Winfield Scott who referred to it as the "Old Guard of the Army", a distinction which they still retain.

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

## 1908

1908 is saddened by the loss of three of its devoted and beloved members—Everett Hughes, Enoch Garey and "Mike" Kelley. We shall sorely miss them.

Everett Hughes, who retired as Chief of Ordnance of the Army in 1949, died September 5 at Walter Reed Hospital, after a long illness. Funeral services were held at the Fort Myer Chapel on Tuesday, September 10, with burial at Arlington National Cemetery. The Washington contingent of the Class, plus "Punk" Ellis, who came over from Baltimore, represented the Class at the funeral. Everett is survived by his widow, Kate Murphy Hughes, 4000 Cathedral Ave., N.W., Washington, D. C.; and a brother, Robert W. Hughes, Scottsdale, Arizona.

Enoch Garey died at Los Angeles September 24. He resigned, after a distinguished military career, in 1923, and for six years thereafter was President of St. John's College, Annapolis, Maryland. For the number of years past he lived in California, where he held a Veterans Administration post until his retirement from that position in 1952. He is survived by his widow, 590 Moreno Ave., Brentwood Terrace, Los Angeles 49, California, and six children.

"Mike" (the honorable Augustine B.) Kelley, who was serving his ninth term in the House of Representatives, representing the 21st Pennsylvania District, died November 20 at Suburban Hospital, Bethesda, Maryland, following a serious operation in September. He was the second-ranking Democratic member of the House Committee on Labor and Education and was noted as a leader in the fight for Federal aid to education. His body was returned to his home city, Greensburg, Pennsylvania, where a funeral mass was offered at the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral on Saturday, November 23, and then brought back to Washington for burial Monday, November 25, at Arlington National Cemetery, following a further requiem mass at the Church of the Little Flower, Washington. The Class was represented at the burial rites by Hobley and Garrison. Surviving are the widow, Ella Marie Bates Kelley, 130 Kenwood Ave., Chevy Chase, Maryland; six sons, three daughters, and 36 grandchildren. Although Mike was with the Class at the Academy only a year and a half, he maintained a lively interest in and devotion to the Class and West Point. One son is a graduate of West Point—Captain Paul A. Kelley, 1946, stationed at Fort Sheridan, Illinois.

"B.J." Hobley and Mrs. "B.J." enjoyed a visit in late September and early October to one of their daughters, who, with her husband, Major Charles M. Smith, Air Force, lives on a ranch near Central City, Colorado.

During the visit the Hobleys celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary. Also, they made the acquaintance of their latest grandson, whom they had not seen previously. "B.J." is enthusiastic in describing the interest and pleasure had in the visit to this picturesque section of Colorado, a section renowned for its historic grand opera at Central City and for the pioneer mining of by-gone years in this, the "Richest Square Mile on Earth."

"Colonel" Chaney was honored by being elected First Vice President of the Society of the Lords of Maryland Manors at the organization's annual meeting in Washington in October. Previously he was a member of its Council. The Society results from the establishment by the Lords of Baltimore of some hundred "baronial manors" in the Maryland of colonial days, with the object of decentralizing and facilitating the settlement, administration and protection of the province of Maryland.

Harry and Mrs. Harry Crea have returned to the United States after a 14 months' stay at Wiesbaden, Germany. Their address now is 993 Robinhood Lane, Memphis, Tennessee. While at Wiesbaden, Harry was invited by the Air Force to attend the annual West Point dinner. As the oldest graduate he was guest of honor and called upon for the main address. In a short talk, he featured Herbert Shipman, West Point Chaplain of our first years as cadets, and author of "The Corps."

**THIS IS ANOTHER REMINDER OF THE FIFTIETH REUNION NEXT JUNE — BE SURE TO FIX YOUR PLANS TO BE THERE!**

Also, the regular annual Class Dinner is scheduled for Saturday evening, February 15, at the Army and Navy Club, Washington. We look for all within traveling distance to rally around for that annual occasion.

—John W. N. Schulz,  
3900 Sixteenth St., N.W.,  
Washington 11, D. C.

## 1909

Florence, wife of Eley Denson, died at Seattle on September 10. She suffered an acute coronary in early July and was in the Fort Lawton hospital under oxygen for three weeks and with special nurses for seven weeks. She had been ill since April but much of the time was able to be around the house. Their daughter Marian came home for the funeral. Their son, Eley (Captain, T.C.) is stationed in Newfoundland.

Harry Hulen, who resigned during our yearling year, died at Palacios, Texas, on October 25. A member of a well known Texas family, Harry was for a long time a banker in Mississippi. Active in the National Guard, he commanded an engineer regiment in World War I and attained the grade of Brigadier General in World War II. Burial was in Arlington.

Charlie and Illmah Meyer are back in Bradenton after a check-up at the Army hospital at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, where son Bob ("Monk") is stationed. Their Florida neighbors, Merl and "Gypsy" Schillerstrom, are reported well.

The Stokelys have sold their ranch near Charlottesville, Virginia. Carlin's herd of champion blooded Angus cattle were sold at auction on November 22.

Among those who sat out the Navy Game in the rain and gloom: Eley Denson, with daughter and son-in-law whom he has been visiting in Florida; Cliff Lee and party; the Ords plus Cadet Ned in adjoining section; Thummels; Bluemels; Van Deusens (New Jersey variety).

Please make your plans to attend our 50th Anniversary Reunion in 1959. And send in some personal notes to your patient scribe.

—G. L. Van Deusen,  
304 Fair Haven Road,  
Fair Haven, New Jersey.

## 1910

Esther Polk, Harding's widow, recently returned to her home apartment at 1884 Columbia Road, Washington, from a delightful visit to her sons: Jack (Colonel John F. Polk), Military Attache to the Dublin Embassy in Ireland and her eldest son Jim (Brigadier General James H. Polk), Chief of Staff of the 3rd Armored Division in Germany. Jim, we feel proud to remember, is 1910's distinguished godson. We have just learned that Jim has recently been transferred to an important assignment under General Hans Speidel, Commander, Allied Land Forces Central Europe, NATO Command at Fontainebleau, France.

The Class contingent in Washington are looking forward to a pleasant occasion on December 11, when 1910 and 1911 will get together for a joint luncheon at the Army and Navy Club.

An interesting incident happened recently on Ed Sullivan's weekly television show. Ed himself announced that there was a gentleman in the audience who had the honor of instructing the President of the United States. He referred to Oscar Solbert and asked Oscar to rise and take a bow. Reference of course was to Oscar's duty as an instructor at the Academy during President Eisenhower's cadet days.

It was a real pleasure to see Eleanor Horgan again at a dinner party given by Mrs. William H. Cowles ("Win" O'Hara) at the Army and Navy Club in Washington on November 10. Eleanor, the widow of Joe Aleshire, was married in September 1956 to Dr. Edmund Horgan, a prominent Virginia physician, and they reside at his old home, Ashly, in Delaplane, Virginia.

Sam Edelman writes from Philadelphia his thoughts and comments on the Army and Navy Game on November 30. Needless to say, they were anything but cheerful. The dinner for the Corps of Cadets that evening at Gimbel's big store and the dance afterward at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel were the best ever; a complete sell-out for both functions. Sam had the entire charge of both affairs as he has had for many years, and did a superlative job.

Sam also wrote of seeing Jim Muir and Joe Calvo at the game. Jim had arrived in time to attend two games, Penn-Cornell on Thanksgiving Day and the Navy Game Saturday. Joe had just flown in from Spain and had with him two daughters and a son. Bea, his wife, had to remain at home to nurse an ailing third daughter. They all enjoyed a fine reunion.

—Robert H. Dunlop,  
3711 Reno Road, N.W.,  
Washington 8, D. C.

## 1911

To the delight of the San Francisco Peninsula Group came this announcement: "Married: Mrs. Gertrude Shaw Jones and Brigadier General Harold Floyd Nichols on the fifteenth day of September nineteen hundred and fifty-seven at Sacramento, California". After a honeymoon in New York the Nichols are ideally at home at 36 Lagoon Road, Belvedere, California, as first occupants. Nick can wet a line or "watch the splash" from his waterside terrace. This was the delightful locale of the local 1911 November luncheon. The Group met our charming new member with appropriate felicities at the September luncheon, the Bagbys hosting; and confirmed our pleasure in the October do with the Weavers. Our president carved at Thanksgiving for 14 — eight grandchildren; and qualified handsomely as emeritus grandfather and gunner.

It is hard to know that Ira Rader, that blythe spirit — our only remaining air pioneer of 1911's distinguished pre-WW I contribution — was grievously grounded June 13 by a massive thrombosis affecting his left

side from the shoulder down. Alice has established base at Apt. B, 3236 Southmount Drive, Montgomery, to remain while Ira receives treatment at the base hospital at Maxwell. There, under the aegis of a galaxy of air-borne stars formerly under his hand, he receives devoted care. With but slight change after four months, Ira, with mental competency and abilities (except eyesight) intact, carries on gallantly. Send them a cheer. Happily, in February and March of 1957 the Raders visited their son Philip and wife, Ira's two sisters and a brother — not seen in 40 years, in San Diego. The festive precluded seeing 1911 people north of Santa Barbara.

Bill Morris was in Europe beginning August for a nostalgic visit to the spots where his stars glistened in WW II. Haig and Helen Shekerjian "sheked-in" San Francisco early November from five months' coverage Europe, finishing with a month's naturalization in New York and Washington. Favored spots: Copenhagen, Geneva, London. No UN connection admitted.

Colonel Robert C. Gildart, '37, 1911 junior, is first CO of the first operational Army heavy ballistic missile unit, 40th FA Missile Group, Redstone Arsenal. Tommy Lawrence is very much better, able to be home from hospital periodically; recovery by late Fall ('57) was anticipated. Dave Cowles, both cataracts removed, regained 20-20 vision late November. Ike Spalding offers an extra 1911 Howitzer to first 1911 classmate, widow, or sibling claiming by January 31, 1958. Like Jesse Ladd, Ike paints landscapes, although "... just a primitive and slowly getting color blind; but now in my last years I see all the beauties of nature." He Summers at Boulder, Colorado, where nature has extra dimensions. Another '12 man, ex '11, Jim Mooney, and Marie welcomed first grandchild, Christopher Michael Mooney, 10-29-57, Washington; thanks to Peggy (Hamilton) and Jim Junior. Belated report of death in March '56, of Arthur Milam, ex '11, senior of nine legal associates in Miami.

Spec Wheeler, having reported at the September DCWPS luncheon on his rehabilitation of the Suez, heads another UN mission: the survey of the mighty Mekong River. From its 17,000 foot Tibetan origin it plunges 2,800 miles through or between parts of China, Burma, Siam, Indo China, Cambodia, to the South China Sea. Beyond the beneficence of its great alluvial plain, it runs the gamut of river behaviorism through many stretches in terms of hundreds of miles challenging as "little known". Doubtless our three-star Marco Polo has been there, somewhere east of Mandalay and south of Shangri-La; knows which is Laos, which Thailand; knows too that Mekong runs low October-May, for his EDR is three months hence. Some look-see! Want someone to carry your slip-stick and quart measure, Spec?

Tod Larned slipped through Washington incog in October, so missed the Bradfords' party at Anderson House and all the many familiars to be met at this delightful annual affair, including all Washington 1911, transient outlanders like the Shekerjians, and a notable bracket of 1911 associates through the years.

Closing date at below address for 1911 NOTES, April ASSEMBLY, will be February 15, 1958.

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

## 1912

The passing-on of Bob Hyatt will bring back to all of us and many others, including the Navy, memories of his great achievements on the athletic field and his popularity with all who knew him during his four years at the Academy. Bob died suddenly, in the early evening of November 8 at Walter Reed Hospital where he had gone, just two days previously, for a check-up on

a minor ailment. The medical authorities said his death was due to swollen arteries which stopped the normal flow of blood, resulting in a congestion in the lungs and asphyxiation. Memorial services were held in the Fort Myer Chapel on November 14 with full military honors. A short graveside service preceded interment in Arlington National Cemetery. Ten of his classmates paid their last respects to his memory and acted as honorary pallbearers. They were: Crawford, R. C., Drake, Haislip, Hayes, Mooney, Malony, Littlejohn, Snow, Spalding, S. P., and Thomas. A beautiful floral wreath of red and white carnations from his classmates was among those received for the services. Olga, his wife, with niece Mrs. Lamar Williamson of Monticello, Arkansas and grandson, David Terry, now at tending school at St. Albans in Washington, D. C., braved the inclement weather to be present. Bob is survived by his wife, Olga, who will reside for the present at 24 Montagu Square, London W-1, England. — Mrs. Hyatt is a British subject—and his daughter, Katherine, now living in Monticello, Arkansas. One of Bob's close relatives remarked to me after the services: "God was kind to Bob. He never could have adjusted himself to a long illness." How very true that was to those who knew him intimately.

**LUNCHEON**—In the worst blizzard (10-12 inches of snow) to strike Washington in two decades and the worst traffic jam in the history of the city, eight stalwart members of our class (out of 16 who had promised to attend) turned up for the quarterly luncheon at the Army & Navy Club on December 4. This luncheon was arranged to inaugurate a special annual affair to be called West Point Day. The purpose is not to make this a strictly D.C. affair but nation-wide and to whoop-it-up for a 100% turnout for our 50th Reunion. Those who made it this time were: Boykin from Charlottesville, Virginia; Crawford, R. C.; Haislip; Larrabee from Chestertown, Maryland; Littlejohn; Malony; Mooney and Thomas. Your scribe got snowed-in out in Maryland and could not make it. The next West Point Day will be held on May 14, 1958. In view of the weather hazard it was decided to change from December to May. Your class officers would appreciate suggestions on West Point Day from you all. Above all, plan your visits to D.C. and the East around the date of May 14 next so you can be with us at this special luncheon. However, the regular quarterly luncheons at the club will go on as usual and you are cordially invited.

**LADIES' DAY LUNCHEON**—With Gladys Thomas as chairman and Maud Drake, Mary Littlejohn and Dorothy Malony as members of the committee, the distaff side of 1912 have organized a luncheon club in D.C. The purpose is to have an annual luncheon at the Army & Navy Club and have as many wives, widows, daughters and sisters of 1912 present as possible. So we are broadcasting the news well in advance and ask each of you concerned to plan if possible to attend next year. The date will be the same as for the West Point Day Luncheon. Last year the ladies had a small luncheon. It was so enjoyable the committee decided to do it often. Then came the idea of an annual Ladies' Day luncheon, coinciding with the West Point Day Luncheon. The committee wrote or phoned all 1912 ladies in the nearby vicinities and any others who might be in D.C. around December 4. Seventeen accepted but Dame Nature interfered so some could not make it. Those scheduled to come were: Gladys Thomas, Dorothy Malony, Maud Drake, Mary Littlejohn, Emily Chase, Edna Hobbs, Henrietta Gillespie, Caroline Walker, Alice Haislip, Dorothy Cramer from D.C., Nancy Crawford from D.C., Margaret Bingham, Ruth McLane and Constance Larrabee from Maryland, Elena Devore and Lucy Nalle from Virginia, and Rachael Delameter from Texas.

Russell and Katherine Maxwell have recently completed a delightful trip around the

world, but let Maxie tell it in his own words:

"Leaving Washington on March 10 and returning to New York on October 10, Katherine and I spent seven months outside the United States on a business trip. The main effort was in Japan, where there is great interest in atomics. Travel was practically all by the five ships of the American President Lines, the return journey being on the President Adams, a very modern, fast freighter, with superior accommodations for 12 passengers. Japan offers cherry blossoms, temples, some very striking scenery, geishas, and very gracious hospitality. However, the atmosphere is changing as the Army is moving out very rapidly and will be greatly missed by the U.S. civilians living in Tokyo. The senior military man in Japan is General Freddie Smith, whose father taught 1912 Math at West Point. We were proud to know him, as he stands out in any circle. The ambassador is Douglas MacArthur II and he is making a fine record. Leaving Japan we stopped at Okinawa, Formosa, Hong Kong, Saigon, Singapore, Malaya, Ceylon, India, Pakistan, Egypt and several Mediterranean ports for from one to five days and found them all worthwhile. Nevertheless, we are more than glad to be back in the U.S. and able to see members of the class here in Washington where we expect to be for a long time to come."

Incidentally, Maxie will retire as vice-president of the American Machine and Foundry Company the first of the New Year and will take up permanent residence in The Westchester. We are most pleased to have them join our Washington group.

**ALUMNI 1912 DAY**—A thought has blossomed in the minds of some of us here in D.C. engendered from a suggestion by our own "Colonel" Snow; why wouldn't it be a good idea to gather at West Point for a meeting and luncheon on the day of the opening game of the 1960 Football Season? The Navy does it every year at Annapolis with great success. Thirty-six members of the 1915 Class gathered at West Point on November 2 for the presentation by the Class of a magnificent drinking fountain (opposite the Clock Tower) to West Point. This was followed by a class luncheon in Cullum Hall and the Army-Colgate Football Game. Your Class Officers would like to hear from you on this suggestion.

**DECEASED**—Bobby Lee's widow, Janet, died at Walter Reed Hospital on October 12 and was buried at St. Luke's Church, Powhatan County, Virginia. Few of us knew her intimately but from her letters to "Colonel" Snow, while he was president, she must have been a very lovely person. \* \* \* From the Administrator of his estate official confirmation has been received of the death of Gordon Lefebvre at Olean, New York, on last June 27. Death came suddenly from a subarachnoid hemorrhage. He is buried in St. Jude's Cemetery, Oakville, Ontario, Canada. Gordon had promised faithfully to come to our 45th Reunion. We missed his presence. Now we know the reason. \* \* \* On last April 2 Heine and Mildred Hinemon received word of the death of their son-in-law, Colonel John W. Grant, of a heart attack in a US Army Hospital in Tokyo. His wife, the former Betty Hinemon, now lives with three of her four children in Fair Haven, Massachusetts. The fourth child, her oldest boy, is a student in Bordentown Military Institute, New Jersey. We sympathize with her and her family in their great loss.

**HERE and THERE**—A recent statement in the newspapers by Ex-President Herbert Hoover that the whole educational system in this country needs a drastic overhauling is a feather in the cap of our CHEN. His fight with the school authorities and the PTA in his home town of Berkley over this should bear watching. More power to him. \* \* \* Dave Crawford writes that he feels much better than he did at our 45th Reunion and stronger. He and Annye are leaving by boat on December 12 on an extended trip

to the West Indies, Trinidad and Dutch Guiana. They will not be back until next April. Bon Voyage! Mes Enfants \* \* \* Tom Hayes who has been making his "home"—so he says—at Walter Reed for the past two years is back in circulation again and says he feels fine. \* \* \* Bunny Hobson has been wrestling valiantly with the Veterans Administration for the past year over a Compensation Claim of Mary Hochwalt's, concerning the nature of Earl's death. The VA claims his death was not due to a service connected disability. If this stands, Mary will not get a cent from the Government to compensate for Earl's service to his Country. This is a serious matter concerning us all and upon which we should ponder. The Veterans Survivor Benefit Act of August 1, 1956 is a vicious piece of legislation so far as the retired officer is concerned. Get a copy of Public Law 881, 84th Congress, and study it. If our widows are to be protected you can help by writing to your congressman to get this law amended. \* \* \* "Colonel" Snow reports that he and Marty Maher were the only representatives of 1912 at the Army-Navy Game and he is disgusted. Can anyone disillusion him? He wants you all to know that another granddaughter has been added to the Snow family. \* \* \* Bill Wilbur was recently in Walter Reed for an operation. He is out now, feeling fit as a fiddle and rarin' to go.

**CLASSMATES and WIDOWS of 1912**—If you have not received a copy of Army Pamphlet 600-5, "Retired Army Personnel Handbook", August 1957, you may obtain one by making application immediately to: The Adjutant General, Headquarters Department of the Army, Washington 25, D.C., Attention AGPS-AR. Copies for widows will be furnished by Class Headquarters without application. It is a "Must" that you fill out the forms in the back of this pamphlet and file with your important papers.

—C. C. Drake.

## 1913

The deadline for ASSEMBLY news is December 1 so this is written before the A & N game. The Cophorones, Viners, Greenes, Davidsons, Cranes and the Footes are reported to be going.

The Considines who live in the "Valley of the Moon" area near San Francisco are having a A & N party for the many 1913'ers who live in that area.

The Van Valkenburghs are off to Europe to visit their son who is with NATO.

Pete and Pauline Corlett sailed from San Francisco to Hawaii and the Orient, and may continue around the world. "Monk" Lewis reports Hans Herwig passing through San Francisco on one of the business trips back to Japan.

One of the big class events occurred when Doug and Nora Greene went to Hawaii last Summer and met with the wives and classmates in San Francisco. They saw the Lewises, Considines, Dorsts, Slineys, Falks, Underhills, and the Van Valkenburghs.

"Monk" and Florence Lewis are going to Europe and, via Genoa, will visit the Riviera, Spain, Portugal and perhaps all the Mediterranean ports.

We had news from San Antonio that Pete Corlett was there and met with Frank, Heard, Nelson and also saw Jones in New Orleans.

Carlos Brewer spent a few days in Washington and saw the Footes, Weeks, and also went out to see Jimmie Peale.

The Class is sad to report the passing of Basil Stevens on November 7. Viner attended the funeral at the Stevens Institute at Hoboken.

We also regret to report the passing of Marjorie Lovell. George has his daughter near him at 1707 Manor Drive, Cocoa, Florida.

Many of you may not have seen the notice of the passing of Jack Thompson and Phil

Thurber, both ex-1913. Also the loss of Tom Jenkins on June 19. The ex-instructor was 84 years old and had served for 37 years at West Point.

Doris and "Billy" Johnson have been adding to "Holly Hill"—a contractor and not "do it themselves".

"Gus" Shliney reports on a very interesting trip he made to Formosa. He met with his old friend General Kiang Piao, now Minister of Economics. He said Formosa was in fine shape—"Gus" also went to the Philippines where he met with President Garcia who afforded him a look at the rebuilding from war damages. On his way via Guam and Hawaii he had a visit with his son Ted who is with the Air Forces at Hickam Field.

Ruth and Lawrence Weeks spent the Summer with their son-in-law who lives near Hartford, Connecticut. Lawrence Weeks is reported to be very fit after his illness of two years ago.

"Pinky" Crane is Vice President of the Angus Cattle Breeders Association so must be a good ranch man. Lois and "Pink" are reported to be very busy public-spirited citizens of Loudoun County, Virginia.

Dave Falk has stopped smoking so he can attain at least 90 years of this life. One of his non-smoking grandfathers lived to be 97 years of age. So Q E D!

Archie Dorsts says that Bob Perkins and wife visited San Francisco and made the rounds of the half dozen 1913'ers who are there. Also Dorsts said that Jack and Charity McMahon had bought a ranch at Saratoga (near San Francisco) that was big enough to interest them but not swamp them with work or problems.

We regret to report that "TK" Brown is in a hospital at San Antonio. He was very ill but reported to be improving. Frances is at 600 Funston Place, San Antonio.

We will issue details on the Class reunion next June as of about March 1, 1958. Our Xmas letter will be full of details too. Everything is set and accommodation for the wives made. Also places engaged for our parties and dinners.

Denny McCunniff and wife gave Joe and Dasha Viner a party in Denver where the McCunniffs now live. Their boy Thomas is a Captain stationed at West Point.

—Joe Viner,  
Duane Lane,  
Demarest, New Jersey.

## 1914

I have several items of unfinished business from my last letter. First, a brief description of the memorial service held by 1914 for Phil Thurber. It was on the morning of September 19 at the old Military Cemetery at San Antonio at the Thurber family plot. Of course the Class was in full attendance, as well as a number of San Antonio and Service friends. It was a perfect Fall Day, with the greensward of the Cemetery furnishing a background for Muriel's blanket of gladioli and the 1914 wreath of white chrysanthemums and red carnations. We held a complete service with graveside prayers by an army chaplain, the sweet and lingering notes of "Taps," and the three volleys of musketry to awaken us all to the realities of life. Muriel has the American flag. She asked me to express her heartfelt thanks to the Class.

Two other items—both cheerful. One is that Tom Monroe has had another cataract operation and a very successful one. The medicos say that in a short time he should have the complete use of one eye. The other is that Flip Lewis, who has been in a VA hospital in Phoenix for months, paralyzed as the result of a stroke, has recently made rapid strides toward recovery and was doing so well that when Skimp Brand saw him on November 20 Flip was about to be moved to Monrad's Nursing Home, East Apache Trail, Mesa, Arizona. This will save



President Eisenhower and Lieutenant General Garrison H. Davidson, Superintendent, USMA, chat before review held in President's honor.

Jesse her long trips into Phoenix and she can see Flip more often. Flip has had several letters from classmates recently. Drop him a line.

Congratulations, Tom and Flip—we have been pulling for you.

Other news from Skimp: He had dinner in Los Angeles with Bruz and Vera Waddell; Gene Villaret is in Washington for a few months; Arthur Harris is establishing a home near Fletcher, North Carolina, where Pug Lampert lives.

I was very sorry to hear from Jim Cress of the passing of my plebe-year "wife" Don McRae, in San Jose, California, in October. Don enlisted as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Canadian Army after leaving the Academy, and saw combat service in France during World War I. He proved himself to be a brave soldier, and was decorated for valor. For many years he served the State of California as head of the State Employment Office in San Jose. He was very happily married.

Several of our classmates have been on the move recently.

Willis Tack writes me that he and Dollye have sold their New Jersey home and moved to 240 Prairie Avenue, Libertyville, Illinois, in order to be near their only daughter and her husband, who were transferred from Long Island to Chicago.

Jack and Guss Jouett are again on the move. They left their home in the Virgin Islands in October, went to New York City, took in the Army-Utah game at West Point on November 10, then sailed from New York on a Norwegian freighter for San Francisco. Jim Cress writes that they were to pass thru San Francisco on November 26 and he and Eleanor were to have dinner with them. The Jouetts are enroute to Taiwan, Formosa, to visit their son Johnny, whose tour there has been extended two more years, in recognition of his outstanding services. He was graduated among the top five from the National Defense College in Formosa (all in Chinese) and is Political Advisor to the College and Assistant Political Advisor to the Headquarters of Chiang Kai-Shek. Come home via San Antonio, Jack.

Bill and Florence Houghton have also been on the move. They made a grand circle trip. Left home in September, touring the western United States via Las Vegas, Salt Lake City (genealogical re-

search), Caspar, Wyoming (a nephew), Minneapolis (Florence's family), Southern Wisconsin (Bill's family), South Dakota—then to San Antonio, where they spent about a week visiting old friends and classmates. Earl and I had a class party for them and for Evelyn Downs, about to leave on a two-month trip to eastern U.S. We all enjoyed the Houghtons' visit so much.

I seem to be about through. The 1914 contingent in San Antonio had its traditional Army-Navy game party, this time with Cecil Clark. Lots of fun.

Thanks for your letters. Please write me whenever you have class news. Season's greetings from the Great Southwest.

Ham Huston and his wife Josephine committed suicide on November 22 because of lingering illnesses. He had suffered from cancer and was recently in a hospital for months. She had some back ailment and was almost helpless. They were buried at Arlington on November 27.

—John Carruth,  
241 Claywell Drive,  
San Antonio 9, Texas.

## 1915

Well, gents, the fountain is now spouting its limpid, chlorinated fluid out of its four shiny nozzles while nearby stands in massive splendour the granite memorial on which are ruggedly carved the crests of the United States of America, the Department of the Army and the United States Military Academy. Facing the mountain on the south side of this granite cube are carved the words "Presented by the class of 1915".

The floor consists of large marble squares on the edge of which are marble benches. Behind these benches is a yew hedge which will add beauty to the spot as it grows.

It was the unanimous opinion of those present that the memorial is useful, ornamental, dignified and worthwhile.

A vote of thanks from the class goes to the committee for its hard and efficient work and memorable achievement, with Stewart Bragdon entitled to special mention and commendation for his untiring efforts.

The get-together and celebration which accompanied the event was one of the most enjoyable class reunions I ever attended.

Being the only old grads present and all staying at the co-educational Thayer, we had every opportunity to fraternize not only with the poker-playing husbands but with their lovely wives as well.

The clan gathered Friday afternoon and evening from various parts of these United States and after a most pleasant period during which arteries were well dilated, we all retired to the dining room for a chummy dinner. Ike and Mamie, bless their presidential hearts, refused to eat in solitary grandeur in the presidential suite and joined the gang in the dining room. It was a most pleasant evening.

Thanks to Gar Davidson and his efficient staff we did not have to drive our individual cars to the various functions. They remained parked in a special spot on the cavalry plains. He furnished busses to take the class to all functions where seats were reserved. Our thanks to Gar for his thoughtfulness.

The ceremony presenting the memorial was well done. It was short and dignified. Ed Hartigan gave the invocation; Mamie, escorted by Leland Hobbs and Johnny Wogan, pulled the golden ribbon which unveiled the monument; Buddy Saylor, who pinch hit for the class president Fred Boye, unfortunately sick with flu, made the presentation speech; Gar Davidson accepted the memorial; Chaplain Bean pronounced the benediction. From there we went to our special seats and watched the cadets parade. And believe me, men, those youngsters march just as well as we did, and that's saying a lot. The Corps has NOT gone to hell!

After Parade, we rode the busses to Culum Hall where a delicious lunch was served. I must confess that the only sour note at this point was sounded by our esteemed classmate and treasurer for the project—one Jack Davis. Let me tell you about it: when I got Jack's bill for the luncheon, I thought the price charged was a bit elevated so when I mailed my check I mentioned this fact in a politely worded covering letter stating that: "Of course the treasurer was evidently trying to make up deficits on the granite block by overcharging for the roast beef, and while all agreed that the roast beef was delectable I felt sure it was unanimously agreed that the granite block was by all culinary standards inedible."

Apparently my good friend General Davis got his feelings a bit ruffed up because he

sent me the following postal card: "General Wogan", it said, "you will probably complain about the tone of Gabriel's horn when it blows on judgment day." (just think of that) "Enclosed please find refund for so inadequate a lunch. I didn't think you did such a good job of escorting. Love to your wife, Davis."

Of course, I felt a reply was indicated so I sent *him* a postal card and said "Thanks very much for the refund; it was more generous than I anticipated especially from a treasurer of your caliber. As to the tone of Gabriel's horn I can tell you without the slightest doubt that I certainly shall complain about its tone if the horn has been supplied by one General John F. Davis." Isn't it too bad that such a lovely occasion was spoiled by such childish controversy? But you know how fellows get when they handle big money.

The football game was a Wow and the Army looked mighty powerful with a strong line and backs like Bob Anderson, Bourland and Dawkins carrying the ball.

The gang dispersed after the game but this occasion will add one more sweet memory to their collection. A visit to old "Hell-on-the-Hudson" is always an inspiration. Long may it live and continue to develop men of character and of courage to serve our beloved country.

So much for the memorial, now for other news:—

Duke Miller reports that our class can boast of another successful politician. Minnie Menoher is a councilman of Southern Pines, North Carolina, and, says Duke, his popularity may well land him in Raleigh some day.

Dough Weart brags that he now has a baseball team of grandsons and a basketball team of granddaughters. I wonder if he has some "Wilt the Stilt" granddaughters! Can any of you guys top Doug?

Congratulations to Ed Hartigan. He is now a Monsignor and I must say he gave an inspiring invocation at the dedication ceremony.

And now, men, an announcement: My Mac and I are sailing on the USNS Sultan on December 17 for the Philippines and points in the Far East including Hong Kong, Bangkok, Saigon and Japan. We shall be gone approximately four months so I shall not be in these United States when the next dead line rolls around on March 1. Freddy Boye asked Hume Peabody to write the next note

and good old Hume has graciously accepted and so, Ladies and Gentlemen, I now present your interim historian, that renowned pusher of the pen and spreader of the bull, Hume Peabody. Until I address you again may God be with you.

—Johnny Wogan.

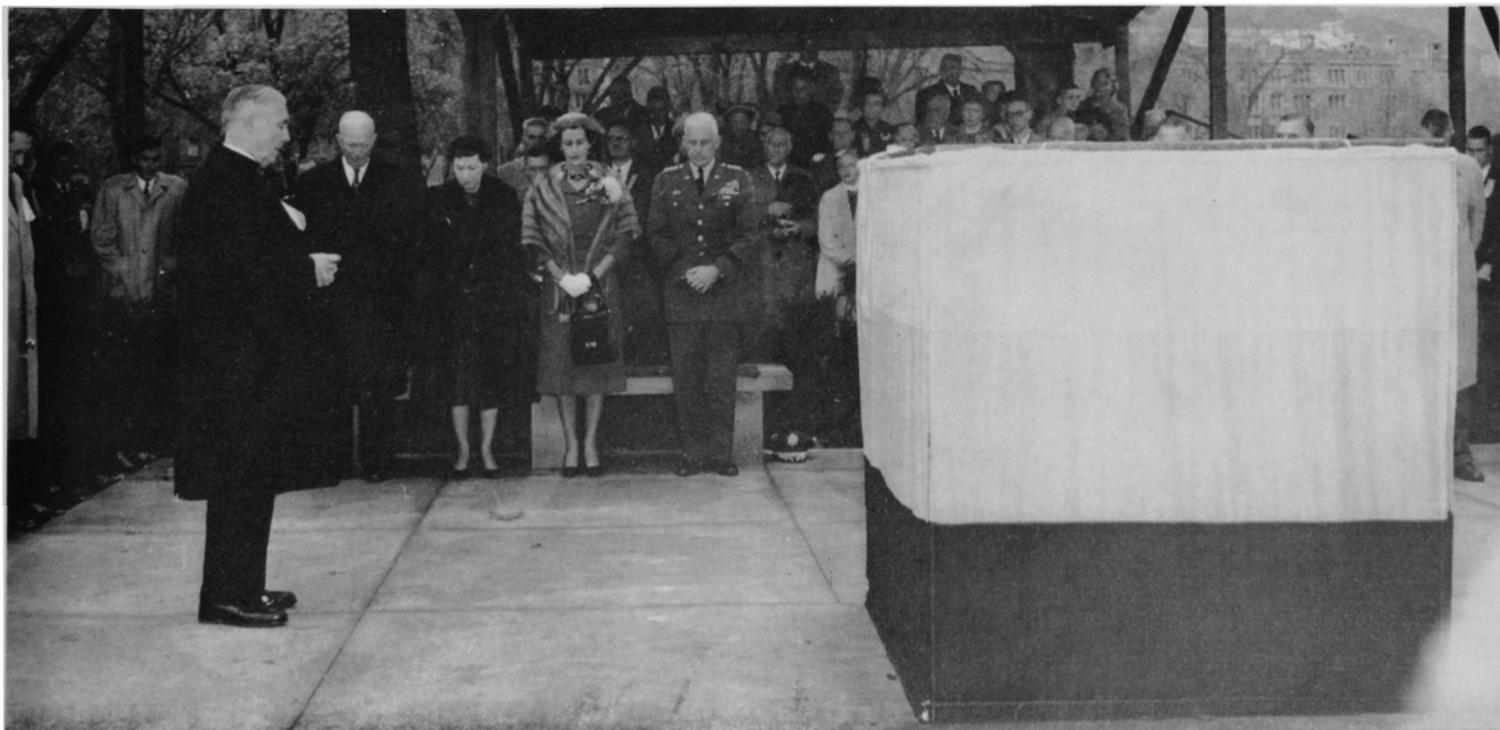
## 1916

The class has done a lot of moving this year. When Bill Hoge became chairman of the Interlake Iron Corporation he moved from Lexington, Missouri, to Cleveland, Ohio. His address is now 15933 Brewster Road, Cleveland 12. Bob Whitson has completed a new house in San Antonio. The Whitson address in future will be 200 Morningside Drive. The Bob McBrides in San Francisco have also moved without leaving the city. They can now be found at 2633 Lyon Street. The Reinharts did not move but Uncle Sam changed their address just the same. City mail service has come to Hendersonville, North Carolina. Instead of R.F.D. 3, Kanuga Road, they may be reached at 418 Hidaway Cove. It sounds like the place to find a moonshine still.

Joe Tully gave up his job in Turkey last November and he and his wife are headed home. On the way they are stopping to visit their daughter in Greece and their son who is on duty in Germany. Also a little sightseeing on the side. Craigie Krayenbuhl, who left Washington last Winter for Winter Park, Florida, has moved again. He is now at Madeira Beach, St. Petersburg, Florida. Fred Inglis, who quit the insurance business in Seattle last Spring, has now returned to his old stamping ground in Santa Barbara, California. His address is 166 Middle Road. The O'Hares returned to Washington in October from a Summer spent in Europe. After New Year they will probably spend the Winter season in Tucson, Arizona.

The Millers drove out from San Antonio this Summer to visit their daughter, Barbara, in California. They had hardly arrived in San Francisco when Maurice was called East by the death of a relative, so they were not able to get in touch with any of the class in the Bay Area even by telephone. Paul and Nancy Parker came to Washington in September for a visit with their son and his family. While there he

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had a check up at Walter Reed and found he needed an operation. It was performed in October and he has made a good recovery. Now back in Florida, he writes that he feels fine but must return to Walter Reed in January for a final check. The Andrews, homeward bound from a long Summer trip, also stopped in Washington to see their son George, Jr., now on duty in the Pentagon. Andy, too, had a check up and learned an operation was advisable. It took place in November and, as this is written, he is still convalescing in Walter Reed. He expected to be home in Florida in December.

Dwight Johns begins a six month job on a special project for the California State Civil Defense. He says it will begin in January and will mean real work.

While his ship was in San Francisco, Tommy Irvine, "Murph" and Caroline's tall Navy son, had dinner with the Johns. Word comes from San Antonio that Victor Wales had a heart attack in October but is back home now and feeling fine. Also, we hear that Bill Spence has gone into the merchandising business in San Antonio. Among recent visitors for short stops in Washington were Notley DuHamel, Bill Hoge, and Bob McCullough.

"Dixie" Bonfils plans to come East from Denver to the Navy game. Here's a laugh: Harlan Mumma and "Pat" Patterson met at the Army-Notre Dame game this Fall and discovered that they both came from Indianapolis—neither one had known the other was living there. Maybe we should print the annual class directory in red ink. "Brig" and Savilla Bliss planned to spend Christmas on the West Coast. They expected to visit Savilla's brother, Andy Gamble '24, at Vancouver, Washington; then, "Brig's" sister in Redwood City, California. They are due back in Washington early in January.

Sad news has reached us of the death of Lawrence J. I. Barrett on June 23, 1957. He had been living at Anderson, South Carolina. Lawrence did not graduate but entered the Service from civil life. He retired in 1946 as Colonel, I.G.D. The Class extends deepest sympathy to his family.

—E. G. Bliss,  
3808 Reno Road, N. W.  
Washington 8, D. C.

## April 1917

On November 20 we had an unusually fine turnout of twenty 17'ers for a class lunch at Fort McNair. Very little class business was discussed, but all present enjoyed the get-together. Kewp Yuill circulated a number of interesting letters which he had received from classmates. Those present were Black, Collins, Crump, Cowgill, Eagles, Eley, Erler, Fales, Jackson, Macon, Noce, Olmsted, Ransom, Schroeder, Slaughter, Cowper Smith, Sam Smith, Wooley, Young, and Yuill.

A few weeks before the November lunch Jim Hayden made another of his many trips across the continent, and a group of 11 classmates gathered at the Army and Navy Club in Washington for a Dutch-treat lunch with Jim. Present were Black, Bradshaw, Crump, Eagles, Eley, Hayden, Jackson, Macon, Olmsted, Sam Smith, Young, and Yuill.

Jack Code writes that he has again retired from retirement and is acting as an advisor to the Sercuit Electric Co. of San Carlos, California. Jack is an electronics engineer, having received both his M.S. and his E.E. degrees from Yale.

Rex Beasley writes from Asheville that he and Eleanor are enjoying life in the lovely mountain area of western North Carolina. Their son, Captain Rex W. Beasley, Jr., Class of 1946, is at Fort Leavenworth; their daughter, Mrs. Martha B. Stewart, whose husband is an artist with the Department of the Interior (National Parks Service), lives in Springfield, Virginia.

Rex says that he and Eleanor see Hannah and Harris Jones frequently; they live three

doors down across the street. Both Hannah and Harris do some gardening and otherwise work around their attractive place.

Mary and George Wooley spent October with their son Bob, his wife Dorothy, and their six-year-old daughter Marilyn at their beautiful home in Phoenix, Arizona. Bob is now Manager of the Business and Scientific Digital Engineering Section Computer Department at the new General Electric plant in Phoenix.

Linc Daniels has been in the teaching game for some time, first at Lafayette College, then at San Jose State College in California. This past Summer he left San Jose State and moved to Vermont to become professor of mathematics at Middlebury College. Linc attended the University of Vermont before going to West Point, and has relatives in that state.

Spec Irwin has been promoted and is now Comptroller of the Oakland Tribune. Also he has been retired from the Reserve as a full Colonel after more than 20 years of faithful service.

Doug Wahl is pursuing his hobby of making furniture in his shop and Jack Code tells us that Doug does beautiful work.

Willis Slaughter is still with the W. L. Maxson Corp., and his Washington office is located at 801 19th St., N.W. He sent us a location map of his latest and last (he trusts) homestead. It is on Earleton Road, just north of Maryland Route 155 in Havre de Grace, "—especially convenient to anyone traveling north or south on Route 40."

Peggy and Spec Nisley are still at 317 Lynwood Boulevard in Nashville, and would be delighted to see any classmates passing their way. Besides being a busy business man, Spec is active in the Episcopal Church. Their son, Al, was graduated from Sewanee (University of the South) last year and is now a freshman in the University of Tennessee School of Medicine at Memphis.

Jack Nygaard has been doing a great deal of traveling in Europe. Besides accompanying Anna Maria to Rome, Milan, Vienna, and many other places where she has had opera engagements, he made a trip to Norway, where he visited the home of his parents in Bergen, then journeyed to the land of the midnight sun.

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

## August 1917

Where was everyone for the Notre Dame Game? We drove up with Miriam for a perfect day and a marvelous game—except for two lucky Notre Dame touchdowns—but we saw only Sam Ringsdorf and Red Shaffer.

Had a wonderful evening too just before leaving. Bob Bringham was here and Emily Bingham had us in for dinner. Urged him to go to "Philly" with us but he couldn't. Too bad; might have meant three more Army points.

Forty attended the Washington Veterans Day Luncheon including visiting firemen Joe Cohen, Zelig, Hope and Hi Ely, Doc Faust, Anne and Gordon Heiner, Isabelle and Parry Lewis, Duke Milan, Louise and Al Paca, and new Washingtonians Ethel and Dave Schlenker and Lois and Dodson Stamps.

They've caught up with Pat Mahoney in Japan; made him Wing Ground Safety Engineer for six AF bases and seven squadrons. Pat likes the Reunion photo but asks: "Who are the two Revolutionary War Vets?"

Bill Chapman's news: Laura and Pablo Cole stayed recently at the Presidio. Out for a Dutch Dinner, they ran into Jack and Julia Bissell. Tried to phone Willie Wilson; Inez said he was out—feeding chickens, milking goats, changing grandchildren, or some such thing.

Adelaide Cooney plans to live in Connecticut after selling her California home. She

can be addressed in care of her brother, John A. MacLetchie, 31 Owenoake Way, Riverside, Connecticut.

Duke Milan played around all Summer, fishing and digging a well on his new Maine lake layout. Had quite an Autumn too; he's convalescing from an "oil change" at Walter Reed.

Henry Demuth, fishing his way West from Reunion, missed the Carlisle Wilsons in John Day, Oregon. The Postmaster thought they were in Arizona.

And Pablo Cole, on an 8,000 mile tour, missed them in Tucson. He did see the Jules Schaefer's in their beautiful Wichita home and enjoyed a haircut (?) in old Fort Huachuca. Talked with Jack Mallory, regaining health after a bout with pneumonia in Germany.

The Wilsons are hard to find. Drove to Washington after Reunion, then to Williamsburg, Jamestown, and the old home town, Greenville. On to Florida, saw Gretchen and Billy Reinburg in Bradenton, fell in love with Fort Lauderdale, stopped in San Antonio, and reached Tucson in mid-July. Left in September for Madeline's home town, John Day. From there—who knows?

Frank Bertholet of Arcadia is no gardener but, under Gretl's—a California Garden Club Director—supervision, he gets plenty of exercise. After a visit from Lucky Custis, he plans an Arizona trip to help with the round up on Lucky's 49 section Hillside ranch.

Hi Ely lives peacefully at Hihope Farm, Flemington, New Jersey. With a herd of Angus cattle, several milk cows, two horses, and some 25 Dachshunds (Zelig's chore; she's a winner at all the shows) on his hands and four grandchildren next door, he enjoyed taking Zelig away on a well known August date for their 40th Wedding Anniversary.

Alice Timberlake writes — knowing Tim wouldn't—from Naples, Florida, that he is the original Green Thumb gardener. He grows everything, he prides himself on his coconuts, and he finds time for civic affairs too.

Weary of administration and wanting only to teach, Swede Sarcka sold his school. Now he's swamped in paper work, coordinating junior and senior schools in West Orange, New Jersey.

Back from a four months Volkswagen tour of Europe, Parry Lewis is again in harness raising funds for his beloved Boys Home in Covington, Virginia.

Biff and Elizabeth Jones also are home after a strenuous European tour and at least one says: "Never again!"

After a visit with Jules Schaefer, Red Shaffer suggested we extract a story from Jules' Presidential Certificate of Merit and his Air Force Association Citation of Honor. We prefer Red's own comments:

"I have visited many plants throughout the United States but never have I seen a better organized one, a better layout, or a cleaner or smoother run plant than his. With the tremendous job of building the B-52, along with a whole string of other jobs, his contribution to aviation is just about without parallel in American industry."

Clyde Morgan, speaking for Winter Park, urges everyone to visit Florida and suggests we bring much small change. Pinky Rolfe has the parking meter concession and Eddie House the soft (?) drinks.

Margaret Barber has rented her Winter Park home for the season and will Winter with young Hal in Paris.

Bart Harloe of the University of Hawaii plans a December trip with Virginia to Boston, New York, and Washington.

We recommend Pop Goode's book, "The United States Soldiers Home." It does him credit as a writer and Helen as an English instructor—though Pop fears the book may have lost something when, on her advice, he sacrificed his own inimitable style.

Dent Sharp reports that low water affected the Dennysville fishing; only 35 salmon were killed. He spent his Summer gardening, entertaining visitors, enlarging the chapel, creating new salmon lies, and traveling with Ellanor. They plan to Winter in Washington.

This has been a sad Autumn; we have lost two of our best-loved classmates. Ray Williamson died September 27 at his home in Pebble Beach and Des O'Keefe on October 28 in Walter Reed, both after long illnesses. Both are buried in Arlington. We salute their memory.

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

## June 1918

Elsie and "your scribe" are off on a trip, and these notes are being written at the Waterways Experiment Station, Vicksburg. On the way we stopped in Charleston and checked on Ed and Laura Sibert. They have bought a lovely place at Yeamons Hall Club. At present they plan to spend six months in South Carolina and the Summer months at Vineyard Haven. Eddie and Laura are the youngest looking grandparents I have ever seen. Make a note of their new address: Yeamons Hall Club, North Charleston, South Carolina.

Just before leaving New York, I had lunch with Bitt Barth, while Mary and Elsie were lurching the Board of Managers of the Army Relief Society. Bitt was still on sick leave recuperating from a recent operation on his leg. In spite of his status, I found him at his desk in his office. Bitt is the last of our class to be on active duty and retires on December 31. When I saw him, Bitt had no definite plans as to place of residence or what to do with his spare time. Wherever they go, some community is going to gain a grand pair and we all wish them every happiness.

Thanks to the football games at West Point this Fall, I saw some of our classmates. Laddie and Rose Bellinger, and George Aigeltinger had seats in Row Y. Right behind them, in Row Z, were Pat and Dot Casey, Chesty and Bunny Ward, Growley and Steve Gruhn, Clarry and Elsie Townsley. The weatherman did a magnificent job—allowing it to rain once in the last three minutes of play. These otherwise delightful afternoons were marred when the Caseys arrived home to find their apartment had been gutted by fire. At last report the cause of the fire was still unknown. In spite of any insurance the Caseys lost many irreplaceable items.

A squint at my address book shows that Swede and Norma Axelson have moved three times since 1953. Their new address is Apartment 1, 270 Waverly Street, Menlo Park, California.

Growley has undertaken to make the arrangements for our 40th reunion. As he is on the spot, this is a grand solution.

Chesty and Bunny are planning a party for us at their place in Stanford either just before or after the festivities at West Point. It would be a big help to Growley if you all will let him know your plans for attending our reunion. Lest you have mislaid it, Growley's address is 15 Stillman Avenue, Cornwall-on-Hudson, New York.

I wonder how many of you noticed that three Gruhns were graduated this last June: Growley from Columbia, son from USMA, and daughter summa cum laude from Radcliff. Growley is teaching math at Orange County Community College.

It's a date—June 1958.

—C. P. Townsley,  
36 Dogwood Lane,  
Manhasset, Long Island,  
New York.

## November 1918

The Washington Reunion Committee of Holbrook, Badger, Van Voorst and Charlie Colson, are getting their noses to the grindstone. You each should, by now, have got their circular letter. May those who "have not done so"—"do so immediately"—stir their stumps, make their plans and make their reservations. We have already filled the facilities of Bear Mountain Inn. "A Bit of Sweden", delightful place near Stony Point, which is holding space for November 1918, is rapidly filling. We also have engaged space at the Palatine Hotel in Newburgh. Hunk Holbrook has undertaken the job of coordinating reservations so write at once detailing your needs to: General W. A. Holbrook, 839 Seventeenth Street, NW, Washington 6, D.C. Reunion plans include a picnic at Round Pond the evening of Saturday, May 31, Dinner at Bear Mountain Inn the evening of Sunday, June 1 and drinks at The Squirrels, Bryan Conrad's place in Highland Falls, on Sunday after Parade. We will go on from there to the Bear Mountain Inn for dinner.

I have lost touch with Howard Peckham since migrating south, but my last word from him was that he was bringing Marion up from Florida in October and that they were both leaving for Europe in November. I hope to hear from him soon with his new address.

Hunk and Helen Holbrook have been in Hawaii, on the West Coast and in Colorado Springs, returning to Washington before Christmas.

George McReynolds wrote recently from Route 1, Box 143, Carpenteria, California, asking me to vouch for his moral character and standing in the community to qualify for membership in "The Society of the Cincinnati" I did both, God help me! George "is trying to persuade" Lucy to come East for the annual meeting of the Cincinnati in the Spring and our Class Reunion in June.

Fred Pearson writes from 110 El Rancho Way, San Antonio:

"Recently while in New Braunfels I stopped in to see John and Connie Fonvielle. When they retired they decided to give Texas a once over and have enjoyed it so much they have bought a lot with a beautiful view overlooking Landa Park and New Braunfels and are building there. It is the first time I have seen John since graduation. I believe he can still get into his cadet uniform. Pinto and Henrietta Freeman were here the early part of September, both for an annual check-up. Both were in excellent shape. Their son, George, who left the service after WWII and studied medicine, has now completed all of his internships and has hung out his shingle in Brownsville. Their son, David, who has been at Fort Bliss at the Missile Center has been transferred to Fort Sill. Harry and Marie Hillard were here the latter part of September for a check-up on Harry's operation. X-rays and examinations show it to have been completely successful. Both looked fine. Didn't get to see Don Sawtelle after I left the hospital but a nice letter from him informs me that he got a complete clearance which is good news to all of us. Bev Tucker was down from San Angelo the early part of October to play in the Texas Seniors Golf Tournament. He had hard luck in his first round and lost 2 and 1. In his classification, "The Last Roundup" group, Bev won his next five games and came out No. 1 in that classification. While Bev and his wife were on their Summer vacation, they were in an automobile accident in which a truck completely demolished their car. Fortunately for them, they came out of it with only a bad shaking up and minor cuts and bruises. Ardy and Jo March are fine. They keep close check on their physical condition and their appearance proves it. There was a picture of Ben Chadwick in the paper at the dedication of a new building he had

just completed. Alex and Erla Mackenzie are at home after a number of short trips during the Summer. They keep busy around their rose garden. Their roses are beautiful. Charley and Cora Moore are looking years younger after a fine vacation last Summer in Canada with their daughter, son-in-law and that new grandson. Charley has some nice pictures. He did not say who took them, but did comment on the fine photography. Willie Webster is in good shape, although still having some trouble with his eyes. He says Margaret is getting along fine. Babe Gullatt was here recently but I didn't get to contact him, so I have no gossip from him. I notice in the new Cadet Register many old and incorrect addresses. I think each of us should send a postcard to the Association of Graduates at West Point and give our correct address. We can't keep from getting older and we all want to continue to get older, but let's don't be out of date."

A little later Fred wrote again: "Just a note, a little personal, but if you haven't submitted your notes you may be able to use it. We received word our son, Jack, graduates from Reese Air Force Base, Lubbock, Texas, on December 5. He will receive his wings and qualify as a pilot at that time. He goes from Reese to Randolph Field, Texas, for further training and when he completes that he will go to Lake Charles, Louisiana, for station. If you haven't handed in my notes, change one word for me. In describing Alex Mackenzie's roses I stated they were the most *beautiful* I ever saw. Change *beautiful* to *gorgeous*. When a rose looks in size almost like a head of cabbage, *gorgeous* is a better word."

"Pop" Hendrick writes from 909 Lilac Drive, Monticito, Santa Barbara, California, that they will not be able to come to the Reunion, citing "distance, laziness and disinclination to leave this beautiful place."—"But let there be no mistake, we are always glad to see any classmates who are fortunate enough to come this way. The latchstring hangs out at Casa No Sudor. The bar and sleeping accommodations are always ample for four or five, but if bread and butter are desired, an advance postcard or phone call would be appreciated."

B. St. George Tucker writes from 1324 Madison Street, San Angelo, Texas: "We recently returned from a two week trip to Colorado Springs and Santa Fe. Some jerk truck driver cut left from a right lane across my line of flight and darn near demolished the car. But neither of us was hurt, thank the Good Lord." Bev enclosed an impudent card. Can you imagine such a thing? On a bilious yellow background was a childish drawing of a gentleman of uncertain age, with a self-satisfied smirk on his face. The legend read: "If you still think you are in the prime of life. . ." and inside was printed: "take a look at your classmates." Now really! What can the fellow mean by that? But anyway, I am looking forward to seeing the old fellows at the Reunion in June.

The Conrad family has deserted The Squirrels for the Winter. We migrated to the Virginia farm November 11, bag, baggage, children, nurse, dogs and two cars, one of which used 11 quarts of oil on the 340 mile trip. We will be here at Milldale, in the Valley, near Millwood until April. The Post Office address is White Post, Virginia, and the telephone number Boyce 75-M. Ethel and I have been enjoying foxhunting on the horses, and the children and nurse have been enjoying foxhunting from the car. We are still trying to get settled, hanging curtains and working at minor repairs, but are pretty comfortable. At the moment we are snowed in, but the roads will be open eventually, so if any of you come this way, please ring Boyce 75-M. It's best to find out whether we are at home because we are six miles off the big main road, Washington—Middleburg—Winchester, marked as US 50.

—G. Bryan Conrad,

## 1919

The biggest concentration of the class membership is the Washington, D. C., area. Thirty-two members of the class and six widows reside in metropolitan Washington, with eight other classmates living in Maryland and Virginia. Included in this group are "Kyke" Allan, president of the class, (living at 1304 30th St. N.W.), and Horace Speed, who acts as local secretary, with residence at 19 Fort Hunt Road, Belle Haven, Alexandria, Virginia. The Washington group holds two or three class parties annually, takes care of arrangements for flowers and honorary pall bearers for class funerals at Arlington National Cemetery, and is ready to visit and assist in any way possible classmates who come to the Walter Reed or Belvoir Hospitals for treatment. Members of the class temporarily in the Washington area are urged to get in touch with Allan or Speed.

Credit for most of the hard news in this issue of 1919 notes goes to "Kyke" Allan.

Wes Jervey died suddenly in Washington on September 1 and was buried in Arlington on the 4th, 20 classmates being present as honorary pall bearers. Phyllis will continue to live for the present at 1704 34th St. N.W., Washington, D. C. She has just published an interesting international cook book, "Rice and Spice", which appeared in time for Christmas purchases.

Hal Myrah writes Allan that his son Hal Jr., USMA '53, is with the 3rd Regiment, is married, and has a son, Hal III. Another son, Jack Myrah, is a Second Lieutenant with the guided missile development at El Paso. Hal's wife died last February.

Ray Hardin's new address since his retirement in June is 202 Bunker Hill Rd., Alexandria, Virginia. "Doc" Loper received the honorary degree of LLD from Washburn College, Topeka, Kansas, last June.

Nell McCarthy, John's widow, was a visitor to Washington last Summer. Since John's death she has been living in Barnesville, Georgia. Ailcey Kyle Jones, Herb's daughter, was married in Washington, D. C., on September 9, 1957 to William Waldemar Werber, formerly of the U.S. Marines. Merritt and Carolyn Booth have announced the engagement of their daughter Carolyn Lulu to Gordon Parron Smith of Lothian, Maryland.

Harold Ross, ex-1919, vice-president of the Kable Printing Co. of Mount Morris, Illinois, has donated one of his copies of our Howitzer to the Army and Navy Club of Washington, D. C.

A new memorial Belgian stamp (3 franc) commemorating Bastogne shows Tony McAuliffe being decorated with the DSC by General Patton against a snow-covered background. Tony now lives in New York and is a vice-president of the American Cyanamid Co., 30 Rockefeller Plaza.

Bill Kean has moved from Chicago to Clearwater, Florida. He was in Walter Reed for an operation on his eyes in October.

Willie Palmer, Paul and "Sis" Donnally and "Count" Wilson were recent Washington visitors. Bob and Rhoda Springer were in Washington for the October class party. Tony McAuliffe and Helen also came down from New York for the occasion. The other guests were: The Allans, Brannons, Coles, "Les" Flory, the Hammonds, Harbaughs, Martins, McGinleys, Odells, Ovenshines, Phillips, Speeds, Twinings, Tates, (with Frances' daughter, Jacqueline du Chollet), the Wyman's, "Ham" Young and Helen Bryan.

Jim Cole was in Walter Reed for a major heart operation in November. Al Gruenher attended an International Red Cross conference in New Delhi in October.

Mike Brannon is the president of the First Army Association. "Kyke" Allan was recently elected to the Board of Governors of the Washington West Point Society.

Schree has been with the Human Resources Research Office of the George Wash-



General Honnen and General Hickey.  
"40 years and the DSM"

ington University in California since his retirement last Summer. His new address is P.O. Box 787, Presidio of Monterey, California. He recently bought a house through Tommy MacGregor (Shillock).

Jack Vance is in San Quentin Prison; but as a paid employee and not as a guest. He is an auditor there.

Dave McLain is now living at 221 Garden Circle, Belleaire, Clearwater, Florida.

Stu and Helen Barden and the "Brick" Bartletts attended the Army-Penn State game at State College, Pennsylvania. Pat Echols, "Doc" Johnson, Stu Little and Tony McAuliffe have been in attendance at one or more of the home games at West Point this season. "Doc" is working for the New York State Civil Defense Commission. Stu, with the public relations firm of Selva and Lee, is a member of the Superintendent's Advisory Committee on Public Relations.

Jack Domminey has finally deserted the ranks of the bachelors. He was married to his brother's widow, Sophie Louise Domminey, on May 4, 1957 in an informal ceremony. The Dommineys expect to spend most of this Winter in Florida.

—B. W. (Brick) Bartlett,  
West Point, New York.

## 1920

Several times recently I have been asked the question, "How many of our classmates are on active duty and what are their active-duty assignments?" Accordingly, I have made a survey and the following list is believed correct as of December 1, 1957:

1920 has three Generals: Tommy White, Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force; Lyman Lemnitzer, Vice Chief of Staff, U.S. Army; "Hank" Hodes, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Army Europe.

We have three Lieutenant Generals: Frank Farrell, Commanding General, V Corps; "Molly" Williams, Deputy Commanding General, CONARC; Clovis Byers, Military Advisor for Internal Security Affairs, Office Secretary of Defense.

At USMA 1920 has four professors who are heads of departments: Billy Bessell, Mathematics; Ted Gillette, Physics and Chemistry; Larry Schick, Military Topography and Graphics; and Charlie West, Law. Although he is not on active duty as an Army officer,

we have Earl H. ("Red") Blaik, Director of Athletics and Head Football Coach.

Also on active duty, 1920 has seven Major Generals: Halley Maddox, John McBlain, Charlie Gailey, Crump Garvin, Eddie McGaw, Dick Partridge, and Charles Holle.

In addition to the above, 1920 has one Colonel, Ed Ryan, on active duty in the Ordnance Corps.

Within the past month the retirement of two other 1920 Major Generals was announced. They are Frank N. Roberts and George Honnen.

On August 23, too late to be included in the last edition of these notes, the Louisville, Kentucky, "Times" announced that the Senate had confirmed the appointment of our classmate, John S. (Jack) Hastings, to be a Judge of the Court of Appeals sitting in Chicago, Illinois. Jack was one of two Indiana lawyers to receive this honor. Congratulations to you, Jack, the class is proud of your achievement.

Don Leehey has been elected president of the West Point Society of Seattle, Washington.

Bill Bessell, Professor of Math, USMA, and Chairman of the Admissions Committee, was recently appointed a Trustee of the College Entrance Examination Board. This board prepares the college entrance examinations for over 200 member colleges and universities of the United States.

The "Empire Magazine" of the "Denver Post" recently carried an article entitled, in part, "U.S. Olympic Equestrian Hopes are Riding at the Springs (Colorado Springs)" ". . . Top horsemen of the nation are competing for the John W. Wofford Trophy. Winners are expected to get the inside track for places on the U.S. Equestrian Team which will ride in the 1960 Olympic Games in Rome. . . The Wofford Trophy Chase is being held in the west for the first time in history." The photograph on that page showed four of the competitors; second from the left was J. E. B. Wofford, son of 1920's "Gyp" Wofford. A note attached to the article (which was sent to me by Sam Gregory of Denver) stated that "Gyp's" boy had won.

A few days ago I received a short note from Harry Travis, written from his home at 480 River Road, Fair Haven, New Jersey, in which he inclosed a letter from Miriam Taney, wife of our classmate Ted Taney of 1910 Knox Avenue, South, Minneapolis,



WHO TELLS THE TALLER TALE???????

Major General Lionel C. McGarr (center), Commandant of the US Army Command and General Staff College and Commanding General, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, Major General Norman H. Vissering (right), Commanding General Transportation Terminal Command, New Orleans, and Lieutenant General (retired) Claude B. Ferenbaugh (left), former Commander of the 7th US Army Division and Deputy Commanding General of Army Forces Far East and Eighth Army during the Korean Fighting.

Minnesota. Her news of Ted was not good. She said that Ted had been forced to give up his practice of law about three years ago. Miriam has taken over all of Ted's affairs at his office. I am sure that the entire class extends with me our sympathy to Miriam and Ted Taney.

—E. C. G., Jr.,  
Dept. of P.&C., USMA.

1921 and 1922

As some time it must for all men, Death came for Minty McDonough on November 16. Seized with a stroke in mid-morning, Minty stayed on until evening of the same day. Burial was in Plainfield, New Jersey, Mac's home both before and since his cadet days.

Murphy writes from Miami that this is his second year of teaching (algebra and geometry) in Florida. Nice place to spend one's Winters, especially with a football team from the school contending for the "Gold Coast Championship".

Mark McClure has retired and is living in Washington. He and Evelyn flew to West Point with Max and Diddy Taylor for the Pitt game.

Happy to note that Rumaggi has picked up another star!

Eddie Clark was at West Point in September as a member of the President's Ad-

visory Committee on Physical Fitness of American Youth. Sounds like an appropriate spot for Clark of the Army.

A one-time Oriole, Otis de Raaslof Brown, died recently. He was one of those who joined the class from the AEF. He had trouble with his initials during plebe year—he often had to tell the upperclassmen when he answered the usual question with "Mr. Brown, OD, sir" that he wasn't implying that brown and OD were the same color.

Ham Meyer reports a two-week trip in the High Sierras of California, with mules to carry the packs and the drinking whiskey, and a perfect fisherman's dream with the golden trout.

Matty was designated as aide to Queen Elizabeth during her visit in this country, and the names of Max Taylor and Babe Bryan kept popping up in guest lists at receptions and such.

Regular out-of-town rooters at home games at West Point this Fall were Bryan, Klein, Douglass, Tyler, Wardlaw, and sometimes Lawton. Seen at Navy game were Max Taylor, Bryan, Lawton, Johnnie, R. H., and a few others so wrapped in protective clothing as to make identification impossible. Wonder if the rain came out of the TV tubes around the country that day! It was a wet afternoon and even Marty Maher, who was there, said so.

—C. J. Barrett,  
Dept. of Foreign Lang., USMA.

With the re-retirement of Bill Morton, Librarian at USMA, '23 lost its last representative at West Point. Consequently, it became necessary to appoint a new Class News Representative. The job fell on the Washington Group since they constitute the largest single group of '23. The boys scraped around on the bottom of the barrel and sure enough came up with our name. So we find ourselves back on a job we held for a few years in the '30s when we were stationed at USMA College.

You all realize that the quantity and quality of what appears in this column is directly proportional to what you send us. If you want a good class column you have got to give with the poop!

Before taking up the job that Bill has filled so well for so long we wish to give him most heartfelt thanks on behalf of all of '23 and to wish him the greatest of pleasure in the retirement which he has so fully earned.

Penn State Game

1923 representation from Washington at the Penn State Game consisted of "P.D." and Mary Weikert, "Jazz" and Marian Harmony, and Jim and Dotty Torrence. By pre-arrangement they met up with "P.D." Scheetz and "Dud" and Anne Roth the day before the game to make up the party—and what a party!

Game day was one of those beautiful October football days when the Pennsylvania hills display every color of the rainbow. It even smelled like football. A pre-game reconnaissance of the Nittany Lion Inn disclosed that "Tred" Tredennick and his wife and teenage son were also on hand. "Tred" is a professor, no less, teaching at one of Penn State's off-campus centers. He and his wife seemed to be in fine shape and the son is truly a "spittin' image". In the stands where '23 were seated together, the "party" met up with "P-roy" Dwyer and Jack (J.H.) Evans. The last-named is also teaching at a Penn State off-campus center.

The game turned out to be a thriller from beginning to end with the added attraction of being an Army victory. This demanded a celebration. It was duly held before, during and after dinner.

Sunday dawned cold, rainy, and dismal. After a mid-morning breakfast, farewells were said and the various vehicles set off on their separate ways. The Washington contingent returned via Gettysburg where the Torrences stopped to see son Ronnie who is a freshman at Gettysburg College. The Weikerts looked in on relatives at Littlestown (refer to Littlestown Sheet, Gettysburg Map). Another stop was made to load up with Pennsylvania apples. On arrival in Washington everyone picked up his apples and went home reflecting on a really big week-end.

October Class Luncheon

The second Class luncheon of the current season was held at Fort Myer on October 15 with the following Washington indigeneity present; King, J. C., Torrence, Weikert, Kehm, Roper, Harmony, Beckley, Gueverra, Bromley, Heavey, Lueder, Osborne, Rich, Towle, Salsman, Schlatter, and Lee (first name, Henry) Shafer. From out of town were: Maddocks, Charlottesville, Virginia; P. D. Michelet, Harrisonburg, Virginia; and "Ken" Sweaney, Baltimore. Many of us hadn't seen Michelet since graduation and it was a pleasure to chew the fat with him and to learn of his p.c.s. During the luncheon there was some discussion of Reunion plans. You will hear more about that in separate communications.

Virginia Game

In connection with the Virginia Game, "Tommy" and Marguerite Maddocks with the support of "Opie" and Muriel Newman and Johnny and Willine Warren sponsored one of the nicest affairs that this old squirrel has attended for a long time. They arranged for a meeting place cum snacks

and drinks before the game at the University of Virginia Alumni Club and held "open house" at the Maddocks afterwards.

As at the Penn State game, the weather was wonderful. Virginia was at its best in color and temperature. The game was a humdinger. Army got a genuine scare and did well to out-score the fired-up Virginians. The First Class looked and marched better than we expected of an ad-hoc formation. The cadets stood up during most of the game and this finally got on the sense of duty or something of one of the ushers. He eventually tried to get tough with the cadets in trying to get them to sit down. Since those of us behind the cadets were all grads and understood the situation, we told the guy that we were not complaining (not exactly true) and suggested that he cease and desist. He walked away very much annoyed and not quite sure whether we were objectionable or just plain stupid.

Present at the game were: Stu and Meta Beckley with young Stu and friend, Phil and Charlotte Enslow, Santiago and Carmen Gueverra, Don and Fredrica Galloway, "Jazz" and Marian Harmony, George and Felicia Howell, Wendel and Ruth Johnson, Harold Kehm who was "pssing" Emily Leaf (Mary Kehm had the flu), J. C. and Fran King, Carter and Luella Magruder, Ted and Evelyn Osborne, John Salsman, Mildred Stewart and her son West, Timmy Timberman and Virginia and young Timmy, Dave and Helen Stone, Ken and Laura Sweaney, Jim and Dottie Torrence and the hosts.

It was a grand party and all of us were grateful to the Maddocks for generating the idea.

Ruth Ann Gjelsteen, (Einar's daughter) was also seen at the game. According to good reports she was "pssing" the opposition. The latest dope on the recently retired Gjelsteens is that they are house hunting in the Sacramento, California, area. Einar, let us know when you drop anchor, "just home from the sea"

A few days after the Virginia game we were shocked to hear of the sudden passing of Fredrica Galloway. She had been at the game with Don and the two youngest children looking very radiant and most cheerful. She was buried at Arlington on October 30. King, J. C., Gueverra, Beckley, Torrence, Harrison, E. L. Weikert, Towle, and DeBardeleben were honorary pall bearers. Among those in the gathering that filled the Fort Myer Chapel for the services were members of some 18 families of classmates.

On November 18 there was another class luncheon at Fort Myer. Beckley, DeBardeleben, Edwards, S., Gunn, Gueverra, Harmony, King, J. C., Kehm, Maddocks, Ridings, Rich, Roper, Salsman, Schlatter, Shafer, H., Stone, D. F., Thompson, E. B., Timberman and Torrence of the local area were present. We were delighted to have a visitor in the person of Bob Krueger who now lives in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, where he is gainfully employed by the Keystone State. At the meeting it was announced that Craigie and Tudor had been recent visitors in Washington and that Harmony and Ridings were to be transferred to the West Coast in the near future. It was agreed that for the remainder of the season (through May) the luncheons would be held at Myer on the third Monday of the month. Why not arrange your visit to the Capitol so that you will be here for one of them? Washington is always a delightful city to visit and it's interesting to attend one of these luncheons and see what kind of "fuds" those guys who were such gay blades in '23 turned out to be. Plans are being developed to have a mixed cocktail party in February. The details are not yet firm. If you are going to be in the area at that time, get in touch with us after the next luncheon when the time and date will be set.

As we said at the beginning, send in the poop, boys! Don't worry about deadlines. Give us the product when the Muse moves

you. We will take care of getting to the editor.

McGhee formerly from Tennessee writes from Menlo Park, California, that he has been promoted to Engineer Writer at Lockheed's Research Lab. Congratulations; there are mighty few of us getting promoted these days.

"P-Roy" Dwyer was elected President of the 102nd Inf. Div. Assoc. at their reunion in Detroit this year. They meet at Atlantic City next year where "P-Roy" will be looking for the biggest and best meeting. Those of us who were in 9th Army will remember the 102nd as a fine division and "P-Roy" as one of its top-level regimental commanders.

"Jimmy" Fry is coming back to Washington from Italy for duty in the Office of the Chief of Staff.

—Harold D. Kehm,  
1421 N. Jefferson St.,  
Arlington 5, Virginia.

## 1924

As a result of the annual election, the following class officers were elected for 1958:

President	Frank Graling
First Vice President	George Smythe
Second Vice President	John Hill
Secretary-Historian	Dave Erskine
Treasurer	Gene Ely

George Smythe has generously agreed to be chairman of the 35th Reunion Committee, plans for which are already underway. From Texas comes news that Gus Dugan is getting a degree in electrical engineering from Texas Western. Ernie Merkle is teaching math and physics at El Paso High School. Les Skinner is working at White Sands for RCA on the Talos Project. Hank Frierson recently marched to the altar, and later honeymooned at Guadalajara, Mexico. Pete Shunk is working for Firestone on the Corporal Project. One of his three sons is a first classman at the Point. His daughter is married in the Army, and has presented Pete with five grandchildren. Art Trudeau received a fine write-up in the "Army-Navy-Air Force Register" concerning his relations with a GI during the Korean fighting. Bill Maglin has worked out what appears to be an ideal retirement routine. He Summers in Vermont and Winters in Florida, owning property in both places. Frank Kreidel is Chief of the Security Division of the Raytheon Corporation at Waltham, Massachusetts. Stubby Stubblebine, who is a member of the faculty at the University of Florida, is co-ordinator of a new university cooperative program for students which promises considerable success. The Florida Summers proved too warm for the Sam Fishers who have moved to Carmel, California.

Walt Weinaug's death was grieved by all members of the class. A large turnout of classmates attended a Requiem Service held in the Fort Myer Chapel. With the spark-plugging of Red Wrockloff and his wife, Irma, the San Antonio chapter is an active organization. At a recent picnic, Marcus Stokes was elected chapter president.

Acting on Art Trudeau's suggestion, the class rented a "Thundering Herd" suite at the Ben Franklin Hotel in Philadelphia on the day of the Army-Navy game. Response to the idea was enthusiastic and, as of this writing, it appears that a large group of classmates and their wives will foregather.

Sandy Goodman is a business manager at Monticello College in Alden, Illinois. He is bringing his wife, Yvonne, to her first Army-Navy game this year.

The Clearwater, Florida, "Sun" carried a full-page spread with pictures and a description of Rod Rodieck's new "dream home" which has just been finished. It appears to be a beautiful home and commands a view of the water from all rooms but one. Benny Mesick has not been so fortunate. His home in Los Angeles caught on fire and reconstruc-

tion is required. Benny and his wife took advantage of this situation by taking a trip to Europe, where they visited their daughter in Heidelberg.

Gordon Rogers has been reassigned as the Deputy CG of the Seventh Army at Stuttgart. His daughter, Susan, is to be married in December at Munich, Germany, to Captain Robert Reed Woodruff, USA. Zar Parmly writes that he is racing with time to finish his "dream home" before Winter breaks at Cascade, Colorado. Classmates will be happy to know that Tubby Burgess bounced back in fine shape after a heart attack. Apparently he will be as good as ever.

Russ Moses is teaching school in Dallas. Cam Du Val is teaching in a Monterey high school. His wife, Elizabeth, and George Vaughn play in the Monterey County Symphony Orchestra. John Des Islets is a professor of physics at Armstrong College, Savannah, Georgia. Bob Miller and John Hincke have their noses to the grindstone at Purdue where they are working for a Masters degree in mathematics. The Reverend Stephen Ackerman is still in training for chaplaincy work at South Carolina State Hospital in Columbia, South Carolina. Beany Millard writes that his new West Point training school at Langois, Oregon, is filled. Harold "Slicker" King writes that he is available for any gainful employment. He will be glad to hear from any classmates who may know of an opening. Bill and Mary Sexton are enjoying a quiet and contented retirement at their home in Belle Haven near Alexandria, Virginia. Bill, Jr., is a yearling at West Point, and their daughter, Elaine, is a sophomore at Duke University. Reg Dean writes that his wife, Edna, is in bed with a broken hip from falling on the stairs.

Mary Textor, widow of Gordon, is in the real estate business on the east coast of Florida, and encourages any classmates to give her a call if they are looking for a bargain. "Vi" Bonnett, widow of "Baldy", writes that their son is a freshman at Lafayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania. Page Krauthoff, widow of Sam who was killed in World War II, visited Sam's grave at Aix-la-Chapelle. She writes that the cemetery is beautifully kept in the mountains of Belgium. Anne, the daughter of John and Corinne Outcalt, recently gave birth to a daughter at Fort Lewis, Washington. Anne is married to Lieutenant Charles P. Saint, USMA 1956.

The David Marcus Memorial Foundation is an active organization in New York City. Recently Lowell Limpus and Charlie Stevenson were elected vice presidents of the organization. A movie is to be made on Nickie's life and career.

Eddie and Mary White have retired and are now living in St. Petersburg, Florida. Eddie made a big hit with the civilian population of Wichita Falls, his last station. Upon his retirement The Chamber of Commerce gave him a colored TV set. He writes that golf and fishing in the vicinity of St. Petersburg look good to him; however, he and Mary are planning a trip to Europe next year.

The class will be grieved to know of the death of Oswaldo De La Rosa. He passed away November 16 at the Fort Sam Houston Hospital after an illness of several months. His remains were flown to Puerto Rico and buried in San Juan. His widow, Maria, plans to live in San Antonio. His funeral was the occasion of attendance of a large group of classmates.

Charlie Royce has broken into print as a rotisserie chef. The "Washington Star" carried a half-page spread, with two large pictures of Charlie, and describing the meticulous manner in which he prepares gourmet dishes. Charlie and Daisy own a home in Georgetown.

Hayden Boatner has just been sworn in as the Provost Marshal General of the Army. He is the second member of the "Thundering Herd" to hold this responsible position

in succession. The class extends its congratulations on his appointment.

From Casa Blanca, Chile, comes an interesting letter from Clarence W. "Benny" Bennett. He writes, "With not much change in my status, I'm still on my 200-acre Chilean farm. My main crop is apples and pears, with a good half of the land covered with pine and eucalyptus, which are paying crops. Fortunately, I have two Chileans working for me, and labor is very cheap here. I have one daughter who has married an Anglo-Chilean and lives in Santiago; while the other daughter is married and lives in Excelsior Springs, Maryland."

The New York "World Telegram" on September 20 carried an interesting article concerning the problems which Jimmy Moore is having as Commanding General and High Commissioner of the Ryukyu Islands. Jimmy is described by the writer of the article as a floridly handsome and genial man, and describes the problems he is having with the Communists on Okinawa. Vonna Burger is there as Jimmy's deputy.

From the West Coast Archie Stewart writes concerning classmates in that area. He saw Reeves Keller at Letterman Hospital recently, and saw Keg and Pat Stebbins at George and Mae Elliott's a week ago. He states that Ray Robins is working for the Ford Machinery Corporation at San Jose. Arch states that he is considering selling his business and relaxing for a change. He is concerned about the trouble that his wife, Frances, is having with her eyes.

Jack Kirkendall is now with the Dixie Highway Express, Inc., with general offices at Meridian, Mississippi. He hopes to get to Washington and visit with the "Thundering Herd" there in the near future.

Everett Runkle is fire chief of the Woodland Fire Department at Woodland, California. "Ganorski" Griffith is living in Kansas City, Missouri, where he is working for the state of Missouri. He states: "My official title is 'Contributions Deputy Number 2' and also referred to as a Field Auditor. In other words, I am a Dick Tracy checking on employees to see that they contribute the proper amount to the state each quarter to take care of unemployment payment to any of their employees who are fired or let out for some other reason." "Ganorski" states that he's getting along very well and likes his job immensely.

Douglas and Kitty Smith have finally settled in Washington, D. C., after having tried out New England, Florida, California, Arizona and Texas. Bill O'Connor is working for the International Petroleum Company and at present is doing a six-month stint in Lima, Peru. Joe Morris, who has been Chief of Staff at the 1st Air Force at Mitchel Air Force Base, states that he put Red and Mary Bruce Mead on the UNITED STATES as they passed through New York en route to Red's new assignment at Ankara, Turkey. Bob Cameron is planning a trip this Fall on the MATSONIA to Honolulu where he will attend an Orchid Growers Convention.

From Sarasota, Florida, Bill Kendall reports that he is keeping busy keeping up grounds of an acre of waterfront jungle including hundreds of plants. He is a director of the Siesta Key Association and chairman of the Civil Disaster Committee. One of his hobbies is driving a "souped up" Mercedes Benz convertible which will drive up to 135 miles an hour. From Bradenton, Florida, Jean Scott reports that Florida life is wonderful and he's never been happier in his life. His only worry is the waistline and he tries to keep that down with four games of golf a week, in addition to taking care of the yard and swimming.

After a whirl at the real estate business, Bob Ellsworth is now really retired and is living on a 40-acre ranch near Thermal, California. Dick Nugent is with the Guided Missiles Range Division of Pan-Am World Airways System at Patrick Air Force Base,

Florida. He reports that he enjoys his work and has seen both Ralph Fisher and Dick Herbine. Ralph is in the insurance business near Orlando. Dick Herbine is working on the same project with Pan-Am.

For the past ten years John G. "Dinty" Moore has been with the Mallinckrodt Chemical Works in St. Louis. He adds that he enjoys his work and is very happy. After driving 14,000 miles looking for a retirement spot, Larry Adams finally settled at Silver City, New Mexico, where he is the City Manager.

Members of the Class will be glad to hear of the recovery of Leslie Simon after a serious operation earlier this year. Les is convalescing at Lewistown, New York. "Mac" McComsey has been elected vice-president and treasurer of the United Services Automobile Association in San Antonio. It is a splendid position and "Mac" is to be congratulated.

Lorraine Claybrook, widow of Jake, was married on October 10 to Colonel Robert Gant, Chief of Surgery at Walter Reed Hospital. After completing a course at Purdue University, Rupert Graves is teaching mathematics at Brevard College near Hendersonville, North Carolina. Bob Miller's daughter, Patricia, was married on September 21 to Captain Rodolfo Cuevas of the Spanish Army. The ceremony took place at the Fort Myer chapel.

Pete Shumate is studying business administration at the University of Colorado. Bill Reardon is with The New York Life Insurance Company on a slum clearance project in Chicago. Emerson Cummings, Chief of Ordnance, has recently been awarded The William Crozier Gold Medal of The American Ordnance Association. Hardy Dillard, a professor of law at the University of Virginia, is residing temporarily in Paris where he has been nominated to serve as a member of advisory committee to The Defense College of NATO.

Jim and Isabelle Halley have recently announced the engagement of their daughter, Althea Isabelle, to John Kemper Hardman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emory W. Hardman, Sr., of Waynesboro, Pennsylvania. Althea attended the Holton-Arms Junior College and George Washington University. Her fiancé was graduated from Mount St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg, Maryland, and is presently studying for his doctorate degree at Georgetown University. An early Summer wedding is planned.

—Bill Sexton,  
2 Waltonway Road,  
Alexandria, Virginia.

## 1925

As usual, very little here at the home front. Only word from outside is a note from "Swede" Underwood at Penn State where he is teaching engineering. "Nick" Nicholas off on another six-month sabbatical leave to complete his book on higher math; inspired to outdo Leland Kuhre's performance with "Atorgenics".

Have neglected to report an unfortunate event—our Class tree expired of Dutch elm disease the same year the 30 and 5 hit us. Perhaps a compassionate gesture. I have arranged with the forester to replace it next Spring.

The President came here in November to attend the dedication of a new drinking fountain presented by his Class. It is at the site of the old fountain across from the Clock Tower. A short distance from the fountain was erected a massive marble cube bearing the national seal. Its obvious purpose is for a statue when and if. While here the President visited one of my military history sections and I had the pleasant experience of sitting next to him in cadet chairs for more than half an hour. He expressed strong approval of how we were doing things, which pleased me for our Supe

"Gar" Davidson was along and he has a critical eye. Says he acts in capacity of "Devil's advocate" constantly prodding to be shown that what is being done is best way and initiating deep studies in important areas. Keeps things hopping. Hard on old profs but good for USMA. Incidentally, I wrote an article on military art at West Point scheduled to be in this issue of ASSEMBLY. You might find it interesting.

Nana Speer returned to her home in Highland Falls. Occupies house alone but can hardly be said to live alone as she is surrounded by friends and solicitous neighbors. Has readjusted like the soldier she is.

The following are gleanings from "Daddy" Dunn's last opus. "Lew" Riggins reports from Dallas as in good shape less eye trouble and loss of combat boot and piece of foot to carnivorous lawn mower. Still rolls his own but is having trouble putting in the filters. Leland Kuhre really going to town with "Atorgenics"; has completed ten weeks of consultant work with the Ordnance Board and quotes association with Mr. Sears Roebuck and others of note. Marcel Crombez sends clippings indicating that Andy Barlow has regular California state teaching credentials for high school and junior college for math and scientific subjects. Ed McLaughlin bought 35-acre place (including seven acres bass-stocked lake) at Anniston, Alabama. Will take State Bar exams; also welcomes visiting classmates. Bill Nutter sends clipping from Chicago Tribune re Gus Farwick's flying tackle of purse snatcher on Michigan Avenue. Jerry Kelley sold Mt. Kisco home; Violet and he now in Carmel, California. Bill Gillmore sends change of address to Chief, JUSMAG, Greece, APO 223, New York. Yvonne Torbett sends clipping re Oscar Maier as Assistant to the President of Pullman Standard. Graham Kirkpatrick now Professor of Law at University of Tulsa. Joe Cannon received three stars and succeeded Babe Bryan in Hawaii. "Akey" Akerman still enjoying teaching there at Kamehameha High School. Porter Kidwell now with Pan American; home at Winter Park, apparently works in Orlando. Bill and Sue Heacock living on the isle of Majoria, off Spain. Address: Santa Rita No. 48, Palma, Majoria, Spain. "Red" Long on long term contract to teach science subjects in City of Oakland (California) schools. Ed Jones now President of Weaver Brothers. Bruce Clarke making big news with Seventh Army.

Best for the New Year to you all.

—"Mike" Esposito,  
Dept. of MA&E, USMA.

## 1926

The Football Season rolled merrily along. Harry Storke was seen at the Notre Dame game. Harry and Sputnik hit the PIO office about the same time. Anky Ankenbrandt, the Maudes, and the Roosmas were up for the Utah game. Johnny and Marjorie also attended the Superintendent's reception after the Tulane game. Johnny has already bought the cigars—he is to be a grandpa next Spring.

George Hickman visited West Point for a couple of days in mid-November. George brought the First Classmen up to date with a fine lecture on matters pertaining to the JAG Corps. It was a real legal visit—he couldn't stay over for the football game. Seeing George again was a real pleasure. I hadn't seen him in years.

A class son, Hutton, C. P., was number one man in academics in the Yearling Class last June.

Bob Ross is now with The Cove Realty Inc., 3900 North Federal Highway, Pompano Beach, Florida. Okey Wade is enrolled in API for an MA in education and plans to complete the course in June '58—his address is 417 N. Gay St., Auburn, Alabama.

Vald Heiberg's address is 47-B Badhuisweg, Scheveningen, den Haag, Nederland. Vald is the optimistic type. In a recent letter he hoped the TC and the French and Dutch counterparts would cooperate and soon assemble his household goods, car and baggage where he now lives.

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

## 1927

A tabulation of the votes received by November 1 from those of the Class in the Washington area resulted in the election of the following officers for the Washington Chapter: Jim Collins, President, vice Trapnell; Hutchison, Vice-President, vice P. D. Ginder; and Frank Ostenberg, Secretary and Treasurer, vice Bob Lowe. There are 20 classmates in the Washington area—eight on active duty, three widows, and two wives whose husbands are in the Far East. Earnest Gray, living in Falls Church, Virginia, has been in DeWitt Army Hospital, Belvoir, Virginia, since the middle of August. After several operations, Earnest, as of December 1, is being prepared for another one. Good luck, Earnest. Whitehouse and Barney Daughtry lost their gall bladders at Walter Reed. Barney, after other corrective action, expects to retire December 31 and return to Athens, Georgia, as a math instructor, University of Georgia. Hutchison also spent a few days at Walter Reed.

P. D. Ginder reports to Governors Island December 20. P. D. and his wife, Miss Jane Dalrymple, were at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, recently. Miss Dalrymple's production, "Tea-house of the August Moon," was honored at a luncheon given by the Fort Bragg Ladies Club. Palmer Edwards is at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland. Mac Miller is living at Silver Springs, Maryland. Jim Green is settled at 327 N. Washington St., Fayetteville, Arkansas. Ted Weyher has joined the faculty of University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida, as Dean of Engineering. Cecil Land is at Ann Arbor, Michigan, on the Technical Staff, Engineer Research Institute, University of Michigan. Bob White is also living in Ann Arbor. Blair Garland, retired, lives at The Hague, PO Box 174. His son Don is a First Lieutenant, RA, in Japan, and daughter Sandra is a housewife in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Blair writes that his house is "in the middle of a tulip patch and will welcome visits". The Garlands and Martins held a Class Reunion at Berchtesgaden, Germany. George, while there, addressed a group of scientists.

Congratulations to Olie Kyster on his second star. Olie is the senior member of the UN Military Armistice Commission, Seoul, Korea. Willis Matthews and Ralph Zwicker are located near by. Ralph will report at Fort Hayes, Ohio, in January, and Olie is expected State-side in May. Dot Zwicker and Mary Kyster are waiting it out in Alexandria, Virginia. Both are proud grandmothers. Dot has three and Mary has two grandchildren, located at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. The Lowes have four grandchildren. Katherine, wife of Captain Knapp, USMA '49, at Sandia Base, New Mexico, has a daughter and Laura, wife of Captain Murph, USAF, at Langley AFB, Virginia, has two boys and a girl. Betty Lovell announced at a cocktail party, attended by many classmates, the engagement of her daughter, Nancy, to Richard Dean, '51 USNA. Betty's two sons are married and there are two grandchildren. The Zwickers announced the engagement of their daughter, Jean, a senior at the College of William and Mary, to First Lieutenant John J. Durant, TC, USA.

McKinney was in Washington recently. Paxson and Kaylor came from Santa Barbara, California, in October for the convention, Association US Army. The Ostenbergs, Bixel and P. D. Ginder attended the 37th

Convention of the Military Order of the World Wars at the Hotel Fontainebleau, Miami Beach, Florida, in October. P. D., in a most interesting speech, keynoted the convention. Stopping at Fort Bragg, the Ostenbergs spent a few minutes between their official activities with Bob and Maggie Sink and learned that Stew Wood is located in Fayetteville, North Carolina, Whatley in Raleigh, and Al Lepping is attending Duke University at Durham in preparation for a teaching career.

The following classmates and wives were seen at the Army-Navy Game: Jim Collins, Larry Shaw, Jack Burdge, Charlie Bixel, Max Johnson, Ham Hunter, Woodie Burgess, Trapnell, Hutchison and Gar Davidson.

Alvin L. Pachynski, Jr., is at Cornell University and Tom Ostenberg at V.P.I., Blacksburg, Virginia—both are taking freshman engineering.

The Lowes gave a delightful retirement cocktail party at the Fort Myer Officers Club with many members of the Class present.

Members of the Class are requested to furnish information about themselves and their families in order to make this column representative and interesting. A roster of the members of the Class with their civilian addresses is being prepared. Please furnish your latest address and the given name of your wife.

—Frank T. Ostenberg,  
412 Argyle Drive,  
Alexandria, Virginia.

## 1928

This report marks my first effort as class representative in preparing our news for the ASSEMBLY. "Pete" Calyer has finally turned this responsibility over to me after having served the Class for the past decade. I know that you all join me in expressing our gratitude to him for the wonderful job which he and Betty have done in serving the Class, and it is time that he was relieved of this additional duty. "Pete" is in good health and is currently involved in procuring a trailer for use after June.

I attended the October luncheon of the Washington group and the following were in attendance: "Red" Brown, "Gary" Coverdale, "Denny" Denniston, "Pat" O'Brien, "Rosie" O'Donnell, M. B. Raymond, John Samford, and Felix Yost. Small turnout but very enjoyable luncheon with the group at Fort McNair.

With regard to Reunion plans, a total of 123 questionnaires have been returned to date. If you have not returned this questionnaire, please do so at once, since the Reunion book must go to press in the near future. Thirty-one members of the class indicated that they would be unable to attend the Reunion, 72 have indicated their intention to be present and will be accompanied by 73 members of their families. Twenty additional members have indicated their possible attendance. A total of \$565 has been received to finance the book and other pre-Reunion expenses. Very few photographs have been received so please check your files and let us have any group pictures which you might have of members of the Class. Still no addresses for the following: M. C. Bisson, T. J. Brennan, Jr., F. J. Coleman, R. Wetherill, R. Wiesnauer.

The many notes received along with the questionnaires have indicated great interest in the Reunion next June and we hope it will be well attended.

Attending some of our home football games have been Lee Tarrant, Ralph Butchers, Doug Ludlam, Sam Brentnall, and Bob Browning.

Ted Ellsworth informed us of the death last year of H. F. Moran. Hal died of pneumonia.

Andy McNamara, the Quartermaster General, addressed the Quartermaster Associa-

tion at San Antonio on October 14. "Skipper" Seaman and Harry Weiner were in attendance.

"Buck" Wiley visited the Academy enroute to his new assignment in CONARC after a pleasant tour at Garmisch.

—John D. Billingsley  
Colonel, USA,  
Quarters 103,  
West Point, New York.

## 1929

The best news in some time is that Kai Rasmussen volunteers to produce a 30 year publication for our class. Kai feels he can do this job along with his thinking and research activities in the Human Resources Program at the American University. He took some general advice from the classmates present at our class luncheon at Fort Myer in September.

It is sad to record the death of Dave Perkins in the crash of an L-20 airplane in Vermont on October 2, leaving his wife with two sons and a daughter.

A letter from Ed VanBibber records that he was hospitalized with TB in both lungs in January, operated on in August, playing golf in October and is going back to work next March. He comments that he is in the market for another job in the active service even though he is attracted by the professorial appearance of Swede Pearson now teaching at Valley Forge and seeming to like it.

The checklist given me for our Washington class luncheon shows the names of 41 classmates living in that vicinity with over 20 of them general officers. Paul Elias is dealing with Navy Guided Missiles as a Ph.D. at Johns Hopkins in their Applied Physics Laboratory. Jim Winn is at Camp Ritchie and offers to buy a free drink for anyone who can outshoot him on the range in his backyard. Hal Huglin is in the Office of Defense Mobilization and has just returned from a meeting of the NATO staff in Paris. He reports Bill Hamlin as Chief Signal Officer of our European Command and Bruce Rindlaub as constructing for the Air Force in Germany with his Engineer brigade.

Paul Freeman is very busy being a scientist-strategist with the Weapons Systems Evaluation Group.

An announcement card from Charlie Tench shows him as vice-president in charge of Louisiana and Texas Operations of Palmer and Baker Engineers, Inc., of New Orleans. If all information were available we would have quite a lot on the *Class of '29 with Industry*. George Lynch is reported by George Reilly as being with an oil company in Columbus, Georgia. Roger Browne retired November 1 to become Director of Defense Products of the American Brake and Shoe Company. Bill and Dot McCulla are very happy in Pittsburgh with his job as engineer of a steel company. The available information is that four of our classmates, Hornor, McNeerney, Talbot, and Sykes are with Chrysler Missiles Division. While touring boy's schools in search for a place to improve the writing and arithmetic of a Lincoln youngster, we saw Fred and Cora Lee Dent who are now living in Dedham, Massachusetts. Fred is working as vice-president of Electronics Corporation of America which he considers as something different since it is very little dependent on government contracts. His New York office on the 67th floor of the Rockefeller building is allegedly the highest office above terra firma in the world—until we have our space platforms. Fred's name is something more than inconspicuous at Andover Academy, where according to the plaque, he took the air picture of the institution which papers a sizeable hunk of wall.

Our other classmates in the Boston area are Army and Dede Armstrong, PMS&T at Harvard; Ernest Carr reported to be teach-

ing in a high school nearby; Red Calloway who has the QM Research Center and Mac McClelland who is Deputy Commander at Fort Devens.

Along with the chapter on '29 and Industry perhaps Kai Rasmussen will have a chapter on '29 and Education. Frank Blue is teaching at Penn State. Dominick Calidonna is in Penn State's Educational Extension Division as, I understand, is also Shrimp Griffith who is now teaching electrical engineering in Allentown.

Just to record that quite a few of the class are still in the military business, I have a note from Phil Draper to the effect that the Headquarters of the U.S. Army in the Pacific in Hawaii is principally staffed by '29 with Phil as G-2, Ed McNally as G-1, Bat Carns as G-3 and Slim Vittrup as the Plans and Operations guy. Dave Buchanan still commands the First Division at Fort Riley according to my notes and Charlie Allan is the Deputy Chief of Staff for publication of the 6th Army.

This column has delayed too long in recording that Senta Bell presented at the Athletic Review the award made in Louie's name to the outstanding gymnasts. While we are mentioning graduation you might mark on your calendar that henceforth it will be on Wednesday and plans for the 30th year reunion should be made accordingly. The reason, I understand, is that this puts us in step with the other two service academies.

John Phillips provides an incidental inclosure to his letter which, with pardonable pride, shows his son as graduating from the local high school as number one in almost everything. John is off from Fort Ord to Korea, leaving Sara at 164 Via Gayuba, Monterey, while the Sladens move into the Phillips quarters at the Presidio of Monterey. John reports a meeting with the Krauses and the Chaffees (Fred is still PMS&T at Stanford) which was completely successful except Stanford did not quite win the football game.

Herb Vanderheide has gone to Indiantown Gap as Chief of the Military District and Don Graul is to be congratulated for his Legion of Merit for the job done in the Airways and Air Communications Service. Whether Don Keirn deserves sympathy or congratulation in his job as head of the new central office to direct the development of nuclear power for airplanes and missiles we don't know. But the class is proud of him.

Bob Meyer now holds forth at Fort Monmouth. Frank Sasse has moved from Fort Huachuca to be the JAG at Fitzsimons in Denver. The news of that post heralds him as a tennis player of note who galloped successfully about courts in Arizona and California.

In order that this pedestrian writing may shift to a more attractive flow, I quote from Jupe Lindsay who reports he has visited all major installations in the 5th Army area, played all the best golf courses, (perhaps these are to be considered under major military installations) and kept alive in Chicago's traffic.

"Two of our foremost 'Ordnance-teers', Joe Colby and Bill Ghormley, have recently assumed new commands. Joe is now CG of the Ordnance Ammunition Command at Joliet, Illinois, while Bill is CG-ing the Ordnance Weapons Command at Rock Island, Illinois. Henry McKenzie recently saw Doc Kearney in Denver, Colorado, and reports that Doc has responded favorably to treatment at Fitzsimons and is expected to be back on duty soon again. Glen Williamson (USAF-Ret) writes that he is a business 'doctor' for the Sherman Fairchilds interests in Yonkers, New York. He and Bea reside at 463 Scarsdale Road, Crestwood, Tuckahoe, New York, and extend a cordial invitation to classmates to visit in Westchester County or to have lunch with Glen at the Wings Club in New York City: Dudley Wiegand is ensconced as PMST at Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado."

Your reporter was fortunate enough to have a seat opposite Doc Snyder when hitchhiking back to West Point on the Commander-in-Chief's plane in November. Our honorary classmate certainly continues young, hale, healthy, poised, and with a deep interest in the human problems of the military service. He suggested steak for breakfast, which suggestion brought no enthusiasm from my better 7/10ths.

With sincere thanks for the news sent in from classmates and hope that the flow will continue and even increase.

—Abe Lincoln,  
USMA.

## 1930

Dear Gang:

The 25th Reunion Booklets have been put in the mail. Those of you who have moved without filing change of address with me may experience some delay in receiving your copy. How about giving me the word when you move, so that the address list will be reasonably accurate?

Since the last issue of ASSEMBLY, I have noted the promotions of Spike Eckert to Lieutenant General; Sid Wooten, Ned Moore and Bill Carter to Major General. Herb Mitchell and Bill Perry have acquired one star rank. Congratulations to them all and may they accomplish "more yet" A whole string of worthies in the Army had their contracts extended for five years by being selected to permanent BG rank: Carter, Wehle, Howze, Dunn, Chris Clarke, Wilson, Richardson, Bogart and Weyrauch. That's right fine.

A note from "Wank" Ewbank says he is back from the hunting and fishing preserve in Alaska and is now working at the Continental Army Command in the Materiel Developments Section. Sounds like a reasonably good way to earn a living. Reba and "Wank" have a nice, large set of quarters at Fort Monroe. Young Johnny is studying mechanical engineering at Purdue.

We have one son in the Class of 1961: Phillips W. Smith, Jr. I had a nice letter from Phil, Sr. He is Executive V.P. of Bowser, Inc., Chicago, and likes the work. Phil brought me up-to-date on the children. He and Vee have three daughters older than Phil, Jr. Two of the daughters are married and the third is a senior at the University of Wisconsin.

It is with sadness and regret that I have to report the passing of Mort Townes' wife, Pauline. She died last October after a long illness.

When this letter is published, Ham Howze will be the new snapper of the 82d Airborne Div, and Bob Porter should be in Washington with ODCSPER trying to solve some of the intricacies of the personnel business. These are certainly admirable selections for those two jobs.

Remember now, when you change station, drop me a change of address card so that your move can be recorded in the archives.

—George Duehring,  
Fort McNair,  
Washington, D. C.

## 1931

The Washington Group of the Class held a business luncheon on October 16, 1957 in the Pentagon. The following were elected (by unanimous acclaim, I might add), to serve until next Fall:

President	F. A. Bogart
Vice-President	Frederick Warren
Secretary	Frank Pachler
Treasurer	Samuel Smellow

Sam Smellow is repeating as treasurer. Charlie Hoy presided at the meeting. The only note of discord was raised by Eddie Brown. He suggested that since the slate of new officers had been proposed, a vote

should be taken. The Chair remarked that such action seemed superfluous. Anyway, the officials are in by a whopping score—18 for and 0 against.

Two events of social significance took place during November. The Washington Group had a dinner dance at Bolling Air Force Base. Bill Jones and his lovely wife were guests. Advantage was taken of the occasion to thank Bill for the excellent job of producing the 25th Reunion Year Book. Bill in turn cited the help that "Deacon" Roller gave on the pictures. We all joined in the special vote of thanks to "Deacon". It was a nice quiet affair until Eddie Brown let it be known that he was the Samba King of Van Ness Street. This occasioned a mad rush of femininity in his direction. The rest of us retired quietly to the bar seeking solace in the grape.

About 20 or 21 classmates and their wives attended. Lou Guenther made the arrangements. Andy Adams attended on crutches—having sustained a broken bone in his heel. Those attending, in addition to those mentioned, were the Hoys, Hardicks, Howards, Singles, Caves, Dicks, Cusacks, Hammers, Hunters, Littles, McConnells, McCrimmons, Pachlers, Smellows, Troxels, Warrens, Heiss' and Corbett.

On November 9, 1957 at the Post Chapel, Fort McNair, Brigadier General John J. Davis was joined in Holy Matrimony to Wilma Zimmerman Manson. Bill Hardick was best man and "Budge" Howard was one of the ushers. After the ceremony, John and Mrs. Davis departed on a wedding trip to Nassau. The couple will reside in the Washington area.

"Deacon" Roller paid us a visit. He has retired and is the public relations expert for a California firm. Passarella is in Washington with the Inspector General. Ken McCrimmon, Ed Brown and Steve Hanmer are in the Chief of Engineer's Office. A news release dated October 29, 1957 announced the appointment of "Bo" Beishline as professor and chairman of the Management Department at New York University's School of Commerce, Accounts and Finance. Sam Smellow reports that he saw Passarella, Jim Maloney, Sid Brown, Beishline, Lehrfeld and Charlie Raymond at the Army-Nebraska game at West Point. Sam also had a visit from Jim Pumpelly who retired and is vice-president of Peter Mehlich Corporation in New York. John Skeldon's brother reports that John is busy teaching school in San Antonio. Jake Smart, now in the Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force, office reports that "Duke" Burroughs dropped in to see him. The "Duke" is fine. Bert Muentzer is in command of Warren Air Force Base. Percy Lash is his neighbor. Chet Young is still in Italy. Warren Hoover is still Chief of the Army Section, MAAG Spain. I visited him in Madrid last May. He is a master at utilizing the bullfighter's technique to dodge cars.

Don Webber arrived in Madrid last June as Attache. John Inskeep is the Commanding Officer at Camp Wolters—training Army aviators. A. J. Sutherland is at Fort Meade as Headquarters Commandant. Bill Dick, Army representative on Joint Task Force 7 with headquarters in Washington, saw Ed Messinger and Bob Hackett during a recent trip to Hawaii. Charlie Hoy saw Joe Brady and O. G. Willis at the Army-Virginia game. Joe is in Richmond. O. G. is in the real estate business in Waynesboro, Virginia. George Elegar was Chief of Staff I Corps in Korea when last reported. "Maggie" Magee reports seeing Walt Ellis, DC/S, 7th Army, Bill Train, ADC, 8th Infantry Division, C. C. Smith, Artillery Officer, VII Corps, Walt Gallup, IG, V Corps, and Hugh Harris, CG, 11th Airborne Division, during a recent trip to Germany. He also ran into Sam Russell, now Commanding General, Air Defense School at Fort Bliss, during the artillery conference in Germany. Magee is in charge of the Artillery Section, Officers Assignment Division, AGO, Washington. Ned Parker re-

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ports seeing Ruggles, Deputy Commanding General, USAIC, Leary, ADC, 3rd Infantry Division, and Tyler, Chief of Staff, USAIC, on November 4 at Fort Benning. Ed Purnell is working with ORO in Washington. Dick Jewett is G-4, 5th U.S. Army in Chicago. Ted Decker, the journeying judge, on temporary duty in Japan in connection with the Girard case, reports seeing Levenick and Tipton, both Deputy Chiefs of Staff, U.S. Army, Japan. Milo Weber is also in Japan with the MAAG. Incidentally, Norm Tipton reports seeing Decker. Jim Mooney is now Commanding General, 16th Air Force, and recently arrived in Madrid. In fact, he arrived there the day Louie Guenther left for station in Washington. John Hansborough was in town the other day. He is with Combat Development, Alaskan Army Command. Pat Carter was seen in the halls of the Pentagon the other day with his blouse buttoned. He is Deputy Commanding General of the Air Defense Command. Curt Herrick writes from Hawaii that Frank Corbin is the judge on the AFPAC staff. Flaherty was visiting there. His new home is in Denver, Colorado. Hector Truly is in G-2 work in USARPAC. Harry Candler is retired and practicing law in San Antonio. Gus Heiss is still in Washington and living at the Army-Navy Club, 17th and Eye Streets, N.W., Washington, D. C. Ernie Easterbrook is due in Washington in December to take over as head of Army Aviation. Van Bond, ADC, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kansas, was in Washington sitting on a board. He reports that he is due to return here for station early next year. Dan Callahan, Commanding General, Mobile Air Materiel Area at Brookley Air Force Base, writes that Carl Green is Chief of Staff, Army Transportation Terminal Command at New Orleans. Charlie Howze is at Headquarters, Air Materiel Command, Dayton, Ohio. Ted Walker is still in Little Rock. Valesquez was in Washington in October. He is the new Economic Advisor to the President of the Philippines Republic. Prior to my leaving Germany, I saw Herb Mansfield, Deputy Transportation Officer, USAREUR, and Freddie Berg who heads the Labor Service Division. "Cornie" Licherie is Liaison Officer in Bonn. Phil Bethune was in Fontainebleau as G-2 of the Allied Ground Forces. Bob Cardell is in Naples. I understand that Joe Dickey has moved to Florida permanently. George Fletcher, now G-1 of CONARC, was in the Pentagon for a meeting around November 10. Sid Brown is G-4 at First Army, Governors Island, New York. I also have a note here that somebody saw Carhart but it doesn't say where or when. Royden Beebe is on the JCS here but I haven't seen him yet. Al Cassevant recently left Washington and is now at Fort Monmouth. Milt Arnold, Charlie Bard, Gunnard Carlson, George Hartman, Clarence Hauck, Park Hauser, Vic McLaughlin, and "Hi" Markham are supposedly in Washington but I haven't seen them or talked to them. I have seen Augie Schanburg, Grove Powell, George Wertz and Merillat Moses who are also stationed here.

Dave Hutchinson is in command of the Tactical Air Command at Langley Air Force Base. Johnny Waters is due to report at Fort Monroe shortly after the first of the year. He has been in charge of the mission in Yugoslavia. Ted Hickey is still running the Joint Petroleum Group in Headquarters, EUCOM, Paris, France, and Art Hogan is the Executive in the Military Assistance Division in EUCOM. Tom Marnane is the AG at CONARC, Fort Monroe, Virginia. Andy Adams saw Blunda in California. He is working for an aircraft corporation.

I will try to do better next time and give some news instead of just a lot of names and places; however, everyone I have talked to seems well and happy.

—J. B. Corbett,  
ODMA-OCA-DA  
Rm 3B-738, Pentagon,  
Washington 25, D. C.

For whatever the gesture may be worth, this issue of the column is dedicated to Morris Touchstone, a fine sportsman, thorough gentleman and a real member of the West Point family, who died early in November. Morris arrived at West Point as a young man at the same time we did and served there ever since. For 29 years his lacrosse teams reflected his leadership and training and were always a credit to West Point.

With each group of plebes he started practically from scratch. He never did get many Bill Quinns or Johnny Waters who were already experienced and could keep the ball in or out of the upper corners according to which one you're talking about. Each season he took on the best there was, however; Johns Hopkins, Mt. Washington, St. Johns, Navy; and Army always finished at or near the top. I may be wrong but it's my impression that cadets who never held a lacrosse stick before they met Morris, made All American before they graduated. The Military Academy is much the better for having had his services for almost 30 years, and it is altogether fitting that he remain at West Point where he was interred.

On behalf of '32, Ed Suarez sent a telegram of condolence to Lillian. Since this issue is dedicated to Morris, the remainder of it will be written in a style he liked and the way he would have done it himself.

October means elections and for our own peculiar exercise of the terpsichorean franchise, some 44 of the devout attended the opening mazurka of the season at the Army Navy Country Club. On the surface it appeared that they were no more interested in Scylla and Charybdis than in Troilus and Cressida but Bill Smith announced that the world-wide vote was the largest ever turned in. As a result, the noose of presidency dropped gracefully around Ed Suarez' sturdy neck and Frank Britton, who made the double error of playing hookey from the nomination meeting and telling the committee that he would go along with anything they decided, won the vice-presidency. Bill Smith was asked to repeat his highly successful and solvent year as Sec-Treas, while fluent Bill Davidson will be the Assistant. Headed by Jim Churchill, our No. One party entrepreneur, the new councilmen include Keating, Mather, Powell, Simenson, Lon Smith, Webster and Zitzman.

Quite by coincidence, the only other tenant of our sizable dining room at the Country Club was a large party of USMA '42, easily distinguished from our lads by their elderly, more serious mien. In looking them over it was hard to realize, for example, that they were in the third grade on that fateful day when vigilantes garbed J. P. McConnell as Lady Godiva and turned him loose on the Plain in the thin December sunshine.

The fun ran high and we were really touched when '42 proposed a drink to our collective health. In the messhalls our guys are used to we have often had toast flung at us but never toasts.

The class mail has been quite good and has featured some members that we have not heard from in some time, viz: Ken Tiffany from Tlaquepaque, Mexico; Lazy Lazar, who gives Dan Sinclair's address as 1154 Ridge, Highland Park, Illinois; Chuck Wheatley, et. al., most of which Bill Smith has already covered in his newsletter. What with Bill's fine reportage and the Editor's unreasonable demand that we adhere strictly to fact, it's getting to be a real challenge to turn out this thing.

Most intriguing item, perhaps, is Carl Sciple's note that last year he married a nice gal who by coincidence had the same surname, so that we now have one with the fascinating title of Sally Sciple Sciple. Greetings, Sal, we have all kinds in the club but your name is the first that sounds like a mountain brook.

While all goes well on the East Coast, real trouble has been brewing in the West, where the Shoshones apparently broke into the fire-water normally reserved by the ranchers for treating arrow wounds and ran completely amok. It says right here in the Wyoming State Journal (courtesy of Click Rees), that Moose Mussett was inducted into the Shoshone tribe and christened—steady, boy—"Big Flying Teacher". (For my money the Squaws' Auxiliary could top it by christening Dutch "Little Nifty With the Cute Hats".)

In what was termed a One-Shot Antelope Hunt, Moose was teamed up with Frank Leahy, our former enemy. I'm not one to judge the judges but while Moose was credited with the best shot, Leahy's award was for the most lethal shot, both of which were imbedded in what was clearly stated to be a dummy antelope. The one statement I endorse without reservation is the final sentence in the item which says that the One-Shot Antelope Hunt is duplicated nowhere else in the world.

News elsewhere states that Bill Elery has left the 1st Division for duty in Korea and Stan Wray has gone to a two-star job as C.G. of the Wright Air Development Center at Wright-Pat AFB. Hot Rock McConnell (see more informal item supra) has assumed command of the SAC 2nd Air Force at Barksdale with 1,000 planes at hand just in case somebody says "when".

Hunter Harris was awarded the Cloud and Banner decoration of the China Air Force recently by their Chief of the General Staff, while Jack Sutherland received a second Oak Leaf Cluster to his Legion of Merit for his fine job as Chief of Staff of the 15th Air Force.

Bob Bayne retired recently and a brief note from Marc Tague who retired some time ago says that he is now happily operating as a realtor in Bradenton, Florida.

Out in Boise, Idaho, Ed Simenson and I staged a small but very pleasant reunion with Jack Schmelzer (O.K., so he guessed wrong on a math write once and was assigned to '33 for the duration, but who's perfect?). Jack is still the mountain type soldier; born and raised in Colorado, regimental commander in the standout 10th Mountain Division in Italy during WWII, and now C.O. of the Idaho District.

If it took any proving, incidentally, Jack showed once again that he really is a big guy when his sister, widow of a naval officer who was killed in Korea, died recently. Jack and his attractive wife, who already own four lively teen-agers ranging downward from a co-ed in Gonzaga University at Spokane, added his sister's three children to the younger end. This gives them full coverage down to the six-year-old set and could keep them young indefinitely.

Occasion for the trip to Boise, incidentally, was to accompany Ed Simenson's traveling circus of military-economics lore, which operates out of ICAF. He runs a good show and in case you have any questions about Ed's speaking ability, Torg Wold's favorite story concerns the time he and Ed went fishing deep in the wilds at 4 a.m. and took the wrong boat by mistake. Came first light and they found themselves looking down the bore of a gun held by the irate owner on shore, demanding that they row the stolen boat in with their hands up.

Ed would much prefer to talk into a microphone than the open end of a .303 but he went into action immediately. Net result was that all three were shortly fishing contentedly from the same boat with all occupants of the erstwhile contraband craft quite happy except for a few disconsolate bass flopping half-heartedly in the bilge.

On a business trip to Pittsburgh, Pat and I spent some time with Harley and Sis Trice (their new house is the same general style as the Cadet Chapel but not so confining), and met an interesting character named Ralph. Ralph is a beautiful macaw owned by Sis' mother and whenever addressed by name will turn and bow formally to his con-

versant. He has already been in the family 35 years and since his life expectancy is 150, give or take a decade, it's a great source of comfort to Harley to know that Ralph will be the living personal contact between Harley and the great great grandchildren whom he will never see himself.

Undoubtedly such friendly associates as Ralph and Eddie Hartshorn's sophisticated gold fish add a certain tone to our class, but by and large, it's our dogs who really lend it character. Consider Spot, for example, John and Beatie Keating's beautiful white setter.

When a three star General was briefed here recently, there was Spot on his own volition, looking thoughtfully in the door, bringing himself up to date on the national and international scene. (How many majors do you know who are that conscientious?)

On the other hand, there is ample proof that Spot has not lost the common touch and enjoys a romp as well as anyone. When the Keatings moved on the post at Fort McNair and turned Spot loose on the large parade ground, he was beside himself with joy. Out of sheer exhilaration he got off to a quick start and cleared a four foot hedge with perfect form;—nostrils akimbo, ears rippling lightly in the slipstream, contrails streaming behind. At the apex of his arc, however, he noted with understandable consternation that there was nothing below him but the blue Potomac.

John ran for the nearby rescue ladder and in scrambling down the seawall got pretty well soaked himself. The rescue went well but I'll always regret the fact that I missed the sheepish look on Spot's face as Long John climbed back up the ladder with his chest heaving lightly from the exercise, lips moving as though in silent prayer, and Spot clamped over his left shoulder in the approved fireman's carry.

Man will never have a better friend.

—Ken Zitzman,

Qtrs No. 5, Fort McNair,  
Washington 25, D. C.

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The new slate of class officers headed by Hoy Davis as president took over September 10 at the first luncheon of the year at Fort Myer. The Fall Dinner Dance was held November 23 at Fort Myer. Leo Heintz and Johnny Cleveland, our latest additions to the retired list, were there.

Ty Tieman is now at the Pentagon as C/S of AFSWP. Broshous, Pohl, and Guiney at West Point are "bird dogging" the 25th Reunion and expecting to hear from you. Plans for a 25 Year Book are slowly firming up so start thinking about all your misdeeds of the past 24 years, and dust off your photo files. We'll try to make the information gathering as simple and painless as possible, but don't put our inquiries in file 13 because we must account for everyone.

Harry Sweeting reports that his daughter Bee is to be married on January 18 at Red Bank, New Jersey.

Larry Merriam reports from CONARC: "Recently seen here were Roy Reynolds, Bill Calhoun (both DA) and Bill Fuller (Senior Army Advisor NC NG, Raleigh, North Carolina). Dot Lane reports that Johnny is doing well at Harvard.

"The CD Section of CONARC is gratified to note former members class of '33 who have made their stars—Ned Gee and Frank Henry.

"I expect to be leaving here next month to be PMS&T at North Carolina State, Raleigh, North Carolina."

Billy Harris writes from Fort Bragg: "I have the XVIII Airborne Corps Artillery. Charlie Chase is the Deputy CG and Chief of Staff for the Corps. Chet DeGavre is the Assistant Division Commander of the 82nd, and Ivan Parr is the Post and Corps Quartermaster. There are two others who started

with us in '29 but finished later. Bill Mullen is a Colonel in command of the Special Warfare Center. Bob Frith is a Lieutenant Colonel in the Log Command.

"Chet DeGavre is giving me holy hell because I am wearing the Artillery red coat which was started last Spring by General de Shazo."

Al Hoebeke reports from Fort Benning: "I'm the C.O. of The School Brigade. Ole Olson's son (Lieutenant) ushered at our chapel the other day. When we start soldiering with our sons, the Lucky Star of '33 has come into its own."

Bob Arnett reports from San Antonio: "Clyde Jones is G-1 at Fort Sill and Bill Frentzell, G-1, 4th Army. Cal Smith is with Army's New Missiles Command at Fort Hood. 'Shanty' Ryan, Div Arty C.O. and Frank Kleitz, C/S 4th Armd, Fort Hood, in process of gyroscoping to Germany. Carl Darnell, office of Special Weapons Development at Fort Bliss, is traveling all over U.S. 'Charlie' Carver scheduled to take over A.T.C. at Fort Bliss in very near future. Lipscomb is with Board No. 4 at Fort Bliss and has two married daughters.

"Bill Damon with G-3, 4th Army, reports that Earl Machery is slated for an assignment with Mission in Paraguay. Bill Fletcher is President of Artillery Board at Fort Sill. Reports he saw 'Soapy' Watters who recently left Fort Huachuca and really got a send-off. I am Assistant Secretary for San Antonio Manufacturers Association."

Dick Park reports from EUCOM: "Abe Lincoln, Nouasseur Air Base, Morocco, expects to move to Leghorn, Italy. He is the Division Engineer, U.S. Army Engineer Division, Mediterranean, which now goes as far as Pakistan.

"The Parks corralled a few classmates during the recent US European Command MAAG Conference. They included Frank and Mrs. Henry. He has taken over the MAAG missions in Iraq. Frank wasn't sporting his new star at that time but it is in the offing. Brigadier General and Mrs. Chet Dahlen, MAAG Spain, Johnny Breit, Bill and Helen Ely, Bernie and Mrs. Card were all present. Vic King was through but we could not corral him for the get-together."

Johnny Johnson (C/S 7th Army) writes: "Charlie Leydecker took the 6th Cavalry back to Fort Knox. I heard that he has been assigned to Fifth Army as G-2. Sam Otto is due to take over the 35th Field Artillery Group the first of January. Jimmy Polk left the 3d Armored Division this Summer and is now the G-3 of LANDCENT. Bob Turner took Hurly's place as the Deputy Commander, SACOM. He and Ann have two adopted children—a girl and a boy. Ed Raff is G-1 of VII Corps. Bob Neely is now the Transportation Officer of Seventh Army. Dorothy and I joined Seventh Army early in September. We are enjoying the beauties of southern Germany."

Joe Stilwell from Frankfurt says: "I have been C/S, V Corps since last January. Saw Pete and Helen Clainos in Athens and Bob Blanchard in Naples. As far as I know, Al Welling is a wheel (Commissioner) in D. C. Jimmy Polk is in Fontainebleau as G-3, AFCE. Harlow Miles, Deputy Comptroller of USAREUR, in Heidelberg, has developed a heart condition. He'll probably be sent to Walter Reed. Our son, Joe, is a yearling at USMA."

Bill Due writes from Frankfurt: "I am now Chief of Civil Affairs at Headquarters V Corps in Frankfurt, Germany. Dora and I now have seven children. Dixie, our second daughter, will be married on November 30 to Lieutenant Tom Smith, 23d Armored Engineer Battalion. Bill, Jr., is one of 732 plebes who survived Beast Barracks. Ray Sellers and Olive are stationed in Baumholder, Germany, where Ray is Civil Affairs Officer. Tommy O'Connor retired over two years ago. He and Maureen and four daughters now live at 148 Candee Ave., Sayville, New York. Bob Blanchard, who is in CINCSOUTH, went back to the States in Octo-

ber because of his mother's death but is now back on the job. Bob adds: 'Cahill left here this Summer for a job at Holabird in the snooping and peeping business. Billy Clarke will arrive in Italy for assignment to AFSE in Verona the first part of the year. I saw Bob Turner sightseeing in Naples this Summer. He and his wife have adopted two children and are catching up to us early starters. Pete Clainos was here for a visit from Greece not long ago. He is C/S of JUSMAG and replaced Jim Boswell.'

Dave Gray writes from Augsburg: "I relieved Joe Stilwell here in the 11th Airborne Division on March 1. Bob Turner replaced Hurly as Deputy Commander at SACOM in Munich and Hurly is now at COMZ Headquarters in Orleans, France. I used to meet Johnny Johnson quite frequently at Hohenfels. Ann and I took the space available cruise through the Mediterranean in September. We just missed Pete Clainos in Athens."

Milt Summerfelt, MAAG, Germany, writes: "I have been Deputy Chief of MAAG here in Germany since January 15, 1955. My youngster is now going through "beast barracks" at the Air Force Academy. Vic King, Deputy Chief of MAAG-UK, in London, was through here the other day with Elise and Dave, who had just graduated from the University of Maryland, Heidelberg, which our former professor Colonel Beukema is heading up. 'Cowboy' Elliott and Libby are now stationed at Erding Air Force Depot. He plans to turn over this Depot to the Germans late this Fall, and will remain there until mid next Summer. 'Cowboy' has become an orator of note and has carried on a most successful public relations job with the Bavarians."

Lyle Bernard reports from Hawaii: "I've seen Ace Miller recently. Frank Zeller passed through in September on his way to MAAG Taiwan, where he will be advisor to the Defense College. His family will remain in California during the tour. E. A. Chapman passed through en route to Tokyo in mid-October."

Doug Gilbert reports from Korea: "Fritz Hartell is the new G-3, 8th Army. Zeller is on his way over here, but so far no one has any information on his assignment. Slugger Douglas is the Chief of Staff of the 7th Division. T-Bone Bowen and I are leaving soon for the States. T-Bone goes to Fort Ord in December and I'll be in the Pentagon working with a special screening board about the same time. E. A. Chapman has been assigned as Deputy Chief of Staff for Administration of Eighth U.S. Army in Seoul, Korea."

—Bing Downing,  
9809 E. Bexhill Dr.,  
Kensington, Maryland.

## 1934

The annual practice of convening the Washington members of the USMA-USNA Classes of 1934 at a luncheon before the Army-Navy Game was accomplished on November 14 when 52 guests attended the soiree at Patton Hall, Fort Myer. These joint luncheons have always been our largest turn-outs and most enjoyable occasions and have marked the renewal of old friendships for many of us. No report is available on the number of bets on the game, but we did hear a full and interesting account of the plans for the Naval Academy's new Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium.

Here is another report on the doings of some of our juniors. Among the plebes at West Point are Jack Shuck, Alex Stuart, 3rd, and Bill Craig's son, Bill Gavan. Helen Craig is a junior at North Carolina College for Women at Greensboro and Ann, her younger sister, is a freshman at St. Mary's at Raleigh, North Carolina. Florence "Dinky" Griffith is a freshman at the University of Kansas and Rosa Barnes is a freshman at Agnes Scott College in Atlanta.

Johnny Darrah, Jr. is attending the Army West Point Prep School and hopes to enter the Military Academy with the Class of 1962. Fred Hillyard also aspires to become a member of this same class. Mike Cummins, Joe's son, is in the freshman class at Texas A&M. Bert Piram is in Washington attending Sullivan's Prep School. Second Lieutenant Thomas E. Weber, our class Godson, recently completed the Basic Course at the Engineers School. He is now taking ranger training at Fort Benning. With this course Tom completes his active duty tour and plans to settle in the Washington area.

This is, of course, a very incomplete report, but if you don't let us know what your children are doing we can't tell the rest of the Class. Give us the news on this subject and on any other matter concerning you, your family, classmates and their families. Send it to Freddy Barnes, JCS-JSPG, Room 2 E 983, The Pentagon, Washington 25, D. C.

Paul Turner and his sons, Pete and Steve, flew up from Gainesville, Georgia, for the Army-Virginia game which was played at Charlottesville. Bill and Ruth Gross were there, too, along with Johnny and Cookie Darrah, Rip Winkle, Freddy Barnes and Freddy, Jr., Okie O'Connell and Ed, Jr., and Bill and Peggy Craig.

Dale Smith became the Commander of the 313th Air Division on Okinawa in November. This was quite a geographic change for Dale, for up to this transfer he was Commander, Second Air Division, with station at Dhahran Air Force Base, Saudi Arabia. John Hutchinson, who recently left Washington for Japan, but apparently never got there, is now ordered to Hq., 62nd Troop Carrier Wing, MATS, at Larson Air Force Base, Washington. His job—Deputy Base Commander. Ted Hoffman is a student at Army War College and Tom Lipscomb a student at the National War College. Recent word from Colorado Springs tells us that Pinky Alness has returned to duty following an operation at Fitzsimons Army Hospital. It is good to hear you are back on the job, Pinky. Jack Benner's address, which we were unable to give in the Summer ASSEMBLY, is c/o Claude Brown, 227 Poplar Street, Elizabethtown, Kentucky. Lou Walsh was a recent visitor to Washington from his home station at Fort Monroe.

Ken Kenerick reports the following information on classmates which he picked up on a recent trip to El Paso. Included in this trip was a short stopover at Fort Sill. "Spent evening with Bea and Horace Sanders and Tom Hayes (also an escapee from the Pentagon) at Fort Sill. Sandy is a Department Director in the school after having had his share of duty with troops as CO, 52 FA Group. Missed Charlie White whom we were informed is C/S at Sill.

"Arrived in El Paso just at the right time to be included in on a wing-ding of a party staged by Mim and Alex Stuart. This provided a wonderful chance to visit with all itinerant Guided Missilors who are presently subsisting at Fort Bliss, all except the Hubbards. Harry, it is reported, has inherited one of those Texas ranches and finds his weekends are busy managing his acreage. Bob and Jeanne Finkenaur were not long for this world of sun and sand, as Bob has a date in Korea for early next year, and was laying plans to move his family to Newburgh early in December 'for the duration'. Ellen and Pete Peca were well settled into life in the desert, with Pete up to his ears in the ever-expanding GM Department at the school at the Army Air Defense Center. Helen and Bill Penn had just arrived at Bliss for a return engagement, Bill with the GM Department at the School, also. Frances and Johnny Stevens were in the throes of preparing for the wedding of their very charming daughter, Dorothy Frances (Francie), on November 9. Francie is now Mrs. O. H. Sozio. In his free moments Johnny was putting in his time as C/S of the AADC."

It is a sad and difficult undertaking to report the recent deaths of three Class sons. Spencer Richardson, B.J.'s 12-year-old son, drowned last Summer in Maryland where the Richardson family was on leave. Burial was at Arlington. B.J. and Farley and their son, John B., III, live at 721 South 42nd Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, where B.J. is on National Guard duty. On October 1, Richard Himes, age 17, second son of Bill and Rachel, and brother of Thomas, died in Pittsburgh. Burial was in Glenhaven, Wisconsin. Richard was to have entered the Military Academy with the Class of 1961. Bill and his family live in Pittsburgh where he is PMS&T at the University of Pittsburgh. Eddie Lardin, who was 20 years old and a member of the USMA Class of 1961, died of heart failure while working out with the plebe swimming team on November 4. Harry and Betty flew from Germany to West Point for Eddie's funeral. Burial was in the Cadet Cemetery. Eddie's sister, Elaine, is with her family in Munich. The sympathy of the entire class goes to the families of these Class sons.

The Army-Navy-Air Force Cotillion of Washington, which you all know is sponsored by the Class of 1934, starts a new season at Patton Hall, Fort Myer, on the evening of November 27. About 200 service juniors between the ages of 16 and 19 are expected to attend the first dance. Class juniors who are Cotillion members claim the names Bilbo, Edson, Hillyard, Norvell, Hayes, White (Jack), Donoghue, Lipscomb, MacDonnell and Wilson. It is reported that the hardest working members of Tom Hayes' Committee have been Jack and Althea Donoghue, who have been busy all Summer and Fall handling a steady stream of telephone calls in working up the membership list. The purpose of the Cotillion is simply to reproduce for the benefit of our youngsters some of the Cullum Hall atmosphere.

—F. W. Barnes,  
Colonel, USAF,  
4305 24th Street, N.,  
Arlington 7, Virginia.

## 1935

A rain-soaked contingent of the Class journeyed to Memorial Stadium to view the carnage of the Army-Navy Game. In spite of the heavy all-day Pennsylvania dew, an individual might, if he cared to, observe an all-too-efficient Navy crew propel the football twice across forbidden territory. It was a day quite similar to December 1, 1934. The less said about it the better, although our footballers gave their all. Something seemed to be lacking but it could have been that Navy just had a real good team. Next year it'll be different. A few days before

the game Bill Proctor and the luncheon committee arranged a plush joint Army-Navy Class of '35 dinner at Fort Myer. As last year, the Navy outnumbered us. As an omen of things to come, pictures of the Navy footballers in action were displayed. Slade Cutter won't let us forget who our opponent is to be. This year it seems he even arranged the weather.

George Eckhardt arrived in Washington from Hawaii and for his audacity was immediately appointed Chairman of the 25th Reunion Committee. Others on the committee are Hart Caughey, Tom Gent, Deacon Rhode, Hoot Gibson and Jack Williamson.

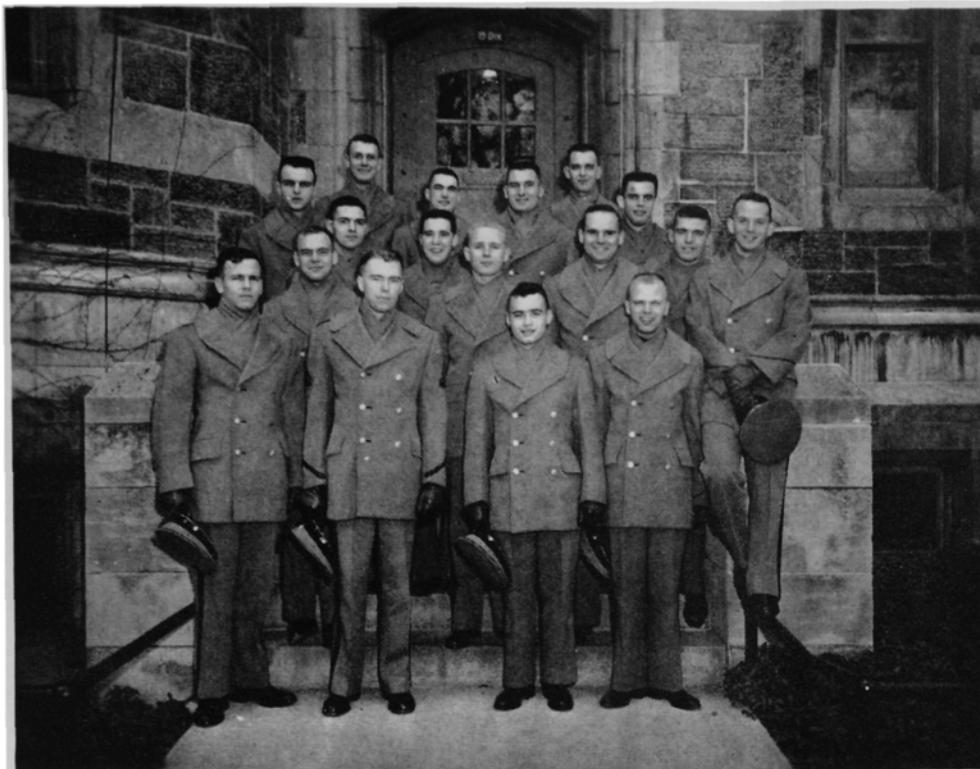
Somers Dick is our trojan horse at West Point. There won't be much to report on the reunion until the committee has a chance to do a little planning. Should any queries be sent out, though, prompt response is urged, because time has a way of slipping by.

Breakefield is deserting the sinking ship and going to Indochina — possibly he just couldn't stand up under the pressure of being Class Prexy. He has turned over the helm to Vice-Prexy Iron Man Russell per Class Constitution. As his last official action, Break appointed a stunned group as a committee to nominate next year's slate of officers: Charlie Rich, Iron Man Russell, Tom Musgrave, Butch Morgan and Seep Bassitt. For the amazement of those in the hinterlands, there are about 60 members of the Class in or about Washington these days. Incidentally, for those salty souls who haven't sweetened the pot since last June: you owe the Treasurer one buck. This tribute was levied in accordance with the Class SOP as the solution to the problem of Class funds which shrink below \$500.00. The rock can be mailed to the address at the end of the letter.

Here are the Class individual doings according to completely unsubstantiated rumors. Lang, J. D. (Jim), is retired and in the construction business at San Antonio. Jack Rhoades has an armored group at Fort Stewart, Georgia, while Tiger Beall has joined Sailor Hawkins and gang at CONARC. John Gloriod is now a missile commander at Hood. Glenn Thompson is snooping about the Andes on the AF Mission to Bolivia. Glenn greeted boon-dogging Johnny Wright and Ducky Farnsworth there in October. He wangles a free meal with Joe Stancook in Panama whenever possible. Russ Smith is in Korea with I Corps occasionally passing the time of day with Bill Martz and Dunc Sinclair of Eighth Army. Jeff Rumsey has replaced Armagida out there. Al Ashman instead of pausing briefly at the Pentagon enroute elsewhere from his attache job in Egypt is still pausing—and for three years, too—with ODCSOPS. Jeffus has now resumed his industrial career at Baltimore.

Members of Class of '35 and wives at Cameron Station, Virginia, in August 1957.





CADET SONS OF '36

Front Row (left to right): Walker, F.; Sibert, G. W.; Powell, B.; Finley, G.  
 Second Row: Swain, C. M.; Geist, T.; Geist, L.; Cato, R.  
 Third Row: Hiester, D. W.; Evans, B.; Lampert, J.  
 Fourth Row: Barlow, J.; Gillespie, F.; Goldtrap; Sievers, W.  
 Fifth Row: Turnage, J. O.; Heintges, J. A.

On the preceding page is a picture of the Class and their better halves taken at the Cameron Station picnic last August. Stumpy Haug was the photographer. Gib Sherrard took some pictures, too, but the camera has never been the same since. The Class luncheons are continuing on the fourth Friday of each month in the General Officers Dining Room in the Pentagon. If anyone can make it, do so by all means. It is always a pleasant occasion. No advance warning is necessary.

The Class was saddened by the death of Henry Hille in the Pentagon in November. His funeral at Arlington was attended by perhaps 20 of the Class. Clarence Bidgood assisted Mrs. Hille.

Please keep sending in news items to the writer. In spite of the 60 members of the Class in Washington, we are really scattered all around the globe. It is not easy to keep track. Any bit of news is of interest.

—Mike Mitchell,  
 RFD 3, Box 567,  
 Fairfax, Virginia.

## 1936

Only a very few additions or corrections have been received as a result of the address roster in the Fall ASSEMBLY. I am certain that more corrections exist. When something bad is said about a person, you will not hear about it as quickly as when you spell his name or address incorrectly. The lack of comment, therefore, makes me afraid too many have not read the column because they probably do not subscribe to the ASSEMBLY.

November was the date of a fairly large luncheon for the class at Fort McNair. Abrams arranged for this fine affair and is to be congratulated for arranging for the women to be present. Congratulations to the Beards at Rucker for their latest offspring (the event has not been announced as yet, but it will have occurred by the time you read this). For the record, this is

the latest class addition; the Powells and Waters babies were born earlier.

October 12 marked a gourmet's special event; it was on this occasion Honey Breaks had her annual Mexican Dinner. The only other classmates attending that I know of were the Quinns. The Bub Clarks reported to Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, APO 616, New York. Bub is commander of the 2nd ADiv and has an additional and apparently touchy diplomatic duty. The Clarks are elated over the expected arrival of a grandchild next March. Daughter Carolyn is at Turner AFB, Georgia. I am not certain how many grandchildren are now present — to answer Bub's query—but he will be far from the first dotting grandpop. The Hesses and Laynes have third generations.

Though we seldom admit it, I am sure many of us hold a bit of nostalgia for the good old days—Army Blues. I guess Cliff Cordes evidences his reluctance to break with the past by acting like a cavalryman. He owns a horse and while riding same on October 31 ended his exercise with the nag on top of him. This may sound funny now but I can feel for poor Cliff who was laid up in the Fort McPherson hospital for over a week with more than three broken ribs. Moral to this story: automobiles are not the only hazardous modes of travel.

Colonel and Mrs. Charlie Daly report spending a good bit of October visiting Jack and Nan Daly at Fort Shafter, Oahu. Jack is G-1, USARPAC. Bub Clark said he saw Ben Davis before leaving Germany. Ben is still C/S, 12th AF, Germany. Stinky Davis, who is senior Army advisor in Denver, recently wrote and requested that I subscribe to ASSEMBLY for him (all ye who are not subscribers, please note!). Stinky said he had seen Grothaus, Dave Brown, and Chick Childs. He also ran into Cato and Norris who were visiting firemen. Louis De Lesdernier should be back in Atlanta from Saigon when this is printed. I know his family will have a happier Christmas as a result. A new bride and groom are next door neighbors to the Harveys at Fort Meade, Maryland; the newly-weds are the

Jesse Drains. Bob Ferguson is a teacher by day at the Naval War College in Norfolk; and a student by night—studying for a Masters—at Boston University. Grothaus transferred from Colorado to Fort Detrich, Maryland. (Marlene?). Heard that Elmer Grubbs had participated in the International Caribbean Sailfishing Tournament in the Canal Zone. A small group of fortunate 36'ers were entertained at the Hanekes on Halloween. We fortunates were Pecks, Jane De Lesdernier, Goodings, Cordes' and Gages. For almost a year Olie Haywood has been vice-president and general manager of Emerson Electric, St. Louis, Missouri. His new home address: 2 Bennington Lane, St. Louis 24, Missouri. Got a change-of-address card from Holderness: AF South, HNDGS-NATO, Army Section JUSMAGG, APO 223, New York.

It was learned that Jimmy Hughes was in Walter Reed in November. Do not know his ailment, but hope his recovery is assured by now. Dan and Fran McElheny contributed handsomely to this column. At the Army-Virginia game they ran into Chick Childs (retired of Denver, Colorado), Chuck Waters, Bob and Mid Burnett, Edgar and Rachel (Eskimo) Thompson, and Bob and Muriel Trout and two children. Later Fran entertained Ed Wallnau for dinner (he is the class civilian secretary—in case you did not know. In case he did not know—there is not a single contribution to this column from him this month). Professor Monteith is in command of the Training Wing at Mather, California. Saw a picture of the reception held at the club welcoming him to his new job. Necrason, now commander 11th ADiv, AAC, APO 731, Seattle—has an additional position of deputy commander AAC. Again I report that Ned Norris is to attend the Imperial Defense College, London. As of November he hadn't left yet. Congratulations to Bev and Eleanor Powell on the arrival of their little girl at Fort Sill. Juana Quinn wrote and sent some more good pictures of her family—I have a fairly substantial family album for this classmate. Rob got his appointment to West Point for 1958 and is now at Fishburne Military Academy where his Math P is none other than "3.0" Singletary. "Buddy" Rogers' address is Box 455, Anderson, California. Van Southerland's son is in his second year at Princeton. Van and Ely are happy to be back from Souse America. Frankly, I have always preferred to pasteurize my milk when I could buy whiskey at 1/3 the price. Mary Hilleary Waters was born at Fort Belvoir in August (as noted above, she has already been displaced by two for the distinction of being the class' youngest). The Yarbrough's have the 1st Battle Grp of the 3rd Div, Fort Benning. Recently we missed seeing them when they could not come up to the Haneke's party.

The other day my son Jackie had to write a composition about what he was thankful for. Today is Thanksgiving. I am thankful for not having to write more than four pages instead of last quarter's nine. I am also thankful that Phil Gage III is typing this and not yours truly.

Hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. As to resolutions: don't forget to join the ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES; send in "voluntary" contributions to your class fund; and come by to see me when you are in the South.

—Phil Gage,  
 2128 Belevedere Dr., N.W.,  
 Atlanta, Georgia.

## 1937

On the basis of information that I have been able to gather, it might be assumed that the Class of 1937 is about to become as extinct as the much featured Whooping Crane, and certainly the crane is whooping us for getting information reported. However, I am pleased to report that several



**CLASS OF '36 LUNCHEON HELD IN  
GENERAL OFFICERS' DINING ROOM,  
THE PENTAGON, AT 12:00 NOON,  
SEPTEMBER 5, 1957**

**TOP ROW (left to right):**

Major General J. H. Michaelis, Chief of Legislative Liaison, DA; Colonel Robert J. Quinn, Office of Intelligence, AF; Colonel Robert W. Breaks, Joint Strategic Plans Group, JCS; Colonel Walter B. Bess, Office of Chief Signal Officer, DA; Colonel Charles B. Tyler, Student Industrial College AF.

**SECOND ROW (left to right):**

Colonel Henry J. Katz, Office, Chief of Ordnance, DA; Colonel W. T. Ryder, Chief, Tech Liaison Office, Office, Chief of Res and Dev, DA; Brigadier General C. V. Clifton, Deputy Chief of Information, DA; Colonel Henry K. Benson, Office, Dep Chief of Staff for Logistics, DA.

**THIRD ROW (left to right):**

Brigadier General William R. Shuler, Office, Dep Chief of Staff for Logistics, DA; Major General W. C. Westmoreland, Secretary of the General Staff, DA; Colonel Charles H. Waters, Engineer Center, Fort Belvoir, Virginia; Colonel Frederick H. Gaston, Office, Dep Chief of Staff for Operations, DA; Colonel John D. McElheny, Office, Chief of Engineers, DA.

**FOURTH ROW (left to right):**

Colonel Thomas J. Hayes, Student Industrial College, Army; Colonel Bruce Palmer, Jr., Deputy Secretary of the General Staff, DA; Colonel Gordon H. Halterman, Office, Comptroller of the Army; Major General Joseph J. Nazzaro, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, AF; Colonel Joseph B. Yost, The Inspector General's Office, DA; Lieutenant Colonel Alfred N. Geist, Office, Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, AF.

**FIFTH ROW (left to right):**

Colonel J. E. Goodwin, Chief, Manpower Div, Office, Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, DA; Colonel Randolph C. Dickens, Office, Asst. Chief of Staff for Reserve Components, DA; Colonel David L. Edwards, Chief of Staff, Military District of Washington; Brigadier General Charles M. McCorkle, Assistant Chief of Staff for Guided Missiles, AF; Colonel Charles B. Stewart, Atomic Energy Commission.

**SIXTH ROW (three insets):**

Colonel Wilfred H. Tetley, Student Industrial College, DA; Colonel Howard Snyder, Aide-de-Camp, to Chief of Staff, DA; Colonel Howard P. Persons, Office of Asst. Chief of Staff for Intelligence, DA.

**SEVENTH ROW (left to right):**

Major General Richard H. Carmichael, Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, AF; Colonel Edward V. V. Sutherland, Office, Assistant Secretary of Defense (ISA); Colonel Robert M. Burnett, Executive, Office, Assistant Secretary of the Army (FM); Colonel Roy D. McCarty, Student Industrial College, DA; Colonel Raymond L. Cato, Office, Dep Chief of Staff for Operations, DA; Colonel Clyde L. Layne, Office, Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, DA.

**EIGHTH ROW (left to right):**

Colonel William M. Smoak, Office of the Judge Advocate General, DA; Brigadier General C. W. Abrams, Dep Assistant Chief of Staff for Reserve Components, DA; Major General Howell M. Estes, Assistant Chief of Staff for Air Defense, AF; Major General Richard Carmichael, Dep Chief of Staff for Personnel, AF; Colonel Foster L. Furphy, Office, Chief of Ordnance, DA.

members of the Class of 1937 were able to drag their doddering old bones over to the Naval Gun Factory Officer's Club on November 23, 1957 and have a few drinks together! Of course, most of them had their beautiful young wives with them.

Among the people present were Routh and Robbie Robbins, Arlene and Dick Barden, Claudine and Chief Evans, Ruth and George Murray, Anne and Bill Chase, Helen and Coy Curtis, Roberta and Bill Dodds, Dorothy and Jack Donohew, Pat and John Fraser, Betty and Dick Fellows, Juanita and Jim Peale, Mary Lou and Kelsey Reaves, Lorraine and Ed Spaulding, Jerry and Bob Stumph, and Mary and Beef Taylor. Also on hand were Chappy Brett and Bud Hines.

After 12 years of ardent effort with the CIA, "Trapper" Drum has resigned, and is now in the Washington office of Willys Motors, Inc. He has the high sounding handle of Military Representative, and will deal with Willys Motors problems with the Armed Services. His boss, Stan Connelly, is located in Willys' Toledo office. In view of this addition to the Willys staff, and in view of the Connelly-Drum combination, Willys should certainly be able to take care of the Armed Forces in good shape. Undoubtedly, when this information becomes widespread, Kaiser Industries, of which Willys is a subsidiary, will take on new life! Wanta buy a little stock?

From the Headquarters of the 40th Field Artillery Group (Heavy) at Redstone Arsenal, Bob Gildart, the Group Commander, sends messages to all old soldiers of the 40th Field Artillery Group. One of his major problems at the present time is what color scarf should the troops wear — the Field Artillery Group has an Ordnance Co., an Engineer Unit, and even some Artillery units. We wonder what the weight allowance is for an officer going into the field with a Field Artillery Missile Group (Heavy). At any rate, we are real proud that Bobbie is the First CO of this Redstone outfit. We can not help but inquire, are the caissons now "rolling along," or, are they "blasting off?"

Among those people we knew way back when was Paul Franson. Paul, Ex 37, now Colonel, USA, is on duty with Psywar. He and his wife, Kathleen, live at 854 N. Liberty Street in Alexandria, Virginia.

Bill Snouffer, Colonel, USAF (Ret), reports from the Sylvania Electric Products, Inc., 100 First Avenue, Waltham, Massachusetts, that after 20 years of effort, he has finally got into electronics research and development. He is an acting bachelor man—but expects his family to move up from Biloxi, Mississippi, in the near future. Bill was on a rush trip through Washington recently, but was unable to stick around and see people.

Apparently there is considerable of a movement from la vie militaire to the lush pursuits of civilian life these days. Tom Compton is retiring from the Army and as of now I have been unable to find out what he is going to do. If I don't hear from him before the next issue of ASSEMBLY, I will report that he was booted out!

Among those who have gone to civil life are Hal and "Bits" Hallock who are now living at 3801 Monticello Drive, Fort Worth, Texas. Hal has joined the Texas Power and Gas Co., and reports are that they are quite happy in Texas. Their son, Howie, Jr., is at the Hill School in Pennsylvania.

It is reported that Milt Clark recently attended some of the festivities, congresses and/or conferences of the Geophysical Year in Europe. Phyllis made a trip over to join him and apparently had a very exciting three weeks doing a little bit of everything—even danced with the man who launched Sputnik! We would like to get her version of what the Ruskis will send up in the next Sputnik!

While we are talking about Clarkes, Fred is now reported to be in Pakistan, doing just what, we don't know. However, it is

reported that young Pat also is a student at Hill School in Pennsylvania. Hill School must be a bit all right.

This matter of youngsters in school is somewhat confusing to me. However, I would like to point out that there are five 37 Juniors in USMA right now. They include Chabot and Mercado, who are Yearlings, and Richards, Sollohub and Van Volk- enburgh, who are plebes.

A letter from Marge (Sweetie Pie) Hinds from Hawaii, where Randy is PMS&T at the University, states ". . . Needless to say, we simply adore it here . . . we have a perfectly beautiful big, old set of quarters at Fort Ruger—No. 1 in Fact!—it is tremendous—a 30 foot living room, a 30 foot inclosed porch, etc. . . Hawaii is everything you have heard and then some, and that lovely beach, Waikiki! . . . Randy has turned into a beach boy, has bought his own surf board, and spends hours of his time way out catching the waves. " etc., etc. Who wants to live in a big house?"

A few weeks ago a parade was held at Fort Myer which honored the Armed Forces Hostess Association and its founder, Sunny Campbell, who, as you know, is the wife of our classmate, Fred—you remember Fred! It is reported that Sunny looked like an old trooper in the reviewing stand with General and Mrs. Van Houten.

Jim Duncan was recently on a visit here from Fort Knox where he and Marge are stationed. He reports that John Ulricson is the Air Force Resident Member at Fort Knox. No other classmates are located there. John is kept busy with his official duties, and the supervision of a family of five kids, of which the latest is very young.

Speaking of young children, the report is that Bill and Peggy Strandberg are under orders to report to Fort Belvoir, Virginia, and that along with their youngsters, Bill and Janet, they are bringing a new baby boy, Robert.

George Walker, who is in Korea, reports regularly and often to his family who are living in Alexandria. Jo states that George has recently seen Fred Ressigie who is scheduled to take over the Engineer Depot and Pat Kennedy, as well as Carlin Whitsell, who is stationed in Japan and has his family at Camp Zama.

As this missive goes to press, in order to meet the ASSEMBLY deadline of December 1, Joe Chabot, is nervously pacing the floor, wherever he may be, because he and Bonnie are momentarily expecting a new addition to the family. Forecast — Early December.

John Cromelin, out at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, has taken on a new and happier view of life since Phoebe and the two youngest children have arrived. They are now located at quarters No. 51 at Fort Belvoir. Robin, their oldest daughter, has been here for some months attending St. Agnes School in Alexandria, Virginia. Phoebe arrived about the middle of November and they are busily engaged in moving in, and putting things to right.

Jim Pearsall is now in Washington area receiving additional schooling, etc., with a view to preparing for his next assignment for a military mission in Saudi Arabia. He will leave about the middle of January. Ginnie and the children will remain in Arlington during the period he is gone.

I thought that I had completely disposed of the 20th Reunion. However, "Scotty" Hall furnished the following additional information: Near the end of June several members of the Class of 1937 and their wives in the Tokyo area got together to celebrate the 20th Anniversary. These included Bill and Marge Bailey, Kel and Olga Davis, Carl and Leona Whitesell, Ann and Scott Hall. This consisted of a weekend at the Fujia Hotel Southeast of Tokyo. All enjoyed soft beds and hot baths, lots of reunion spirit, and generally had a delightful time.

Ann and Scott Hall have now returned

to Washington where he is stationed with Headquarters, Air Force. While at SHAPE Headquarters, recently, Scott ran into Jim Posey who is stationed at SHAPE. He and all of his numerous clan appear to be in good shape. Scott also heard from George Holcomb who is Professor of Languages at the Air Force Academy.

Chappy Brett is a new proud father (with the help of the Bethesda Chevy Chase Rescue Squad attending the celebration).

If anything in this note is incorrect, blame it all on Claudine Evans who has conjured up most of the information herein. I am perfectly willing to blame her for anything that is wrong and perfectly willing to take credit for everything that is right! Again, I will be able to produce a better product, if you will send me just a little information.

To all of you a prosperous 1958.

—Coy L. Curtis,  
OCAROTC D/A,  
Rm 2B-324, The Pentagon,  
Washington, D. C.

## 1938

Dear Classmates:

Egad! An avalanche of mail from the faithful for the Winter issue of ASSEMBLY; five letters must be a record for any one quarter. A thousand thanks to these helpful correspondents.

Gailon McHaney wrote in from maneuvers in Italy, where he now commands Task Group "S" of SETAF. The McHanays, including the youngest of the four daughters, think Italy is the place. Mac reports Gregg Lynn has moved into SETAF G-2 after a tour as commander of Task Group "B", and Francis Harrison, new Comptroller for SETAF, is up to his ears in programs and budgets. From his previous contacts as G-4 of SETAF, Mac opines that Chum Morrison is the mainstay of EUCOM J-4.

Gee O'Connor wrote from Babenhausen, Germany, where he has commanded the 36th Field Artillery Group since escaping from USAREUR Com Z early in the year. Gee occasionally sees Max Murray, commanding the 4th Armored Group in Frankfurt, and Al Hulse, commanding the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, and notes Jim Taylor in the G-4 Section and Cliff Riordan with the Quartermaster Section, Seventh Army, at Vaihingen. With USAREUR at Heidelberg are Burt Brown in G-2, Warren Williams in G-3, and Dave Sherrard heading Officer Assignments (and, obviously, a man to know).

Mary Missal, noting a complete absence of news on Hawaii in recent issues of ASSEMBLY, took pen in hand to supply some. Mary and Joe, the class old-timers in Hawaii, live with their five boys at Fort Shafter while Joe is CINCPAC representative of US Army Pacific. Petie and Castex Conner, five boys and one girl (two basketball teams and a cheerleader between these families), live at Hickam, Castex being with PACAF. Junie Lotz and Gus Broberg arrived from Korea in July and were joined by their families shortly afterward. Junie is in G-4, Gus in G-3 of USARPAC; both live at Fort Ruger. Art Maloney, with CINCPAC, has his family in Honolulu, looking for no more excitement after their trip out. The Walsons are recent arrivals, also with CINCPAC. Fran and Nick Chavasse came in about October 1 with their four, and are at Wheeler AFB. Mary also wrote that Fred Dean and his bride were through Hawaii in June. Congratulations, "B-Ears" How about a report?

Bob Harrington wrote two letters on his progress with the West Point Society of Northwestern Ohio. Bob is relinquishing Presidency of the society in order to assume the municipal judgeship, and in clearing the decks for this, is also making wife Kathryn take over that part of the family law business she doesn't already handle. However,

he was at last writing hoping to see some of the class at the Navy game and a swing through Washington.

We note with pride that Claire Hutchin has recently been awarded a second OLC to the Legion of Merit. Claire now commands the Second Battle Group of the 12th Infantry, 8th Infantry Division, at Heilbronn, Germany, and no doubt finds this a welcome change from the toil that earned the LM.

Your scribe attended the annual NATO Infrastructure Conference at SHAPE in September, as a kibitzer. On this junket I saw '38-ers doing their usual outstanding job, and had the good fortune to spend a very pleasant evening with Alice and Dick Stillwell. Chum Morrison attended the meeting in his capacity as Chairman of the EUCOM Infrastructure Review Board. Ran into Doug Polhamus, Deputy A/CS Air Operations, SHAPE, looking very sharp and continental. Not seen, but in the area, were: Dick Long, Exec to General Schuyler; Bill Sussman, Personnel Div, SHAPE; Ben Sternberg, Exec of MAAG France; Chubbuck, special assistant to the CG, Communications Zone, in the Paris office; and Carusone, just arrived and assigned to EUCOM. Dick Stillwell and Chum Morrison have since been through the Pentagon on business, Dick with the added mission of entering the oldest boy in NYMA.

The November luncheon of the Washington Chapter was held in the outskirts of the starred dining room in the Pentagon, and, appropriately enough, attended by 38 members. One of the outstanding files present was John Kelsey, wearing his new contact lenses and pooh-poohing his old-fashioned, bespectacled classmates. John's close friends say the new cheaters neither help nor hinder his unique driving. After the vittles were disposed of, the meeting turned to progress reports on 20th reunion plans, under the leadership of John Tillson, John having been neatly railroaded into the position vacated by Johnny Jannarone. The Attendance Committee of Folda, Gillivan, Breitweiser and Kelsey, reported on the accommodation possibilities as forwarded by the Local Arrangements Committee of Jannarone, Amick, and Thompson. This cited Ladycliff College as a likely place for the wives of those members who want to live it up in the Cadet Barracks, reservations to be made by January 31. The Documentary Committee, Bromiley, Wickham and Dupuy, estimated the cost of a worthwhile anniversary booklet at \$15, and recommended postponing this outlay to the 25th try. The Program Committee presented a tentative party, picnic, and reception program dependent on the fixing of Graduation Day. The Ways and Means Committee, Frederick, Love and Sweeney, said they were unable to print more money, and the Coordinating Committee of Tillson, Howell and Brennan promised to push all the other committees and get out a circular letter to the membership in December. Those are your committees, men; they'll be in touch with you if you have left a mailing address anywhere lately.

On the furniture front, moves continue. Ed Lahti goes from OSD, non-concurrent, to MAAG Vietnam in February. Chuck Jackson leaves the First Infantry Division, Fort Riley, in February also, but has concurrent travel to MAAG Taiwan. Hal Kelley has returned from an enjoyable tour overseeing base construction in Spain to become Deputy Director for Construction in USAF Installations. Hal says this the best job in the Pentagon, but ends the sentence there. Walt Grant, in from three years in Japan, is working in DCSPER. John Corley, with Mary and the seven children, is settled at Benning as head of the Infantry School's Communication Department, having replaced Durbin as the latter went off to Vietnam. Should have been an even swap on quarters. Keeping John company at Benning is Bob York, G-3 of the Center. Ken Skaer, having ranked himself off the Mc-

Nair faculty, has turned up with the Inter-American Defense Board. Joe Connell, Armed Forces Staff College, is slated for the Leavenworth faculty, joining there with Mrazek.

Miscellaneous notes: Ran into Cueball White, Senior Reserve Advisor, Burlington, Vermont, in mid-passage at the Pitt game, but the crowd cut off any more information than that. Frank Sturdivant has moved over from the 341st Bomb Wing to command of the 819th Air Division at Dyess AFB, Texas. Sounds promising. Don Saunders had his picture taken with General LeMay prior to the Brazilian flight, but there is no evidence to show that he even got a cigar out of the event. Dick Bromiley reports his family is still keeping him hopping. Son Bill is playing varsity football for Washington & Lee High School, Arlington, which just beat its arch-rival, Wakefield, in the Thanksgiving Day scramble. Daughter Lynne is a JV cheerleader for the same school. Swede Swenson got himself quoted in the newspapers on the Rube Goldberg recovery of the re-entry cone, and was even promoted to Assistant Secretary in some papers. Bert Harrison, now USAF Deputy Director of Personnel, is commuting to the Pentagon from Leesburg and making as good time as some of us who live much closer.

And that's it. Thanks to all for your help in writing this. If you have some scoops on the class, please send them in.

—Bill Smith,  
5613 N. 16th St.,  
Arlington, Virginia.

## 1939

Having recently intercepted a squash ball with my right eye, I spent ten days at Walter Reed Hospital and consequently can render an up to date report on Art Allen and John Watt. Art has made considerable progress from the condition of complete paralysis from the waist down in which he was last February. He is slowly regaining muscle control and lacks not in courage and determination although he still has a long row to hoe. He can be addressed at Ward 2, Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, D. C. Right down the hall from Art in Ward 1 is John Watt. John had reported to the 101st Airborne Division to take command of a battle group. While taking a refresher jump course, he got tangled up with a GP bag and a 20 knot gust of wind and racked up his right shoulder. John figures that he should get back to duty in a couple of months.

The annual stag dinner and class steering committee elections for the Washington de'gation took place at the Fort McNair Officers Club in September. As a result Rocky Crawford was elected chairman by a landslide and "Sailor" Byrne got out of having to write any more notes for ASSEMBLY. Also elected to the committee were "Ace" Shepard and Frank Mildren. Among other purposes served by the party was an opportunity for Jack Merrill to wear his new stars. Looked mighty good.

At school in the Washington area are Bob Wray, Bob Curtin and Bull Davis at ICAF, and Rocky Crawford, Verne Gilbert, Tom Whitehouse, Tom Shanley and Bob Little at NWC. Rocky has already distinguished himself by his sparkling play at third base for the college softball team.

All classmates within range of a newspaper or radio probably could not avoid reading or hearing about the recent Air Force flights to Buenos Aires but what may have escaped your attention was that the B-52's involved were commanded by none other than our own Pappy Martin or, as he was described in at least one paper, Brigadier General William K. (Wild Bill) Martin. Belly up to the bar, Wild Bill, and have one on us—and, incidentally, congratulations on your achievement.

Billy West continues to play polo at Warrenton and in nearby Maryland. Rumor says that he recently recovered from a spill and is ready to go at it again. That distinguished Virginia gentleman, Marsh Wallach, who says martinis are better shaken, came back from Korea this fall to pick up Liz and the three children (two boys and a girl) and depart for Okinawa where Marsh will command a special forces group.

Jimmy and Lucille Muir are in Saigon from which direction you might detect occasional rockets on the horizon. Jack and Teet Dobson are in Denmark charming the Danes whilst the Tom Crawfords do the same for the Italians in Rome.

Sal Manzo is commanding a SAC wing at Biggs. Andy Goodpaster seems to thrive on the pressures of his White House job. Walt Brinker is at Carlisle on the faculty. Frankie Joe Kobes ran the President's physical fitness conference at West Point this Fall.

Ray Janowski at NORAD Ent Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, Colorado. Jimmy Keller is Chief of Staff, 24th Division in Korea. Jim Roberts with the Airborne Board at Fort Bragg. Bill Reilly at CONARC Fort Monroe.

At the Army War College are: Bill Price, Norm Farrell, Bob Williams, Bud Lasche, Joe Coffey, Sterling Johnson and Frank Gilchrist.

—Mike Davison,  
3191 N. 18th St.,  
Arlington, Virginia.

## 1940

"When the frost is on the mango, that's the time to do the tango" old Puerto Rican proverb. This is merely to remind you that it is Christmas again and one needs reminding on this island. Addington in Washington, Legere in Paris and Orman in Florida played Santa Claus and sent in packages of poop, all of which appears below. Are you mentioned? If not, write me at 2167 Cacique Street, Santurce, Puerto Rico.

Approximately 70 of our classmates live in or around Washington and most of them are employed in THAT building. Here they are by company. *A Company*: Berry, Colligan, Miley, Mueller, O'Bryan, and Vaughn; *B Company*: Conley, Delaney, Denno, Milton, Parker, D. S., White, and Witt; *C Company*: Aubrey, Bingham, Clapsaddle, East, Elliott, Graf, Guy, and Mandell; *D Company*: Budz, Frontczak, Gushurst, Lemley, Norris, Rauk, Rust, and Wright, J. M.; *E Company*: Abbey, Cassibry, Clay, W. L., England, S. P., Fisher, Maedler, Mayo, Mendez, Paulick, and Wer-muth (home soon); *F Company*: Brown, H. C., Delia, Epley, Horton, F. W., Jung, Spencer, and Wilderman; *G Company*: Fritter, Kreitzer, Lynn, Mastran, Phillips, and Sheetz; *H Company*: Baker, Goodwin, Marston, Patton, Perry, and Ulm; *I Company*: Biswanger, Couch, Nosek, Penney, Shagrin, and Shoemaker; *K Company*: Bell, Bonham, Free, McFarland, and Woodward; *L Company*: Coats, Crown, Davis, M. P., Flanders, Hennessy, Lucas, Minihan, Smith, P. E., and Wendt; *M Company*: Addington, Brewer Gunster, Scott, and Warren. Addresses and telephone numbers are available for all above. You may either write me or Addington at 4508 N. 17th Street, Arlington 7, Virginia.

The following are attending the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania: Gleszer, Oseth, Cassidy, McLean, Light, Alexander, Chamberlain, Smith, W. M., Krauss, Wetherill and Corby. Bill Holm is Chief of the Training Literature Section at Fort Leavenworth. Larry Klar is a student at Leavenworth and will later report to his new station at Fort Huachuca. Bill Saunders is the PMS&T at Middlebury College. The Kennys and their six children are now settled in Ottawa, Canada, where Jack is the Senior Standardization Representative. Our last report on Kenny placed him at Eglin Air Force Base. He writes

that our report was correct but adds that he was only there for the day and suggests that it would hardly count as an assignment. At the time he was a student at the Air War College in the company of Deems and Brosseau. Sullivan writes from Baumholder, Germany, where he commands an Engineer Battalion and he reports that Pillsbury is in the same Engineer group and is hoping for quarters soon so that the Pillsbury family may come over. Gideon reported to have taken over Air Base at Sembach according to article in Overseas weekly. Willis Lewis moves from Alaska to Little Rock Air Force Base in Jacksonville, Arkansas.

Legere reports that the class is well represented at SHAPE. Wilbraham is around but expected to leave soon. Bill Norvell is with Plans and Policy and has been there about a year. Jim Tyler rumored to be about to take out French citizenship papers. He spent 1954-1956 at the Ecole de Guerre, then was assigned to SHAPE where he is working as an Assistant to the Chief of Staff. Lee Cagwin, who arrived in August, has a like job. Bill Clarke also with SHAPE but has been ill with bronchial trouble in the hospital at Landstuhl in Germany. Bill Gildart is executive to the US National Military Representative. Bill Kintner is at Orleans on the staff of the CG of USAREUR COM Z. Bill has another book on the front burner. Jimrat Moore also at COM Z. Larry Legere is a special assistant to General Norstad and living in an apartment in Versailles.

Herb Bowlby is an instructor at the Army War College. Biswanger a student at the Industrial War College. Frank Colacicco works out of the US Embassy in London. Devlin is Military Attache in Prague. Ferry is in Paris. Bill Kasper is a student at Ecole de Guerre in France. Ed Kyle is PIO 4th Army at Fort Sam Houston. Steve Morrissey is Assistant Commandant, Army Information School at Fort Slocum, New York. Rizza at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, with 101st Airborne Div. Ray Sleeper ordered to Hawaii, Gillem to Plattsburg, New York, Nosek to Korea and Leahy to the Pentagon. Orman, O'Keefe and Bengston all deep in missile problems. Larry Fuller reports the arrival at Taipei, Taiwan, of Marie Christina Roxane Fuller on October 8, 1957. Letters of congratulation may be sent APO 63, San Francisco, California. The Fullers now have four girls.

Bill Roedy is Chief, Materiel Board at Fort Benning. Hank Arnold is also at Benning. Gayle Applegate now at 3504 Halcyon Drive, Alexandria, Virginia. Banks is on the Faculty at the Army War College. Wright (H. T.) recently ordered to Washington. Charlie Beaudry at Frankford Arsenal in Philadelphia. Don Bierman with Quartermaster at Alameda, California. Casibry is a student at the National War College. Wally Clement on Staff at Army War College. Clock is at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, has orders in the Spring of 1958 to Korea. Paul Cullen in USAREUR. Ted Davis in Japan. Leo Dunham on duty with Engineer District in Los Angeles, California. England (S. P.) a student at the Industrial College and Phil Elliott a student at the National War College. Art Frontczak also a student at the National War College. John Graf a student at Industrial College. Joe Hardin is on Staff and Faculty at West Point and Len Haseman is now at Fort Ord, California. Jack Harnett's new address is 375 Crestlake Drive, San Francisco 27, California. Merchant is on faculty of Armed Forces Staff College. Ross Milton on duty with Secretary of the Air Force. Ralph Miner in Korea. Bob O'Brien at Fort Slocum. Bob Pfeil in Japan. Rauk is a student at the Industrial College. Harmon Rimmer is PMS&T at Idaho State College in Pocatello, Idaho. Oval Robinson on duty with South Pacific Division CE, San Francisco, California. Tom Scott is a student at Industrial College. Ray Shoemaker a stu-

dent at the National War College. Tom Spencer works for Melpar in Washington, D. C., area. Percy Stoddard still vending spirits in San Francisco. Alan Stock and family in Iran. Wilcox in Topeka, Kansas. Bob Williams, now a master army aviator, at Fort Rucker, Alabama. Wohnner in Alaska. Yeager at Princeton University.

Ray Bates on the Board at Fort Bragg. Scott Case still in Pakistan? Clark (L. L.) works for Glenn L. Martin Company in Baltimore. His address is No. 986 Department No. 350 Baltimore, Maryland. John Coontz on Air Defense Board at Fort Bliss. Jack DeWitt in Fairbanks, Alaska. Joe Donohue teaching at the Hun School in Princeton, New Jersey. Dean Epley ordered to Thule, Greenland, in March. Bob Fate taking part in Arctic Test for Air Defense Board in Alaska. Fisher a student at the Industrial College. Galbreath in Korea. Alan Gee with American Optical Company in Buffalo, New York. Tom Hargis in law business in Arizona. Harrison on Air Defense Board at Fort Bliss as Signal Officer. Klunk at Fort Meade. Lederman in Norfolk. Marling either departing or arriving at Rough and Ready, California. Swampy Marsh on staff at Air Defense Center at Fort Bliss. Ray Millican on Faculty at Leavenworth. O'Bryan a student at the Industrial College. Bill Porte still a very successful insurance executive in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Al Richards with standardization group in London. Roberts on Arctic Test Board in Alaska. Harry Stella in last year of his tour in Germany. Walt Swank is Comptroller of the Port of New Orleans.

Any news old or new send to:

—Hank Brewerton,  
2167 Cacique Street,  
Santurce, Puerto Rico.

## 1941

Having changed address five times since the first of May, I am not surprised that my mail bag is a little skimpy. I am now settled at Dyess AFB, Abilene, Texas, so if you have any old Sputnik jokes or news of any kind, please send it in so I can talk about something besides myself and the other USAF types I run into.

Dyess is a beautiful base with all new construction. It is on US 80, about a day's drive from El Paso. If any of you are passing through, please stop and see me. The guest house at the club was donated by the citizens of Abilene and it is fabulous: fully air conditioned, foam rubber mattresses, wall to wall carpeting, and room for several families. It is really up to Texas standards.

We said goodbye to the Ramees, the Aldridges, and Clint Ball, left them in their tropical paradise and returned to the CONUS the end of October. En route to Texas, we stopped in Tucson and spent a very delightful evening with Jim and Les McKinley and Bill and Jerry Brier. Jim is in the ROTC business with the University of Arizona and Bill is Director of Personnel, 36th Air Division. After arriving here, I had to go to Offutt, where I found the Eastons and A. Wray Whites in fine shape after digging out of the eight-inch snow that had postponed my arrival. I ducked into Schilling and spent the night with John and Jeannette Atkinson. John showed me a card from John Henschke, a former resident of Schilling, nee Smoky Hill AFB. The card, postmarked Paris, where Henschke is languishing on TDY, simply said, "Haw, haw, haw!"

The Assn of Grads sent me a bunch of releases from the Army News Service which told of the following gents being graduated from the Army War College: Dick Rastetter, Bob Lanigan, Tom Sharkey and Earl Buchanan. There was no word of their new assignments, but I believe Buck went to West Point. Those in the present class are

Roy Kelley, Swampy Marsh, Jack Millikin, Jim King, Bob Tarbox and Charlie Fletcher. Spoo Maynard received a certificate of achievement in Germany for outstanding service as assistant operations and special weapons officer for the Seventh Army Engineer Section in Stuttgart. Joe Gurfein was recently assigned to the Engineer Section of the Cont Army Command at Monroe. The Stevens Institute of Technology announced that Barney Woodruff had been assigned to command the AF ROTC unit. His temporary address is in care of the Institute, Hoboken, New Jersey.

Had a wonderful letter from Jack Christensen just after the last of ASSEMBLY notes were mailed. Old Jackson has organized the Washingtonians and even provided me with an organizational and functional chart. It shows Jack as Group Chairman, an impressive title. The Finance Committee is responsible for "Maintaining assigned funds, recommending on financial policy and executing necessary actions indicated by the group" There is also an Advisory Committee and a Social Committee. The next page of the chart shows the class roster broken down according to Pentagon longevity. In the class of 1958 are: Ahern, Fowler, Gauvreau, Gerace, Goodell, Green, J. O., Grygiel, Hauser, Hoebeke, Kelsey, Ledford, Mitchell, Roton, Schnittke, Spiller, Watson, and Whitaker. In the cow class are: Christensen, Curtis, deSaussure, Forsyth, Harrison, Harvey, Jones, M. M., Male, Redmon, Root, Scott, Seawell, Seneff, Skowronek, Woolwine, and Yates. Yearlings include Atteberry, Avery, Brooks, Brown, G. S., Burchaell, Day, DeJonckheere, Fisher, Goddard, Green, L. V., Hatfield, Jensen, Johnson, A. G. W., Lee, L. C., Longino, Mayo, Meyer, Jorton, J., Ramey, Rhynard, Strain, and Troup. The plebes and turn-backs, listed as "Departure Unknown" are, Ahern, Boatwright, Canella, Clark, R. E., Clinton, Cochran, H. W., Heaton, Johnson, R. P., Kaiser, Kunkle, Maxwell, Smith, C. L., Thompson, C. A., Gilbert and Goddard.

It is nice to have so many good buddies so close together. If the D/D continues to centralize and mechanize, we can look forward to the day when all the posts, camps, and stations will be lonely missile sites manned by robots and we will all be stationed in the Pentagon. We can hold our reunions at the ANCC Bar.

A recent AF School list showed Rod O'Connor and Mickey Moore as alternates for the National War College; Arnie Phillips and Gordon Gould as principals to the Industrial War College, and Bill Brier as an alternate.

Got an early and very welcome Xmas Card from "The Little Pentagon" at Monroe. It was signed by Joe Gurfein, Paul Gray, Tom Curley, Bob Elsberry and Jim Stigers. The note said that Lyman Faulkner had "just left for Europe".

Bena Lee wrote a nice letter telling of the social whirl in Washington and asking me to say that she represents Edward R. Briggs and will be glad to help any classmates find a place to live in Washington. She has been busy showing houses to Johnny and Jane Brooks. They have heard from Dunc and Molly Brown and "Understand Dunc is Engineer on the Panama Canal and they are enjoying life in Panama but Dunc stays too busy for any golf."

A letter from Jonat Atkinson says that Scott Peddie has been transferred to Warner Robbins AFB, Georgia, as Base Commander. Wray White wrote that he had become a real SAC man by having checked out in the T-33, flown the B-47 and B-52 and qualified as a Mach Buster at 1.35 in a F-100. He is pushing Fred Ascani (currently at WADC, Wright-Patterson AFB) in more ways than one these days. Bill Sawyer was recently PCSed to Patrick AFB, Florida. Floyd Cofer is at Hq 14th AF, Warner Robbins AFB, Georgia.

That's all the poop. Looks like the bathrobes will be going South this Winter. We'll get 'em next year.

Bill Hershenow writes that he is back in shape after whipping a heart attack in March of '56", which resulted in his being retired with 80 percent disability. He took a job with Lockheed and is now carrying the title of Flight Test Engineer, with the Missile Systems Division. Bill says they are very happy at their new home and are looking forward to visits from any of the class. His address: 1065 Arlington Lane, San Jose 29, California.

Merry Christmas,

—Burt Andrus,  
Dyess AFB,  
Abilene, Texas.

## 1942

Since the annual class newsletter brought us up to date on the whereabouts of 98 percent of the class and the doings of more than half of them, this message will include only those notes that arrived too late to make the letter and a couple of matters of interest. First, Curt George was placed on the temporary disability list on November 26. Drop him a note—Major C. C. George; care of Harrison Humphreys; 466 S. Goldlett St., Memphis 17, Tennessee.

Secondly, Kenny Hanst has thrown out a trial balloon regarding his being permanent class secretary. Under the rules—his—if you fail to mail a vote for any other nominee, it will count as a "yes" for Kenny. George Livingwell Hozier wants to be permanent treasurer.

The following messages were received after the third deadline extension: Bunny Braden—Box 154, Hq. PACAF, APO 953, San Francisco—"Received too late to meet October deadline, but please note change of address."

Al Seifert—address correct as on newsletter—"Just received word that I'm being reassigned to Staff and Faculty at Fort Knox! Elizabeth and I have enjoyed our stay in Japan, but the kids are anxious to get home. Hope to see 'taksan' classmates after January 20, 1958."

Larry Caruthers—100th FA Rkt Bn (Reinf), APO 613, San Francisco—"We are due to leave here for the Staff College at Norfolk in November. Class begins in February. Had very pleasant visit with Roy Geiger and family on Okinawa a few weeks ago. His title is CINCPACREPSEC, which is most impressive. We had a very pleasant dinner at Jerry Snow's at Fuchu with Larry Adams and John Murphy."

On November 23, 1957 in Washington, D. C., Elizabeth Herd Deane weighed in at 8 pounds 6 ounces to bring proud smiles to Betty and Jack—and company to her two brothers and sisters.

—D. E. Halpin,  
981 N. Patrick Henry Dr.,  
Arlington, Virginia.

## January 1943

Well, sir, 15 years since the bandbox review, with the icicles dripping from the eaves. We really weren't quite used to two regiments, either. Those numbers after the letters had never quite supplanted the feeling for "old I-Co" or whatever it was. But the two regiments, slightly expanded, have stayed. The grey overseas caps are long gone, but the area echoes again to the command of "Squads Right." Cadets look a great deal younger, however; they are not half as mature as we were. And the stairs up and down which we leapt for clothing formations have gotten steeper somehow.

With that bit of nostalgia we get to the really important business: THE FIFTEENTH REUNION. Everybody get ready now! This June Week will be one day long-

er than usual; Graduation will be on Wednesday. Our program starts on Saturday, May 31, with cocktails and buffet at the Army Mess here. On Sunday, June 1, there will be (besides the normal June Week functions) a joint party with June '43 at Camp Buckner. This will start about 1500 and include swimming, beer, steak dinner, and music for dancing. Monday evening we trek to Stewart AFB for cocktails, roast chicken dinner and dancing. On Tuesday, June 3, there will be the traditional Old Grads luncheon in the Mess Hall; a lunch is being arranged for the class ladies at that time. Then on Tuesday the 3rd, after Graduation Parade, there will be cocktails and buffet at the Mess. Wednesday is Graduation and dispersal.

That's the general poop, gang. The cost of all this will be in the neighborhood of 15 dollars per individual, plus whatever you pay for other than beer as you consume it. Those of lesser capacity will not have to pay for those in better condition. Rex Minckler (who has voluntarily been coerced into being Treasurer for the affair) and Ralph Hofmann will hit you with a letter and more details shortly. Everything will be informal to cut down the amount of clothing visitors will have to bring. We hope to put up all visiting classmates and wives in the quarters of various class members here, PROVIDED you leave the little ones at home. There are several reasons for this heartless request. It is not that we do not love your wee ones as yourselves, but frankly we have a space problem in putting you up in anything resembling comfort. Secondly, baby sitters are at a terrific premium during June Week. We cannot arrange to take care of your small characters even if you bring them. We even ship our own out. Hence our generalized request to leave them behind, if possible. Obviously, if you are coming through here on change-of-station, we will do our best to arrange something. Otherwise, our hearts are hardened and the punch is out.

In that connection, please reply promptly when (or if) you get your letter from Ralph with the poop. A reply and check will be requested, in all probability. The reason is again obvious: we have to sort out people to the various quarters with some room, and it will help to know roughly the number coming. Secondly, as we worked on address lists we uncovered a horrifying fact: there are about 150 addresses which date back to the late 40's and are obviously obsolete. Since a plan for a 15 year book was voted down in favor of a 20-year one, a scheme has occurred to us. We would like to bring the next Register of Graduates up-to-date for our class. There are some classmates on whom nothing has been heard since graduation. So we shall send out a form to those on whom the information is obsolete and whose addresses we can determine somehow. No money involved other than a three-cent stamp. However, your cooperation in filling out the form on your history would be greatly appreciated, should you be one whose entry is incomplete. Please blow your own horn and throw out the bushel.

Back to Class News. We start with Washington and with sad news. Our sympathy is with Tut Frakes and his children on the loss of the lovely Missie. We shall miss her youthful charm and gay smile at West Point, for the family left here only last Summer. A most untimely loss to the class group. The services were in Columbia, Tennessee, on the first of November. Tut and the children are now back in Washington.

Further Washington news. Several letters inform me that the Class Party on January 18 has been shifted to January 25 at the Army-Navy Country Club. A cordial invitation is extended to all snowshoers in the area at that time. It's a formal dance. Please let Flywheel (c/o C/S) or Ben Ed-

wards know in advance. The Flanagan twins, Patricia and Kathleen, arrived this Fall and are reported to be lined up with Bill and Mimi Waters' twin sons, born last Spring, for dragging at West Point in 1977. The Pentagon teaches prior planning. Bill and Dotty Neale hope to increase their income tax exemption for this year, according to a newsy letter from Ben Edwards. Ben and Frau, plus Dave and Barbara Barger, are heading for The Game, which takes place just after the deadline for this column. Flywheel adds that Pappy Wilkes' ten-pound son outweighed even the Flanagan girls. Flywheel's latest magazine articles did not feature in the Confidential trial, but I gather some of the rags which publish his stuff make Playboy look like the Educational Quarterly.

Hugh Mease has been reported drifting around the Pentagon looking fat and happy—(Delete) I mean prosperous and intelligent if I am to quote Flywheel. This goes with his General Electric job at Syracuse. Keith Lindell, who allegedly has more waivers for flying than anyone else in the Air Force, is off to Jet School. Bill Neale (cf supra) will don a cloak and dagger in the Pentagon after finishing Georgetown in January. Ben Edwards reports Art Grace as off for the mud of Com Z in France as some sort of Engineer. Bill and Connie Fritz are off to the British Staff College, but I don't remember where I read it. Dempsey's shy smile was recently featured in LIFE, unencumbered by the cigar which he chose to hold. Even missilemen have to keep in good with SAC. I also have a new Washington roster, which I shall add if I run out of poop.

Those gay blades in Europe are at it again. The 15th Reunion is on for PARIS. The Paris residents running the show are Barber, Conmy, Franklin, and Saari. The dates: January 16, 17 and 18. If you receive this in time, and have some pressing reason for going to Paris, get in on the act. Catch these details: Thursday evening—Dinner at Maxim's, floorshow and champagne at "La Nouvelle Eve," floor show, more champagne and dancing at that gay boite "Sherherazade." On Friday there is dinner and on into the evening at the Lido, whose show is so well known. On Saturday, these already stuffed characters assemble for a Reunion Dinner and business meeting (?) at a famous Paris restaurant. Its name is withheld to avoid spontaneous demonstrations by the enthusiastic populace. All this for about 16,000 francs per each, which ain't much, depending on where you buy the francs. C. J. Moore is flying the gasthaus group in from Chermany. Johnnie Stephens (Phone Heidelberg Military 8329) is Project officer for the trip if you happen to be in the area. Charlie Heltzel tells me that Hank Mazur is moving to Ramstein on some sort of restationing move. His job is still DCS/Ops of something. He returns Zi-ward next Fall. At a Seventh Army Artillery Conference, Chuck says he saw Ace Elliott, who is commanding a Corporal Battalion somewhere. Chuck reports that he is in the Military Personnel Branch of G-1 of the Heidelberg Empire. A word to the wise: he assigns all combat arms types that arrive in Germany.

Speaking of Career Management, I failed to report that Sam Karrick and Marian report the third daughter, Margaret, from Washington where Sam is assigning infantrymen. If you are a doughfoot and know Sam and Chuck you have it made. I guess everybody saw that our boy McD has been made the first permanent professor at the Air Force Academy, where he is Dean. In PIO blurbs of various sorts I learn that Joe Riccio has joined Bucknell as Assistant PMS&T. Joe has an MBA from Columbia and was Comptroller at the Army Base in Boston until this. Herb and Anne Kemp are now at Colorado Springs with the Air Defense Command. Jack F. Dulaney (nicknames do not befit this solemn announcement) is reported District Sales Manager of

the Nitrogen Division of Allied Chemical and Dye Corporation. While they pick the Chemistry P's up off the floor, we might add that his new territory includes Georgia, Alabama, and Florida. The poop does not say where he lives, but it does mention the two kids, Tom and Sue.

Phoeb Foote reports in from Maxwell, which he and Jerry still class as an Air Force Station even though Rucker is nearby. He reports seeing Jim Hackler at Myrtle, and Art Hurr on his way to Panama. Phoeb reports George and Anne Marie Kinney (Maxwell's Ekberg) as present for duty, and Wendall Bevan also struggling to put out THE WORD. In the Class are Bill Brady and six children just back from Paris (I hope that isn't what Phoebe meant) and Tote Talbott who was dragged away from his F-100's. Ah yes, it's a gay life at Maxwell with fun, sports, and help. As Phoeb says "A wonderful gang for midnight SAC alerts with Hadacol for inspiration." I did catch a recent blurb that the next class would include Britt May, Hovde, Lenfest and Yount, with C. J. Moore as alternate in case someone gets Asian Flu. Same issue of the Army-Navy Journal reported Pete Pavick as with the Chinese on Formosa.

Set off the cannon and ring out the bells: A. P. Wade has been heard from. A letter tells that we have many friends in Slant Eight at Leavenworth who have managed to survive the first two months. Bob and Helen Beightler managed to time the arrival of fourth son Christopher for the Special Weapons instruction. Further listed are Bob and Ruth Cook from Benning, JJ and Jean Cobb, Kirby and Jean Gean from Germany, Gregg and Billie Henry, Burt and Marcia Hood (who prefers Leavenworth to jumping with T-7's on a hard clay field with the Viet-nameese Airborne Regiment). Johnny and Liz Johnson, Frank and Virginia Kejencki, John and Gaby Moses, Frank and Billie Shaw, Jake and Marian Shultz, Ruth and Bill Wade, and Joe Stabler from Colorado, still a lone wolf.

Bill reports that this year is a radical departure from the previous. Departments are called something approximating what they teach rather than I-VI. The poop is new with ROCID, ROCAD, ROTAD and nuclear weapons all over the place. As mentioned above, the Special Weapons block was first this year. With 12 sections, the class is a little split up. With Bill W in the Fusilier Seventh are Frank Shaw and Johnny Johnson. Since J. Franklin Bell Hall is not yet done, Gruber is still bursting at the seams. For the next issue is promised a clear, unfuzzy picture of the January party.

For those of you planning reunions, please take the picture early in the evening. I speak from experience in trying to persuade the authorities to publish versions which were apparently taken at 2 AM after the lights were turned off and with Brady's original machine. I have saved this rather exciting bit of news until near the end. Howard Wehrle has succumbed. George Moe shows me a card which informs the world that Verlie Louise Wilbert has persuaded Howard to exchange moustache for wife. The permanent bachelors are getting scarcer these days. I note that Ben Baber is leaving Monmouth and going to whatever CONARC is up to at Fort Ord in California. K Barry tells me he is now back in Florida after a gay tour in Korea. Same base; same house.

We are managing to stagger along. Bill Starnes (from Greenland) and Mary D. (from California) still managed to make one football game here! The Infantry Section of the 1st R.C.T. up here made their Fall party into a Boone Seegers Memorial Dinner. B-wig had a hand in it, and Jim Kelleher delivered a short speech. As a result of this, a Memorial plaque is to be presented to Boone's mother, who still lives down in New York.

And that's about it, friends. My thanks for the poop which you have kept flowing our way. Make your plans now for the June Reunion. Let's get a good mob and make it a big one for the Fifteenth. Please return the reunion form early, when and if it gets to you. See you next column.

—Bill Knowlton,  
Department of Social Sciences,  
USMA.

## June 1943

The BIG news concerns the FIFTEENTH Reunion during June Week 1953. Planning and work are already underway to make this an outstanding affair—one that you will enjoy attending. To give you a quick rundown on the program: an initial get-together on Saturday, May 31, for cocktails and buffet supper; a picnic at Camp Buckner on Sunday to include swimming, beer, steak roast, dancing, etc. This Sunday outing will be a joint function with January '43. On Monday comes the Alumni Review, Alumni Luncheon (one for the gals, too) and a cocktail-dinner-dance at Stewart Field Officers Club. Graduation Parade will be on Tuesday afternoon and our last social gathering that night, a cocktail-buffet. Graduation will be on Wednesday.

There are two problems of immediate interest: you want to know "how much," and we want to know "how many". At the moment we are flying by the seat of our pants and making estimates like mad. Why? because our costs vary with total participation. The tentative estimate for the program outlined above is \$15 per individual. This figure does NOT cover your drinking tab. That item will be an individual and additional problem at the time of consumption, either by cash or chit, as appropriate. The other factor bearing on the problem is billeting.

The billeting situation during June Week is always very tight—not only at West Point, but in commercial accommodations for many miles around. Here are some pertinent facts and suggestions:

1. *Cadet Barracks*: Alumni and ex-Cadets are billeted in Cadet North Barracks by the Association of Graduates for a very reasonable fee. Meals are available in Washington Hall. No hurry on reservations here. The Association will send out its usual form letter in the Spring and an affirmative reply at that time will assure you of a billet for June Week.

Wives of alumni billeted in North Barracks normally have been provided with dormitory-type sleeping accommodations at varying distances from the Post. For the girls this means: separation from hubby, shifting for their own meals and transportation.

2. *Commercial Accommodations*: The Hotel Thayer and many other nearby facilities are available only to families and guests of the graduating class. Other commercial facilities within commuting distance will sell out well in advance of June Week and therefore require very early reservations. Since each of these operates on a different basis and most of them require a deposit, reservations should be made by the individuals concerned. A list of addresses, rates, deposits, driving distance from USMA, etc., will be furnished by return mail. Write to Major George R. Moe, Qtrs 270, West Point, New York.

One final point to help you in your planning: we definitely recommend that you not bring your children. The pace is a maddening one, even for adults, and the small fry would be hard put to keep up. The babysitter problem is an impossible one and though we all dearly love the little ones—during June Week they are a liability. Much as I'd like to show off my six young uns, it

appears the dirty diaper load would be beyond the June Week capability of West Point, so home they must stay.

Unfortunately this publication does not go to every classmate, therefore you should help spread the word. By separate communication we plan to contact each classmate (around the first of the year), repeat the meat of this blast, and ask for a statement of your intentions—with regard to June Week, fool. The affirmatives will be asked to underwrite their statements with \$15 checks.

Caleb Cole is our Secretary for the June Week activities. His address is Qtrs 116, West Point, New York, so if you have any questions concerning the big FIFTEENTH Reunion, please send them to Caleb. Our USMA contingent is right on the ball in their preparations for June Week, so get with it and make your plans to join in the fun.

While on a quick staff visit to USMA recently, I stayed with Jim and Helen Phillips and I received large portions of their hospitality. Jim states that traffic of our class through these hallowed grounds has been light despite the success of the Big Rabble. Bill and Maggie Ray did come to West Point for the Utah game from Harvard Business College, where Bill struggles for his Master's in Business Administration.

Dale McGee visited the Pentagon in November. He left Helen and the family in Wurzburg, Germany, while he TDY'd to Fort Benning for ten days. Dale is presently the Brigade Exec Officer, 10th Mountain Div. While at Benning, he saw Bill De Broke, 3rd Div G2 Section. Present plans indicate that Bill will gyro in the Spring with the 3rd Div when it goes to Europe. With Dale in the 10th Div is Duane Tenny who is the 41st Engr Bn Cmdr. Clare Farley from Hq USAREUR Engr Div in Heidelberg had a short TDY in Washington, D. C. Clare had just completed a successful season as a Little League Manager (Eddie McCabe, DA DCSOPS, has heard rumors that Clare pinch hits on occasion).

Loyal followers helping to squeeze out a close one at the Army-Virginia game at Charlottesville were John and Carrie Stockton, Tom and Betty Johnston, Dick and Marion McCord, Eddie and Helen McCabe, Chuck and Teddy Wilson, Steve and Edith Gordy, Jim and Bobby Keck, Bernie and Ann Rogers, Bob and Carol deCamp, Bill and Beanie Peak, Jack and Ginny Kidder, Doug Parham, Hank Romanek, and Fred and Mary Proctor.

Steve Gordy, Hq USCONARC, will TDY to the Associate Course at Fort Leavenworth beginning in January 53. Jim Cain, now in Viet Nam, will be assigned to the 3rd Inf at Fort Myer soon. Rip Collins was up from Fort Benning to D.C. for the meeting of the Association of the US Army. Ron Grady, with XVIII Abn Corps, G3 Plans, Fort Bragg, had business in DA for a couple days in September. Warren Hecker wrote me a short note indicating he is presently stationed at Hofstra College, Hempstead, Long Island, as PMS&T, having just returned from NATO Hq in Izmir, Turkey, where he was G1 Exec. He plans to make the big 15th reunion. Bills will reach him at 268 Henry St., Hempstead, New York.

Bob Dwan, our faithful Armor oracle, says that plans are still firm to gyro Clarke and Bettie Baldwin with the 4th Armd Div from Fort Hood, Texas, to Germany. John Brady returned in October from AFFE in Japan and went to the 1st Armd Div, Fort Polk, Louisiana. I had lunch with Jake Brier recently and he still breathes heavier and his eyes sparkle when he speaks of iron horses. He is Regt S-3, 2d Cav at Fort Meade, and will gyro to Europe. Hal Dunwoody, after being Regt Exec of the 11th Cav in Europe, now commands a battalion in that unit. Ed Rhodes is with Combat Development Test & Experiment Center (CDTEC), Fort Ord, Cal.

ifornia. Herman Hunt, G-2 work at Fort Monroe, recently paid a DA visit.

Bob Burrows has returned from Japan where he was with Engr Intelligence at Camp Zama. He left Jim Greene (G2), Dave Davenport (SGS), and Bob McCanna (G3) all back at Zama. Bob is now with Troop Opns, Office Chief of Engineers (OCE) in D.C. Bob, Sarah Jane and little Sheryl are expecting a wee one to join them before Xmas at 6702 Cabin John Rd, Springfield, Virginia. Pat and Keith Pigg plus their two boys and two girls now have quarters on post at Fort Belvoir where he is on the Engr School faculty. Keith has just completed the Nuclear Effects Engineering Course at the Naval Post Graduate School at Monterey, California. One class behind him at the same school is Don Mehrtens.

Jack Morris, who has taken over Trev Sawyer's old job in OCE assigning Engr Officers Lieutenant Colonel and below, has cranked out a listing on many of our hivey classmates. John Buyers is retired and lives at 5009 Rylene Drive, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Dick and Lucianne Meyer stay at Harvard Hall Apts, 1650 Harvard St., N.W., Washington, D. C.; Dick is assigned to the Engr Ctr at Belvoir. Frank Rhea is en route to USARPAC. Bob and Eleanor Mathe are at 523 Eppard St., Falls Church, Virginia, while Bob continues as Asst Engr Commissioner, District of Columbia. Dave and Nancy Conard live at 900 N. Daniel St., Arlington, Virginia, Dave being assigned to OCE. Jug Young and Frank Smith are on duty with CDTEC, Fort Ord, California. Jim Betts is instructing cadets at USMA. Jim Deatherage resigned and now lives at 818 First St., Rensselaer, New York. Gordy and Dee Schraeder live at 5936 Cheshire Drive, Gordy working at the Army Map Service in D. C. Rolo Brandt is Bn Cmdr, 48th Engr Bn (CONS), Fort Hood, Texas. Hal Parfitt, USA Element SHAPE, APO 55, New York. Bill and Claire McKenzie receive mail at 308 Rucker Place, Alexandria, Virginia, Bill being another close to the hub in OCE. Art Surkamp continues with DA Office Chief Research & Development. He and Bill Calnan are in the same office. Howie Coffman commands the 23rd Armd Engr Bn in Germany (APO 165, New York). Charlie Reed has been extended an additional year as Asst PMS&T at New York University, New York City. Bob McDowell, now asst to the Div Engr, South Atlantic Div, Atlanta, Georgia, will go to SETAF, Italy, in December. Hi Fuller dropped into OCE, pleading that his next job be north of the Mason-Dixon line—he's with the Mississippi National Guard in Jackson, Mississippi. Milt Steinbring is still with Hq, Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Bruce and Mesa Koch are at 1011 East Wakefield Drive, Bellville Apts, Alexandria, Virginia; Bruce also works at OCE. Although Bill and Marjiam Roos remain at 3910 Duke St., Alexandria, Virginia, Bill has recently switched jobs from OCE to the Office Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel in the Pentagon. Tom Essen resigned in 1955 and he may now be reached at 741 Kleeman Drive, Clarksville, Tennessee. Glenn and Pat Ingwersen are en route to USARPAC. Jesse Fishbach commands the 24th Engr Bn, 4th Armd Div, Fort Hood, Texas, and he, Jane and all will gyro to Europe with the division under present plans. Bill Falch, now with the Div Engr, New England Div, with station at Limestone, Maine, will move to Providence, Rhode Island, for the first six months of 1958 prior to being assigned to West Point Staff and Faculty. Art Van Schoick is with the Engr Procurement Office, Chicago, Illinois; Jim Nash with Hq, 1st Regional AA Defense Cmd, Fort Totten, New York; Mike Davis with the 20th Engr Brigade, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Phil Phelps with the Armor Board at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Tid Watkins is helping me bleed the D. C. area Air Force types for class poop. Both Tid and Jim Bower are in General Officers

Br, DCS/P, Hq USAF. Jack McGregor is our source for the following news: Bill Scott, Office Director of Intelligence, USAF, recently took a trip to California and found the following classmates in the Santa Monica area; Dick Snyder, John Hudson, Ullin Hudson, Jack Whitson and Pappy Chandler. All of these work for General Schreiber in some capacity or other. Scotty said that he talked to Ned Schramm who is getting his master's degree in management at UCLA. Vern Turner is also in the L.A. area. Nobby Oswald stopped in the Pentagon in November and lunched with Jack. Nob, Helen and their small daughter are stationed at Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Pat Hurley put this poop together: Dick Shaefer is with Rand Corporation in Santa Monica, California. Al Bowley at Hq SAC is scheduled for Air War College class 1958-59. After a year of schooling in D. C., Jim Harrold heads for Sweden as Attache. Jim Walker is at Wright-Patterson in the Bomarc business. Buck Coursey will attend the February 1958 class at AFSC, Norfolk, Virginia. Tim Ireland is still in Alaska with a heavy transport sqdn. Bill Moore continues to face the rigors of Hawaii. Robin Olds will remain in North Africa until the Summer of 58. Vern Turner has just arrived at Ballistics Missiles Division to join John Hudson in Englewood, California. Bucky Harris is at Hickam Field, Hawaii. Ernie Cragg operates from Ramstein AFB, Germany. Gayle Madison is doing his best to run SAC from Hunter AFB, Georgia. Al Brown and Rog Kullman will be moving soon from Knoxville, Tennessee, destination unknown. Ralph Hallenbeck is a student at Air War College. Bill Snavely looks forward to returning from Weisbaden during the Summer of 1958. Jammie Philpott was recently awarded the Argentine DFC for a goodwill flight to Argentina. His home station is MacDill AFB, Florida.

Doug Deal resigned from the Air Force on September 18, 1957. Mary will remain in D. C. until they sell their house; then she goes to join Doug in Syracuse, New York, where he has accepted a position in System Planning Engineering with General Electric. He will work on offensive weapons systems for the Air Force. His address in Syracuse where he is building a house is: General Electric Co., Bldg No. 3, Court St. Felix Kalinski dropped by the Pentagon in November. Remember he is now working for Vertol Aircraft Corp. in Morton, Pennsylvania. He went to the Notre Dame game and sat behind Ernie Buzalski, now in New York City with the District Engineer. Felix also saw Ben Cassiday at the game.

Del Perkins comes to DA to the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence (ACSI), after he completes the Armed Forces Staff College in January 58. Stuff Kengle who is at AFSC with Del, will attempt to put up with Hq CINCPAC, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, for his next assignment.

Among the newcomers to the D. C. area are Bob and Jane Holmes, who, with their two boys and a girl, returned in September from Germany where Bob served with the 3rd Armd Div ack ack. They live at 1608 Osage St., Alexandria, Virginia. They join Jack and Anne Teague, Bill and Beanie Peak, and George and Olivia Campbell in Army ACSI. Steve and Peggy Sherrill are also newly assigned in Washington. Steve works with the Division of Military Application, Hq AEC. He and Peggy will be staying with Steve's mother until the new AEC Hqtrs opens up in Maryland. Steve has been a B-47 Sqdn Cmdr, Altus AFB, Oklahoma, for three years.

A recent class at Strategic Intelligence School in D. C. had two illustrious figures on the rolls — Chuck Wilson and Bonnie George Campbell. Shortly after attending the Army-Navy game Chuck and Teddy and their three youngsters leave for Monterey and the Army Language School. After a year of Russian, they will depart for Moscow and attache duty; sometimes a short

tour, as Ted Tansey found out, even before the days of HI FIDO. George and Olivia Campbell have settled down at 1101 Reynolds St., Falls Church, Virginia, with their five youngsters, while George spends the next three or four years in the Pentagon in the Latin American Section of ACSI, DA. George, one of my illustrious predecessors in scribbling this column, has already started helping me gather poop. He learns that Hank Morgan is switching assignments but not location or activity—he is finishing civil schooling at Georgetown and being assigned to the Office of the Chief of Military History in DA. Research goes on, as does residence with Evelyn and their three boys in Alexandria. Father Tony Hartman is in his fifth year as curate at St. Matthew's Cathedral in Washington, D. C. His tour is stabilized at 99 years.

During September Ed Geaney was in Verona, Italy, in connection with a DA manpower survey of Hq, SETAF, and he saw the three of our class now assigned there. John Lucas is S-3 of Task Group Sierra, one of SETAF's principal subordinate units. John and Peggy are really enjoying sight-seeing in Italy, their Verona apartment and their newly acquired Mercedes-Benz sports car. Sounds real continental. Wick Wickert, with SETAF G-3 where he is demonstrating his recently gained Leavenworth know-how, was his usual jovial self the evening he spent with Ed at the Lucas'. John Schatz, still eligible, is Chief, Plans & Ops Br, SETAF Signal Section. John was on leave in Austria visiting relatives part of the time Ed was there, so Ed took unfair advantage of his absence and inability to defend himself by recommending a cut in John's section.

From my green-suited buddy drawing rations at the Blue Ivory Castle, Allen Burdett, I learn that Frank Taylor is drawing bigger and better ellipses with the Graphics Dept. Tom Oliver, Associate P of Electrical Engineering, has made exhaustive studies with ping pong balls in conjunction with Jack Neuer, Associate P of Physics. Chris Munch paid an academic visit to USMA recently from his high exalted position as Professor and Head of Law Department at Wild Blue Tech. He and Karl Wolfe, who is with the Law Dept at Hudson Tech, law'd it all over each other. Apparently Karl is a serious hi-fi fan. On the way through the Pentagon, Chris told me that he had seen Fergie Knowles in Denver in October — Fergie commands an ADC Sqdn at Griffiss AFB, upstate New York. Also he says that Buddy Hough is with Hq ADC, Ent AFB Colorado.

Ben Cassiday showed up in D. C. for the AF Academy-GW football game. When I spoke with him—before the game—he was full of pep. Incidentally, the November 57 issue of "Talon," the cadet magazine of the AF Academy, has an excellent full feature article singing the praises of Ben, their Deputy Commandant of Cadets. They even managed to dig up some old BJ pictures of USMA cadet Ben. I am informed that a delegation of USAFA cadets invaded the Denver University stadium and locker room prior to the AFA-DU game. They painted many of DU's helmets blue, decorated the stadium and somehow "BEN C." was splashed about in paint. Uncle Ben disclaims any and all connections, but rumor hath it he was seen cleaning blue paint from underneath his fingernails. Seriously though, for a moment, we should all be proud of the significant contribution our classmates assigned to the Air Force Academy have made in the important early years of the Academy. Here they are: Lee Hogan, Ben Cassiday, Bud Holderness, Chris Munch, Frank Taylor, Tom Oliver, Jack Neuer and the Army's contribution, Allen Burdett. Bud is the only one of this group who is still not assigned to the Academy; this Summer he was assigned to Hq, USAF in D. C.

Our crew at Fort Leavenworth has jumped at several opportunities for class gatherings,

so Bob Plett has so nobly reported to me. They had an initial party in September to get reacquainted and all 27 classmates assembled for a BEAT NAVY blowout in November. Quint and Acey Atkinson had recently arrived from France to join the faculty. We in D. C. got a quick look at him as he ventured through the Pentagon enroute to Leavenworth. Danny Cullinane announced at this November party that Dutch Umlauf won the silver Revere Bowl for winning the golf tournament our classmates there held. Bachelor Ted Tansey received due homage for having achieved a hole-in-one during the tournament. Johnny Johnson, having just recovered from the strains of new fatherhood, received a trophy for the signal achievement of one each "whiff" during the tournament. Bob Plett represented the Washington classmates and presented for them an engraved silver tray to each of our newly married couples—Ed and Betty Blount and Sonny and Carol Giffin. Dickie Greenwalt, who has been camping at Leavenworth while Bill lived it up for a year in Saudi Arabia, beamed as she announced that Bill was scheduled to arrive in Leavenworth on November 27. Fort Riley, Kansas, is their next station. Students at Leavenworth are Ed and Betty Blount, Ned and Nikki Burr, Joe and Bobby Chauffy, Jim and Marge Christy, Ed and Mary Cleary, Danny and Peggy Cullinane, Sonny and Carol Giffin, Jim and Lillian Glendenning, Ed and Rosanne Kreml, Pete and Daphne Langstaff, Jim and Dottie Lothrop, Bob and Vivian Mattox, Al and Betty Metts, Bob and Florence Plett, Sandy and Chris Sembach, Ted Tansey, Hal and Helen Head, Bill and Marie Herres, Gabby and Bracky Ivan, Johnny and Dorothy Johnson, and Dutch and Ginny Umlauf. Faculty files are Frank and June Dirkes, Les and Betty Hardy, Harvey and Skippy Short, Pinky and Phoebe Winfield and Quint and Acey Atkinson. Harvey Short notes that he is "still planting seeds in student brains that on other fields on other days may bear mushrooms." Tate and Patty Taylor still are on deck as Tate continues as legal officer at the US Disciplinary Barracks. Hal Heads reports that Bob Danforth is in Panama as an armor-plated doughboy. Fox Fredericks is in Beirut, Lebanon; he expects to be in D. C. in August 1958.

**LATEST DIADEE-WASH CUSTOMERS:** In Berlin, Germany, back on July 26, 57 Bill and Barbara Spehr welcomed a new daughter. Bill is on a liaison mission with the Russians (7893 USMLM, APO 742). Fort Leavenworth is doing well by the class for on September 4, 57, Les and Betty Hardy first met son William King and on October 1, 57, Johnny and Dorothy Johnson celebrated the arrival of Earle A. Johnson, III. At Fort Belvoir on September 14, 57 Bob and Carol deCamp were greeted by their sixth youngster, Nancy Elise, who evened the count at three each. Hal Aaron was really strutting on parade at Fort Myer with the 3rd Inf on October 19 for on that day Marianne blessed Hal with Jacqueline Marie. It is the Armed Forces Staff College for the Aaron's in January 58. Out at the Space Academy in Denver, Uncle Lee Hogan and pretty bride Anne added Patricia Janet on October 22, 57. For both the Hogan's and Aaron's the recent addition is the fourth youngster and third daughter. Bethell and Joan Edrington added one more to the Washington, D. C. birth total on October 22 when Nancy was assigned and joined. To Craig Teller goes the prize for sly tricks. On November 7, 57 Craig left his family in D. C. and flew off for his new post as Air Attache in Montevideo, Uruguay. Betty came proudly forth three days later on November 10 with a boy, Bret Hamilton, their third youngster. Betty and the kids will join Craig in Montevideo in time to make it a real Merry Christmas. George and Billie Cantlay now have three children for Carolyn Reid made her debut at West Point on November 20, 57. There seems to be little doubt that there is still plenty of vigor in the class.

Congratulations to all the lucky ones with the latest styles in youngsters.

—Arch Hamblen,  
492 Latham St.,  
Alexandria, Virginia.

## 1944

Buf Norman—complaining that he has received but three letters since last ASSEMBLY and citing as an excuse a rather long leave from his Memphis hideout—has asked the Steering Committee to compile the Fall report for ASSEMBLY. Here goes, Buf; you asked for it!

By the time you read this, each of you should have received '44 NEWSLETTER Number Two. If you haven't, shoot a card to the Class of 1944 Steering Committee, P. O. Box 44, West Point, and one will be forthcoming. To date, the Steering Committee has heard from 245 members of the Class, 31 having sent in answers to the questionnaire after receiving the second newsletter. This response gives the Steering Committee the guidance from well over half of the 432 remaining members of the Class. As you know, the Steering Committee is composed of representatives of the Class stationed all over the world; remember, however, that comments and news from all are urgently needed. The Steering Committee especially solicits your views on what should and should not be included in future newsletters.

The news that follows was generously contributed by Steering Committee members and other classmates kind enough to take the few minutes to drop us a line. A special word of praise is due to the gals—many of whom are far more articulate and energetic than their spouses.

**FROM JOHN SUSOTT'S IN WASHINGTON:** Thirty members of the Class attended a luncheon at the Pentagon on November 22. Ken Cooper was in from Europe. Bruce Deakin, attending SIS, is going to Portugal as the Assistant Air Attache. Susott is still interviewing potentials for the Air Attache System.

**FROM TANK AND BETTY DeARMENT IN ALBUQUERQUE:** Jerry Mickle whizzed through Albuquerque staying long enough to have drinks and dinner with us. Jerry then headed the nose of his new Porsche toward Colorado and blasted off. Jerry and Edie and their five younguns are roughing it in their new Santa Barbara home (only one pool). Hank Aurand is also at Santa Barbara. Jim Blandford, an old Southwestern desert rat now since July '50, is living on Sandia Base with wife Ann, two daughters and young son. Jim owns a collie named Winfield S. Scott IV, named after another classmate. Bill Todd, wife Jeanne, and four children are most recent arrivals here. Bill is busy as a deacon (or equivalent) in one of the local churches as well as instructing English-style riding at a nearby riding academy. Bill is still "in"-Gallop-Ho. Bob Algermissen, wife Margaret Mary, young daughter and recent son are stationed at Kirtland AFB. Bob, as well as others of the Class here, is an active supporter of the one-year old West Point Society of Albuquerque. Betty DeArment is carrying 18 hours toward a science degree at U.N.M. In addition to her other duties of keeping Hal, the two boys, and the collie fat and happy.

**FROM BOB AND BETTY RODDEN AT LEAVENWORTH:** Mary Jane and Jim Weathers are at Riley and have made a couple of trips over to see the gang at Leavenworth and perhaps to gloat a little over someone else having to burn a little midnite oil. Jack Cushman, who completes his third year with the S&F at Leavenworth this June, has received orders to Washington, D. C., when he finishes at C&GS. The

group here planned a community pot luck supper at the Grants the night of the Army-Navy game. By the way, Phil won the Fort Leavenworth Golf Tournament. Ernie Graves is much in evidence here; the report on his being in D. C. being three years too late. The Roddens had a cocktail buffet for the Class in October and got out 26 of the 29 couples here. Singing, dancing, and an adagio dance by T. Moore and Betty Jo Staser added to the hilarity. The following members of the Class are presently here and were not listed in the last issue: Dusty Rhodes, Bob Brotherton, both AF, also George Farne and Doug Harris.

**FROM MOLLY MOLLOY IN PUERTO RICO:** After 13 plus years we met up with my old "wife", Chuck Sampson and Betty Lou (new wife). From the A-N Journal: We glean the news that George Wear is going from Norfolk to SETAF.

**FROM WEST POINT:** On Saturday, November 23, just prior to the first practice hockey game, a group of us gathered in the dressing room at Smith Rink to observe the presentation of a plaque and a picture of Hal Beukema donated by his parents and friends. The plaque will bear the names of the recipients of the Hal Beukema Memorial Award established in 1955 and awarded annually to the outstanding hockey player. Ed Millington, PMS&T at Manlius School, New York, was among those present.

**FROM PHILADELPHIA:** Frank Mahin, USMA, reports seeing the following at the Army-Navy Game: Howie Metzler, Pentagon; Ralph Sciolla; the Vitillos, Jim Connell, and several others.

**FROM JOHNNIE DONALDSON IN PARIS:** Ken Cooper is the only other classmate at SHAPE in Paris. Ken is manager of the SHAPE golf course—this is in addition to his other duties. Bob Ginsburgh has been up from Naples a couple of times. Saw Jack Geyer and George Pappas, both Aides to General Partridge, when they visited Paris with the General in connection with a CPX.

**FROM LOU ARMSTRONG AT WRIGHT PATTERSON:** Ted Gervais and family of six just reported to WADC. Bob Brundin slated for C & S School beginning in the Summer of 1958.

**FROM MASON YOUNG AT STUTTGART, GERMANY:** Have seen a few classmates: Dale Denman who is with a missile unit; Tammy Flynn with 8th Inf Div Arty in Heilbronn; Martin McCoy at the Air Ground School, Ramstein; and Bill Kahn at Oberammergau. P.S. Saw Bob and Helen Ann Smith in Darmstadt—they have since departed for the States.

**FROM SYLVIA McELVEY (GOD BLESS HER) AT HQ. ARDC, BALTIMORE:** Writing after just returning to the Land of the big PX from Okinawa after three and one half years there, have seen or heard from Bill Milnors, Bill Bingham, and the Bill Hummas (Ed. note—we all see a lot of Bills these days).

**FROM JOHN SULLIVAN, AIDE TO THE CG, U.S. ARMY, JAPAN:** Pleased with the transition from Korea to Aide to General Palmer in the land of the Rising Sun. Annette and the kids are with me since August 1. Reports the following classmates now in Japan: Bill White; Bud Partridge, and Bill Nelson. Al Brooks, Wolfinger, and Frank Moore are in Korea. Brooks and Moore should be leaving for the states in January 1958. "Smiling Tom" Tarpley came thru in September, headed for Korea.

**FROM DOC HAYWARD AT FORT BENNING:** The day of the Class of 1944 at the home of the Queen of Battles is gone; only three of us are left, and two of us are scheduled to leave by Spring. Carl Peterson left in October for Germany; his family is still here in Columbus awaiting movement orders. Art Handley is at Sand Hills with the Third Division—due to Gyro to Germany in the near future. "Cajen" Moulis is one of the mainstays at the School Brigade

at the USAIS The "Cajen" wants the Class to know that they acquired a fourth heir to the Moulis millions in Hawaii in 1956. I'm about finished here and ready to depart for parts unknown. Saw George Blanchard, George Wear, and Bill McGlothlin here when they visited TIS with the AFSC group.

**FROM HARRY ROGERS AT SAN ANTONIO:** Dan and Kathy Wallis have bought a home here. Dan is Ass't PMS&T at Trinity University. Pat Neilond and Jeanine here also as home owners. Frank and Joan Moon have settled here, current crop of kids numbers four. We just came from Leavenworth and expect to be here for a few years. The "latch" string is out, especially for the "fly boys" who may "RON" in this area.

**FROM DON CARTER IN WASHINGTON:** Willy Burr newly arrived from Leavenworth, and P. C. Emley just returned from Saudia Arabia, share an office in OACSI (ed. note—such an arrangement confuses both the U.S. and the USSR). Ozzie Duttweiler and Valeria and son, having just returned from a tour with the "Scuola Di Guerra" in Italy, are now enrolled in the Strategic Intelligence School. Jim Connell saw "Mouse" Burnett and Jack Cushman when the two were in Washington for the annual meeting of the Association of the United States Army. "Mouse" is presently G-2 of the 82nd Airborne. We plan a gala party for the night of December 7 at the Army-Navy Country Club.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Don Carter, in response to the request that he be the Steering Committee rep in Washington, has organized the Class in a number of small "cells" and hopes that he can keep a close check on the vast number of the Class hibernating in this area. Good work, Don — thanks from the Steering Committee.

**FROM JOHNNIE JOHNSON AT DENVER USAFA:** Reports the following at USAFA: Pete Almquist, Exec to the Commandant; Frank Merritt, ass't director of athletics; I am director of cadet records in the Registrar's office; we saw Doc Boutwell at the Army-Notre Dame Game; Buzz Barnett is an instructor of English and is working on his MA degree; Bob Morrison is a wheel in the Commandant's office; John Williams is assistant professor of history; John Carley is an assistant professor of military history; John Robinson is an assistant professor of chemistry—he and his family on a camping trip in Yellowstone Park had an interesting bout with a bevy of bears last Summer; the bears won; Cas Myslinski has replaced McGlothlin as director of physical education; "Raunch" Reagan, who was a chemistry instructor, left here in June for a new assignment with Ramo Woolridge, Los Angeles; Max Anderson and Gene Darrow are both civilians with the Martin Company in Denver.

**FROM BOB DRAKE AT SIXTH ARMY, SAN FRANCISCO:** Dean Bressler—presently on ROTC duty at San Jose State College; lives in San Jose with his son Mike; expects to travel to New York for the Christmas season with Mike to visit his family. Bill and Jane Shirey—ROTC duty at University of Santa Clara, also live in San Jose. Jean and Pat LaMarre—Also at University of Santa Clara with ROTC; living in San Jose. Frank and Elaine Forthoffer—Have recently moved into this area, where Frank is an engineer at Lockheed Missile Research Laboratory at Palo Alto. Bob and Kathy Faas—Are buying a lovely home in Los Altos, while Bob hustles stock for Walston & Co. in their San Jose office. I see Bob frequently and suffered through the last quarter of the Army-Navy Game on his TV. Kathy is still the same beautiful girl we knew. Jim and Vicki Stewart—Jim is now with the Personnel Division of Kaiser Engineers, living in Berkeley and working in Oakland. Vicki stays busy taking care of the Stewart kids. Bill and Marje Marks—Bill is still an executive with CEPCO and contends that

his new Celotex ceilings with built-in lights are the house-owner's dream. To prove it he has built them into his home in the city. Bill and Marje had a group of '44 over for cocktails in September. We saw Coots Mitchell there and learned that he had recently been assigned to the Combat Development Experimental Center at Fort Ord after his graduation from Leavenworth. Coots is still playing the field of pretty gals. John and Ann Tkacik and Bill and Marjory Spalding—Are stationed here at Headquarters Sixth Army with Mary Lou and me. Bill and John have homes in Mill Valley, while Mary Lou and I have stayed in the city. We expect to see the whole gang at our house on December 13 when the Drakes pour cocktails before the annual West Point dinner here, so I should have much more news for the next edition. Incidentally, Larkin Tully came through here last month on his return to Viet Nam. He had been home in the States on leave to look after Norma, who brought little Kelly (a new girl) into the Tully family.

**FROM BOB BRUNDIN AT WRIGHT-PATERSON, AFB, OHIO:** Ben Ragland resigned in August and departed for a new home in California. Ben, long one of the bachelor hold-outs, married Nancy Heppenstall of Yellow Springs, Ohio, in December 1956 (Editor's Note: Our belated congratulations to you, Ben, and best wishes to Nancy). Bob and Rusty Shoemaker returned for a second tour at Wright-Pat from an overseas assignment in Germany. Bob is attending the AF Logistics School. Teaching at the AF Institute of Technology are Ben (Runt) Hennessey and Bob Armstrong. With the Development Center are Lou Armstrong, Lou Gamble and Ted Gervais (recent arrival, see Lou Armstrong's note). With Detachment Nr 1, Hq ARDC are John Calhoun, Art McLean and myself. Attending the AF Institute of Technology are Nick Creed and Dave Blake. With the Base Unit is Alex Bride-well.

Please don't blame Buf Norman for the editor's notes. They were supplied at West Point. The Steering Committee sends a word of thanks to the members of the Steering Committee who sent in the news for this issue. Also, a word of thanks as usual to our loyal and hard-working Buford Norman, the one man in the class who has been working for '44 since he graduated.

A last minute letter from BUD PARTRIDGE, Class Reporter and Steering Committee Member, in Camp Zama, Japan:—Bill White is living in Yokohama with Frances and three children, is working at Fuchu AS and expects to be there for another year. Hal Emerson, in War Plans and Developments, now on his third tour in Japan, lives on the base at Fuchu. Hal's still active as a referee in local sports events. Bob and Betty Pickens have had a duplex at Camp Tokorozawa. They have an additional member in the family since publication of ENCORE '44, bringing the total to four. Grady White is Chief of Plans and Training Div, Trans. Cmd. He and Eveline and daughter live near Tokyo. Grady has been back in the Army for the last few years. Marshall and Louise Nolan and two boys are living at Yokata AFB. M. E. won't admit to having a lot less hair. Jim Downs, civilian, is the US Ln O. to the Japanese Government Police Agency. Jim, Margery, and two boys live in Tokyo and expect to be there two more years. Ray Dunn is Chief, Tac Opns Center, 5th AF. He and Roberta and four children live at Fuchu. John Sanders is piloting for MATS in the 6th TC Sqdn. He and Laurie and baby, both new since the 10th Reunion (Ed. Note: Late Congratulations from all of us on all counts), live in the paddy fields just outside Tachikawa. Classmates in Japan are planning a get-together during Christmas holidays, probably sponsored by Hal Emerson and Ray Dunn at Fuchu. We plan to drink a little and then congratulate each other on how little we've changed over the years. No

one will mention the loss of hair or having to hold up the bread basket to fit into the new uniforms.

## 1945

Ballots for our annual election should be in the mail a few days after you read this. If you or your friends don't receive one, drop me a line and I'll send you another.

### ARMY

**FORT BLISS:** A telegram from Pat and Dick Crane on October 1 announced the birth of Catherine Curtis Crane who joins brother Steve. Tom Fitzpatrick wrote welcome news on many classmates, but very little about Gabe and their five. His letter follows: "Jim Harrington's stay at Bliss was very brief as he has scampered up to Colorado Springs to be Aide to Lieutenant General Hart, new CG of Army Air Defense Command. Johnny Tyler hopped a convenient Navy plane from Monterey, where he's mastering Nuclear Physics at Navy Post Grad School, and spent a short weekend with Jim Ingham. Must be the lure of Juarez that brought John so far. John Ferguson drove down from Sandia to get the proper moisture to wet down his leaves Mexican style. John and Nancy had a pleasant visit with the Cranes.

"John Goff has been ill for some time and is now in the hospital. I'm sure he would welcome letters. Ace Parker is planning a visit to Silver City, New Mexico, to see Murray Ryan. Murray is very active in business there and usually gets down to El Paso for our class parties. John Karr and Bill Wakefield are members of the Executive Committee of the West Point Society of El Paso. Bill is also Treasurer of the local chapter of the Association of the Army. Both are striving hard to steer the best lads available to the Academy.

"Our last class get-together was a Tacky Party at the Fort Bliss Officers' Club and we were the tackiest bunch present by a comfortable margin. Party was well attended by the class, including the Bill Holcombes, Homer Pitzers, Bruce Barnards, George Churchill, Fitzpatricks, Ray Griffiths, Cranes, Wakefields and Karrs. Unable to attend were the Mark Rivers, Al Knights and Tom Marriotts, but we told them all about the fun later. Dick Smith and H. Dale Wilson are now at Bliss for the missile part of the Advanced Class. They must be the last of the class to take the course. H. Dale started last year, but hurt his leg and went to the hospital. Making it up now."

**GERMANY:** Bill and Johnni McNamee report that my letter reminding them of the last column arrived after the deadline. Excerpts from their Christmas card and letter follow: "After two or three unsuccessful attempts to locate a brother or sister for Gregory, we found a darling girl, 18-months old, in Stuttgart and brought her home about a week later. We're short-timers in Germany and present rumors indicate strongly that we will be coming back in July or August of 1958 to the Command and General Staff School at Leavenworth or to Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. April, this year, in Paris was everything they sing about. And Rome and the Italian Riviera in September were also very worthwhile. We're looking forward to a few skiing trips this Winter, and perhaps Holland in the Spring.

"We have some very sad news from Heidelberg. Betty and Bill Zook's youngest (of 5) child died of strangulation on October 27. Little Stephen was just six months old and there was nothing physically wrong with him. It just happened very suddenly one morning while he was sleeping in his crib. All of us were deeply shocked. A very beautiful 'Mass of the Angels' was held for him.

"Ed and Shirley Saxby have a new baby girl born this Summer, total of three. They

had another of their wonderful cocktail parties in early September, with the majority of classmates in attendance. We all got together for the unfortunate Army-Notre Dame game at Bill and Miriam Love's house, and will be getting together at the Shoaff's house for the Army-Navy game. By all of us, I mean: Saxbys, Loves, Lou and Lee Shoaff, Betty and Bill Zook, Skip and George Hoge, Joan and K. Stewart, Joyce and Pete Spragins, Marion and John Myron, Jean and Zoot Johnson, Mickey and Mabe Mabry. Bud Weaver will be up in our area shortly from COMZ. Larry and Janice Jones spent an evening in our fair city with Larry and Dad and Mother. Larry is changing jobs from Aide-de-Camp, CG 8th Div, to an Army unit way out in Baumholder, Germany. St. Onge went home a few weeks ago. John Nancy is Aide to V Corps CG. Bill McGuinness and Fred Jones are engineering in Kaiserslautern."

Walt Jagiello writes that, after three girls he finally has a boy. They have moved from Wildflecken to Frankfurt, where Walt is G-2 of V Corps.

**OVERSEAS:** Puerto Rico—Bill and Lida Nichols are enjoying the climate, swimming and full-time maid very much. Lida knows of only two other classmates on the Island. Starkey works with the National Guard and thus has his weekends occupied. The LaBoons are at Ramey about 70 miles from the Nichols.

John and Muriel Wahl are in Okinawa, where John is Aide to the IX Corps Commander.

**LEAVENWORTH:** Dave Clymer writes that he and Kathleen did get together with the Nusbaum's this Summer, in the Grand *Tetons*, however, not the grand Teutons! The Wyoming Chamber of Commerce will be after me if I keep this up. Kathleen's parents had their house trailer parked at Colter Bay on Jackson Lake during their month-long visit.

Of the Leavenworth group, Dave writes, "Socially we have had several get-togethers here—all 62 of us on the post. Had a class party on September 14, although Kathleen and I couldn't make it. Just before classes started the Bushes had a gathering out at the Hunt Club and we got to see a lot of classmates there as well as familiar faces from other classes. Also on September 27, the Posts and Rasmussens went together and had a cocktail party where most of the 45ers were well represented. We have another class party coming up the first part of December."

Bob Hall writes that at the first class party—organized by George Bush—that "by some strange quirk of fate, Alice Yerks won the door prize being raffled off by the master of ceremonies—Aus Yerks!! Actually, it was legal since I was drawing the winning ticket, but that spoils the story.

"Most of the wives and children around here have been down with the flu the last couple of weeks, but the men survived pretty well, due to the flu shots we received. After a week of caring for the children and doing housework 'in addition to our other duties', we all agree that they gave the inoculations to the wrong side of the family. Incidentally, Wynne McBride just got over the mumps, which was very poor timing since it interfered with Rock's duck hunting plans.

"Friday night visits to the big city—Kansas City—are the 'big moment' for students these days. Many have gone, but the only specific instance I can cite is several weeks ago when the Halls, Haydens, Patchells and Lutzs went in for an exotic evening of rum drinks and Chinese food at the Bali Hai and then around to the Blue Note to observe the jazz age civilization going full blast. Unfortunately, we passed a novelty shop on the way, so Jim Patchell spent the rest of the evening startling doormen, taxi drivers and just plain citizens by wearing a water faucet stuck to his forehead.

"Got a birth notice from Ricky and Linc Landis — Dean Baker Landis (boy) born

October 17 at Carmel, California. Linc is way up in his class in Russian, as was Ricky until she had to drop out in order to have the baby. Earl and Sally Bell are also going to language school (French) at Monterey. They took care of young Jeff Landis while Ricky was otherwise engaged (Fathers are never any help at a time like that). Warren and Ina Drake (stationed at Fort Ord) have acquired a horse to compete with Dewey (dog) for their affection."

Del Fowler says that he and Ricky miss the free afternoons he used to have as a Math instructor here. Del gives the overall situation as follows: "C&GS—The College is just beginning to feel the influence of '45, with seven members on the staff and faculty (parentheses contain the ages of children): Bush (CE), George and Theo (5, 4); Schedules Section AND incidentally — congratulations to George for being graduated NUMBER ONE in the 56-57 class!! Carter (Inf), Nick and Barbara (10, 8, 6, 3), Dept. of Larger Units and Administrative Support; Rattan (Inf), Snapper and Jane (10, 8, 3), Dept. of Airborne OPNS and Army Aviation; Farley (Armor), Bill and Audrey (7, 5, 3) and Miller (Inf), Ray and Betty; Musgrave (SC), Tom and Jo (7, 3); West (CE), Dick and June (10, 8), all in the Dept of Non-Resident Instruction.

"As for students, we're represented by 55 out of 541 American officers. Branch-wise these are broken down: Inf 17/176, Arty 16/129, CE 17/40, QMC 1/22, SC 2/27, ORD 1/25, AF 1/8.

"Students and children are as follows: **Infantry:** Bennett, John and Jean (10, 8, 6, 1); Boettcher, Jack and B.J. (7, 4, 3, 2/3); Crowell, George; Dexter, Dex and Katy (7, 6, 6, 4, 3/4); Eyster, George and Harriet (9, 8, 6, 4); Fink, Dave and Peggy (10, 9, 8, 4, 3); Hall, Robin and Bunny (10, 8); Ives, Bob and Gene (8, 6, 2); McCarthy, Joe and Nancy (9, 1); Patchell, Patch and Babs (6, 5); Post, Orv and Fran (9, 6, 4); Rehm, Don and Jane (9, 7, 3, 1); Root, Walt and Dot (7, 5, 2, 1); Stuart, Jim and Mary (6, 3, 2, 1); Wagonhurst, Wag and Peggy (10, 6); Wheaton, Paul and Ruth (11, 3, 3/4); Yerks, Aus and Al (11, 10).

**ARTILLERY:** Arnold, Arch and Barbara (10, 8, 6, 2); Belmont, Alex and Barbara (9, 6); Burgess, Bob and Al (3, 1); Carnes, Dick and Joan (8, 7, 5, 3); Clark, Ray and Willa (5, 4, 1); Fye, Bob and Lei (9, 3); Hamilton, Ham; Hayden, Buster and Sugar (8, 6, 2); Kusewitt, John and Shirlee (10); Linden, Johnny and Webe (6, 2); Lutz, Bob and Peg (5, 4); Macintire, Hap and Mary Jane (6, 4, 1/3); Nusbaum, Nus and Jane (8, 7, 5); Powers, Pat and Dodie (4, 2); Rasmussen, Rass and Martha (10, 7, 4); Reidy Bill and Jane (9).

**ENGINEERS:** Caffey, Loch and Cindy (2, 2/3); Clymer, Dave and Kathleen (10, 8, 7, 3); Curry, Ed and Pat; Denz, Ernie and El (9, 6); Dietsche, Ray and Jane (4, 2); Fowler, Del and Ricky (7, 4, 1); Hardin, Larry and Eleanor (9, 7, 1); Hartline, Dick and Harriet (5, 1); Kratz, Bill and Bobbie (7, 6, 4, 2); Kristoferson, Kris and Dossie (7, 5, 3); Manitsas, Nick and Suzanne; McBride, Rock and Wynne (6, 5); Norris, Bill and Virginia (8, 1/2); Preston, Ran and Nell (8, 6, 4); Rhett, Jack and Helen (6, 3); Stewart, Bill and Zigi (13, 9); Worthington, Fay and Yole (8, 6).

**QMC:** Fischer, Carl and Carol; **SC:** Lohn, Hotie and Peggy (7, 5); **McFadden,** Jack and Dee (11, 9, 8); **ORD:** Vallaster, Val and Skeet (8, 6, 4); **AF:** Ford, Ralph and Marie (11, 9).

"Incidentally, credit for collection of all the foregoing information goes to George Bush—he and Theo have really been the spark plugs for '45."

**USNA:** Jim Alfonse reporting: "'Tis a good thing I resigned the column before my unexpected change of station. This place is hardly a clearing-house for class news!! I came here as Joe McDonough's replacement. He is leaving here today after three years, plus a little, as instructor of History. Pat

and two boys sail in December for England where Joe will attend the British General Staff College which is somewhere near Sandhurst. Have very little other news for you. Joan and Frank Kane over in D. C. had seventh baby, third girl, sometime in early September. Ann and Jim Holcomb had fourth, first girl, Mary Louise, in Atlanta August 8, just before leaving for Fort Sill. What a place for a kid starting out in life!!! Pete Pratt and family were through here briefly recently en-route to Hawaii where he joins either the 24th or 25th Div, whichever 'tis over there."

**BENNING:** Bill and Betty Ochs, newly appointed correspondents, came through in grand style with the following: "With the help of Camilla and Ralph Hinman and others, the following info is dispatched from Benning: Ernie and Fran Ferguson are making preparations for Monterey and then on to Madrid (i.e., Spain) for 'schooling' — how rough can it get?! Jan and Bob Krebs, ARISTOCRATS extraordinary, in their new quarters on Austin Loop. Don and Ginny Gross happily (so he says) assigned to Third Division—Stabilized (they hope) until May. Mac and Rachel McDaniel — real homesteaders — 'Beaugard' continues to take honors afield (TAKE NOTE—McMurdo!). Instrument flying course is Mac's present chore. Dot Ringler is here. She and the new debutante to join Art in Naples soon! Lou and Edna Schelter arrived this Summer. He's assigned to the Third—Sorry but they'll GYRO, too. Milton and Gwenn Stone—now settled in Montgomery—A real civilian, suh, with property all his own—i.e., house and used car business). Ralph and Camilla Hinman—Number five will have arrived by the time the column goes to press. Dipper and Betty Dallman—Dip, the old pro at handball, is the new Third Army Champ (youth still prevails among some of us!) Betty keeps the Hillmans posted at Polk. Barbara and Hank Hughes—Hank is a G-3 wheel in the Third Division while Barb is busy on TV orienting the gals all about GYRO. Paul and Dorothy Stough—Proud Parents of little Dan who arrived in June. Paul is with NRI. 'Smitty' Chamberlain—Still with Rangers—Down from the mountain camp occasionally. Gus and Mary Anne Gustafson—New arrivals to the clan. Gus is with the Infantry Board here. As for Betty and me, we have the horse fever bad — 'Beaugard of Chattanooga' and 'Jack Daniels of Tennessee' (they're really not that fancy) are now bona fide members of the family. In my spare time I'm still in CDO (Bob Hall, I wish you were here as I have inherited some of your projects)."

**WASHINGTON:** Jim Root reporting: "I am going to hit the high points rather than go down the roster as I did before. Those that have been left out may take issue with me personally and I will be only too glad to include them in future manuscripts. The class has been trying to get a party going for some time. We thought we had one set up for Christmas, or New Years, but everything has already been sewed up by other parties. There is one planned for early February. The details are not yet firm. The Leavenworth class helped to swell the rolls here last Summer. Jock McQuarrie, Hal Moore, and John Neff come to mind. Les Ayres came through escorting some foreign dignitaries. He is still at Fort Riley, Kansas, with the 'Big Red One'. Still has some hair. Ran into Joe Hadzima the other day. He is over at AEC. Moose and Maggie Hardy came up with a new addition on October 31—Theresa Lynn. Bob and Mary Velie checked in from Europe. Bob is in the Office of the Chief of Signal Corps. Claims as soon as he gets his aerial up he will be talking to the Sputniks over his ham set. George Withey came to MDW this Summer. He is serving his sentence for going to college and getting his degree in comptrollership."

Bette Root wrote a colorful letter—space limitations have forced some deletions. This

remains: "After reading over Jimmy's letter to you I decided that it needed a little sex (female variety) to keep the D. C. side of things more 'well rounded'. As long as we're using that word 'round' I may as well start with the gal who's getting around the most these days—Rosanne McQuarrie. She and another Army wife have a program every weekday morning entitled 'U.S. Lady on the Air'. It's no small potatoes—besides interviewing practically every available service wife in the area, they have also interviewed Geraldine Page and Julie Harris while they were breaking in their Broadway-bound plays. C. B. Maertens was a last minute fill-in one day to replace a flu victim who was to speak on Formosa. The subject was switched to Okinawa, with a small side-line on the famous telephone marriage of Tom and C. B. The result was very bright and professional. By the time this goes to press they will have interviewed another class wife, Ronnie Sawyer. Ronnie has the lead in the Springfield Footlighters Little Theatre production of Bell, Book and Candle. A luncheon was held in October at the Army-Navy Country Club. The three charming hostesses included Phyllis White, Alice Wynn Gatsis and Nancy Briscoe. We had a whole little dining room to ourselves decorated in Hallowe'en motif and a style show too. Another luncheon is scheduled for December with Liz Patterson, Ann Parrish and Heloise Dolan as hostesses. We seem to have lost all our little p.g. ladies, at least for the present, so I don't know who will play Santa Claus! A letter from Dot and Walt (and I use Walt's name loosely—I trust he concurs with what Dorothy writes. Heh-heh—family joke!) last week assures us that weekends at Leavenworth continue at a dizzy pace. In case you don't already know, Robert Michael (Mike) Mackinnon arrived on October 17 at 1:29 A.M. (naturally). D. A. Hankins and I have decided to give this creative bit a whirl in our own small way. We signed up for an eight weeks ceramics course and as of this writing we are seven ashtrays down and one to go."

ORD: Monna McMurray writes, "Sally and Bud Bell live in a gorgeous house in Seaside. Bud is studying French at the Language School and Sally is studying right along with him. Ina and Warren Drake live nearby. Ina makes frequent visits to Frisco to visit her family while Warren spends his time scientifically developing combat methods. He is a Company Commander with CDEC (Combat Development Experimentation Center). Pat and Vera Callahan have just returned (along with us) from Camp Zama, Japan. Pat is Executive Officer, 3rd Battle Group, 1st Brigade. Vera who was accustomed to maid service in Japan is readjusting admirably to doing her own housework and still finds time to play golf and be very active in the Fort Ord Women's Club. Becky and Chuck Knudsen have been here for some time. Chuck is with the 9th Battle Group, 3rd Brigade. A few weeks ago Bill and I were pleasantly surprised to encounter John Tyler and his charming wife, Ann, at the Officers' Club. John is studying Nuclear Physics at the Navy Graduate School in Monterey.

"Bill and I and four-year-old Johnny are soaking up this California sunshine (when we're not groping through the fog) and spend most of our spare time playing bridge and pulling up weeds. Bill is Executive Officer with G-3 at Fort Ord."

ASSORTED: Rolfe Hillman is the sole representative of '45 at Fort Polk, Louisiana, and lives at 1605-A Kings Road, Leesville.

Ed Melanson writes, "Fran and I and our crew—we now have three boys (4, 3 and 2 years) and a gal 1 year—are settling in St. Paul, Minnesota for what appears a pleasant assignment. St. Thomas Military Academy is a high school level ROTC with a little over 600 students. We got here a month ago after a three year tour in Germany."

Bill Sibert is now assigned to the person-

nel section of CONARC at Fort Monroe, Virginia.

USMA: King Football governs our lives during the Fall. Martha and Charlie Spann sponsored a very successful party at the Club after the Nebraska game. The Spanns expected Heloise and Phil Dolan from Washington for the Tulane Game until one of the Dolan children became sick. Walt and Jean Gelini arranged an Italian dinner party, complete with violin music, to celebrate the Colgate victory. Jean participated in the post art exhibit, as did Russ McGovern. Russ also played the lead in the latest West Point Players production, and was the director of a Studio Night.

Martha and I have been taking ballroom dancing lessons with the Spanns, while Bill and Sally Wolfe have been taking square dancing lessons with Rock and Pat Rochefort. Pat arranged for tickets to three Broadway plays for the wives, and the gals have been down to see 'Auntie Mamie', 'Bells Are Ringing' and 'My Fair Lady'. Guess who does the baby sitting? The Rocheforts, Wolfes, Gelinis, McCunniffs and Halls all went to the Navy game, while the rest of us wept about the results at a cocktail supper at our house that night.

John and Mary McCulloch travelled with the team to Annapolis for the Cross Country meet in November. Tom McCunniff and Russ McGovern went to the Notre Dame Game, where they saw Hal Moore and Bill Hankins. John and Ann Wood and Ren Fortier came up for several home games. Tom Dowd made several games and also joined us at the Formal after the Pitt game.

Steve Day made the trip with the firsties to Virginia for the football game—there he ran into Jim Morris and Joe Singer from Fort Bragg, John Murphy from G2 Pentagon (hardly recognized him), Joe Van Cleve who is with the JAG School at Charlottesville, and Jim Donovan, long time civilian from Quincy, Massachusetts. The Van Cleves graciously invited Steve in for dinner, and extend a warm welcome to classmates who pass through Charlottesville at 2 Rugby Place.

Boots Blesse called after the Tulane game—he was visiting his brother, a plebe. We expect Loch Caffey to join us here (Math Dept) next Summer.

#### AIR FORCE

BALTIMORE: One of our most faithful correspondents, Marty Brewer, came through as follows: "Ed and Shirley Munyon became the proud parents of a new daughter. Buck Attinger is currently at the Air Force Institute of Technology at Wright Patterson AFB. He's taking a graduate course in Air Ordnance Engineering. Don McCance has been selected for the Army C&GSC at Leavenworth in FY 59. Boots Blesse, Bob Hipert, L. W. Lilley, Bob Lochry, Bobby Marlow, Archie Patterson and Dan Perry will report to the Air Command & Staff School at Maxwell AFB—also in FY 59.

"Jane and I entertained Margaret Vinson and family last Sunday. Bill is in Germany in an Arty outfit in Ausbach, near Nuremberg. Margaret will join him after Christmas."

AIR ACADEMY: J. B. Townsend writes: "Inadvertently left out some names on my travels last Summer—Russ Taliaferro had just checked into Wright Field, I think in the Test business. Willie Moran had just left for language school (D. C. area?) prior to becoming Assistant Air Attache to Switzerland. Bob Lochry had less hair, mostly gray, from hard work as a weapons system project officer. After I left, found out that Stu Stabley was hidden up there; he showed up here in September when his old unit gave a stupendous punch bowl to the Cadet Wind.

"Bob Trimble almost made it down here from ROTC duty at the U. of Washington. Jack Broughton was up here Saturday from AC&GS at Maxwell, looking well, I hear, and still very much in uniform. Saw old Boots

Blesse at Williams AF Base, Phoenix, last week—he's still at Randolph with HQ CTAF, doing a real swell job in Operations there. I didn't see him when he came through last Spring but Ward Protsman called on Hank Warren—at that time he was in WADC, working on the ICBM. Hank reported seeing Jug Farr at Bitburg and Randy Heard at Chaumont. Randy was rotating in December. He also saw Walt Carter and Chester Skelton. Both were getting out of the RAF Staff College at Andover and were in Weisbaden job hunting. Rock Brett wrote from Myrtle Beach AFB, South Carolina, where he skips an F-100 outfit.

"I'm good for another eight months here and then go to London for the UK Joint Services Staff College. The latch string is still out here just outside Lowry's gate for anyone who stops by."

Johnny MacWherter, writing on very fancy stationery (the outside of a paper bag furnished for obvious reasons in C-47's), sends the following: "The class had a real big Do at the club, November 16, including heavy drinking and heavy eating, followed by very occasional dancing. Attendance was superb, including John and Marge McDonald, Billy and Bobbette Hollis, John and Pat Ludlow, Frank and Shirleigh Marvin, Chuck and Bettie Seeger, John and Helen Coffey, Bud and Fran Avery, Audrey Gatlin (Jake chose Party Night to celebrate the reception of the flu), Bob and Nellie Valpey, Jim and Betty Townsend, Buzz and Nancy Stebbins, Bob and Ann Duval, and Scribe and wife (Ginny'll love that). The party was ramrodded by Bud Avery and Chuck Seeger. Lud, being the latest arrival at the Academy, and McD were accorded the honor of planning the next. The Treasury reports assets of \$0.60 to get the show on the road.

"Bill Hollis accepted a position with Martin Aircraft in Denver following his resignation from the AF. He and Bobbette have their eyes on a house in Littleton, are now going through the process of getting their hands on the money. Jake Gatlin and I were met at Omaha tonight by Norm Sauer, on duty as Airdrome Officer. Frank Lish, Bill Bartron and Wally Hynds are at Hq. SAC, with Norm.

"Pete Van Matre was killed when an F-104 flamed out on take off at Eglin AF Base in August. He got to 800 feet, couldn't eject because of a downward ejection system, rode it in and didn't make it."

#### CIVILIANS

Pat and "Fitz" (J. M.) Fitzpatrick dropped by our house after seeing the Notre Dame game and provided the following: "Stationed at Edwards Air Force Base: Bob Hipert: Ass't Chief of Fighter Test; recently participated in evaluation of entries for NATO light fighter. Toby Gandy: in Cargo Test; was second pilot for General LeMay on record KC-135 flight to Buenos Aires. Frank Knolle: student in Test Pilot School.

"Seen at the Army-Notre Dame game (or in bars afterwards): Bill Moran: going to school in Washington learning how to be an air attache to Switzerland; we had dinner (at his house) the night before the game with Stu Stapley; working in the F-102 F-106 Weapon System Project Office at Wright Patterson AFB; and Jack Crouch: teaching aerodynamics at the AF Institute of Technology, W-P AFB. Bob (R. P.) Smith: still selling stock in Allentown, Pennsylvania; John Wirries: building turnpikes out of Toledo, Ohio; Ed Mason: assigned to Headquarters, Air Research & Development Command and still a bachelor; Tom McCunniff: trying to keep the cadets in line . . . but not very hard; Frank Lee: recently resigned and establishing a day camp on Long Island; I also spent a couple of afternoons at the Army-Navy Club in Washington with him watching the world series; Ted Adair: making millions selling banks (that's right, banks) out of Larchmont, New York; also helped him spend some of it a couple of nights in New York.

"Random items: Tom Marks: ass't to the vice-president of Westinghouse Gas Turbine Div. in Kansas City; Chet Braun: chief of something in Engr Flight Test, MacDonnell Aircraft, St. Louis; Jess Hearin: working for GE in Cincinnati, selling jet engines or something; Bob Lochry: Weapon System Project Office, W-P AFB (flying saucer and such); Jake Knight: back at Fighter Test, WADC, W-P AFB (he was in it when I got in it in 1948); Russ Taliaferro: same as Jake Knight, only hasn't been in it so long; Ed Kellum: student at the AF Institute of Technology, W-P AFB; Homer Minckler: same as Ed Kellum; Hal Fitzpatrick: graduated from AF Test Pilot School last year so naturally was assigned to Patrick AFB, Florida to watch guided missiles; Bill (R. C. W., Jr) Blessley: on exchange duty with the RAF as a test pilot at Boscombe Downs; Slade Nash: some kind of fat-cat deal in Spain; be sure and see his name as 'Project Pilot' in the credits for the movie 'Jet Pilot'; Tom Curtis: last heard from he was commanding a fighter squadron in Germany (I know that's not very definite, but you can't mention Nash unless you also mention Curtis . . . it just isn't done.); Bill (W. D.) Clark: running one of the Broadway department stores in Los Angeles; Virg Givens: a project engineer on the F-104 for Lockheed (a minor aircraft manufacturer); Jim Wayne: recently arrived in Los Angeles after escaping from SAC; he is going to school (again) but being real secret about it; Gus Breene: got his PhD at Ohio State and is involved in the International Geophysical Year. I am still flying airplanes for Convair, living in Lancaster (near Edwards AFB) and have a couple of empty sacks and a well stocked bar for anyone who ever gets in the vicinity."

Ted Wagner recently had lunch with Marty Brewer when Marty showed up in Oak Ridge for a conference. Ted does a lot of traveling all over the country and is trying to contact classmates when he can.

DeWitt Nunn is with the Reynolds Metals Co. as a sales representative for Industrial Building Products, and as such gets into the Washington area where he has seen many classmates. He reports that Steve Olds is Washington manager for Braniff Airlines, and that Walt Slezak is in the Baltimore District Engineers office. DeWitt lives in Palmyra, Pennsylvania, and invites visitors.

Betty and Dick Van Houten, in real estate and insurance in Allendale, New Jersey, came up to the Rock for the home games, and joined us at the party after the Nebraska game. They report that Pat and Bill Bess are also in Allendale and have a new baby and that Bill has been promoted to Assistant to the President of Union Bag-Camp Paper Corp., New York. Dick also sent a clipping on Joe and Anastasia Stanowicz—Joe is in ROTC at Rutgers.

Ron and Maureen Fortier have another son (3 boys, 1 girl), as do Gar and Pat Landrith (4 boys).

#### EVERYONE

Thanks for the letters—keep it up, please. Next deadline is February 20, but don't wait until then—write now. Remember this was written on December 1.

—Jim Christiansen,  
Qtrs 150,  
West Point, New York.

#### 1946

The followers of the class grow ever longer. Miss Terry Lee Baker, born August 6, 57 in Germany, is staying with her delighted parents Colleen and "Wig" Baker. To correspond, write care of Captain and Mrs. F. R. Baker, Hq. & Hq. Co., 8th Inf. Div., APO 111, New York, New York. The strength for the Corps must be fed, says Master David Merritt Peters, Jr., son of Joan and Dave Peters. Young David was born

October 8, 57, and now resides with parents at Qtrs 1525A, Fort Campbell, Kentucky. From the land of cowboys we learn of Darcey Lobdell's birth on July 2, 57. Darcey is the fourth (two boys—two girls) for parents Pat and "H" Lobdell.

Hqs, USAF Academy, Denver, Colorado: "Beef 'N Beer" Party held for USMA Class of '46: Hosts—Bob Lowrys and Bruce Shawes; Guests—Jean and Roy Hudspeth from Laramie, Wyoming, where Roy is schooling; Wes and Mildred Posvar; Bill and Phyllis Yancey; John and Gail Barricklow; Bill and Pat Moore; "H" and Pat Lobdell; Bob and Kitty Walsh, assigned to the Academy after being at Stanford University; JO and Phil Safford; Kenny and Dee Tallman. The aforementioned couples are commended for having such a good time. The unlucky was John Bartholf off on a cross-country hop, and the Heiberger, who left in July. "Hei" is in Korea and Mimi in Baltimore.

Unfortunately, all news is not good news. I received a most unwelcome letter bearing the news that Major Thomas Blazina, known as "Sleepy" to his many friends, met his untimely and instant death on November 5, 57, when a mechanical failure caused his F-86D to crash on take-off. To Marylyn, his widow, I wish to express the feelings of all



Brigadier General Anastasio Somoza D., (wearing glasses), Director of the Nicaraguan National Guard, chats with Lieutenant Colonel Amos A. Jordan, Jr., Professor of Social Sciences, during his recent visit to West Point. The two were classmates at the Academy and were graduated in the Class of 1946.

the class and state that she has our undivided sympathy. At the time of his death Tom was Operations Officer of the 526th F.I.S., Landstuhl AFB, Germany. Tom is now resting, as he wished, at West Point. Marylyn may be contacted at Tom's parent's home, 15256 E. Carretera Drive, Whittier, California.

Levi and Barbara Brown are in Japan with the 1st Cav Div. There since 1954, Levi is the 8th Engineer Battalion Supply Officer. David and Jean Hutchison are at West Point, where Dave is an instructor in the Dept. of Military Art and Engineering. Sam France (that's me) has a new job with Vogelbach and Bauman, Jersey City, New Jersey. This is a heating, ventilating, and air conditioning consulting engineering firm. It is one of the top firms of its kind in Northern New Jersey.

Received a letter dated U.S. Embassy, Baghdad, Iraq, October 3, 57, mailed by Harlan Koch. He was then on TDY as Aide to Major General Barnes, Chairman of the Joint Middle East Planning Committee. While enroute for a tour of the Middle East they stopped in Paris for a briefing with General

Williston Palmer. Grover Asmus is General Palmer's aide. While in Teheran they received the red carpet treatment from Bob and "Tukey" Shoemaker. Bob is Aide to the Chief of the MAAG mission in Iran, Major General Seitz. Also in Teheran as Ass't Army Attache is Dick Johnson. By now Koch is back at Fort Hood, his permanent assignment.

From Fort Leavenworth, Roger Nye mailed a list of classmates presently assigned to the "older boys' course". "Tips" Dye, however, is on the faculty. They all had a Halloween party and plan a January affair. Nye's address is 627-5 McClellan Ave. At Leavenworth: Bob and Jean Allen, Rex and Connie Beasley, Don and Nancy Beyer, Major Frank and Joy Blazey, Major Truman and Avonne Boudinot, Dick and Rae Bresnahan, Ben Brown, Ray Burnell, John and Mary Burney, Joe and Tomi Castell, Ed and Terry Cavanaugh, Bob and Carolyn Channon, Bill and "Dusty" Cound, Bob and Claire Crowley, Earl and Maggie Dye, Bob and Lone Evans, George and Carol Fink, Joe and Betty Flores, Vin Gannon, Jim and Olga Gigante, Jack and Ann Gilham, Jim and Nat Gridley, Major Guy and Dee Hairston, Milt and Martha Hamilton, Bob and Janet Hamilton, Joe and Miriam Houseworth, Jim and Edith Inskeep, Bob and Miriam Lamb, Bob and Margaret March, John and Phyl Mathias, Charles and Jessie McCarty, Major Bill and Hope McCollam, Ed and Pat McCue, Larry and Barbara Miller, Roger Nye, George and Joanne Patton, Bill and Chris Persons, Dick and Anne Pohl, Lloyd and Angie Powers, Bob and Betty Richmond, Joe and Babs Rogers, Ed and Lucy Roxbury, Bill and Elda Scharre, Bill and Nancy Schneider, Fields and Modell Shelton, Charles and Joanne Simmons, Major Dave and Gloria Smith, Oliver and Cathy Street, Bill and Marcella Stroud, Lew and Phyllis Tixier, John and Connie Treadwell, Dick Tuck, Harlan Tucker, Jim and Missie Welch, John and Barbara Wieringa, Dick and Ruth Wildrick, Bob and Connie Williamson. Elsewhere: Bill and Shug Pence and "Press" Davis at University of Kansas; Willis and Joyce Cronkhite and Shep and Claudia Booth with 1st Inf. Div, Riley.

The annual Troy-Armor bulletin received in time for this issue. Guy, Wynne, Pam, and Kent are on ROTC duty at 3 Aspen Place, Roswell, New Mexico. "Kit" and Ginna Sinclair and Stan and Ann Stanfield are at Fort Hood, where both are in G-3 section, III Corps. George and Betty Otte are at Pentagon. "Willy" Joffrion was S-3, Recon Sqdn, 7th Div in Korea; however, may be home by now. Beebe waited the tour out in Baton Rouge. Jim Day is S-1, Recon Sqdn, 7th Div, having left Peg and children in Southern California. Harry Smythe was S-2, but is now commanding C Troop of the Recon Sqdn. George Webb is with G-2, 8th Army, Seoul, Korea. In Europe with 3rd A/D are Beckner, Hanson, Edwards, and George Miller. Kibbey Horne is in G-2, VII Corps, and Andy Lamar is with MAAG mission in Brussels.

"Bud" Martin is with 2d Cav at Fort Meade. Wallis is still at Culver on ROTC duty. Phil and "Dodo" Rogers are in Athens, Greece. Dick and Marion Streiff are in 4th A/D, G-1 section in Europe. "Nipper" and Sue Knapp are in the Tk Bu, 25th Div, Hawaii. Dick and Sue Fuller are at Governors Island, New York, where Dick is Aide to General Bryan. Art and Karma Lochrie are at Knox. McMaster is still at Livermore, California, counting atoms for Sputniks or something. Rumneys are still at Bliss. Percy Wheeler left G-3, Fort Stewart, Georgia, for Paris to study French. He will then go to West Point as an instructor.

Russ and Mary Van Burn are in the contracting business in Las Cruces. Cassidy is with American Car & Foundry, New York. Duncan is teaching at the Citadel and running a business, "Sea Island Services, Inc." Larry and Sallie Elder are in California in the welding business. "Fee" and Jancie Har-

gin are bankers in Monmouth, Illinois. Their last known address: 324 N. 3rd Street. Musser left Chrysler for Bendix Research. Jack and Jane Schram, Hartsdale, New York, still with Horowitz & Co. Bill and Elaine Kelty in Cleveland with Olin Matheson Chemical Corp.

That's the poop. For next issue write: Samuel E. H. France, 3 Spruce Lane, Verona, New Jersey.

—Samuel E. H. France.

## 1947

The time is here again to empty the envelope and collect it all into one muddled mass. Before I dive in and attempt to have it all make sense, allow me to ruin your day for you. As I was sitting over my breakfast coffee the other morning reading that extremely high class publication, the "New York Daily News", I noted with some interest an article on the Army Football Team. It contained several interviews and in each the leading question was "Why did you come to West Point?" The answer given by the fullback Barta was that he had wanted to come here all his life because Blanchard and Davis were his idols. Who's for the first grandchild? Now, wasn't that nice and doesn't it make you feel your age? We also might note here that an era has ended with Junior Davis's record for yards gained in one season finally falling by the wayside to young Anderson from Florida—a yearling this year.

Just in case there is some confusion on your part as to who is supposed to be writing this thing—you're not alone. This job bounces around like a rubber ball and this time the Dunhams caught it. I made that plural, 'cause let's face it; the females collect the poop. Now if I could just con the wife into writing it too, life would be much simpler. However, it seems as if we had better get down to business.

With football season being here we get to see lots of familiar faces. In addition to the usual local collection, we had a few who jumped into their cars and really made a trip of it. The Mac Adoos came through and reported that he will soon be heading to Monterey to the Language School and then on to Brussels—have fun Mac. While we're on the subject of traveling people, the Knipes also came posting through and he also is going out to Monterey and then on to Moscow. There are still a few openings for Lower Slabovia. Mike Maloney and his wife came up from Philadelphia and he reported—absolutely nothing.

The stork has really been working overtime lately and we have quite a few tax deductions to mention. Incidentally, that is the editorial "we" First, Cecil Fox, who is Operations Officer of the 85th Fighter Interceptor Squadron at Scott AFB, Illinois, and his wife Carol announced the arrival of Michael Edward on August 24. Congratulations on your first, Cecil. Next, Pete and Bunty Karter have added Elizabeth Harriet to the clan as of November 5, making it a total of four girls. Bob and Jeanene Ozier have added 8 pound 1½ ounce Lynne Marie as of August 23. Tom and Jackie Hayes have a new son, Peter R., born on November 2. Tom also reports that he is now located on the West Coast. The new address is 5607 Via Del Collado, Torrance, California—sounds nice Tom, how are you fixed for visitors? Roger and Jeannette Bate have a son, Gordon Truan, born on August 3. Roger is just about to finish at the RCAF Staff College and will be moving on to the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Washington. Bill and Muriel Webb have a new daughter, Alicia Muriel, born on July 15. I'll admit that one is somewhat behind the times, but sometimes it's hard to catch up. We'll try to be more prompt on the next one, Bill. I think that about clears that up so had best move on to other things.

In the orders department, the Army-Navy Journal lists Alex Lemberes as coming to West Point and Willis Clark as off to USA Elm MAAG, Vietnam, (8653) Saigon. I might also list under orders (because he will be taking more from now on) the unconfirmed report that W. I. West is about to get married. I'd like to be a little more specific but that is all I have right now. By the time you read this he will have been long since hitched. If I have the wrong word I will become appropriately embarrassed. Tom Flattery reports that he is now Corporate Counsel for McCulloch Motor Corporation at 6101 W. Century Boulevard, Los Angeles 45, California. That sounds mighty impressive, Tom. Meade Wildrick writes that he is enjoying his "overseas" tour and I can't say as I blame him. He is living at 1615 Wilder Ave., Honolulu. He is on Admiral Stump's Joint Staff in the J-4 Division. He and Anne are at home for those of you who would care to call—watch out for the parade, Meade, you might be surprised. Meade also reports that he saw Wally Griffith in Bangkok and that Wally is still single and is Assistant Air Attache at the Embassy there. Bob Haldane heard from Stu MacLaren who complains of not having seen many classmates since graduation and for that reason is looking forward to the Ten Year Book. What's the matter with you West Coast people? Don't you ever get together out there? The MacLaren address is 475 Huntington Drive in San Marino, California. Merlin Anderson saw Dick Littlestone and he reports that Dick is now at the University of Virginia, doing graduate work in Physics and doing fine. Frank Boerger also heard from Jack Faith who is still with the 14th A/C in Germany. He and Jill and the children are all doing well but haven't seen much of classmates out there in the bushes. A late report indicates Jack is no longer commanding a company but is now loafing around on staff as Battalion S-3. Just to remind you all, their address is 3rd Bn, 14th A/C, APO 171, US Army. The Association of Graduates sent me a little poop sheet which indicates that Frank and Lydia Meadows are now in Heidelberg, Germany. Frank is Opns and Trng Officer, Transportation Battalion, Headquarters Special Troops, Headquarters, US Army.

Bob Haldane got a note from K. D. Reel who says that he is now with the ROTC unit at Texas A & M. He really put a twister in the school down there—he put his wife Marie to work teaching in the Electrical Engineering Department. All male school, it says here. The Reels are living at 1018 Harrington Ave., College Station, Texas.

We have also heard that Bill and Anne Cooper have pulled up stakes in Baltimore and that Bill has become Assistant Comm at the Citadel and they are now living in Charleston, South Carolina. Also, John Mastin had a change of plans. He did not receive concurrent travel and by the time you read this will be sitting in Korea. Jane and the children will be in Highland Falls for the duration. John Hoover reports that he saw Milt Chamberlain in New York recently. Milt is now a patent engineer for Vapor Heating Corp. and is living at 124 Lockerbie Lane, Wilmette, Illinois.

I see that I'm beginning to get down to the bottom of the pile of poop sheets that started out next to my typewriter and I can't really say I'm sorry—oops, missed one—a newsy note from Jean Burner. Jean is now with the 4th Armored Division, getting ready to go to Germany. From the sounds of things, Jean isn't finding much time to loaf. I won't bother with an address because by the time you read this they will be gone.

Apparently that last note is in front of me and it concerns the ten year book "Take Ten". The books should be arriving about the time this is published. If you don't receive your copy right away and you have sent the money, look around and see if you have moved lately. If you have, drop

Frank Boerger a note and let him know. He has done an outstanding job on the book, but psychic he isn't. Incidentally, the pictures of June Week in the book are available here for anyone who would like them. If you want some of the pictures, drop Frank a note and he says that he can arrange it. There will be some sort of charge for them, presumably based upon how many are desired.

—Jack V. Dunham,  
Dept. of Physics & Chem.,  
USMA.

## 1948

It seems hardly possible that the football season with all of its excitement and pleasant reunions has slipped by for another year. As usual, each home game brought a surprise in the form of some visiting stalwart '48'ers. And, as usual, I undoubtedly missed some, but here goes with what I have!

The season opener with Nebraska was a gala affair made memorable by a beer and spaghetti supper given by the Rosencrans and Wursters. The local activities were considerably brightened by Pat and C-Squared Elebash up from Washington. C-Squared spent the evening indoctrinating us in the mysteries of the Pentagon and the virtues of the Air Force! Glenn Wilhide was also on the scene. He was escorting the Superintendent of the Philippine Military Academy. Glenn and family are at Knox, with everyone doing well.

The Pitt game was terrific in all respects. The Big Team came through with a scintillating comeback after the Notre Dame disappointment and at least four "family" visitors showed up. I saw Hugh Perry very briefly at the parade before the game and then ran into Irv and Ann Schoenberg and Jay Josephs when leaving the stadium. Unfortunately they had to take off for New York so the conversation was brief. Can't complain though—something is always better than nothing! Parry and Susan Sykes, still living in Closter, New Jersey, were also present. Parry and John McEnery had opened the local duck season that morning with unexpected success! John Sternburg was again up to cheer the team on, though I believe Betty had to tend kiddies and couldn't make it.

Jake Pompan and Jim Hall were present for the Colgate game. Jake and Jim swear they came for the game and to see the classmates and not because the President was here! The class had a first rate party after the game so it was a "complete" weekend. Charlie Sunder showed up for the Utah game—and certainly got his money's worth in thrills! Jack and Mary Ella Waggener were also visitors from Boston. Jack finishes up at MIT in January but future destination is presently unknown. Bob Taylor also blew in. Bob is now at Endicott, New York. More details needed, Bob! The finale here at West Point was another thriller with Tulane. Ben Eakins, on a procurement inspection trip to NYC for the Air Force IG, got up for the game. Ben reports that Jim Muehlenweg is also in his shop. They are with USAFIG, Norton AFB, San Bernardino, California. Gunk and Lenore McSpadden were also up visiting Merle and Joyce Sheffield. Gunk is still with the 2nd Am'd Cav. at Meade but will shortly gyro to Germany. Jim Hall was present for this one also. Incidentally, Jim and Bev are back at Glen Rock, New Jersey, and fully prepared for visitors!

Just recuperating from the Navy game this weekend and can only conclude that this wasn't the Big Team's "year" in Philadelphia. Both the Notre Dame and Navy games were faithfully reported to me by Hank Perry but space limitations will permit only a listing of the faithful in attend-

ance at the Navy game. With due apologies for any omissions, here are the '48ers who suffered physical as well as mental anguish to support the "Rabble": Randy Beirne and wife, Rich Cooper, Joe and Sandia Herberts, the La Contes, Jim Macklin down from Alaska, Bob Taylor, Jim Hall, Bill and Tudy Caldwell, Gene and Lois Bierer, Bill and Rachael Thomas, Stan Harsh, Paul Weaver, Norm Robinson, the McCartneys, the Jacobellis, Bill Ryan, Russ Ball, Nick Creed, Al Whitley, and Bob and Peggy Van Arsdall. I believe Gene Forrester and Rosie Rosencrans were also around to keep cadet spirits from sagging too seriously! There is *always* next year!

On the local scene we '48ers have now been bolstered by the arrival of Jay and Lois Hatch. Jay, as previously reported, recently returned from Korea and is now in MT&G. The word from our operatives in the TD is that Walt and Kathy Meinzen are also West Point bound after Walt arrives home from Korea. Walt's destination is the Tactical Department. Ed Callanan recently returned from Korea and joined Ann and the three boys in Highland Falls. After leave, the Callanan's welcome mat will be out at Fort Riley.

Speaking of Korea returnees, I received a very welcome letter from Jim Dingeman shortly after the last column went to press. Jim is still in the land of the Morning Calm and assigned as aide to Lieutenant General Trudeau, CG II Corps. Jim reports Dulce and kiddies still patiently waiting in Bronxville, New York, where Dulce is working at Sarah Lawrence. Jim is due back shortly, but assignment is not known right now. The letter also contains news of other clan members not already mentioned. Cloe Swearngen is still with the 31st Regt.; Al Pabst is running a company in the 1st Cav. (formerly 24th Div.); Bob Kirwin is at the Korean Military Academy gigging those poor Korean cadets; and Jim McCray is with the super secret lads in Seoul. Jim went on to say he has seen Wally and Babs Williams and Squeak and Charlotte Weber in Japan. Wally is Special Service Officer at Camp Zama so you can imagine what he has on his hands. Squeak is still in the G-2 business. No reassignment news at present on those mentioned. Thanks for the letter, Jim; such gems are *always* welcome and a big help in keeping track of everyone. Can't complete Korea news without reporting a note from Ginny Meyers in which she announces the Meyers' destination as Fort Campbell, Kentucky, where Joe will be with the 101st ABN.

I also received a newsy letter from Bill McGinness. Bill reports that he, Bob Van Arsdall, Jay Josephs, Jay Brill, and Don Kipfer are presently stationed at Hq., ARDC in Baltimore. The Headquarters moves shortly to Andrews AFB in Washington so the Washington contingent will get a boost in strength! Bill also reports a third son, Allen, born on October 26. Congratulations on that achievement, Bill! The Baltimore group now has a weekly lunch in which they hope to include all '48ers in the area. This brings us up to date on the Baltimore crew, thanks to you, Bill!

"Bako" Bayer dropped me a welcome line from Bangor, Maine, where he, June, and kiddies are living. The welcome sign is posted for any clan members traveling up north. Enjoyed your news, Bako, and thanks for bringing us up to date on the Bayer family!

Ennis Whitehead reports that the Cormack family is well ensconced in Ethiopia and Tom and Joan are helping stabilize the economy!

Unfortunately I don't have all pleasant news to report this issue. Two sons of '48 went to their final rest this fall. Wilho Heikkinen was killed in an air accident on September 25, at Dayton, Ohio. Wilho was stationed at Wright Patterson AFB at the time of his death. Bill Lynch escorted Wilho's body to Washington where he was laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery. Near-

ly every '48er in the Washington and Baltimore area attended the funeral, in addition to which Grim Locke flew in from California. I am indebted to Irv Schoenberg for keeping me posted so I could relay the above details to all members of the class. At last report Eileen Heikkinen with four children was going back to her home in Wisconsin. I would like to relay her exact location to the class so please someone take note.

Bill Shuster passed away on November 18, after a prolonged illness of several months. Bill was to report for duty here at West Point last March after finishing a Korean tour. While still on leave he entered the West Point Hospital and eventually was operated on at Walter Reed for a brain tumor. Bill finally succumbed from complications arising from this operation. He was laid to rest here at West Point with virtually the entire '48 representation here attending the funeral. In addition, Jack Waggener came down from Boston; and Bill Thomas, Jim Richardson, and Don Starry drove up from Washington and Baltimore. Louise Shuster with two children is now living with her parents at 89 Dover Rd., Longmeadow, Massachusetts (just below Springfield). I'm sure the class joins me in extending our deepest sympathy to both Eileen and Louise. I think it also appropriate to note that you are still part of the '48 family and any member of the class stands ready to help if at all possible.

Hank Perry, in charge of the Ten Year Book, has been kind enough to pass all Ten Year Book replies over my way for information. I have noted a few addresses not published previously in *ye olde* column so here goes: Steamboat McCuen in MAAG, Thailand; Jerry Dildy at Whiteman AFB, Missouri; Waldo Bertoni, 6901 Sp. COMM. Gp., APO 872, New York; Dick Cudahy with Isham, Lincoln and Beale law firm in Chicago; RO Barton now with 50th Ftr. Bombr. Gp. in France; Don Reynolds at Fort Carson, Colorado; John Withers now in Minneapolis; Jim Hooker at Fort Huachuca, Arizona; B. J. Loret (formerly DiLoreto) in Hicksville, New York; Sam Holiday at Fort Carson, Colorado; Bob Finnegan at Fort Lee, Virginia; and Jim Blakeslee and Joe Seymoe at Fort Benning. I'm sure there are others so I'll report additional changes in the next issue.

While on the Ten Year Book, I know several questions on the questionnaire have come up so without additional fanfare I'll forward the following message from Hank Perry: "Response to the Ten Year Book notice asking for addresses and a \$2 deposit has been very good. If you're one of those who has never received a notice, please write in to me and I'll forward it on to the Committee. In mid-January a questionnaire and request for biography and pictures were sent out—so be on the watch for them if they haven't already arrived. Immediate replies are greatly appreciated."

Before closing, I must report recent stork visits to '48. Jesse and Ann Kelsey, now at VMI where Jesse is Ass't PMS&T, recently had a little one whose specifications I knoweth not—details! Dick and Louise Stein had a recent addition, a baby boy. Again details are lacking. Denny and Joan Patterson report a baby girl, Erin Eileen, born October 1; Squeak and Charlotte Weber announced a son, Kurt, born in September; Bill and Denise Kaula were presented with a baby girl, Marie Denise on September 26; and Punk and Nancy Hartnell announced a boy, George William, III born on September 28, with Daddy in the field!

So ends another round of news, boys and girls. Let me leave you until next time with another exhortation to get behind the 10 Year Book and come up for "Big Ten"!

—Johnny Egbert,  
Dept. of Mechanics,  
USMA.

At a recent class meeting held here, a resolution was adopted that a way be found to relieve John Saalfeld, for eight (count 'em) long years our faithful, unrewarded column editor, from continued labor at the same old post, in view of John's greatly increased business responsibilities. Inasmuch as class news, rumors, reunions, gossip, visitors and activities center about USMA and thus news gathering is relatively easier, the local class secretary (Buzz Gillespie) will assume responsibility for producing a column. I am his fortunate choice for the time being and, supplied with MATERIAL, I consider it a privilege to serve the Class. But don't forget, we must hear from you to make a column. Send your announcements, notes and comments to Class Notes Editor, c/o Association of Graduates, West Point. John, on behalf of the Class, I express our appreciation and gratitude to you for the many years of loyal service. Good luck to you and Til!

Class representation at West Point continues to hold firm. In the past shuffle we lost Ray Klemmer to Germany, Bruce Peters to Knox, Lee Surut and Doc deCorrevont to Artillery Schools, Jack Albert and Bill Armstrong to AF assignments. The 38 '49ers here now break down this way: MATH: Sutton, Westfall, Roebuck, Ray Rasmussen, Nordin, Mathews, Fullerton and Tut Hendricks; PHYS & CHEM: Hill Dickinson, Olson and Rumney; TACTICS: Swett, Metzger, Hodes, Griffith, Bell, Buckingham; JUICE: Andreen, and Monahan; LANGUAGES: Morton and Costa; SOCIAL SCIENCES: Hansen, Greenleaf, Gillespie, Boland, Stauffer and Sylvester; MT&G: McMullen, Kirby and Lombard; 1st RCT: Al Hale; ORDANCE: Clarke; MA&E: Rank; ENGLISH: Kemble, Bradley, Rose, Adams, Battreall. Also, living locally and seen frequently are Joe Steffy, Goble Bryant, Curt Anders and Columbia University students Don Keith and Art Kingdom. The latter two are enroute to the Dept. of Phys and Chem.

NEW SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE CLASS (and random notes about their sponsors): Twin boys, Steven Keith and Jeffrey Morris, were born recently to Joan and Doug Weart, who are on AFROTC duty at Willamette University, Salem, Oregon. The score now is three to one, boys. A son, Francis, to Jane and Frank Wolak. A boy to Trudy and Lee Surut. A daughter, Cheryl, to Sue and Ed Cave, who are rounding out three years at Fort Shafter, Hawaii. Ed is now in G-3 Section, 25th Inf Div. A son, Curtis Evans, to Katie and Hayes Metzger. Hayes has done a great job as assistant coach of the Army 150 lb. football team, seeing these conference champions through an undefeated season in this first year of competition. Twins, Henry I. the 2nd, and Priscilla, to Alma and Jack Hodes. A son, Geoffrey (for Chaucer), to Helen and Bob Kemble. A daughter, Leigh (pronounced LEE, I'm asked to advise), to Nancy and Ray Battreall, and a girl, Melissa, to the Hugh Jenkins's.

THE FALL SOCIAL SEASON got off to a good start with a boating party and picnic at Constitution Island on Labor Day. A Class cocktail buffet was held after the Colgate game and a big get-together at the QM depot after the Navy game rounds out this picture. Up for games and parties at West Point were Tom Coughlin, just back from Korea to become a Reserve Advisor in New York; Bill and Katie Bumpus over from Boston; Bob and Phyl Pursley from Harvard (where Bob is prepping for an assignment to the Air Force Academy); Orton Spencer from Fort Devens; Jean Smith representing DOON S. who is in Korea liaising and advising in Transportation matters; bachelor Bill Vargovick from the Army Chemical Center; Don Whistler up from Benning; Dean McCarron down from Watervliet Arsenal near Albany; the Mac Agnews en route home from Germany; Bob Stender recently resigned from the AF and

undecided about the future (Good Luck, Bob); and the following young magnates from the world of Business: Dave Frech, still single and using his brains at Oak Ridge; Ev Yacker of Olin Mathieson; Bernie Sabel, over on a business trip from Pittsburgh; Jim Rice of Garden City, Long Island; Ted Wagner of Buffalo Forge (he and Aud have recently moved into a new home over in Katonah, Westchester County); Joe Pingatore, seen at the Pitt game; and the Roy Brunharts from Boston. Roy is Air Force recruiting there.

FROM THE D. C.-VIRGINIA AREA we know that Al and Doreen Fagg are settled in Washington (with IBM); BWO Dickinson, through here in June, is advisor to a Congressional Committee on Radiation Hazards; Dick Bundy and family finished work at the University of Virginia, Dick receiving a MS degree in Physics and now on the Field Forces Board at Sill; Ralph and Jeanne Puckett are gentlemen-farming near Falls Church, Virginia. In his spare time, Ralph commands the USMA Prep Detachment which recently moved to Fort Belvoir. Dave Colgan, still a bachelor and moving too fast to get caught, is on AF duty in DC. Dave recently was in Germany on leave and stopped with the Klemmers in Wiesbaden. Down at Eustis for TC schooling and other work are Jack Carr, Ben Suttle, Bob (Rosy) Schwartz, Eep Ford and Bob Erbe. Some of these were at the Army-Virginia game at Charlottesville. Curly Lindeman was seen by Ted Swett on a recent trip Ted made to Washington. Curly has the Honor Guard Company at Fort Myer and Ted reports that he was frantically preparing for the visit of HM, the Queen. By the way, did you note that the Queen rode into New York on the U.S. Army Ferry, the *Lieutenant Samuel S. Coursen*?

NEWLYWEDS include Charlie Byrne, who brought his pretty bride, the former Elizabeth Ann Belton of Washington, through West Point on a trip to Canada. They are now at Langley AFB. Very recently Miss Frances Black of Carlisle, Pennsylvania, became Mrs. Craig Betts. Craig, just returned from Korea, will be at Bliss for several weeks (play on words) before reporting to Fort Banks, Massachusetts; and Steve Nunnally writes that he and the former Joan Arel were married at Fort Belvoir last Spring. Bill Streett and Hugh Jenkins ushered, Monk and Barbara Kurtz and Russ Lamp were at the ceremony. Steve is now a student at Northwestern University, and he and Joan inform classmates who are in the Chicago area that there is lots of room at 1500 Noyes Street, Evanston, Illinois. They would like to see you.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW? Bill Huber is studying at RPI, Troy, New York and will be in the Math Dept. next year. Dean McCarron sent this word on Bill and he further reports that last Spring he spotted JD Mitchell at a golf tournament over in Westchester County. JD was over from Fort Monmouth. Thanks for your letter, Dean. Bill and Katie Bumpus write from 525 Lowell Ave., Newtonville, Massachusetts, near Boston, that the welcome mat is out for '49ers who are not unaccustomed to wild house apes (in this case: Vickie, Jay, Steve). Bill is Director of Marketry for HYCON EASTERN, INC., in Cambridge. He reports that he and Katie enjoyed a few football weekends at West Point. Joe and JoAnne Eagers are on ROTC duty at the University of Hawaii. Collier and Ann Ross, the Jack Arnettes, Joe Kingstons and others (one or two) are at Leavenworth attending the C&GS course. These are the first '49ers to attend. DD Overton, in the paper business in South Carolina, was up just prior to the Navy game. You should be interested to know that DD is the only Korean War Jet Ace from the class. No, my source was not DD. Kirby Lamar, way out at Fort Huachuca, came through recently. Jud and Kit Conner are at the University of Florida, where Jud is studying Journalism. The Con-

ner's, including son Raymond, were also through not too long ago. Bill Streett is with the 4th Armored Division, Fort Hood. Bob Litchow is with AFF Board No. 2, Fort Knox.

OTHER NOTES: Dick and Dottie Rumney occupy a set of quarters on Professors' Row. No kidding! So until next Summer the Rumney's are selected to be class host and hostess. Curt Anders' book, *The Price of Courage*, recently published, is selling briskly, if the rate of sale at our PX is a good criterion. I understand that a second novel is nearing completion. Curt, representing his local volunteer fire department, was up in the MT&G Dept not so long ago, looking for information on water lines, etc.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: a letter is out to each member of the class, in which are discussed various matters of general class interest, i.e., the Cullum Hall Memorial Plaque, the June Week reunion of 1959 (that's TEN), the compilation of biographical data and vital statistics for the class file and preliminary information on a ten-year class book. If you haven't received a letter, please write Harry Griffith or Bob Kemble here. A speedy response is important to assure the successful completion of these various class projects. Without a mandate from you, those concerned with the grinding work cannot get started. DON'T GOOF!

THANKS to those of you who have written. Keep the letters coming in, or GLOOM period might hit the column, too.

—John J. Costa, Captain Inf.,  
Dept of Foreign Languages,  
USMA.

## 1950

Another deadline to meet and again it's easy because only a few of you have written. Come on now—don't force me to resort to those corny poems again as a plea for your letters.

Our thanks this quarter to Chuck Hammond, Joe Griffin, Dick Cody, John Begley, Terry Parsons and Robin De Graf, most of whom wrote to find out what they were supposed to do with "that roster of classmates". That's the Index to your Howitzer. Helpful isn't it? Now by only two simple operations we can find where our pictures appear in the Howitzer.

Chuck Hammond's letter arrived about three days after I submitted the last column so let's start with it. Chuck, wife Marjorie, and daughters Daphne and Janet are in Austin, Texas. Chuck is working toward his Masters in Spanish at the University of Texas, in preparation for his assignment to the Air Force Academy next June. At his former station of Mt. Home, Idaho, are Ernie Thomas and Cully Mitchell who are B-47 Aircraft Commanders, and Sam Lockerman who is an observer. Chuck mentioned seeing the following in and around Mt. Home several months ago: B. J. Leiser whose home is in Boise; Lou Leiser who is flying fighters out of Portland, Oregon; and Lou Reinken, visiting Boise. En route to the University of Texas, Chuck saw Kent Cooley at Greenville, Mississippi, and Ed Melton who is doing well in civilian life in Cleveland, Ohio.

Regarding the Index to the Howitzer, Chuck, unfortunately the names of all the wives could not be ascertained, but the omission of your company and the page on which your picture appears were oversights.

Joe Griffin writes from Fort Benning where he has been stationed for the past five years. Among the many classmates in the Advanced Course are Jim Barnet, Jim Fooshe, George Klie, Andy McFarland, Phil Reybold, Will Hill Tankersley, Bill Steinberg and Gus Dielens. Others there are Phil Harper and Hugh Holt. Let's have a complete list for next issue—OK Joe? How about a picture of all classmates there? Have a party—you know. There's one thing you can do for me, Joe—is Volney Warner any-

where at Benning? Right now we're carrying him in the "temporarily lost" file.

Dick Cody is at Lake Charles, Louisiana, flying B-47s. He's been there for the past five years and his family now numbers one girl, two boys and an expected fourth — which completed seven months of the course as of the end of last August. Charlie Kuyk and Art Trompeter are at Schilling AFB on B-47s also. Jim Cronin is an observer at Walker AFB, New Mexico; Dick Newton, B-47 pilot at Forbes AFB, Kansas; Ralph Stephenson, B-47 pilot at Little Rock AFB, Arkansas; Bennie Davis and Paul Zavitz are at Homestead AFB, Florida, B-47s; Ted Crichton flew in to Lake Charles in a B-66 but Dick couldn't remember what Ted's home station was. Frank Thompson completed his course at the University of Michigan and is now at Patrick AFB, Florida. There also are Joe Anderson, Carl Brunson, Kelby Lockwood, and Larry Lodewick.

John Begley writes from Friedberg, Germany, where he is Adjutant for the 37th AIB. John also was prompted to write after receiving the Index to the Howitzer. John, the reason that the Index was addressed to you as Lieutenant Begley is that you have not given the Association of Graduates the latest dope on yourself. John wants Marty Small and Jake Allen to know that he has had some fine poker games in Germany and has missed Jake and Marty at these sessions. John, what happened to the book you were writing?

Terry Parsons is now at Picatinny Arsenal, Dover, New Jersey, having spent last Summer at Sandia Base, New Mexico, in Special Weapons courses. While out there he saw Pat Wilson en route to Naval Post Grad School at Monterey; George Scithers and Joe Di Grazio, instructors at Sandia; and Lloyd Darland who was there on TDY from Washington, D. C. Abe Allen is at Picatinny with Terry.

Robin De Graf writes from Fort Knox where Bill is attending the Armor Advanced Course with Carm Milia, Lauris Eek, Cloyce Mangas, Steve Cameron, and Phil Bolte. Sid Steel is there with a troop unit and Mike Dowe arrived recently to join the course starting in January.

Ray and Peggy Singer had a small gathering of classmates at their quarters here at West Point on September 5, the main guests being Jim and Mary Nold. Jim is going to school in California and was here in the east visiting his parents in Scarsdale, New York. Jim has improved tremendously since I last saw him four or five years ago at Belvoir, Virginia, and we all enjoyed seeing him and visiting with him again.

In October Roy and Betty Easley had a few classmates in, the main guests then being Shorty Gaillard and his fiancée (wife two days later), Joan Hourigan.

Bob Whiting visited West Point last October—didn't see him but he's now a Major with a SAC unit.

News Releases—Al Sanderson completed the Infantry Advanced Course last August; and Frank Henning, Commander of Company G, 21st Inf. Reg't., 24th Division, recently participated in the air movement training exercises in Korea; John Shaffer was recently assigned to the ROTC unit at Georgia Tech.

Babies This Quarter: Boys to Ed and Dorrie Melton, Walt and Jane Price, and Roy and Betty Easley (last Summer — sorry, Betty). A Girl to Bob and Valerie McCutcheon.

My apologies to you, Bob Wilson—I did receive your wedding announcement — to Winifred Walsh at Fort Myer, Virginia, on June 29—but my quarterly filing system went haywire (I mislaid it) and the error was discovered a couple of days after the last column was submitted. OK now?

Sandy Oliver reported that the following classmates were at the party at the Q.M. Depot in Philadelphia after the Navy game: Roy Lounsbury, Paul Gorman, Blackie Bolduc, Jack McKinney, K. T. Velej, Jack Fahs,



Class Party at Round Pond on September 28 given by Blackie and Mary Bolduc, Monte and Nancy Coffin, Jim and Phyllis Ross, and Winnie Skelton. Somewhere in there you should see the following: Grady and Bess Bannister, visiting for the weekend from Philadelphia, Mark Jones visiting from the University of Connecticut, Walt and Shirley Adams, Bill and Woody Aman, Blackie and Mary Bolduc, Frank and Sue Borman, Jim Wheatman visiting also; Monty and Nancy Coffin, Don and Mary Kreuziger, Roy and Betty Easley, Ken and Loris Ebner, Bob and Lucy Gard, Lou and Rose Genuario, Buddy and Marta Gillette, Chuck and Alice Graham, Dick and Biddy Hoffman, Philo and Mitch Hutcheson, Bill and Pat Lamdin, Sally and Reg Lombard, Bob and Valerie McCutchen, Bill and Bev Miller, Sandy and Beth Oliver, Chuck and Evelyn Osterndorf, Jack and Julia Palmer, George and Carol Patterson, Walt and Jane Price, Harvey and Maris Prosser, Jack and Joan Roehm, Don and Claire Sampson, Phil and Pat Samsey, Jere and Louise Sharp, Ray and Peg Singer, Dick and Franci Wyrrough, Dave Hughes behind the camera and last but not least, at top center Stud Heit flanked by Bob Peltz and Joe McCrane.

Jack Crittenberger, Jack O'Brien, Ed Freedman, Paul Listro, Bill Mische, Bill Ward, Bob Roberts, Chuck Tonningsen, Phil Samsey, B. J. Leiser, Phil Barger, Walt Adams, John Fox and Frank Watson.

Let's get the pens out and send your letters in prior to next March 1!!

—Lou Genuario,  
Qtrs. 518-D,  
West Point, New York.

## 1951

A recent meeting of the West Point segment of the class elected a new slate of interim officers whose duties have been described in previous columns. John (G-2) Hook and Pete Bezckiewicz were elected to offices of president and secretary-treasurer, respectively. I was named to follow in the large column-writing tracks of Russ Johnson and John Hinton. Pleasantly enough, my first attempt at this business is greatly aided by several letters. I must reiterate, as Russ and John have before me, that these letters are that which without which there ain't nothing.

From the prosperous outriders I hear that Pete Kuhn was married to Camilla Reid in Pittsburgh on October 12. Pete is an industrial engineer with Alcoa in Garwood, New Jersey. Best wishes, Pete and Camilla.

Sel Graham, an area petroleum engineer

with the Atlantic Refining Company, is living in Tulsa.

Gerry Tausch sends along her tri-monthly letter from Heidelberg telling of classmates in Germany. Jim Barron with Gussie and the four children has been transferred from Munich to Stuttgart. Jim is presently in the 7th Army Artillery Section. Marv and Jackie Krupinsky are in Alaska. Their first child, Lisa Ann, was born in April of 1957. Wally and Norma Steiger were last seen living on the German economy while awaiting government quarters. Gerry closes her letter by mentioning that she and Rollo spent the evening with Joe and Martha Jo Rice and that all are looking forward to the Oktoberfest. This "Oktoberfest" puzzled me. Then came a letter from Jerry Carlson stating that he too was looking forward to this Oktoberfest. Intrigued, I consulted John Lewis who gave me a lucid description. I'm for 'em!

Jerry relates that he is in Augsburg with the "11th Airplane Division" and that he, Jeanne and their two daughters are all well and enjoying themselves. He further reports that Sandy Cortner is ADC to the CG, Art Scalise is in the G-4 Section, Bob and Diana Volk are with the 11th and had a boy recently, Tom Aaron just returned from a three month TDY in Ethiopia, Joe Fant and Howie Schneider are in the 504, and the Schneiders increased the fold by one. The Maggie Bohens just had their fourth child . . . a boy after a string of three girls. Oth-

ers in the 11th are Ed Zuver, Gus Villaret, and Jim Keeley. Paul Hilty, Godfrey Crowe, and John Byers are in the 3rd AC REGT.

Bucky Harris, the duly elected historian of the class and apparently sensitive to the woes that beset an uninformed column writer, reported to the Utah game with a good amount of information. Bucky is with the AEC in Schenectady. Ernie Peixotto is serving in a similar capacity in D. C. Joe LaFleur, George Bicher, and George Harmon are at Belvoir. Pat Crocker, stationed at Oak Ridge, added a boy to the list. Joe Smith and Don Nordin are in Berlin. Joe's family was recently augmented by a girl. John (C-2) Hook is with AG in the Pentagon and Norm Jorstad is aiding General Phillips. Norm Brantly is at the Air Force Institute at Wright-Patterson. Stan Umstead is an Opns Off with the ADC at McGuire AFB in New Jersey. Jack Gordon is serving as an ADC to General Sweeney at Westover AFB.

Joe Rogers writes that he and Jean are headed for Germany and are quite pleased with the prospect. They must have heard about these Oktoberfests. Hope you make it in time, Joe. Joe relates that Ed Matney, after graduating from the Advanced Course at Benning, is headed for civilian schooling. Other graduates of the same class were: Howie Steele headed for the Third Infantry at Fort Myer; Pud Keesling assigned to the 101 Abn at Campbell; George Orton assigned to ROTC duty at the University of Idaho; Red Wilson, Tom Hastings, and Bob Flanagan remaining at Benning; and Jack Stahl and Lou Michels slated to join Joe in enjoying the Oktoberfests.

Another letter from the Benning group came from Bob Prehn. Bob is in an advanced class with Jim Boatner, Bill Grugin, Steve Galligan, Arile Sherman, Francie Craig, and Ray Knight. Bob further reports that Dan Foldberg, Walt Steidl, Frank Bashore, Red Leffer, Walt Russell, Gar Owens, George Meighen, Elmer Pendleton, and Tom Harold are all teaching at TIS.

The last bit of news offered by Bob Prehn will surely rock those still single. Tom and Gail Hastings were married at Benning under the careful supervision of Boatner and Bashore on November 9. Best wishes, Tom and Gail.

Jack Graham returned from France, visited West Point, and is on his way to Benning.

The home football season saw visits from several classmates. Frank and Doris Sheriff are stationed at the Philadelphia Signal Depot and have bought a house in Levittown, Pennsylvania. They have two boys and are expecting further developments. Gabby Hartnett is still with the F.B.I. in New York City. Dick Perry and Charlie McIntosh are in New York going to med school. Dick and Charlie served as assistants to Tom Mesereau at Leone's for a time. Frank Penney, a regular at the home games, is with Hamilton Standard in Connecticut. Jim and Ann Kintz are at the University of Pennsylvania preparing for a tour in the English Department starting this Summer. Ed and Fran Partain are with the 10th Special Forces Group outside of Augsburg in Germany. Joe and Elly Albenda, visitors at a recent home game, are living in Poughkeepsie. After the Tulane game, I ran into Paul Niedringhaus (still selling blue chips in Philadelphia) and Wally Klein who recently married and is with the ROTC at Hofstra.

Shy Meyer and Joe Clemons are at Fort Campbell with the 101st Abn. Gordon Danforth, presently on Okinawa, is due to return to the ZI in June for eventual assignment to the Air Force Academy.

The reason for USMA's recent favorable press may be revealed by the fact that Bob Hackleman is working as a staff sports writer for the Associated Press.

From the West Point contingent comes these bits of information. Norm and Maria Dunlap had a boy in October. Tom and Gloria Stumm . . . a girl in November and

Clint and Liz Granger . . a girl in September. In each case, this represents three of a kind.

A general accounting of the '51 contingent at West Point shows 32 present for duty, distributed as follows:

Elec Engr—John Hook, Tom Stumm, Dud Thompson. English—John Hinton, Russ Johnson. Foreign Lang — Norm Dunlap. Math—Reb Barber, Al Costanzo, Jack Hill, Bob Johnson, John Lewis, Harry Lombard, Fred Rockwell. Mechanics—Ed Markham, Ed Peters, Don VanMatre. P & C—Pete Beczkiewicz, Bill Lemnitzer, Dick Schwarz. MP&L — George Gividen. MT&G — Wayne Miller. Ordnance—Jim Check. Soc Science —Rick Buck, Bill Lackman, Gorman Smith, Frank Waldman. Tactics—Bruce Ackerson (OPE), Ted Charney (OPE), John Derrick (Co. Tac.), Dan Sharp (Co. Tac.). Candidate Info—Clint Granger. AAA—Gil Stephenson.

There are a total of 70 children in the group. There are ten families living off-post, 11 living in Central Apartments, with the rest living in various quarters about the post.

John Hinton mentioned to me that he normally received letters immediately after his columns were published complaining of the inaccuracies that were contained in his work. He suggests and I agree that it would be far better if you would write and tell us what you are doing *before* the publication date rather than after. The next publication date is March 1, 1958. Let us hear from you.

—Reb Barber,  
Dept. of Math,  
USMA.

## 1952

Inasmuch as he lives right beside me, Bob Haras was considerably put out by my failure to report the arrival of son number two, Stuart, to him and Dee on July 20. There have been several other recent arrivals.

Andrew J. to Jack and Cynthia Witherell on October 4 at West Point. . . Nancy Joanne to Mike and Jan Duerr making the third for the civilian Duerrs of 5247 Thornau Dr., Riverdale, New Jersey. . . Mark Clayton on September 23 to Herb and Jan Deiss at West Point, and Carol Elizabeth to John and Meridith Garver on October 29 at Fort Benning (third child—first girl). Also Morgan Clark to Bill and Lou Snyder on September 16 at West Point.

Our very fine classmate and friend Bob Rutte was killed in an air crash near Las Vegas on September 26. Bob was a member of the Thunderbird Exhibition Team and the sad loss is felt by the Air Force, I am sure, as it is by our class. Flowers from the class were sent to Milwaukee and a letter was sent to Bob's folks.

I have also received word of Stan Gregg's death on October 6. By the time the word was received it was too late to send flowers so we sent condolence letters both to Stan's mother and his wife. Stan had resigned from the Air Force last year and had come back in this August. He was killed in an air crash in training. The class deeply feels the loss of this fine classmate and warm friend.

The response to my request for your donations to the class fund has been good and inasmuch as each one you send saves the class three cents for a stamp, I will repeat. Last June the class approved a \$3 per man contribution. Please send to D. Lyon, Dept Elec Engr, USMA.

I had a note from Orville Irland (who is working for Republic Aircraft) reporting a new arrival, Steven, on August 27, son number two. PIO tells me John Aker is still at Purdue with Ordnance Corps Civil Schooling. Al Gorby is at Bucknell as Asst. PMS&T. Terry Allen is aide to CG CONARC, at Fort Monroe.

Jim Campbell reported for Benning after June Week. I will try to have a picture



CLASS OF '52 AT BENNING, JUNE '57

Back Row: Jim Campbell, Arthur "Foot" Elmore, Bob Durie, John Claybrook, John Garver, Bob Leach, Ace Burkhard, Ralph Cline, Ray Espey, Jim Crow, Tom Brodin, Owen Holleran, Bob Burke, Bob Dunn.

Center Row: Betty Durie, Meredith Garver, Marie Burkhard.

Sitting: Arden Leach, Audrey Dunn, Betty Espey, Dorothy Burke.

Front Row: Virginia Campbell, Jane Claybrook, Joan Elmore, (on floor) Bobbie Brodin, Bobbie Holleran, Pat Crow, Carol Cline.

published. The crowd at Benning has grown since then and includes (pardon if I don't include everyone) the Dunns, Campbells, Elmores, Duries, Claybrooks, John Garvers, Leachs, Burkhard's, Clines, Espeys, Crows, Brodins, Hollerans, Burkes, Keating, Gibney, Cook, Bill Moore, Bracy, Danford, Condina, Erickson, Armstrong, Bill Mitchell, Mosley, Malone, Spencer, Stanier, and Harrison.

A few more resignations which I do not believe I have reported before came from Boyer, Copthorne, Finn, Hendrickson, Hoge, Hodgskin, P. C. King, Kleberg, Lamb, Palmer, Russomano, Yocum and Zellum. Dick Ray was also reported as out.

More classmates getting higher education. At Columbia . . . Gibbs and J. J. Sullivan; at Georgia Tech . . . Holmes and Mickel; at MIT . . . Foley and Bob Morgan and Bill Reilly.

Ron Obach was up here in September as well as at a couple of football games. He brought me up to date on the people at Monmouth. Ron has bought a house at 17 McLaren Ave., Redbank, New Jersey. Don Pafford is also at Monmouth at advanced course; Comstock is with the ASA at Huachuca; Whit Brown is enroute to SHAPE via Presidio of Monterey.

Also seen at home football games this season . . . Wells, Pace, Raiford, Tow, Art Jackson, Bill Reilly, Harry Roper, Jerry Gibbs, and Ashton.

Bob and Rita Winger along with the Carlonas have departed for Spain for 10 months, prior to an assignment at USAFA.

Doug and June Ludlam and their two children, are settled in Albuquerque after homesteading in Japan for four years. The latchstring is out and he is with the 4950th Test Gp at Kirtland AFB. John Morgan is detecting neutrons up at Las Vegas and is headed for grad work at North Carolina. Doug's brother is a cow here but so far he has avoided my sections so I can't take away his tenths. Thor Sundt's cousin is also a cow, as is Bob Morgan's brother. Jack Hettlinger's brother Skip is a firstie and star hockey player.

Lou Arnold is at Oak Ridge with Tom Nelson in a Nuclear Reactor Course. Lou has one wife, Rusty, and two children Cathy (4) and Frank (2) with him in Tennessee.

Classmates, this is the shortest column in many issues. Reason: no incoming news from you. Has anyone located Gordon Carpenter yet?

—Dave Lyon,  
Dept Elec Engr,  
USMA.

## 1953

At the end of the last article (written before the football season), I hoped that Army would have a good football team this year. As I write this, one week away from the Navy game, it looks like my hopes came true. If we only roll over the Middies, it will have been a most gratifying season! There should be quite a few get-togethers of classmates either at the game or around TV sets. Emily and I are going to the Chicago Alumni Association annual television party held jointly with Naval Academy graduates. It should be great fun, and we probably will see a few '53ers.

I would like to apologize for ASSEMBLY for showing the nice picture of some of the gang at the University of Illinois in the Fall issue but forgetting to list the names of those in the picture. For that reason, I am inserting a different picture of more of the crew at the University of Illinois (which evidently has parties all the time!) Bachelor Ray Eineigl was visiting from Evanston, Illinois, where he is attending Northwestern University.

Bob Albert dropped a line from Atlanta, Georgia, where he is a civilian working for the Aluminum Co. of America as a sales engineer. Frank Gay is also with Alcoa in Charlotte, North Carolina. Bob and Frank haven't gotten together yet, but they have talked by telephone. Joe Walters is also in Atlanta working for the Guardian Life Ins. Co. Bob sends his regards to the Class.

Ken Dawson let me know that he is now at Fort Bliss, Texas, for a 30 week course, with several classmates. Among them are: Cary Hutchinson, Bill Walker, Bill Snead, Bill Wubbena, Tom Brown, Ed Smith, Jack Merrigan, Bill Cole, and Chuck Tighe.

Graham Vernon sent news from Bangkok, Thailand, where he is an aide. By the time



**CLASS OF 1953 PARTY AT UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS**

**First Row:** Ken Heitzke, Lois Heitzke, Anne Leonard, Rich Leonard, Ray Eineigl, John Glenn, Priscilla Noah, Jerry Goetz.

**Second Row:** Joyce Friedersdorff, Edy Fiala, Lois Ehlers, Bernie Hughes, Pat Glenn, Mary Toman, Peggy Laflam, Kathy Hughes.

**Third Row:** Chad Friedersdorff, Chuck Fiala, Kirk Ehlers, Rod Smith, Pauline Smith, Max Noah, John Toman, Bob Laflam.

this article goes to press Graham will probably be back in the states reporting to Fort Benning. The only classmate that Graham has seen in the last year was Chuck Butler. They met at the Officers' Club at Clark AFB, Philippines. Chuck was a member of a B-29 crew looking for hurricanes.

Dick Cordill wrote to say that he is a civilian now in South Bend, Indiana, working for Bendix Aviation in the Experimental Test Dept. He plans to attend Notre Dame this year for his master's degree. Dick is married and the Cordills have two sons, ages one and three. Dick hasn't seen a classmate in over a year, so if anyone is going through South Bend, look him up.

Mort Saffer dropped a line to let me know that he is also a civilian now. Mort is working as a design engineer for a drill and steam shovel manufacturer in Richmond, Indiana. The Saffers were in France for the past two years, so it has taken them several months to settle down. Mort and Sarell have two children, a little girl a year old who weighed only four pounds at birth, and a boy, Joe, who is three years old. Mort and Sarell would be happy to hear from anyone traveling through Richmond.

Pete Clements wrote to say that he has been in contact with Curt Brewer concerning our Five Year Reunion next June. Curt, Spike Flertzheim and Bob Segal are stationed at West Point, and the planning of our reunion activities will fall upon their shoulders. Curt plans on sending out a questionnaire to each classmate to determine who will be at West Point next June, what accommodations are wanted, etc. As with past class reunions, Curt tentatively plans a picnic, a cocktail party and a formal dinner-dance, depending on the willingness of the attending members to bear the expenses. Of course the Class of '53 will be at the bottom of the priority list in requesting times and places for our social functions. Pete has decided that the contacting of each classmate is a class function; therefore, the fellows at West Point will be granted money out of the Class Fund to defray mailing expenses, etc. In addition to the social activities, one period during the week will be set aside for a Class business meeting. The most important business seems to be the election of Class Officers from those stationed at West Point and the selection of a Committee for a Class Book.

It certainly seems as if our Class Reunion plans are in good hands. I think that the best way we can all show our appreciation for the work which Curt, Spike, and Bob are

putting into the project is by attending next June. I'm sure that we will all have a great time renewing old acquaintances. Be sure to do your share by returning the filled-out questionnaire to Curt and the other boys as soon as possible after receiving it.

Jim Wade sent news from the University of Virginia which is well represented with '53ers. In addition to Jim, the following are there taking graduate work in nuclear physics: Dan Christman, Andy Simko, Chuck Lowman and Dick Boyle. Jim has recently returned from SHAPE Headquarters in Paris after two years in Europe. While there, Jim was able to win the British and French parachute Wings to add to his American Wings.

#### *Baby Corner*

1. To Jerry and Lili Lohrli, a boy, Kirk Ernest (11-7-57, Kew Gardens, New York)
2. To the Bob Alberts, a girl, Sherri Lynn (6-19-57, Atlanta, Georgia)
3. To the Ken Dawsons, a boy, John Kenneth (1-23-57, Fort Sheridan, Illinois)
4. To Stu and Abbie McLennan, a girl, Kyle Elizabeth (8-28-57, Fort Sill, Oklahoma)
5. To Bill and Jo Horton, a boy, William Dearly, III (9-16-57, Denver, Colorado)
6. To Rich and Ann Leonard, a girl, Barbara Ann (10-4-57, Urbana, Illinois)
7. To Tom and Faith Holcombe, a boy, John Walker (10-10-57, Fort Belvoir, Virginia)
8. To the Jerry Brophys, a boy, Stephen (Fort Campbell, Kentucky)

Ed Davis is back at school at the University of Pennsylvania, getting prepared for a tour at USMA in the Social Sciences Dept. Ed saw quite a group at the Notre Dame game. A partial list of those at the game includes Jack Johnson and wife. Jack is a civilian now and is still recuperating from a serious auto accident in Germany. Bob Bartlett sat next to Ed and is still with Bethlehem Steel Co. Sparky Jones and Early Rush were there from Princeton where they are preparing to teach at West Point. Si Nerone (not present at the game) is also at Princeton. Bob and Joan Barton were up from Columbia where he is preparing to teach math at West Point. Jim McCluskey and wife were there from Aberdeen Proving Grounds. Ed also saw Jim Hove, Bill Miotke, Ray Colvin, Jim Endler, Gail Friemark, Don Becker, Dave Motycka, Vince Araskog, Jack Maher, and Rick Gilmartin. Rick kept the gang cheering with a plebe year type banner which he brought to the game.

Ed Davis also reports that Frank Kincaid is at the University of Pennsylvania.

Frank is studying for mission duty in Pakistan. The week before the Notre Dame game Ed was out at Wright-Patterson AFB at Dayton, Ohio. There he saw Tom Thorpe and Bud and Flo Tardiff. Tom Thorpe and Craig Gridley are base personnel. Bud Tardiff, Fred Taylor, Jack Yale, and Don Ramsey are students. Ed also saw John and Nancy Krobock at McGuire AFB. John is a civilian now, and he and Nancy have three boys. Ed visited Bill and Eddice Jessee at Fort Dix, New Jersey. Bill is in Korea now. Ed also saw Art Cates at West Point in September. Art was checking in with the Social Science Dept. before going to Yale.

The Class of '53 has begun to come alive in the Chicago area and I think that most of the credit can be given to Frank and Joan Mleko. They live in the suburb of Skokie, Illinois, with their daughter, Kathy. Frank and Joan had a '53 party and the following attended: Ken and Joan Sweeney, Mel Laundry, Ray Eineigl, my wife Emily and myself. Frank Mleko is a civilian and working as a sales engineer for IBM. Ken and Joan Sweeney live at Fort Sheridan with their three children. Mel Laundry is a bachelor civilian working for U.S. Gypsum Co. in Chicago.

A short time later Frank was downtown and rounded up Ken Sweeney, Keith Born, and me for lunch. Keith is assigned to the Chicago High School ROTC program.

In October, John and Pat Glenn came up to Evanston to visit Ray Eineigl after finishing up at the University of Illinois. We all enjoyed them very much and John and Pat got in a fair share of sight-seeing and parties. The Glens have a boy, Scott, who was boarded out with John's folks for the week. John was on his way to Korea where he is scheduled to fly F-100's. Pat and Scott will be staying with her parents in New England.

Ray Eineigl visited the gang at Purdue University for the Northwestern-Purdue football game. A tremendous '53 party was held with the following in attendance: Chad and Joyce Friedersdorff, Harvey and Boots Edwards, George and Dottie Dimtsios, Norm and Margy Delbridge, Tom and Ruth Brain, George Egbert, Keith Born, Max and Priscilla Noah, Jerry Goetz, and Ray. The party was at the Brain's. The Delbridges are with the ROTC at Michigan State at Lansing. Jerry Goetz is a bachelor, owns his own air plane, and is finishing up at the University of Illinois.

Now for some tid-bits: Keith Kahl is a civilian working for the Trane Co. in La-Crosse, Wisconsin. Don and Claire Davis are at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Ed Reed is at Fort Gordon, Georgia. John Martin is at Worcester, Massachusetts. Kemp Dozier and John Haskell are at Harvard Business School as civilians. Bob Kaplan is at MIT.

This is about all the news for now. I was amazed to look at the 1957 Register of Graduates and see that 95 of our classmates are civilians. The figure must be over 100 by now. That means that 20% of our class have resigned in less than five years! Keep up the letter writing anyway whether in service or out. My address remains: Bill Jefferson, 148 Clyde Ave., Apt. 2-B, Evanston, Illinois. The Jeffersons hope that all of you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

—Bill Jefferson.

**1954**

Bill Schulz reports that he's making progress in setting up a trust fund that will, with our support, assure a college education to the children of our deceased classmates. However, the legal and financial complications involved are expensive, time-consuming, and frustrating. In fact, the Association of Graduates and the many banking institutions that Bill consulted (and that means most of the big ones) say that this

type of project is unique in their experience.

**Babies:** William Geoffrey to Bill and Pat Gager, June 18, Niagara Falls, New York; Diane Ruth to John and Myla Young, July 1, Fort Benning; Tamara Jean to the Ken Iversons, August 13, Little Rock AFB; Chester Joseph to Chet and Monica Piolunek, August 19, Hawaii; Susan to the John Lohmans, August 20, Fort Hood; Pamela Lynn to Harry and Izzie Hilt, August 25, Holloman AFB, New Mexico; Rosa Dianna to Fred and Lily Kersh, August 25, Fontainebleau, France; Rudolph Frank II to Rudy and Betty Wacker, August 30, Ethan Allen AFB, Vermont; Gerald Herbert to Jerry and Jan Parshall, September 9, Fort Benning; Lloyd Wayne to Prop and Alice Walker, September 15, Midland, Texas; Joseph Farrell II to Bill and Sissy Haskell, October 12, Germany; Carl William II to the Jody Rudes, October 21, Selfridge AFB, Michigan; Katherine Sills to Bill and Lynsey Klein, October 31; Meyer II to Paul and Edna Lansky; Jodi to Dave and Nancy Dimick; Michael to Jim and Lee Hayes; and "Chip" to Chuck and Betty Debelius.

**Canal Zone:** John Farrar sends this detailed account of the troops there, along with a reminder that the printer erred in the last ASSEMBLY by labeling the photo of the Canal Zone crowd as '53.

John boasts that he and Dot have three sons—John III, Fred, and Douglas (August 27). Can anyone top that, yet? In any case, the Canal Zone climate must agree with the Farrars—they've extended for a year and won't be back to the U.S. until April '59.

John gave this rundown on the others in the CZ:

Jack Hincke is an instructor at 1st Battle Gp, 20th Inf, NCO Academy. He and Peg have two boys; will be there, til May '58.

Frank Hart is exec, Hqs Co, 1st BG, 20th Inf. "A bachelor, he has cut a fine swath with the CZ belles and is quite well known at the Casino at the El Panama Hotel." He returns to U.S. in May '58.

Bob Downen is an instructor at the Jungle Warfare Training Center. He received a commendation ribbon recently for his work in exploring the Darien country for the Pan American highway. He comes home in September '58.

John Koun is Plt Ldr, E Co, 2d Inf Bn Provisional. This unit consists of the short timers left over from the reorganization of an Inf Regt into a Battle Group. Jack returns January '58.

Jerry Anderson is Plt Ldr, C Co, 1st BG, 20th Inf. He "has a CarmenGia which is his pride and joy." Returns May '58.

Ken Kramer, after a transfer to Engineers, is Pat Ldr in 519th Engr Co. He has a new sports car; returns April '58.

Pete Johnson is now with Ordnance after a transfer. He and Peg have a son, daughter, and foreign car.

Charlie Storrs is Asst Battle Group Adjutant. He and Jo have one son and a Volkswagen; return February '58.

Jan LeCroy is aide to Major General Harold. He and Janie have one son and a new Volkswagen; return May '58.

George Calhoun is Asst Battle Group S4. With wife and daughter, he'll return February '58.

Jim and Marion Burris are at Fort Amador as aide to Brigadier General Ogden. Dick Baughman is aide to Brigadier General Hightower. Dunc Beaumont is an instructor at the NCO Academy; returns April '58. Bob Hunt is a plt ldr, C Co, 1st BG, 20th Inf; returns May '58. Luke Callaway has been high school ROTC Asst PMS&T since arriving in CZ in March '56. Jim Williams and Tom Mayberry are with CIC. George Bennett left the CZ for Fort Campbell on November 1. And six left for civil life: Chuck Brown, Buz Grant, Ed Freeman, Bob Blaisdell, Chuck Hanson, and Bob Ellis.

**France:** Recent arrivals in northeastern France are Ted McVeigh at Toul Rosiere

with 50th Fighter Bomber Wing, and Tom Sagamore at Etain with 388th Fighter Bomber Wing. Both had previously completed tours at the Air Force Academy.

In Fontainebleau, just 40 miles from Paris, are Fred and Lily Kersh, and Larry and Inga Willner. Both are with 298th Sig Co: Willner as a duty officer in fixed communications center, and Kersh as an inside plant officer in a mobile comco center. After a grand tour of Europe this Summer, plus some schooling on the side, Kersh is speaking French like a native — except for his Texas accent.

**Germany:** Ed Pawloski and George Petley are putting in six months at the USAREUR Intelligence School at Oberammergau, near Garmisch, in the Alps. Pawloski is studying Czech, and Petley, German. Also there this Fall for shorter courses were John Woodyard and Fred Qualls taking Russian, and Andre Lucas in a special course. Lucas is assigned to Special Forces at Bad Tolz.

News from the 11th Abn in Germany comes from Jim Henry. Jim had the division honor guard platoon for awhile and is now aide to General Gray, ADC of the 11th. The 11th has been in Germany since March '56 and "it has been a continual round of field training, ATT's, IG's, and CMI's." Nevertheless, Jim, Mary Lou, and Carey Louise (March 4, '57) are quite happy with life at Augsburg.

Also with the 11th in Augsburg are: Gerry Van Valkenburg and Bill Barnes with 504th Inf; John Klingberg, Dick Boe, and Joe Peisinger with 505th Inf; Hank Butler with 511th Signal; Lou Bahin in Div Arty; and Bill Winston at NCO Academy.

At Munich are Ed Cutolo, aide to General Speidel, the other ADC of the 11th; Frank Hicks, Tiny Thompson, and Jack Kincaid in 502d Inf; Jim Whitley, Bob Elton, and Roy Muth in 503d Inf; Dave Thoreson in 370th Armd Inf Bn; Lou Mentillo and John Miller in 127 Engr; and John Eitel, Warren Palmer and Lou Wagner in 76th Tank Bn.

**Iran:** Setting the score straight—that Red Kavanaugh isn't our only representative in Iran—Andy Underwood informs us that he's in "north Iran in Tabriz (shooting distance of you know whose border)" and Jim Bradel is south in Shinaz. Underwood is CO of a four-man U.S. training team and has an Iranian division all to himself. "It's quite a sensation to be considered an expert by all branches: Engineer, Ordnance, Signal, etc. It keeps you on your toes looking up answers. In that respect, it's vaguely reminiscent of plebe year."

**Korea:** George Kourakos claims the distinction of being in the northernmost U.S. unit in South Korea. He's with B Co, 2 Battle Group, 3d Inf, and just eight miles from the Demarkation Zone. With most of a 16-month tour ahead of him, and just two R&R's in Japan to look forward to, Kourakos had some rather sober thoughts in his mind: "Our biggest enemy (besides the unprintable to the north) is boredom. Once we can get that licked and still maintain our combat efficiency, then a tour here might even be pleasant as well as instructive." Still a bachelor, Kourakos doesn't expect to change his status for a year plus.

Also in Korea, Paul Powers is commander of A Battery, 2d How Bn, 19th Arty. His wife, Betty, and daughter, Susan, are living in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

And John Young is flying in Korea with 7th Aviation Co, 7th Div. His wife, Myla, and son and daughter are sitting it out at Fort Benning.

**Stateside:** John and Marge Bard are with the 1st Airborne Battle Group, 327 Inf at Fort Campbell. "That assignment took me to Little Rock on September 24," writes John. "My next six weeks, while not giving me reason to change my political and moral opinions, did convince me nevertheless that Little Rock is a beautiful city full of wonderful people (for the most part)." At the same time, Jim Carroll was there as aide to General Walker, chief of the Arkansas

Military District. Jim is now on leave before going to Europe.

Bard also reports that our other Rhodes Scholars are stateside now. Dale and Valerie Vesser are at Fort Knox; Ames and Janie Albro are at Fort Belvoir, and then to Fort Campbell in February. "I think it might be nice to add to that fine article on Ames in the last issue of ASSEMBLY," said John Bard. "At Oxford one thinks of those who attain First Class Honors as 'Brilliant.'" And for those who missed the article completely, Albro became the first West Pointer to win Oxford's highest honors—"the pinnacle of academic success," as ASSEMBLY described it.

At Little Rock AFB are Jack Carter, Ken Iverson, Bob Dorr, Jack Charles, Jack Arnet, Bill Wild, and Lennie Johansson. Johansson married Louise McLain on August 24.

After a B-52 up-grading course at Merced, California, Bill Egan went to Walker AFB, Roswell, New Mexico, and Ed Bavaria to Westover AFB, Massachusetts. Bavaria reports that he married Jane Swank in June '56 at Greenville, Mississippi, and they now have a son, Joey.

After three years of AAA at Fort Niagara, New York, Bill and Pat Gager transferred to Engineers, graduated from school at Fort Belvoir in October, and joined the 4th Armd Div at Fort Hood. They are expecting to gyroscope concurrently to Germany in early January.

Dick and Cherie Farmer are at the University of North Dakota as Asst PMS&T. They "like having some teaching experience, but being away from PX, dispensary, commissary, and officers club really makes us appreciate some of the advantages of being on or near a post."

Al Milder is an Asst PMS&T at Oklahoma University. George and Jean Lacour are with 782d Maintenance Group, 82d Abn, Fort Bragg. John Westervelt and his bride, the former Marilyn Kurtz, are at comco school at Fort Benning. After gyroscoping from Germany, Andy and Gene Broumas and John and Madelyn Poteat are with 2d Armd Div at Fort Hood.

**Civilians:** Five '54's are at Harvard. Jim and Lucille Thomas are at Law School; at the Business School are Bob and Sherrie Sale, Pat and Sharon Dyer, Gerry and Peg Lodge, and Bill and Lee Schulz. The Thomases live at 27 Mellen Street, and the Schulzes at 26 Linnean Street, both in Cambridge.

Other students include Bob Morris studying geophysics, and Freddy Attaya taking petroleum engineering at Oklahoma University. Freddy's wife is also getting her teaching certificate there. Elliott Gritton is in civil engineering at the University of Nevada, and Jerry Curtis is at Georgia Tech.

Bob and Marge Guidera are with General Electric in Cincinnati. They have a new home and three children—Robby, Amy, and Timmy—the youngest born in July.

Jess Moore is a diode product engineer in the marketing department of Texas Instruments. He and Joan live at 7515 Caillet Street, Dallas.

Also in Texas, Prop Walker is training as a field engineer for Schlumberger Well Surveying. "I'm my own boss and in charge of a car, truck, and three crewmen. I'm told where the job is, what is wanted, and then it's up to me to get it. We are on call 24 hours a day for nine or 12 days at a stretch, then get three days off. No office hours—when the field job is completed, we clean things up, turn in our logs, and we're through." Prop and Alice are living at 110 West Pine Avenue, Midland, Texas.

Dick Moulton is in Milwaukee with the Louis Allis Co., manufacturer of electric motors. Lowell Sisson and Carl Steimle are with Westinghouse in Pittsburgh. Brick Brickwell is with Worthington Corp. and hopes to settle in New Jersey. And other

new civilians, we're told, are Sam Greer, John Shelter, and Jim Allison.

My next deadline is March 1, so let's hear from you before then. The address is: Tompkins Avenue, Upper Nyack, New York. Best regards to all. —Jim Plunkett.

## 1955

My previous glowing reports of the serene and matchless beauty of Baumholder, Germany, have apparently summoned an onslaught of interested tourists and homesteaders. Actually, many of the newcomers are either 8th Infantry or 4th Armored people changing places or equipment with us in Gyroscope. Meanwhile, we of the 2d Armored are counting equipment, boxing our troops in CONEX containers, and reading up on Navy jargon and native customs of Texas.

John and Nancy Rudzki are here with the 2d FA Bn. Jim Fleeger is due here soon with the same battalion. Russ Parsons is here with the 28th Artillery. Other 8th Infantry notables due here soon include Dave Patton, Al Bundren, and Dick Hargrove. Bill McIlroy is a Baumholder resident now. Tom Price, Dave Gelpatrick, and Dan Malone have all been here recently taking or umpiring battalion tests with the 3rd Armored Division.

Clancy and Patsy DeLong, who became parents of Theodore Arthur DeLong the day before Thanksgiving, like Baumholder so well they have transferred out of the gyroscoping 2d Armored to the 368th FA Bn (changed from the 3d Missile Bn, as reported in the last issue). Already at Fort Hood from here are Bruce Wilburn (who left with a tear in his beer), Eck Hayes, the Bob Stratis, the Chuck Schuhs, the Leo Hergenroeders, and the Chuck Gersitzes. I believe Don Poorman, Jim Bergen, and Dan Dugan are also back at Hood now.

The General Von Steuben Hotel in Wiesbaden is usually a reliable place to run into old friends, as it proved to be again a couple of weeks ago when I ran into Chic Bossert, who is a Signal company commander in Kaiserslautern. Chic mentioned seeing Del Jacobs the week previous halfway up a Garmisch ski slope.

Bob Chapman, now in the 594th FA Bn, has become espoused to a Maine-type named Phyllis; Wertheim, the scene of the wedding and reception, is still reverberating from the festivities.

More news from Germany. Norwood (Jim) and Peggy Fleming became parents of John Howland Fleming on November 12. Bill and Joni Lozier became parents of a second boy, David, September 5. They report that Dave Maurer was married in Karlsruhe August 31, Chuck Domeck best man. Also stationed with the 1st Battle Group of the 87th Infantry are Ted Livesay and John Brown.

On the other side of the globe, Joe Dado has sent a report from the Philippine Military Academy at Fort del Pilar, Baguio City. Joe is in his second year as an instructor in History of Military Art, following 11 months of troop duty in the mountains of Luzon during the little Huk war. Sanchez of '54 and Magsino of '51 are also instructing there.

In Hawaii, Jim and Shirley Brokenshire had their second daughter, Beth Ann, on August 1. Fred and Gennie Woerner are expecting their first child in December. Neighbors of the Brokenshires and Woerners are Bob and Pat Doerr and son. Dick Brown is now aide to Brigadier General Stuart, CG of the 25th Infantry Division. Pres Mayson is acting aide to Brigadier General McGee, assistant division commander of the same division. Vern Pace, VQ Bates, Norm Smith, and Jim Ryan are also still enjoying the sunshine and sandy beaches of the islands.

Although most of the classmates who served initially in Korea have returned to the States, an extremely informative letter

from Frank Robertson prompts me to back-track a bit to tell you of some of the people whom Frank mentioned as having seen during his tour there. Frank currently is with the Army Security Agency at Fort Meade, Maryland. In Korea, Don Hilbert and Rex Perkins were in the same battalion with Frank. All three were assigned battalion staff positions during the time, with Frank eventually becoming aide to the CG of Eighth Army Support Command. Frequent visitor to the above trio was John Giddings. Jim Napier, Wayne Smith, and Doc Schow were in the same regiment. Ski Ordway and Dick Bean were in the 34th Division. John Spellman and John Sloan were in the 24th Division. John Strom, Sam Lowry, and Dan Dienst were in the 7th Division. John Calley had an aide's job. Bob Nourse was in Japan with the 1st Cavalry.

Bob Soper is still in Korea, with the 6th Tank Battalion of the 24th Infantry. Don Smith is also in Korea. His wife, Happy, recently had their second child, a girl.

In the good old USA, Lloyd and Pearl Wolfe are at Dover, from where Lloyd flies C-124's for MATS. Paul Lenio was the only classmate spotted by the Wolfes at the Army-Notre Dame game. Dave and Penny Burroughs, also at Dover where Dave flies F-89's, had their second daughter, Claire, August 26. Al and Pam Worden are at Andrews AFB, living in Washington. At Langley AFB, Virginia, are John and Leslie Hardy and Al and Edith Edwards.

From Fort Sill, the only word from the many, many classmates there is the announcement of the Dick Dinwiddies' second child, Catherine Gail, August 26.

At Fort Eustis, Bill and Sherry Welter make a similar announcement for daughter Virginia Lee. John and Sheila Wing and their two boys live near the Welters in Warwick. The Welters report that Frank and Louise Greer have a daughter now, as do Ed and Mary Rumsey and Chick and Jesse Chikalla.

From the tiny outpost on the Chattahoochee, in Georgia, Warren Jones writes of many classmates. Warren himself is C Company Commander in the 2d Battle Group (C-2 forever) of the 3rd Infantry, soon to depart for Deutschland. Other bachelors in the 3rd to gyroscope are Bob Joseph, Bob Steakley, and Bill Chambers. Married classmates in the 3rd are Irv Katenbrink, Jim Grey, Jim Devereaux, Roy Dunaway, Bob Wiegand, Bob Meetze, and Chick Chikalla. Tom Auger is at Benning as a Tac in BIOC. Sam Lowry and Dick Bean appear periodically from the wild habitat of the Ranger lane grader. Also in the Ranger Department is Stan Touchstone, '53. Pete Booras was in the Comm School at Benning a few months back. Carl McNair married JoAnn Wilson at the Fort Benning Chapel on October 26.

Before closing, I should like to broach a subject unpleasant to consider, but necessary of presentation. We of the Class of '55 have had the tragic misfortune to lose three of our fellow graduates. Our sorrow at this loss can be surpassed only by those whose ties are even closer than those of classmates, the families of those who died. It is of these families that we must think; and to whom we must, as a class, express our sympathy. We have a class fund that can, and, I am sure you agree should be user for such a purpose. But in order for this to be implemented, some system must be established in order that a token of our sympathy can be sent soon enough after the event to be appropriate. Therefore, I call upon each of you to notify Fred Bliss, our Class President, immediately upon learning of the death of any classmate. Fred's current address is: 70 F Wherry Housing, Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

I shall attempt to keep you informed each issue of Fred's address.

—First Lieutenant John P. Lovell,  
A Btry, 1st How Bn, 14th Arty,  
Fort Hood, Texas.

## 1956

"Graduates of the Class of 1956 are soon to be asked to help with a heart disease research project being carried out by the School of Aviation Medicine, USAF. This is to be a continuation of work begun in 1952. Members of the class will remember participating in this research three different times while they were cadets. It is the aim of the project to continue observing these men throughout their lives in order to watch for changes in the blood which may be associated with atherosclerotic heart disease.

"Letters requesting continued participation will be sent to the graduates of the Class of 1956 by the School of Aviation Medicine. Cooperation will be obtained from the Army and the Air Force medical services."

Wm. F. Taylor, Ph.D.,  
Chief, Dep't. of Biometrics,  
School of Aviation Medicine,  
USAF, Randolph Field Texas.

In beginning this First Anniversary article for '56, I would like to thank those of you who have taken the time to keep me posted about the class activities. Your letter response for this article was most gratifying, and I hope that each of you will find time during the coming year to tell me of yourself and your experiences. By the time this article is in print, most, if not all of you will be proudly wearing those silver bars. Congratulations, guys.

I received little printed cards from Bill and Barbara McPeck announcing a son, Scott Curtis, arrival October 14; from Ellie and Walt Rundgren announcing a daughter, Deborah Ann, born May 20; from Rina and Frank Bonnarens announcing an heir, Frank Owen, Jr., born September 10; and from Judy and Bob Goodwyn presenting a daughter, Leslie, born November 13. Papa Walt Rundgren was awaiting orders to report to Germany after graduating from the Army Aviation School, while Bill McPeck mentioned that he was Ass't Group Adjutant at Lowry AFB until he was to leave for observer school in December. Bob Goodwyn is a plt ldr in Co. A, 123rd Signal Bn, 3rd Inf Div at Fort Benning but will "Gyro" to Germany in April.

Digging a bit deeper into the mail bag, I find that Dave Berry has been attempting to reach me by letter for quite some time. He and his wife Jinny are the fond parents of a baby girl, Deborah Christine, and have been since March 28. Baby Deborah had been in 11 states and the District of Columbia before she was 22 days old. That must be some kind of a record. Bringing me up to date, he wrote that he was currently Exec of G Company, 47th Inf at Fort Carson. Art Harris and Doug Williams are buddies in arms in the same regiment, and Harry Raymond, Walt Knudsen, Joe Carraway, Sam Lemmon (recently married to a Colorado Springs girl), Karl Hattler, and Wil Skidmore are also at Carson. Representing the artillery at Carson is Bob Sullivan. The signal group there is supported by Charlie Russell and Jim Lane. Larry Wange and Herb Wagenheim plus those shining new Army Aviation wings, are expected to arrive at Carson soon.

Speaking of Army wings, the following men in addition to those I have previously mentioned are now sporting them on their dress uniforms: Bill Keefe, Bob Bacon, Woody Hayne, Dick Mackin, Mitt Shattuck, Jim Bauchspiese, Jack Woodmansee, Jack Dunn, Doc Bahnsen, Pete Judson, Bob Caron, Paul Winkle, Chuck Snavely, Dave Johnston, Ralph Floyd, and Ted Jasper.

A letter from Paul Merola's wife, Nancy, informed me that their baby girl, Wendy Mara, arrived on their wedding anniversary, June 6. Those June Week celebrations should be wild ones for them. Paul is presently with the 11th Airborne in Augsburg, Germany. Mike Conrad wrote that Arvid West and wife, Ed Neary, wife and baby boy, Al Beauchamp and wife, John Keutmann, wife and baby boy, John Foss and wife, Jerry Hutchison and wife, and Gene Lynch and wife all have a cozy little sewing circle with the 11th Airborne. The Munich version of the 11th Airborne features Bob Scully, Bob Hull (who was married September 21), Sam Roberts, Chris Allaire and wife, Jim French, Bob Hammond, Dave Corderman, Zeb Bradford and Bill Linder. With the 8th Division in Ulm are Ernie Cross, Jerry Amlong, wife and baby boy (born August 26), Jerry Demers and wife, and John Johnsen and his wife plus baby boy. The Heilbronne section of the 8th contains Jerry Burcham (recently married), Bob Quackenbush, Tom Griffin and wife, Steve Canby and Rich Frederick. Rumor has it that Heilbronne Castle is going to be the scene of a huge '56 Christmas gathering. Wonder if there'll be any beer left in Germany in 1957? Winding up his report, Mike wrote that Tom Bullock and Ralph Chesnauskas are with their wives in Baumholder.

Bill Hooker wrote from Budingon that he is driving a new Triumph sport car and will soon marry Miss Audrey Bilbrey from Fresno, California (that city is practically home for me, Bill). He also says that Jerry Huff and his Barb are expecting a little "Huffer" soon. Jerry is in the 82nd Airborne, Fort Bragg. "Nick" Nicholson and Carolyn are expecting the stork to visit Fort Polk, Louisiana, about November or December. At various times, Bill has seen Bill Weihl, Rick Brown, Tom Winter, Pat Uebel, Phil Stynes, Gerry Phillips, Jack Bray, Jim Ellis, Bob Lindsey and Young (didn't say which one).

Charlie Parker had to learn the hard way that I too move very often, but his determination paid off and I finally received his letter. Charlie is now with his first love, armor (the 7th Cav to be exact). With him at Bamberg are Don and Carol Lee and one each baby boy (small), and Randy Parker. He reports that Ben Peterson is in an engineer bn in Nurnberg, and that Bill Schrage is also located nearby. Charlie mentioned that there might be a gathering of the clan to listen to the Army-Navy game. Would like to have a picture of that one for the next issue, Charlie.

Stateside, Jim Bauchspiese gave me a little more information about the Army "fly fly" boys. He said that George Woods and Ted Dayharsh had serious accidents during their training and had to be set back several classes. No further details were given. Those winged wonders reporting to Germany were Dick Mackin, Woodie Hayne, Bob Bacon, Bill Keefe, and Mitt Shattuck. Jack Woodmansee was assigned to Fort Hood and Ted Jasper reported to Fort Campbell. Jim and Georgine saw Mary and Bob Sorley before they left for Germany and had the honor of being the godparents for Mary and Bob's daughter, Mary Kathleen. Jim will soon be basking under the swaying palms of Hawaii. Other bits of news from Jim are that Nick Beal will be a victim of matrimony at Fort Lewis, Frank Bonnarens will soon join Nick at Lewis after completing instrument school, and Porter Medley is at Shaw AFB taking instructor training.

Charlie Saint's Ann took pen in hand and gave me the straight dope about the remainder of the Fort Lewis grads: Charlie is with the 39th Inf there as are Cary Williams, Rick Shean and Bob Spieser with his Diane. Charlie, Gary and Rick can play three-handed poker often because they're all in Co. A. The Spieser's are expecting a little visitor about April. Not to be outdone,

the Saints have a precious little girl named Julie Ann who was born September 13, and a little Cocker Spaniel named Sonny Boy who gives them a nightly fourth for bridge.

Dave Larr writes from Korea that he wishes that he were back in the Land of the Big PX and All Night Electric Generators, but he is making the best of it. It seems that he is a liaison officer with the 63rd FA Bn and he gazes often at the 1,000 or so yards which represents the demilitarized zone of North Korea. He mentioned going on R&R with George Ward to Japan. Jim Skidmore is the new Company CO of A Co., 11th Engineers. Also seen sloshing around Korea are Bill Narus, 31st FA Bn, Jack Sloan and Ward LeHardy, 34th Inf., and Bob Farris, 11th Engineers.

Harper Gordon, Air Force, is doing his best to catch me, but I always manage to stay one step ahead of him. Harper is a Link Trainer instructor at Big Spring, Texas. He said that "U" Class at Big Spring graduated about the middle of September. This contained the last of '56 to take flight training with the Air Force. Sorry I can't provide the names of those who graduated.

Ajax Hallisey wrote recently from Bedford, Massachusetts that he is truly chasing bubbles. He, Ed Burchams, Ted Faurer and Don Sheehan are all with the Air Force Cambridge Research Center, and their job is to chase research balloons all over the United States in their C-119's and C-131's. What is the World coming to? They have also had enough time to chase better game, because Ajax is now engaged to a sweet lass from Nova Scotia and Don Sheehan may also approach the altar soon. He also wrote that Jerry Werbel is now in SAC, that he met Fred Dent at the Army-Notre Dame game, that John Gromek is married (no details), and that Jim Cook has graduated from the AF Guided Missile School and is now stationed at Loring AFB, Limestone, Maine. Ajax met Tony Wetzel, Stan Meader, Bob Beyer, and Skip Rajala at the Army-Pitt tussle. He says he loves the Air Force and the per diem which he is drawing on his present assignment. Better watch out for Uncle Samuel come next March and the Day of Reckoning, Ajax.

As for myself, I'm still plugging along at the Army's Redstone Arsenal as a test engineer with North American. Did I hear a wise crack about this being the reason why we're not ahead of the Russians on our missile program? Imagine my surprise the other day when I saw Major General Michaelis and Major McQuarrie (former B-1 Tac) inspecting our facilities as members of a Special Senate Investigation Committee.

Keep the correspondence coming. I love mail.

—Stan Wilker,  
PO Box 557,  
Huntsville, Alabama.

## 1957

For our first ASSEMBLY column I must open on a note of extreme sadness. With '57 still unscathed in Service schools, Jack Wiegner perished in a tragic accident on October 24. It happened at Bartow Air Force Base in a mid-air collision with another student. Although verified details of the accident are scant, it has been determined that the other aircraft was flying an instrument training mission at the time. I know that I speak for every individual in the class in expressing once again to Jack's family our sincerest regrets and condolences. We will all miss his acute sense of humor and warm good nature.

On a more cheerful note, the race for the Cup is in full swing, with literally hundreds of proud papas-to-be buying maternity clothes, high chairs, play pens, etc. Among

those here at the Infantry School are Bunny and Frank Willet, Bill and Dorothy Ellis, Clancy and Doris Hall, Bud and Constance Krapf, Warne and Judith Meade, Wayne and Sally Nichol, and Emil and Sadie Frfnipn. Also contending are Joe and Barbara O'Neil, George and Bev Landry, Jim and Babs Britton, and Joe and Mary Beben. There are presumably many others, of course, but thus far no confirmed reports.

Dick Hurlburt was married to Ann Ringsdorff on October 4 at Winterhaven, Florida. Ann is one of Jack Smith's pretty cousins. Sid Britt also took the plunge, on August 6 in Savannah. Ron "I'LL NEVER GET MARRIED" Gooding showed up with wife Phoebe for the basic course at Belvoir.

Automobile accidents were rife this Summer and Fall, but fortunately so far as is known, no serious injuries have yet been sustained. Most spectacular of the washouts have been those of Gordie Williams, John Stokes, Spoonie Alsheimer and Don Wells.

Ed Sevetez, Jo Cygler, Milt Ewanus, and Blinky Schorr played in stellar fashion for Second Student Battalion's champion football team here at Benning.

Dick Emery, Frank Stevens, and Ed Hildreth spent OBC at Sill in a rented house in Lawton (BOQ is inadequate), I hear tell. A good time was had by all.

Skip Perrine is engaged to be married, on December 14, in Columbus.

D. J. Duckworth, ex-'57 from D-2, is going to school in Atlanta, will be graduated early in February with a commission in the Artillery. D. J. has been down to see Bob Winters, Jesse Ruder, and others in BIOC with attendant suds-splashing and back-slapping.

Dave Preletz is now working for Civil Service, at the White Sands Proving Ground. A budding Sputniker.

Church and Wooz Matthews beat the housing shortage at Sill by checking into Lawton somewhat early. Living in a palatial duplex, within pea-shooter distance of Don Whalen, Mike Houser, and Noel Fedje.

Carl Burgdorff bought an indeterminate number of Bisons (like on a Buffalo nickel) for shipment to his startled father back in Springfield, North Carolina.

Stan Jensen dropped in on us following the Air Force Appreciation course at Maxwell. They brought about a small, spontaneous, and fun-filled party involving Don and Momma Wells, Frank and Bunny Willet, John Stokes, John Loberg, Sandy and myself. Stan once again demonstrated an enthusiastic, if off-key proficiency, with the fiddle. It seems Stan, Bill Gude, and Moon Mullins bought an outboard and spent the Fall taking advantage of Florida's many fine sites for water skiing.

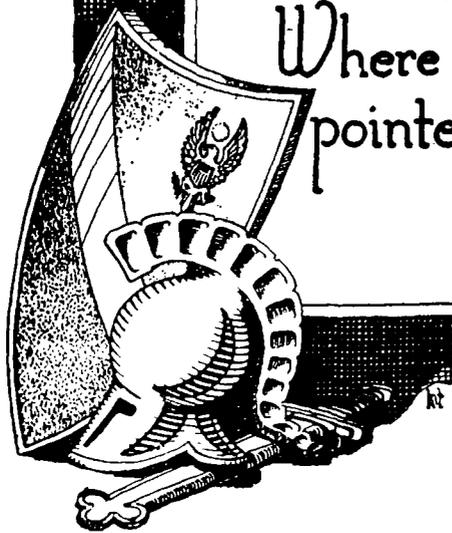
Junior Gaspard was married on June 29 to Carolyn Henson, of Buena Vista, Georgia, in Columbus. Ben Beasley and Patricia Anne Fleming took a similar step on July 13 at Camp Voluceau, near SHAPE headquarters in Paris. Ushers were Joe Tedeschi and Glen Runion.

As you can see, this report is, to put it mildly, sadly lacking in poop. This space can be used in any manner desired; crammed with interesting information or padded with inconsequential gurglings. Here's the point—if we do not hear from you, we cannot get enough material to write a paragraph . . . I don't gurgle. So, please, drop us a letter, note, postcard, pigeon-gram, or what-have-you, including as much information of general interest about yourself and other classmates as you can. Pictures are especially welcome. This will become increasingly important as the class becomes more and more dispersed throughout the Army. My address is: 500 North Avenue, Dunellen, New Jersey.

—George Kilishek.

# *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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**Arthur Sidney Cowan**

NO. 3935 CLASS OF 1899

DIED JUNE 24, 1957, AT WASHINGTON, D. C.,  
AGED 82 YEARS.

COMING from the University town of Orono, Maine, where he had played sandlot, high school and college baseball, "Frenchy", as he was affectionately called by his classmates, easily made the Academy ball team in his Plebe year, something that could then be done. Baseball was and always remained with him a major passion. Keen of eye, alert, strong of body and cheerful, he soon became a prime favorite with his classmates.

The West Point of those days was a frugal and austere place. Not only the winters were cold! It then seemed basic with the authorities that frustration was a prime essential in the making of a soldier, closely followed by hard labor administered in large doses. Most of us were thoroughly unhappy in the place but Cowan was never downhearted, even when the going was toughest, and would stoutly maintain that a West Point education was a great privilege and that he



intended to get it, if humanly possible. The course was hard for us all and sometimes it seemed that Math might be too much for him, but ironically enough, the subject that came nearest to causing his downfall was French. The cadet belief that French was a second language for most of Maine, which theory gave rise to his nickname, turned out to be a complete myth! In his career at the Academy there was nothing to indicate that he would become in time one of the Army's ablest educators, but Cowan was one of those whose education did not stop with Graduation. In due time, he surmounted the pitfalls and hurdles of the academic course and in February 1899 was graduated into the backwash of the Spanish-American War, late but in time to take in the Philippines a thorough course in that supreme school of the soldier, the command of an infantry platoon in combat. From its ordeal he emerged with a Purple Heart and the commendation of his superiors.

In his early career he also had service in Cuba and China, interspersed with brief but pleasant tours at Plattsburg Barracks, Fort Snelling, Fort Wayne, Vancouver Barracks and the Presidio of San Francisco. It was at Plattsburg Barracks that he met and won Emilie Houston, daughter and granddaughter of officers of the old Army, wise in its ways and eminently fitted for full partnership in the 55 years of obviously outstanding happiness that ensued. Their son Jim and his family now reside in Philadelphia. In 1906 he entered the "School of the Line" at Fort Leavenworth and there his years of

hard study and self-education after West Point paid off, for he not only finished as "Distinguished Graduate", but stood Number One in the School's most important subject, that of "Tactics". After that, the Army Staff College, from which he was graduated in 1908. But a little later he was persuaded to abandon the Line in which he was doing very well, for the Signal Corps then seeking top officers to help with its new-found responsibility for putting the infant Air Force into the air and on its way. In those days, the Air Force was literally a desk in the office of the Chief Signal Officer! After some Signal Corps duty in the office of the Chief Signal Officer, at Fort Leavenworth and with the Maneuver Division at Texas City, Cowan was assigned in 1914 as Commandant of the new Signal Corps School of Aviation in San Diego. But after two years of that, he decided that he was not for Aviation and returning to Signal Corps duty, was sent to the Panama Canal Zone.

World War One found him in France on General Pershing's staff, although his strong desire was duty with combat troops. But as he said at the time to a classmate: "This is not the kind of duty that I want in war, but after all, I am a professional soldier—not a prima donna!" In 1919 he was back in the States again, this time as Commandant of the Army Signal School at Fort Leavenworth, followed by seven years straight Signal Corps duty at the various Army headquarters in Chicago, Hawaii and San Francisco. In 1927 he had his turn at the Army War College, followed the next year by the Industrial College, after which his education being presumably complete, he was assigned as Commandant of the Army Signal School at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey.

Command of its top school was for the Signal Corps its most responsible and important duty, excepting only that of Chief, and for it Cowan was admirably fitted, both professionally and temperamentally, and he did it well, with many commendations from his superiors. In fact, he did it so well that he was retained on the duty for the record time of eight years. In the present-day Army, he would easily have been a General Officer, but in those days, rank was scarce and from the job he emerged the Colonel he was when he went in. But the quest of rank was utterly foreign to his nature. Just as he looked at West Point service as a privilege that was in itself a reward, so he looked at service in the Army. His point of view was (and I quote): "I doubt very much that any other member of the Class has found his work more attractive or more interesting than I have found mine. . . For a man whose heart is in it, the Army affords real opportunity to taste of the joy of doing!"

His final duty before retirement in 1939 was at Governors Island. With the coming of World War Two he was recalled to active duty, but that was terminated in 1942 by a severe heart attack. Fortunately, he made a fine recovery and in due time at his Washington apartment in the Kennedy-Warren was able to indulge in his passions for reading and baseball, the latter largely on television, never losing his enjoyment in his friends, or his love and interest in the Academy and the Army. He is gone, but he has left a legacy to the Army, for in the hearts and minds of the many who came to know him in his long career, his sterling character and joy in doing have kindled candles that will long burn.

—C. D. Herron.

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**Gilbert Henry Stewart**

NO. 4075 CLASS OF 1902

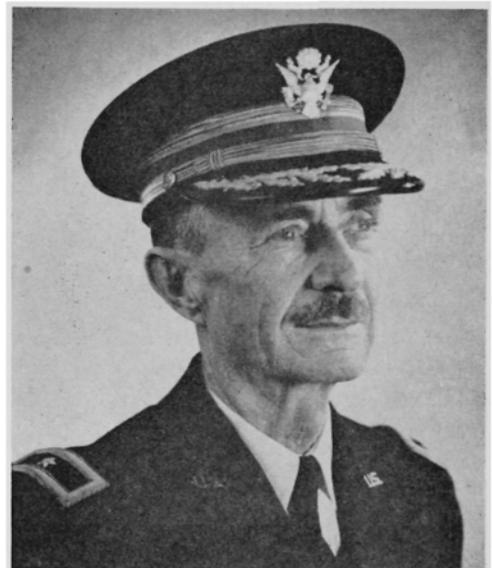
DIED AUGUST 4, 1957, AT ST. ALBANS NAVAL HOSPITAL, LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK,  
AGED 78 YEARS.

THE indomitable spirit of Gilbert Henry Stewart has left us to join the Long Gray Line beyond.

He died at the St. Albans Naval Hospital, Long Island, New York, on August 4, 1957, after a long illness.

Since his retirement as Commandant of Springfield Armory in 1942 he had borne a siege of ill health with the most courageous fortitude. The loss is mourned by his widow Elizabeth, his zealous and loyal helpmate; and their fine family of three sons, two daughters, and 11 grandchildren; and is shared by his classmates who are left. They have stood by in affectionate admiration of his sterling qualities, and in deep appreciation of his life-long friendship, together with a host of others from one end of the country to the other.

Gilbert's father, Samuel Hamilton Stewart, was a successful contractor and builder of McKeesport, Pennsylvania. His business covered a wide range and kept him moving about. Gilbert was born in Wichita, Kansas, during one of his family's trips west. He was appointed to the Military Academy while in high school, and while his family was living in Rochester, New York. On his graduation from West Point in June 1902, (eighth in a class of 54) he was assigned to the 10th Infantry with which he served in the Philippine Islands, and on the Panama Canal when it was finished and opened.



His unusual mechanical talents, however, soon became moulded to another sphere. He was transferred to the Ordnance Department where his marked ability was rapidly demonstrated in many places. He served at the Sandy Hook Proving Ground in 1905, at the Rock Island Arsenal in 1906, and at Frankford Arsenal in 1908. He was then called to the office of the Chief of Ordnance where his practical experience and administrative ability were used during nine years of duty in three different assignments. His other posts included Watertown Arsenal, and a detail as Chief Ordnance Officer at the Port of Embarkation, Galveston, Texas.

He was at the Springfield Armory from 1914 to 1918. After his graduation from the Army War College in 1922 he was retained as Executive Officer, and on the Faculty. Also, after World War One he served many months as the United States representative on the Imperial Munitions Board in Toronto, Canada, adjudicating the claims of Canadians whose contracts with our government were terminated by the end of the war.

From the War College he went to Rock Island Arsenal for three years (1923-26), and from there he assumed command at Augusta Arsenal, Georgia, beginning his long career as commandant of arsenals. From Augusta he went to command the Hawaiian Ordnance Department. Returning to Washington, he was enrolled as a student in the Army Industrial College and following his graduation he was called to command Watervliet Arsenal, New York, where he remained for

six years (1932-38). Then he again became the Commandant of Springfield Armory which he had the unusual distinction to command during two World Wars. He retired from Springfield as Brigadier General of Ordnance.

Such is the bare outline of Gilbert's military career. It can but reflect a mere hint of the splendid service he rendered to his country during 40 full years.

On June 7, 1909, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Barnard at her family home at "Elsinore" in Moline, Illinois. It was an outdoor wedding on a hilltop overlooking the beautiful Mississippi and the Rock Island Arsenal where Gilbert had been stationed. The event marked the beginning of a wonderful partnership. Wherever they went, Gilbert and Elizabeth endeared themselves to the officers and their wives, particularly the young and inexperienced ones to whom they were ever watchful to extend a helping hand; to the enlisted men and their families; to the shop workers; to the members of the civil communities in which they lived. This is richly substantiated by many, many tokens and testimonials. Before he left Springfield, Gilbert was awarded the Pyncheon Medal, being unanimously voted the city's outstanding citizen.

From the War Department he received the coveted Legion of Merit. It was given at an elaborate ceremony at the Armory and was attended by most of the employees. The citation reads:

"For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding duties in command of Springfield Armory, Springfield, Massachusetts, from July 1, 1939 to June 30, 1942. In this capacity through his wisdom, foresight and experience he successfully guided the enormous expansion program of the Armory resulting in the ever increasing production rate of the rifle, caliber 30 millimeter."

This was commonly known as the Garand Rifle. It was perfected under General Stewart's direction by one of the Arsenal's shopmen, John Garand, a French Canadian who invented not only the rifle but several machines for its manufacture, and gave his genius to his adopted country. He was one of Gilbert's friends.

When Gilbert came to Springfield in 1938 the shop wheels hummed to a daily output of 40 rifles. Under the new buildings he constructed, the output soared to 2,100 per day, and after he left the capacity was such that the daily number increased greatly. Before the war had progressed far, Springfield Arsenal, whose proud traditions go back to the Revolution (it was founded by George Washington) was setting the pace and pattern by its manufacturing methods to all other arms plants throughout the United States. The new Garand Rifle (supplanting the Springfield Rifle) was in the hands of all our soldiers overseas and at home. The stamp of his brilliant leadership is indelibly fixed upon Springfield; and the ingenious planning and steady perseverance of Gilbert Stewart were mighty factors to inspire world freedom.

After his retirement, General and Mrs. Stewart lived at Staten Island, New York, and then for the past seven years at West Orange, New Jersey.

One of their sons, Charles Barnard, an Air Force Colonel (Class of 1936 at West Point), is with the Atomic Energy Commission in Washington. Gilbert Henry, Jr., lives at Gibbsboro, New Jersey, near Camden, where he is a research physicist at the RCA laboratories; and Hamilton lives in Pompton Plains. General Stewart's daughters, Mrs. Eric Ramee and Mrs. Sally Stewart Ronk, live at Levittown, New York. They have inherited the noblest of all blessings, that of an ideal home. They have, besides, the happy realization that their father lives in many hearts besides their own, for with his other marked abilities he possessed to a rare degree that of making and keeping friends.

His classmates of 1902 missed his cheerful presence greatly at our 55th reunion table last June. He had hoped so much to be with us, but at the last moment unhappily he had to send his reluctant regrets. . . It was only two months later that he came back. How altogether fitting that he rests at West Point close to the Alma Mater he loved so well and whose principles his life so fully exemplified.

—William Waller Edwards,  
Class of 1902.

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## Roger Garfield Powell

NO. 4350 CLASS OF 1905

DIED JANUARY 3, 1957, IN WASHINGTON, D. C.,  
AGED 75 YEARS.

ROGER was born at Metea, Indiana, October 10, 1881, the son of Josiah G. and Ada Rogers Powell. He attended the Logansport, Indiana, public schools and was graduated from the Highland Falls Preparatory School before entering the United States Military Academy with the Class of 1905. He



took his academic work seriously and was graduated number 12 in his class.

Upon his graduation he was assigned to the Corps of Engineers and during his service covered many phases of engineering activities, including duty with troops in the Philippines, immediately after graduation, serving on the Island of Jolo when it was not so healthy (due to the Moros when they went Juramentado).

He was a graduate of the Army Engineer School and supervised extensive work on the Ohio River, being successively Section Engineer, District Engineer and finally Division Engineer for the entire Ohio River. Roger also served a tour as an instructor at the Military Academy and during World War I he was Chief Engineer, American Forces in England. In the latter assignment he was the Engineer Supply Officer in England for the Archangel Expedition, and in March 1920 commanded troops on the transport *Pocahontas* with 1,600 Poles from Haller's Army, Dantzig, Germany, to New York City.

Roger also served as Assistant Engineer Commissioner for the District of Columbia, and was a member of the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors in Washington when he was retired for physical disability in March 1944. Nine months later he was appointed Director of Refugee Camps, European Regional Office UNRRA. By a strange coincidence Roger was in London on VE-day and also on Armistice Day, November 11, 1918. In London he was signally honor-

ed by being named a member of the St. Michael and St. George Honorary Society. Roger was awarded in 1933 a life membership in the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce for signal service, a rare award.

Roger was awarded the Legion of Merit for his services as Division Engineer, Great Lakes Division, Cleveland, Ohio, and Resident Member of the Board of Rivers and Harbors, Washington, D. C., from April 1941 to February 1944 where he attained outstanding records in military and civil construction. His achievements reflected his comprehensive understanding of Engineering problems, outstanding managerial ability and loyal devotion to duty.

In March 1946 Roger was relieved from further active duty with UNRRA and he spent much of his time in traveling. In 1950 he took a long trip to England and Cape-town, South Africa, and visited many interesting points in Africa before returning to London. In 1952 he took a Mediterranean cruise, and then another trip to Africa in 1953.

In the Summer of 1955 he made a trip with his sister Ada and her husband to the beautiful Lake Region of Western Canada, including Banff, Lake Louise and then Victoria and a three week's air cruise to Alaska.

Roger never married. He was especially devoted to his family. He is survived by a brother, Lloyd B. Powell, Detroit; two sisters, Mrs. D. L. Fisher, Morehouse, Missouri, and Mrs. Paul H. Wilson, Logansport, Indiana.

Roger was loved by all who knew him, and somehow I feel that the following beautiful poem might well have been written about him.

"IT IS OVER"

By Theodosia Garrison

I think the gentle soul of him  
Goes softly in some garden place,  
With the old smile time may not dim  
Upon his face.

He who so loved companionship,  
I may not think he walks alone,  
Failing some friendly hand to slip  
Within his own.

Those whom he loved aforeside, still,  
I doubt not, bear him company;  
Yea, even laughter yet may thrill  
Where he may be.

A thought, a fancy—who may tell?  
Yet I who ever pray it so,  
Feel through my tears that all is well;  
And this I know—

That God is gentle to his guest,  
And, therefore, may I gladly say,  
"Surely the things he loved the best  
Are his today."

—F. B. W.

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## Everett Strait Hughes

NO. 4654 CLASS OF 1908

DIED SEPTEMBER 5, 1957, AT WALTER REED  
GENERAL HOSPITAL, AGED 71 YEARS.

EVERETT STRAIT HUGHES was appointed from Minnesota to the Class of 1907. He fell ill in the Autumn of 1903 and was granted a sick leave. He joined our class in August 1904. He was always a loyal member of the Class and one of whom we could be proud. He was Corporal, Sergeant-major and Adjutant. He was the organizer and captain of the first LaCrosse team ever seen at West Point. With that record he was, of course, a prominent member of the Class from the very start. He remained a conspicuous member at every class function which he attended during his entire life.

Everett was graduated No. 13 and chose the Field Artillery. The battery he selected and to which he was assigned was Battery C, 3rd F.A. During what would normally have been his graduation leave he served for some weeks at West Point as part of the 1912 reception committee. His battery was stationed at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, when he joined, but it was moved not long afterwards to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, where he met and married Miss Kate Murphy of San Antonio. At Sam Houston, he also played polo on one of the first polo teams in the Army. He switched to golf in early middle age.

In 1911 Everett was offered a detail in the Ordnance Department, during the era when everyone so detailed had to return to his arm after every four-year hitch. Since he was a First Lieutenant when he entered the Corps, he shortly became eligible for a Captaincy, which he received in 1913 while he was on duty at old Fort Santiago, Manila. In 1915 he returned to the Field Artillery as a Lieutenant, in accordance with law, and served as Ordnance Officer of the Punitive Expedition in Mexico. He was redetailed to the Ordnance as a Captain in 1916. He was assigned to duty at Harlingen and while there devised the first mobile ordnance re-

had been one of his pupils at Leavenworth, arrived as the new Commanding General. The stage was set for his seven years in high station.

In August 1942 he was made Chief of Staff, of what was then the SOS, ETOUSA, and was later called the ASF, Great Britain. One month later he was made a Brigadier General. Two months later he was made Chief of Staff of ETOUSA (European Theatre of Operations, United States of America). In January 1943 he went to Algeria as Deputy Theatre Commander (really head of the ASF in Africa), and in March of that same year he was promoted to Major General. He was slated as Governor of Rome after that city was captured but when General Eisenhower returned to Great Britain, Everett shortly followed him as a Special Assistant. He went to France in that capacity. When General Eisenhower went home, he stayed for a few months in Europe as Inspector General.

In these three years he had a first class view of military operations and an even more comprehensive view of the troubles of a great army. He helped to plan D-day and later to straighten out the snarled knots which inevitably occur in the operations of a suddenly expanded organization.

In January 1946 Everett returned to this country as Acting Chief of Ordnance and then became Chief in June 1946.

In 1948 his long official connection with General Eisenhower was severed when his old chief went to Columbia University. He received a letter which can well serve as a very honorable military epitaph:

"Throughout the campaigns of Northern Africa and Germany I was extremely fortunate to have as my trouble shooter and personal representative in the field a man of your professional ability, judgment and character. I can never thank you enough for the load you took from my shoulders during those trying years. Your service as Chief of Ordnance in the post-war period has been characterized by the same zeal and devotion to duty. It has been a comfort and reassurance to have you continuing as a member of my staff."

When the legislation for the peace-time Army was passed, the retiring age of 64 was retained for Chiefs of Branches then in office. As a result Everett was not retired until October 31, 1949, and thus became the last member of our class on the active list, a fact of which he was very proud. During the last eight years of his life he kept up a good many business activities. He also played a great deal of rather good golf, until his heart began to give him trouble. He knew for about three years that he was living on borrowed time but his final passing was very sudden. He was in the hospital only a few hours when he died quietly in his sleep. He was buried with full military honors at Arlington.

Everett received the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit and Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star and six foreign decorations, among them that of Commander of the Legion of Honor. Everett's death is a loss to all the surviving members of the Class. His career was characterized by his constant observance and support of the motto of our alma mater, Duty—Honor—Country. All who knew him at any time during his life will remember him for that support.

—C. L. H.

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### Earl Barlow Hochwalt

NO. 5104 CLASS OF 1912

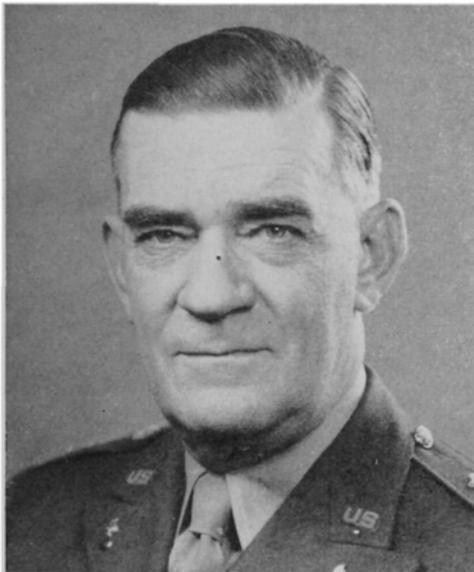
DIED APRIL 20, 1956, AT PORT ANGELES, WASHINGTON, AGED 68 YEARS.

EARL BARLOW HOCHWALT was born in Ohio on January 4, 1888. He came from a family which has made distinguished contributions

to the field of modern technology. It was predicted in 1910, while he was a cadet, that he would join the Coast Artillery, which he did by transferring from the Infantry immediately after graduating from the Military Academy. After several years spent mainly on our East Coast, he transferred to the Field Artillery in 1917, and by August of that year he was in France.

In the Meuse-Argonne battle on October 11, 1918, he was severely wounded, and after spending two years convalescing in various hospitals he became the only member of 1912 to be retired for wounds received in action. Although he had earned two Silver Star citations and the Purple Heart, while holding the temporary rank of Lieutenant Colonel, he was returned to the rank of Major upon being retired; he again became a Lieutenant Colonel in 1930. He saw no further active service except for a brief period with the ROTC in 1941.

After retirement Earl spent several years traveling in Europe, where he met Mary C. Peckham of New York, whom he married in December 1923. Some time thereafter they moved to Edmonds, Washington, where he resided until his death. In spite of being very crippled in his left arm as a result of his wounds, his great strength en-



pair shop ever sent into operation to organizations for maintenance of their ordnance equipment. After about a year on the border, he went to Washington at the outbreak of World War I, where he served in the Artillery Division of the Ordnance Office.

During that war he was promoted to Major, Lieutenant Colonel and Colonel. He was in France during the Winter of 1918-19 and then in Chicago until 1921. In that year he went to Fort Leavenworth for six years: one year in the Line Class, one year in the Staff Class, four years as an instructor. Then, after a year at the War College he served four years on the War Department General Staff.

In 1932, on the completion of his detail he rejoined his own branch. He spent three years at Aberdeen and four years at Picatinny. As Chief of Manufacturing at the latter place he made many changes. The system and standards he developed and installed were of enormous value to the manufacture of ammunition in World War II and are a continuing contribution to the production of ammunition for the armed services at the present time.

In 1939 Everett was moved to the office of the Chief of Ordnance. Shortly after the outbreak of World War II he went to Great Britain as Ordnance Officer to Major General John C. H. Lee, commanding the Army Service Forces in the European Theatre. He was there when General Eisenhower, who

abled him to remain an expert shot with both rifle and shotgun. So well did he teach his wife to shoot that she won innumerable trophies and became National Women's 20 gauge Skeet Champion in 1939. Together they ranged the West Coast for years, with shotguns in the trunk of their car. They always carried a fine dog and stopped at every opportunity to gather more game, prizes and trophies. Between times they hunted in Canada and the United States, in pursuit of birds and big game.

Even as a Second Lieutenant Earl liked to barter for fine guns and cameras and other worthwhile items, and he rarely missed an opportunity to acquire a good specimen. He never lost his passion for collecting which was shared by Mary, and they accumulated a considerable number of old prints, and large amounts of antique furniture. He became a skilled craftsman and spent many hours expertly restoring old clocks and furniture. In the pursuit of their hobbies he and Mary attended many auctions and their home was filled with unusual possessions, from which he could never bear to part.

Earl died suddenly on April 20, 1956, while on a trip to the Olympic Peninsula on his beloved Puget Sound, of a condition probably brought about by his old wounds. He had made a considerable sacrifice for his country while he was still a young man, and we are happy that he was able to spend the rest of his life with a loving and congenial wife in the way that pleased him most.

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## Adrian Weeks

(Adrian Kenneth Polhemus)\*

NO. 5100 CLASS OF 1912

DIED DECEMBER 28, 1955, AT MOORESTOWN,  
NEW JERSEY, AGED 68 YEARS.

ADRIAN WEEKS was born into the Army on May 16, 1887 on Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation in northern California. His father, Major Adrian S. Polhemus, Medical Corps, served in the Spanish-American War with a brevet. His mother, Frances Weeks Polhemus, was the daughter of Brigadier General George H. Weeks (USMA 1857), a Civil War artillery officer with two brevets and Quartermaster General of the Army in 1897-98. "Polly" enjoyed the varied and interesting life of a boy growing up in the Army. His father, retired for disability in 1904, chose the Nation's Capital as home. In Washington "Polly" finished grade school and was graduated from high school. His background made it easy for him to decide upon an Army career and to obtain an appointment at large, to the Military Academy from President Theodore Roosevelt.



At West Point "Polly" pursued the even tenor of his ways. His deliberateness of speech and action was deceiving. Never one to publicize himself, he surprised everyone by diving into the Hudson River, swimming across and back, then repeating the performance, just for exercise. Reticent but good-natured, few knew him well, but those who did were devoted to him and he to them. Whether friend or not, he was ever ready to stand up for anyone he thought was in the right. A classmate with whom he lived for almost a year writes, "I shall always remember him as a man of the highest principles. He has lived in my heart as a really great, unselfish human."

Upon graduation "Polly" was assigned to the 2nd Infantry, Fort Shafter, Hawaii. Four years' duty in the "Paradise of the Pacific", followed by regimental duty at Nogales, Presido of San Francisco and Camp Fremont brought promotion to Major, National Army and transfer to Camp Dodge, Iowa. There he organized the 89th Pioneer Infantry, commanded two battalions of it en route to St. Nazaire, France, whence he proceeded with the 3rd Battalion to Saveney, arriving October 23, 1918. The Armistice was follow-

\*Burlington County Court of Common Pleas, Mount Holly, New Jersey, authorized change of name from Adrian Kenneth Polhemus to Adrian Weeks, effective February 1, 1933.

ed by tours of duty in the offices of the Chief Quartermaster and of the Inspector General, Intermediate Section, S.O.S., Nevers, and return to the States July 13, 1919.

Having examined "Polly" for promotion to the permanent grade of Major, the medical officers at Camp Dix reported him "not qualified physically for promotion". After six weeks' treatment at Walter Reed Hospital the Surgeon General of the Army pronounced him qualified. Assignment as Major to the 61st Infantry, Camp Jackson, South Carolina, and transfer to the 26th Infantry, Camp Dix, New Jersey, were followed by retirement December 15, 1922.

"Polly" was one of those "old reliables" whose service, except for five months' staff duty in France, after the Armistice, was all "duty with troops", made so important by the "Manchu Law" of 1912. Being an expert rifleman, he stressed marksmanship in training. Though only a Major, he had the satisfaction of commanding the 26th Infantry, 1st Division, several months in 1921-22. He was known to his fellow officers, superiors and subordinates, as a man of "honor, absolutely loyal".

Though neither "hopoid" nor "spoonoid" at West Point, he was always chivalrous. Never having married, he kept his mother first in his affection as long as she lived, changing his name to Weeks, her maiden name, in 1933.\*

Moorestown, New Jersey, within easy commuting distance of Camden and Philadelphia, and a few hours by automobile from Washington or New York, appealed to him as a permanent home. There he lived quietly, making many friends, particularly among children, to whom he was especially kind. Being fluent in Spanish and French, he was a voracious reader. He looked to his books and touring for entertainment. Most of his Winters he spent in travel — to Cuba, to Mexico, to Puerto Rico. For some time he claimed Havana as his home away from home.

Having suffered for a long time from a heart condition, he passed quietly away while asleep in his bachelor apartment at Moorestown December 28, 1955. No one of his immediate family survived him. As requested by him he is buried in Arlington National Cemetery near the scenes of his school days.

By his Will, after disposing of his personal effects and making several minor bequests, he provided,

"The remainder of my residuary estate I give, devise and bequeath, in equal shares, to the Philadelphia Branch and to the Camden Branch of the Salvation Army, it being my desire that the Salvation Army use this money, over a period of at least five years, to buy food, clothing, fuel and medical supplies for needy children less than fifteen years of age in Philadelphia County and Camden County. No discrimination shall be made against any child on account of race, nationality or religion. It is desired that first consideration be given to children who are sick, diseased or physically defective in any way."

Without thought of self, what a tribute "Polly" thus pays to himself! For charity is love without bounds.

These lines penned by Rudyard Kipling upon the passing of his wife's brother apply equally well to "Polly":

"He scarce had need to doff his pride or slough the dross of Earth—

E'en as he trod that day to God so walked he from his birth,

In simpleness and gentleness and honour and clean mirth."

—J. S. Mooney, 1912.

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## Allen Parker Cowgill

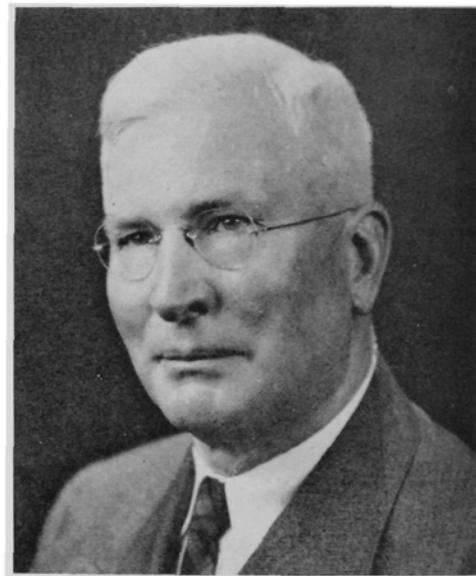
NO. 5216 CLASS OF 1914

DIED FEBRUARY 27, 1955, IN SYRACUSE,  
NEW YORK, AGED 64 YEARS.

IN uniform or out, Allen Parker Cowgill was a true member of the Long Gray Line. He was descended from Ellen Cowgill, a widow with seven children, who came to this country in 1683 on the "Welcome" with William Penn's colony.

Also on the Cowgill side of the family were three generations of men who, in their time, helped shape the territory that is now Kentucky. Allen's great-great grandfather, Dr. Thomas Walker, led the first white men, The Knights of the Golden Horse Shoe, over the Blue Ridge Mountains into Kentucky 30 years before Daniel Boone's explorations there.

Allen, born in Paducah, Kentucky, on July 17, 1890, was the oldest son of Dr. and Mrs. Warwick Miller Cowgill. Dr. Cowgill, a renowned eye-ear-nose-and-throat specialist, had given up a Park Avenue practice as an associate of the famous specialist Dr. Her-



man Knapp, to return to the frontier and work among his fellow Kentuckians.

Allen Cowgill inherited from his father his stubborn determination always to act according to principle, and from his mother and her New England forebears the Allen and Parker families, an urge to achieve and the ability to consider whatever task was at hand the most important in the world.

His early life was spent in the river town of Paducah, Kentucky. When he was 13, the family moved to Lincoln, Nebraska, so that the two boys might be educated in Lincoln's superior schools and healthier climate. There Allen stood at the head of his classes; and four years later he entered the University of Nebraska as a student in mechanical engineering, spending two years engrossed in shop work and mechanical drawing.

His first taste of soldiering was in ROTC and as a charter member of Pershing Rifles. While he was at the University he spent both Summer vacations working for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad locomotive shops at Havelock, Nebraska. There he learned at first hand mechanical shop practices, management and operation of machine tools, all of which helped him later in his Army career.

In 1909 he secured a Senatorial appointment to West Point as alternate. His principal failed and Allen passed, standing 65 in his class when he entered on March 1, 1910. For him it was a profound experience

to take the oath of allegiance as a cadet, and to stand in the area barracks where Custer had lived. He stood tenth in his class his plebe year. He stood 18th in his yearling year, due to a stretch on the area that involved the loss of yearling corporal chevrons for hazing. Allen received a year on the area, confinement to barracks and the loss of his second class furlough. Later his forthright attitude in accepting discipline caused the Tactical Department to relent, reinstating his last three weeks of furlough and making him an acting first sergeant in first class camp. He stood eighth the third year and was graduated 11th. Allen thoroughly enjoyed West Point as a cadet.

On June 12, 1914, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers and after a short leave was ordered to the Mexican border, where he served in the mounted section of M Company, 2nd Battalion of Engineers, under Major Lytle Brown, later Chief of Engineers. A close friendship which was to continue for the rest of their lives began at this time. Most of this first year was spent in border patrol and on the brigade rifle range which Allen built. He was an excellent shot with rifle and pistol, and throughout his military career both as a cadet and officer always qualified as "expert."

On August 16, 1915 Allen and his company, commanded by Captain U. S. Grant, 3rd, were caught in the Galveston flood and hurricane which cost many lives and completely inundated the camp. None of his company was lost. Allen's saber was rusted in its scabbard when he married his boyhood sweetheart, Helen Mary Schwind, on September 1, 1915, in Francitas, Texas, where she was living at the time. They had met in the Lincoln, Nebraska high school. She attended a boarding school at Poughkeepsie and accompanied Allen to his first cadet hop.

In September 1915 he was ordered to an 18-month course at the Engineer School of the Army in Washington, D. C. Post graduate studies there in electrical, mechanical, civil, and military engineering were cut short by activities on the Mexican border. On December 23, 1916 Allen was ordered back to the Mexican border, without leave, to join Co. F, 1st Engineers as a Captain.

An example of Allen's engineering ability is Cowgill Road, so named after his retirement. This 22-mile stretch between San Antonio and Camp Stanley was carved from rock in seven months with Mexican labor, dynamite, and a few catapult tractors. Allen's wife and year-old baby were housed in a storage tent between his company and the Mexican labor camp. Rattlesnakes were a constant problem. Among his responsibilities was the supervision of some 300 men, both Mexicans and military personnel.

Equally rigorous was his subsequent duty at Brownsville, Texas, where he assumed the duty of Prison Officer, Judge Advocate of General Courts Martial, and President of Special Courts Martial, until he was commissioned a Major, Corps of Engineers. Also, while at Brownsville, Allen wrote that he "helped push a Ford truck through the desert country to Corpus Christi. It had not rained for five months and the sand was around our shoe tops. I had one lieutenant and one private in my party and we went heavily armed as the country was not safe from Mexican brigands. There was no water or firewood. My report on the highway was not favorable."

In January 1918 Allen went to Fort Sam Houston as engineering instructor under General "Patsy" Dugan at Brigade and Field Officers School. "I had 100 Colonels and Lieutenant Colonels of the National Guard in my first class for mapping and explosives," he wrote.

Allen's next orders suited him well. Under his command a standard gauge railroad was constructed, running from Accotink

Junction of the Richmond Fredericksburg & Potomac Railroad to Camp A. A. Humphreys (now Fort Belvoir). During construction, trees were cut down to make trestles 60-feet high. Russian steel rails were used on the roadbed. "I had 500 men, Negro service troops, white volunteers, national army civilians, and most of Cornelius Vanderbilt's 102nd New York Engineers . . . but only three steam shovels," a letter reports. Although the trestles have been filled in, the railroad line today is as Allen built it.

On June 15, 1918 Allen was ordered to West Point to serve as senior instructor of Practical Military Engineering, Mapping, Pontoon Bridges and Signaling. That winter he was senior instructor in second year mathematics.

General William Wyman, commanding General of the Continental Army, recently had the following to say of Allen as an instructor: "He was one of the best as a mathematics instructor at the Point. He taught me my yearling math and he made it stick." Among other students who remember him with appreciation are General Alfred M. Gruenther, General Nathan F. Twining, and General Alfred C. Wedemeyer.

This was a hard time for Allen as he had hoped that he would be ordered to France upon completion of the railroad. In spite of intense disappointment, Allen put himself to the task at hand, serving his country by laying out the first course at West Point in Motor Transportation. It was unfortunate but characteristic that Allen would drive himself to a point where the nerve control of his heart was affected by overwork. Allen collapsed at the end of five hours of recitations in May 1919. Later he was ordered aboard the U.S.E.D. sea-going dredge "Raritan" in New York Harbor for the Summer, as part of his recuperation. This he thoroughly enjoyed, as it gave him experience in navigation which became a hobby for the rest of his life.

On September 1, 1919 after he had partially recovered, Allen and his family were ordered to the Philippines. He commanded the 1st Battalion, 3rd Engineers, at Fort McKinley, which included a company at Corregidor. He also served, due to lack of senior officers, as Department Engineer of the Philippines. One job at this time was the laying out of Nichols Field. It was during the period he was serving as Department Engineer that the preliminary grid survey of Bataan Peninsula was started. As a result of the improvement in artillery during World War I, especially the reduction of Liege by the German heavy artillery, it was realized that Corregidor could not be held without Bataan . . . as was proved in World War II. Bataan at that time was an uncharted jungle with only its shore line mapped. A grid survey was ordered. This was to be used later as a basis for planning surfaced roads, supply dumps, and other military installations.

The Bataan jungle bred all kinds of fever, but despite jungle and fever the survey went on. Allen enjoyed the night hunting that went with it.

Unfortunately, progress on the Bataan operation slowed when the Siberian Expeditionary Force was withdrawn from Siberia and sent to the Philippines, where they came under Allen's command. These troops, largely recruits that had been sent out in 1919 to replace the original personnel of the expeditionary force, were untrained, undisciplined and filled with Bolshevik indoctrination. Mutiny and rioting soon broke out. Not a single engineer officer was available for Allen's battalion and Allen was forced to borrow Scout and Infantry officers to restore discipline. In addition to his other duties as Department Engineer, Allen had to spend a great deal of time both day and night in restoring order to these new troops.

While Allen was doing his utmost for the job at hand, his old trouble affecting the nerve control of his heart returned. On August 2,

1920 he was ordered back to Letterman General Hospital in San Francisco. It is sadly ironic that eight engineer officers arrived for assignment to Allen's battalion just after he was relieved.

His heart did not respond to treatment and rest and, therefore, on February 8, 1921 Allen was retired as a Major, U.S. Army, for disability in the line of duty.

On retirement Allen returned to Lincoln, Nebraska, where he and his family established their home. In 1923 Allen was elected Superintendent of Streets and Public Improvements and a member of the City Council. During his two years in office Allen made great improvements in the Street Department, motorizing it and providing snow equipment for the first time. "I found the Street Department was still using teams of horses," he wrote. Allen's work on public building, paving and sewers was outstanding.

Allen returned to the University of Nebraska to obtain a degree in Mathematics and Astronomy in 1930 and the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Mathematics and Civil Engineering in June 1935. He was awarded full membership in Sigma Xi, the scientific honorary society, in May 1936 and his thesis was published by the American Mathematics Society, of which he was a member.

In 1936, through Professor John J. Caton, Director of the Chrysler Institute of Engineering, Detroit, Allen was appointed head of the Mathematics Department of Indiana Technical College in Fort Wayne, Indiana. In 1938 he transferred to Syracuse University, where he was professor of Engineering Mathematics in the College of Applied Sciences until his retirement in 1947.

Allen was a patient and thorough teacher with an intense feeling of responsibility towards his students. He was tireless in his efforts to assist his serious and ambitious students and kept in touch with any number of them after their graduation.

Allen belonged and took active part in the American Mathematic Society, Indiana Academy of Science, the Technology Club of Syracuse, Pi Mu Epsilon (Honorary Mathematical Society) and Sigma Xi. Allen is listed in Who's Who in Engineering and American Men of Science.

His retirement was a happy one. He continued his studies and took increasing pleasure in renewing ties with his past army life. Living comparatively close to West Point, Allen made frequent trips to the Military Academy each year. He seldom missed a June week; his wife and daughter Mary Allen accompanied him to his 40th reunion in 1954.

Proof of Allen's sentiment towards West Point was evidenced by the fact that he obtained permission from the vestry of St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Syracuse, to which he belonged, to allow him to change a stained glass window dedicated to Major General John James Peck, Class of 1843. In June 1953, on the 110th anniversary of General Peck's graduation, Allen replaced a design in the upper section of the window with the coat of arms of West Point.

During World War II, Allen's request for active duty was declined on the basis of his physical record. Allen did have the satisfaction, however, of following the career of his son, William Parker Cowgill, who was in armored infantry until his retirement as a First Lieutenant, U.S.A., for wounds received during the Battle of the Bulge, while serving with the 4th Armored Division of General George Patton's 3rd Army.

Allen and Helen spent many happy Summers at the small cottage, "Little Oaks", on Lake Ontario, which they built themselves. They were accompanied by their much loved collies, Scout, Prince, and Randy.

Allen died in his sleep February 27, 1955 of a cerebral hemorrhage at his home, 519 Allen Street, Syracuse, New York. Major Allen Parker Cowgill was buried among oth-

ers of the Long Gray Line in the West Point Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Helen; daughters Mary Allen and Helen Louise, of Syracuse, New York; his son William Parker Cowgill and five grandchildren of Pittsford, New York; and by his brother William W. Cowgill of Washington, D. C., and Fairfield, Connecticut, a graduate of the class of 1917.

Allen was always completely loyal to all the traditions of his heritage and training. He carried responsibility with the utmost integrity and loyalty. He never was allowed to use his training in action. He never held high command in the Army but he did accomplish every mission that was given him. He used all his talents to the limit of his ability.

He lived by the code of West Point all his life. He loved "Duty . . . Honor . . . Country."

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### Philip Loomis Thurber

NO. 5221 CLASS OF 1914

DIED JULY 4, 1957, AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON.  
AGED 66 YEARS.

PHILIP LOOMIS THURBER was born October 13, 1890 in Chicago, Illinois, the only son of George S. Thurber, then the youngest member of the Chicago Board of Trade. Because his father died when Phil was 11, he came under the loving care of his grandparents and often spent Summers at their early American family home, "Ennisview", at Hastings, Minnesota. He was proud to have been graduated from Racine College in Racine, Wisconsin, which, though now abandoned, was a renowned Episcopal Military School under Bishop Robinson. Responding to this excellent schooling, Phil stood first in his classes and actively participated in all athletics, even football, in spite of his small stature. Always stimulated by mental exercises, Phil joined a friend taking the competitive exams for West Point and readily won the Wisconsin appointment, although he was entered at Cornell University at the time.

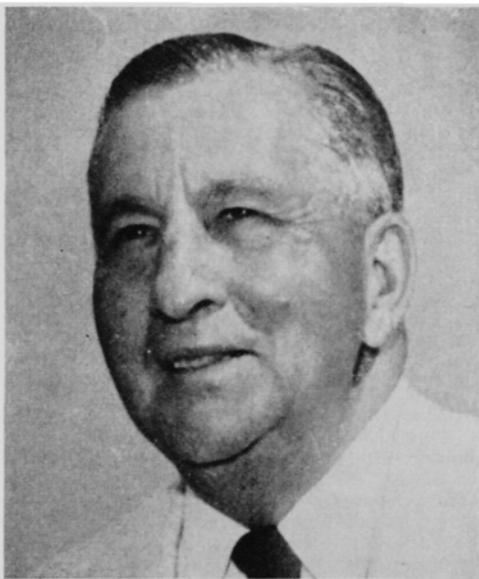
Entered in March 1909, Phil's career at West Point included one escapade which cost him a suspension three months before graduation (1913). He never regretted this discipline for, while working in New York, he had the opportunity to court Muriel Falk, "little sister" of one of his glamorous "drags" at the Point. He returned to the Academy to be graduated 16th in the class of 1914 and to join the Field Artillery, his long coveted branch.

On April 7, 1915, after almost a year at his first station, Fort Myer, Virginia, Phil and his bride Muriel were welcomed with a traditional caisson ride. They were both active in Post affairs, particularly horse events, there and in nearby Washington, D. C., and they won many ribbons. Their first Summer was spent at Tobyhanna, Pennsylvania, under General Summerall, and later at the Second Business Men's Camp at Plattsburg Barracks, New York. The following Spring when the Battalion was marching to Tobyhanna, orders were handed the Battery Captain by the mayor of a town midway en route, reading "Entrain for Fort Sam Houston, Texas" and thence to Eagle Pass, Texas, and the Mexican Border Dispute. On orders from General Sibley, Phil organized the first Military Police on the Border, choosing 40 men all over 6 feet tall (while he stood only 5 feet 8½ inches!). Throughout his Army days he would have someone say to him, "Don't you remember me? You put me in jail at Eagle Pass"—for those were hot-headed days in a dry and dusty region.

With their son Pomeroy, born in Texas, and now nine months old, the Thurbers sailed to Hawaii in April 1917 for station at

Schofield Barracks. Ten months later Phil brought back to the mainland all the regimental horses on the "S.S. Hades", nicknamed "Haydes" by the 40 men of his detachment. It was a ghastly trip, on a vessel already smelling of raw molasses and without conveyors, so the men used baskets to dump the manure over the side rails. With the men still in khaki and the horses recently clipped short for the funeral cortege of Hawaii's Queen Liliokalani, they went across the country at Christmastime and arrived at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, in a howling "norther".

From Fort Sill, Phil was sent overseas where he was Debarcation Officer at Liverpool for several months, until transferred to the Western Front. He took an active part in the fighting at the St. Mihiel-Meuse-Argonne sectors with a regiment of Light Artillery, where he was promoted to a Lieutenant Colonel under fire. He was wounded when a shell wiped out all but him and another officer in a headquarters dugout, and later got a touch of gas poisoning. He was sent back to Langres to attend the Command and General Staff School. He had no extra clothing and remembered that no one would sit next to him in class until he was able to replace his dusty, bloody uniform a



couple of days later. Upon completion of the course the war was over and Phil was sent down temporarily to the French Riviera to recover from his chest congestion and thence to Coblenz, Germany, where he served as Inspector General of the Third Army for several months.

After 23 months overseas he arrived in New York and was told he was "Lieutenant Colonel, Quartermaster Corps". Astounded, he called Washington and was told "O.K., If you don't want to be a Quartermaster Lieutenant Colonel, you can be a Major of Field Artillery", and was ordered to Fort Sam Houston as Post Q.M. Always on the receiving end before, he could now "put out" and with 400 men in the Corps and lots of supplies all Fort Sam was quite content.

Subsequently he was assigned as a Major to the 15th Field Artillery at Camp Travis, Texas. As all senior F.A. officers coming to the Brigade were assigned to the 13th F.A. and all Junior officers to the 15th F.A., Phil was in command and ran the regiment for about three years. There was lots of competition and the regiment was really on its toes and outdid itself in military and sports events—winning horse shows and proud to have "Right of the Line" at Division Reviews. In the Thurber's converted tarpaper quarters there grew a tradition of daily tea for officers, their wives and fancees. Through the close-knit friendships this informal social hour fostered, small matters were discussed and ironed out while they were still

small. Many of these young officers became Generals in the Second World War and have repeatedly spoken of their happy service in this 15,156 men regiment under Philip Thurber. A little daughter, Dorothy, was born while the Thurbers were stationed at Travis.

After attending the Fort Sill, Oklahoma, School of Fire, Phil went to the 104th F.A. National Guard Regiment in New York City, arriving with three horses, two Great Dane dogs, two youngsters and a pregnant wife. They found a pretty home in Pelham Manor, a newly built suburb in Westchester County where Muriel's grandparents had once lived. Daughter Muriel was born here and they stayed six years.

In 1930 Phil went to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, for two years where he was graduated with honors. And in 1932 he went to Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, for three happy years with the 11th Field Artillery. There, he was President of the Schofield Barracks Riding Club and opened up several old trails unused since 1917. In 1935 Phil brought his family to Seattle where he was Senior Instructor of the National Guard. He found his work with the local 146th F.A. most rewarding with particular interest in the annual Summer training camps at Fort Lewis, Washington. He directed the Schools for Senior National Guard Officers at the Presidio in San Francisco and during his duty in Seattle the handsome new National Armory was built and officially opened.

The Summer of 1940 found Phil and his family in Baltimore where he was made G-2 of the 8th Corps Area right through the tense days of Pearl Harbor and the entry of the United States into World War II. In June 1941 he was ordered to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, as Artillery Officer of the Third Army and shortly thereafter was appointed Deputy Director of the Louisiana Maneuvers. Here, a serious jeep accident kept him from going overseas to the Pacific Theatre, to his great disappointment. In the Spring of 1943 he was ordered to Boston to serve on the War Department Manpower Board and a few months later was transferred to Dallas, Texas. With his team of four officers, Phil made manpower inspections all over Texas until ordered in the same capacity to Europe—first to England and then to France, attached to SHAEF Headquarters in Paris. With the ending of the European War, Phil returned to Dallas, Texas, closing the Dallas WMB office and transferring personnel to Fort Sam Houston. When it was decided to close this office too, Phil chose to retire from active service effective March 31, 1947.

After terminal leave in Florida and Mexico, Phil and his wife bought a charming home in Seattle on the shore of Lake Washington where they could keep their Chris Craft pleasure cruiser in the front yard. The next ten happy years were divided between Summers in Seattle cruising Puget Sound and Winters at resorts in Mexico, Jamaica and, mainly Hawaii. For three of the last years Phil was President of the local West Point Society and for many years he was host to its annual July picnic. His illness was short. Struck by a mild paralytic stroke just after he returned from Hawaii last Spring, he suffered a severe stroke six weeks later and died July 4 of pneumonia complications. His son Pomeroy and youngest daughter Muriel are both married and living in Seattle. Dorothy is married to Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Charles E. Robbs (USMA 1942) now stationed in Japan. He is survived by four grandchildren.

Of the Colonel I should say: He loved his work, the Artillery, and his horses, to the fullest. His family always received his first thoughts and when opportunity arrived he considered his family first and his own military advancement second. Descending from a long line of very early distinguished American forebearers, Phil was patriotic to the fullest—a member of the New York Chapter of the Sons of the Revolution and of the Col-

onial Wars of the State of Maryland. He never forgot his Alma Mater and "Duty, Honor, Country". He was a man of the highest integrity and ideals; with a stoic disregard for himself, yet with thoughtfulness and consideration for those serving with him. He was loved and will be missed by many.

—Muriel Stewart (Falk) Thurber.

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**Lawrence John Ingram Barrett**

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DIED JUNE 23, 1957, AT ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA, AGED 64 YEARS.

COLONEL LAWRENCE JOHN INGRAM BARRETT, West Pointer who departed this life in June 1957, was an officer loved by all he contacted. First, as a soldier, his bearing reflected courtesy, discipline, and conduct of a superior type. So well was he in control of himself and his nature that he was an inspiration to those privileged to know him. Assuming responsibilities, he executed business quickly and sagaciously. He was naturally a leader.

As a citizen, Colonel Barrett entered enthusiastically into community enterprises. Accepting those leadership positions necessary and exercising initiative, he led fellow citizens forward in building better communities. The present to him was opportunity for building toward a better world rather than time available for dreaming of a better day. His attitude could so well be expressed by the poet's lines:

"We are not here to dream, to drift.  
 We have hard work to do and loads to lift;  
 Shun not the struggle, face it—'tis God's gift."

Colonel Barrett, as a churchman, towered loftily among his associates in Grace Episcopal Church, Anderson, South Carolina. He loved nature. The out-of-doors was God's cathedral. And man was, to his thinking, a caretaker in whatever part of God's work he found himself. He re-landscaped the grounds of Grace Episcopal Church—he saw



to it that the church lawn presented always the best appearance. Beauty in landscape, home, church, office was to him a work—a reality. He was young in spirit and enthusiasms. He loved the youth of his city and country. A great man is what he is, because he was what he was. The author had in mind the type of Colonel Barrett—soldier, citizen, Churchman — when he penned: "With unrelenting crescendo, the symphony

of a life replete with melodic progression hastened to its finale. And a friendship that is ours to share, with its 'largos' and 'allegros' moves everlasting; onward in sweet memories."

Colonel Barrett's citations include the American Defense Service Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Legion of Merit, American Campaign Medal, World War I Victory Medal, Army-Commendation Ribbon and European-African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal. He was a member of the National Society of Scabbard and Blade and of Omicron Delta Kappa Society through the Beta Circle at Johns Hopkins University.

—Julian S. Ellenberg,  
 Acting Rector.

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**Carl Lee Marriott**

NO. 5516 CLASS OF 1916

DIED JUNE 13, 1957, AT HONOLULU, HAWAII, AGED 66 YEARS.

BORN a Buckeye in 1890, Carl lived in Ohio until in his teens, when his family moved to Oklahoma and settled in the Big Pasture.



The region was just being opened to settlers and they lived the life of the frontiersman until they were able to build houses and fence the land.

Carl finished his elementary schooling and had some work at Oklahoma University before entering West Point, to be graduated with the class of '16. Though we were born in the same county, Carl hadn't caught my attention or interest until the Christmas holiday when he wore the well-fitted uniform with such rows of buttons I couldn't resist him!

As a young officer, wanting to establish a home, he went into the Coast Artillery. On our honeymoon in the Summer of 1916, he carried a locker full of equipment, in case orders for the Mexican border should catch up with us.

He came back from Europe after World War I and transferred to the young Chemical Warfare Service, whose officers numbered less than 100 at that time. As Edgewood Arsenal was the mecca for the Chemical Warfare Service, he spent a great many years there, returning after each tour of duty elsewhere.

We had just gotten settled in Atlanta, Georgia, when he was ordered to London as an observer in the Autumn of '40. He stayed in London until we were well into World War II.

He came home from that assignment quite worn and tense from so much bombardment and went right out to the Eastern theater with General Krueger's Sixth Army. He stayed with the Sixth as far as Hollandia, New Guinea, when he was found unable to carry on.

Invalided home in 1945, with heart trouble and hypertension, he was retired at once. We took up residence in Honolulu, Hawaii, where we have enjoyed living, although Colonel Marriott had a stroke which left him unable to talk or move about freely. Still blessed with good hearing and eyesight, he spent his days listening to music or reading.

Those who knew Carl knew him to be one on whom they could depend, a man of his word and always considerate of the other fellow. He was a good story teller and his friends miss his wonderful letters which he took delight in penning.

Although so badly handicapped, the Colonel was able to communicate with us and we all miss his companionship.

Just three days before his 41st wedding anniversary, on June 13, 1957, he slipped away in his sleep. Surviving are his widow, Hazel; his daughters: Margaret M. Birnie, Mrs. E. G. Hahney, and Eloise Marriott; and six grandchildren.

—Hazel Shirley Marriott.

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**Ray Harrison**

NO. 5643 CLASS OF APRIL 1917

DIED JULY 13, 1957, AT PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA, AGED 61 YEARS.

THE sudden death of Ray Harrison, on July 13, 1957, came as a tremendous shock to his many friends in Pittsburgh as well as bankers and businessmen throughout the country.

For over 28 years Ray had been, undoubtedly, the most widely known—and widely admired—officer of the Mellon National Bank and Trust Company in Pittsburgh.

He was born on September 13, 1895 at Fort Adams, Rhode Island (near Newport). He



was the son of George F. E. Harrison and Mary Ray Harrison. After having attended Western High School, Washington, D. C., he was graduated from the Military Academy on April 20, 1917—just as the United States entered World War I. He served throughout the War as Captain in the Field Artillery, and after two years as an ROTC instructor at Yale University he terminated his military career in October 1922 and

moved into the field of finance. He first became associated with the National Bank of Commerce in New York City and, for a period of two years, was the Chicago representative of that institution.

In May 1929 the National Bank of Commerce was merged into the Guaranty Trust Company of New York. A month later, Ray Harrison joined the Mellon National Bank of Pittsburgh as an Assistant Cashier. At that time the Mellon National Bank had little or no organization devoted to the solicitation of business and Ray proceeded to establish virtually a one-man new business department, personally covering both banking and commercial customers throughout the entire country.

In February 1934 he was elected a Vice President and subsequently became a member of the Reserve City Bankers Association. He represented the Mellon Bank at all conventions and group meetings, with the result that most of the customers outside of Pittsburgh thought of Ray Harrison as the Mellon Bank.

After the merger with The Union Trust Company of Pittsburgh, Ray became responsible for the most important of the three territorial divisions for business development of the Mellon National Bank and Trust Company, and in addition had complete supervision of its correspondent bank relationships throughout the United States. He served for many years as a member of the Bank's Loan Committee. His advice and counsel were sought by many companies. Among those which benefitted by his presence as a director were Aetna Standard Engineering Company, the Montour Railroad Company, the Youngstown & Southern Railway and A. M. Byers Company.

Although his primary interest was in the banking field, he gave freely of his time and energy to innumerable projects for community betterment during the period of extensive growth in Pittsburgh. Among other activities, he was Treasurer and Director of the Community Chest of Allegheny County.

In spite of his active business and civic career, Ray was at all times completely devoted to his family and his friends. He leaves his widow, Elizabeth Love Harrison; two sons, Ray Harrison, Jr. of Wilmington, Delaware, and William D. Harrison of Pittsburgh; two brothers, George L. Harrison of New York City and Cleveland Harrison of Minneapolis; and two grandchildren.

He was an enthusiastic golfer and held memberships in the Fox Chapel Golf Club, The Pittsburgh Golf Club, Rolling Rock Club and the Duquesne Club.

He has left an enormous gap in the organization of the Mellon Bank, and his close associates and countless friends will long miss the unique sense of humor and charm of such a sincere and loyal friend.

—J. S. Raymond,  
Senior Vice President,  
Mellon National Bank  
and Trust Company.

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### John William Middleton

NO. 6138 CLASS OF NOVEMBER 1918

DIED JANUARY 20, 1957, AT ATLANTA,  
GEORGIA, AGED 59 YEARS.

JOHN, who joined us at West Point July 26, 1916, died on January 20, 1957. "Honest John" was his well known sobriquet as a cadet and it followed him the rest of his life. A more appropriate nickname is difficult to envisage since John had all the characteristics which honesty implies; straightforwardness, integrity, and truthfulness, not only to others but to himself as well.

Always ready and anxious to help friends and even casual acquaintances with their

troubles, "Middy," throughout his life, gave no indication that he had any worries of his own. To friends who saw him late in 1956 and who had not seen him for several years, it was apparent that he had failed in health but he made light of his illness as if it were something minor or even inconsequential.

John made friends easily and he had many of them; civilians as well as military, both American and foreign. His cheery manner, friendly infectious smile and hearty laugh drew people to him and made them feel completely at ease in his presence.

John possessed a keen analytical mind and high personal qualifications which were reflected in an outstanding performance of duty in all of his assignments. His entire military career was characterized by high standards, efficiency, loyalty and devotion to duty. He was held in high esteem and affection by all of his associates.

Over the years official assignments took John to many parts of the world. Soon after graduation he had a lengthy tour of duty in the Rhineland; later he saw service in the Philippines and China. Shortly after World War II he was Army Attache to India, and immediately preceding his retirement he served as Army Attache to Australia. In each



of these countries John added to his ever increasing number of friends.

A more devoted husband and capable father would be hard to visualize. John and Frances were doubly blessed with the arrival of twin boys, John and William.

One would have thought that John had taken extracurricular training for just such an occurrence. Gentle with the twins in babyhood, he became a constant and understanding companion in all their undertakings. He was their mental and spiritual guide as well as their playmate. John was intensely proud of his boys but was always careful not to spoil them by making too much of them in the presence of others. They have grown up to be strong, vigorous, and healthy young men which was obviously John's earnest hope.

After retiring in 1954 John and Frances settled in Atlanta where they bought a home. Not a person to be content with a life of inactivity, John decided to enter the educational field. This was a natural decision for John to make for during his career he had duty as an instructor of mathematics at West Point, as an Assistant Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Ohio State University, and in addition, he spent several years as an instructor at the Infantry School. However, in order properly to prepare himself for his chosen profession he enrolled in several courses at Georgia Tech. Upon the successful completion of those studies he was engaged in the Engineering

Drawing and Mechanics Division by that same institution.

John cherished the ideals of West Point and lived faithfully by its motto, "DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY". He has been called but his memory lingers in the hearts of those who knew him.

Frances has become a fully licensed and successful real estate agent while at the same time maintaining a home for her twin boys at 1586 Peachtree Battle Avenue N.W., Atlanta 5, Georgia.

—Robert A. Schoul,  
Major General, U.S.A.

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### Urban Niblo

NO. 6449 CLASS OF 1919

DIED AUGUST 11, 1957, AT WALTER REED  
HOSPITAL, WASHINGTON, D. C.,  
AGED 59 YEARS.

URBAN NIBLO, whose name for many years has been synonymous with Ordnance Service for Combat Troops, passed away at Walter Reed Hospital on August 11, 1957 after a short illness. He was born in Galveston, Texas, on November 20, 1897 and like so many Texans nothing came too big for him for he always found means to accomplish his mission and obtain his objectives. He was appointed to the U.S. Military Academy from Texas, graduating in November 1918, continuing at the Academy as a student officer until June 1919 when he was commissioned in the Field Artillery.

In 1926 "Nib" began his Ordnance career when he was detailed to the Ordnance Department and attended Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he obtained in 1927 a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering. After assignments to Springfield Armory, Office Chief of Ordnance, Kelly Field, Fort Sam Houston and Raritan Arsenal, in 1942 he became Ordnance Officer, II Corps. In this latter assignment "Nib" recognized the true meaning of Ordnance Service in the Field. During the hectic days in North Africa he threw the book away and violated many accepted concepts and doctrines while establishing the basis for the many new operating procedures which insured maximum service support to troops in combat. For his service in II Corps he received the Legion of Merit and in 1943 he became Ordnance Officer, Fifth Army in Italy. Here again he reorganized Ordnance Service and established procedures based on his concept of true Ordnance service to the line. Many officers serving in Italy found their around-the-clock effectiveness increased because Ordnance fabricated and supplied them with office-living vans or trailers. He made maximum use of indigenous labor and facilities to supplement his resources. In order to carry Ordnance support as far forward as possible he established repair and rebuild facilities within the Army Service Area. He was promoted to Brigadier General in 1944.

He became Ordnance Officer of the Mediterranean Theater in 1945 and for his Italian service was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal. At the end of hostilities in Europe, "Nib" applied for and received his reassignment to the Pacific, but V J Day caught him enroute and he was reassigned as Ordnance Officer, Fourth Army at Fort Sam Houston.

Prior to the Korean incident "Nib" was assigned as Chief Ordnance Officer, GHQ, Far East Command. Here he was responsible both for the establishment of extensive rebuild facilities in Japan and for the concept and implementation of Operation Roll Up. This latter operation encompassed the movement of all Ordnance equipment scattered on the many island bases throughout the Pacific to Japan and its rebuild or rehabilitation at Tokyo Armament Center, Tokyo

Engineering Works or Oppama. Fortunately this operation was in its final stages when the Korean action began. Both the South Korean and U.S. Forces were equipped and supplied from this program during the early phases of the action. Not only was he able to supply the forces in Korea from Japan, but "Nib" was again able to appreciably influence, by his zeal for true service, the Ordnance support furnished to the troops in combat.

Upon his return to the United States after the Korean fighting had ceased he was assigned to Headquarters, Army Field Forces and later became Deputy Commandant of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. From this duty he retired from active service on September 30, 1957.

After retirement he settled in Washington, D. C., and kept busy by taking a position with Dresser Industries, which he held until his death.

In 1921 he was married to Katherine Earl of El Paso, Texas. They had two daughters, Virginia Fahner married to J. Richard Browder now living in Falls Church, Virginia, and Katharine Elizabeth married to Kyle W. Bowie now living at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.



"Nib" will long be remembered by the many officers who served under his command and who learned first hand his principles of Ordnance Service and his influence will be felt by the thousands who will be taught these principles in the years to come. His outstanding qualities were his intense devotion to Ordnance Service, loyalty to his commanders and his devotion to his family. "Nib's" life was not just serious work. He had a keen sense of humor, made warm and lasting friendships and had a zest for living which made life more enjoyable for all who came in contact with him.

—J. D. B.

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**Verne Donald Mudge**

NO. 6615 CLASS OF 1920

DIED JANUARY 29, 1957, IN SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, AGED 58 YEARS.

Few men are privileged to serve their country and their fellow men through distinguished service in two distinctive careers. Verne Donald Mudge was one of these few. As a career officer in the United States Army for 25 years, Verne served his country during the difficult years between two world wars and during the critical years of the Pacific phase of World War II. As a mem-

ber of the professional staff of the Senate Armed Services Committee for nine years, Verne devoted himself to the consideration of the post-war problems of his country with the same skill, insight, thoroughness, and dedication that characterized his military career.

The greater part of his military career was spent in the service of the First Cavalry Division. Following graduation from the United States Military Academy in 1920, he attended Cavalry School at Fort Riley, Kansas, and soon after joined the First Cavalry Division which he served faithfully until, as Major General in command of the Division, he was wounded in the fighting near Manila in 1945.

During these years the First Cavalry Division underwent important changes. The modern, efficient, flexible Division which served with such distinction in the Pacific in World War II was very different from the Division of the 1920's. So little was known of these changes by the general public that news reporters found it necessary to add the word "mechanized", "dismounted", "amphibious" whenever referring to the Cavalry Division. During these years of re-organization Verne was alternately attending school—Command and Staff School, War College—and putting his training to practical use in the Division.

It is interesting to note that Verne began and ended his military career under General Douglas MacArthur. Brigadier General MacArthur was Superintendent and Commandant at the United States Military Academy when Verne was graduated in 1920. Twenty-four years later General MacArthur was Allied Southwest Pacific Commander in Chief when the First Cavalry Division, under Verne's command, made the spectacular drive to Manila.

Between these two events came years of careful training and devoted service. The importance of these years is summarized by Chaplain Donald F. Kingsley in these words.

"As one of the small band of hard-core career officers who practiced and perfected the profession of arms during the bitter, lean years that spanned the interim between two world wars, Verne gave himself unstintingly to the cause of preparedness and the national security. In so doing he pitted his skill, his self dedication, his courage, his vision against the inertia of a disheartening public indifference and the seemingly deliberate blindness of a war-weary America which had turned its back upon the realities of world developments and had sought to banish from its thinking the possibility of 'another war'. It would be impossible to estimate either the extent of his personal contribution to victory in World War II or the number of lives that were saved as the result of his years of disciplined devotion to duty, of command responsibility, of study, of planning, and of combat leadership."

(In Memoriam, Verne D. Mudge, 1 February 1957)

Verne's military career was cut short when he was wounded on February 28, 1945. Following the dramatic race to Manila and the freeing of the 3,700 internees at Santo Tomas University, the First Cavalry Division, under Verne's command, moved on toward the summer capital of Baguio. Northeast of Manila, Verne was severely wounded by a grenade.

From early days in West Point through his entire military career Verne was known for his devotion to democracy and humanity. He accepted as natural the increasing responsibilities placed upon him and sought always to discharge them honorably. He was often characterized as a front-line General. His courage and judgment earned for him the Distinguished Service Cross, the

Legion of Merit, the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, the Air Medal, the Purple Heart, and the Distinguished Service Medal.

After recovery from his wounds, Verne joined, and for a time was director of, the professional staff of the Senate Armed Services Committee. Thus he began his second career, his civilian career, in 1946. As questions relating to selective service and military training occurred in the Senate, Verne was consulted. He spent long hours in intensive research and provided detailed and exact factual data needed for the careful consideration of legislation. Because he could explain details clearly and could see to the heart of a complex and difficult problem, he was consulted constantly by members of the Senate. Because of his thorough knowledge and his sound judgment, his advice had great weight. Thus, for nine years he devoted his time and his unusual talents to the consideration of problems of post-war legislation.

At the time of Verne's retirement, July 1955, Senator Russell introduced into the Congressional Record a brief account of his military career and an appreciative analysis of his invaluable contribution to the Senate Armed Services Committee, Senators of both political parties voiced their



grateful recognition of Verne's capable and devoted service. His military knowledge coupled with his broad civilian outlook, the thoroughness of his research on every question referred to him, and the soundness of his judgment were qualities for which they praised him. General Floyd M. Parks wrote in a letter to the Washington Post (February 2, 1957) that Verne's research on selective service and military training are standard works in the field and that his efforts were directed solely toward the real and lasting good of all of the people of this land.

The personal qualities which made him successful in these two diverse fields have been pointed out by those who knew him well. Friends, fellow officers, enlisted men, members of Congress, and many others have been impressed with his fundamental kindness, humility, generosity, modesty, sincerity, and bigness of spirit. In the face of difficulty, others have been strengthened by his self-discipline, his selflessness, his courage, and his fortitude. They recognized his fairness and his deep-rooted regard for people as individuals. They respected his integrity and trusted his judgment and his leadership. These are the qualities that made him great during his lifetime and endeared him to all who knew him. These are the qualities that will live on in the lives that touched his.

—His Sister.

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## Alfred A. Kessler, Jr.

NO. 6836 CLASS OF 1922

DIED NOVEMBER 30, 1956, AT HAMILTON AIR FORCE BASE HOSPITAL, HAMILTON FIELD, CALIFORNIA. AGED 58 YEARS.

AARON KESSLER, one of our most revered and admired classmate friends, was the victim of a heart attack on November 30, 1956.

At that time he and Polly Crane Kessler, his wonderful wife and companion for over 30 years, were residing in their chosen retirement home near San Rafael, California. Their son Peter (Alfred A. Kessler III), was also at home completing his education, and providing his parents with great pleasure and satisfaction in having the family together again.

Alfred A. Kessler had the unique privilege and honor of serving his country as a commissioned officer during three wars. He resigned his Infantry commission, received from the far famed Officers Training Camp, at Plattsburg, New York, in order to enter the Academy as a cadet, just three days after the Armistice of World War I. In



World War II he served at home and overseas as a Colonel or Brigadier General, in the Air Force, and during the Korean War as a Major General.

To attest to the versatility and international importance of his great wartime services, he was awarded, in addition to numerous honors from his own Government, very high honors from the Governments of Sweden, Norway, Soviet Russia and Belgium.

His great zeal, industry and desire for improvement are evident in his magnificent academic record. With a Degree of Bachelor of Science from the Military Academy in 1922, he continued his studies, by graduation, within two years, from the Air Corps Primary, and the Advanced Flying School. He also was graduated from the Air Corps Engineering School.

As a Lieutenant, he received the most coveted assignment as student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge. In 1932 he was awarded the highly prized and difficult to secure, Degree of Master of Science in Aeronautical Engineering. It was here that his great initiative and intelligence received its first high civilian acknowledgment from the authorities of the Institute of Technology. Some of his professors had formerly been his civilian subordinates at Wright Field. They persuaded the Administration to provide funds and facilities for individual research and development on whatever project Lieutenant

Kessler selected. His original research on Airplane Wing Stresses and Strains received unqualified approbation from scientists and researchers who were devoting all their talents to developing and promoting this phase of aeronautical engineering.

Aaron was in active Military Service for 37 years. His peacetime duties included service in the Philippines, numerous continental posts, and "flying the mails" in 1934.

From England (1942), he commanded the Bomb Group, which he had trained in the States, and whose missions were daylight bombing raids on "Fortress Europe".

He commanded (1943), the Combat Bomb Wing which initiated the spectacular and effective "shuttle bombing" from England to Germany to North Africa.

The year 1944 was one of crowning achievements for this serious, diplomatic, fighting man. As a result of the Roosevelt-Stalin Teheran Conference, Colonel Kessler was ordered to Russia to negotiate, build, and operate the bases in that country for use in the planned "Shuttle Bombing" from England to Russia.

As a Brigadier General, he was assigned station with the Strategic Air Forces at Poltava, Russia. Here he had the distinction of commanding the first friendly foreign troops to operate from Russian soil.

He was reassigned to command of his former Combat Wing in England, where he further participated in the strategic bombing of Germany, and direct Air Support of our Ground Forces.

Late in 1944 General Kessler was directed to Stockholm, Sweden, as Military and Military Air Attache. The unusual and highly delicate nature of his activities in Sweden, in repatriating downed fliers, and other fighting men of many nationalities, will never be discounted when the annals of history are free to review the war years in retrospect. Credit will be established for the magnificent results achieved while this soldier held his position of strategic responsibility on the soil of the wonderful Swedish people and Government. He was certainly a diplomatic, ever patient, highly imaginative, resourceful and faithful representative for our Government.

As one of the Kesslers' closest associates through the long years, his lovely widow, Polly, honored me by requesting that I prepare an appropriate entry for the "In Memory" section of ASSEMBLY. My acceptance, at first reluctant, of this labor of love for Aaron, has returned beautifully rich rewards as I have mentally and spiritually reviewed his wonderful earthly mission.

Aaron had a great soul. He was adept at argument, at expressing himself, and voicing his opinion—so long as no person was hurt or offended or embarrassed. He loved his fellow associates, his friends, his family. He gloried in those duties which enabled him to assist the civilian patriot to be better prepared to accept wartime or emergency situations. He devoted his last years of active duty, with fervor, to establishing civilian relations on the sound foundations of frankness, confidence and respect.

He was a God fearing respecter of custom, tradition, manners and morals. He lived his day to day life as a man who meets every obstacle head on, as a man who must accomplish something better for mankind, and as a man who was daily prepared to meet his Creator.

In his home and domestic life, Aaron received many of his deserved rewards. Polly and Aaron and Peter, as a family, have been an inspiration for all of us. Their devotion, their spirit, their kindness, and their way of life have been exemplary.

Our personal feelings at the passing of such a fine comrade, friend, classmate and companion in arms, are difficult to express

in words. It is not appropriate to do so. The magnificent memory of The Long Grey Line, ever lengthening, must always be the inspiration for those who remain, and who have the eternal understanding of its significance to our living, as well as yet unborn, fellow countrymen.

—Harold A. (Ham) Meyer,  
Class of 1922.

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## Boone Seegers

NO. 13399 CLASS OF JANUARY 1943

KILLED IN ACTION JULY 7, 1950, AT CHONAN, KOREA, AGED 31 YEARS.

In the dark days of 1950 when the Army of Communist North Korea was pushing back our outnumbered American Forces, courage and valor were the Order of the Day. Boone Seegers was certainly not the least of those leading the way, plugging the gaps, bolstering faltering troops.

Marguerite Higgins, in a dispatch to the New York Herald Tribune dated July 8, 1950, reported . . . "Major Seegers, using jeeps,



guns and Infantry . . . advanced about ten miles across ridges which the North Koreans had held the night before. . . ." Boone Seegers' last recorded words were, "Isn't it wonderful to be advancing instead of retreating?" Boone was killed that day, July 7, 1950.

I remember Boone as a tall, handsome young man of quiet disposition, amiable and generous toward those who knew him. Boone was neither meticulous nor indifferent and it was said that he belonged to that class of cadets who "made the Corps what it is". His natural leaning was toward the cultural but in spite of this he took all courses with the attitude that they were a job to be done. His air of refinement was a social legend and once having won a friend, kept him forever.

After graduation Boone went to the Army Air Corps. When the war was over he had flown over thirty-five combat missions as a B-17 bomber pilot, with the 8th Air Force, Europe. Boone's career was not without other highlights worthy of note. He attended Columbia University for special studies and later was assigned to the American Mission, United Nations. In 1946 he was appointed aide to General McNarney, Military Governor in Germany, which post he held until McNarney's tour ended. Later Boone volunteered to remain on duty with the Army as an Infantry Officer.

Boone left no doubt as to his eventual destiny in our profession. In the best tradi-

tions of the Long Gray Line, he gave his life in battle, converting a retreat into victory and leading the way for his comrades. Man can do no more.

—M. J. Berenzweig,  
Class of January 1943.

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**Peter Van Matre**

NO. 15060 CLASS OF 1945

DIED AUGUST 22, 1957, IN PLANE CRASH AT  
EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDA,  
AGED 33 YEARS.

MAJOR PETER VAN MATRE was killed at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, on August 22, 1957, in the crash of an F-104, the Air Force's latest fighter. At the time of his death he was assigned to the 3241 Test Group (Fighter Interceptor).

Military interment was in Arlington National Cemetery, on August 28, 1957, with a Memorial Service at Eglin AFB Chapel.

We who knew Major Van Matre feel that his heart was, indeed, "one of those which most enamour us — wax to receive, and



marble to retain". And I am convinced that upon it, when he died, was engraved the solemn dedication worn by each West Pointer on his ring: Duty, Honor, Country.

Brief though his career was, nevertheless it held meaning—which is a great deal more than may be said for longer spans of existence. As Edward Young in "Right Thoughts" expressed this sentiment: "That life is long which answers life's great end" And as Byron stated: "They never fail who die in a great cause".

And so, as he joins the ranks-eternal of the Long Gray Line, the link which he forged remains to withstand the forces of time, to form another coil in the structure of a proud tradition. The chain will not weaken at this link: it is shaped of stainless steel.

From the age of four, it was the life's ambition of my brother to attend West Point. The day upon which he entered the Academy was for him—and, indeed, for us in the family—the proudest which he was ever to know. His chosen branch of the Service, the Air Force, brought him the added fulfillment of the practice of a worthy profession. In his words of simple definition of its significance to him: "It is a way of life". And, since the end was destined to come when it did, I feel assured that he was happy in dying at the controls. He would have wanted it that way.

At Sewanee Military Academy, Pete was associated with, and privileged to be sub-

jected to the influence of, such dedicated leaders of men as the late Major General William R. Smith, Superintendent of the Academy; and then Major William J. Morton, Jr.—who at a later date was appointed to the position of Librarian at West Point. Under the guidance and inspiration of such distinguished officers as these, the profession of soldier was exemplified as a career deserving of the highest endeavor of manhood.

To follow in the footsteps of Robert E. Lee—who, by the noble example of his own upright soldier's life, established the pattern for future generations—became the design of my brother's life. The tribute, "He was a good soldier", is the one which would please him most. And a final resting-place on the grounds of the master of Arlington seems a fitting termination to a career of service.

If the die is cast at preparatory school, it is at West Point that the molten metal is hardened into steel. The character is formed. And, through the development of the three mature virtues — wisdom, compassion, and courage—the boy becomes the man. However, I believe the graduate of West Point must be the exception to this platitude. I wish every boy might benefit from the advantages of the training offered at this Citadel of our American way of life.

Peter Van Matre was, above else, a dedicated pilot. After earning his wings, he served at Mitchel and Hamilton AF Bases. In 1950 he was assigned to a fighter squadron in England. Upon his return to the U.S. in 1954 he attended the Test Pilot School at Edwards AFB, California. He was assigned to the AF Operational Test Center, Eglin AFB, Florida, in 1955.

On March 21, 1953, he was married to Miss Betty Kreutzer, of Tomahawk, Wisconsin. He is survived by his wife and by two children: Mary, aged one year, and a son, Dirk, born posthumously, on September 28, 1957.

—Nancy Van Matre (sister).

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**William Theodore Bowley**

NO. 16151 CLASS OF 1946

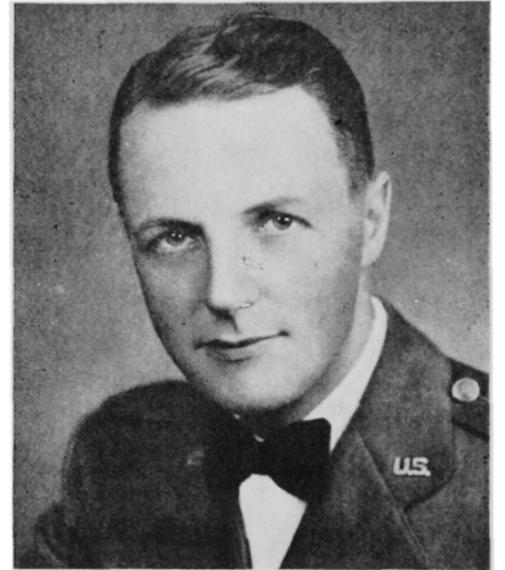
DIED JULY 29, 1957, IN AN AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT  
NEAR STEWART AFB, NEWBURGH, NEW YORK.  
AGED 33 YEARS.

ON the 29th of July 1957, four miles west of Newburgh, New York, the explosion of a T-33 Jet Plane flying in the midst of a thunderstorm took the life of William Theodore Bowley, Captain, United States Air Force. Bill died as he might have wished, in an instantaneous flash above the ground, though indeed he had much to live for: a successful career as a pilot in the Air Force, a lovely and loving wife, and after ten years of waiting a baby son. Bill had the rare good fortune to have seen each of his goals for life achieved, one by one—an experience not given to many. Certainly his success, for he was a successful man by any criteria, should not be credited entirely to good fortune. Bill set his sights high and aimed for goals that by their very nature minimized luck and stressed perseverance, determination and hard work. His amazing display of these qualities indicates in some small way the nature of his loss to the nation and the service.

Bill's career began, as it ended, at West Point, on March 9, 1924. His father, Freeman Wate Bowley, Class of 1911, was stationed at the Academy as a Tactical Officer and artillery instructor. Apparently the environment was impressive, for Bill and his two brothers subsequently determined to obtain their education and commission from the United States Military Academy, and to

spend their careers in the Army Air Corps. Brother Freeman (Major Freeman W. Bowley, USAF) entered the Academy in 1939, and John (Colonel Albert J. Bowley, USAF) entered in 1940, both of them to graduate as members of the class of June 1943. Colonel Bowley, their father, was retired for disability in 1940, to return to active duty and West Point in 1941. Bill was graduated from the Highland Falls High School, then attended Millard's Prep School in Washington, D. C. An appointment to West Point from North Carolina in 1942 allowed Bill to enter the Academy on July 1, 1943, as a member of the Class of 1946. The first of his self-set goals was within reach.

Bill was a quiet, friendly and thoroughly serious cadet, dedicated to the task of getting through the Academy and into the Army Air Force, yet alive to the richness of the traditions and values of West Point. As a member of E-1 Company he settled down at once into the routine of cadet life and never took his eyes off the objectives that he had set for himself. He accepted the system and tempered it with a good-natured humor and a willing manner. His friendship was valued by those who knew him and some-



thing of his quiet cheerful determination tended to infect his associates. Academics gave him trouble from the beginning and kept him close to his books. The death of his father while on duty at West Point in March of 1944 caused Bill to become even more quiet and serious. Musically inclined, he sang in the Cadet Choir, the informal "E-Co" groups at picnics and the Yearling "Color Line" at Camp Popolopen. A good athlete, Bill confined himself to Company Intramurals, squash and weight-lifting in order to insure proficiency for the cadet flight training of First Class Summer, and eventually, graduation.

The first serious set-back occurred when an overly-conscientious Flight Surgeon ruled that a temporary and minor physical defect would prevent his taking cadet flight training in the Summer of 1945. To others suffering the same disappointment, this spelled the end of a flying career in the service, but Bill never lost his love for flying and his determination to serve as a flying officer. Graduation in 1946 found him safely tucked inside the end of the class and commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Artillery.

Graduation leave was the first opportunity to fly, so Bill spent his leave earning a Private Pilot's license at the local airfield outside Hendersonville, North Carolina, in a 65 HP Aeronca "Champion".

The usual schools followed rapidly: The Artillery School at Fort Sill, The Anti-aircraft and Guided Missile School at Fort Bliss

and The Airborne School at Fort Benning. While at Fort Bliss, Bill met Miss Claire Bradley Parker of El Paso, Texas, a petite, lively and lovely red-head. They were married in the Fort Bliss chapel a short week after Bill earned his parachute wings, on June 29, 1947. A perfect complement to Bill, Claire shared his life and enthusiasms, even to the point of acquiring a Private Pilot's license of her own.

In August of 1947, Bill sailed for Korea and occupation duty. After a six month tour as a battery officer in an Automatic Weapons Battalion, he transferred to the Seventh Division and served as an Intelligence Officer, Aide de Camp to Major General William Dean, and as a Platoon Leader.

In the Summer of 1949 he submitted his request for transfer to the United States Air Force and pilot training. In February of 1950 the request was finally approved and for one month Bill served as an Infantry Platoon Leader in the Air Force.

Pilot training began at Randolph AFB in April 1950 and the long-cherished silver wings were pinned on at Vance AFB in May 1951. The second of his major goals had been realized.

An assignment to Bolling Field in Washington, D. C., followed as a transport pilot with the 1111th Special Air Missions Squadron. In October 1952, assignment to combat crew training in B-26 type aircraft ended this present tour, with weeks of training at the USAF Advanced Flying School (Light Bombardment), the B-26 Transition School and the SAC Survival School.

April 1953 found Bill ferrying a B-26 from California to Korea via the island chain, for combat duty with the 90th Bombardment Squadron of the Third Bomb Group. The end of the Korean combat tour came after 26 combat missions in B-26's and the award of the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal.

Christmas Day 1953 Bill flew out of Tokyo for a reunion with Claire, and a tour at Vance AFB in Oklahoma as an instructor. A final school, the Squadron Officer School of the Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, preceded his assignment to West Point as Assistant Public Information Officer in the Summer of 1955.

West Point was a happy assignment for Claire and Bill. His duty left time for further training in jet transition, and even more flying in his private sailplane, "Claire-voyant", from the Wurtsboro, New York, airport. He became an Associate Member of the Soaring Society of America and so outstanding were his qualifications as a pilot, a soarer and a leader that he was elected President of The Sail Flight Soaring Club in 1956. Bill entered the annual "Snowbird Meet" of the Elmyra Area Soaring Corporation in New York in 1956 and placed second among the leading sail-pilots of the nation.

Bill was eagerly looking forward to competing against the best in the soaring game again in the early part of July 1957, but was delayed by a high priority project that Claire was producing. The birth of his son on July 2, 1957 was the apex of his happiness and young William T. Bowley, Jr., the focus of the pride that only a father who has waited for ten years can possess.

Yet, Bill did manage to get to Elmyra and enter his plane in the Endurance Flight to log his longest flight and place third in that test of skill to stay aloft without benefit of engines.

Surely this is a chronicle of perseverance, determination, hard work and the pure gleeful unadulterated love of flying.

It is impossible to record here all of the facets of Bill Bowley's fine personality and character. We, his friends, know the value of the man who left us and we can be grateful that it was given us to live and serve beside him. A fine soldier, airman, husband, friend and man and a credit to the young

son who bears his name. A man who was born at West Point, died while on duty at West Point and represents the finest and the best of the essence of West Point!

—C. M. Simpson, III.  
Classmate.

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**William Edwards Otis, Jr.**

NO. 17908 CLASS OF 1950

DIED SEPTEMBER 11, 1950, IN KOREA,  
AGED 25 YEARS.

"TIGE," as he was known to family and friends, or Bill, as he became known at West Point, had one outstanding trait which we who knew and loved him will always remember. It was an uncanny ability to lighten the moment, no matter how dark, and make everyone happy to be there at that particular time with him. He would laugh at himself or with you or lampoon an entire situation to shatter its oppressiveness. Although his life was tragically short



it was full and rich because he never wasted time worrying about misfortune.

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, "Tige" first looked at Army life at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, in 1929 when his mother was married to an Army officer. Somewhere early in the family's tour of peace-time Army posts he determined that this would be his career. There were many obstacles to overcome but "Tige" never relinquished this goal.

After attending various schools on Army posts and in Cleveland, "Tige" entered Culver Military Academy. A member of the Artillery there, he was active in cadet life and as a member of the wrestling team. Two years of military life seemed to sharpen his desire to enter the Military Academy; he secured a Congressional appointment upon his graduation in 1943. Such was not to be immediately, however, as defective vision prevented his passing the medical examination. There followed two years of enlisted service in the Artillery and in the CIC, as well as several delicate eye operations, before he finally entered the Academy with the class of 1950.

West Point with its periodic cycles of gloom seemed to lend fuel to "Tige's" love of humor and satire. Although deeply dedicated to the traditions and missions of West Point, he depicted his exasperations with the rigors of the military and academic system to the delight of family and friends, gathering regularly to read his letters.

During his First Class year "Tige" met

Doris Livingston of Philadelphia, to whom he was married following graduation June Week.

On August 7, 1950, "Tige's" leave and honeymoon were terminated and he flew to Japan. He stayed there less than a week before reporting to the First Cavalry Division in Korea. Although engaged in the bitter fighting of that month, he found time to lighten the home spirits, spinning anecdotes of his disappointment at the elimination of the beer ration and of his difficulties making himself understood by Korean soldiers. Humor however shrouded no lack of resolution. For his "extreme courage and aggressive action against overwhelming odds" in action near Waegwan, "Tige" was awarded the Silver Star. He had been put in for another for his part in leading a patrol to bring out a fellow officer and friend who had been cut off, but shortly thereafter, on September 11, he was killed while leading his platoon on an attack near Waegwan.

A friend of the family wrote that as tragic as his death was, there was some small consolation in knowing that "Tige" had early set his mind on a career in the service and when he died was leading his troops, the ultimate fulfillment of that goal. Considering this, with the happiness he had known in marriage and the memories he left, which even now can make us who loved him forget ourselves and chuckle, his was indeed a life full and rich.

—J. G.

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**William Norman Cowan, Jr.**

NO. 18991 CLASS OF 1952

DIED APRIL 27, 1953, AT FORT BRAGG, NORTH  
CAROLINA, AGED 24 YEARS.

WILLIAM NORMAN COWAN, JR., realized an ambition cherished since childhood when he entered West Point in July of 1948. He was familiar with the atmosphere and traditions of the Army and had had ample opportunity to observe both the pleasant and the unpleasant aspects of a military career. Although never influenced in his choice of a profession, early in life he set the Military Academy as his goal and never considered any career other than military service. There were many times, however, when he was growing up that it seemed he would never achieve his goal. When he was eight, after a very severe attack of pneumonia followed by empyema, he lay in the hospital at Fort Jay for several months with a tube in his back to drain his lung. Recovering completely from that, he had another long siege in the hospital when he was fifteen and was stricken with bulbar polio. Again he regained perfect health, and when the time came he had no trouble in passing the West Point physical. Writing of the Academy while still a Plebe he said, "At last I feel that I am doing something real and sticking to it."

Bill was born February 26, 1929 at Fort Totten, New York, the eldest son of William Norman and Elva M. Cowan. His early years were spent at Fort Hamilton, New York, where his father was serving as a Master Sergeant in the First Infantry Division Headquarters. His was the usual, normal, carefree boyhood lived on an Army reservation. As a little fellow he roamed over Fort Hamilton, which was a small post, and everyone knew and liked him and took care of him. He loved music and at the age of four had an appointment with the 18th Infantry Band each morning at ten for band practice. He was assigned a piano stool and, they say, sat quietly on his stool all during the rehearsal, never causing the least

trouble or making any noise. He never missed a parade and often followed the band on the field.

Starting school at PS 104 in Brooklyn, he subsequently attended schools in Ayer, Massachusetts, (while his father was at Fort Devens), in Richmond, Virginia, and finally was graduated from Austin High School in El Paso, Texas.

Bill was a warm-hearted boy and quickly made friends wherever he went. He entered enthusiastically into all extra-curricular activities of the schools and was intensely interested in athletics. At an early age he had learned to swim, ice skate and take part in all sports. Football was his special love and he played on the Thomas Jefferson High School team in Richmond, Virginia. Here, too, he was a member of the Thomas Jefferson Cadet Corps, as well as the Hi-Y and many other High School clubs.

He was a straight-forward, honest fellow. It never seemed to occur to him to deny anything he did or blame anyone else. He was always quick to assume full responsibility no matter what the consequences, and this wonderful trait of character and his strong self discipline made it easy for him to fit into West Point's strict discipline and



readily accept and abide by the honor system there.

Graduating from the Academy in June of 1952, he was married that same month to Ellen Brent Shuford of Hickory, North Carolina, and they went to live at Fort Benning, Georgia, where he attended the Infantry School and, later, Jump School. Here he really felt that he had attained his goal and was often known to say that he had what he wanted from life—to be serving in the Army and married to the girl who meant more than anything else in the world to him. Completing the schools at Fort Benning, he was assigned to Company "F", 504th Airborne Infantry, 82nd Airborne "All American" Division, at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. This permanent assignment pleased him very much. He was proud to be in the 82nd and Fort Bragg was near home. Then, too, Ellen's brother received his orders to Fort Bragg about the same time, as did many of Bill's classmates. All this, together with the fact that Bill and Ellen were expecting a child, made things just perfect for them. He was so sure that the baby would be a boy and it was a little boy born May 15, 1953, but Bill did not live to know about his son for he was killed as the result of an accident while on maneuvers on April 27, 1953. He was buried in Hickory, North Carolina, with full military honors. Writing of his death to his parents, his commanding officer said in part, "Except for family ties,

the admiration, respect, and affection of comrades are an officer's most priceless possessions. These possessions I believe your son had earned in full measure. The death of such a man leaves with each member of his unit a lasting sense of loss."

The many tributes paid Bill by his classmates can be summed up in an excerpt from a letter from one as follows: "In our months of rooming together a friendship started that grew stronger through the years. I admired Bill as a man who worked hard for what he wanted. All of us in his company will always remember his quick humor, and his consideration for and understanding of those with whom he associated. Although Bill's accident cut short a promising career, those who remain behind will be better men for having known him."

He was deeply religious. While he did not make a show of his religion, he lived it quietly from day to day and believed sincerely in the innate goodness of the individual. It could truly be said that he spent his life living, learning and serving, for he loved his fellow man and was always ready and willing to do what he could to help anyone who needed help, stranger or friend. Though he only lived 24 years, one month, and one day, few men have attained the full measure of happiness and contentment that was his and he has left with his friends and loved ones many happy memories of his companionship, his gentleness, his modesty, his good nature, his loyalty and his faith in others. Truly the world has been a better place for having him for the short time.

He is survived by his son, William Norman Cowan III; his widow, who has since remarried; his parents, Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. William N. Cowan; and a brother, First Lieutenant Robert E. Cowan, now with the 3rd Armored Division Trains in Germany.

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**Raynor Garey, Jr.**

NO. 19663 CLASS OF 1954

DIED FEBRUARY 15, 1956, IN AN AIR ACCIDENT AT MOODY AFB, GEORGIA, AGED 24 YEARS.

But whether on the scaffold high  
Or in the battle's van,  
The fittest place where man can die  
Is where he dies for man!

RAY died as he lived—for man! However, he would not wish to have his life portrayed as a series of spectacular contributions to men, for it was in the small things that he excelled. His was the gift of bringing relief to the dull moments, spirited participation to the competitive ones, and comradeship to the joyous ones. These are accomplishments which never seemed extraordinary in their time, but which are treasured when they are recalled by those of us who enjoyed his friendship. His death, likewise, was not on some foreign battlefield, but as the result of a training accident during a night flight at Moody AFB, Georgia, while he was undergoing training as an interceptor pilot. We may not glamorize his life or death, for that would not be as Ray would want it. Both he risked, and gave, for man in whatever manner it might come.

He was the son of Mrs. Raynor Garey and the late Colonel Garey. Ray did not enter service life when he climbed the hill from the station in July 1950. No, his entry predated that occasion by 19 years when he entered this world at the station hospital at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. As most Army children, his childhood was spent at various posts throughout this and other countries. Of these years he would speak fondly, but his family's three years in Hawaii were foremost among these memories.

After his father's retirement, his family settled in the Garey family home in North East, Maryland. Here Ray spent his last few years of high school, winning there, also, many friends, as is evidenced by his election to Senior Class President.

Following high school came a year at Johns Hopkins where Ray majored in Chemical Engineering. This was quickly abandoned the following Spring when he received his appointment to the Military Academy. His years there among us followed the usual cadet routine, but never to the exclusion of his friends, and there were none among his classmates who was not his friend. Finding little difficulty with Academics, he cheerfully gave help to those who did. Soccer and his soon-to-be-wife, Sue, were his chief interests. Thus, with a minimum of anguish he passed through his four years, emerging as a Second Lieutenant in the Regular Air Force.

Primary Pilot Training was spent at Bartow AB, Florida. The long training schedule did not prevent him from enjoying and sharing the recreational pleasures of Florida's Lake Country. Being fortunate enough to rent a lakeside cottage, his home was naturally a retreat during off-duty time. Fishing, swimming, and water-skiing provided



the lighter entertainment, but, also, more serious pastimes were included. Any discussion on history, politics, or the service found Ray a willing participant. He read a great amount, the great captains of The War Between The States being his favorite. After a hard day of flying and academics his home was a haven for body and spirit which he was happy to share with all.

Probably the happiest days Ray spent were at Greenville AFB, Mississippi, for their family was blessed with a daughter, Susan Kay. The joy which she brought to her parents fulfilled the promise of their home. Many a bachelor reappraised his cherished freedom after a visit with the Garey's. The Pilot Training Program for Jet Fighters which Ray was undergoing was a new and exciting experience. Ray mastered the techniques of this flying easily and was graduated in November 1955. At this time he received his pilot's wings and was assigned to F-94 advanced training at Moody AFB, Georgia. Here Ray and his family lived until his untimely death.

Ray is buried at West Point cemetery. Here among so many others who served and died with and for their fellow men, he richly deserves a place. We who remain may best reverse his memory by striving to live as he lived.

Wherever "The Corps" is sung, Raynor Garey, you most certainly deserve their "Well Done!" May God rest your soul.

—Lieutenant Douglas G. Dwyre.

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