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PLAIN TALK



Fellow Graduates:

Many new stars—74 of them—have just been sewed beneath as many A's here at West Point. We licked Navy in every one of the seven winter sports! This is the first time in history either Academy has been able to sweep such a large field. And in a fitting sign-off we closed out with victories over the Royal Military College in hockey, pistol and debating.

Our Annual Student Conference on U.S. Affairs was held just before Christmas. Sixty-four colleges and universities from all over the United States and Canada were represented. We feel that it was highly successful, and served to further extend and cement the knowledge of, and regard for, the Military Academy in the academic world. Now we are looking forward to our Founders Day Dinner here. As you know, the Association of Graduates has established the Sylvanus Thayer Award to be presented annually to the American citizen who, by his accomplishments, best exemplifies the ideals of West Point. Doctor Ernest O. Lawrence has been selected for the first award, which will be presented to him at a luncheon in Washington Hall. You will find details of the presentation ceremony elsewhere in this issue.

We have been working for some time on a "comic book" entitled CADET GRAY. It was published last month by Dell Publishing Company. I think it will perform a significant job for West Point in a dignified way and interest more youngsters in the Military Academy. I hope you like it sufficiently to help us promote its circulation. We are trying to get someone interested in a new TV series along similar lines which could present an accurate, current picture of the Academy. Through flashbacks such a series could show the rich heritage of West Point and its splendid contribution to the welfare of our country.

While on the subject of our Public Information Program, you will be glad to know that our physical development program was selected as the example to be depicted in a color documentary film, offered as a public service by Gillette in support of the President's Youth Fitness Program. I hope it will appeal to you as much as it does to me.

The Superintendent of the Naval Academy and I are in cahoots about this "going-steady" problem. Christmas week we had the plebes go back to the "old-fashioned" hops—stag line, hop-cards, cut-ins, et al. We think the majority liked them. Their drags were most enthusiastic! Last month we asked the upper classmen to follow suit for a period of 60 days; after that the choice will be theirs.

Early in April the Superintendents, Commandants, and Deans of the four Academies: Naval, Air, Coast Guard, and Military are going to get together for several days as guests of the Coast Guard Academy at New London to discuss matters of mutual interest. It should be an interesting gathering. I will, of course, let you know the results.

Analysis of the results of the Graduate Questionnaire has proved slower than I had expected because of the

improvised nature of the group carrying the load. However, we are presenting the first general informational data in this issue. These preliminary data, while interesting, provide merely the backdrop from which a more detailed analysis of the mass of statistics will proceed, the results of which should be helpful in assisting us to do our job here a little better.

In order to get some additional ideas of the type or types of background that has produced successful career officers, we recently sent questionnaires to over 3000 non-graduates of the Regular Service. It was necessary to hold up their dispatch until the returns from our own graduates were in so that we could select a comparable cross section to analyze. The response has been exceptionally fine. Officers in the senior grades have been most prompt and cooperative in replying. They certainly represent a very distinguished group of soldiers: George Marshall, Walter Krueger, Courtney Hodges, Leonard Gerow, Troy Middleton, and Lucian Truscott, to name only a few.

Our curriculum study has gotten off to a good start. The more I consider the situation in which we find ourselves today, and the probable requirements of the future, the more impressed I become with the importance of this study to the Military Academy. We must insure that we are not only up with the p-rade, but that we are ahead of it.

Last spring we adopted a policy that requires all of our Professors, except the very senior ones, to obtain their doctorates, to take sabbatical leaves, and to visit somewhere in the Service for at least a three-month period in between. In accordance with this concept, Vald Heiberg is studying in Holland at the Technological University, Delft, for a year where he was elected President of a large class of foreign students, Chuck Schilling is studying for his doctorate at RPI, and Nick Nicholas is writing a book on calculus that should have great significance. We are very proud of the thoroughly fine job that Russ Alspach, one of our Professors of English, has done with his book on Wm. B. Yeats, well-known Irish poet and playwright. It received splendid reviews from the literary world and enhances the reputation of the Military Academy.

You probably have noticed allusions by the press to a possible expansion of the Academy. To the best of my knowledge there is nothing definite planned in this regard. The Department of Defense is preparing legislation to give the Secretaries of the several Services parallel authority to expand the respective cadet strengths. As far as I know, however, the purpose of this only is to provide coordinated standby legislation.

My best to you all.

Sincerely,

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

GARRISON H. DAVIDSON,
Lieutenant General, USA
Superintendent

BULLETIN BOARD

as wrestling instructor at West Point from 1905 to 1942 was published in ASSEMBLY last Fall.

New West Point Society

The Association of Graduates takes pride in announcing the organization of the 45th West Point Society in Houston, Texas. Formation occurred on 14 March 1958 with the Superintendent, Lieutenant General Garrison H. Davidson in attendance. Twenty six graduates were present at the combined Founders Day ceremony and Organization Day. The Superintendent gave the principal address.

SCUSA VIII Receives Freedoms Foundation Award

The Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, has announced the award of a George Washington Honor Medal and \$100 to USMA for its Eighth Student Conference on United States Affairs held at West Point in December, 1956. The award was presented in recognition of the Conference's contribution to a "better understanding of the American way of life." This is the fourth consecutive year that USMA has received a Freedoms Foundation award for SCUSA, including the top award, a gold medal and \$1000, in the college campus category in 1956.

Books On West Point

R. Ernest Dupuy, *Men of West Point*, (William Sloane Associates, Publishers, New York, 1951). The story of the achievements of some of the outstanding graduates of the Military Academy.

Jack Engemen, *West Point, The Life of a Cadet*, (New York, Lothrop, Lee and Shepard, 1956). A picture story of the life of a Cadet at the U.S. Military Academy from admission until graduation.

Sidney Forman, *West Point*, (Columbia University Press, New York, 1950). A history of the United States Military Academy.

Colonel "Red" Reeder, *The West Point Story*, (New York, Random House, 1956). A collection of stories for youngsters relating to the history and cadet life at West Point from 1778 to 1956.

Colonel "Red" Reeder, *West Point Plebe*, (Duell, Sloan and Pearce, New York, 1955). The story of a Fourth

President Greets Corps

Greetings to the Corps of Cadets and to my fellow graduates of the United States Military Academy meeting in observance of Founders Day.

The need for a continuing source of trained and worthy military leaders was recognized by Washington in the earliest days of the Republic. From its founding 156 years ago, West Point has been dedicated to this purpose. The

standards of scholarship and integrity established by Sylvanus Thayer and maintained by his successors over the years have made our Alma Mater one of the wellsprings of freedom for America and for our friends around the world.

In the spirit of grateful memory and fraternal confidence I am happy to send my personal congratulations and best wishes to you all. Dwight D. Eisenhower

VIP's Learn About USMA

Officials of Chile, Argentina, Germany, Morocco and Korea have been conducted on tours of United States Military Academy facilities during recent weeks.

Visitors have included: King Mohammed V of Morocco; Brigadier General Oskar Munzel, Lieutenant Colonel Robert Schott, Lieutenant Colonel Hans-Joachim Becke and Captain Willi Schroder, all of Germany; Brigadier General Luis Vidal Vargas, Minister of student and faculty officers of the Argentine Superior Schools of War, Technical, and Intelligence; Major General Luis Vidal Varas, Minister of Defense and Commander-in-Chief of the Chilean Army, Brigadier General Armando Coniledo Lopetegui, Colonel Juan Marquez Huerto, all of Chile; Lieutenant General Han Lim Lee, Superintendent of the Korean Military Academy, and Brigadier General Yan Soo Yoo, Korean Military Attaché. Later General Sun Yup Paik, Chief of Staff, ROKA; Major General Sun Chin Paik, Assistant to the Minister of National Defense and Major General Nae Hyuk Jung, A C/S G-3, ROKA, visited USMA. Lieutenant General Petros Nikolopoulos, Chief of Staff of the Greek Army, also visited us.

Tom Jenkins' Memorial Fund

The Superintendent has approved a recommendation to erect a plaque in

the Cadet Gymnasium in memory of Tom Jenkins, who died last Summer at the age of 85. No specific funds are available for such a project. However, it is felt that the many admirers of Tom Jenkins would probably desire to make some sort of contribution to such a memorial. Accordingly, the Tom Jenkins Memorial Fund has been established to handle such donations.

Individuals desiring to contribute to the Fund, all proceeds of which will be used to purchase a suitable plaque, should send their donations to The Officer Representative, Wrestling, Army Athletic Association, West Point, New York. Donations of any size will be accepted.

An article on Tom's colorful career

USMA to USNA



Lieutenant General Garrison H. Davidson presents a check from USMA for the United States Naval Academy football stadium fund to Admiral William R. Smedberg, USNA Superintendent, at a dinner held in New York City recently.

Classman's life at the U.S. Military Academy. Fictionalized for youngsters.

Colonel "Red" Reeder, *West Point Yearling*, (Duell, Sloan and Pearce, New York, 1956). The story of a Third Classman's life at the U.S. Military Academy. Second in the series by Colonel Reeder. Fictionalized for youngsters.

Colonel "Red" Reeder, *West Point Second Classman*, (Duell, Sloan and Pearce, 1957). The story of a Second Classman's life at the U.S. Military Academy. Third in the series by Colonel Reeder. Fictionalized for youngsters.

Frederick P. Todd, *Cadet Gray*, (Sterling Publishing Company, New York, 1955). A pictorial history of life at West Point as seen through its uniforms.

Lieutenant Colonel John B. Stanley, *Cadet Derry, West Pointer*, (Dodd Mead and Co., New York, 1950). A fiction story of four years of cadet life.

These books about your United States Military Academy are currently in print, and may be found in libraries or obtained from leading book-stores throughout the country.

MAN UNAFRAID by Stephen F. Tillman

Army Times Publishing Co.,
Washington, D.C., 228 pages, \$4.00.

Reviewed by W. J. Baird,
Col. U.S.A. (Ret.)

Enjoyable reading of historical value is offered in Steve Tillman's absorbing book which treats the early days of military aviation, between 1907 and 1916, when the creation of an Aeronautical Division within the Army Signal Corps inaugurated man's organized efforts to fly. Notes are numerous and a wealth of excellent photographic reproductions enlivens the author's narrative. The U. S. Military Academy deserves noteworthy recognition for making available to Mr. Tillman the many valuable prints picturing early Academy graduates who, among others, played a vital role at the birth of military aviation.

The circumstances surrounding the Army's initial disinterest in the Wright brothers' flying machine; the eventual organization of an Aeronautical Division; the long road to perceiving the obsolescence of the fort, despite the somewhat obvious potential of the aeroplane for scouting and reconnaissance; the editorial reaction, in 1912, to Lewis' "most murderous invention," the machine gun for use in the aeroplane—these, as are the many events in the

early growth of military aviation, are vividly detailed, not without interesting sidelights.

MAN UNAFRAID unstintingly lauds the initiative of those first pioneers and Army organizers whose foresight envisioned the military potential of a future field of aviation; yet, it can be inferred that the work is, in addition, a tribute to those of the Air Force, as we know it today, whose contributions advanced the growth of air power to

become one of our Nation's most vital defense organs.

A life interest and hobby has indeed been culminated with this fine account by our author, "Little Stevie" whose early enthusiasm in military progress was only natural, being the kin of one of West Point's most distinguished Superintendents.

Tillman is Army-Navy-Air Force REGISTER columnist for the PENTA-

Board of Visitors Tour West Point



USMA Board of Visitors arrive at West Point for annual inspection tour.

Members of the USMA Board of Visitors visited West Point in February for their annual inspection tour of the Academy's administration, curriculum, and facilities. Members of the Board this year are: Dr. William V. Houston, President of Rice Institute, Houston, Texas; Dr. James P. Baster, 3d, President of Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts; Dr. Frank H. Bowles, Member of the College Examination Admissions Board; Dr. Ivan C. Crawford, Consultant from Denver, Colorado; General (USA Ret) Anthony C. McAuliffe (USMA '19), American Cyanamide Company, New York City; and the following Congressmen, all members of the House of Representatives—Philip J. Philbin (D) of Massachusetts; Louis C. Rabaut (D) of Michigan; Edward T. Miller (R) of Maryland; Olin E. Teague (D) of Texas; and Stuyvestant Wainwright (R) of New York. After completion of their inspection tour, the members

submit a written report to The President, stating their findings and recommendations on matters pertaining to the Military Academy.

The USMA Board of Visitors arrived Thursday morning, February 6, and departed Sunday afternoon, February 9. Included in their itinerary were conferences with the Superintendent, Lieut. General Garrison H. Davidson; the Dean of the Academic Board, Brig. General Gerald A. Counts; and the Commandant of Cadets, Brig. General John L. Throckmorton. During the course of these conferences, they were briefed concerning the mission and objectives of the Academy, its fiscal affairs, academic methods, and military training. Later during their visit they were taken on tours of the various academic departments, cadet barracks, Washington Hall (the cadet dining hall), the Department of Physical Education, the U. S. Army Hospital, the Cadet Chapels, and other points of interest.

GON POST. Annually he visits West Point to present the Army Times gold wrist watch to distinguished graduating cadet for services as editor of THE POINTER.

IBM System For Association

The Superintendent has recently instituted a thorough and complete study of the USMA curriculum. One purpose of this study is to determine the relationship between the historical aspects of the West Point system and the record of its graduates over the years. Colonel Walter J. Renfroe, '34, Professor of Foreign Languages, is Chairman of the Committee making the study.

The elements of this study are so vast, and time so essential, that it is necessary to use mechanical means of comparison. Much of the information used will be tabulated from that contained in the files of the Association of Graduates. Upon completion of the study, the Association will be the custodian of the records generated.

Many alumni associations throughout the country have already turned to IBM card catalog systems for filing information on their members. With over 15,000 living graduates, and an annual increment of over 500 members, our Association can materially benefit from this mechanization.

In order to assist in the preparation of the cards, the Association of Graduates is hiring a number of clerks on short term employment. The initial tabulation requires hand marking of sensing cards from the individual records. Each card will contain 27 columns of information, some of which will contain more than one item. The initial operation will be detailed and tedious, but the end product will be worth it. Just the saving in space of filing cabinets, which now contain a folder on all 21,659 graduates will be worth the expense of the study. The machine record unit of the Adjutant General's office will make the ultimate comparative tabulations.

Programs of the Association of Graduates

For the past several months the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, Association of Graduates, has given considerable attention to the question of programs of the Association. Discussion has covered the many programs already being carried out by the Association, as well as various pro-

posals for the adoption of new programs and the regularizing of certain activities which have been conducted on a one-time or occasional basis. A summary of this whole subject was presented at the meeting of the Board of Trustees at West Point on March 21st. It was intended that this discussion focus the attention of the members of the Board on the activities of the Association and elicit their suggestions as to practical methods of extending the overall program. No attempt was made to decide at that time which programs were to be adopted and which rejected, but it was felt that such a presentation would help to clarify the features of the possible programs and point to those of more immediate feasibility.

The various types of programs which have been considered, together with the principal factors relating to each of them, are listed and briefly defined in the remainder of this article for the information of all members of the Association in the hope that helpful suggestions and observations concerning these and other possibilities might be offered by our membership.

In order to establish a frame of reference for consideration of programs, it is essential to keep in mind the mission of the Association of Graduates. The statement of that mission is contained in Article II of the Constitution, entitled "Objects of the Association":

Par. 1.—The objects of the Association shall be to acquire and disseminate information on the history, activities, objectives and methods of the United States Military Academy; to acquire and preserve historical materials relating to that institution; and to encourage and foster the study of military science there by worthy young men.

The Association's programs presently in effect may be divided into two general types: *continuing*, and *one-time* or *occasional*. Among the *continuing* programs and activities are the following:

1. Maintenance of records and exchange of information with individuals and Societies. This is the basic day-to-day operation of the Association of Graduates. It is carried on by the Secretary of the Association (presently Colonel N. B. Wilson, Artillery, Class of 1931) and an office force of four clerks.

2. General administrative activities, such as those connected with June Week and Founders Day dinners. The reception and housing of returning

alumni during June Week is a major operation, and one which is increasing annually in magnitude. While all organizations and offices at West Point furnish personnel to assist in this effort, the Secretary of the Association has the vital responsibility for planning and supervision, and his committee is on the job 24 hours a day during June Week. He also has the principal responsibility for planning and execution of the Founders Day dinner at West Point and for providing motion pictures, tape recordings, and other types of assistance for many of the dinners held in the United States and overseas.

3. Stimulation of the establishment of new West Point Societies and of the activities of existing Societies. Since 1946 the number of West Point Societies has grown from 7 to 44. This increase is attributable principally to encouragement, advice, and assistance from the Association.

4. Publication of ASSEMBLY and REGISTER OF GRADUATES. The Secretary of the Association is Editor of ASSEMBLY and directly responsible for its publication each quarter. While the REGISTER OF GRADUATES is actually published by the West Point Alumni Foundation, Inc., this organization works in close cooperation with the Association, which offers assistance and provides office space for the REGISTER staff.

5. Necrologies. In keeping with the aspect of its mission which is concerned with the collection and preserving of historical materials related to the United States Military Academy, the Association arranges for the writing and publication of an obituary for each deceased graduate as soon as practicable after his death. This practice not only provides a fitting memorial for the deceased and a comforting tribute for his family, but actually accomplishes the collection of a file of individual accounts forming a valuable historical record.

6. Receipt of historical gifts from individuals and groups, with subsequent presentation of such gifts to the Military Academy. Especially in the case of paintings, plaques, and other memorials does the Association play an important role as go-between in arranging for the presentation of such items to the Academy.

7. Support of Superintendent's programs. The Association always stands ready to support the programs of the Superintendent in every practicable way. Examples of such support are the

organizing and secretarial support of the National Public Relations Committee of West Point Societies, with its furtherance of the Superintendent's public information program since 1950, and the current support of the Superintendent's campaign to interest the outstanding boy in each community in becoming a cadet.

8. Presentation annually of cadet awards for military efficiency. One of the most important types of award given during June Week is that represented by the Association gift of a \$50 Government bond to the cadet with the highest rating in military efficiency in each class.

9. Presentation annually of Sylvanus Thayer Award. This, the Association's most recently adopted program, was inaugurated in most fitting fashion on March 21st, as described elsewhere in this issue.

One-time or occasional projects which have been carried out recently or are still under way are:

1. Presentation of the Superintendent's portrait to the Military Academy. The portrait of the present Superintendent, Lieutenant General Davidson, was presented to the Academy by the Association in a formal unveiling ceremony held in the Superintendent's quarters on August 19, 1957.

2. Erection of memorial plaques for those killed in action or died of wounds in World War II and Korean War. This program, an occasional one by its very nature, is in direct conformity with the objects of the Association in that it tends to memorialize and honor those who gave their lives for their country, while putting directly before the eyes of cadets the inspiration furnished by their predecessors in the Long Gray Line.

Looking now to programs not currently in effect but which suggest themselves for serious consideration by the Association, we find the frequently recurring suggestion which calls for the construction of an Alumni Building at West Point. Such a building, in order to fulfill its intended role, should provide facilities for lounging and reading, space for meetings of fairly large groups, and overnight accommodations. A site being considered for such a building in the plans for future expansion of the Academy is that of the old quarry, facing up the river from a position above and south of the Catholic Chapel.

Even under the most favorable circumstances the construction of an Alumni Building offers numerous ob-

stacles, foremost of which is that of funding. Since appropriated government funds will hardly be forthcoming for such a building, the present consensus of opinion is that donated funds would have to be found for such a building. This means some sort of fund drive, with main dependence probably resting on a few large contributions from wealthy and interested donors. Fund-raising for such a project will be a difficult task, and as yet no practical plan has been offered for such an undertaking.

Another possible program which the Association should consider adopting is a general memorialization program on a continuing basis. It is quite obvious that much of what the Association has actually accomplished over the years has been in this general field, but these memorialization projects have normally come up individually, as dictated by circumstances, and have been carried out as a matter of expediency. It may very well be that this is the most logical way to proceed. Some study should be given, however, to the desirability and the feasibility of establishing a more orderly program of memorialization. The principal possibilities which suggest themselves for strong consideration are the following: (1) Adoption of a regular program for the presentation to the Military Academy of the portrait of each future Superintendent, as has already been done in the case of General Davidson. (2) Erection of memorial plaques or some other type of memorial in honor of those graduates who died in prisoner of war status during World War II and the Korean War. (3) Adoption of a regular program for the presentation to the Military Academy of a painting, plaque, or bust of each graduate who has attained unusually high rank (e.g., 3, 4, or 5-star rank).

During the three-year period 1950-1952 the Association sponsored an annual essay contest for cadets, giving three awards of \$50.00 each annually. The resumption of the contest was proposed to the Board of Trustees by the Executive Committee at the March 21st meeting, and the Board approved sponsorship of the Essay Contest by the Association for the Academic Year 1958-59. The POINTER will act as co-sponsor, publicizing the contest, assisting in the judging, and publishing the winning articles.

Although they fall in a different category from the programs discussed above, financial programs and procedures of the Association are vital in enabling the organization to carry out

its role and expand its activities. The Association has two funds: The general, or operating, fund; and the Endowment Fund. The general fund is used to defray day-to-day expenses of the Association, and it is held at a level just high enough to allow funding of the various normal operations. The Endowment Fund, on the other hand, has been built up gradually, principally in the past ten years, to the point where it now exceeds \$400,000, and with the addition of a large bequest which is about to be cleared by the executors, the fund should soon amount to approximately a half-million dollars. This fund is being built up for the purpose of providing regular income for the Association. It is augmented not only by special gifts and bequests but also by that portion of the amount received by the Association in its annual fund solicitation which is not needed to maintain the general fund at a minimum working level. Life membership fees from the graduating class each year also go directly into the Endowment Fund.

The annual fund-raising requests directed to members of the Association in the past few years provide funds for the operating expenses of the Association, over and above those resulting from interest on the Endowment Fund. When the Endowment fund reaches a level sufficient to provide annual income equal to the operating needs of the Association, there should be no further need for annual solicitations.

New Section In ASSEMBLY?

It has been suggested by a number of graduates that there be a section or page of ASSEMBLY devoted to Association of Graduates activities and interests in addition to Bulletin Board.

Inasmuch as the Executive Committee meets once every month throughout the year, and, therefore, maintains a close and continuing interest in alumni affairs, such a page or section would be useful as a means of keeping members in touch with the developments of the meetings.

It would also provide an appropriate section for members to express viewpoints or suggestions as to alumni affairs.

Such a section or page might be called "Alumni Matters", "The President's Page", Association of Graduates Activities".

Your comments are requested. If you have other suggestions for improving ASSEMBLY, let us have them.

SYLVANUS THAYER MEDAL

Awarded To Dr. Ernest O. Lawrence

At a luncheon ceremony held in Washington Hall on Friday, March 21, the Sylvanus Thayer Award was presented to its first recipient, Doctor Ernest O. Lawrence, Professor of Physics and Director of the Radiation Laboratory of the University of California, Berkeley. The presentation was made by Lieutenant General Willis D. Crittenberger, Retired, President of the Association of Graduates, before a gathering of about 500 graduates and guests and the three upper classes of the Corps of Cadets.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower, '15, had planned to attend and make the presentation. He was prevented by the worst snow storm of the year and one of the worst in many years. Many distinguished guests and graduates including General Henry C. Hodges, Jr., OLG, who habitually attends the Founders Day ceremonies, were prevented by the storm from attending this one.

General Maxwell D. Taylor, Chief of Staff, was present as visible proof of his personal interest in the project repeatedly expressed by himself and by the President.

In a last minute change of program,

Founders Day Luncheon

PROGRAM

BENNY HAVENS HOUR *Cullum Hall*
 LUNCHEON *Washington Hall*
 Music by USMA Band
Alumni, with their guests, will be grouped by class

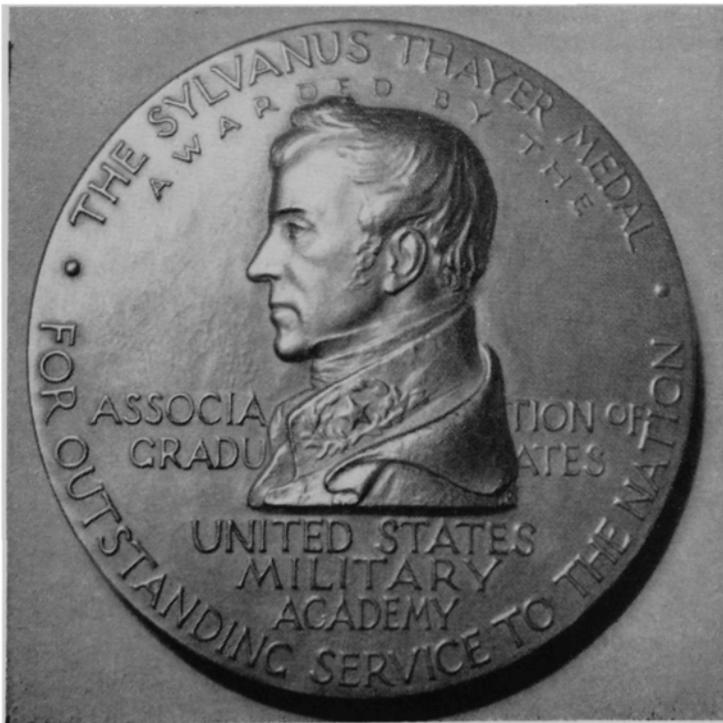
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 GREETINGS FROM OTHER GROUPS
Gen. Crittenberger
 REVIEW OF SYLVANUS THAYER AWARD
Gen. Crittenberger
 UNVEILING PLAQUE *Cadet Durkin*
 PRESENTATION OF SYLVANUS THAYER MEDAL *Gen. Crittenberger representing President of the United States Dwight D. Eisenhower, '15*
 ACCEPTANCE *Dr. Ernest O. Lawrence*
 GLEE CLUB: *Army Blue*
 BENEDICTION *Chaplain Bean*
 DISMISSAL *Music by USMA Band*

General Crittenberger read the remarks which President Eisenhower had intended to make. The President's message to Dr. Lawrence said, "You are the father-inventor of the cyclotron, recipient of the Nobel Prize, and leader in the development of high energy accelerators. As a statesman of the atom you have sought its beneficent application not only to physics—but to biology, medicine and technology."

He reviewed briefly Dr. Lawrence's scientific contributions to the nation's security. The President's message concluded, "Today the men of West Point pay tribute to your contribution to our nation and to all humanity, for your achievements as scientist and as a statesman of science. It is my great pleasure on their behalf to convey the gratitude of your colleagues and countrymen and to present to you the Sylvanus Thayer Award of the Association of Graduates of the United States Military Academy."

Dr. Ernest O. Lawrence, a soft spoken man and possessing the true humility of the great scientist, said in accepting the Award: "I greatly appreciate this honor and I am particu-

Front face of Sylvanus Thayer Medal.



Dr. Lawrence and General Crittenberger smile at the storm.



Military and science: Cadet Durkin meets Dr. Lawrence with Dean, Gen. Counts, in background.

larly happy that you have chosen a scientist as the first recipient of the Sylvanus Thayer Award because this event draws attention to the evermore urgent necessity for the closest collaboration of scientists and military people."

Dr. Lawrence paid tribute to those graduates of the Military Academy with whom he has worked. He continued, "I have truly been fortunate to have had this first hand association with the high qualities of mind and character, loyalty and devotion to duty which are exemplified by this distinguished gathering and which are nurtured so well at West Point."

In paying tribute to the memory of Thayer, Dr. Lawrence recalled that "It was through his influence that the Academy was established as an engineering school, indeed as the first scien-

tific school in the country." He stressed the need among the Services for technological and scientific training today even more than ever before. He gave a salute to those West Point graduate students who are studying in the advanced schools of the nation. While they are tempted to resign, "They should be, and they are, staying in uniform where they are so badly needed", he said.

In conclusion, Dr. Lawrence stated, "May I humbly accept this honor with the feeling that I can do so not only in my own name but in the name of all those scientists who, with you, are serving our country and the welfare of humanity."

Before the presentation General Crittenberger reviewed the history of the Sylvanus Thayer Award. It is to be made annually to "that citizen of the

United States whose record of service to his country, accomplishments in the national interest, and manner of achievement exemplify outstanding devotion to the principles expressed in the motto of West Point—"Duty, Honor, Country" This award developed from the desire of the Class of 1931 to break from the usual tradition of tree planting and window dedicating. It was first considered by the Washington contingent of that class. During the 25th reunion the Class enthusiastically accepted the recommendation that an award, basically similar in nature to the Thayer Award be made by the Association of Graduates. This was such a departure from tradition, but entirely within the Objects of the Association, that General Crittenberger, the President of the Association, appointed a committee to study the proposal and report to the

Board of Trustees. This Committee, headed by General Jacob L. Devers, '09, recommended acceptance of the proposal and submitted a plan for the establishment of an annual award. The Class of 1931 contributed \$500 toward defraying the original cost.

Acceptance by the Board of Trustees was only the first step. It was necessary to have a medal and a recipient. A committee consisting of General Devers, General of the Army Omar N. Bradley, '15. General Lucius D. Clay, June '18. General Alfred M. Gruenther, '19, and General Orval R. Cook, '22, accepted the job of recommending a recipient. This proved to be one of the most difficult duties undertaken by even this group of distinguished graduates.

The United States is blessed with a multitude of possible recipients. In almost every field of endeavor there are a number of people whose accomplishments, performances, and loyalty have been outstanding. To winnow this number even to workable size was a job of tremendous proportions. Many graduates submitted the names of outstanding citizens for consideration by the committee.

It was the hope of the Board of Trustees that the award could be made on Founders Day 1957. However, se-



That's not cotton falling as the ceremony broke up.

lection of the first recipient was such a task that it was not possible to meet that deadline. Final recommendation and acceptance by the Board of Trustees was made in June 1957.

The perception of the Selection Committee was remarkable. Doctor Ernest

O. Lawrence, as a brilliant young physicist, started making headlines in 1930, when he devised the first crude cyclotron. When the University of California built its Radiation Laboratory around the first cyclotron, Dr. Lawrence was appointed Laboratory Director. Since then his reputation in the scientific field has pyramided. He has received many awards and honors. Most prominent among his honors was the Nobel Prize for physics in 1939.

In 1940 President Roosevelt called together a small group of scientists to make recommendations on the possible uses of atomic energy. Dr. Lawrence was among them. When war came in 1941, he was one of three selected as scientific directors of what later became the Manhattan Project. The Oak Ridge plant was the practical development of his basic ideas. After the war, Dr. Lawrence and Dr. Edward Teller, a fellow Professor of Physics at the University of California, along with a small handful of patriotic scientists, waged a tremendous fight (all Top Secret) for the development of a program of thermo-nuclear application to national defense.

Dr. Lawrence was a "nuclear task force" adviser to the Stassen Commission at the London Disarmament Conference last year. In October 1957 after he had been selected to receive the first Sylvanus Thayer Award, and his selection had been announced to the alumni, Doctor Lawrence received the Fermi Award from the Atomic Energy Commission. The Fermi Award in-

Members of '31 witness the fruition of their class project.



cludes a money prize of \$50,000, a medal and a citation. For his great talent, for his tremendous assistance to the national effort, and for his continuation in the struggle against the enemies of our nation, Doctor Ernest Orlando Lawrence is truly an outstanding exponent of "Duty, Honor, Country."

Except perhaps for demerits, an award should be represented by something tangible. The problem of a suitable medal faced the Board of Trustees. Colonel Lawrence E. Schick, Professor of Military Topography and Graphics, USMA, and Chairman of the Museum Committee, offered to assist in this important project. An artist of considerable ability himself, Colonel Schick has a wide acquaintance in the art world. He asked Mrs. Laura Gardin Fraser to design the Medal.

Mrs. Fraser, who lives in Westport, Connecticut, is one of the most distinguished sculptors and medalists in America. She has done many outstanding medals and figures, and, together with her late husband, James Earle Fraser, was one of the few successful artistic duos in the world. Mrs. Fraser won the competition held by USMA for the design of the Sesquicentennial Medal in 1952. She assisted her husband in the design and execution of the Patton statue which now stands across the street from the Library. Mrs. Fraser, long an admirer of USMA, said in a recent letter, "—nothing is too much of an effort for the Military



Distinguished guests admire Sylvanus Thayer Award Plaque.

Academy if I can possibly accomplish it."

The purpose of the Sylvanus Thayer Award is not solely to honor a distinguished citizen. One of the primary objects is to provide a device whereby the Corps of Cadets can be reminded

constantly of the high regard we, the graduates, and the world in general hold the motto of USMA—"Duty, Honor, Country." This is not to imply any diminishing of devotion within the Corps but, rather, to enhance that already strong devotion. To this end, a plaque has been mounted in Washington Hall where it will be seen by all cadets and visitors passing through the lobby. It is on the left side wall, visible to those going into the Mess Hall and to those going to the Treasurer's Office or up the stairs to Military Topography and Graphics (Old Drawing Department).

The Medal was struck by the Medallic Arts Company of New York, the largest and one of the few companies in the nation devoted to the manufacture of medals. This company, in competition with others, submitted the design for the plaque which was selected by the Board of Trustees.

The Association of Graduates is justly proud of the Sylvanus Thayer Award. The purposes of the Award are in accordance with the Objects of the Association, the first recipient is an outstanding citizen, it was presented by one of our most distinguished graduates, and the artwork is distinctive. Everyone who attended the ceremony, snow and all, considered it one of the most memorable Founders Days of our history.

Cadet Robert F. Durkin unveils plaque during presentation ceremony.



Association Nominees For 1958-9

The By-Laws of the Association of Graduates provide that the "Board of Trustees shall nominate candidates for President and Vice Presidents of the Association for the ensuing year, and for vacancies in the Board of Trustees." These nominations are to be submitted to the membership at the Annual Meeting.

The nominating Committee, of which Bartlett, '19, Professor and Head of the Department of Electrical Engineering, was Chairman, was flooded with suggested names. The interest shown by the members indicates a most healthy attitude. With that type of spirit, the Association is assured of continued progress in the fulfillment of its Objects.

The Committee submitted its report to the President on February 20, 1958. At the meeting of the Board of Trustees, held at West Point on March 21, the report was accepted. It was the unanimous feeling of the Board that this slate is one of the strongest and one of the most representative groups to be so nominated.

In order that the members may know who the candidates will be, the Board has directed the publication of the list of nominees. In order that you who will attend the Annual Meeting on June 2 may recognize the nominees, we herein publish their pictures.

The report of the Nominating Committee is a good summary of the policies and principles upon which they based their selections. It is reprinted in toto:

Dear General Crittenberger:

At the meeting of the Executive

Committee of the Board of Trustees held on July 25, 1957, the Secretary was directed to poll the Board to determine the five members most desired as the Nominating Committee. On July 30, 1957, the Secretary addressed a letter to each member of the Board. As the result of this poll, you appointed to that committee, at the meeting of the Board of Trustees on October 19, 1957, the following:

- Anthony C. McAuliffe, '19
- Boyd W. Bartlett, '19
- Charles P. Nicholas, '25
- Russell P. Reeder, '26
- Robert H. Booth, '30

The Nominating Committee was charged with the duty of recommending to the Board at its next meeting nominees for positions as officers and trustees of the Association to be filled at the election to be held at the annual meeting in June 1958. In accordance with precedents established by prior Nominating Committees, the following general principles have been our guide:

a. The President should be a distinguished soldier with demonstrated interest in the Association. He should live in the metropolitan New York area for convenience, and he should have clerical assistance available to carry on the considerable correspondence to which he will be subjected.

b. The Vice Presidents should be named by the reunion classes, in descending order beginning with the 50 year class.

c. Three of the trustees should be

selected from the three junior reunion classes. The classes themselves should be requested to make these nominations.

d. Any trustee who has completed the necessary service to qualify as an Honorary Trustee will not be renominated. In this case, there is none.

e. Trustees known to be leaving the area, who have completed six or more years, or who express a desire for relief, will not be renominated unless some special reasons exist. It is our understanding that this policy does not preclude renomination of such individuals after the lapse of a year or more.

This Committee requested each of the following classes to recommend one of its members as a nominee for Vice President: 1908, 1913, June 1918, November 1918, and 1923.

Each of the following classes was requested to submit the name of a member who would be stationed at West Point or in this general area as a nominee for a Trustee position:

January 1943, June 1943, 1948, 1953.

Each of the West Point Societies in Second and Fifth Army areas was requested to suggest a member of the Association for consideration as Regional Trustee for their respective areas. The response from societies in Second Army Area was excellent, while that from Fifth Army Area was not. However, four societies in Fifth Army Area suggested the name of Robert E. Wood, '00, who is the incumbent.

All of the Officers, Honorary Trustees, and Trustees of the Association

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Willis D. Crittenberger, '13

Lieutenant General, Ret.

President, Association of Graduates, 1955-1958.
President, Free Europe Committee, Inc., N.Y.C.



Anthony C. McAuliffe, '19

General, Retired

"Nuts" to surrender offer. Held many high and responsible positions in Army. Vice President, American Cyanamid Co., N. Y. C. Trustee, Association of Graduates.



Glen E. Edgerton, '08

Major General, Retired

Engineer and Administrator. Consulting Engineer, Washington, D. C. Nominated by class.



Douglass T. Greene, '13

Major General, Retired
Infantry and Armor service. Director of Athletics, Drexel Institute, Philadelphia. Nominated by class.



Hugh J. Casey, June '18

Major General, Retired
Engineer and Administrator, Secretary, Schenley Industries, Inc., N. Y. C. Nominated by class.



Willard A. Holbrook, Nov. '18

Brigadier General, Retired
Cavalry-Armor. President, Federal Services Finance Corp., Washington, D.C. Nominated by class.



James C. Fry, '23

Major General, Chief, MAAG, Italy
Nominated by class.



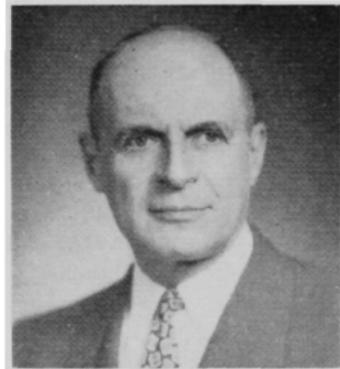
Robert E. Wood, '00

Brigadier General, Retired
Famed business man and retailer. The best friend and staunchest supporter of Association of Graduates since Cullum. Nominated by 4 Societies in Fifth Army Area.



Benjamin F. Castle, '07

Lt. Colonel (rsd); Col, AC (Res) (Rtd)
One of the Founders of the West Point Society of D. C. Executive Vice President, Milk Industry Foundation, Washington, D. C. Nominated by WPS of DC.



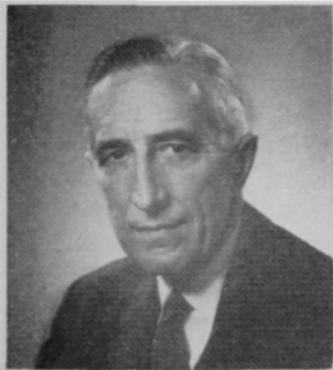
Matthew B. Ridgway, April '17

General, Retired
CSUSA. Strong supporter of Association of Graduates, active in WPS of Western Pennsylvania; Chairman of the Board, Mellon Institute, Pittsburgh, Pa.



Leslie R. Groves, Nov. '18

Lieut. General, Retired
Manhattan Project. Trustee, Association of Graduates. Vice President, Remington Rand, Inc., Stamford, Conn.



Willis McDonald, 3d, '20

Chairman, Endowment Fund Committee, Association of Graduates. Vice President, New York Trust Co., N. Y.



John L. Throckmorton

Brigadier General, Commandant of Cadets, USMA
Trustee, Association of Graduates.



Harvey R. Fraser, '39

Colonel
Professor, Dept. of Mechanics, USMA



Marvin J. Berensweig, Jan. '43

Lt. Colonel, Chief, Inf. Section, 1st RCT, USMA
Nominated by his class.



Thomas A. Mesereau, Jan. '43

Ex-Secretary, WPS of N. Y., long active in that Society. Partner, Leone's Restaurant, N. Y. C.



Jay A. Hatch, '48

Captain, Instructor, MT&G, USMA
Nominated by his class.



LeRoy W. Henderson, '50

Trustee, Association of Graduates. Vulcan Rail and Construction Co., N. Y.



Robert E. Barton, '53

Lieutenant
Student, Columbia University. Assigned Dept. of Mathematics, USMA. Nominated by his class.

Association Nominees For 1958-9

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were invited to suggest nominees for the Trustee positions, as was the membership generally through a notice in ASSEMBLY. Many names of outstanding supporters of the Association and of the USMA were submitted and all were given careful consideration by the Committee. The names of some individuals were so often submitted as to constitute a mandate for their nomination. Specifically, the name of Renfroe, '34, was among those most frequently mentioned. However, he is completing six years as a Trustee, and during the next year he is going to be deeply involved both with an important curriculum study and scholastically while working toward his Ph. D. He specifically requested relief. We hope that our successors will not overlook his talents. Several others, also frequently mentioned, are no longer available for meetings because of geographic or business considerations.

At the same time, this Committee considered names of some individuals who, by their position in the Association or their demonstrated interest in it, are outstanding candidates for Trustee. We consider it most desirable that the Chairman of the Endowment Fund Committee (McDonald, '20) be a Trustee. Ridgway, April '17, was repeatedly mentioned for Regional Trustee. However, his personal interest and his efforts in the Pittsburgh area in behalf of USMA are so outstanding as to win our favorable consideration of him as a regular Trustee.

Finally, the fact that two classes graduated in 1943 raised the problem of whether each class should be represented or should they be considered together. Because of the wealth of outstanding candidates, whose interest in the Association should be encouraged, we considered it advisable to consider both classes together. This in no way is meant to reflect on either class or their nominees.

At its final meeting, held at West Point, on January 18, 1958, the Committee considered the suggestions received from all sources. We have unanimously agreed upon the following list of nominees and recommend its approval by the Board. I assure you, Mr. President, that this slate was not reached lightly, and it is our feeling that this group will continue the excellent work so outstandingly performed by yourself, your fellow officers, and the Board of Trustees.

1. For *President* for the year, 1958-1959:

Anthony C. McAuliffe, '19

2. For Vice Presidents for the year 1958-1959 (all nominated by their classes):

Glen E. Edgerton, '08

Douglass T. Greene, '13

Hugh J. Casey, June '18

Willard A. Holbrook, Jr., Nov., '18

James C. Fry, '23

3. For *Trustees* for the period July 1, 1958—June 30, 1961:

Robert E. Wood, '00 (Regional Trustee, Fifth Army)

Benjamin F. Castle, '07 (Regional Trustee, Second Army)

Matthew B. Ridgway, Apr. '17

Leslie R. Groves, November '18

Willis McDonald, 3d, '20

John L. Throckmorton, '35

Harvey R. Fraser, '39

Marvin J. Berensweig, January '43

Jay A. Hatch, '48

Thomas A. Mesereau, January, '43

LeRoy W. Henderson, '50

Robert E. Barton, '53

Understandably, it was with some reluctance that McAuliffe agreed to accept the nomination if offered. It was his feeling that he, as a member of this Committee should not be nominated to the position of President. However, the overwhelming sentiment of those submitting suggestions, together with our consideration of his outstanding qualifications, prevailed. He requested, and was authorized, to withdraw from the Committee during its consideration of presidential nominees.

Inasmuch as McAuliffe is now a Trustee, a replacement to fill the unexpired portion of his term will be required if the Board concurs in our recommendation. Knowing your vast experience, and desiring to continue to receive your advice, we therefore recommend the nomination to fill the unexpired portion of McAuliffe's term of Willis D. Crittenberger, '13

Finally the Committee would like to express its appreciation for the very real interest shown by the members of the Board of Trustees, several of whom went to considerable lengths in reaching their recommendations.

Very truly yours,
Boyd W. Bartlett, '19
Chairman

Election of the new slate of Trustees will provide a well balanced and representative Board to run the Association's business. Of the 30 regular trustees just half, or 15, will be regular

officers on active duty, nine will be retired officers, and six will be graduates in civilian life. By age groups four will represent classes in the 1950's, nine belong to the 1940 decade, six to the 1930's, five to the 1920's, and six are old-timers, members of classes prior to 1920. About half of the group live near or are stationed at West Point. Most of the remainder are residents of the metropolitan area of New York City. Finally, the policies under which nominating committees of the 1950's have operated have resulted in fairly rapid turn-over on the Board of Trustees, while at the same time preserving reasonable continuity. On the new Board there will be only three men who were on the Board of 10 years ago.

Cadet Essay Contest

During the period 1950-1952 the Association of Graduates sponsored an annual essay contest for cadets, giving awards for the three best essays. The subject for the essays was "A character sketch of a deceased West Point graduate who, by an outstanding exploit or exploits, demonstrated to an unusual and inspiring degree those traits of character inculcated at West Point" Because of declining interest, the contest was called off after 1952.

However, with revived interest in the historical success of the USMA system of education, and with the wholehearted approval of the Department of English and the Superintendent, the Board of Trustees of the Association has decided to reestablish the contest.

While this contest will be an extra-curricular activity, the Department of English is expected to take a considerable interest in it. Essays will be judged on the basis of four factors: (1) literary quality, (2) reader interest, (3) extent to which the subject's accomplishments are shown to stem from elements of character development stressed at West Point, and (4) historical soundness. The graduate discussed need not be recognized generally as famous.

Judges for this contest will consist of the Editor of the POINTER, the President of the Association of Graduates, and three officers on duty at West Point. The winning essays will be published in the POINTER. At least the top winner will be published in ASSEMBLY. The Association will also award money prizes to the authors of the three best essays.



JUNE WEEK PROGRAM 1958

SATURDAY, 31 MAY

Lacrosse—Army vs Navy, Michie Stadium	9:30 A.M.
Tennis—Army vs Navy, Library Courts	2:00 P.M.
Musicaleaux, Army Theater	4:00 P.M.
Motion Picture, Army Theater	7:15 P.M. & 9:15 P.M.
Cadet Hop, Upper Classes, East Gym	9:00 P.M. to 12:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, 1 JUNE

Catholic Chapel Baccalaureate, First Class	8:00 A.M.
Cadet Chapel, Underclasses, Battle Monument**	8:00 A.M.
Cadet Chapel Baccalaureate, First Class, 1st Regt****	9:00 A.M.
Catholic Chapel, Underclasses	10:30 A.M.
Jewish Chapel Baccalaureate, all classes	10:30 A.M.
Cadet Chapel Baccalaureate, First Class, 2nd Regt****	11:00 A.M.
Superintendent's Reception*	3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Review Presentation of Military & Academic Awards*	5:30 P.M.
Motion Picture, Electricity Lecture Room	7:15 P.M. & 9:15 P.M.
Graduation Supper, First Class, Washington Hall	8:30 P.M.

MONDAY, 2 JUNE

Catholic Alumni Memorial Services	8:00 A.M.
Cadet Chapel Alumni Memorial Services, Holy Communion	8:30 A.M.
Alumni Exercises Thayer Monument	10:00 A.M.
Alumni Review***	10:30 A.M.
Association of Graduates Luncheon and Meeting Washington Hall	11:30 A.M.
Organ Recital, Cadet Chapel	2:00 P.M.
Review and Presentation of Athletic Awards*	3:30 P.M.
Cadet Glee Club Concert, Army Theater	8:00 P.M.
Cadet Hop, First Class, Cullum Hall	9:30 P.M. to 12:00 P.M.
Cadet Hop, Second and Third Classes, East Gym	9:30 P.M. to 12:00 P.M.

TUESDAY, 3 JUNE

Open House, Academic Departments	9:00 A.M. to 12:00 A.M.
Fourth Class Picnic, Constitution Island	9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.
Graduation Parade and Recognition	3:30 P.M.
Motion Picture, Army Theater	7:15 P.M. & 9:15 P.M.
Graduation Hop, First Class, Washington Hall	10:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M.
Cadet Hop, Second and Third Classes, East Gym	9:30 P.M. to 12:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, 4 JUNE

Graduation Exercises, Field House****	10:00 A.M.
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*To be held in the Army Theater in event of inclement weather.

**To be held in the East Gym in event of inclement weather.

***To be cancelled in event of inclement weather.

****Admission by ticket.

SYLVANUS THAYER

More Than The Father of the U.S. Military Academy

Sylvanus Thayer was Superintendent of the United States Military Academy from 1817 to 1833. His enduring reorganization of the West Point curriculum and pedagogical method, as well as his long tenure as Superintendent, established his reputation as "The Father of the Military Academy." The results of recent research reveal Thayer's contributions to other institutions of learning, and new perspectives also show him as one of the major figures in the history of American education.

First to name Sylvanus Thayer "The Father of the Military Academy" was George W. Cullum, a Military Acad-

emy graduate of 1833 who also served as superintendent from 1864 to 1866. The four years of Cullum's cadetship coincided with the final years of Sylvanus Thayer's superintendency at West Point. Cullum graduated into the Corps of Engineers with a profound appreciation for Thayer's administration—a regard which increased during succeeding tours of duty at the Military Academy.

Cullum extolled the genius of Thayer in the history of the Military Academy published in the third volume of his monumental *Biographical Register of Officers and Cadets*. In contrast to his praise for Thayer, however, Cullum be-

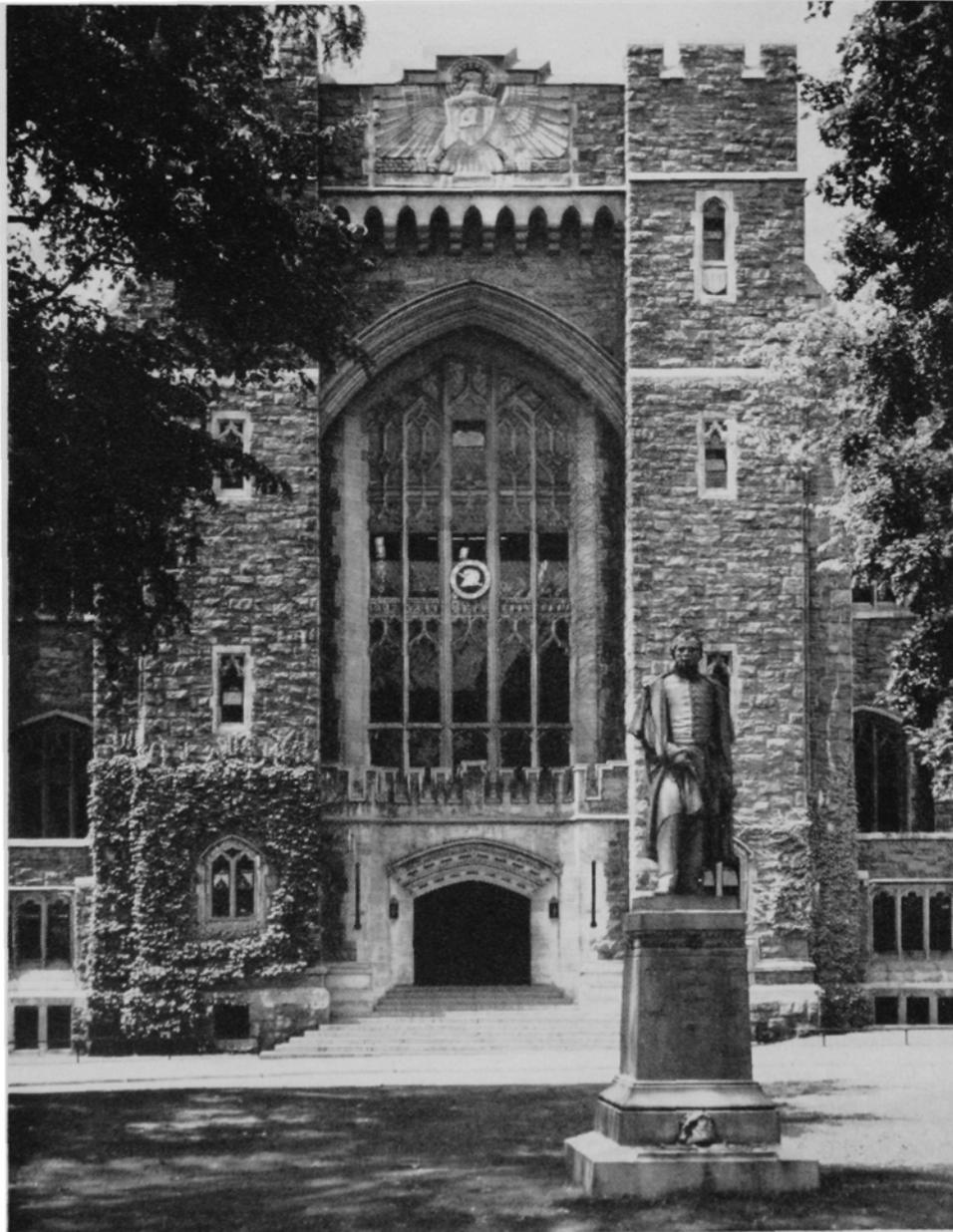
littled the reputation and achievement of Thayer's predecessors, Jonathan Williams and Alden Partridge. After Thayer's death, in 1872, Cullum arranged for the transfer of his remains from Braintree, Massachusetts, to West Point. He then sponsored the erection, on the West Point Plain, of a granite statue of Thayer by the sculptor Carl Conrads. The monument, on which Thayer was styled "The Father of the Military Academy," and Cullum's publications fixed the pattern of what has been written about the early history of the United States Military Academy.

Cullum was correct in calling Thayer "The Father of the Military Academy." But Thayer's significant impact on our national educational structure must also be considered in evaluating his contributions to American life. Through his administrative and curriculum innovations at the Military Academy; through the successful performance of the graduates of his regime; and through his direct, personal influence, Thayer helped reform and modernize a substantial number of American colleges.

Thayer helped established the West Point system of organization and discipline now considered an essential preliminary to learning at most military schools. For a successful military training program he insisted on strict adherence to the rules of discipline and subordination; for an effective academic program he established small, homogenous classes with advancement or promotion based on competitive grading. Thus he led the Military Academy student body away from the chronic lack of discipline associated with American college life of his day. Through his educational leadership displayed at West Point, Thayer established the prototype of the military school for the United States and for other nations as well. And his principles applied by the military schools of the country raised the technical and ethical standard of the American Army officer from that of a man with a vocational skill, which could be acquired by practice, to that of a man of professional education on a level with the learned professions of theology, law, and medicine.

In the field of technical education, Sylvanus Thayer responded to the

Washington Hall at the United States Military Academy, West Point, N. Y.



influence of his time and adapted the West Point program to pre-Civil War national needs by converting the Military Academy to the foremost American school of civil engineering. As a result, as new schools were established, Military Academy graduates were employed to teach engineering and their services were called upon for almost every major engineering project undertaken in the United States before the Civil War. To make the Military Academy technical curriculum effective, Thayer raised the quality of the mathematics courses so that for several decades West Point was "the most influential mathematical school in the United States." In mathematics, the course content excelled that of the Ecole Polytechnique of France which, in the first half of the last century, was even better known than West Point for the technical proficiency of its graduates. Thayer continued his interest in engineering education even after he left the Military Academy by endowing the Engineering School at Dartmouth in 1867.

Thayer's influence may also be found in the organization and program of many other American colleges, as well as on their teaching staffs. He was Superintendent of the Military Academy only four years when George Ticknor, a Harvard educator, began to commend the West Point system as a model for the reform of Harvard. Ticknor wrote to a member of the Harvard Corporation, William Prescott, "The school at West Point . . . keeps the young men sent there, in a state of intellectual discipline, almost as active as is known anywhere in Europe, and sends them out at the end of four years instructed with a degree of thoroughness, which would of itself cast a reproach on any of the colleges in the country." Reforms adopted at Harvard, closely modeled on the West Point system, spread to other institutions of higher learning. In 1826, James Monroe sought Thayer's advice in the rehabilitation of the University of Virginia. West Point advice was also sought when, in 1830, plans were being laid for New York University. Later, Military Academy graduates, products of the Thayer system, were much sought after by other schools such as Yale, Harvard, Columbia, and Dartmouth. The West Point Board of Visitors in 1848 found that among the academy's 1,362 graduates there were 72 in the educational field, including five college presidents, 42 professors, 20 principals of academies, and five teachers in other



Colonel Sylvanus Thayer, USMA 1808

categories. These were largely graduates of the period of Thayer's administration.

A generation later, in 1867, a statistical analysis revealed that of 2,218 graduates, 139 had entered the field of education, including 26 presidents of universities and colleges, 23 principals of academies and schools, five regents and chancellors of educational institutions, and 85 professors and teachers.

Some years later, in 1886, a Board of Visitors to West Point, which included Kemp P. Battle, President of the University of North Carolina, and William Graham Sumner of Yale, noted that by an "apparent method of natural selection" the academy had made a "remarkable" contribution to the educational development of the country. They found among the academy graduates "no less than 35 presidents of universities or colleges, 27 principals of academies and schools, 11 regents and chancellors of educational institutions,

and professors and teachers, making a total of 192 instructors of youth distributed throughout the country." They concluded on a note of tribute: ". . . the institution may be regarded in one sense as a national normal school . . ." Against this background, it is natural to record the service of Mark W. Clark as President of The Citadel, or Dwight D. Eisenhower as President of Columbia University.

For Cullum and the men of his generation, Sylvanus Thayer was "The Father of the Military Academy." Future historians must also list Sylvanus Thayer as one of the fathers of American education. His successful administration of the United States Military Academy established a far-reaching precedent for federal expenditure for education, an effective argument for the founding of many state colleges, and one of the impulses for the passage of the momentous Morrill Land-Grant Act of 1862. —Sidney Forman

The Role of West Point in the Development of the West

by MAJOR MARK M. BOATNER III

A big problem in our country a century ago was strangely similar to one we face today: the exploration, conquest and exploitation of space. Although today's problem differs from yesterday's "in emphasis and scope"—as they say at Leavenworth—the technical challenge of a trip by rocket to the moon is hardly more impressive today than was the technical challenge of a trip by horseless carriage from the Atlantic to the Pacific a hundred years ago.

Impressed as we may be by the speed of our current progress, it may be consoling to look back a hundred years and remember that things were then moving at an "unprecedented

rate" also. President Andrew Johnson estimated it would take 600 years to occupy our western domains; yet a mere generation later the U.S. Census Director in Submitting his report of 1890 said "there can hardly be said to be a frontier line."

I. Pacifying the Plains Indians

Although the Indian fighting aspect of western development followed the exploration phase and is subordinated in popular history to the engineering aspects of the achievement, it seems proper to give it top billing here. True, West Point was the only real source of engineers in this country until 1850. Yet the Academy's fundamental reason

for existence was originally, as now, the production of combat leaders.

The Indians had become a national issue by the time the Civil War ended. The Homestead Act was passed in 1862, granting 160 acres to any citizen over 21 who would settle upon it and cultivate it for five years. While the very existence of the Union was being contested on one side of the continent, a steady stream of immigrants was flowing into the other. "The trans-Missouri traffic multiplied sevenfold during the four years of the war," says Muzzey in A HISTORY OF OUR COUNTRY, "and in the same period the boundary lines of the future states of Colorado, Nevada, Arizona, Idaho, Montana, and the Dakotas were marked out."

So it is that many names of Civil War fame go on to figure prominently in the Indian Wars. As Fairfax Downey writes in his INDIAN FIGHTING ARMY:

The two great military mainstays of the Union: U. S. Grant ['43] as General in Chief, and William Tecumseh Sherman ['40] as Chief of Staff, presided in Washington over the destinies of the Army and fought its battles with Congress and the Indian Bureau. Phil Sheridan ['53], who had seen Indian service as a young lieutenant, commanded the Department of the West. Under their orders, blue columns marched and countermarched through the plain and desert led by field commanders: Crook ['52], and Mackenzie ['62] and Miles; Canby ['39], Howard ['54], Terry, Gibbon ['47], Custer [June '61], Merritt ['60], and the rest.

"The Gray Fox"

George Crook, Class of 1852, emerged as the greatest Indian fighter of them all. It is strange that this officer who developed to their most successful form the tactics and techniques of Indian warfare should be so little remembered among American professional soldiers today. He was by no means an unsung hero in his day; accompany-

Major General George Crook was the most successful Indian fighter of the last century.



ing him on his operations were two literary West Pointers, Charles King ('66) and John Gregory Bourke ('69) whose subsequent books brought Crook's achievements to the public eye.

Crook's particular genius was adapting U.S. Army methods and equipment to the special requirements of Indian fighting. Now that our Army again faces the problems of adapting new and revolutionary methods, it is valuable to see how another leader met the challenges of an unconventional military situation. Tall, lean and tough, George Crook had the professional background for his task. He had fought the Indians as a young officer. During the Civil War he had risen to the rank of Brevet Major General and had gained experience in handling larger units. After the war he had fought the Apaches in Arizona, winning their respect first as a conqueror and subsequently as the man who led them into peaceful agricultural pursuits. In 1875 he was put in command of the Department of the Platte to subdue the Sioux and Cheyennes who threatened the Black Hills region.

The first significant decision Crook made was to undertake a winter campaign. This was the season when the Indians usually holed up because of the deep snows and -30-degree weather. In order to travel fast Crook stripped his men down to a paucity of personal and organizational equipment that, according to Bourke's account, was reminiscent of Libby and Andersonville prisons. As for clothing, uniform regulations were forgotten and the men instructed to adopt the best features of GI items and the garb of indigenous Indians and white traders. A dough-boy turned cavalryman, Crook made use of the un-lovely but durable mule to mount some of his infantry. While some infantry units were detailed to guard isolated bases, others were expeditiously checked out as mule riders.

His first campaign failed just when it promised complete success. Crook's subordinate, J. J. Reynolds ('43) found Crazy Horse's winter hideout, captured the village and pony herd, but then withdrew without destroying the dismounted warriors who were fighting fiercely from a nearby clump of woods. Reynolds resigned after a court-martial; no explanation has yet been found for his withdrawal.

The Winter offensive having failed, Sherman ordered Alfred Terry's forces—John Gibbon with his 7th Infantry and George Custer with the 7th Cavalry—to converge with those of Crook in a Spring campaign to round up the



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hostiles on the Big Horn. The hard-fought but drawn battle of the Rosebud (17 June 1876) opened the campaign. Terry's forces were moving to the area and Custer's Massacre—the Indians' greatest victory—was the next setback. It took a year to avenge Custer and destroy the warriors of medicine man Sitting Bull. Prominent in the operation were Wesley Merritt ('60), commanding the 5th Cavalry; Anson Mills (ex-'60), commanding a squadron; and Ranald Mackenzie ('62) who commanded a strong column which included part of his own 4th Cavalry.

Things were no sooner under control on the northern frontier than trouble broke out again in the Southwest. The opponent, Chief Joseph of the Nez Percés, turned out to be the greatest Indian leader the U.S. Army had yet faced. One-armed General O. O. Howard ('54) of Civil War fame was in command of the operations. John Gibbon was again prominent, and another participant was Samuel D. Sturgis ('46).

Although there were other Indian disturbances, the last being against the Apaches and Bannocks between 1892

and 1896, the Army had eliminated the last serious challenge of the Red Man to westward expansion.

II. Exploration

Army officers figured prominently in the earliest explorations of the West: Lewis and Clark, Zebulon Pike, and Stephen Long. Accompanying the latter were John R. Bell ('12), J. D. Graham ('17) and W. H. Swift ('19).

The graduate most prominently associated with exploration is French-born Benjamin Louis Eulalie de Bonneville, Class of 1815. Obtaining a leave of absence and getting financial backing from commercial interests, Bonneville led an expedition of 110 men into the Rocky Mountain region with a view to developing trade potentialities in that area. Although personally disappointed in the results, and dropped from the Army's rolls for having overstayed his two-year leave, Bonneville came back with the first authentic geographic study of the American Northwest and paved the way for subsequent development. He is the subject of Washington Irving's *Adventures of Captain Bonneville*.

Also associated with Western ex-

ploration is James Allen, Class of 1829. He was selected by the Army to accompany the Schoolcraft expedition which, the same year that Bonneville started his exploration, covered 2,800 miles during a period of approximately 10 months. The expedition coasted Lake Superior from Sault Ste. Marie to Fond du Lac Bay at the present site of Duluth, and explored the headwaters of the Mississippi in Minnesota. Allen was instructed to map the territory traversed by the expeditions, to report fully on the Indians encountered and also to cover "the nature of the soil, the geology, mineralogy, and natural history; he will remark upon the game and fishes, as to quantity, quality and facilities of procuring them." This Second Lieutenant Allen, who had graduated an undistinguished 35th in a class of 46 men (including Robert E. Lee and Joseph E. Johnston) must have wondered upon first reading his orders just what other members of the expedition were supposed to do.

Virginia-born Philip St. George Cooke, class of 1827—later a distinguished leader of Federal cavalry in the Civil War—was the man who explored the route of a wagon trail from Santa Fe to San Diego during the winter of 1846-47.

Aside from the famous "firsts" in the field of Western exploration, much vital work was done by graduates for whose names History has not accorded space. "Every march of a column or scouting party added to the stock of human knowledge that was to direct the movements of an unequalled immigration," points out the USMA CENTENNIAL HISTORY. "The work of exploration went on, gradually losing something of its picturesqueness as route crossed route, but the hardships and dangers remained. W. H. Warner ('36) was killed by hostile Indians while exploring the California Mountains and M. P. Harrison ('47) met the same fate while accompanying Marcy to the Red River country."

III. Civil Engineering

While Indian fighters and explorers had the more romantic roles, the giant's share of the task of opening the West fell to the engineers. The purely military tasks performed in connection with the Army's primary mission—construction of forts around which cities subsequently grew; surveying routes and building roads to provide communication with military posts—these things were, of course, important in the commercial development of the frontier. It was not long, however, before West Point was furnishing men

in the field of civil engineering. (It should be pointed out here that civil engineering in the world was a nineteenth-century outgrowth of military engineering.)

Forman points out in his WEST POINT that "The potential utility and adaptability of a corps of military engineers for civil works had been foreseen by Secretary of War James McHenry as early as 1800." However, it was not until the end of the War of 1812 that West Point began to consider the development of civil engineers as part of its mission. Government funds were authorized for the performance of the necessary preliminary exploration, prospecting and surveying. It was during this period that Richard Delafield ('18) and William H. Swift ('19) as well as a number of other cadets were called away from the Academy before graduation to serve in the field as engineers. Even before the Army was legally authorized to enter the fields of non-military engineering, the Ordnance Department was conducting surveys of mining areas with a view to locating sources of lead and other metals of military importance.

In 1842 Congress expressly authorized the Government to use Army engineers in civil engineering tasks. Forman mentions the effect of this legislation on the Military Academy:

The accent on civil engineering for Army officers changed the curriculum for the cadets and affected their perspectives as to careers after graduation. Parents encouraged their sons at West Point to qualify as engineers, and some of the cadets came to the academy solely for that purpose. They were aware of the lucrative inducements offered in that profession—graduates were being paid from \$5,000 to \$16,000 per year.

The problem of retaining West Pointers in the service is therefore nothing new. Today's lure of a fast dollar in civilian life is nothing compared to the temptation confronting officers in the boom economy of a century ago. W. T. Sherman, serving on the West Coast during the gold rush of 1849, mentions in his memoirs that servants were earning \$300 a month at a time when his own pay was \$70. During a two-months' leave of absence he made \$6,000 on a surveying job.

Railroads

Six months after passage of the Homestead Act (1862), Lincoln signed the first bill for government aid in building a transcontinental railroad.

Seven years later the first through train from California arrived at New York after a six-and-a-half day trip.

West Point graduates "blazed the way for the steam locomotive which, like a mighty shuttle, has spun the wonderful fabric of our country," to use the fine phrase of the USMA CENTENNIAL HISTORY. William Gibbs McNeill ('17) and George Washington Whistler ('19) worked together as the outstanding pioneers in all aspects of American railroading. "By the turn of the nineteenth century," writes Dupuy in MEN OF WEST POINT, "the record shows that nearly three score graduates of the Military Academy had been engaged as chief engineers for railroads, while at least twenty-two had become presidents of railroad companies."

McClellan, Sheridan, Hood, Parke and Humphreys are among the most prominent graduates who with "score upon score" of others were engaged before the Civil War with the survey of rail routes across the Great Plains, through the Sierra Nevada and Coast Ranges, and from the Sacramento to the Columbia River.

A later engineering achievement which meant much to the development of the West was the completion of the Panama Canal in 1914 by George W. Goethals, '80.

The Great Camel Experiment

While accomplishments in the fields of transportation now regarded as "conventional" have been well chronicled, there is one off-the-trail episode that is less well remembered. As bizarre—even ludicrous—as it seems today, Jeff Davis' attempt to introduce camel transportation into this country came very close to success. But the experiment is perhaps most interesting as a rebuttal to the charge that the "military mind" sometimes lacks vision and originality. Here is an outline of this strange story in which West Pointers were prominently identified.

George H. Crosman ('23), after service in Florida, proposed the idea of trying camels as a military beast of burden in America. (The Spaniards had used them with some success in Peru; some had been brought to Virginia in 1701 and to Jamaica.) Although Crosman's proposal got the jaundiced official reception that you might expect, Henry C. Wayne ('38) was sold on the idea. Twenty years later Wayne stimulated the interest of Jefferson Davis, ('28), who was then U.S. Senator from Mississippi. Davis studied the idea and, when he be-

came Secretary of War, succeeded in getting \$30,000 appropriated for the experiment.

In 1855 a purchasing group, which included Naval Lieutenant (later Admiral) David D. Porter, headed for the Mediterranean. Their itinerary included the Crimea, where the war was going full blast and where the British were finding camels indispensable. British tactical units were moving 70 miles in 12 hours; supply camels were carrying individual loads of 600 pounds for distances of 30 miles a day.

When tested in the American Southwest the "ships of the desert" exceeded expectations: they went faster, farther and carried heavier loads than the "conventional" horse and mule teams. They stood up under blistering sun, yet thrived in deep snow. One beast is alleged to have carried a 2,200 pound load—approximately his own weight.

The Civil War halted tests, and they were never resumed. The main reason is probably because of association with Jeff Davis. Furthermore, despite tremendous cross-country mobility and low rate of Class I consumption, the camel proved basically un-American. He was extremely unpopular with the retreaded mule-skinners, combining chronic B.O., halitosis, itch, foul disposition and a highly-infectious bite. Camels terrified mules and horses, and with good reason: the highly educated hind foot of one U.S. Army camel

named "Major" is credited with killing seven mules.

Education

As other engineering schools began to spring up throughout the country they naturally turned to West Point for assistance. The Rensselaer Polytechnic at Troy, N.Y., founded in 1824, was the second engineering school in America; however, it was not until 1835 that it graduated its first class of civil engineers. (And this class consisted of only four men.) Many of Rensselaer's text books were borrowed from West Point, and its first teacher was Amos Eaton, who had lectured at West Point. Harvard opened its engineering department in 1849 with Henry L. Eustis, '42, as head. William A. Norton, '31, filled the first chair in civil engineering established at Yale in 1852; he held that position for 31 years. "These three were the major civilian engineering schools in the United States prior to the Civil War," says Dr. Forman. "By 1870 there were nineteen technical schools, of which at least ten had direct West Point pedagogical affiliation."

Since we are concerned in this article with Western development, mention is being made of only those schools contributing to the need for civil engineers. Dupuy in *MEN OF WEST POINT* covers the influence of graduates in the wider field of American education in general. "By 1860," he

writes, "with 203 colleges and universities in the land, we find the West Point pedagogical influence swollen to seventy-eight individuals, spread over twenty-one States and the District of Columbia..."

With passage of the Morrill ("Land Grant") Act of 1862, setting up the R.O.T.C. system (among other things), West Pointers became even more closely identified with schools being established in the West.

Conclusion

This has been by no means a complete coverage of the role played by West Point graduates in the development of the West. No mention has been made of contributions in the fields of religion, medicine, law, public positions, science and manufacturing. Fuller accounts are to be found in *THE CENTENNIAL OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY*, Volume 1, Addresses and Histories; Dr. Sidney Forman's *WEST POINT* (1950); R. Ernest Dupuy's *WHERE THEY HAVE TROD* (1940), and *MEN OF WEST POINT* (1951). Fairfax Downey's *INDIAN FIGHTING ARMY* (1941) is a military classic covering that neglected phase of our history; his *GENERAL CROOK: INDIAN FIGHTER* (1957), although written for older boys, is not to be scorned by middle-aged boys interested in extending their knowledge of guerilla operations in America.

G. W. Whistler ('19) was an American railroad pioneer.



Bonneville contributed geographic study of Northwest.



The Making of Teachers at West Point

by COLONEL WILLIAM W. BESSELL, Professor of Mathematics

“RUSSIA GAINS IN TECHNOLOGICAL RACE”

“SOVIETS OUTSTRIP U.S. IN PRODUCING ENGINEERS, SCIENTISTS, TEACHERS”

“U.S. ENROLLMENT IN HIGHER EDUCATION TO DOUBLE BY 1970”

“THE IMPENDING TIDAL WAVE OF STUDENTS—WHO WILL TEACH THEM?”

“TEACHER SHORTAGE WORSE AS NEW TERM STARTS”

“HELP WANTED: TEACHERS”

Articles with headlines like these began to appear in American periodicals and professional journals in 1951. Since then, articles on the need for teachers have appeared with increasing frequency and with increasing emphasis on the seriousness and urgency of the problem. “Calls for Action” have been issued by such diverse agencies as the Thomas Alva Edison Foundation, the American Council on Education, the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers, the American Society for Engineering Education, the Atomic Energy Commission, and the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. To meet the challenge, President Eisenhower convened the White House Conference on Education in 1954. Subsequently he appointed the Committee on Education beyond the High School which reported last Fall that “The most serious educational problem today and in the foreseeable future is a critical shortage of first-rate teachers.” The nation’s spotlight has thus been focused for some time on making more and better teachers. Sputniks and Explorers have now raised the candlepower of the spotlight to even greater intensity.

The Military Academy has had this problem since the days of Sylvanus Thayer (Superintendent, 1817-33). The mission of the Academy is to educate and train cadets to become professional military leaders. Because of this singleness of purpose, the Academy early found that individuals who were themselves educated, trained and experienced in the military profession made the best teachers of cadets—not only in the strictly military subjects, but also in the purely academic fields. The Academy found that officer-instructors were

able to give cadets certain intangible things—things vital to the development of military leaders, but which few civilian teachers could provide: motivation for the military career; answers to the perennial question “Why is this subject important to me?”; illustrations (often taken from the officers’ own experiences) of up-to-date applications of academic work to the military profession. The officer-instructor is a daily, visible and audible example to his cadets—an example in military bearing, neatness, deportment, and character. His is the opportunity, and on him rests an enormous responsibility for developing in his cadets the foundations of leadership: integrity, confidence, responsibility. Thus, excepting certain language instructors who are civilian nationals of foreign countries, all academic instructors at West Point are officers of the Armed Forces.

Furthermore, officers who come to the Academy as instructors do not thereby abandon their military careers to enter upon a life-time of teaching. Rather, this service, like similar service at the Guided Missile School or at the Army War College, comprises the important “instructor duty” phase of an officer’s over-all career pattern. The normal length of an instructor’s tour at the Academy is three years. Consequently, about one-third of the faculty is replaced annually. This imposes on the USMA Professors a most vital and recurring function—the orientation and training of the group of almost one hundred instructors who report each Summer to West Point.

Although procedures for obtaining the required number of instructors vary in detail among the several academic departments, they involve, in general,

the following factors: (1) careful selection of the potential instructor; (2) further education of the officer before he reports to the Academy; and (3) training in teaching techniques, indoctrination in classroom procedures, and further education at the Academy. To illustrate these procedures, I shall take as an example the system currently used in the Department of Mathematics.

As a first step, the Head of the Department prepares an annual list of names of officers whose assignment to the Department is desired. This list is submitted to the Department of the Army, where the required number of new instructors is then selected, and necessary orders issued. To be selected for assignment to the Department of Mathematics, an officer must meet certain specifications designed to insure that he possesses outstanding leadership qualities, as well as military experience, educational background, and competence in mathematics. He must have had at least four years of commissioned service. He must have earned his bachelor’s degree, stood in the upper quarter of his class in undergraduate mathematics, and in the upper third of his class in general merit at graduation. He must have an over-all efficiency index which places him in the outstanding or superior group. He must be recommended for the assignment by others whose judgement is known and respected. And finally, we insist that he indicate a genuine desire for the assignment.

The selection of instructors under these policies is a careful and continuing process. For graduates of the Academy, evaluation begins with their performance as cadets. The entire cadet record is examined: academic stand-

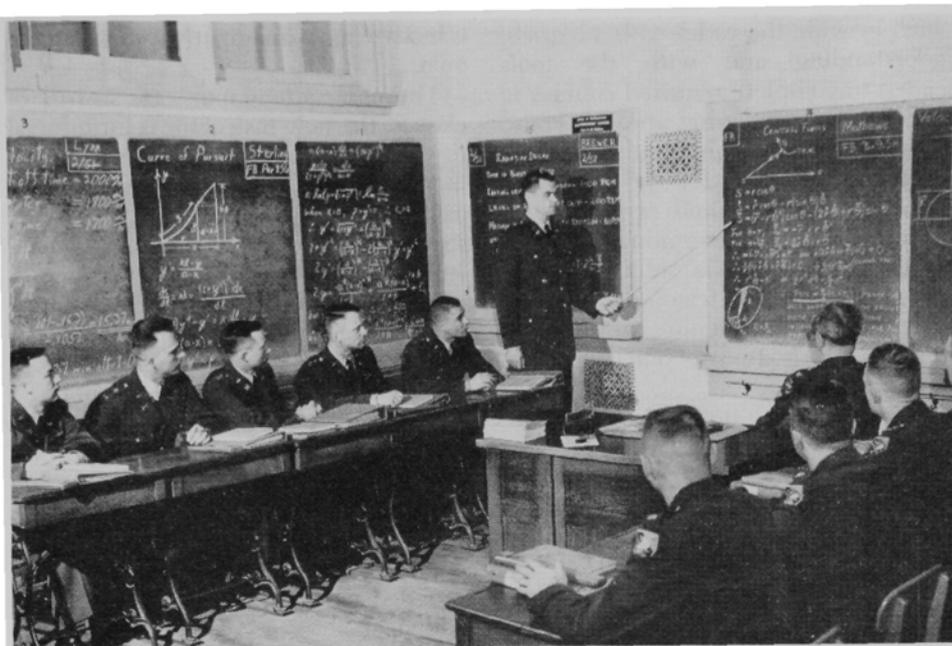
ings, cadet rank, participation in extra-curricular activities, and the recorded comments of instructors. For the selection of officer graduates of colleges other than the Academy, the Department of the Army provides names of those whose records indicate qualification for an instructor assignment. The officer's qualifications, to include service and efficiency records, are carefully checked in each case; and before a name is finally placed on the Department's list of potential instructors, the officer must indicate that he desires the assignment.

In addition to following these policies, which are designed for individual screening, the Department endeavors to insure that each combat arm and each technical service will be represented among the 40 authorized instructors. This policy assists the Department in keeping abreast of new techniques in all branches of the service, in familiarizing the cadets with many military applications of mathematics, and in developing in each cadet a genuine motivation for the military career.

The basic mathematical education which we require of an instructor is that generally contained in a course leading to the Bachelor of Science degree. The Department desires, however, that at least half of its instructional staff also have done graduate study in a field of pure or applied mathematics. Hence, special consideration is given to the assignment of officers who have completed graduate work in fields such as engineering, electronics, or physics. Also, as part of the Army Schooling Program, the Department is currently authorized to send six selected officers each year to a civilian school for one full year of study in graduate mathematics before coming to the Academy. Most of the officers who pursue this graduate work earn their masters' degrees in the allotted time.

The staff of the Department of Mathematics, the largest at the Academy, currently includes two professors, two associate professors, five assistant professors and 29 instructors—a total of 38 commissioned officers on active duty. The length of service of these officers ranges from four to 40 years, the mode being eight years. Their military rank ranges from Lieutenant to Colonel, with the majority—all but six—being in the grades of Captain and Lieutenant. All have completed courses at officers' schools of the Armed Forces; and 28 of the 38 have pursued graduate courses in mathematics, or allied fields, at 28 different civilian institutions.

Thus we feel that the Department has a "built-in" system for self-analysis and improvement. The annual turn-



Colonel P. D. Calyer, Associate Professor of Mathematics, conducts class in Instructor Training Program.

over of personnel brings to the Department eager young officers who are just learning the military game, officers of higher grades with a wide range of experience in branch and service operations, and officers who have attended colleges and universities other than the Academy itself. This insures us a balanced and imaginative group, with diverse points of view and fresh ideas, and definitely helps the Department keep "on its toes" and abreast of the times.

The 12 to 15 new officers assigned annually to the Department of Mathematics (the one-third annual turnover) report in June, and shortly begin

our Instructor Training Program. This program, designed to prepare these officers for their new assignment, has several objectives: (1) to orient these new instructors thoroughly in the mission, included objectives, organization, and functions of the Academy and of the Department, (2) to familiarize them with teaching policies and classroom rules, and the reasons for both, (3) to give them instruction and experience in proven teaching methods and techniques, and (4) to refresh these officers in the specific subjects which they are soon to teach. This program is continued throughout an instructor's first two years in the Department. It is followed by a separate course which affords opportunity for study of more advanced mathematics during the last year at West Point. The Department also authorizes and encourages officers to pursue further study of mathematics through attendance during off duty times at colleges in nearby New York City.

The official mission of the Department of Mathematics is set forth in the box on this page. To accomplish this mission the Department has prescribed as specific teaching objectives, the development in each cadet of: (1) Knowledge and understanding of the fundamental mathematics needed by the career officer, (RITHMETIC); (2) Facility in fundamental mathematical operations, (RECKONING); (3) Mastery of reasoning processes, (REASONING); and (4) Soundness of character, (RESPONSIBILITY). Thus, to RITHMETIC—that very important member of the original trio of "R's" in education—we add an additional three.

The mathematics currently taught includes those fundamental subjects

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To cause each member
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TEACHING OBJECTIVES

Rithmetic
Reckoning
Reasoning
Responsibility

which provide the cadet with adequate understanding and with the tools needed to complete required courses in science and engineering at West Point. They are fundamental subjects that should be the basis for the continued education, training, and experience of the career officer after graduation. They include college algebra, solid geometry, plane and spherical trigonometry, analytic geometry, calculus, differential equations, probability, and statistical analysis.

As noted above, the Instructor Training Program for the new instructor begins in July of his first Summer. It is introduced with a series of conferences conducted by the Head of Department covering the mission, organization, and functions of the Academy and of the Department; classroom rules and procedures; and the conduct of instruction. These indoctrination conferences are followed by formally conducted instructor classes in the subjects of the cadet curriculum. Each recitation covers one or more cadet lessons, presented in the same order in which they are assigned to cadets, but well in advance of the cadet recitations. In these refresher classes, the new instructors follow the classroom rules and procedures prescribed for cadets. Thus the instructor is "refreshed" not only in the subject matter and operational techniques of the cadet course, but also in the classroom policies and procedures which have been found to contribute to efficient instruction. Although we consider the new instructors fully capable of "refreshing" themselves by self-study in the basic subject matter, we find that preliminary lesson-by-lesson coverage is a tremendous help in later lesson planning.

The problem of how best to organize the instruction of a particular cadet class arises continuously. Each instructor, old and new, is required to prepare in advance his own plan for the conduct of each lesson—an individual plan designed for the optimum use of the 80 precious minutes of class time. An instructor's lesson plan will vary, of course, with numerous factors: the nature of the subject—whether it involves theory, problem solving techniques, or applications; the difficulty of the lesson—whether it is hard or easy for the cadet to master; the particular cadet section to be taught—whether it is Section No. 1, composed of the more apt "engineers" or No. 25, containing the less apt "goats." The point is that the Department does not prescribe *how* the instructor shall teach each lesson. The Instructor Training Program aims, therefore, not to standardize instruction, but to help each instructor to devise an

effective and imaginative plan of his own.

Through attendance at instructor classes, the new instructor is introduced to various typical methods for conducting instruction. One of these is the so-called "normal" method, in which the sequence runs as follows: (1) The instructor clarifies bona fide difficulties encountered by cadets in their endeavors to master the lesson assignment by their own efforts, (2) Cadets work on topics assigned by the instructor (3) Cadets recite, and (4) All critique the day's lesson, and the instructor previews the morrow's. A second method is the "time-phase" system, used when the demonstrations are unusually long or difficult. In this system, cadets are assigned parts of the proof or problem a step at a time. At each step recitations are heard, points are clarified, and cadets correct their work before proceeding with successive requirements.

In the instructor classes the new instructor also learns certain "tricks of the trade." We try to capitalize on the Department's long experience in teaching cadets (156 years), and to pass on to new instructors the useful lessons of that experience. Recurrent cadet errors and difficulties are pointed out. The relation of each lesson to previous and to subsequent lessons is shown. Applications of subject matter to later work in other academic departments are catalogued in the Department's carefully prepared document: "Correlation of Mathematics with other Departments." Instructors are briefed on military applications of mathematics, especially applications to latest doctrines and techniques. The Department's Military Applications Committee is continually assembling material for this purpose. A variety of prepared training aids is demonstrated; and instructors are encouraged to devise aids of their own. An overhead projector usable in daylight is provided in each classroom, and many time-saving applications of this instrument to classroom instruction are made. In classes on use of the slide rule, instructors practice techniques of group instruction using our enlarged 8-foot models of the cadet rule.

In addition to the formally conducted instructor classes, the Instructor Training Program includes attendance of new instructors at demonstration classes staged and performed by old instructors. Professors and associate professors conduct instructor conferences on lessons of key importance before the material is presented to cadets. Also, during their first term of instruction, new instructors are given frequent opportunities to visit cadet classes and observe instruction by more experienced

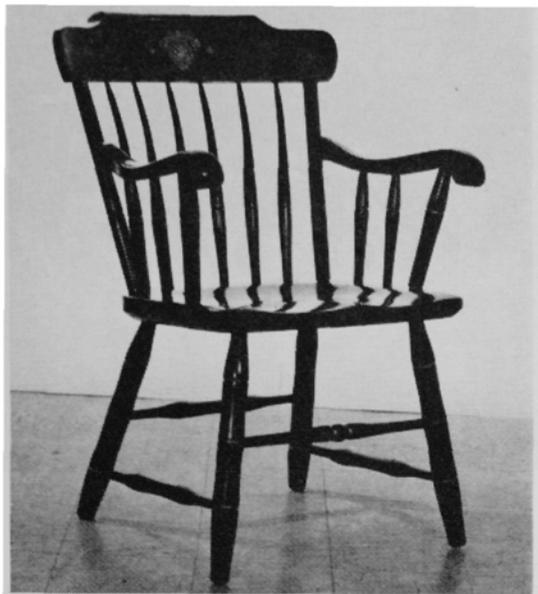
instructors. Finally, when the new instructors begin their own teaching duties, they are visited from time to time by the professors and associate professors with a view to providing experienced counselling on further improvement of their teaching methods and techniques.

It should be noted particularly that in every phase of its Instructor Training Program, the Department stresses measures designed to achieve its four teaching objectives—its four R's. To develop the cadet's knowledge of subject matter ('Rithmetic) and his facility in mathematical operations and application (Reckoning) is a relatively easy task. To improve the ability to reason logically (Reasoning), however, is a constant and elusive challenge, which requires diligent, imaginative efforts on the part of all instructors. Achievement of these first three R's requires that cadets acquire a thorough understanding of the fundamental mathematical concepts of the course. Cadet lesson assignments are designed with this object in view; and no effort is spared, either in or out of the classroom to enhance this understanding by oral questioning, searching reviews, or careful presentation.

But by far the most important of our four R's is the development in each cadet of a high sense of Responsibility. The Department insists that instructors design their lesson plans with this paramount objective always in mind. The governing requirements are clear-cut: each cadet must do his utmost to master each lesson assignment on his own; and, he must demonstrate in class his mastery of the lesson through clear, logical, and concise recitations. Confidence in his own abilities, responsibility for his own conclusions—these qualities, we are convinced, can be developed in the cadet, *in the classroom*. The instructor is taught to design his lesson plan *not* so as answer the question "What should I talk about to the cadets tomorrow?" *but rather* "How can I conduct this class to insure maximum cadet participation? How can I challenge the best talents of each of my students?" The cadet is told that there will be no instructor on "Hill 506" to help him solve the problems he may face, as a young officer, leading his isolated unit in the fluid warfare of an Atomic Age.

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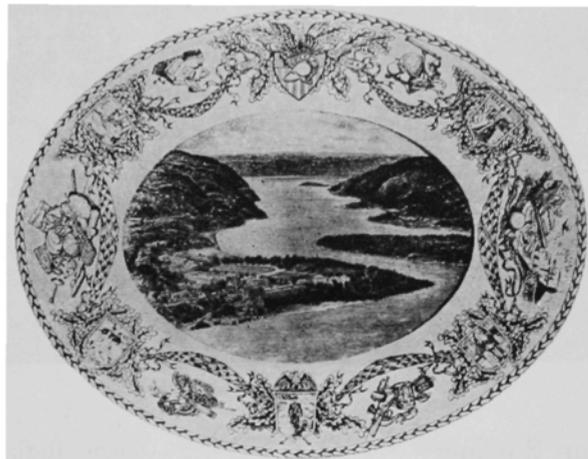
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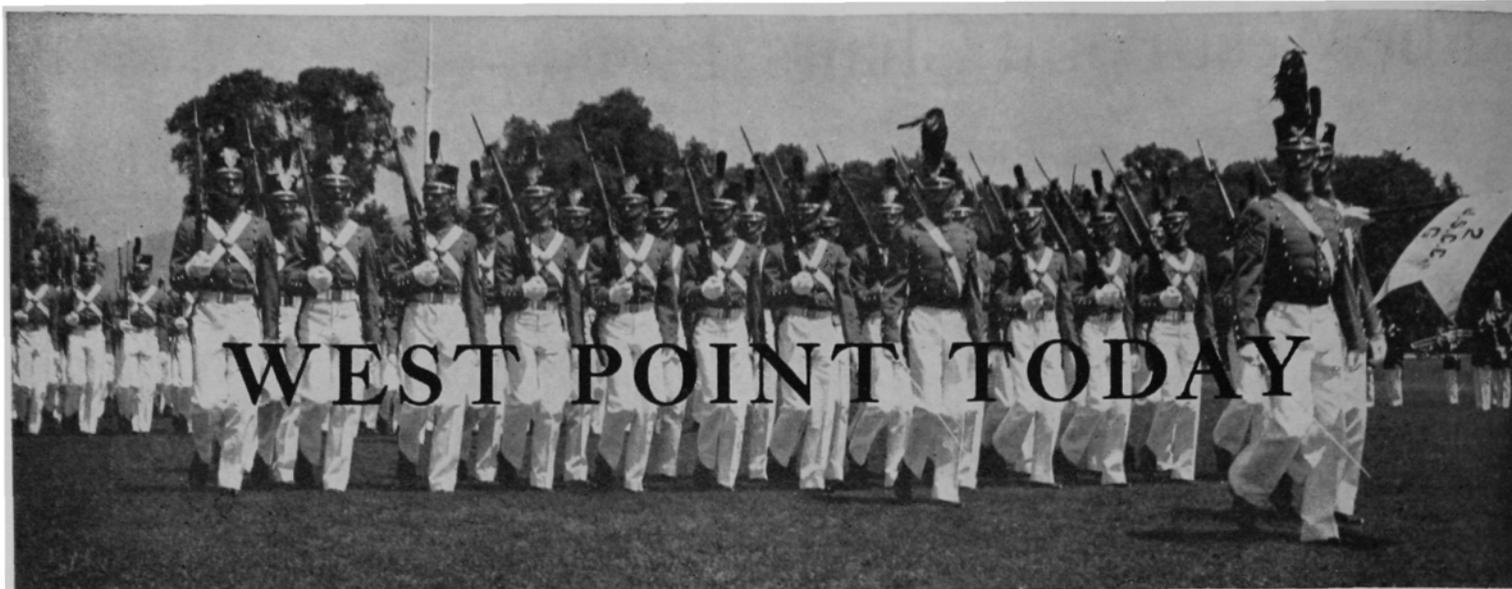
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Camp Buckner Gets A "Plain"

To the "genuine old grad," whose memories of yearling Summer recall the steamy, full dress parades of Camp Clinton, a visit to Camp Buckner in July or August would afford pleasant, though possibly surprising evidence, that time corrects many ills. Even the "old grad of recent vintage," whose fond yearling Summer recollections wander to the cramped, humid parade ground on the outskirts of the Camp Buckner rifle range, would assuredly discover an unusual change in the reviews and ceremonies of today. This does not mean the traditional yearling Summer ceremonies have gone the way of the water bucket and the wash

basin. Rather, these ceremonies have, more than ever before, become a highlight of spectator interest at Camp Buckner because of the new Camp Buckner drill and parade ground and athletic field.

In 1955, a comprehensive study was made by a board of officers working under the supervision of the Post Planning Board to explore the future requirements for the utilization of Camp Buckner as a cadet training site. The primary result of this study was the development of a ten-year development plan for Camp Buckner which includes the improvement and rehabilitation of existing facilities and the addition of new construction as necessary to meet the expanding training mission of Camp Buckner.

Established as the highest priority item in the rebuilding program was the construction of an easily accessible area for outdoor non-tactical instruction which could have the additional use as a tasteful setting for cadet ceremonies. Likewise, it was hoped, this area could be utilized to augment already crowded athletic facilities when not being used for cadet training activities.

The eventual site selected was a rocky, timbered embankment area beside a shallow lagoon on the east shore of Lake Popolopen some 750 yards from the center of Camp Buckner proper.

The selected site required extensive engineering work which included relocation of the two Camp Buckner water supply wells, clearing of scrub timber, grading, excavation and relocation of sufficient fill material to create supplementary land area, providing top soil and seeding.

Although the Camp Buckner parade ground and athletic field was completed on November 1, 1956, it was, due to settling and seeding, available only for controlled use during the Summer of 1957. It is a triangular shaped area which juts into Lake Popolopen, is bounded on two sides by water, and enclosed by an escarpment created by excavation ranging from 6 to 20 feet in height. Approximately 60% of the field is utilized for the parade area and the remaining 40% is devoted to a regulation baseball field. The parade area can be readily used for softball, touch football, archery, badminton and other sports with minor additions of temporary equipment. The entire area can also be used for teaching of all military subjects requiring only limited and non-tactical terrain.

Buckner Parade Ground

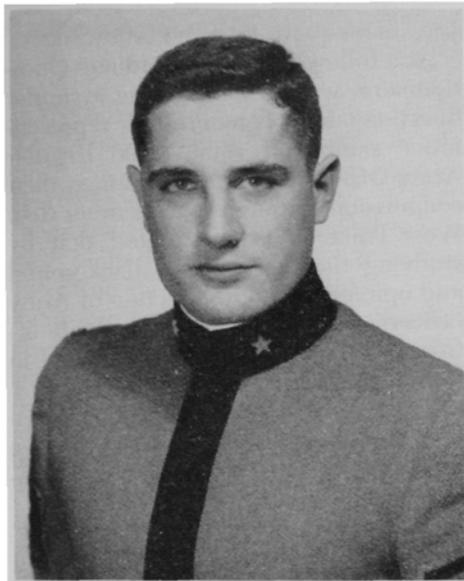


Aerial view of Camp Buckner parade ground looking northeast. Layout of baseball field is near center, parade ground in foreground, and spectators stands on escarpment in background.

Rhodes Scholar Is Named

Cadet John O. Sewall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar C. Sewall, Dublin, New Hampshire, has been named among 32 Americans to receive Rhodes Scholarships this year. He will enter Oxford University in England next Fall for at least two years of study.

Presently holding the rank of Cadet Captain, Sewall will be graduated from



the United States Military Academy in June 1958. He attended Harvard University for one year before coming to West Point.

Cadet Sewall is the 35th member of the Corps of Cadets to win a coveted Rhodes Scholarship since 1923, the first year in which Cadets were permitted to compete.

He was appointed to the United States Military Academy by Senator Robert Upton of New Hampshire.

Cadet Glee Club Grew From Obscure Beginning

In the Winter issue of ASSEMBLY there appeared a short article on the Cadet Glee Club. It was based upon the records of the Glee Club as they exist, and stated that the Glee Club was organized in 1928.

Shortly after publication we received a strong letter of protest from a graduate of June 1918 who had received credit in his Howitzer for having organized the Glee Club. Further investigation revealed that the Glee Club goes back beyond that. Its origin is obscured by the haze of time. The Howitzer of the Class of 1909 indicates earlier existence. Quoted below is an extract from the 1909 Howitzer, published for the benefit of historians and devotees of accuracy:

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other theological associations, including the National Association of College and University Chaplains of which he is currently the President.

For a number of years, there has been no organized musical club in the Corps. For color line concerts in camp have been more or less impromptu, and their programmes, though very popular, have been unpretentious and anything but classical. Any musical talent or ability has found an outlet either in the Hundredth Night or, possibly, in the choir.

The early graduation of the class of 1908 prevented the presentation of the annual Hundredth Night Play last year. During the winter afternoons, usually spent in rehearsing it, a few mandolin orchestra pieces were practised. These practises culminated in an informal concert given in the Y.M.C.A. Hall one Sunday evening,—an attempt so successful that it was determined to elaborate the programme and give a concert in Cullum Hall. The concert was given during the first part of March and was enthusiastically received by the music-loving Corps.

The interest it aroused encouraged the formation of the organization now known as the Glee Club. The plan, as first conceived was to make the club a branch of the Dialectic Society, which, as a literary society, is no longer an active factor in Cadet life. However, as the Dialectic Hall still fills a certain want as a reading room, this plan was discarded.

Under the advice of Dr. Holden, a set of regulations was drawn up to govern an entirely separate body. These regulations were approved by the Superintendent and the Dialectic piano was transferred to the old Y.M.C.A. Hall, which was given over as a meeting room of the Glee Club, and dubbed with the most dignified title of "Mendelssohn Hall."

USMA Chaplain Extended Year

Because of his outstanding service to the Corps of Cadets, the Reverend George Martin Bean, USMA Chaplain, has been extended for a full year beyond his normal four-year term, scheduled to end August 1 this year. His extension until August 1959 will enable Chaplain Bean to continue serving the religious needs of the Protestant Cadets at West Point, who constitute about 70% of the 2400-man Corps.

A native of Charlottesville, Virginia, Chaplain Bean has held many prominent positions in Episcopal Church and

Graduate Questionnaire Data Being Summarized

The questionnaire sent to graduates last summer caused much comment among them. Many inquiries have come to the Association office and to the various agencies of the Military Academy.

While the tabulation of the replies is complete, a great deal of study remains to be accomplished. The Superintendent, knowing how anxious many alumni are concerning the results, has furnished to ASSEMBLY a summary of the raw data compiled as of January 31. In future Plain Talks he plans to discuss in detail the results of the questionnaire.

Of the slightly over 13,000 questionnaires dispatched this past spring to all living graduates of the Classes of 1900 to 1954, we obtained replies from over 7,800, a slightly better than 60% return which is remarkably good for group opinion survey of this type. Of the aspects examined so far, the return appears to be representative of USMA graduate population. For example it was found that the 60% response rate was fairly constant for all classes queried and that the current status of the responding graduates with respect to military service (active, retired and resigned) is comparable to that of the overall graduate population. Likewise, the distribution of the respondents with respect to graduation order of merit indicates a representative response.

Certain of the biographical data provides some very interesting information about our responding graduates.

a. Over half of entering cadets have had some college-level education and about one quarter some active military service. In our analysis of these two background factors, it has been found to a significant degree that more graduates of recent years have had prior military experience and education at college level before entering West Point.

b. About one-fourth had held the top two elective offices (president, vice-president or equivalent) in their last two years in high school.

c. About one-fifth had been either valedictorians or salutatorians of their high school graduating classes.

d. Almost two-thirds had belonged to the Boy Scouts (or Sea Scouts) with two out of five of these attaining Star, Life or Eagle Scout status.

e. Over three-fourths had earned

spending money or part or all of their living expenses prior to entering West Point.

f. Relative to compelling factors for entering West Point, almost half indicated that prestige and traditions of West Point or the Service was the most important reason. The most frequently selected factor indicated as the second and third most important reasons was that of attaining a good education.

g. About one of each nine had attained general officer rank.

h. Relative to receiving U.S. military decorations, almost one-third had received them for valor and three-fifths for achievement.

i. Almost one-half indicated that they

had some post graduate work after graduation from the Military Academy with a little over half of these having been awarded Masters Degrees for this graduate work.

Those graduates still in the active military service were asked to indicate the most, second most and third most important reasons for remaining. The factors in order of importance are:

- a. Continuing assignments to varied and challenging duties.
- b. Security for the individual and family.
- c. Opportunity for service to the country.
- d. Opportunity for leadership and command of men.

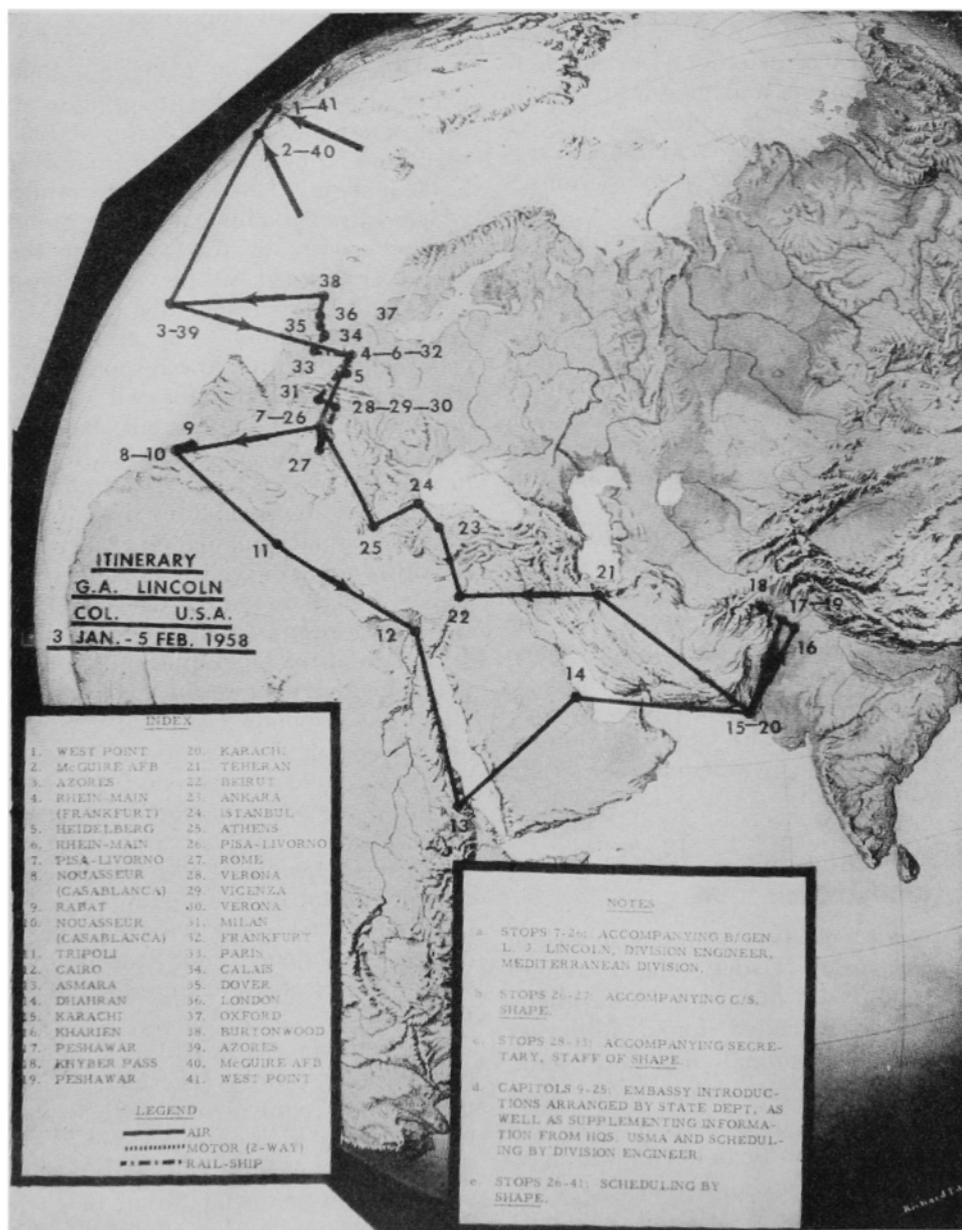
e. Prestige and traditions of the military service.

While requiring further study and analysis, initial results show that among the leading reasons for resignation of graduates from the service, those most frequently selected were the following:

- a. Opportunities for progressive advancement were inadequate in the service (as compared to civil life).
- b. Lack of stability for families caused by frequent moves (during recent years).
- c. Inadequate Pay and Allowances.

As a follow-up to our Graduate Questionnaire, we are distributing a similar questionnaire this month to a representative sample of some 4,000 Regular Army Officers who have obtained their commissions through sources other than West Point. It is anticipated that by studying the biographical background and opinions of a cross-section of Army officers comparable to our graduate officers, we would be further assisted in drawing conclusions as to the effectiveness of our program at West Point in selecting candidates and the degree to which we are attaining our fundamental objectives.

Col. Lincoln's trip through Mid-East



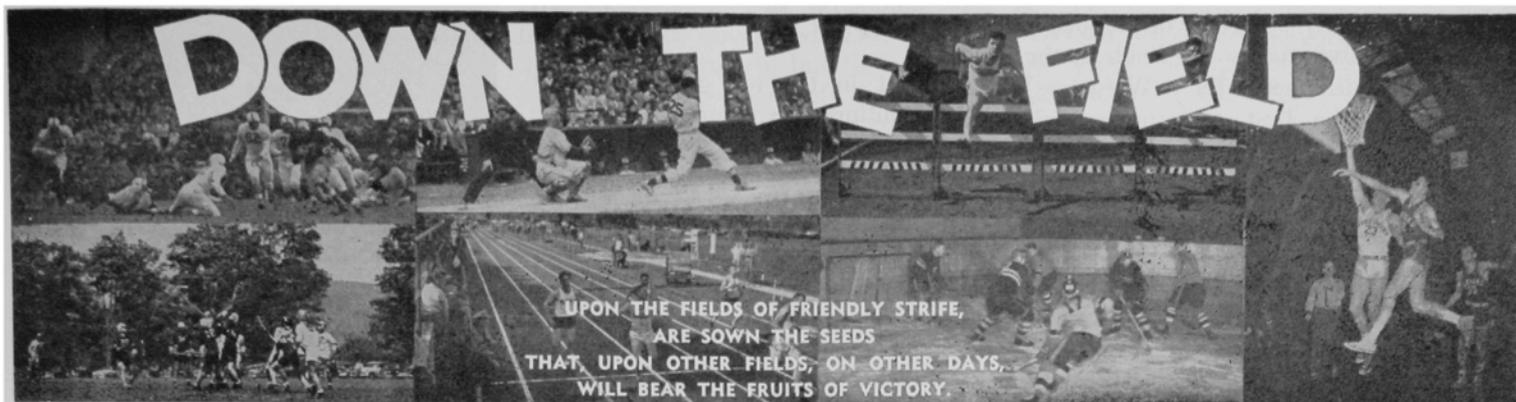
The above picture illustrates that professors are not necessarily restricted to dusty classrooms. A regular globetrotter's itinerary was covered by Colonel G. A. Lincoln ('29), Professor of Social Sciences, USMA, during a recent North Africa-Middle East-European trip, highlighted by meetings with U.S. ambassadors, military attaches, heads of missions, recent graduates, contractors on our construction projects, members of foreign governments, the president of Roberts College, the ruler of the eastern provinces of Saudi Arabia, the commander of the Khyber Rifles, and numerous others.

Homecoming Football Game

Most colleges, including the Naval Academy, have a Homecoming football game to which alumni are specially invited. West Point has never had such an activity, primarily because our alumni are so loyal that no special invitation has been needed.

Last Fall one of the subjects discussed by the Alumni Activities Committee at USMA was the advisability of inaugurating a tradition of homecoming football games. Their idea was to devise a means for encouraging alumni to visit West Point at times other than June Week, and just incidentally to assist in the sale of football tickets. Almost simultaneously the Association received several suggestions from members recommending that an annual homecoming program be started.

On 13 March 1958 the Superintendent approved the recommendation of the Alumni Activities Committee, concurred in by the Athletic Board, that the Army-Virginia game on 18 October be designated the Homecoming game for 1958. You will hear much more about this as the time approaches. Your football ticket applications from the AAA will also note the date. Start now to plan on being at West Point on 18 October 1958.



At the end of business on March 15th, Army closed out the books on the most successful winter sports campaign ever waged on the Plain.

Not only was it the busiest season ever plotted here, but also it turned out to be the most successful.

An audit of the ledger showed that nine varsity teams participated in 125 contests and emerged with a tidy .766 percentage mark. Competing against most of the East's finest, the Cadets with winning records in each sport posted an imposing total of 95 victories against 29 defeats and a tie.

There were some truly outstanding entries, the details of which we shall discuss later. There were, for example, a team championship, three individual titlists, two undefeated squads and, of course, the unprecedented nine sport sweep of Navy and Royal Military College in service school competition.

Most interest was evinced in the Army-Navy week-end. The Academies met in seven sports. The basketball, wrestling, squash and pistol competitions were staged at West Point. Concurrently, the gymnastics, swimming and rifle tests were held on the banks of the Severn.

The scene of battle was unimportant

by JOE CAHILL

since Army prevailed on every front throughout the long afternoon. Not since World War I when the service rivalry was launched on a wide scale had one Academy so thoroughly predominated.

BASKETBALL

The 13 and 12 record on the court cannot be classed as singularly successful. However, it did mark the first winning season for the Cadets since 1953.

Any discussion of the campaign must begin and end with the Navy game. Grabbing the lead at the outset and holding forth throughout the entire forty minutes of play, Coach Orvis Sigler's quintet upset the Middies 78 to 68.

A decided advantage in height and decisive victories over Manhattan and Columbia, both of whom tripped Army, combined in making the Middies strong favorites.

Then, too, the locals labored under additional pressure built up by Navy's recent domination of the sport. The Middies had won nine of the last ten service tilts.

Though the game will be remembered as an all-out team effort, the performance of Darryle (Sam) Kouns was the key. A yearling from Ashland, Ky., who has only one more year of eligibility having played a season at Georgia Tech, Kouns poured in 32 points. Captain-elect Chuck Darby and Jim Klosek also figured prominently in the Cadet cause. Darby netted 21 points while Klosek had 15 and was superb in the rebounding department.

Kouns had a genuinely great season. He established a new individual season's scoring mark of 587 points and ranked 17th in the Nation with a 23.7 per game average. The former Academy mark was set by Bill Hannon in 1953. Though Kouns played in three more games than Hannon, he actually

broke the record in the 22nd game of the season against Williams.

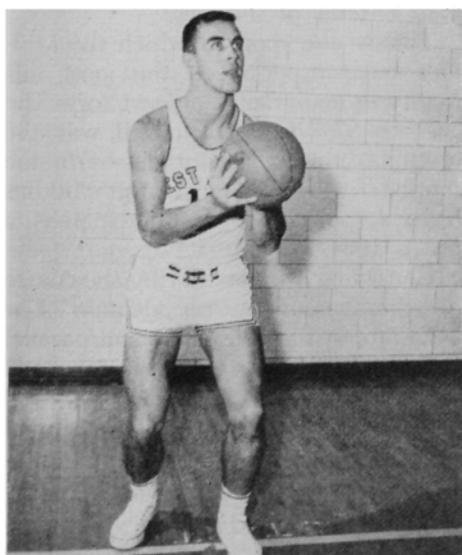
The win over Navy, the return of four of five starters, and the addition of Lee Sager, the highest scoring Plebe in Academy annals, combine to make the outlook bright for Army basketball next season.

WRESTLING

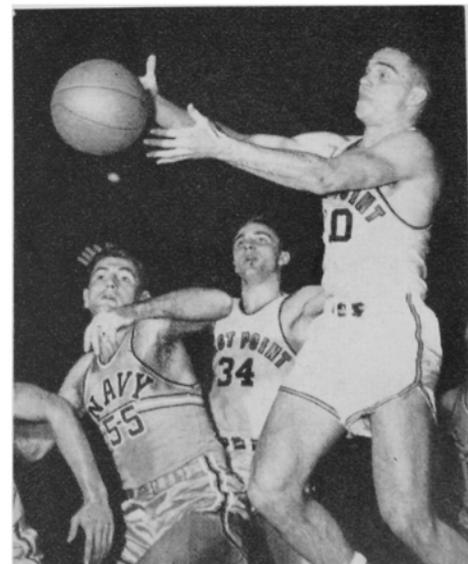
Grappling is the most recent sport to be added to the service rivalry. In the inaugural at Annapolis last year the Midshipmen won it handily. With the aid of some clever juggling of personnel, the Cadets pinned a one-sided 20 to 8 defeat on the Sailors in the Field House.

Army won six weight classes in a row and lost only the last two contests. Coach Alitz dropped Tex Lenart and Art Bair into lighter divisions and removed Captain Ken Phillips from the lineup with amazing results. Lenart actually clinched the meet when he pinned Leon Minard in the 155 pound class.

The 7 and 3 record was a decided improvement over the previous campaign and it marked the first winning



CAPT. CHUCK DARBY



Kouns drives in for a lay-up shot in win over Navy.

season in four years. None of the locals, however, advanced to the finals in the Eastern tournament. Jerry Weisenseel turned in the best performance advancing to the quarter-finals.

SQUASH

Coach Leif Nordlie continued to improve on his brilliant squash coaching record. The veteran racquet teacher has had only one losing season since introducing the sport here on an inter-collegiate basis in 1948. This year's mark of 8 and 4 was climaxed with a 6 to 3 rout of Navy. The Middies had won the last two in a row, but trail 7 to 3 over the years.

PISTOL

Upset by a meager two points in a shoulder-to-shoulder match with the Coast Guard Academy spoiled the pistol team's bid for a perfect season. Victories by a wide margin over both Navy and Royal Military College were proof enough of the championship caliber of this squad. Against Navy the pistol marksmanship was the finest ever recorded, a 1401 point effort that ended the Middies 18-match winning streak. Not since the Army match of 1956 had Navy been beaten.

RIFLE

The rifle men won all twelve dual meets to record their first undefeated season since 1944. The one point win over Navy spiraled their victory string to 15 in a row. One of the high points of the season was the new record of 1456 fired against Fordham and Norwich in a triangular affair.



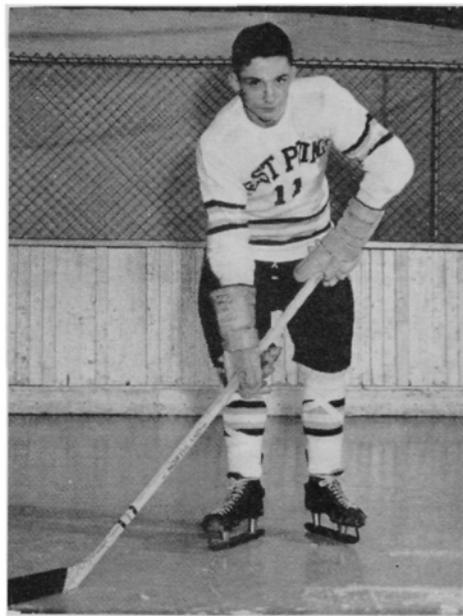
MIKE HARVEY

HOCKEY

Interest in the ice game at West Point continues to flourish under the able direction of Coach Jack Riley. The record of 15-4-1 was the best ever at West Point, and advanced the Cadets to the runner-up position in the East.

This is a lofty ranking for the skaters who had been regarded until recent years as more-or-less of a doormat in hockey circles.

Indicative of Army's hockey revival is the series with Royal Military Academy. In the early days of the rivalry, the Cadets were hard-pressed to win a game. Since the resumption of the series in 1949 following a seven year hiatus, Army has held the upper hand. Though still trailing by a considerable margin in the series, Army has captured five of the last six games.



SKIP HETTINGER

The most recent 5 to 1 conquest of the Canadians featured the brilliant play of Larry Palmer in the goal. He repelled 28 shots and without this gallant display of courage and agility in the nets the Cadets would have experienced a difficult time at Kingston, Ontario.

Pacing the attack was Ted Crowley. The fast skating yearling scored two goals. One was a spectacular solo dash that carried nearly the entire length of the rink.

With a season such as this it was only natural that some individual scoring records would be set. Skip Hettinger, a first classman from Colorado Springs, registered new points (107) and assists (63) records formerly held by Jim O'Connor, '57. Hettinger and Crowley tied for scoring honors for the season with 53 points. For Crowley,



PETE DAWKINS

he had the added distinction of setting a new mark for yearlings.

Pete Dawkins who rose to athletic fame in football last fall achieved hockey distinction as the leading scoring defenseman in the East. He tallied 38 points on 15 goals and 23 assists.

As a result of his outstanding success with Cadet hockey fortunes, Riley was named head coach of the 1960 United States Olympic team. A former Dartmouth star, Riley was a member of the 1947-48 Olympic team and later was player-coach of the U. S. team that played in the World's Championship at Stockholm. He was named Coach-of-the-Year last Winter.

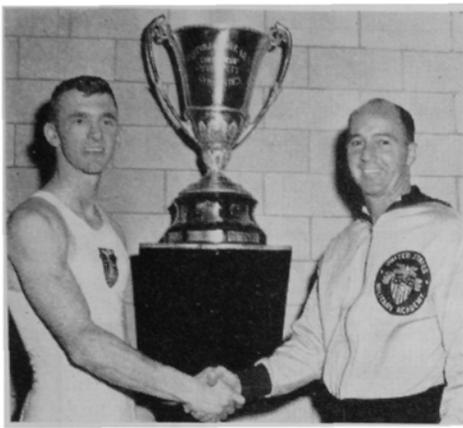
GYMNASTICS

Possibly the most successful of the winter sports teams was Coach Tom Maloney's gymnasts. The tumblers won all eleven dual meets and the resulting Eastern Intercollegiate championship. It was another remarkable coaching stint by Maloney. He has had 11 perfect seasons and won the Eastern diadem a total of 9 times.

This is one sport in which the Middies have experienced the most difficulty in manufacturing a victory. The 58½ to 37½ Cadet triumph was the tenth in a row without defeat in the service rivalry. The best the Middies have accomplished in that span is a tie in 1954.

Consistent winners during the course of the season were Captain Gar O'Quinn on the side horse and parallel bars and Dick Degen in the rope and high bar.

O'Quinn went on to win the parallel bars title in the Eastern championships. Last year he took top honors in the side horse. He and Degen will represent the Academy in the Nationals at Michigan State in April.

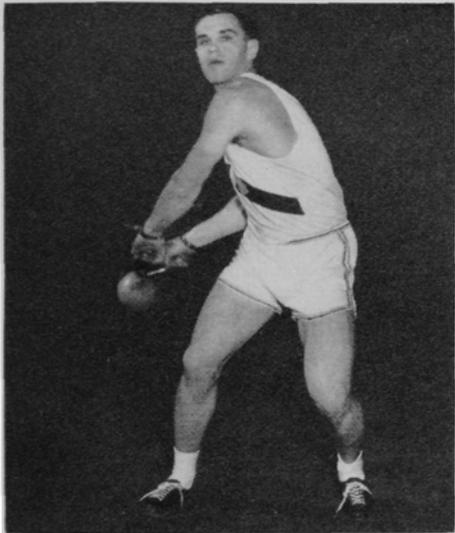


CAPT. GAR O'QUINN AND COACH TOM MALONEY

TRACK

Some sparkling individual performances featured the indoor cinder campaign. The team mark of 4 and 3 was mediocre. However, the thin-clads offset a comparatively poor showing in the IC4-A championships with a strong second place finish in the Heptagonals.

Big news of the indoor circuit here was the consistently superior efforts of Ed Bagdonas in the 35-pound weight event. His 64 feet, 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch throw that provided Army with its only individual



ED BAGDONAS

Hep title set a new National record as well as a new Academy standard.

The mile relay quartet composed of Captain Jerry Betts, Russ Waters, Grant Schaefer and Pete Byrne garnered Army's only other Hep victory.

Byrne turned in some fine performances throughout the season though he was unable to capture a title. His 1:11.9 clocking against Penn State was a new Academy record for 600 yards. The former standard of 1:12.9 was set by John Hammack, '49.

SWIMMING

Coach Gordon Chalmers has been in the swimming business for more than twenty years, but the current

crop of natators was acclaimed the finest he ever developed. The 13 and 2 record was superb, but the manner in which the splashers left the opposition in their wake is even more noteworthy.

One pool record was tied and four Academy standards were abolished during the course of the memorable campaign. Individuals who roared to new marks included Mahlon Kirk with a 2:11.3 clocking in the 200 yard backstroke while propelling himself to the Eastern Intercollegiate Championship, and Charles Otstott who was timed



PAT KIRK

in 2:33.0 for the 200 yard orthodox breast stroke.

The 48 to 38 defeat of Navy was the second in a row and stretched the series lead to 11 to 9.

IN THE SPRING

Spring was officially welcomed to the Plain with a heavy snow storm that sent the five vernal sports scurrying for cover in the Field House, Smith Rink and the big gymnasium.

With the last week of March approaching at this writing none of the teams have been able to make any considerable progress in their preseason conditioning.

Two coaches in particular are having a doubly difficult time. Jim (Ace) Adams, lacrosse mentor, and Eric (Red) Tipton, baseball leader, have the added problem of attempting to assay the returning as well as the new talent on their squads. This is the initial season for both.

Adams replaced the late Morris Touchstone who died last fall after 29 seasons at the helm. The new coach played on seven unbeaten teams at St. Paul's Prep and Johns Hopkins University. As a senior at Hopkins in 1950 he was an all-American and team captain.

Adams' coaching career includes three Maryland scholastic championships at St. Paul's and a share of the National Open title at Mt. Washington last season.

Tipton arrived late last summer and

has the combined responsibilities of coaching the 150-pound football squad and varsity baseball. He brings a brilliant baseball background with him to the job.

He coached for 18 years at William & Mary, and his professional baseball career extended over a 15 year span. In his five major league campaigns he played with Cincinnati and the erstwhile Philadelphia Athletics. Tipton batted .305 with the Reds in 1945 and was the MVP with St. Paul of the American Association.

GRIDIRON GRIST

The weatherman also pointed his finger at spring football forcing Coach Earl Blaik to set aside plans for off-season practice at least a few weeks. Weather is a dominant factor here because of the National Collegiate ruling which states that workouts will be restricted to a total of 20-days within a 30-day period.

A squad of approximately 80 candidates will open drills about April 1st. Included in the group will be 13 lettermen. Absent will be ten other letter winners, eight of whom started against the Navy.

The key question that will have to be resolved immediately is the quarterback job. Dave Bourland, of course, graduates in June. His principal understudies last Fall were Jim Dougalas, Bob Rudesill and Joe Caldwell. None of these played enough to earn a letter. Two Plebes will also be among the candidates. Joe Adams of El Paso and Frank Gibson of Bellaire, Ohio, shared the signal-calling chores, but neither is given more than an outside chance of stepping in as the varsity boss in his first season.

A major rebuilding in the line is also imminent. Only Bob Novogratz, a guard, returns from the team that opened against Navy. Lettermen are available at every position but center, however. Most prominent line replacements include ends, Don Usry and Bill Morrison; guards, Bill Rowe and Chuck Lytle; tackles, Maurice Hilliard and Ed Bagdonas. Tom Clark has the inside track as a successor to Captain Jim Kernan, but is noticeably lacking in experience.

The backfield, by comparison, is well heeled. All-American Bob Anderson and captain-elect Pete Dawkins are back at the halfbacks. Harry Walters, who shared the fullback duties with Bin Barta, is ready and willing.

The eyes of the football world will be focused on the Plain for the answer to the major grid problem of the year: "Who is Army's quarterback?"



1895

We regret to report the death of our classmate, Henry Benjamin Dixon, at Moscow, Idaho, November 20, 1957. Military funeral was furnished by the R.O.T.C., University of Idaho.

Dixon retired early because of physical disability and since his retirement had little contact with the class. Since his wife died, some years ago, he had been living with his daughter and her family.

There are now three survivors of the class: Herron, who lives at Long Beach, California; Miles at Johnstown, Ohio; and Nuttman at Washington, D.C.

—L.M.N.

1896

To the Editor, ASSEMBLY:

Having noted for many issues of the ASSEMBLY the lack of notes from 1896, and seeing the class roster reduced to three stalwarts, Charles Stodter, Russell Langdon, and myself, stalwarts, but of a retiring disposition, I forward to you, herewith, having re-read it for the last time with many a chuckle and again, nostalgic sigh, a brief résumé of the history, 1896, Plebe and partial Yearling years. It was passed down to me as one of the few survivors of what we, in the pride and exuberance of youth, acclaimed the "Justly Celebrated Class of '96," by Charles McK. Saltzman who began his career as a railroad telegraph operator in Iowa and eventually retired as Major General and Chief Signal Officer of the Army. Incidentally, through the years he consistently declaimed, "West Point made me!" And now, charged with its final disposition, I, endeavoring to place "my house in order," urge that you, if it be within the policies of your publication, and also for the possible interest of "oldsters" in the years to come, publish excerpts from it as you may deem advisable under "1896" in some coming ASSEMBLY. Or if this be not possible or advisable, I ask that it be consigned to the dusty pigeon holes of an historical documents' section such as may be under your jurisdiction at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, New York.

All in good comradeship. Yours,

—Reynolds J. Burt,

Brigadier General, U.S.A. (Ret.)

(Editor's Note: For the benefit of youngsters of less than 60 years seniority, the Class of 1896 was evidently "justly celebrated." The history referred to above will be published in extract form in future issues of ASSEMBLY.)

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.

1897

The class has lost two more of its beloved ex-members—"Jerry" Humphrey and Maginnis, who died on January 5, 1958, and October 5, 1957, respectively.

Both were turned back from '97 on account of sickness, and graduated in '98.

Humphrey, C.B., always attended our class reunions—including our 60th last June.

Some '97 man kept a pet alligator in barracks. Maginnis had an appendix operation and the alligator was thereafter called "Appendix Vermiformis Maginnis."

—C. D. Roberts,

7210 Maple Ave.,

Chevy Chase, 15, Maryland.

1899

With the passing of time, all things cease to be! Now, after 40 years of convivial gatherings, the Washington '99 luncheon is no more. Of that group, only Herron remains. But the ladies' luncheon still goes strong. Bound together by a common interest and strong affection, they meet once a month. Faithful attendants are Mai Carter, Louise Herron, Cecil Jewell, Alice McDonough, Ruth Major, Ethel Embick, Louise Romeyn, Louise Halstead and Emily Cowan. Arabella Oliver has a job and so rarely gets there.

In San Diego, the Kellys, Woodruffs

and Yates got together for Christmas dinner and there was much conversation and probably drinking of sundry toasts. The H.B. Clarks unfortunately missed the party, as H.B. was "under the weather" at the moment.

Mrs. James K. Crain, wife of General Crain and sister of Jesse Nichols, tells us that the latter has had the misfortune to break his hip, but has been "nailed together" again and is on the way up. Moseley writes that G.V.H. Jr., who commanded a parachute regiment in World War II until he became a jumping casualty, is now Commandant of Cadets at Norwich University in Northfield, Vermont, the same town in which Kromer holds forth. The second son is in business in Los Angeles, while the third seems likely to become an archeologist.

One of those who entered the Point in 1895 along with us was William Moore Jordan. Due to Plebe math, and typhoid fever when he was about to reenter a year later, he did not graduate, but remained in his native Virginia to become a banker and business man in Haymarket, of Civil War fame. He once said that his greatest pleasure was coming back to the Point for class reunions and many will remember him there. We appreciate his loyalty to Class and Academy and regret to note that he departed this life in the Summer of 1957.

—D.H.

7611 Fairfax Rd.,

Bethesda, Maryland.

1902

There are two more vacancies in our ranks.

"Count" Valliant has left us. We shall miss him sadly at our club luncheons. He started to the gate on February 17 to get the mail, his usual morning chore; a heavy night's snow had drifted in his path. He stumbled and fell. His wife, who was watching from the window, ran out and, with the help of two kind motorists who were passing down the country

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road, carried him into the house where, exhausted, he fell asleep.

Our deepest class sympathy to Nina for our mutual loss.

Birch Mahaffey, a ten year sufferer from Parkinson's disease, passed away on February 14. He had resided at Number 9, Portland Place, Saint Louis, Missouri, and was president of the McBride Oil Company. He was discharged from our class after the mutiny, a penalty he paid for being class president. With "Babe" Linton and others who left us at the same time, he went to Ecuador and worked for several years on the Guayaquil and Quito railroad. On his return to this country in 1904, he was engaged in engineering for several years, then entered the army from which he resigned seven years later as Captain of Ordnance to go into the oil business.

He was an active philanthropist and in an eminently successful business career, headed a number of civic enterprises.

Our sincerest class sympathy to his surviving family of four daughters.

We can never forget "Mahaff", whose independence and indomitable spirit is

the foundation of any truly great character.

The Pegrams are on the Pacific coast in Old Mexico, wearing Summer clothes and studying Mexican politics.

"Abbo" and his wife, from their ranch home in Uintah County, Utah, have written a most charming account of their unusual '57 weekend in the wilds of Wyoming. It deserves a Pulitzer.

Our class botanist Terrell, on his annual trip to Arizona, has added to his fine collection of color slides the pictures of many different varieties of cactus blooms, peculiar to that desert region.

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

1904

On January 2, the first Thursday of the month, classmates in Washington, D. C., and vicinity assembled at the Army and Navy Club at 12:30 p. m. for the first class luncheon of 1958. They were much pleased to find that Crystal had remembered the day and hour and was

on hand. He had come down from New York to visit his son, Colonel Tom, Jr., who is attending the National War College. He appears to be in fine shape and enjoying life in New York City, and it was a pleasure to have him with us.

A recent letter from Harry Reilly was most welcome. He wrote from the Veteran's Hospital at 23rd St. and First Ave., New York 10, N. Y., which must be a fine institution. Harry is enthusiastic about the equipment of the hospital and the service that has been given him there. He says: "They have brought me a long way as I was on the doubtful list for six days when I was brought in here in an ambulance three years ago." And he hopes "to be on my legs and out of here in a few months." It has been a long and apparently successful pull and we certainly wish him well.

—William Bryden
3555 Springland Lane, N. W.
Washington 8, D. C.

1905

Since the last report we have lost two more classmates. Rolland Case died after a short stay in Walter Reed Hospital on December 16, 1957 with heart trouble which he had been fighting for months. Interment was in Arlington National Cemetery. J. Ray Davis died suddenly on January 29 in Austin, Texas, and interment was in Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery two days later. The sympathy of classmates has been extended to the families who have each expressed their appreciation for the flowers provided by the Class for the services in both cases. We feel deeply this double loss to our class of these two outstanding members.

Thirty-two years ago Tom Spaulding established the Stephen Spaulding collection of historical material in the Library of the University of Michigan in memory of his son who died while a student at the university. This collection has reached 4,000 volumes. It is limited to no one field of history but is especially rich in English local history, history of Hawaii and military treatises published before 1800.

Early in February Dr. Norman F. Ramsey, Jr., of Harvard University, was appointed as Scientific Adviser to Paul Henri Spaak, Secretary General of NATO. He will advise on all aspects of NATO activity in research and applied science and the production of scientific manpower. He will go to Paris in March to undertake his new duties.

"Doc" Lentz has proved again, "he that hath, to him shall be given" for he recently won \$1,000 on an Irish Sweepstakes ticket. "Doc" says the agent from whom he bought his ticket has tripled his sales for the next race.

The cards and messages received from many members of the Class at Christmas were greatly appreciated.

—N. F. Ramsey
R. D. 1—Box 211
Dover, New Jersey

1906

Philip Mathews, beloved classmate, passed away suddenly on February 18 in Washington, D.C., after a long and brilliant career, both as a soldier and a

Fort Knox H.S. Named for Scott, '05



Scott Junior High School, Ft. Knox.

A new junior high school is in use at the U.S. Army Armor Center at Fort Knox, Kentucky. The new school is a typical example of modern functional architecture, and is a credit to the spirit of growth at Fort Knox; but beyond this, Scott Junior High School holds something of special interest to graduates of West Point.

At the dedication, Major General John L. Ryan, Jr., Commanding General, The Armor Center, spoke of the "memory of a friend—a soldier—a humanitarian—and a leader. . . ." Later during the ceremony Colonel James R. Pritchard, President of the Fort

Knox Dependent School Board, recollected a man of "intelligence, breadth of interest and keen appreciation of all facets of the military art."

This man of whom everyone had spoken, and in whose memory the new school was dedicated, is Major General Charles Lewis Scott, Class of 1905. It is particularly fitting that such a progressive installation as the new Fort Knox Junior High School be dedicated to General Scott, for he was himself progressive and a teacher. Under his command many of the tankers of World War II were trained.

business leader. He was 75 years old and unmarried, living with Ann, his sister, on 16th Street in the capital city. Jim Riley and Earl McFarland looked after the duties of the class, and the class sympathy has been expressed to Ann who mourns him now in the home. We shall miss his bright smile and his effective help at the class gatherings, where he was present always.

James Steese, who marched with us through the sallyport in 1902, died at Bangui, Equatorial Africa, on January 9, while on his fourth expedition of exploration into the Ubangi-Shari country. He is said to have been injured, a few days before his death, in an automobile accident. Jim graduated at the head of 1907. He came to the top in everything he attempted through his long life. Jim had almost finished his 75th year. He was buried in Africa. He was still unmarried.

Hap Pennell flew here with his four brothers, en route to Barbados, for their annual vacation. We had a nice chat between planes. He and Irma are both enthusiastic Oklahomans. He sent two good tickets for the Orange bowl game on New Year's Day, making two youngsters happy along with us, while the Oklahoma team cleaned up the gridiron.

Last December, too late for ASSEMBLY, I learned that Joe King's three daughters, (Mrs. Frank Eddington from Iowa, Mrs. Hugh Hammer from San Antonio, and Julia, from Durham, N.C.) joined with the Plupy Shutes, Mick DeArmond, and the John Merrills to toast good old Joe as he passed his 75th year end safely at his home, with Charlotte in charge. Julia, now at Duke University, expects to receive her Masters degree in Education next Summer at Gainesville, the University of Florida.

Last Summer, Dick Jacob rested his ailing heart for awhile at Brooks Army Hospital. He returned home in good order but must be careful.

Found the Parkers were not in Florida after all, but were safely at home in Boston. Cort had to have a cataract operation and faces another one for the other eye. He recovered satisfactorily, but has had to stay in bed awhile with a lame back. He is sending Seneca Sweet corn seed to "Red" Hoyle, praising it highly.

Bill Akin is commended for that lovely Christmas card with the pretty picture of the patio, the deer and the dog beside him and the beautiful poem about it all. He and Ruth have been to the Shakespearean festival at Ashland, Oregon, and to the Twenty Nine Palms in the desert in the south. What an Oasis! A good friend, Pete Chase, in the Miami Beach Rotary Club, asked me one day whether I ever knew Bill Akin. Later, Bill sent a photo to Pete, showing them both at a school in Massachusetts where Bill taught when he left us at West Point, resulting in much nice talk and a pleasant correspondence.

Priscilla Robinson gives me a poor report of Don, wasting away his flesh in the hospital at Tacoma and hardly alive. Also, she reports their oldest son who is a brilliant linguist in Russian, German and Spanish, resigned his commission as Lieutenant Colonel. Their son, Carleton, lives with her at Puyallup and is doing well. Daughter, (Mrs. Raymond Piehl of Minneapolis) flies home to see her mother often and daughter Cynthia has recently

presented the family with the Robinsons' 15th grandchild.

McKew Parr let us have a glimpse of the old man in his library, surrounded by pretty antiques, at Christmas. He is back from Portugal, leaving before Dick Burleson got there.

Bisbie Dootson (Dawson Olmstead's daughter) tells me that Dawson is doing well in his northwestern retreat.

Johnny and Josephine Johnson are planning to give up their pretty home among the pines of Biltmore Forest and are thinking of an apartment in Washington, D.C. Johnny's health is not good enough to handle the area in these days of advancing years and diminishing help.

Jim Riley has saved me a lot of space with his fine Christmas letter. Lately, he made a trip for family business to South Carolina to find the Winter had gone south, with three inches of snow and 20 degrees F. He missed his usual stop to see the Washington group, a deeper disappointment since Phil Mathews died shortly afterward. At home in the blizzard days, the three children of Jim, Jr., were confirmed as was Betty's daughter, making four new Christians in the family.

Jim relayed news of Phil's death to Hoyle, Parker, Selton and Parr by phone and by letter to Rockwell, Pennell, Morrow and Johnson.

Mildred Gillespie, Johnnie Andrews and Frederika Williford report all in good spirits and Frederika is enthusiastic about grandson's progress.

Down here, during a nasty Winter, we managed to get one moon into the sky and busted several others over the Atlantic, but before this is printed, expect some big news from Canaveral. Keep your eyes up.

—Charles G. Mettler,
4501 Prairie Ave.,
Miami Beach 40, Florida.

1907

Jimmy Steese's world travels are over. He was seriously injured in an automobile accident and died in a hospital in Bangui, French Equatorial Africa, on January 11, 1958. Services and burial were in Bangui. Thus the most colorful and varied career of any member of the class—engineer, explorer and world traveler—came to a sudden and tragic end. The class has lost a brilliant and colorful character. The Honorable Clark W. Thompson, Member of Congress from Texas, in an address before the House reviewed Jim's career and paid tribute to his outstanding service, particularly with the Panama Canal. The complete speech was published in the Congressional Record.

Geoff Bartlett with his daughter and her husband finally made their trip through the southwest. They were gone about six weeks and covered 5,400 miles. They drove down the Pacific coast to San Diego and Coronado, then eastward through Arizona and New Mexico to La Cruces and El Paso. Geoff saw Skinny MacLachlan at Palo Alto, Roger Alexander at Whittier, Dailey and Dusenbury at Carlsbad and his old roommate, Davis, R.H., at Coronado. Geoff particularly enjoyed seeing Davis as he had not seen him since 1904. He saw Sandy Chilton in New Mexico and returned home by way of the Grand Canyon, Hoover Dam, Death Valley and Reno. They had a wonderful trip and Geoff's only regret

was that time did not permit seeing other classmates as well.

Clyde Eastman, reporting on members of the class in Florida, stated that he found Bill Ganoë in first class shape and busy with many projects. The Walter Wheelers had just given their annual luncheon for classmates, Margaret had spent a month in New York with her daughter and the Glassburns were getting settled in their new home in Clearwater. Clyde and Margaret are looking forward to a Caribbean cruise late in March and have offered their home to Paul and Cecilia Larned while they are away.

Paul sent us a number of interesting letters from classmates, all of whom expressed their appreciation for the birthday greetings from members of the class in and around Washington. This has brought members of the class more closely together than ever before. Paul has returned to the original donors numerous snapshots taken before World War I which were intended to be reproduced in a year book which was never published. Roger Alexander had kept them for many years and they only came up for final disposition when he was packing to move to California. Ours was taken at Lang's Ranch below Hachita, New Mexico, with Ray Hill and Dan'l Boone, three Second Lieutenants on typical border duty back in 1912.

Ray Hill wrote that on short notice they had decided to take a boat ride and were about to sail from New Orleans but where they were going and how long they would stay he neglected to say.

Enrique White wrote from Fort Sill that he was expecting to spend a week with Jerry Taylor and a card from Jerry reported that he, Charley Wyman and Enrique were going to call on Roger Alexander at Whittier, Dusenbury and George Dailey at Carlsbad and Patten at Del Mar. Patten who has had more than his share of illness and misfortune since graduation only recently returned from the hospital after a double hernia operation and wrote that when he has his other eye fixed he will be in shape to attend the 55th reunion. What fortitude!

The Bob Arthurs expect to stop off in Washington some time during the Summer enroute to New York to see their grandchildren. Bunny Crafton's son, Pat, who is with the Scripps-Howard organization, was recently made Manager of Radio Station WCPO in Cincinnati.

Judge Henry wrote from Carmel that Tom and Jeanette Spencer had been traveling extensively in the south and east but were expected home shortly.

The Herbert Haydens are off on a four months trip abroad which will take them to England, the Continent and various far away places in Asia.

Ben Castle expects to retire from active duty with the Milk Industry Foundation in May but will continue with the organization as a consultant. He has been kept on for five years after the normal retirement age but even now he doesn't look old enough to be eligible for retirement.

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

1908

The Class is saddened by the news, only recently received, of the death of Richard Paulsen on December 18, 1956.

Mrs. Paulsen's address is unchanged, at 2980 Linwood Road, Cincinnati 8, Ohio.

On Saturday evening, February 15, the U.S.M.A. Class of 1908 held its annual graduation anniversary dinner at the Army and Navy Club in Washington. This year of course we were celebrating the anniversary that most of us had been anticipating for some time, our 50th.

Although our Banner Anniversary, the attendance was the smallest of any of these events in our recollection. This small attendance was not the result of the blizzard which raged all day Saturday, but of difficulty which even the best of us, at times, find it impossible to avoid, namely sickness. Those on the sick list who otherwise undoubtedly would have been present were Bonesteel, Burns, Fletcher, Glover and Sturdevant.

The Washington contingent of the class is now reduced to 11 members. Those present at the dinner were Chaney, Edgerton, Garrison, Hall, Hobley and Schulz. There were also those "Old Faithfuls" who have been coming annually and whom neither sickness nor weather seems able to stop, namely "Spike" Dougherty, "Punk" Ellis, Johnson, T. J., and John Kennedy. Their class spirit and enthusiasm would be hard to beat. Jackson has also come over frequently from Baltimore, but has been unable to make it recently.

The dinner was no whoop-it-up affair (although there was no lack of liquid refreshments), but everyone appeared to enjoy himself and to be interested in Class affairs. John Kennedy was in his usual jovial mood and exhibited his customary prowess in keeping us informed about the latest humorous developments. The food was good and topped-off by an unusually fancy anniversary cake, heart-shaped for Valentine Day and carrying a large "50," which John Schulz had ordered specially for the occasion.

50th Anniversary greetings and good wishes for the Class were received, with much appreciation, from a number of widows and others of the families of classmates who have preceded us to join the "Long Gray Line." Following the reading of these greetings, John read telegrams and extracts from letters which he had received in response to his announcement to the Class. His remarks were followed by all with exceptionally keen attention which was evident by the discussion and observations which they prompted. Several times he had to hesitate to let someone finish comments on what had been read. It was evident that these messages had revived pleasant memories that carried back to the time when our most important interest appeared to be, "How many days until June?"

One item of business attended to during the evening was the election of Class officers for the coming year: President, Hobley; Vice President, Bonesteel; Treasurer, Sturdevant.

An unusually large response was received to John Schulz's letter of January 22 which was important for two reasons: 1st, the information which was transmitted to those members of the Class present at the dinner; and, 2nd, because of the five dollars assessment which the Class thought should be collected to meet current expenses. As to the second item, it should be remembered that it is a

Class custom to send flowers to the funeral services of all deceased Class members. Some members were exceedingly generous in meeting this request and the Class is also indebted to several of our classmates' widows who made contributions although the request was not intended to apply to them. It is hoped that the members of the Class who overlooked this request will desire to contribute.

Space will not permit a quotation of all the remarks contained in the telegrams and letters received, but a few that are especially pertinent to the occasion have been selected: Matile, "There is certainly magic in the memory of the friendships made in those eventful days when we were together as cadets and, after 50 years or more, it is comforting to know that the ties are as strong as they ever were prior to the passing of the years."—and that is an observation that hits the bull's-eye. Also, Fitzmaurice writes: "We absentee members appreciate your work over the many years in promoting and organizing the Class reunions, publishing the Class news, sending us your yearly letters and Class rosters, and collecting and disbursing the Class Fund. Even the shortest Class news items have been interesting to us." This remark probably represents a unanimous attitude. The "your" of course includes many—such as "Bobbie" O'Brien, "Bob" Fletcher, "Ferrocarril" Garrison, "Jimmie" Burns, "Spec" Edgerton, "Boney" Bonesteel, "Sturdy" Sturdevant, "Colonel" Chaney, "Sandy" Jarman, Lacey Hall, and the last Class president, John Schulz. Assuming that the others have previously been given thanks and praise for their efforts, it is only proper that John should receive his. He is as unassuming, friendly, quiet, helpful and reliable as he was as a cadet. Time has added wisdom and experience to these natural qualities, the result being a man dedicated to whatever he undertakes. For the past two years he has carried out the functions of his office with good judgment and tact. The Class acknowledges its obligation to him and salutes him with a "Well Done."

REUNION.—As this is being written, 19 members of the Class have signified their intention of coming to the 50th Anniversary Reunion in June. Several others have reported that they will come if at all possible. Some others are doubtful, and some have not yet replied. By the time you read this, more acceptances will have been reported. To those who are still doubtful or who have not yet replied: *Get busy and send in word quickly that you, too, will be among those present.*

The following changes or corrections of address have been reported since the Class List was issued January 22nd: Bailey—212 Via Eboli, Newport Beach, California, (delete Lido Nord from address); Cullum—changed to P. O. Box 731, Santa Fe, New Mexico; Fitzmaurice—has moved to 3409 Cowley Way, San Diego 17, California; Garrison—should be 3827 (not 2827) Fulton St., N.W., Washington, D.C.; Hester—has moved to 2687 Ellwood Drive, N.E., Atlanta 5, Georgia; Meredith—changed to Box 207, Pebble Beach, California; Kobbe—correct to 325 F Ave. (not F St.), Coronado 18, California; Mrs. Sumner M. Williams—correct to include street number: 201 Fairview Ave., Alta Vista, Greenville, South Carolina. Also, the address of Mrs. West Chute

Jacobs, which has long been missing from our records, is now reported as 109 Parker St., Ithaca, New York.

—Alfred H. Hobley,
7113 Ridgewood Ave.
Chevy Chase, Maryland.

1909

Probably most of our class have learned of the death of Gramp Hunter at Berkeley, California, on October 10 last. Partridge has prepared an obituary for publication in ASSEMBLY. A new building housing the local U.S. Army Reserve Centre was dedicated to Gramp's memory at San Pablo on February 2. Helen Hunter presented the memorial plaque which was accepted by Major General John W. Harmony, Chief of the Military District of California. Other members of the Hunter family were also present and 1909 was represented by the Marks', Partridges' and Sears'. The naming of this hall in Gramp's honor was first suggested by ROTC graduates who had been instructed by Gramp at the University of California.

Barney Oldfield reports as of February 15: "Everything goes along much as usual. Our boy John graduates from high school; probably will go to Washington State College."—Slew and Ruth Beardslee celebrate their 43rd anniversary on March 10.—Caesar Rodney Roberts writes: "Elsa has the Womens Republican Club in here tomorrow and I am a candidate for some third party after all the household jobs she has dragged me into in preparation for this function. Just over the flu; have played a little golf but still take it easy."—Eley Denson is back in Seattle after escaping the Florida freeze but hopes to return East and South again this year.—Bob Sears reports (by order) that he has nothing to report.—Garry Ord sends word from Washington that Johnny Johnson underwent a cardiac operation in January but has made an amazing recovery. Sunny also says that Cadet Ned is "pro", that Carl Baehr is back from a trip to Oklahoma and that Ethel Wright is off to Mexico. Sunny suggests a football rally next Fall in celebration of the 50th anniversary of that 6-4 victory at Franklin Field. If enough hardy souls are interested, including members of the team that made the victory possible, we might do something about it in Philadelphia next Fall.—Clare and Betty Partridge have probably left by now to visit their daughter Barbara in Hawaii. Betty says that Dorothy Godfrey is planning another trip abroad this year.—The Thummels bought a new house last Summer and Claude has since found steady employment as a carpenter "finishing out the basement".—Lin Herkness, the Class Philosopher, was laid up with a flu attack in October but rallied with his usual tenacity. He reports that Ying Wen's son Henry has been taking an engineering course at the University of Delaware while on a year's leave from the Army Language School in which he is an instructor.—Forrest and Eleanor Harding plan to visit their daughter Eleanor and her husband, Colonel James O'Hara, in Germany this Summer.—Ed and Josephine Marks returned home in October after six months in Europe.

Please plan now to come to West Point for our 50th Anniversary Reunion dur-

ing June Week in 1959. Further information about the plans for this super-feature will be forthcoming.

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

1910

It is with much sadness that we must report the deaths of three classmates and the wife of another.

Ed Taulbee died January 25 at Brook General Hospital, San Antonio, Texas. Funeral services were held at St. Luke's Episcopal Church and interment was in the National Cemetery in San Antonio. Ed was a native of Kentucky. Upon graduation he chose the Cavalry and had a distinguished military career. During World War I he served as Inspector General of the 31st and the 35th Divisions. He was a member of the Olympic riding team in 1924 and later was Director of Horsemanship at The Cavalry School at Fort Riley. From 1934 to 1936 he commanded the 10th Cavalry at Fort Leavenworth and later was Executive Officer of the 26th Cavalry in the Philippines. During World War II Ed served as Inspector General of the 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Bliss, and later was commanding officer of that station. He retired in November 1945. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Betty Lou Everton, and two grandchildren, Katharine Patricia and Craig Warren, all of 2305 N. 11th St., Arlington, Virginia, a brother, John Henry of Owensboro, Kentucky, and a third grandchild, Henry Warren Templin of Bitburg, Germany.

"Rex" Cocroft died January 7 at Fort Belvoir Hospital, Virginia. Funeral services were at the Fort Myer Chapel and burial was in Arlington National Cemetery. Members of the class in Washington were the honorary pallbearers. Rex made his home in Hamilton, Virginia, after his retirement in January 1947. He was the son of the late Reverend and Mrs. Thomas H. Cocroft of Providence, Rhode Island. He attended Brown University before entering the Military Academy. Upon graduation Rex went into the Coast Artillery and served in many posts in the United States, the Philippines, Spain, Belgium and France. Following his retirement Rex was with the War Assets Administration and the War Department Manpower Board. He leaves his widow, the former Dorothy Capwell of Oakland, California, a son, Reginald B. Cocroft, Jr. of Vienna, Virginia, two daughters, Mrs. Thomas P. Griffith of Hamilton, Virginia, and Mrs. Erwin R. Brigham of West Point, New York, and ten grandchildren.

Again with sadness, Fred Holmer passed on at St. John's Hospital, Red Wing, Minnesota, on December 24, 1957. His death was sudden, he had been sick only about five days. Funeral services for Fred were held at Red Wing and he was buried in the fine old cemetery at West Point. Fred chose the Coast Artillery upon graduation and had a fine career in that arm of the service. He served at many Coast Artillery stations in the United States. Among other details, one of the most distinguished was a tour as military attaché to Sweden, Norway and Denmark. Retiring from active service in July 1937, he lived many years in New York City. A year before his death he went back to Red Wing where he had lived for a number of

happy years with his beloved wife, Milly, until her death in 1943. Fred is survived by three nieces, Mrs. Vivian M. Nelson, Eau Claire, Wisconsin, Mrs. Caryl J. Turilla, Big Rapids, Michigan, and Mrs. A. Lenore Pierson of New York City.

Late word has just been received of the death of Olive Odell, Herb's wife, on February 14, in San Antonio, Texas.

On Wednesday, December 11, 1957, the Classes of 1910 and 1911 in Washington held a joint luncheon at the Army and Navy Club. Sixteen were present and everybody reported a most enjoyable time. A very welcome note from the Jock Watermans in Auburn, Alabama, tells of a fine Christmas with their daughter "Kelly" and her family. "Kelly" married Ed Shinkle, 1932. Their little daughter's two grandfathers and one great grandfather were also graduates, making her, as Jock says, a real Army Brat. Jock continues to coach college students in math. He enjoys the work and all his boys have passed their subjects.

We recently received a nice card of greetings from Katherine Barnett (Chesty's widow) in Malta, where she and her son, Davis, now live. Their address is c/o Barclay's Bank, Merchant St., Vallette, Malta. A signal honor was recently conferred upon one of our class sons, Colonel James B. Lampert, 1936. He received the DSM from Secretary of the Army Wilbur M. Brucker in a ceremony at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. He served as special assistant for nuclear power under the Chief of Engineers and the Atomic Energy Commission and received the medal for supervising the AEC-Army nuclear power program. The Army Package Power Reactor at Fort Belvoir was completed under his supervision.

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

1911

Jesse Ladd, always sturdy as his Ohio oaks and expected to outlive us all, succumbed to leukemia December 14, characteristically with the minimum of ordeal for Florence and for his friends unwitting of his extremity. So sudden was the crisis that while Lt. Colonel Fred Ladd reached Letterman from the Pentagon just before the end, Major Jim Ladd, flying from Frankfurt, did not see his father alive. Jess was buried at the Presidio, where he had served in the '30s. Golden chrysanthemums whose black and grey ribbons bore 1911 gave our tribute to our vice president.

In 1956 Charlie Calley, Ex '11, wrote from Honolulu, where he had lived since retirement in '46 as a colonel of artillery, that he had seen but one 1911-er in that interim—Ladd. He died January 12, less than a month after Jesse, following a brief heart affliction. Burial was January 15 at National Cemetery of the Pacific. Harriet Calley and their daughter, Mrs. Hanberg, remain in Honolulu. Charles Dean Calley, Jr., is on the mainland.

Alice Rader wrote February 15 from Apt. 3, 1640 Monroe Avenue, Memphis 4, Tennessee, that Ira was moved January 11 to Kennedy Veterans Hospital, Memphis. In this center for paraplegics, he is being "...taught to take care of himself a little from a wheelchair... He cannot read for lack of depth percep-

tion... His back is too weak to sit up much... Time hangs heavy... The Conrads have been wonderful to Kenneth and me." In Memphis Artie plays golf and bridge; has just finished major D. I.Y.S. interior papering-painting!

"Gerry" Stanton writes of her pre-Holidays two-month independent safari in Europe and beyond, including detour and visit in Barcelona as air-line guest when her storm-belabored plane failed repeated landings at Nice.

John Stewart's widow, 163 Vreeland Avenue, Rutherford, New Jersey, is Assistant Librarian at Dickinson University's Fairleigh there. John was on faculty until his death in 1947, when daughter Ann was a Swarthmore sophomore. She married Edgar A. Gilbert III, USMA '52. They returned from Japan 1956. John Allan Gilbert is three. With his grandfather number one in 1911, and his father five in 1952's 592, he should go far.

Betcher, emeritus mayor of Canajoharie, New York, proudly sends extensive press of the prowess of his fellow-townsmen, Mrs. John G. Booton, Jr., daughter-in-law of our John. Her latest novel, "The Troubled House," to be published by Dodd, Meade & Company, appears in condensed version in February Ladies Home Journal; and serially, in "Woman" (British). Another novel by 'KAGE BOOTON,' previously written, has just been accepted. These junior Bootons have 19-year-old daughter Dona and 12-year-old Susan. "Betch" also writes that Edna Kimball still lives as when Allan was alive, at 203 Guy Park Avenue, Amsterdam, New York; with her brother and two sisters.

Captain Charles L. Byrne, AF, USMA 49, DFC, 3AM, on duty at Langley, writes that his mother, carried on our current list of Class widows, died in 1947. He married Elizabeth Belton of Washington last September. Lieutenant Colonel Robert Byrne is at Alaskan Command HQ., Fairbanks, with wife and two children.

"Mike" Franke continues her children's shop at Camden, South Carolina, proxy-operated largely by daughter Mim. Ida May Holland wintered at Ellinor Village, Ormond Beach, Florida—to "get away from the snow and ice;" but from the silence of Floridian 1911 they are in the deep freeze.

Bill and Jack Hardigg, both Eagle Scouts, attended the Valley Forge National Jamboree last Summer; Bill went on to the World Jamboree, England, touring Europe subsequently. Both boys and sister, Jean Brew, hold high positions in their school officialdom; all are honor students. 1911 can be proud of these scions of Jeannette and our lamented Bill.

Under the will of the late Lola DeRussy Barry Nichols, the Academy has received for its place in Washington Hall the portrait of her distinguished kinsman that looked down from the Nichols walls on our 1911 gatherings there: Rene de Russy, USMA 1812, sixth Superintendent, who succeeded Sylvanus Thayer in 1833 for five years' incumbency.

Fred Gilbreath, memoir engaged, asks who delivered our Graduation address. The REGISTER, contrary to its practice, only records that Secretary Stimson presented the diplomas. Could be that we were checked out and on without this amenity! And fortunate withall.

As Peninsula 1911 lunched with the

Shekerjians February 20, our balmy locale blooms with April color. Look, you easterly folk, no snow or ice!

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

1912

Barton writes that he still has his ulcer but is managing to live with it. Aside from the ulcer, he and Clare are well. R. O. Jr. has resigned from the Air Force and is in the construction business in Augusta. Daughter Clare, Mrs. A. J. Redt, lives in San Angelo. Tubby still finds his real estate venture interesting.

Brown, A. E., writes to say all is well in his household. He and Jess are planning a trip to San Antonio on a family visit, and also hope to see Bill Weaver. This trip planned for February and may be going on as I write.

Chynoweth (this letter Chen-Burfy) reports that Grace is making a good but slow recovery from her accident last year. Chen is still keeping busy with his writing enterprise, his current target being the deficiencies in our school system. He tells of a cocktail party at the Sullivans, attended also by the Chamberlains, en route to the Orient. Steve expects to be back in Asheville in March.

Hauser reports all is peaceful and quiet on the home front. Son Bill sailed with the 2nd Armored Cavalry from Baltimore for Germany February 8. Son Chuck continues to make front page by-lines—to avoid confusion, I mean he writes them—for the Charlotte Observer. The old folks, plus Bill, spent an enjoyable evening with the Littlejohns at the Army Navy Club recently.

Sally Flint recently concluded a long visit with daughter Sally and her husband B. C. Von Kann at Fort Bragg. Sally looks hale and hearty.

The Arnolds, plus the Wyches, gave a luncheon February 15 at the Arnolds High House before the Southern Pines Hunter Trials. A similar party last year proved to be a grand old-home week affair.

From the others in region—silence. If later news shows up I shall forward it pronto.

—Hauser

McLane (Mrs. J. T.): Ike Spalding reports that Ruth is currently visiting in San Antonio and headed West. Her correct address is 6 Upland Road, Baltimore 10, Maryland.

Coming events: 1912 Day Army-Navy Club luncheons 14 May '58 and 13 May '59. For reservations classmates apply to Charlie Drake, class ladies to Gladys Thomas. A big turnout is expected.

—Littlejohn

1913

To all 1913'ers:—this is our 45th Reunion Year! Everyone in our class should come to West Point for June week. Doug Greene will mail to each of you a letter with facts, dates of events, and other information. Please reply at once.

Joe Viner visited Kimmel at Hampton, Virginia, and found the family in fine shape. Joe also visited the Rosevears. They have a lovely estate and feed their guests well.

In Washington at about New Year's,

many of us met at the A & N Club for lunch. There were Viner, Foote, Crane, Davidson, Young, G.R., Johnson, and Schmidt. Each one looked especially well and said he would be up in June.

"Cooper" Foote and Viner visited the Peales and found them well though Jimmie says his heart isn't too good.

Viner saw Craig too—he is hardly older than when a cadet.

Nelson writes from San Antonio that he was informed by Frances Brown that "T.K." was to be transferred to Walter Reed Hospital for treatment. He is yet seriously ill.

He reports he saw Falkner Heard at Xmas. Also "Crit" and Josephine were in that city to see the Newcomers.

"Bug" and Janet Oliver are home after a long trek to Europe.

"Hans" Herwig is reported still in Japan busy on his export and import business.

Dorothy Young says that Dolly Sadtler is in excellent health—busy in her apartment. We all wish to see her in June.

Joe and Dasha Viner visited Virginia Beach Xmas and again in February. Joe flew on to Winter Park, Florida, to do ten days fishing in various parts of Florida with Bobbie Crawford.

Billy and Dorothy Johnson have done a lot of grandchild herding—they have three small grandchildren.

Minna Crutcher reports going to San Francisco antique shopping. I hope her farm crops and cattle are good this year so she will join us in June.

Joe Viner had word from Amelia Krapf at Xmas time. He may be with us in June. Dorothy King also called on Viner in New York City and she said she would come up in June to meet all 1913'ers.

"Monk" and Florence Lewis are on an extended European cruise but will get back to the United States by June.

The Dan Calhouns have built a new house near Baltimore for Summer use. They go to their home at Del Ray Beach for the Winter. Howard Calhoun who graduated from Princeton last June, earned a Fullbright scholarship to Europe in engineering.

Will meet you all in June!

—Joe Viner
Duane Lane
Demarest, N.J.

1914

Writing this letter is a good deal like putting your hand into a grab-bag—you never know what is going to come out. Each time I have a motley assemblage of scraps of class news, mostly sent in by our faithful reporters Cress, Waddell, Brand, Royce, and now Herman.

Usually space restrictions require the briefing of these reports with little or no credit for their source. Little news ever comes in direct from classmates; I really feel neglected. Really, fellows, if you will only drop me a few lines whenever you have class news to report, this letter will be so much more informative and readable.

Fred Herman's report is so telegraphic and clean-cut in form that I shall quote him as follows:

"Peter Bullard played in the Florida State Shuffleboard meet in February. Peter has just completed a two-year term as President of the West Coast Division of the Florida Association, supervising

over 60 clubs. He lives alone (and likes it) in a trailer in a plush trailer park in St. Petersburg. His son, now recovered from World War II wounds, is in the Third Army Inspector's office in Atlanta.

"Jim Haskell, with his wife and elder daughter, lives in a fine home west of Bradenton, Florida. His main interest is golf.

"Pug Lampert is still living in his home at Fletcher, North Carolina. His son is on duty at nearby Fort Bragg.

"Lou Byrne has recently given up his bachelor home in Buffalo and moved to quarters at the Buffalo Athletic Club. He is planning a business trip to Yugoslavia and other points in southern Europe.

"Charlie and Ella Gross have returned to their villa on the French Riviera. Their return trip to the United States last year proved to be only a visit.

"Muriel Thurber, after a visit to England and Spain last Fall, has been spending several months at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel in Honolulu, and should be returning to her home in Seattle within a few weeks.

"Pilar Lim's Christmas card gives her address as 616 Vito Cruz Street, Manila. She now has 14 grandchildren. (I know she would enjoy hearing from the class.)

"Toohey Spatz's name adorns one of the street signs in Sarasota. (I suppose the authorities left out 'Toohey'.")

In a separate note, Fred mentions that he and Dorothy have been Wintering in Sarasota, Florida, since January 1st, having fled south to escape the rigors of the northern New York Winter. He was planning a short trip to Miami, and to see Royce, Brooks, and Gibson. Later in March he was to see Gearhardt, who lives just north of Tampa. Fred advises that he and Dorothy are seriously thinking of moving to the Sarasota area of Florida, but haven't made the decision yet. His glowing account of the many cultural and recreational attractions of Sarasota suggests that he ought to go into real estate. They will drive back to New York in April and probably will stop at Virginia Beach and see our May (Berry) and her family. Fred's daughter, Mary Rose, whose husband is an Engineer officer, is still living in Pittsburgh, but they expect to leave in June for a school detail either at Fort Belvoir or some college. She has four children, three boys, and the last one a girl (badly spoiled, I'm sure).

I recently received a letter from Flip Lewis. After his stroke, he was finally discharged from the VA Hospital in Phoenix on the Friday before Christmas and returned to his home at Apache Junction, Arizona. Since then he has been making some progress, with the help of Jessie, but it is a long, hard pull. He is wearing a brace and practicing walking with crutches and with parallel bars. Flip's left arm is still paralyzed and cannot be used. I could see from his letter how difficult it was to write, and I appreciated the effort. Drop him a line when you can. The address: Box 2, Apache Junction, Arizona.

The grim reaper still stalks among our class. This time I have to record the deaths of two classmates: Glenn Preston Anderson and Robert Dyer McDonald. Glenn passed away at his home at Marion, Virginia, on November 4, Bob while at his club on Lookout Mountain, Tennessee, on December 15, 1957. Both of these

classmates were very popular in the class. Glenn was retired in 1934 because of injuries received in an automobile accident, from which he never recovered. Bob resigned shortly after World War I, and became a successful yarn broker in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Bob was buried at Arlington National Cemetery, and seven members of the class were honorary pallbearers. The interment of Glenn was at his home town. The sincere sympathy of the class goes out to the wives and families of these classmates.

Pete Bullard sent me the letter he received from May, the wife of Pat Milligan, who has been very seriously ill this past year and up to now. Several operations have been necessary. We hope for better news soon. How about writing him?

A letter from Jim Cress confirms the good news about Tom Monroe's cataract operation. With glass he now has 20-20 vision in one eye. Glory be! Jim also reports the receipt of a letter from Jack and Gus Jouett, mailed in Okinawa, saying they are returning to the U. S. on the "U. S. Breckinridge" from their visit to their son and family in Taiwan, Formosa. ETA at San Francisco was between February 28 and March 2. Dad and Ricki Herrick in Oakland (he's the big Post Office man there) have invited all concerned to a dinner to celebrate the Jouett's return. Probably I'll have the details in my next letter.

A note from Ralph Royce, which arrived too late for my last news letter, said that he and Agnes had returned in November from a four-month trip to Europe. Also that their son has recently been transferred to Halloran AFB near Alamogordo, New Mexico. When they visit him, they have promised to stop off at San Antonio. Incidentally, I also heard from Fenn Lewis that Fenn, Jr., is in the interior decorating business in Austin, Texas, only 78 miles away, and that Fenn and Eva are planning the trip to Texas this Spring, probably accompanied by Nina Thompson, and San Antonio will be in the itinerary. We hope this all works out.

Tom Monroe, Jr., has been promoted to Colonel and assigned to the 17th Battle Group in Korea. His wife, Arly, and daughter, Catherine, are near the "old folks" at Eureka, California. Marguerite Woodberry writes that daughter Marguerite's husband, who is an Air Force officer, has returned with his squadron from Alaska, and that the daughter and her family are now at the AFB at Blytheville, Arkansas.

My, I'm running way over in space, so must chop this off. One final piece of news. We're going to have a 45th reunion in 1959—remember?—and Jim Cress has already appointed the 1959 Reunion Committee consisting of:

Dad Ingles, *Chairman*

Skimp Brand, *Office Clerk*

Pat Hogan, *West Point contact*

Start making your plans, fellows, and let's make it a humdinger!

Best regards to all. Write me.

—John Carruth

241 Claywell Drive

San Antonio 9, Texas

1915

We regret having to open on a sad note. Pearson Menoher passed away in his sleep the night of February 12 at his

home in Southern Pines. Some time earlier, Minnie had suffered what appeared to be a light stroke but the medics and Laura Lee's nursing had him up and around, although, on the doctors' advice, he had given up his many civic activities. Funeral services were held at Fort Myer Chapel the afternoon of February 19, followed by burial in the Menoher-Pearson plot in Arlington. Honorary pallbearers were Conklin, Davis, J. F., Ellis, Evans, Harris and Swing. Snow-blocked roads prevented the others in the area from attending.

It was amusing to read that Freddie Boye had "asked" me to take over this issue and that I had "graciously accepted." Back in July of 1911, one Paddy Flint "asked" me if I wouldn't like to be permanent mail dragger for "D" Co. until 1912 graduated and on that occasion I also "graciously accepted." I'm not so dumb I don't know when I'm being detailed.

Our editorial thanks to all of you who sent in so many nuggets of news, with a special pat on the back to those "Bird Dogs" who also rounded up news of classmates in their respective areas: Boots, Cochran, Ellis, Emery, Hanley, Haw, Herrick, Hocker, Miller, Price, Williams and Woodruff.

The new Class Roster is as handy as a wild joker in the draw. A vote of thanks to Stew Bragdon, his assistant, Colonel Meek, and Det Ellis. Det says the first two did all the work but in our book Det is due a full share of series money anyway for his continuous good work during the season. And speaking of Stew Bragdon, that worthy gent is also doing a top job as the President's special assistant for public works planning.

As you know, Johnny and Mac Wogan are running around the Orient like a couple of blind dogs in a meat house. By the time this is published they will be home . . . tired, happy and probably broke. En route to their POE they visited the Bob Strongs and Clesen Tenney.

The Gilkesons visited Tom and Cecelia Hanley in Boca Raton and then headed for Miami and possibly Nassau. The Hanleys were expecting Walt and Betty Hess and had tried to call on Van but missed him. Being an executive at heart, Tom passed on some of his responsibility for collecting news to Bill Boots. Before Bill could recover from his astonishment that anyone would ask him to write a letter, he had written us one and a newsy one it was.

Before the Boots annual southern migration, Bill had Beeson and Mary Hunt for a week-end at his Connecticut place. The James joined them for Sunday dinner. At "Landfall," his Fort Lauderdale base, Bill entertained Gene and Kit Vidal prior to the Holidays and later Colonel and Mrs. Blaik spent a day with him. Christmas was highlighted by a visit from the Hanleys, including sons Colonel Tom and Father Dexter. Henry Aurand's son, Captain Pete, U.S.N., joined Bill in attending a military ball in Fort Lauderdale. Jim Hodgson wrote from Paris that he was due in Walter Reed for an eye operation but as late as February Det Ellis reports "no show." And this we should send to Ripley: Leo Walton finally emerged from his Winter Park cave and spent a few days with Bill.

From the New York Times we learn that in this election year one member of the Class has started early: Bud Saylor

has been elected a director of the Unexcelled Chemical Corporation and two of its subsidiaries. We are very glad for you, Henry, and we extend our sincere congratulations, but those cheers you hear in the background are coming from the Director of Internal Revenue.

John Henry Cochran sent a very clever questionnaire to the various 1915 beachcombers, brush runners and swamp rats of the lower Florida West Coast and garnered a mess of news. The Cochrans have celebrated their 40th anniversary and are in the top health bracket. John Henry has served a hitch as president of the West Coast West Point Society and currently is president of the local Men's Club, chapter secretary for the Sons of (steady, men . . . don't jump to conclusions) the Revolution, and vestryman and junior warden of the Episcopal Church, where he can be seen each Sunday taking up the collection with due dignity. Mary runs the church Thrift Shop so successfully that John Henry greatly regrets it is not a private enterprise. Their son John, a Major of Artillery, is in Ankara with his wife and two children. Once or twice a year the Cochrans take a trip to the Smokies to escape the heat. (California papers, please copy.) Interim relaxations include reading, elbow bending and attempts at golf.

Paul Parker still lives in Brooksville, where he has been very active in civic affairs until recently when a slowdown was ordered by the gent with the stethoscope.

Tommy Thompson's widow, Betty, is fine and now has her daughter and three grandchildren with her.

From Bradenton, the John Robinsons report their health as "tolerable." (For your information, the Cochran questionnaire listed the following grades of health: In the Pink, Tolerable, Poor, Lousy, and Any Combination of the Foregoing.) Robby is a director of the Manatee County Cancer Society and keeps pleasantly busy with yard care and home maintenance. He relaxes with a bit of reading, elbow bending, and "sittin' and rockin'." He and Grace have four grandsons. Robby allows that while the frenzied activities of some of the more youthful members of the Class (Henry Aurand, e.g.) may tend to give him a slight inferiority complex, he is in no immediate danger of being inspired with a burning urge to "go thou and do likewise." Life with them is quite serene unless some misguided individual criticizes Ike. Tis then, says Grace, that Robby grabs his trusty "shootin' arn," whistles up Ole Spot, and takes to the Warpath.

Ned Zundel writes from Sarasota that both he and Elinor are in tolerable health. His limited farming was badly hit by bugs and the freezes, and the same applies to his yard shrubbery. Says that except for a job with the Zoning Board he doesn't interfere in civic affairs. For recreation they list reading, a bit of settin', and for Ned, four rounds of golf a week. Their daughter Elinor is teaching grade school there and they seldom get more than ten kilos away from the Old Homestead. And why should they?

Out in the bosque near Tampa you will find the Dutch Gerhardts doing amateur, non-profit farming, yard care and home maintenance, which activities have not only kept them in the pink, but are so enjoyed that they double as recre-

ations. To this Dutch adds a spiritual touch by serving as elder in the Presbyterian Church. Their son, USMA 1952, has just finished post-graduate work at Harvard where he received his Master's Degree and passed his exams for his Ph.D. He is now instructing in Social Sciences at the Academy. Their daughter is married to an architect and they live in Tampa next door to her husband's parents, who are retired Army. They boast a beauty parade of four daughters. Except for the bachelor son, all families are so concentrated that little movement is necessary for close liaison with everyone, and Dutch and his Frau are as happy as a dead pig in the sunshine.

And now may we introduce you to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Florida Sun-time Chapter, National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors—Cliff Jones. To the collection and repair of these old timepieces just add yard work, home maintenance, reading and a little fishing, and you have the list of their serious and recreational activities. (What, no chess?) Cliff reports that they are both in the pink. Their daughter, married to a Paducah, Kentucky, doctor, has two girls and a boy.

From La Jolla, California, Frank Emery reports that Paul Fletcher "part-times" with the San Diego Register of Voters. When not counting the money they are saving for the 1960 Reunion, Frank and Howard Donnelly play quite a bit of golf, both on their Club Team and with a fixed foursome. The latter boasts a tally of 75, 70, 65 and 65 but these are ages, lads, and not 72-hole average scores. Howard does have his handicap down to seven so visiting firemen should be governed accordingly and don't say you weren't warned.

Joe and Helen McNarney have settled permanently in La Jolla. When Joe completed six years with Convair on March 31, he turned in his President's suit and "re-retired." He will remain a part time consultant to Convair and a director of General Dynamics Corporation. Any spare time thus made available will be devoted to the worthy cause of getting his golf score below a hundred. Last Fall Joe and Helen had an interesting trip through Spain and Italy and the Holidays were spent in Hawaii with their daughter, son-in-law and two grand children.

From Puerto Rico comes word that Steve Esteves is suffering from heel spurs, which prevent him from doing much walking. Also, his white count is considerable above par for the course. However, these ailments do not prevent him from enjoying his grandchildren, totaling ten at current count with another on final approach.

Even the most casual student of history knows that Paul Mueller made the first C & GSS class after 1915 became eligible and history repeats as P.J., Jr., now instructing at Benning, has been tapped for Leavenworth the first year his class is vulnerable. The Mueller's son-in-law, Captain Paul Parker, son of our Paul, has already received his Leavenworth shot and is now studying Foreign Relations at Georgetown. (For a moment I was tempted to say that it would be smarter to study Foreign Relations before going to Kansas but just in time I remembered who comes from Abilene.)

Donna Parkinson writes that although

P.D. has been spending quite a bit of time in the hospital, he has been able to spend an increasing number of week-ends at home. They had a fine visit with their daughter, son-in-law and four children, who, after three years in Puerto Rico, were en route to their new Air Force station.

Lenora Teter says that Joe has been in and out of the hospital several times this past year and doesn't leave the house very much otherwise. They were very sorry to have missed the fountain dedication but it was a bit too far for Joe at that time of the year.

Our congratulations to Bob Lorch's son John, who has been on active duty with the Air Force under his reserve commission. He has now received his regular commission as an Air Force Lieutenant.

Carl and Eleanor Hocker have finally found out that the Old Gray Mare and Her Mate ain't what they used to be. Their eldest daughter is with Maryland University Extension Education Division and their youngest, married to a Navy Commander, lives near Newport News. They have two children, thus giving the Hockers membership in the Supreme Grand Lodge of Doting Grandparents, (Douglas Weart, Grand Patriarch; Gertrude Weart, Grand Matriarch; and Helen Finley, Queen Mother.)

The unofficial judges of our unofficial Kristmas Kard Kontest have awarded win and place money to the Henry Aurands and the Wop Watsons, and let them fight it out for who gets which. Wop, by the way, never having attended a reunion at West Point, is automatically subpoenaed duces tecum (that is Latin for "bring your wife") for the Big One in 1960.

Earl Price reports that Eustis Hubbard had a couple of very light strokes last Summer but is as good as ever these days. Eustis fishes the best spots in the West and travels enough besides to keep in touch with his son Sam (USMA 1952) and the latter's family which now includes a couple of grandchildren.

Earl has been toying with the thought of selling the E. M. Price Company and retiring for the second time but it is our opinion that he is having too much fun working to stop.

Lucien Berry, who left us for 1916, now lives in Santa Barbara and is in touch with Jody Haw.

As reported in the last issue, the Big Payoff goes to the Doug Wearts with nine grandsons and five granddaughters, with Helen Finley copping the Giant Payoff with her status as the first great-grandparent of the Class. It seems proper to report at this time that the Supreme Lodge of Doting Grandparents, by amendment of its Constitution, now divides grandparents into two classes: Junior Grandparents, five grandchildren or under; Senior Grandparents, six to infinity grandchildren. Junior Grandparents may attend Lodge, but are not privileged to address the Throne, nor are they allowed, during coffee breaks, to repeat cute sayings or exhibit snapshots. They must also, while in Lodge, address Senior Grandparents as "Sir" and "Madam."

Dad Herrick took time out from selling stamps to the hoi polloi to send us the doings of the San Francisco area. Billy Covell and bride have returned from their trip to the Orient and are settled in an apartment with a magnificent view

of the Bay. Not that anyone would need an inducement to call the Covells when in that area, but we might say that Elva is a graduate of Cordon Bleu and still believes that a can opener is something used to free a prisoner from jail. About once a month the Herricks, Covells and Waldrons get together for drinks and food at a different bistro. Dad waxed most enthusiastic about the quality of Golden Gate eating joints, little realizing that he was addressing the 1928 title holder of the Open Mussels Bordelaise Championship, held annually at Slim's Flytrap Cafe. But alas! John Law put an end to both the cafe and its speciality.

Doc Waldron is reported as looking wonderful and spending a lot of time fishing and duck hunting. It is even rumored that he has bought a duck club of his own. We do know for sure that he has a well equipped workshop where he turns out wooden decoys, gun stocks and furniture for lucky classmates living nearby.

Flash!! Dusky Gillette had best look to his laurels. We hear that the gals in the Bay Area consider Tom Hearn the handsomest man in 1915!

From the Lesters and Vers in San Francisco, and the Melbergs in Berkeley, no news. Dad allows that they don't go out much or he would have crossed their trails.

Over a year ago Bert Warren had an argument with the Letterman surgeons and lost both the argument and his gall bladder. As of now, however, he and Grace are doing fine.

Last Fall the Herricks saw the Haws and McDermotts in Santa Barbara. Except for that common Class affliction, change in color of hair, Jody looks about as he did 45 years ago. Being a connoisseur of art, Dad was amazed at John McDermott's ability to express himself in both water colors and oils. Some of John's work has been on exhibition so evidently Art in our Class is not confined to The White House.

From Santa Barbara, Jody Haw furnishes further data on Great Granmaw Helen Finley. Helen's daughter "Bobby" Meigs, the grandmother, is in Italy where her husband, a USC professor, is teaching for six months at the University of Torino.

Jody reports visits from Price, Herrick, Tenney and Aurand. The latter was in that area to visit his son, Henry Junior, who has resigned from the Army and is now employed by General Electric in their high level Think Factory. (Tell me, why are all these present generation kids so much smarter than their Dads?)

Last November John McDermott suffered a stroke which paralyzed one side, an affliction he bears with fortitude. Though he still has difficulty in speaking he can move about with help, gets around the house in a wheeled chair, has been out for auto rides and is gradually improving.

Adolph Unger says the dedication, with its gathering of old friends, was just what he needed to relax his carcass in preparation for the election which followed two days after his return to Canton. Although the opposing party was generally victorious, Adolph was re-elected judge of Municipal Court by the flattering plurality of 12,000. Also, since then he has been voted a very substantial increase in salary. We won't tell you how

much it was but it is quite obvious that we are in the wrong racket.

In an item arriving too late for last issue, the Doug Wearts report a grand gathering of the Clan last May upon the return of the two junior families from Hawaii. Not only were both sons and both daughters and their families present, but also in attendance were Doug's mother and sister. Allowing for twin grandsons born since then, a very few clicks on our trusty abacus puts the attendance figure at 24. Convention City, how truly art thou named!

Down south in Southern Pines Duke Miller allows as how the care of a paltry two acres is much less arduous than trying to make 93 acres pay the eating bills, as he had to do in Maryland. He had just taken on the job of County Chairman for the annual Red Cross Drive and inquired if we had ever been so employed. That we have, Duke, and how the old heart bleeds for you!

By the way, for reinstatement in the Army Athletic Association, write Freddie Boye for particulars. It is possible for graduates to be reinstated with class seniority. Ex-cadets with six months satisfactory service and honorable discharge can also be reinstated but minus seniority.

Last November at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, Tom Taylor took the last long walk down the aisle with his third and youngest daughter, "Boots", who was married to Mr. Phillip J. Daugherty. Representing the Class were Det and Laura Ellis, Ed and Bess Sherburne and Dot Randolph. After the wedding Tom and Hazel took off for Fort Sill, stopping off for a week-end with the Hockers. From Sill they went to Fort Sam, visiting a daughter, son-in-law and two grandchildren at each post. While at Fort Sam they saw Woody and Alice Woodruff who were fine but Tom thinks Woody is slipping a little. Last Fall he knocked over two deer and had to have help toting out the second one. They report the Hockers remarkably well recovered from their right-of-way argument with a train a few years back. Carl is much interested in the restoration of Ike's birthplace in Denison. When you visit it, be sure to look under the bed.

After their arrival home in San Antonio after the dedication, the Woodruffs had some of the Class in for a showing of colored slides depicting the various dedication activities at West Point. Woody reports considerable interest in the exact location of the fountain, this in spite of the fact that he made it plain that water only was dispensed therefrom. He managed to get in a good quota of hunting during the season and has recently added a subsidiary hobby to his fishing, tying his own flies. Their son Lieutenant Colonel R. B., Jr., is on AFROTC at Stevens Institute.

Mike Davis has been quite active in San Antonio civic affairs. Until recently he was in charge of the local Civil Defense and in January he was the San Antonio representative at the national meeting in Washington for United Funds and Community Chests.

We have a report that John Leonard, looking as youthful as ever, is busy on their place about 20 miles north of San Antonio. One of their daughters, married to a British Army officer, is in England; their other daughter, married into our

Army, is in Viet-Nam; and their son is here in the United States. Quite a spread, and speaking of spreads, next reunion we must get those two Texas ranchers, Pendleton and Leonard, together, and let the truth fall where it may.

Billy Halcomb is busy with his San Antonio real estate business, dealing in ranch properties for the most part, we understand.

Back in Washington, Doc Gesler and the Walter Reed surgeons had a brief get-together last Fall but after a short "sick leave" in Florida, Doc bounced back as well as ever.

Peggy Davison's five grandsons were joined by the first granddaughter at West Point last Fall. The parents are Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. G. G. Cantlay, Jr., USMA 1943.

Laura Brownell has sold the house she and Doc had in Highlands, North Carolina, but she retained space for a small cottage which has since been built. Laura spends most of the year in Charleston but had a busy Summer at the cottage with all the family, including grandchildren, coming for visits.

Mike and Beryl Summers have relocated in Santa Monica, California. Daughter Beryl and family are in Djakarta. Daughter Polly's new daughter brings the count to six grandchildren, four girls and two boys.

Henry Pendleton writes: "We have a guest house and are only 20 miles from Austin."

John Kahle has been confined to the house for the last couple of months. We hope to have a better report on him next issue.

Lev and Encina Williams threw a grand get-together in Orlando when Adlai and Marguerite Gilkeson came through. Benny and Margaret Ferris and Leo Walton were in attendance but Strat and Analee had a previous engagement and couldn't make it. With Leo tickling the ivories and Gilkey leading the harmonizers, the welkin was made to ring in a right proper manner. Earlier Charlie and Elizabeth Busbee came through Orlando, having come by way of Canaveral where Charlie had the thrill of seeing Atlas No. 3 fired by his son. Lev received a letter from Bill Boots (later than ours) in which Bill reports a rather serious injury to his right eye. Here's hoping it is OK by now.

In a January letter to Det Ellis, Henry Aurand reports Jack Keliher in Honolulu looking around for a place to live, but taking off enough time from his searching to throw a nice brawl for his friends. Henry also reported the arrival of a new grandson, William G. Nelson, V., who touched down January 6.

Eleven of the Washington gang attended the January luncheon: Bragdon, Conklin, Jack Davis, Ellis, Evans, Gesler, Harris, Lyon, Mueller, Moale and Wallington. Walt Hess being in Florida, the cocktail drinkers were forced to buy their own. The February turnout upped the figures with Boye, Bragdon, Busbee, Conklin, Davis, Ellis, Evans, Gesler, Gilkeson, Gillette, Lyon, Moale, Richards, Swing and Wallington belying up to the festive board. Walt was still in Florida so for the second straight month cocktails were on a buy-your-own basis.

As for the Peabodys, we are both in tolerable health, eating three times a day reasonably high off the hawg, and on friendly terms with the local gendarmes.

Please note the following in your Class Roster:

Herrick, 5921 Harbord Drive, Oakland 11, California.

Arthur, Mrs. J. Dogan, City Delivery #3, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Samsey, 3040 West 159th St., Cleveland 11, Ohio.

Naiden, Mrs. Earl L., Monroe, Louisiana.

Well, that about wraps it up for now. S'long until next issue. Johnny will be back so send your dope to him.

Just advised of deaths of Jimmy Lester on March 10, and Steve Esteves, March 12.

-Hume Peabody,
Leonardtown, Md.

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Joe Tully wrote from Germany en route home from Turkey to say that he and Fannie expected to reach New York about January 15. There they planned to pick up a car and motor to Texas. No further news has reached us so they must be taking their time on the way. We expect they will resume their former home in San Antonio. The Pickerings spent part of last Summer in Europe visiting their daughter and sightseeing in a leisurely way. "Pick" is now head of the retired officers group in Atlanta. Johnny Lieb, since his retirement from the Minnesota civil service, has been motoring all over the United States, Canada and Mexico. At Christmas he and his wife were in San Diego.

The Finleys went abroad last September. Their son, now on duty in Germany, met them with his car in London and they toured the United Kingdom. After a bout with Asian flu in Scotland, they went on to France, Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Italy, returning home by air in mid-December. Tom is now President of the West Point Society, Pikes Peak region. "Bunny" Barrows plans to be in Southern California in March and hopes to see the Styers and the Irvines. The Moses passed through Washington on their way to the West Coast and Honolulu. Returning they plan to stop in Ann Arbor, Michigan, to see their son who is on duty there. During their visit to San Francisco in December, "Brig" and Savilla Bliss had a little reunion with the Johns and the Bob McBrides at the club on Treasure Island. They also saw "Hank" Blanks. "Hank" and "Brig" were Beast Barracks roommates.

"Cy" Wilder has settled down permanently at Comorn near Fredericksburg, Virginia. His home, "Shelbourne", is over a hundred years old. Willie Wilson is still living in Beverly Hills, California. Last spring he intended to move to the San Fernando valley but, after thinking it over, he decided that the old home was best. He is now an accountant for an insurance firm headed by his son. Tom and Dolly Martin were in Tucson enjoying Arizona climate in December. Dolly said they were in a mood to move out there permanently and enjoy the sunshine with the Frasers. The O'Hares also wintered in Tucson. The Brittons returned from a trip to Florida in January and by February they were planning for a month in Europe. "Dizie" sees Ellis, A.M., occasionally in Knoxville. Peterman, who is a lawyer with the telephone company in New York and lives in White Plains, says he will retire in 1959.

The Robbs have completed their dream

house at Chapel Hill, North Carolina. He is back in the brokerage business representing a New York firm. In his spare time he and Marian are landscaping the new home. Pat Flanigen is teaching again at the University at Athens, Georgia. Saul has given up his real estate business in Charleston, South Carolina, and is now completely retired. Bill Hoge says he is happy to be active again in his work as Chairman of the Interlake Iron Corporation. Cleveland is a pleasant city and, while he sees few service people, the civilians are very congenial. "Goop" Worsham is now heading the Electronic Division of the R. M. Parsons Engineering Company. They have been doing a lot of work on the missile project at Redstone Arsenal. Dwight Johns made a trip East in December to visit his daughter in New Jersey. Paul Parker returned to Walter Reed Hospital in January for a check-up after his operation last Fall. We are glad to say he got a satisfactory report. He is now back at his home in Florida.

"Babe" Weyand went to Hot Springs, Arkansas, again this Winter where he finds the treatment very beneficial for the arthritis which has been troubling him. Tom Peyton spent the Winter at Sanford, Florida. His permanent home is at Sweet Chalybeate in the mountains of Southwestern Virginia. Louis Hibbs was back at Lake Chapala in Mexico this Winter but continues to use Mirror Lake, New Hampshire, as his permanent address. Rafael Garcia has moved again. He is now at 1823 Taft Avenue, Pasay, Philippines. Eddie Shaifer has renounced the career of a political columnist in Laredo, Texas, for the life of an elder statesman with a little hunting and fishing on the side. He says that at least he started an opposition party before he quit. A flash has just reached us that "Riney" Rinearson has had another serious operation in San Antonio, Texas. No more detailed information is available at this time.

And now, in closing, Parker Huhn and "Brig" Bliss express their sincere appreciation for the notes, cards and kind wishes that swamped the Class headquarters at Christmas time.

—E. G. R.
3808 Reno Rd., N.W.
Washington 8, D.C.

April

1917

We had a fine turnout of 19 at the February class luncheon at Fort McNair; and thanks to Kewp Yuill's planning we had a very special guest of honor, our "class baby", Jimmy O. Green, Jr. Jimmy, a member of the West Point class of 1941, is now a Lieutenant Colonel in the Regular Army and is on the staff of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations. He and his wife, Mary, live in Falls Church. They have four children: Cheryl, 13, June and Jane, twins, 10, and James O. IV.

Our Jimmy's widow's address is Mrs. James O. Green, 4367 Troost Ave., North Hollywood, California.

Bruce Butler writes that he and Helen are living quietly but happily in a big old house near the small town of Prattville, Alabama. Quietly, that is, until children and grandchildren arrive—"then the walls bulge and the welkin rings." William O.

Jr. is a Major in the Air Force, and he and his wife have two sons—William O. III, ten, and Bobby, eight. William O. was not only named for his grandfather, but nicknamed for him as well. He, too, is called Bruce. . . . The William O. Jr.'s are stationed at Maxell AFB, which is only 12 miles from Prattville.

Bruce and Helen's son Dan is a pilot with Delta Air Lines. He and his wife and their two little girls, Virginia, nine, and Kathie, seven, live in Atlanta. Daughter Anne, Mrs. Gerard W. Grady, lives in California, but she and her husband get home a couple of times a year.

Bruce and Helen send their best wishes to the members of the class of 1917.

Wayne Clark reports that all is going well at The Citadel. He enjoys working with the 2,000 young men who make up the student body and finds it a challenge to help develop their characters both for military service and for civil life. Building on the fine foundation laid by General Charles P. Summerall, Wayne is continuing the splendid traditions of The Citadel. With him Wayne has not only Sully (Joseph P. Sullivan), who is now one of the two deans of the college, but a good many other West Pointers as well. At the annual West Point Dinner in Charleston on March 15 approximately 100 are expected to be present.

Joe Collins has been in Turkey for several weeks on business for the Pfizer Pharmaceutical Company, of which he is an active director. Gladys and Joe now have eight grandchildren. Gladdie and Nancy and their families are in Paris and Berlin, respectively, and Jerry is at Fort Benning, where he is in charge of the Army helicopter work. He is now preparing a training manual for the helicopter training program.

In their Christmas letter the traveling Haydens told of visits with their children all across the U.S.A.; and their Christmas card showed five grandchildren at Stinson Beach, California, where the whole family spent their vacation last Summer.

Parson Parks has retired from his police job and is now established in a teaching job at the high school in Luray, Virginia. He says that if any classmates come to or through Luray, just ask any high school kid where "Kunnel Parks" lives and you will be directed. He and Flora have bought a house in Luray at 171 South Court St. The house is about four tenths of a mile from Main Street (Rte U.S. 211). At Thanksgiving time they went to Westfield to see a new granddaughter, Diedre, born to their son Lewis and his wife, on October 28—their first child.

Dot and Bill Eley are keeping busy. Dot is now Regent of the Army and Navy Chapter of the District of Columbia Daughters of the American Revolution. With 487 members, this is one of the two or three largest chapters in the United States. Dot is busy with plans for the annual DAR conference of all chapters in the District of Columbia, and for the National Congress, which is to be held in Constitution Hall April 19. Dot and Bill's daughter, Georgia Day, will serve as a Page at the state conference. We have just learned through Kay Teale that Harris and Hannah Jones are touring in Japan.

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

The bright spot in a rugged Washington Winter was the arrival of Ethel and Dave Schlenker and Lois and Dodson Stamps. Miriam was so thrilled she threw a Class Party in welcome.

Joining in the welcome were Victoria Almquist, Emily Bingham, Red Durfee, Marguerite Eyster, Helen and Pop Goode, Elaine and Lew Griffith, May Heavey, Dorothy and Prentiss Huff, Elizabeth and Bill Jones, Dorothy Matlack, Louise and Al Paca, Gertrude and Pete Purvis, Bea Reeder, Edith and Red Shaffer, and Dorothy and Red Warner.

The Pacas drove over from Annapolis. Bea Reeder tried to outstay them but gave up when she found they were spending the night. Gertrude Purvis (bless her heart) had us all over for a wonderful Sunday breakfast the next morning.

The Stamps, back from a Summer in Europe, have bought a home in the Springfield area which is all that Lois had hoped for. Dodson now spends five days a week with the University of Maryland and two Honey Dearing (his very words) at home.

Virginia and Bart Harloe, touring the States, missed most of the Washington colony—had a touch of the flu at the time—but managed to see the Bellingers, Loessa Coffey, the Biff Jones, and the Stamps—and had a nice visit with Ed Leavey in New York.

We had a nice surprise during Ed Murrow's recent Marian Anderson TV programme when Ed Leavey appeared. We quite agree with Jules Schaefer who was thoughtful enough to write Ed: "It was well done all around and of course we were particularly thrilled over seeing and hearing you."

Laura and Paul Cole, barely home from their 8,000 mile Autumn tour, spent the holidays afloat, en route to and from Acapulco and Mexico City.

Alston Deas, living quietly and working hard, reports an interesting phenomenon; his son and first-born has given him three grandchildren, his first daughter, two, and his younger daughter, one.

The Bill Jennas are working hard also—at the University of Miami. Maudie is working in Ceramics while Bill studies Literature and American and Tsarist History. Son Bill expects to graduate in June while his wife expects an heir in January.

With no children of their own, Isabelle and Parry Lewis got a BIG BANG out of having a teen-age niece with them for the Holidays. Next Summer they will take her and a classmate to Europe as a graduation present.

Jack Mallory has had a rough year, with pneumonia in Germany last Summer, a lung operation in December, and abdominal surgery pending in February. Bill Chapman, Pablo Cole, Taylor deCamp, George Hirsch, and Mickey Kernan have rallied round and we have high hopes for a complete recovery.

Madeline and Carl Wilson, as noted in last ASSEMBLY, are hard to find at home. After two months in John Day, they returned to Tucson in November and, in January, went on down to Guadalupe.

Read "The Rough Road Home" by Melissa Mather, soon to be published by Lippincott, for nice notice of the Ted

Buechlers. Melissa's late husband was a member of Ted's Constabulary Regiment. A condensed version has appeared in the Saturday Evening Post.

Financial Note: Tracy Dickson reports brisk savings bank business and a substantial deposit increase. Mortgage applications have fallen off but that is normal in the Winter.

The Bunny Hardings, in Louisville for the Winter, will return to Lenox in the Spring where they will find plenty to do with house, garden, grounds, and Bunny's photography.

Jack Johnson, home from a three-month jaunt through Southern Europe, Morocco, the Canaries, and Central and South America, feel there's no place like America, especially their small town in Mexico.

Spider Maling, in Los Angeles for Christmas with his daughter, drove out to Laguna Beach for dinner with Frank and Dorothy Simpson. Simp looks fine, enjoys his work in real estate, and loves Southern California.

Bill Chapman reports the old rancher, Willie Wilson, happy over a generous rain after completing planting, but bemoaning the way his lambs arrive in rain and mud.

Hi Ely, after 20 years of successful New Jersey farming, wonders how two years of stumbling around in California makes Froggie Reed such an expert. Just for asking Froggie a few simple questions he finds himself downgraded into kindergarten.

Louie Snell gripes about the new policy on personal use football tickets. His daughters drew seats behind the goal line for the Navy Game and he asks: Why penalize members of 30 years standing?

Al Tate will stop working November 10, 1958, and devote himself thenceforth to fishing and amusing himself.

Frankie Carr, all-time great Army horseman, trains race horses, dividing his time between the San Francisco area and Santa Anita, Hollywood Park, and Del Mar. Horses he trained won upwards of \$200,000 last year.

Again we must close on a sad note: Another of our Class has answered the Last Roll Call. Salvador Reyes passed away in Letterman Army Hospital January 11. Retired in 1946—he was a survivor of the Death March—he came to San Francisco in 1953.

His body was flown back to the Philippines for burial. Maria, his wife, was ill at the time and unable to accompany his remains. She plans to spend her remaining years in the Islands with her children and grandchildren. May God bless and comfort her.

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

June
1918

By the time this appears, all the class members who seem to have addresses will have gotten another circular on reunion plans. We have lost track of several classmates; one reported he was not aware he was lost as he knew where he was all the time. Speaking of addresses, Phil and Leila Gallagher have bought a house where they will have Ham Kelley's widow

Emmett for a neighbor. Their new address is 1309 Stark Avenue, Columbus, Georgia.

From the replies to the first circular on reunion some items of news were produced. Gene Caffey can't attend reunion because practically all of his children with their spouses and offspring are concentrating in Las Cruces, New Mexico, for a surprise celebration of his 40th wedding anniversary (Gene says he is not supposed to know about this yet).

Chesty and Bunny sailed on Valentine's Day for a trip to North Africa, Spain, Majorca, Italy, Austria, Germany, France, England and Ireland. They arrive home May 11.

Tommy Tompkins reports he has a six-year-old son and wonders if he qualifies as the youngest of our class. The nearest competitor I know of is John Mesick's eight-year-old son Hillary.

Sam and Fran Sturgis went down to Florida for a bit of a vacation but the weather man put on such a display of freezing weather that they returned to Washington to warm up.

Jim Gillespie is mostly settled in San Antonio (514 Northridge Drive) and is teaching Analyt at St. Mary's University. To keep out of a rut he flits to Mexico where he is in some sort of a racket.

Hab Elliott also is a teacher at a nearby Military Academy and finds that giving semester finals will keep him away from reunion. Hab's son Bob, after a long uphill struggle because of eyesight deficiency, is now in the R.A. and stationed in Germany.

A year or so after our 35th reunion Marie Robinson developed cancer of the lung and died a year later. Robbie married Miss Barbara Van Gaasheck last November. They bought a house in the suburbs of Hartford—address 71 Southwood Road, Newington 11, Connecticut. Both of them plan to attend reunion.

Count Achatz died last December 19 in Bradenton, Florida. He did a grand job for me right after the war, supervising the D.P. Camps in the Third Division Area.

—C. P. Townsley
36 Dogwood Lane
Manhasset, L.I., N.Y.

November
1918

The final letters outlining plans for our 40th Reunion have gone out from Hunk Holbrook's office and must be in your hands by now. It looks like we will have a big attendance. If you have not already done so, please mail your check to Bill Badger: General George M. Badger, 839-17th Street, NW, Washington 6, D.C.—\$20 each, plus \$15 for each wife, offspring, etc.

The latest from Hunk Holbrook is: "Our last meeting, held in February, produced 19, who acted as an executive group in approving plans for the reunion. The biggest problem, of course, is reservations. Mr. Johnson, of the Bit of Sweden, has been away and was unable to give us the names of people who had firm reservations at his hotel. There will be a number of disappointed people, I am sure. I found that Charlie Moore had taken three double rooms and if they are not going to be used by other class-

mates, it certainly will be crowding out a lot of people unnecessarily. I am trying to get this straightened out.

"As you know, Helen and I made a trip to Honolulu late in November. On the way out we had dinner in San Francisco with the Butlers. We were met in Honolulu by Tommy Aaron, laden with leis for Helen and myself. Bill Badger's son, Fred, was also there with all his children. We spent a very pleasant three weeks seeing lots of friends and observing my company's operation. We returned to San Francisco in time for the Army-Navy Game, which we watched on Fred Butler's television set. The Muellers, Butlers and ourselves had a delightful visit with Lem and Mali Pope around their heated swimming pool and modern equipped house. We had a ride in the fabulous Cadillac Brougham. We returned via Denver and Colorado Springs. We tried to get in touch with the Rhoads and Bill Blair. The former were still in Florida and the latter, with his lovely bride, was at Sterling. Upon our arrival in Washington we were pleased to have lunch with Jerry O'Rouark. Laura Belle and Bill Badger took off early in February for a visit to Mexico City and other parts of Mexico. They reported that A. M. Wilson is teaching at Idaho State College at Pocatello, Idaho.

"I think I wrote you of the death of J. H. C. Hill in December. I hurriedly wrote Hillard and our letters apparently crossed in the mail.

"Helen and I are planning to leave in mid-April for Europe where we will see young Willard and go over the battlefields. I'll give you more on that later. Dave Griffith dropped me a card from Iraq where he still is working at supervising the dams on the Tigris. Did you see that Leslie Grove's name is in the papers lately, along with his comments as to the method of organizing a correct missile control organization?

"Mali Pope wrote recently that Lem was in the midst of the Venezuelan fracas, but that he had been through numbers of them before and expected to come out all right this time. As you know, he is Chairman of the Board of an engineering concern down there. Fred and Phil Butler have taken the boat to Honolulu, to be gone a month and a half. We can expect to hear something from them later. Dave Ogden has just returned from a motor trip following his retirement. He drove all the way through Mexico and got almost to the southern border of Guatemala when the road petered out. He assures us that we will be able to drive comfortably to Panama in 1959. Harrison Shaler has been in and out of Washington a number of times in his work with Aerojet. These factory representatives must keep on the move. This is all I have for the present. I'll give you more dope as things develop."

A long letter has just come from Hillard, 2919 Meriwether Road, Shreveport, Louisiana, mostly inquiring about Reunion plans and accommodations, but also stating his desire for six tickets to the Army-Rice Football Game next Fall. I have contracted to see that he gets the tickets if he reminds me by September 1. It seems that George McReynolds has been his unfailing source in years past but George and Lucy have disappeared into Mexico. "H. H. H." is writing J. H.

C. Hill's obituary for publication in ASSEMBLY.

Fred Pearson has written a long splendid letter of Class news which I shall have to condense somewhat for this issue. Fred, returning from Lubbock where he had watched his son get his wings, stopped at San Angelo with the Bev Tuckers. Bev showed him the beautiful silver platter he won at the "Seniors" Golf Tournament, and a recently constructed 250,000 acre "fish pond" of which he was equally proud. Bev's son has recovered from a recent operation and is at Texas University. Babe Gullatt was in San Antonio recently and gave news of the Classmates around Washington. Many Classmates were able to express their sympathy to Judy Dunkleberg Gray at the funeral of her husband, Lieutenant Harlan Gray, U.S.N.

Howell and Tula Cocks on a recent visit to San Antonio enlisted Fred Pearson's help to round up a group of the Class for a steak dinner. Those present were Chadwick Cocks, Dunkleberg, Knudsen, Mackenzie, March, Moore, Pearson and Webster. At the party, plans were discussed for a get-together at the Army-Rice Football game. Fred plans to act as a clearing house of information on this game. All of the Class in the south central part of the country please get in touch with Fred. So far he has addresses for Classmates—one in Arkansas, two in Louisiana, one in Oklahoma, one in Tennessee and 18 in Texas. Surely there are more.

Fred reports the John Fonvielles are well.

Charley Moore's daughter and her son made Charley and Cora happy with a Winter visit.

—G. Bryan Conrad,

"The Squirrels"

Highland Falls, New York.

1919

Shortly before these notes were due to go to press the sad news of Bob Montague's untimely death was received. Bob died in the Canal Zone, where he was Commanding General of the Caribbean Command, on February 20, after a brief illness. He was buried in Arlington National Cemetery on February 24, with full military honors. Fourteen of the class and their wives attended. Honorary pallbearers included the Chief of Staff, the Vice-Chief of Staff, the Adjutant General, Tony McAuliffe, John Dalquist, and other senior officers from the Pentagon.

Kyke Allan contributes the following items from the Washington Group: "The annual Winter cocktail supper of the Washington group was held at the Army-Navy Club, on February 15, the date of the Big Snow of 1958. Fifty reservations had been made for the party, but only 14 were able to get to the Club. These hardy souls organized the "Blizzard Classmates of 1958", with Dot Flory, the first to arrive, as president. The founding members are: Les and Dot Flory, Mike and Marjory Brannon, Wyburn and Peggy Brown, Bill and Buzz Dunham (who came all the way from Charlottesville), Jim and Edith Harbaugh, Jim White (from Newport), Helen Bryan, Rosa Kerr and Allan. Les Downing, who was found at our Plebe Christmas, and his wife drifted in from the storm and were in-

duced to join the party. Al Gruenther went to Puerto Rico in February with the Secretary of Defense and Nate Twinning to discuss changes in the Pentagon Command. He has recently been named by the President to a panel to advise the President on disarmament matters. Gene McGinley and Peggy went to Pinehurst in February, where Gene played in the Senior golf matches. Waddell from Pinehurst and Sebree from California were recent visitors in Washington. Tony McAuliffe was a recent visitor to Washington for business conferences at the White House. Jim and Mary Philipps' first grandson, James Scott Philipps, was born to Captain and Mrs. Charles Philipps, at Fort Knox, on February 5. Don Allan (Kyke's son) has recently been named editor-in-chief of the North American Newspaper Alliance (NANA), a national syndicate with headquarters in New York."

George Lewis, in the Veterans Hospital, Hampton, Virginia, is having a very bad time with a throat condition, something like that encountered by your scribe three years ago. Under such circumstances a word of encouragement is always welcome.

Two recently received addresses are for Ed Sebree, Box 1975, Carmel, Calif., and Bill Moroney, Box 412, Mountain Home, Arkansas.

The Army-Tulane game at West Point last Fall drew a query from Eric Fomby from Homer, Louisiana, asking if New Orleans newspaper accounts of Army's shabby treatment of the Tulane team were true. The answer to Eric and to anyone else was that the allegations completely misrepresented the situation. The real point of this note is to underline that Eric is still living at his old address.

A recent letter from Al Wedemeyer noted among other things that he had recently lunched with Bill Barton in Washington and that Bill was his usual vigorous self.

George Horowitz phoned from New York last week, where he is now Vice President of John J. Reynolds, Inc., a real estate firm with offices at 64 East 46th Street. George considers himself back to normal after a couple of years of sub-par health.

Chris Hildebrand takes the time every now and then to continue his one man war against Elvis Presley by correspondence. At the same time he keeps me informed as to the state of his continuing bout with surgeons, a bout at which he appears to be holding his own at the moment. He says Mac and Edna McMaster were recently their guests in Reno enroute from San Francisco to see the grandchild in the East. Their son Bill (USMA '46) had just received the Commendation Ribbon for his work in electronics.

Tony McAuliffe has been a more or less regular visitor to West Point this Fall and Winter. He and your scribe have had the pleasure of serving together on the nominating committee of the Trustees of the Association of Graduates. Tony, who is now Vice President in charge of Engineering and Construction of the American Cyanamid Co., recently received two new honors from the French Government through the French Ambassador, Herve Alphand. He was advanced from Chevalier to Commander in the French Legion of Honor, and was also awarded the Croix de Guerre with palm.

Tom Waters, now retired and living in Falmouth, Massachusetts, has become manager of a memorial and monument firm, the Baker Monument Co., in that city. He writes that living in Falmouth pretty well isolates him from military contacts.

Did you notice that the picture entitled "Plebes Begin Life of Splendid Isolation" in the article by Harris Jones, "The Corps Has—", in the Winter 1958 ASSEMBLY was of members of 1919 entering Beast Barracks? Anyone who can identify all of those in the picture correctly (Syd Gould is easy) will receive a free ticket to the moon.

—B. W. (Brick) Barlett
Dept. of Elec. Engr.,
West Point

1920

On November 24, 1957 a retirement reception was given by the Fort MacArthur Officers Club in California to honor Frank and Esther Roberts' retirement. The Army, and particularly the Class of 1920, will miss these two fine people on our active list, and all wish them a long life and much happiness in retirement. A photograph appears on this page taken at the ceremony. Appearing in it from left to right are: Major Eugene Gamior, Aide; Mrs. Ewart Plank; Major General "Eddie" McGaw, CG, 6th Reg. AA Cmd; Miss Jacqui Plank; Major General "Eddie" Plank (Ret); Mrs. Frank Roberts; General F. N. Roberts; Mrs. H. T. Miller; Brigadier General H. T. Miller (Ret); Mrs. "Eddie" McGaw; and Lieutenant Robert Gross, Aide.

Eddie McGaw writes that the Class of 1920 is not too plentiful out near Fort Baker, California. Only four attended the last annual West Point Dinner. They were Rhu Taylor, John Culleton, Charlie Amazeen, and Eddie.

Further news in his letter concerning the Class was that Joe Langevin is at Fort Huachuca where he is handling several contracts for RCA. "Puddle" Lake lives in Alamogordo and Eddie saw him during one of the Nike service practices at Red Canyon firing range. Later in El Paso he had dinner with Lawrence and Helen Bartlett. In Pebble Beach, California, lives Harold Handy who writes regularly to Eddie. Apparently Harold is thoroughly enjoying his retirement. It is further reported that Homer Millard has a West Point Prep. School going at Langlois, Oregon.

I was notified about the middle of December (too late for the December Class Notes) that Freeman G. ("Fritz") Cross was elected a Director of the Park National Bank in Knoxville, Tennessee. "Fritz" is now Vice-President and General Manager of the Fulton Sylphon Division of the Robertshaw-Fulton Controls Corporation in Knoxville. "Fritz's" son, Lieutenant Freeman G. Cross, Jr., Corps of Engineers, U.S. Army, was graduated from West Point in the Class of 1957. He is now stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia, having just completed a school at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. "Fritz" and Jean live at 1125 Nokomis Circle, Knoxville, Tennessee.

West Point had a visitor in the person of "Hank" Hodes, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Army, Europe on Saturday and Sunday, February 22nd-23rd. He came

to spend a few hours with his son and daughter-in-law, Captain J. T. Hodes, Armor, and wife, who are stationed here. Captain Hodes is in the Tactical Department. They have four children but we understand that "Hank" came expressly on this visit to have another look at the twins born about seven months ago, a boy and girl, the boy being Henry Hodes, II, or another young "Hank" The elder "Hank" was on his way to address a group at the Army War College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Later he was going on a similar mission to Maxwell Field, Alabama.

On February 17, which, incidentally, was a terrifically cold and snowy day in this vicinity, our scribe went to New York City to meet the incoming steamship "Constitution", American Export Lines, arriving from Italy. His purpose was to meet a sister-in-law and conduct her to West Point. Imagine his surprise when he stepped on board to have a fine looking fellow step up and say, "Don't I know you? I'm W. S. (Bill) Wood, USMA. Class of '20." Well, after the usual warm hand clasp and back slapping, Marian appeared and a very pleasant conversation ensued for a few minutes until we were all summarily engrossed in the chores of landing. Bill and Marian had been to Europe on a combined business and pleasure trip. It is understood that Bill was surveying a possible site in Italy for a factory branch of his company. The Beloit Iron Works of Beloit, Wisconsin. Bill is President of this organization which manufactures heavy machinery principally for the manufacture of paper.

Since the publication of the last column of these notes I have had some news which is slightly encouraging about Ted Taney in Minneapolis. The report is that Ted is improving in health although not sufficiently to return to his law practice.

-E.C.G., Jr.,

Dept. of P. & C., USMA.

1921 and 1922

Little news seems to have been generated by Orioles lately. Much of what there is relates only to the efforts of some of them to get away from the unusual Winter we've been having. Johnnie RH and Charlie Branham headed for Florida, Tommy Thomson for Florida and Nassau—but Florida's weather doesn't seem to have contributed much in the way of relaxation! Murphy, who lives there, went out one day on a bird-watching tour of the Florida Keys and found himself in the same party with General and Mrs. Fenton. That was Murphy's first acquaintance with the man who took over P. Wirt's department years after we had graduated, and who has given so much of his time to the Association of Graduates.

Matty retires in March and we all wish him a happy retirement, without such unpleasantness as being hospitalized over the recent Christmas period.

Barrett goes to Europe on temporary duty this Spring, in connection with the teaching of Foreign Languages. And if an inconsequential item like that has to be reported as news, then it's time to stop writing!

-C. J. Barrett

West Point

Dept. of For. Lang.

Classmates of '20 and Wives at Reception for Maj. Gen. Roberts



Classmates of Maj. Gen. F. N. Roberts, Chief of Calif. Mil. Dist., their wives and his aides at Retirement reception for General Roberts at Ft. MacArthur Officers' Open Mess. Left to right are Maj. Eugene Gamior, Aide; Mrs. Ewart Plank; Maj. Gen. Edward McGaw, CG, 6th Reg. AA Cmd.; Miss Jacqui Plank; Maj. Gen. Plank (ret); Mrs. Roberts; General Roberts; Mrs. H. T. Miller; Brig. Gen. Miller (ret); Mrs. McGaw; and Lt. Robert Gross, Aide.

1923

As a prologue to our 35th Reunion, it seems appropriate to review the Class notes which have appeared in ASSEMBLY since the 25th in 1953.

The last two issues of 1953 told of the doings at reunion and announced distribution of the 30-year book prepared by Hertford, Towle and Joe Greene. Joe died in June of 1953 before the book was completed.

The first issue of 1954 featured a letter from the one and only "Trooper" Price in his own inimitable style. The second recorded the death of our revered honorary Classmate, Louis Vauthier, on March 16 and of Hoyt Vandenberg, our so-far most distinguished Classmate, on April 2. These issues are full of notes on retirements, promotions, and assignments to high command. The last two issues told the story of the retirement of the bulk of the class on September 30, under the "30 and 5" rule, a part of a bill by some weird sense of humor described as for the purpose of vitalizing the Army! Although ASSEMBLY does not mention this, it should be noted that quite a few of us, including Deke Stone, Galloway, Kehm and others chose to do their bit in this revitalizing by retiring voluntarily before September 30. The resignation of Ralph Tudor from his post as Under Secretary of the Interior was also noted. Ralph is the first classmate to reach high national political office.

A 1955 issue drew attention to a Saturday Evening Post article by Tudor. This article served to add his name to the list of Greene, Grombach, Chambers, Fry, and Dorn as writers of books or articles which have received more than passing public attention. The issues for that year also

featured pictures and comment about "Babe" Bryan, the only "Supe" our Class has (in part at least) provided. It is also recorded that in this year we were having a contest as to who would be the last to become a father. Gjelsteen and John Stodter were listed as the chief contestants.

One of the 1946 issues carries a distinctive note in that it records a case in which one of the 1923 wives established a "claim to fame." It reported that Agnes Garrecht had been awarded a trip to Europe for winning a national flower garden planning competition. 1956 issues also recorded the departure of "Babe" as "Supe" and the tragic death of "Judge" Noyes who was Adjutant General of Alaska at the time.

Early 1957 issues noted that Gjelsteen and Stodter had been dethroned (that isn't quite the term) as latest father in 1956 by Hertford, Noyes (posthumously), and King, J.C., in that order. There was also a reference to the high tribute paid to the memory of "Touch" O'Shea by his civilian community. The last issue forecast the departure of Bill Morton from West Point, thus leaving the class without representation there.

An interesting sidelight revealed in this review was the number of times that visits by classmates to "Woppy" White are mentioned. The descriptions are so glowing that they make you want to take right off for Pittston, Maine, where the Whites live. These reports are a tribute to the innate friendliness of "Woppy" and to the charm of his family and his home.

This brings us to 1958. In January, King, J.C., Torrence, and Guevara were re-elected Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary respectively, of the Washington Group with Roper, Weikert, and Beckley

as members of the Executive Committee.

Raymond, A.D., informs us that his difficulty in walking has been diagnosed as due to multiple sclerosis. Though this must be discouraging news for A.D., we expect his fine morale to see him through.

Barney and Louise Tormey were in Washington for a few days in mid-February. They are still at Princeton where Barney is working on a Ph.D. Dr. Tormey! Imagine that! Both of them seemed to take the exposure to culture in stride and were looking very well indeed. They report that Miles Reber is in the vicinity of Princeton. In addition to the 1923 "locals," "Pinkie" Dorn showed up at a party for the Tormeyes given by the Timbermans at their quarters on Fort Myer. "Pinkie" was in Washington for his one-man show of dry-brush water colors. The Washington Star of February 16 gave him a fine write-up.

February 15, 1958 will be remembered by all of us in Washington because of the 14-inch snow storm and because it was the day that Elizabeth, daughter of Ted and Evelyn Osborne, was married to Mr. Donald Claudy of New York City. Her sister, Dorothy, (Mrs. H. W. Hinkley) was Matron-of-Honor and Dorothy's daughter was a most attractive flower girl. We seem to have reached the age at which we notice the parents more than the bridal couple. In this case we were not disappointed. Ted and Evelyn looked extremely well and were friendly and solicitous hosts at the reception at McNair.

Reunion

You should, by this time, all have an announcement that there is to be a picnic on June 1, a dinner dance on June two and of course Graduation on June fourth. (*Please note new date!*) Enough places have been reserved for the "gals" and we "gents" will be taken care of in the Barracks. Those of you who want to remain "en familie" during reunion should make separate arrangements. If you have not yet signified your intention in regard to Reunion, be sure to let a member of the Committee know as soon as possible. Same if you have any change in plans.

Changes of station and illness have made it necessary to reconstitute the Reunion Committee. It now consists of Jim Fry as Chairman and Edwards and Gunn as members.

After a reconsideration of the costs involved in reproducing our personal histories, (even if they were only mimeographed, it would run to about \$1,500), the Committee and Washington Group have reluctantly decided that the drain on the Treasury would be too great to warrant going ahead with the project at this time.

This does not mean that Maddocks and Kehm are out of business. They will continue to collect and consolidate the histories as a basis for use in conjunction with our 40th reunion and for ASSEMBLY notes. It is even possible that one of our more literate members might make a commercial project out of such a book. Any volunteers?

The histories that have come in so far have been most interesting. Mary Kehm, who has read them all, has delivered the fixed opinion that they are a splendid tribute to the Class. She says they reflect such a high sense of cheerful devotion to duty and show such notable contributions to the welfare of the coun-

try that they are truly inspirational. We give you her opinion because while we feel exactly the same way about it, our opinion would be called biased. Since we do hope to present some highlights from these literary excursions in future issues of ASSEMBLY, we suggest that; "All men who have not done so, will do so immediately! By Order, Sir!"

Taps

On January 7 "Pop" (C.J.) Harrold died here in Washington. He had been Quartermaster at The Soldiers Home since his retirement. "Pop" was a veteran of World War I and one of the more mature and highly respected men of the Class. Throughout his service he engendered a feeling of confidence among his friends and acquaintances. He is survived by his wife, Antoinette, and three sons, two of them in the service. Pop was buried at Arlington on January 10.

On February 23 "Bo" Ascher died at Kansas City, Missouri. A note from Mildred in January reported that he was bedfast. We had no further news until P. P. Weikert was notified of Bo's death. We understand that he was buried at Kansas City on February 25.

Miscellany

Eddie Post says he will retire on May 31.

Charlie Myers will retire in June, the same month Charles III graduates from Rice. This means "commencement" in new careers for both of them.

Jimmy Fry retired on December 31, 1957.

Charlie Lawrence, we are informed, has recently become Vice President of a Texas mutual funds outfit and of its parent company.

Roper has been reported as assisting in the expansion of The Association of the U.S. Army during a recent visit to Texas.

Craigie has become a vice-president of American Machine and Foundry and been made a Fellow of the Institute of Aeronautical Scientists we are told.

Roy Lord in addition to his many other affiliations, is reported to have become a director of the Glen Alden Corporation of Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania.

Einar Gjelsteen writes that he has just acquired four apartments, three of which he plans to rent out. Einar is with the California Civil Defense. His new address is 1510 15th Street, Sacramento 14, California. Genevieve is managing the properties and the two young fry. Ruth Anne is teaching in an Arlington, Virginia, public school.

"Schlats" Schlatter and "Berby" have made a reconnaissance, estimated the situation, evaluated the courses of action and come up with a decision to settle down in San Antonio. Dave says the part of his "sabbatical" that he has had so far been most enjoyable. Accordingly, he proposes to take the rest of it before he considers a job. Their new address is: 235 E. Huisache St., San Antonio 12, Texas.

Ray Milton is returning to the States after being a construction consultant for the Chinese Government on Taiwan. His new permanent address will be Box 487, Crete, Ill. He says he will be looking for a job when he gets back.

Les Grener states that he is still having troubles from a cancerous jaw. He gives Charley Myers credit for insuring the

prompt action by a talented surgeon which enabled him to make as good a recovery as he has achieved. Les reports that after standing near the top of our class in English and taking graduate work in the subject, he is now busy teaching math!

Jeff Binns writes that his wife Jesse's eyesight is now better than it has ever been. All of us who have known Jess and realized that poor eyesight was quite a problem for her are delighted with this turn of events. Most of us seem to show increasing signs of wearing out. It's refreshing to find that at least one of us is improving!

Special Events

The Washington Group will be drinks hosts to Navy 1923 on March 17 for a luncheon at Fort Myer. Keep the date in mind and if you can be in Washington on this famous (St. Patrick's) day, be sure to join us. Come to think of it, this blurb will not be published until after that date so you should treat the above as an announcement. The same will probably apply to a mixed buffet we are planning for April 11 at Fort Myer at 1800. If, however, this reaches you before that date, get in touch with Guevara or any of the Washington internees for details.

Extra! Extra! Extra!

One of the holdoutingest bachelors has done it- Harry Scheetz is engaged. Under present plans he will be married to Thelma Taylor, widow of Colonel Thomas F. Taylor, USMA 1929, in May. They plan to attend Reunion. You can all look forward to welcoming a very fine couple to the families of 1923. According to our inventory, this wedding will leave only Dorn and DeBardeleben as full time bachelors. O. P. Newan retires on May 31.

-Harry D. Kehm,
1421 No. Jefferson St.,
Arlington, Va.

1924

The Class is proud to hear of Art Trudeau's new assignment as Chief of Research and Development in the Pentagon. Art has been in command of the First Corps in Korea and is expected to arrive in Washington to take over his new duties in February. On the occasion of his departure from Korea, the First Corps Headquarters published a special edition of its newspaper, "BULLSEYE," which praised very highly Art's services as Corps Commander. The Special Edition depicted, in pictures, Art's various activities, while he was in command of the First Corps. Under captions, pictures were shown of the fact that "He came-He was promoted-He worked-He was a soldier-He made a fighting team-He was religious-He was a friend-He trained." Art is particularly well suited for his new assignment by his background and experience in various assignments during his early career. His classmates join in wishing him every success.

From Chicago, Mark E. Smith reports that Bill Halligan furnishes TV sets that are used for an annual joint Army-Navy get-together on the occasion of the Army-Navy Game. He also states that Bill Reardon is at home recuperating from an intestinal operation.

Harry Davis is demonstrating unusual class spirit by commuting all the way

Class of 1924 Party at Fort Sam Houston Officers Open Mess

from Reading, Pennsylvania, to Washington, whenever he can, for the Class luncheons. Harry is enthusiastic on Class matters and his presence in Washington at the luncheons is always most welcome.

Eddie and Virginia Hart are comfortably settled at No. 7 Oak, West Broadmoore, Colorado Springs, where Eddie has taken command of the Army Air Defense Command. Their eldest daughter, Virginia, is married and living in El Paso, Texas. One of their twin daughters, Susie, is married to Lieutenant Robert C. Foreman, son of Tom, and is at present stationed at Fort Meade. Their other daughter, Sally Ann, attended the University of Maryland last year and is now with Eddie and Virginia in Colorado.

The Class was grieved to learn of the sudden death of Lowell Limpus in New York City on December 20. Lowell had always been most interested in Class affairs, and in his important position with THE NEW YORK NEWS, was able to do the Class many services. Lowell's philosophy in life perhaps is indicated by an excerpt from his obituary, which he wrote himself in 1955. He said: "I want no flowers, mourning or elaborate funeral ceremony. Mourning would be especially inappropriate because I'm confident I'm off on the greatest adventure of my life. I'm now tackling the biggest assignment any newspaper man could have." In accordance with his wishes, Lowell's funeral services were simple and included dignified Masonic Rites. Classmates and wives attending included McLamb, Willis, Finlay, Mulligan, Storck, Miriam Tacy, Emma Marcus and Vivian Chang Tse. Lowell is survived by his wife, the former Frances Holmes of Mamaroneck, New York, and a daughter, Laurel. His classmates will miss Lowell and his fine sense of humor.

Loomis Booth, who is the general manager of the Athens Water Works, visited in Washington in December. He and Nancy appear to be enjoying their life in Athens and will be glad to see any classmates who pass through.

Charlie Palmer continues to move up the Army ladder. He is completing his assignment as Deputy Commander of the Eighth Army and Commander of the Army Forces in Japan, and will shortly take command of the Sixth Army with Headquarters at San Francisco. This is a splendid assignment and the Class extends its congratulations to Charlie.

The Alamo Chapter of The Thundering Herd gathered at the Fort Sam Houston's Officers Open Mess on the evening of September 7, 1957. Those attending were Burrills, Cullens, Darlings, Hainses, Hameses, Henrys, Iveses, Jennings, Kochs, Massaros, Ramseys, Scotts, Stokeses, Traywicks and Wrockloffs. Also coming, unattached, were Zero Wilson, Benny Leonard, Walt Proctor, Paul Cooper, Cappy Cureton and Hannah Hawkins. From all appearances, everyone had a good time. (Picture of party enclosed)

Bill and Helena Liebel have moved into their new home at 218 Laramie Drive, San Antonio. The Paul Coopers recently moved from California and are settling in San Antonio at 801 Elizabeth Road.

Larry Adams remarried on October 19 and is still living in Silver City, New Mexico.

Dan and Margaret Healy were principals in an interesting nuptial affair which took place upon the occasion of the



Seated (left to right)—Karla Burrill, Nugie Massaro, Winnie Ramsey, Stokes, Toots Darling, Irma Wrockloff, Yeba Henry, Ada Hains, Alice Koch. Standing, 1st row—Cooper, Traywick, Frances Traywick, Burrill, Massaro, Hains, Agnes Stokes, Gen Jennings, Hannah Hawkins, Wilson, Cullen. 2nd row—Mabel Scott, Darling, Leonard, Procter, Scott, E. L., Jennings, Ives, Koch. Back row—Hames, Margaret Hames, Ramsey, Taggy Cullen, Cappy Cureton, Wrockloff, Henry.

marriage of their twin son and daughter at the same hour and same day, but different places, at 11 a.m., December 28, 1957. Their daughter, Margaret, was married to Mr. David W. Cooney at Alexandria, Louisiana, and their son, Edward, was married to Patricia Hargreaves at the Fort Lewis Chapel. Edward is a Lieutenant in the Army.

Loren, the son of Jerry and Olive Reid, who is a First Classman at West Point, is coaching the 150-pound football team's centers and guards. Loren used up his years of eligibility, but being a first-class football player continued his services in the capacity of coach.

Pete Day has been relieved of his assignment with Headquarters EUCOM in Europe and has been given command of Headquarters Tenth Corps (Reserve) at Fort Lawton, Washington.

Bob Dewey has completed his assignment in Turkey and is now with EUCOM. Charlie Dasher has moved from Berlin and is now Chief of Staff of US AREUR and he and Helen are residing in Heidelberg.

Jimmy Moore continues to handle his many problems in Okinawa with his usual forceful ability. On November 26, THE NEW YORK TIMES carried an article on the situation there and said, in part: "Lieutenant General James E. Moore, United States High Commissioner and Military Commander on this strategic island, changed the rules of the capital city's municipal administration yesterday, making it possible for the predominantly pro-American City Assembly to oust the anti-American Chief Executive." Jimmy is expected to return to the States shortly on a new assignment.

The Reverend Stephen Ackerman has completed his training as an institutional chaplain and is awaiting an assignment.

Meanwhile, he is building a home at 432 Broadland Road, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia, and expects to occupy the home about the first of March.

Jesse Wells has moved from Clearwater, Florida, to Largo. The reason for the change at this moment is not known. Maria de la Rosa, widow of Oswald, has moved into her new home at 221 Lymond Drive, San Antonio.

The Class was shocked and grieved by the unexpected death of Bill Maglin. As reported in the last edition of ASSEMBLY, Bill seemed to have solved the ideal retirement setup, but died unexpectedly of a heart attack at his home in Melbourne, Florida on January 11. Bill enjoyed a distinguished Army career, and as Provost Marshal General of the Army was responsible for the institution of many progressive policies. In 1956, he received the William Freeman Snow medal for distinguished service to humanity from the American Social Hygiene Association. He was the third Army man ever to receive the award. Bill's remains were borne to his final resting place by his Classmates, and the following attended the funeral: Berry, Bidwell, Blanchard, Boatner, Cummings, Davis, Elmore, Erskine, Graling, Hill, Pope, Smith, Royce, John, Lanham, Lee, Linn MacCloskey, McCormick, Outcalt, Page, Prather, Sexton, Sibley, Smythe, Stephens, Bailey, Evans, Polsgrove. Also present were Lorraine Eddleman, Louise Cummings and Nelle Lenzner. Numerous classmates living outside of Washington sent telegrams and notes of condolence. Bill was one of the most popular members of the Class and he will be missed. His wife, Kathryn, intends to continue her residence at Melbourne. One son, Captain William C. Maglin, is stationed in Honolulu, and another son, Jere, is a student at the Uni-

versity of Maryland. Perhaps the feelings of his classmates towards Bill was best expressed by Sandy Goodman, in a letter to Frank Graling following Bill's death. To quote Sandy: "We all lose a wonderful friend—one who would do all in his power for any of his classmates—and the world will miss a truly great person. May he rest in peace."

Members of the class will be interested to learn of the imminent arrival in the States of T. H. Chang. Our Chinese classmate is living in Hong Kong with one of his daughters pending arrangements for their entry into the United States. Under the sponsorship of Peyton McLamb, his other daughter, Vivian, and her husband have been in New York for some time. Chang's entry into the country has taken some doing on the part of several classmates, particularly Peyton McLamb, Frank Graling, John Hill and George Smythe.

From New York, Frank Kidwell writes that he and his wife, Joe, visited Reg and Edna Dean. Edna is still in a wheel chair from her recent fall and Reg is doing a fine job as Chief Maintenance Engineer for the New Jersey Turnpike Authority. The Kidwells now have five grandchildren, four living in Holmdel, New Jersey, and one in Silver Springs, Florida.

Emma Marcus writes that on June 10 a commemorative dinner for Mickey will be held at the Biltmore Hotel in New York City. Mickey's services to Israel and the cause of Freedom will be the subject of the principal speech by General Lucius Clay.

Deck Reynolds writes from St. Louis that he and his wife, Erminie, are now grandparents. Their son, Roy, who chose the Navy for a career, has become the father of a fine boy. Their younger son, Roger, is now doing a two-year stint in the Army as a Lieutenant in the F. A. Reserve.

Marrow Sorley is the Project Director of the Illinois Survival Plan Project, with Headquarters in Chicago. His daughter, Judith, has just been elected President of the Student Body at Sweet Briar College.

Frank Graling, our Class President, who has given an unestimated number of hours to class business, has—with the help of Emil Pasolli and Al Dombrowsky—finally located some information concerning Ed Hirz whose address has been unknown for some years. Ed resigned in 1929 and re-entered the service during World War II. He died at Mourmelon, France, on May 8, 1946 and is buried in the U.S. Military Cemetery at St. Avold, near Metz.

Benny Leonard has just been appointed Vice President of the United Services Automobile Association in San Antonio. It's a real promotion and Benny is to be congratulated.

Martin Hass is enjoying a restful but productive retirement at Biloxi, Mississippi. He is involved in a number of civic and charitable enterprises that have gained him the respect and appreciation of the entire community.

Jack Kirkendall has undoubtedly set a class record for retirement activity. As a retired Brigadier General in the Air Force, Jack holds the following positions: Vice President of the Washington Underwriters, Inc.; Traffic consultant with the Dixie Highway Express, Inc.; Gulf Coast Representative for the Mississippi Valley Portland Cement Company; American

Representative for the Dutch Ignition Systems Research Laboratories of Leidschen Post Voorburg, Netherlands; A Real Estate Development in Ocean Springs, Mississippi; and Special representative of the Occidental Life Insurance Company. Of the latter activity Jack states that he has sold two policies in two years—one in an elevator and the other in a dentist's chair! He estimates that by 2058 he will have made his second million.

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

1925

The news is not voluminous this time, but it is all pleasant.

First, we were honored to have a visit from Jack Bird, who came to West Point in January wearing his hat as President of the Fort Sill Bank. He was here as part of the annual program of letting First Classmen have an opportunity to make contact with good banks in order to open their initial checking accounts in preparation for life after graduation.

Jack looks healthy, happy and handsome. While he was here we managed to: (1) discuss everything from the state of archaeological findings in Mesopotamia to campaigns in the southwest Pacific; and (2) prove that Scotch is palatable. One thought Jack expressed seems to me worthy of announcing for the record: he says that the way to stay young is to keep looking forward. He is a living example, and I recommend his philosophy.

I had a most interesting letter from my brother-in-law, Bruce Whitelaw, of Louisville, Kentucky, telling about recent correspondence with Joe Cleland. Joe and Bruce were once schoolmates at Kemper, and both on the football team there which went undefeated in 1920 and nearly so in 1921. Kemper is one of the oldest private military academies in the nation; and its President now is none other than that illustrious son of Kemper and West Point, Joe himself. So, our heartiest congratulations and best wishes to both Kemper and Joe.

If you missed it in the Army-Navy Journal you will be interested to know that Red Reeder's daughter Dorothea was elected President of the Honor Council by the 1500 students of Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia at Fredericksburg. Dorothea is also President of the Junior Class and a member of the campus newspaper staff. The Reeder talent is here to stay!

Red's book on The Civil War is about to be published as this column goes to press; and I wish that I had a few more days in order to read it and tell you about it before I send these notes to ASSEMBLY. I am already two days beyond the ASSEMBLY deadline, however, with the Editor needling me. But I'm betting on Red's book as one of the best that Young America will ever read on the Civil War. I can forecast, incidentally, that Red is giving George H. Thomas the credit he deserves as one of the Academy's Great Captains, along with other first-team members like Lee, Jackson, Grant, Sheridan and Sherman.

Best regards to all.

—Nick Nicholas
Dept. of Math.
USMA

Soon another June Week will be with us. This one will be more than ordinary in that nine class sons will graduate. This is by far our largest class son group in a graduating class. They are: Bowen, F. S. 3d; Collins, S. P.; Hutton, P. C. 3d; Jones, L. 3d; Roosma, G. C.; Roosma, W. A.; Smith, A. A. (Smith, C. R's son); Stanton, J. D.; and Toftoy, C. N. This will make a total of 31 class sons who have graduated. In the class of 1959 we have Burwell, J. M.; Hutton, C. P.; and Plummer, T. F. Jr.; none in 1960, and Heiberg, W. L. in 1961.

Sad news of Bob Gaffney. He died February 14 at his home in Merrick, New York, and was buried at West Point on the 18th. Our sincere sympathy to his family.

Harry Johnson and Polly spent the Christmas holidays at West Point visiting daughter Patricia and family. Pat's husband, Captain J. T. Dixon, is on duty with the Social Sciences Department. Johnnie looks hale and hearty and reports all is well in the Alabama Military District.

Marjorie Conzelman Davis reports the grandson has been named Clair. Son Peter Conzelman (Class of '53), wife Mary and Clair are at Cape Canaveral where Peter is part of the Army Ordnance team there.

Our Mike led an invasion of the Molloy's to West Point in January. With him were his three sons, Michael, Peter and the youngest, Brian, who is a sophomore at Brown University. Brian plays defense on Brown's fine hockey team. Mike had a tough time being neutral at Smith Rink. Brian scored the first goal. In the last period, the Army team tied the score and, with about a minute to play, pulled ahead to win 5-4.

Ben and Betty Thurston are living in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Ben has a job with a correspondence school and engages in local civic projects. Last Fall he dropped over to Phoenix to win the Arizona Open Chess Championship. Daughter Laurie is a pre-medical student at the University of California. Sons Bobbie, age 10, and Benj, 16, complete the family group.

Red and Frances Duffy seem permanently settled in Michigan. They recently acquired a farm not far from their home in Bloomfield Township. Red ably states his reasoning: "with an eye to the future, and when the need for a compelling outside interest will be much greater than it is now." We are happy to learn of Frances' recovery from her very serious operation and extend best wishes for resumption of good health. Son Frank is a senior at the University of Michigan and plans to go on into the study of medicine.

Bob and Big Nurse report all is well at Greenbrae, California, and at San Rafael Military Academy, where Bob is Commandant and PMS&T. Young Bob and family are stationed in Japan. Daughter Joan is a high school sophomore and enjoying life to the fullest both at school and at home.

Our congratulations to Dorothea Reeder (Red's number two daughter) on being elected President of the Honor Council at Mary Washington College. Dorothea is a junior and also President of her class.

Those of you who are interested in the "Better Book Dept." will be happy to

learn that THE STORY OF THE CIVIL WAR was published in February. The author—Red Reeder.

—Roy Herte,

1 Jean Court,
Cornwall-on-Hudson, New York

1928

Bill Breckinridge, Fort Ord, has just informed us of the death of "Mac" Watkins on February 25. "Mac" had spent over a year in the Veterans Hospital. During this time he had been in constant pain and displayed extreme courage in standing it as long as he did. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his widow who resides at 303 Highland Terrace, Woodside, California.

Ed Markham recently underwent another serious operation at Walter Reed. It is understood that he is recuperating and hopes to join us in June.

Among those reported to have been visiting in the Middle East recently are Verdi Barnes and Garry Coverdale.

At the present time one member of the Class is serving as Chief of a Technical Service and two others are Acting Chiefs. Andy McNamara is Quartermaster General and Bob Browning and Jack Hinrichs are Acting Chiefs of Transportation and Ordnance respectively.

Tommy Sherburne has been reassigned from the 101st Airborne to Europe. Merce Walter writes that he expects to leave Belgrade before March 31 but will probably be given another European assignment.

Visited Red Brown at Bolling AFB last month and had lunch in Washington with Denny Denniston and Stu McLennan. The Reunion Book is coming along and Red is doing a fine job of getting it printed. Other Reunion plans have been firmed up and the final dope has been sent out. If anyone has not received the letter of March 1 please let me know.

—John D. Billingsley,
Professor of Ordnance
West Point, New York.

1929

Three classmates report extensive recent travels. Kai Rasmussen's letter from the Special Operations Research Office of the American University in Washington, reports a two month's trip around the world (his fourth) to survey social science research facilities in Southeast Asia and the Middle East. He is particularly impressed by the "renaissance of nationalism" (a choice of words with which this professor would like to quarrel but will not pause to do so) and by the varied and important jobs of the Class of '29. His researches carried him to his home town, Copenhagen, from which Bill Vestal is being rotated home next Summer. Kai saw most of the classmates who were also seen by your reporter and by Weary Wilson on less extensive travels mentioned below. None of us got to Izmir where Paul Harkins is doing an outstanding job commanding Allied Land Forces according to all reports.

Kai is starting on the class 30 year book in a scientific manner—researching the activities of other classes in order to undertake what he calls "the necessary plagiarism" on a selective basis. A ques-

tionnaire to all classmates will be around in the future.

Weary Wilson writes after a return from what he calls a "command inspection" of the Engineer's Pacific Ocean Division. He found the Pacific being controlled (maybe he should have used the more moderate word "populated") by the Class of '29. George Bush is Commanding the First Cavalry, George Coolidge is his Assistant Division Commander. Tommy Sands, now commanding the 7th Division, is returning soon to Norfolk. We here at West Point are fortunate in seeing Renee now and then. She is living at their home in Cornwall. Jim Hannigan is a Commanding General of something with a set of letters which Weary did not translate for this uninitiated person (Note: This column lives by your letters but please spell out the abbreviations). Tom Griffin is Jim's Deputy and John Phillips is the First Corps Artillery Commander. Tony Costello has just joined these other '29ers in Korea. In Hawaii, Bat Carns appears to be the entertainer. Weary reported a "very lively dinner party in my honor" whereas Kai had a "not-too-quiet evening." Ed McNally, Phil Draper, and Slim Vittrup are also working on that pleasant Island.

Promotions include Dan Doubleday to Major General in the Air Force; Don Keim and Don Graul to permanent B/G's in the Air Force. Don Graul writes a kindly letter to point out that my previous reporting on him was a bit in error. He is Commanding the Rome Air Development Center which does research and development in the ground electronics area. Roy Holbrook, ex '29, is a Lieutenant Colonel in his local Intelligence Laboratory. Don sees no other Academy graduates about the place near his class except the members of the classes of '51-'53 with whom he "plays tennis and squash." He reports Bob Scott as Comptroller of the Air Research and Development Command at Baltimore. Correcting a previous report, Mish Roth has retired to join the Richards-Wilcox Mfg. Co., Aurora, Illinois.

Continuing to note the record of '29 with education and industry, Benny Wimer is now in Honolulu as the local manager of McGoughy and Associates, an architectural and consulting engineer firm. Benny received the Legion of Merit for his service to the Joint Construction Agency in Europe where he supervised the building of around 100 million dollars worth of facilities in three countries.

George Reilly writes that Dave Angluin is doing something at Fort Mason and that Wes Wilson says he is having a time keeping ahead of his history classes in Bismarck.

A note from Jim Winn on the letterhead of The Post Commander of Fort Ritchie, Maryland, concerns itself principally with an introduction to West Point for his daughter—who is ten years old.

Your reporter travelled about 25,000 miles during the month of January incident to orders that Professors of the Military Academy should "refresh their knowledge by travel." The refreshment carried as far as the Khyber Pass and was, in considerable part, in company with Kirk Kirkpatrick who has the Engineer District with Headquarters in Livorno, Italy, and construction over parts of Africa and the Middle East and southern Europe with an area the size of the

United States. We saw Jeff Seitz and his wife Royce in Tehran, where Jeff has been doing well a very difficult job as Head of our mission training and supplying of the Iranian Army. He is going soon to the First Army at Governors Island, New York. We hit most of the stops in that part of the world except Izmir where Bill Bullock is Chief of Staff to Paul Harkins. Swede Svensson has liked his job as Head of the Army Section of the MAAG-Ankara. He is coming home this Summer.

Leaving Kirk in Livorno I went on to Germany, SHAPE, and England, the most arresting experience being placed all alone in a closed room with about 40 young lieutenants recently graduated from West Point—with a mission of listening to their views on West Point and the service. Bruce Rindlaub, seen with his charming wife at a German-American reception in Frankfurt, took a few minutes off from his vigorous prosecution of the good neighbor program to tell about building all kinds of things in Europe and Germany with his Engineer Brigade. If anyone's eyebrows rise over this professorial travel, it may interest them that of the 19 professors of the Military Academy who have been appointed more than a year, at least a half dozen will be absent refreshing their knowledge a material portion of the current year—at least two for the entire year.

One or two inquiries have been received for accommodations for wives for our 30 year reunion. Everything on the reservation or controlled by it gets assigned by the old Army system, rank, meaning order of seniority of the reunion class. Those classmates who have favorite hotels or other accommodations in the vicinity, may wish to make their arrangements well in advance with their old stamping grounds.

My thanks to those who have written and a plea to all to write.

—Abe Lincoln,
USMA

1930

Dear Gang,

As this is written at the end of February only the last traces of the East Coast's big snow remain—and I'm glad it has gone. Ah, that week was so different from the beautiful day in May that you are reading this.

Since the last letter several momentous things have happened. Ray Brisach, back from Japan, has joined in wedlock with Mrs. Charlotte Reynolds McCann. February 1 was the date and they are at home at 1108 Trinity Drive, Alexandria, Virginia. Ray has joined the faculty of The Industrial College of the Armed Forces. We are glad to have you join forces with '30, Charlotte, and may the two of you have lots of happiness.

On the first of January, Guy Emery took unto himself a law partner. The firm name is Emery and Wood, located at 917 Fifteenth Street, NW, Washington 5, D.C. The Emery's new residence is 1407 Sleepy Hollow Road, Falls Church, Virginia. The best of luck for the new enterprise and it is refreshing at our age to have a contemporary with the courage to embark on so momentous a private undertaking!

Every quarterly letter is likely to bring

the news of a retirement or so. Paul Yount, on January 31, turned in The Transportation Corps Wheel. Well, Paul, as I always have said, you are the smart one, and I know that Betsy and you are now going to enjoy life without being concerned with cares and tribulations of the "great rat race." The Younts are located at 6 Wakefield Court, Belhaven, Alexandria, Virginia. I read in the paper that later they will move to their place near Pittsburg, where raising Christmas trees will be the order of the day.

I suspect that many of you good people are qualifying as grandparents but I don't hear much about it. However, news has arrived that Betty and Bill Allen have qualified. Their daughter, Joyce Huff, did the trick in Germany on Christmas Day—offspring named Julie Reynolds. Snapshots that I have seen, carried by the proud grandparents here in Washington, show that young lady is going to be a "looker" like her grandma and mama.

It isn't news because all of you know that the December 16 issue of TIME was devoted to Norstad. Picture on the cover 'n' everything. Congratulations, SACEUR! You make us all sort of proud!

Last December the Alumni Association of Southwestern Louisiana Institute from which our own Chris Cagle was graduated in 1926, honored his memory by the dedication of a bronze plaque at his burial place in New Roads, Louisiana. Attending were his widow, Mrs. Marion Sweeley, the Lieutenant Governor of Louisiana, members of LSI Alumni Association and former teammates at LSI.

We have a few changes of address. Beauchamp has moved on the post here at Fort McNair. Address him: Bldg T-3, Fort L. J. McNair, Washington 25, D.C.

Bill Carter dropped me a line to say his address is Vicksburg, Mississippi, rather than Pittsburg as I had published it.

Seaford Garton has moved to Hq CONARC, Fort Monroe, Virginia.

Jerry Pospisil is now doing business at Fort MacArthur, San Pedro, California. He and Clare like it there very much. Well, who wouldn't? Thanks for the note, Jerry.

Tom Stoughton is moving to ODCSPER sometime in May; Bob Booth is going to Hq CONARC late in July; Bill Whipple to USA Engr. Division Southwestern, Dallas, Texas. These were gleaned from the orders—post your address lists, please. Unfortunately, I do not see The Air Force Orders so you boys in blue drop me a note when you are on the move. Hutch Hutchinson did just that. Effective in March his address will be: Air Task Force 13. Provisional, APO 63, San Francisco, California. The true location is Formosa and Hutch will be the Deputy Commander. His family is accompanying him. Thanks for the note, Hutch.

A note from Bill Taylor last January says he is to move on to X Corps (Reserve), Fort Lawton, Washington, and Jim Darrah is to be Commander of The Sector Command, Oregon, which is located at Vancouver Barracks, Washington. Did it happen this way, Bill and Jim? Thanks for the note, Bill.

A nice note from the Kromers in Japan says they will be home during the Summer. Three of their children are in the States: Fred, a PFC in the Guided Missiles School at Fort Sill (probably some

place else by now); Carol, a junior, and Alice, a freshman at Ohio State. It was nice to hear from you, Fran and Phil. Do it again.

How about you retired people writing to me? Let me know what you are doing, what the adjustments are, and any other tips that might help the rest of us make the transition. The time is coming soon for all of us who aren't "name players" and we should be getting ready.

The next deadline for notes is about May 15. Drop me a line.

—George C. Duehring,
Fort L. J. McNair,
Washington 25, D. C.

1931

John Daley heard from Bob Quakenbush who is stationed at the South Dakota Military District; Dick Harrison, who was replaced by "Klem" Boyd as JUSMAGG in Greece, has arrived to relieve Charlie Hoy as Deputy (Army) AFSWP. Enroute home, he reports seeing Don Weber in Madrid, and "Cal" Coolidge who was enroute to Izmir. He further reports that during a MAAG conference in Paris last November, he saw Jerry Rodanhauser, "Ockie" Krenger, "Mickey" Moore, Ted Parker, Ted Hickey and lots others. Charlie Hoy (nominee for second star) is leaving in April to become Chief MAAG, Teheran, Iran.

Louis Guenther reports seeing Charlie Raymond, whose address is Apt. B267, 3007 Erie St., S. E., Washington, D.C. Frank Bogart is leaving Washington on March 1 but has no idea where he is going, so he says. As of February 28 he was still firmly anchored in the Pentagon. He reports having seen Callahan who is now CG, Mobile Air Materiel Area. He also reports that he, Yates, Moore, Smart, and Callahan have been nominated for their second permanent star while Dougher has been nominated for his second temporary star. D. C. Little will be leaving Washington in July '58. His next station—PMST, Georgia Tech, Atlanta, Georgia.

John Cave saw Dick Steinbach enroute to Bonn last week; "Tricky" Troxel reports seeing Herb Mansfield and Freddy Berg in Heidelberg in early January; Gordon Cusack leaves Washington in June and hopes to have Fort Sam Houston as his next assignment. "Tick" Bonesteel has arrived in Washington to take over as Secretary of the General Staff; he reports seeing Ed Messinger in Hawaii on his way here from Korea; also, Ted Parker was in Washington for a few days—looking good! Ned Parker reports seeing Bill Taylor at Fort Bliss on January 23; F. T. Pachler recently made a trip to Spain; saw Warren Hoover and D. B. Weber in Spain; "Klem" Boyd in Athens; stayed with "Nosebag" Bays in Ankara. "Nosebag" will be coming home this Summer—assignment still unknown. John Berry, CG, Hqs, III Corps Artillery, Fort Hood, sent along the following bits of news: Paul Burns is the III Corps G-1, Leo Cather is the Corps DCofS, Quinney Brown just returned from Korea and has taken over the Div Arty of the 2nd Armored Division, Phil Bethune is currently ADC of the 2nd Armored Division. George Wertz saw Bill Taylor, who has a command at Fort Bliss, at the airport in El Paso.

A note of sadness . . . Bill Dick lost his

father this month. Our sympathy goes out to him.

I received a belated combination Christmas card, fact sheet, Black Book Item and news sheet from "Cam" McConnell. He and Julie are happily ensconced with the two boys in Lisbon. "Cam" is Chief of the Army section of the MAAG—How do these people get these jobs!!—Frank Corbin is here to assist the Congressional Committee on the pay legislation. He is stationed in Hawaii—Royden Beeke, the Air Force member on the JCS Strategic Survey Committee claims he is due to leave Washington this Summer—His son, Royden, Jr., a chopper pilot in the Army is to be married in June.

I happened upon the nicest thing the other evening. Walking through the dining room of the Mayflower Hotel I encountered Sam and Marguerite Smellow. Sam stated that it was his wife's birthday and he was taking her out to dinner. "Muggy" looked radiant. Sam seems better each time I see him. He had quite a long siege in Walter Reed with eye trouble. I am sure that all of us would feel as good as I did to see these two wonderful people so completely happy.

The Washington Group held a class luncheon in December, January and February. I, through ignorance, missed the one held on February 26 and therefore am unable to give a decent report. The Washington Group is holding a cocktail party at the Army-Navy Country Club on February 28. Hotspur Lask reports that he has left the Wyoming Military District and reported for duty at Hqs, 14th Corps, Minneapolis, on February 14. Bert Muenster will remain in Wyoming to battle the Redskins.

—J. B. Corbett
Colonel, GS

1932

Bill Smith has finally found the simple formula for getting people to write in the news—ask for dough. They don't exactly bellow with joy at the prospect but they do bellow; whether it be with satire, witticism or a curse on the U. S. Postal system for losing their letter with the check in it. When anyone bellows, of course, you get information and so long as you spell the name right, everyone is happy.

While dunning for dues in his own inimitable manner, he also put to the vote a suggestion made by Dave Schorr that our class donate \$100 to the USNA memorial stadium and thereby dedicate a seat as we see fit. By the usual postcard plebiscite this was approved by a large majority and as long as the stadium stands, one of the seats will bear a plaque with the inscription: "To the members of the U. S. Naval Academy Class of 1932 who made the supreme sacrifice; from the Class of 1932, USMA."

The letters were also replete with news, part of which follows here.

The local contingent are all delighted that Poo and Poola Hillsinger are back in Washington where Poo is General Counsel for GSA (General Services Administration, the potent giant that does most of the housekeeping for the Federal Government). We got that bit of news rather late in the day but it seemed a shame to wait. A phone call to them at one o'clock in the morning revealed that

they were both sleepy but well and happy, Poo is a slim 165 and they are receiving callers at Arlington Towers.

Duke Hoehl retired in December and is now happily engaged in running The Dorchester House, a nice hotel and restaurant in Oceanlake, Oregon, a lovely spot overlooking the Pacific. Good food, delightful surroundings and special rates to '32-ers, it says here. (Takes only the red corpuscles, probably.)

Walden Coffee, who retired sometime previously, has now settled on his property 50 miles north of Roanoke with three miles of river frontage where he is contentedly but energetically remodeling an old farm house while getting ready for the fishing in the warm weather.

And that Prince of retired officers who always pays his dues and I'm sure will act as pallbearer for the last survivor of our class, Bob Glassburn, Sr., has moved into his new house in Clearwater, Florida, which has every known device produced by modern science to enhance the art of loafing. He invites any itinerant voyageur to pause and refuel at this lovely place which is "only 15 minutes from the Gulf beaches and less than two yards from total insolvency."

Many changes on the active front also, starting in Baghdad where Danny Campbell's main complaint is his mailing address, viz: c/o the Army Attaché—just call me the irate Iraqi. Tom Hannah left his job there as MAAG Chief recently and now commands the 4th Training Regt. at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

Meanwhile Charlie and Rose D'Orsa maintain their fine control on the European situation and have gone from Naples to Hq USAREUR, job unspecified. Dick Hunt is well installed in the Hague and his duties as Army Attaché to Holland enable him to cover Europe pretty thoroughly. While in Heidelberg, for example, he and Helen stayed with the Bruckers who in turn called a delightful gathering of the local clan, viz: the Abells, Epleys, Tisdales and Webers.

Steve Mellnik has taken a step up from his command of the 34th AA Brigade to take over the newly organized Seventh Army Support Command at Manheim. The latter is the parent headquarters for all of the 25 technical and administrative units which are under direct command of the Seventh Army C. G. In another important move, Herb Thatcher went from Weisbaden, where he was Vice Commander of USAF Europe, to Bonn to become Chief of the highly important MAAG to Germany.

Going to the other geographical extreme of the foreign service, Gary Hall has just been named as the Ordnance Officer, Hq US Army Japan (Camp Zama), and Luke Morris has left his G-4 post there to return to Washington. This is old familiar ground for Luke who was (I think) a charter member of the Joint Transportation Committee of the JCS. He is now Executive Director of the Military Traffic Management Agency where he replaced a Major General and if anyone wants to do the obvious it is OK with all concerned here.

Avery Cochran, the old Arctic R&D man (two inventions currently being used by the Army) also wrote from Zama between ski jumps to say that this Summer he will be virtually the sole survivor in Japan since by that time Carl Scherer,

Gary Hall and Horace Bigelow will all be oriented to the Occident.

On the Washington beat, George Kumpe has received recognition for a fine year on the Industrial College faculty by being elevated to the command level. He has been designated to become Asst. Commandant for Administration when the spot becomes vacant this Summer.

The local club loses a highly revered couple when Pinky and Carrie Bess Smith go to Hq XIII Corps at Devens. This one really hurts because as every nocturnal prowler knows, Pinky is the only member we have who can do a dry run on a piano. I can't exactly describe it, but if you've ever heard it—or rather not heard it, you know what I mean.

Not all are losses, however, as Jerry Cowan recently took charge of Second Army recruiting at nearby Fort Meade. He writes that Walt Goodwin recently joined the G-4 section there and Bill Mickleson is at Valley Forge.

Also on the local scene, Dwight Beach is busy issuing dire warnings via "U.S. News and World Report" on the Russian Guided Missile program. (He found time, however, to phone me for a subtle hazing because I missed a class luncheon but halfway through shouted: "Gotta go now—my secretary's calling" and slammed the receiver down. Never did say whether it was a GS-4 or Wally's uncle).

Bus Wheeler headed up the Joint Chief's Wheeler Committee composed of General and Flag officers of all services to produce recommendations on the DOD organization. To quote the ANAF Journal: "When the chips are down, it could be the heretofore obscured Wheeler Report which has the most influence on the forthcoming changes and not the more widely heralded studies."

As usual, news of the juniors and of the juniors' juniors comes from far and wide, and is undoubtedly handsome. From their vantage point on the Texas A&M faculty, Ralph and Maureen Davey report that their daughter who is married to a Texas A&M grad, presented them with their first granddaughter last Summer.

At Eglin AFB, Frank and Clare Jamison have announced the engagement of their attractive daughter Robin to Lieutenant Charles E. Harris, who is on duty with the 25th Div. Aviation Co. at Schofield. The wedding is planned for June when Robin graduates from Hood College.

From Spring Lake, New Jersey, Ed Chace who now works for Telrex Labs, reports that daughter Jacqueline is with a Wall Street Bank and that son Allen, after two successful years at Monmouth College (engineering) has enlisted in the Army and is on duty at the Engineer Center at Belvoir. (Don't tell me the personnel people stay up nights drilling round holes for square pegs). Joe Golden, Deputy Commander of the XXI Corps, wrote to say in one succinct sentence that he gave away a daughter in marriage, killed an elk, and moved his family to Indiantown Gap. Wait till the highly respected British firm of Unity, Coherence and Emphasis hears about *that* one.

Out on the West Coast we continue to have a large representation. Al Gerhardt writes that Gil Adams commands the 26th AAA Group in Seattle, Red Rude is still PMS&T at the University, and Kay and Al Clark had just arrived

in Portland where Al is the North Pacific Division Engineer. In the same general vicinity, if you consider 600 miles and the Rocky Mountains a mere bagatelle, is Rolls Bower, Post Commander of Fort Douglas, Utah.

On a combined business and pleasure trip (business for me, pleasure for Pat) we spent a delightful evening with the Ondricks who obviously own the Presidio of San Francisco where Duke is the Sixth Army Deputy Chief of Staff. Their wide-angle picture window frames everything on the Bay from the Golden Gate Bridge to the Top of the Mark, Duke is President of the Officers' Club Board of Governors, and his Pat is President of the Women's Club. This last, however, is not without its twinge of pathos.

Seems that when they first arrived, the senior lady appointed Pat president in order to get for that important office the gal who was most personable, efficient, attractive, etc., a set of adjectives which Pat owns in abundance. She did her job like a little man but as Presidents of Women's Clubs will, looked forward to the end of the year when her successor would be appointed. Before that fateful day arrived, however, the system was changed so that henceforth all officers would be elected by free and secret ballot, even as happens in your class and mine. By an overwhelming vote the lady who is most personable, efficient, attractive, etc., was returned to office and now devoutly hopes that she can get an anti-succession law in the books before the will of the people speaks again.

The Frasers, McFeeleys, Spurgins and Schraders are also in the Bay Area and Duke told of many pleasant days with the El Davis', Jack Gavins and Bob Hewitts in Honolulu when he took his family there for the Christmas holidays.

That's about it and inasmuch as the general news is currently monopolized by stories of trips to outer space, satellites for the more important satellites, and other tales of playing with the Pleiades, it seems appropriate to close with an account of the new stars our boys have added to the firmament. A story from Wright-Pat, for example, says that a second star was awarded to Stanley T. Wry, and believe me, that reporter doesn't know how truly he spoke.

Jack Sutherland who commands the Technical Training Wing at Keesler AFB, also got his second, while J. P. McConnell and Hunter Harris had their pairs made permanent. Benny Webster and Rom Puryear (C/S of the Air Defense Command at Colorado Springs) are now permanent B/G's.

Other long overdue and very popular choices for new B.G.'s were Al Gerhardt who commands the 31st AAA Brigade at McChord AFB, Hal Walmsley, our first in the Army Chemical Corps, and Charlie Piddock, Commander of the Memphis Air Force Depot. This last, incidentally, brings more than a shade of nostalgia because one of my fondest memories of World War II is of a chance meeting at midnight with Charlie in a little North African town shortly after the invasion. He commanded the military element and in his own forthright way was deeply involved in a war of nerves with the Communist mayor of the town who was trying to turn the friendly townspeople against the troops.

As Charlie unfolded the tale we shared

his jug of evil looking fluid known to every British sailor as "Nelson's Blood." While you don't exactly have to be the soul of generosity to give away stuff of that quality, it was all that either of us had, and Charlie maintained that it was really what kept the British Navy running. Maybe so, and it's true that the Communist mayor was eventually run out of town as a no-good bum, but I still say the British ought to switch to fuel oil like all the other navies.

— Ken Zitzman,
Quarters 5
Fort Lesley J. McNair
Washington 25, D.C.

1933

The Christmas and New Year clam-bakes seemed even more numerous and enervating than usual (maybe it's just "gettin' old"). We certainly felt the years when we had to dig out from the 18-inch snowstorm in February. Incidentally, the snow forced the cancellation of our monthly class luncheon.

We were all shocked by the death of Frank Kleitz. Services were held at Arlington Cemetery, February 12. "Wag" and her children will be in East Lansing, Michigan, until the end of the school year. Then they will return to Washington for permanent residence.

By this time you should have received our memo regarding the 25 Year Book. Please don't put off giving us the required information and photograph. Since the order will be alphabetical YOU may be delaying the entire book by procrastinating. **SO SEND IN YOUR PERSONAL DATA AND PHOTO NOW!!!**

The schedule of events and program and administrative details for the 25th reunion coming in June will be mailed to each member of the class about the middle of March. If it has not been received by the latter part of March, please notify Colonel Broshous, Dept. of MT&G, West Point, pronto and give him your change of address.

Johnny Johnson writes from 7th Army: "One major item concerns the tragic death of Frank Kleitz on January 31, in a helicopter crash near Ulm. Frank was the Chief of Staff of the 4th Armored Division with headquarters in Göppingen just east of Stuttgart. He was enroute to Headquarters Combat Command "A" located in Ulm. The weather on the morning of the 31st was particularly bad. The helicopter was inching along not too far from the ground when it struck a high tension wire which resulted in a crash and the death of both Frank and the pilot. Dorothy, Posey, and Bob Neely and I attended the memorial services on Sunday, February 2 in Göppingen. "Wag" and the children left by air on Saturday, February 8. Bill Ryan was also at the memorial service. He is the Division Artillery Commander of the 4th Armored Division and is located at Nürnberg.

"Dave Gray is still the Assistant Division Commander of the 11th Airborne Division. Ann is still winning tennis tournaments all over Europe. Sam Otto recently moved from the G-3 Section at USAREUR and now commands the 35th Artillery Group in Schwabisch Gmund."

Chet Dahlen (Dep Chief, MAAC Spain) writes: "I see classmates while attending the MAAC-Chiefs' Conference.

Just recently, I attended the Infantry Conference at 7th Corps Headquarters, Stuttgart, Germany, where I saw H. K. Johnson and Eddie Raff. The best time of all was in attending the Parks' very lovely cocktail party at which I met, for the first time since graduation, Bernie Card."

Vic Maston writes from SHAPE: "After a delightful tour at Camp Leroy Johnson, Louisiana, I found myself enroute to SHAPE via the Army Language School. Bob Leslie was at the school studying Spanish. My assignment at SHAPE is interesting and the family is delighted to be here. Marie is trying to master kitchen French. Patricia, at Paris-American High School, is enjoying herself; while Pamela, nine years old, is indifferent to France."

Hurlly Hurlbut writes (through Dick Park, who is helping us tremendously by coordinating class efforts in Europe): "Everytime I think of your familiar caricatures, I begin to wonder just who in the class was the prototype and everytime I use a mirror for shaving I grow more and more concerned. It must have been someone in the Class of '32—or Harlow Miles. The Hurlbut Family migrated from Munich in June of 1957 and since that time have been residing in a "chateau" in the general vicinity of Orleans, France. My personal description is that it is a hunk of masonry between two manure piles both of which are in the direction of the prevailing wind. To add insult to injury, I haven't found a single beer west of the Rhine that is worth tapping. Come July all will be forgiven and we will return to CONUS. We have enjoyed our three years in Europe in three different locations, i.e., Mannheim, Munich and the present. I might add that having a son (Stevie, 3) so late in life is a most trying experience but I can assure you that he is going to be taught that there is only one way to play shortstop and that is in a sitting position. I have just returned from a trip to Italy where I happened to see Billy Clarke in Verona and Abe Lincoln in Leghorn."

Lyle Bernard writes from Hawaii: "In spite of Sputnik, all's quiet on the Western Pacific inasmuch as the Class of '33 is distributed well throughout the zone. Fritz Hartel tells me that he is working hard in Korea. I have my doubts. Pop Ridsen tells me that he, Bill Blandford, and Johnnie Scoville have everything under control in Formosa and as for Hawaii, Pinky Webster, Austin Miller and I are holding our own. Further deponents sayeth not."

Fritz Hartel reports from Korea: "At the present time we have the following members in the 'Land of the Morning Calm.' Ned Gee, is ADC, Seventh Division; George Powers, III, is Divarty Commander, Seventh; Slugger Douglas, COFS, Seventh; Johnnie Honeycutt, COFS, KMAC; Ralph Alspaugh, G-2, KMAC; E. A. Chapman, Deputy for Administration, Eighth Army; and 'Yours Truly,' ACOFS, G-3 Eighth Army. Under orders to reinforce the present 1933 Team are Ben Harrell and Paul Walters. While I was dictating this, Pinkie Webster came through on his way from Hawaii to visit Taipei. On a recent visit to a series of conferences in Honolulu, I saw Austin Miller, Bernard, and again Pinkie Webster who came down to see my plane off—had he remained a little longer he would have seen our plane return due to

engine trouble, typical of MATS! The situation is normal for this time of year in this forsaken place—the ice is on the rice, the Chosen is frozen and it's two below at Yong-dong-Po—but we are willing to welcome any visitors and have plenty of Kimshi to go around."

Bud Powell writes from Puerto Rico: "Jan Nadal and I are the only '33ers here. Jan is a civilian employed by Ramey AFB as an engineer. My tour as Senior Army Advisor to the USA Reserves will end in April or May. Dick Montgomery flies down from Barksdale occasionally for business at Ramey."

Bill Fritz reports from Fort Meade: "Notes are scarce for this issue. Quite a few of the old-timers have disappeared. Ed Doleman is at the War College. Sim Whipple and Norm Markle are at the Armor Center. Charlie Leydecker is with the new XXI Corps at Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania. Those here at Fort Meade are Chuck Dunn, commanding the 35th AA Brigade; Gordon Bartlett and Art Tyson with the National Security Agency; and here with me at Second Army Headquarters are Bob Franklin and Eddie Bodeau. A few of us had planned to come down for the luncheon today. Now the snow has us bottled up."

Johnny Lane reports from CONARC: "You can take a census of those of our class stationed here on one hand—Lonning, Frame, Chapman, Sparrow and myself. Bob Thompson is still at AFSC. Johnny Scoville is due in at any moment for assignment. Ray Corum, now working for RCA, was here on a visit."

Al Hoebeke writes from Fort Benning that since last writing, he has seen Joe Crawford, Freddie Gibbs, and John Brindley. "It was a pleasure to be with them and see each operate so 'dammed' efficiently in his sphere. Each seems as alert and interested in production as the day he graduated (gray hair doesn't affect '33; the tint is in the glint)."

Larry Merriam reports: "I'm now Professor of Military Science and Tactics at North Carolina State College of A&E. Bill Fuller is Chief Advisor to the North Carolina National Guard for the Raleigh area. The Fullers' most attractive elder daughter will join the Navy by marriage this Summer. On a recent trip to Third Army I did run into John Brindley who is the Army G-2. John is also a most enthusiastic sailor, or sailer, and during the season participates in regattas on Lake Altoona. He has plans for the future which involve the acquisition of a small schooner (sailing, not beer) and setting up in the hire business in Nassau. He stated that special rates would be available for any of the class of '33 who wandered down Bahamas way."

Bob Arnette writes from San Antonio: "Spent from January 27-February 8 in Brooke Army Hospital—ticker not functioning properly—the Doc's got it back on an even keel and everything O.K. Bill Fletter was in the ward next to mine. He is having trouble with his eyes—was discharged weekend of 15th, I believe, and has returned to Sill. Frank Henley was in town on Sunday, January 12, but did not get to see him. Ajax Cooper married Mrs. Marguerite Massey, January 15. They are at home at 433 Graham Road, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. I saw Hadley Richardson for a few minutes at Bill and Thalia Frentzel's party at FSH Club. Hadley is retired in California. He and I

could still put on our F.D. Coats and button every button. (How many others?) Bill and Thalia also had a party in their home—there I saw Fran Hill who was enroute to Sill for refresher course in Arty and is slated for assignment as Div. Arty C.O. under Bill Quinn, Div. C.G. at Fort Lewis. Also saw Mac and Doty McClelland and Ajax and his bride-to-be at same party together with the Jim Pearsons—Jim is Deputy G-1, 4th Army.”

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

1934

Responses to my request for news have been gratifying and I am indebted to those who have made these contributions to this column.

Hal Browning, who is Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, Hq., Sixth U.S. Army at San Francisco, writes that “I took over the G-3 job at Sixth Army Headquarters the first of August and like the job very much. It is wonderful to have quarters on a Post again and especially when located up on the hill overlooking San Francisco Bay and the Golden Gate Bridge.

“Pat Mossman arrived shortly after I did and is my deputy.

“Dave Hollingsworth, who I see you list as ‘out of the Service,’ is very much ‘in the Service.’ He is also in G-3, a Lieutenant Colonel-Reserve on extended active duty. Just before he arrived here in July of 1957, he was Assistant PMS&T at Oklahoma, A&M.

“Bob Erlenkotter is G-1 and one of my next door neighbors. Sue Erlenkotter and Teeny get together weekly for jam sessions with their accordions.

“Bill Tank commands Fort Mason and we see Priscilla and Bill frequently at receptions. He gave a party recently which the Erlenkotters, Brownings, Mossmans, Hollingsworths and Buehlers attended.

“Voehl recently arrived on the West Coast and is now PMS&T at California State Poly College, San Luis Obispo, California. You will probably want to record this new address. Also, Danny Still has departed from Sixth Army for Korea. I assume his new address should be carried as Hq. AFPE/8A, APO 403, San Francisco, California.

“Lou Walsh was out here on a trip last month and it was good to see him. Hope some of the Washington gang can get out from behind desks and visit this area. Teeny and I would welcome any such visitors and I can guarantee a pleasant afternoon of golf on a wonderful course for those who engage in the game.”

Keeping class records is sometimes a confusing undertaking and as a result omissions in our vital statistics occur. One such case was brought to my attention by Dale Smith, who wrote recently from Okinawa that, “One omission in the ‘sons in USMA’ poop sheet concerned me much. My son Kort, as far as I know, is still a yearling (Class of ‘60).” No excuse, Sir, and apologies. Glad to get this information, Dale, and to report all records corrected.

Tom Foote has written from Fort McPherson, Georgia, where he is Deputy Chief of Staff, Third Army, that Bob McKinnon retired January 31. The ad-

dress I have for Bob is 1924 Telfair Lane, S.W., Atlanta 11, Georgia. Tom also sent new addresses for four or five classmates and for these I say thanks. He closes his letter by saying, “If any of you are coming in this direction at any time, we will be delighted to see you and to provide housing and rations, as required.”

From another part of the country comes this word from Johnny Stevens. “The permanent class party at Fort Bliss during the last six months has included Harry Hubbard as Director of the Command and Staff Department of the Air Defense School; Pete Peca as Director of the Guided Missile Department, Air Defense School; Bill Penn, working with Pete as Chief of Operations, Guided Missile Department; Alex Stuart, CO of Special Troops and Headquarters Commandant; Bob Finkenaur as Inspector of Training, and myself, as Chief of Staff of the Air Defense Center. This group has had a very pleasant time together. However, the exigencies of orders have already caught up with us. Bob and Jean Finkenaur departed in December to leave the Finkenaur family in Newburgh while Bob goes on a tour to Korea. Harry and Charlotte Hubbard are under orders to go to Hawaii, leaving in the Spring for a rumored assignment in J-4. We see quite a number of classmates from time to time on hurried trips. Unfortunately the pace of their schedules and our own prevents any extended visit in most cases. I have exchanged quick greetings with Lipscomb, T.H., Jack Seaman and Ken Kendrick during the period. U.P. Williams was here last week with the AWOC Course and saw some of the class. I have seen Shag Shaughnessy on several occasions in connection with Summer training, as he is stationed with the National Guard in Albuquerque.”

Bill Cunningham, Chief of Staff, 1st Infantry Division, writes from Fort Riley about visiting Fort Leavenworth “to give a briefing on the ROCID Division” and running “into both Johnny Franklin and Hank Ebel, both of whom were getting physical checkups from earlier serious operations. I didn’t get their findings but they both look very fine.” Bill expects to be at Riley until about September.

Those of you who read this column in the Fall 1957 edition will recall that Charlie Fell was forecast for grandfatherhood. Well, it happened and his name is William Thomas Madigan, Jr., whose mother is Charley’s and Biette’s oldest daughter, Mary Ann. Charley, who started his teaching career at Miami University of Florida, has moved to Ohio State University as an assistant professor of electrical engineering. Biette and the girls stay in Miami for this year.

A frequent visitor to Washington is Joe Miller. Joe is somebody important at North American Aviation and gets back here for scientific and technical conferences. He does stay home some, however, as proved by the fact that Robert Matthew Miller joined Joe, Billie and his one sister and three brothers shortly before Christmas last year. Robert and his family make their home in Whittier, California. On a recent trip to Wiesbaden I had the pleasure of a short, long drink, visit with Walt and Jeannette Moore. They report Germany much to their liking even though their daughter, Marjorie, is married and living in the States, and their younger daughter, Linda, is finish-

ing her senior year in high school at Ramstein, Germany, from whence Walt recently was transferred. All classmates have a cordial welcome from the Moores to stop and see them.

The Washington news shapes up something like this. Al Wilson, who is on the latest Air Force list for promotion to Major General and for which we send congratulations, Bill Neal and Art Inman have all moved from Andrews to Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. Dana Johnston, Dick Weber and Bill Mullen have recently arrived and are highly vulnerable to be nominated for office in the Association for the next year.

The only word about one of our college-going juniors comes from Hal Edson. His son, Scott, is a freshman at the University of Connecticut, is studying Industrial Management and has recently pledged SAE.

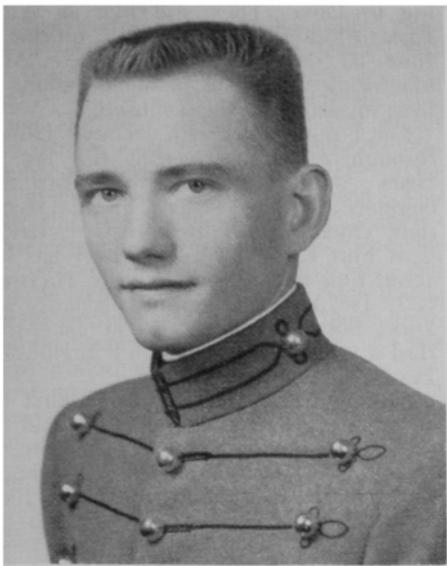
That’s it for this time. Don’t forget that the need for class news still exists.

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

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Twenty-three years, less a few days, after our own graduation will find the first son of the Class of 1935 graduating from West Point. Millard Leroy Pedersen, Class of 1958, will receive the first Class of 1935 gift during June Week from our Presentation Committee. Johnny Throckmorton is the Chairman. Maynard Pedersen, Fred Hall and Clarence Bidgood are committeemen. Our class son has been on the Dean’s list (ouch, fellow goats), was a second class corporal, is a platoon guide and on the safe side merit-wise. Charley Rich declined comment on this aspect as some of his most vivid memories of USMA were formed originally upon the well-trod gravel paths surrounded by gray stone walls and corporals of the guard. Perhaps this is premature but our class son has an attractive girl friend in Alexandria—Miss Anne Litsey—could be about mid-June. Has anyone thought of a suitable gift for class grandsons? As far as known here is a rundown on sons at the service academies: USMA ‘58, Pedersen; Class of ‘59, Miner, Simpson; Class of ‘60 (year of our 25th reunion), Bidgood, Cole, J. D., Hall, F. B., Miller, C. D., Sherden, Throckmorton; Class of ‘61, Boys, Glass, Moore, T. J., Neiger, Straus. At USNA is Shower, at USAFA is Curley Edwards’ shadow, and at the Merchant Marine Academy is Davis, J. J.’s youngster. If anyone has any additions please give the info to the stumbling writer.

Since last year’s executive committee had about run out of gas, since half of ‘em had left Washington with the sheriff at their heels, and since the class constitution requires it, an election was held the end of February at the class luncheon. Hart Caughey was called out of the luncheon to go to a briefing and was unanimously chosen Class Chairman. Jim Walsh, also absent, was voted into the Vice Chairman’s slot. Jack Williamson became historian, and Exton and Reybold committeemen. All were absent except Jack Williamson who couldn’t get the floor. Let that be a lesson and perhaps attendance at class luncheons will pick up a bit. The writer was selected Sec-



Cadet M. L. Pederson, '58

retary-Treasurer with only one dissenting vote—his own. Moon, when are you coming back here? The nominating (railroad?) committee was Charley Rich, Tommy Musgrave, Seep Bassitt, Butch Morgan, and Iron Man Russell.

George Eckhardt, our 25th Reunion Committee Chairman, and his gang are already laying the groundwork for the reunion. One of the first jobs will be the dispatch of a questionnaire. This should go out in a couple of months or so. Let everyone do his duty and fill in the info. The committee will practice only a little bit of blackmail should a skeleton in the closet be inadvertently revealed. The most touchy part of the reunion arrangements will be hotel, housing and entertainment facilities for the doings. They will have to plan early as we will be competing with other classes. The committee hopes everyone will bear the reunion in mind when future plans are made. Then when the time comes, perhaps as much as 8 months to a year before the reunion, the committee can get an accurate count and also as big a class turnout as possible.

Here's the class individual goings on as far as known. Kenny Bergquist is going to Boston to head up some Air Defense set-up—probably will start feuding with his Army classmates. Charley Rich went to the 101st Airborne in the Spring, and Tommy Tucker is bringing his family to the nation's capitol in June. Al Ashman has become the father of a fine son and future member of the Class of 1980. We'll be presenting class sons and grandsons gifts at the same time. Al Foreman writes from Turkey he sees Bob Greenlee once in a while. Rutte and Jim Totten also are there wondering what is behind the veils. Walt Bryde from Spain says his son is studying for the West Point entrance exams. Larry St. John has arrived in Korea to be greeted by Dunc Sinclair, Russ Smith, Joe Keating and Jeff Rumsey. Mrs. Kay St. John is sitting it out at 318 Westmoreland Rd., Alexandria, Virginia. The Burnis Kelley's have moved to New Jersey. Their twin girls, Ginny and Mary Lou—first children of the class as far as known—are both married. One cute little granddaughter has arrived. Mrs. Dee Bechtold and daughter Sandy are in Fullerton, California. Sandy is a junior at Santa Barbara. Thomas is in the Philippines but due home soon. Jake Cherry

and Pete Tyer are cadets under Charley Hoy at the Citadel. Charley fed Joe Stancook and Bud Russ last Fall when they stopped over en route to Panama. Incidentally, Benny Hawes has been elected Mayor of Owensboro, Kentucky. Jack Rhoades is at Fort Stewart, Georgia. Jim Alger writes from Germany, he occasionally rests his one-star eye on Jim Kimbrough, and Paul Bryer and also Fred Cummings till the latter gave up and came home. George Blackburne has holed up in Sparta, New Jersey. Al Robbins is looking for a target with the 24th A3 Group at Swarthmore, Pennsylvania. Missileer John Gloriod writes from Fort Hood he can't find anyone from the class at all in the southwest. It's worth anyone's while to drop by. Jim Frink has taken up the life of a professor at Leavenworth. Jack Bristor says he sympathized with Tex Knowles briefly in Amarillo before the latter's departure for Saudi Arabia. Bunny Wilby is logistically inclined in Japan and Korea. Ben Heckemeyer, Autrey Maroun, Rooney Rynearson. Frank Murdock, Yogi Schweidel, and Joe Anderson are all living a life of unease and sour kraut in Heidelberg and Frankfurt according to Johnny Cole.



The Jakles—Christmas 1957

Floyd Pratt, Al Matyas and Gerry Brown are with MAAG Japan unless reshuffled by changing FEC fortunes. Jim Adams from CDEC at Ord was caught snooping in the Pentagon last February.

That is just about all the dirty linen for the time being. Keep your near-sighted reporter advised of even the slightest bit of news to save what little hair he has left.

—Mike Mitchell
RFD 3 Box 567
Fairfax, Virginia

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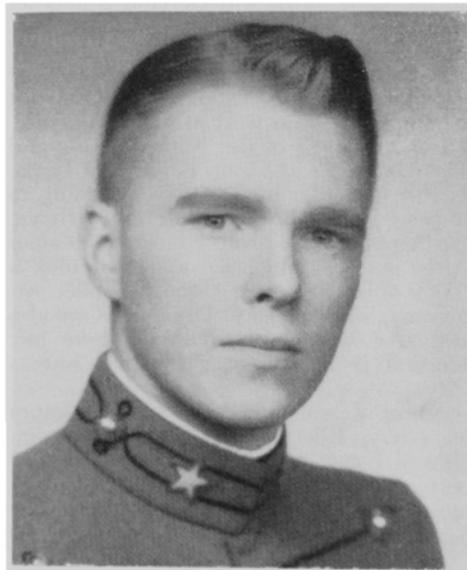
This is the time of graduation and marriages and—believe it or not—some births. Probably the most satisfying news item to report currently is the graduation from our Alma Mater of George Warren Sibert, age 21. Of significance is that George is our first natural born son to graduate; he is the class baby; he has been a class son to be proud of at the Academy in co-ordinating activities among the class sons' group; from a purely personal point of view he represents that which we all dream for—a higher record and a superior mark at the Academy than we the fathers made when we were cadets (and this is meant as no crack to Bill). Maureen and Bill, USMA-1936, General Franklin C. Sibert (grandparent),

USMA-1912, Colonel Bruce Palmer (uncle) USMA-1936, and godparents, the whole Class of 1936, can be proud of George and wish him the greatest success and God-speed for the future.

As has been said before, the best way to achieve reader interest is to "goof". In the last column I threw in an "O" in Van Sutherland. Phil III, being a Southerner, can be excused for spelling "South" on the slightest pretext. To this day I do not know when "T.C." Rogers received his second star, but it was early Fall, I believe. Hearty congratulations to "T.C." and to the rest of the recent "makes" who were McCorkle—Major General; Austin and Steele—Brigadier Generals; and Estes, Carmichael, and Nazzaro—permanent Brigadier Generals.

From the full page of pictures in the last ASSEMBLY it would seem that Abrams did a fine job in getting the Class together at luncheon several months ago. Jack Arnold is still at Montgomery but expects a reassignment this Summer, possibly to Tallahassee. Sometime earlier this year Jack saw the Gapens and Bee Kelly in Key West.

After long silence, heard from Johnny Bartella who is still at Wright-Patterson with Combs and Wildrick. To refresh himself on '36 activities, he asked—and I sent—our colored movies of the 20th reunion. Beggs wrote from Europe; he leaves Fontainebleau in April for executive officer, Fort Worth General Depot, Texas. Hank Benson reported in from Arlington—no change. In an early-year Army wives' council in Washington it appeared that among the illustrious women members were our Mesdames Bess and Michaelis. When a classmate gets near the "bomb-release zone" of Atlanta my radar usually screams the announcement of his arrival. In February Bernie Bess slipped in under my screen, brought The Book which Katz has been custodian of lo these many years, placed it in my house in Atlanta, and was gone without my even knowing he was in Georgia. We are proud to congratulate Judith Bess on her marriage to Lieutenant Colquhoun. They were married in Texas last October. "Wimpy" Blair is still with Alcoa in New Kensington, Pennsylvania. Don Bodine is director of the Signal School at Fort Monmouth. Fred Bothwell sent in greetings from Garden City and New



Cadet George W. Sibert

York City, New York. The John Bowers of 9618 Shellyfield Road, Downey, California, are happy with three sons from nine to two years. He is a "designer" with North American Aviation. Buynoski can't seem to tear himself away from the college at Leavenworth. He happily states that he has received a fourth year extension.

Herb Cady—one of our successful civilian executives—reports that his oldest daughter, Nancy, is in her first year at Radcliffe, Debbie is a sophomore in high school, and Nick is a freshman. Bill Cairnes is a wing commander at Scott AFB, Illinois, replacing a brigadier. Dick Carmichael is expecting reassignment but no news as of now. The Catos are still in Washington with three children at home and one yearling—doing fine—at the Academy. Dave Chaffin communicates from a classroom at Army War College. He and Betty live in a Wherry project with two small children. Kerkering and Tory are his classmate classmates. Jack Chiles has finished his third year in "Ibernia"; expects to be Pentagon-bound come this news release. Bub Clark, a grass-widower, I believe, sends regards from his end-of-the-world retreat, Dharan. Cec Combs is commandant of the Institute of Technology (Air Force, not Georgia) Wright-Patterson AFB. He must be quite busy since my sister, Betty, called him while on a four day visit to Dayton, but could not get in touch. Rumor saith that Cec is due a second star soon. Bill Connor, in Hawaii, is Artillery Exec of his division, the 25th. Tom Cooke is still at Fort Monroe. He's probably been in one job longer than any other classmate. Bill Covington—doing well as a civilian at Culver, Indiana. Cozart is senior advisor to the 2nd ROK Army, Taegu, Korea. Will be back in the States in July if not transferred to Japan. His oldest son is at Ohio State. Crawford's still attaché, Copenhagen.

T. R. Davis writes from Denver (and incidentally contributed generously to your fund). Bill Davis writes in from Rochester about the depth of snow and the nine figure contracts he has shepherded. The Dawalts in Paris. Randy Dickens is in Arlington, Virginia. Deadeye Dickson is with R & D, lives in the same home, but moved his office to Andrews AFB. Jerry Duin is with Intelligence at Fort Holabird, Maryland. Charlie Pack is in the same outfit. Gil Dorland is another one of our most successful civilians. Was elected president of the Cumberland Valley Association and to the board of directors of the National Chamber of Commerce. Drain is at Meade, Maryland. He is in charge of the National Rifle and Pistol Matches at Camp Perry. Rod Drake is still in Chile; his son (15) is going to a prep school in the East; wife, Helen, participated in a piano concert in Buenos Aires not too long ago; and Rod took a 5,000 mile jeep trip through Chile, Argentina, and Uruguay. The Dunns are also still at Leavenworth. Faiks is there too. Laurion is in Engineer District, Kansas City.

Some of you may have seen a picture of Larry Ellert with SAC in Spain. Howell Estes, who is an ardent class supporter, filled Doc Schrein in with the happenings of '36ers while on a recent trip to New Mexico. Ben Evans is at CONARC, Monroe.

Fergusson still on faculty at Naval War

College and studying for a Master's degree. Finley now at Engineer School at Fort Belvoir. Fowler same old address, Dallas, Texas. Furphy—the same—Washington.

It is with pleasure I announce the marriage of Betty Gage Lippitt to James M. Cox, Jr., March 1. Rudy Ganns is still in Savannah. Jo Garland should have just had a young'un after this goes to press. Their next oldest "baby" is 13 years old. Their oldest (18) is a sophomore at Goucher. Pete, I hope you are not overstraining yourself, but congratulations to you both. And as for Phil and Helen Greene—the sly ones—they just had John F. on January 13. It all happened while Phil was studying real hard for his Master's degree at Michigan State. Gillespie is in command of an air division at Fort Snelling, Minnesota. Goldenberg is at Stewart AFB, New York. The Goodings are here at Fort McPherson. Grohs is also at Stewart and reported his daughter, Janet, dating young Bev Powell (plebe) at Christmas. Grothaus is at Detrick in Frederick, Maryland. Grove is in the 25th Division in Hawaii. Bob Gapen was retired and lives at Islamorada, Florida.

The Hanekes left McPherson and reported to CONARC. Harvey's are at Fort Meade, Maryland. Hayes was at ICAF with Tetley, Tyler, and McCarty. Hendricksons had a nice trip to Mexico during Christmas and visited the Hosmers. Willy appointed Director of Training for United of Omaha. He was coming through Atlanta in February, but we ain't seen him yet. Hiatt is a New York civilian engineer living in Bronxville with his two children and Cec. As usual, the Hiesters contributed great globs of information. Holterman in Washington said his oldest son now a sophomore at Dartmouth. Jimmy Hughes retired in December and is with the State Department. Holderness enjoys Athens, Greece. Hosmers at Lackland, Texas.

Illig was in Hawaiian Base Command and moved into a job earlier occupied by Jack Kelly. The Jacobys left Atlanta for Engineer District, Little Rock, Arkansas. According to Dale this makes their 14th time across the country. Bill Jones sounds like he is more business speculator than Air Force officer. He is in Maywood, California, near Santa Anna. Has a son who is a plebe at the Air Force Academy. Heard from Bill Jordan for the first time in a long while. He is in Coral Gables, Florida—115 Sidonia Avenue, Miami 34. He has a beautiful daughter, Margaret, attending University of Miami next year. Got a wonderful message from Peggy Joyce, who has been magnificently supporting and managing her large family while Art has been sick in a hospital in Michigan.

Kallmans are planning to leave Bliss and go to Naples. Plan a stopover in Atlanta, Georgia, to see their lovely daughter, Lea, now at Agnes Scott, who will graduate and marry in June. Katz did a splendid job "keeping" The Book. Kieffer—second year in Alaska. Young Pete is a plebe at Annapolis; Roxane graduates from William & Mary in June. Got a lengthy background on Jack Kling who is with Southern Ohio Fabricators Inc., and is an officer in the West Point Society of Cincinnati. Jack Kelly, in Hawaii, is probably in command of a battle group. Bee Kelly took her crowd to West Point last Summer. Marcia is go-

ing to Duke. They still live in Winter Park, Florida. Kramer, after retiring in June '57 now works at Raytheon Manufacturing Co. on a missile program. He lives in Andover, Massachusetts.

Got re-united with Tony Lamont through a letter covering the last 20 years... He is a successful construction engineer at Boca Raton, Florida. Landrum, chief of staff at Fort Ord. Lawlor is at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Leer has had about four jobs in the last year. He's now G-3, 1st Army, Governor's Island, New York. Bob Curran is also at 1st Army. Had a note from Bill Longley in Houston, Texas.

McCarty was at ICAF and didn't tell me where his next assignment would be. McElhenys got snowbound and wrote me a lengthy contribution to this column. Said Hughes was going to Puerto Rico. Meaney still at 5th Army, Chicago—2½ years. Janof and Norman also there. Mikkelsen in civilian life making steel with the Colorado Fuel and Iron Co. Martha Jane in second year at Colorado University. Harry Jr. graduates from high school this June. Monteiths commands Mather AFB California.

O'Brien is still PMS&T at Roswell, New Mexico. Oswald G-3 USAREUR, Heidelberg, the only '36er in the vicinity.

Belatedly, congratulations and best wishes to Robin Palmer who married William Denty right after Christmas. Also it is a pleasure that Bruce is the new secretary of the Washington '36ers, and has already started to help in keeping up the good work of Westy, Jim Goodwin, and McElheny. Partridges are at CONARC. Persons contributed well to the column. Still in Washington. Powell at Artillery and Missile School, Fort Sill. Like the Garland's third, the youngest Powell (Eleanor Long) arrived on September 14, 1957, just nine years after the next oldest. Prossers looking prosperous and opulent in their ordnance duties at Fort Wayne.

Quinns director of Electronics and Warfare at Rome Air Development Center, Griffis AFB, New York.

Ripples still on faculty at Carlisle. "T. C." Rogers boss-man for all air ROTC at Maxwell. Rutledge at Langley AFB, Virginia. Returned from Japan last Summer. Ryder from Washington to USA Elm, Izmir, Turkey.

Safford has the Support Group of the 101st Airborne. Doc Schrein lives in Alamogordo, New Mexico. He apparently is one of the most revered citizens of his community. When on a recent trip to that locality, Estes said Doc has really made a name for himself. Frank Shea works as an Ordnance Engineer at Picatinny Arsenal, lives still at Upper Montclair, New Jersey. Congratulations the third time to another prolific classmate, Len Shea. Lauren Anne, the fifth Shea, was born October 11 in Versailles. Oldest daughter, Wendy, is a sophomore at Dickenson College. After many years got a note from Shepard who has two daughters, 18 and 12. They live in Moultrie, Georgia, nearby. Shuler has left Washington for Leghorn, Italy. Sibert has the second Training Regiment, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Sikes still on reserve duty in Madison, Wisconsin, probably prefers Florida. Isn't too happy that he had to buy a home. His son Bill married in December. Ike Smith is with the 7th Division in Korea. Steve Smith is there

also with the District Engineer, and Kinard is with I Corp Artillery. Little Ike is a sophomore at Princeton and the rest of the family—two daughters and a son and wife—are back in the States also. He expects to return home in November. Snyder leaves General Taylor and will be re-assigned by the time you read this. He told me of Bob Burnett's retirement and presidency of Flexionics Corporation, in Chicago. Spanns were still in Oslo but planning to come back to the US in September. Steele has been with Mutual Security in the Pentagon. He has three children at school and looks forward to retiring to Washington State soon. Bill wrote this before he got his star; maybe the "soon" will now be "later." J. P. Stone changed address but still resides in Peoria. Streeter retired to El Paso. Swain, at Ent AFB, Colorado Springs, enjoys his new job which probably means he does not miss being a professor. He says Granny Gunn is nearby at ADC.

Terrells are at Kirtland AFB, Arizona. Trues, in Karachi, expect to return home in July. Turnage, in Rome, on a most pleasant tour, occasionally runs into Lynch who is G-3 at SETAF. My friend Wall-nau came through with two pages of poop just before we went to press and before I put him back on my list as an uncooperating and unreliable New York representative. It is interesting to note that Ed is now serving our sons like he used to take care of us when we were cadets.

Waters left Belvoir and went to commanding officer of Granite City Engineer Depot, Illinois. Walker left Fort Devens for Saudi Arabia. It is a pleasure to congratulate Westy on being our first Division Commander. He assumed that position when he took command of 101st Airborne Division. The Whipples are still in Bedford Village, New York, and have two daughters at Wellesley. One graduates this year. Saw a recent picture of Whitehead and am amazed at the resemblance to the Phil of over 20 years ago. Inch Williams hopes to return from Turkey this Summer. Willis' living still in Houston. Tim was with Insurance for awhile and then suffered eye trouble which temporarily disabled him. He is now attending Rice with the expectancy of teaching in the manner of Bill Longley who has been at St. John's Prep.

It is hoped that this column is not too inaccurate, but believe me after five solid hours of typing it would be a miracle! It is my belief that you people are sending in more news than any other class contributing to ASSEMBLY, this probably includes even the largest classes. From my point of view, we already get more than our share of pictures and coverage in this quarterly magazine; therefore to keep from cheating other classes with greater numbers subscribing, more of '36 should be subscribers. What do you think? Incidentally, I think the present editor of ASSEMBLY, Colonel N. B. Wilson, is co-operating exceedingly well in editing and printing all of the poop which we have been sending in. Again when you write in the future don't forget some thanks for your scribe's stenographer, Phil III.

—Phil Gage Jr.

2128 Belvedere Dr., N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

As is normally the case, the members of the Class of 1937 have been extremely secretive about their comings and goings. You would think that they were all operating under some classified directive and that no declassification procedure and authority had been established to insure that the public is informed of all that it ought to be informed about. However, I would like to report that at its January meeting, the members of 1937 present elected a new slate of officers for the ensuing year. Dick Fellows became the President of the Class and "Trapper" Drum, the Treasurer. Tank Hardaway was elected Secretary, but is not going to be able to serve in that capacity; therefore, I prepared your notes for this issue and expect that Sonny Gray who was elected secretary at the February meeting will take over. You should get our next items from him. Dick Fellows can be reached at the following address and phone number:

4105 25th Street, North
Arlington, Virginia
Home Phone: JACKSON 2-9551
Office Phone: LIBERTY 5-6700 Ext. 56457

I would like to report that the new little deduction forecast for Joe and Bonnie Chabot in the last issue of the ASSEMBLY did arrive on December 11, 1957—a small girl named Ella Bernadette.

Bill and Peggy Strandberg, together with their three youngsters, have arrived at Fort Belvoir and their address there is Quarters 18. Bill reports that they are all in good fettle and busy trying to settle into their new home.

According to a recently issued Army TWX, C. F. Mitchim will be a student at the Army War College next year, while Joe Chabot, Doug Quandt and Johnny Zierdt will attend instruction at the National War College. Apparently Johnny is not content with the bobtailed certificate he got for attendance at the Army War College and is intent on showing up as the most educated soldier. At any rate, it will be nice to see him in this area.

About the middle of December I had an opportunity to spend a bit of time with Doug Quandt down at Fort Bragg. Doug was there with his unit from 101st Airborne Division acting as an aggressor force and, believe me, they were being very aggressive. Doug is somewhat distinctive in these days and is perhaps the only alleged artilleryman commanding an alleged infantry battle group. This puts him in a very exclusive category of individuals.

I also visited Steggie Stegmaier and his wife. They live in the midst of a set of antiques and a little book named "From Gunk to Glow" is their lexicon. Believe me, they surely can refinish "Ye Olde Furniture."

The following is a quote from a recent letter from Milt Clark which, as you will see, is light, airy, and, and, and—

"Life here at ABMA continues to be active—even more so since Explorer—and we, of course, have a certain number of visitors. Johnny Zierdt and I manage to see most of them. Recently there have been Bill Snouffer from Sylvania, Doc Leist from Office of Ordnance Reserve at Duke (I'm glad to find the Leists and

the Clarks still speaking after spending our vacation together complete with kids and dogs last Summer). Also a visit from Dave Davisson, commanding Anniston Ord Depot, Alabama, and also Charley Register who is learning to look like a civilian with the Burroughs Research Corp in Paoli, Pennsylvania. His new home address is Box 164, Valley Forge. Stan Connelly has also been doing his best to make this area Willys-conscious. He is Director of Government Sales. Tank Hardaway also stuck his head in the other day.

"On a recent trip to Chicago, I had a quick visit with Pete Hyzer and Chester Johnson during a conference dinner. As you probably know, both of them still look disgustingly youthful and vigorous for the Class of '37."

Milt also confides that the Gildarts are the Clark's best baby sitter and parakeet watcher.

I am sure that a number of you would like further information as to the accident suffered by young Jack Donohue. As most of you know, he was involved in an explosion of some rocket fuel which he and one of his high school classmates were developing in their home laboratory in the Donohue house. Most unfortunately his hands were damaged rather badly and he lost two fingers on each hand. However, most fortunately, he sustained no other serious injuries and the medics at Bethesda Naval Hospital are doing their very best to effect repairs to his hands. Young Jack has taken the matter in stride and is completely reconciled to his injuries and the consequences attendant thereto. He is hopeful and confident and has been very helpful in getting his parents, Jack and Doty, adjusted.

Report is that there are additional stars in '37. Ed Broadhurst, Sam Agee, Charlie Westover and Don Ostrander each received their second star.

Rumor hath it that George Cole and Walt Conway are about to retire. Would like some confirmation.

Ed Lee is under orders to Washington. Reporting date unknown.

Ollie Conner is reported to be real pleased with his orders back to USMA as deputy commandant of cadets.

Bob Palmer and Jean have been studying Spanish for their next assignment in South America.

As some of you may have reflected, time passes on and brings with it strange symptoms, like gray hair, growing children, retirement, promotion, etc. Thus it is with the Class of '37. At the present time, the contingent of the class in the Washington area are participants in two organizations that affect the Class of '37. The first is the class organization itself, and the second is the local luncheon group. Some of us here have considered seriously the matter of what the form and shape of our class organization should be, what its objectives should be, and what our obligations, if any, should be. For example, should we give scrolls or swords to Juniors of the Class of '37 who graduate from West Point? Should we have a 25-year book? What semblance of cohesiveness should we attempt to maintain?—as well as a number of other problems. Dick Fellows has appointed a committee consisting of A. B. Robbins, "Trapper" Drum and "Dink" Spaulding, to study

this situation. Their addresses are as follows:

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805 Albany Avenue
Alexandria, Virginia

J. H. (Trapper) Drum
2709 31st Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

E. C. (Dink) Spaulding
2038 Allen Place, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Any of them would appreciate comment from any member of the class as to this matter.

It appears to us that, for some time, more members of the class are apt to be found in the Washington area than in any other single spot, and we believe that this should be the focal point for class activities.

I have maintained the most up to date card file on members of the class in the Washington area that it has been possible for me to maintain. I will turn this over to Marshall Gray in order that he may keep it current.

I would like to say that it has been a pleasure for me to compile the ASSEMBLY notes over this last year and I hope that each of you has enjoyed the small amount of information I have been able to furnish.

—Coy L. Curtis
OCARROTC, D/A
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The Pentagon

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Dear Classmates:

Here is the last, if not the latest, roundup of '38 news before new blood takes over. This is culled from your helpful letters, the Washington Daily News, gossip overheard on crowded buses, and some unreliable sources, evaluation K-9.

Moving day approaches again for a large number, and here are those reported to date. Kent Schmidt, off to Sweden in June as Army Attaché, is studying the language in Washington. Margaret and the four children will tag along to help with the lingo. Don Thackeray, now at First Army, starts on the first lap this Summer toward a tour as Attaché to Austria, detouring by way of Washington, Fort Bliss, and the Army Language School. Frank Hartline leaves International Security Affairs in April for JUSMAG Philippines. Tom Sibley is on orders, with concurrent travel, to MAAG Taiwan in June from Fort Ord. Bill Crocker and family abandon Engineer Supply at Columbus General Depot for a sojourn at EUCOM, Paris. Howard Kenzie is due out this Summer at Air Attaché to Norway. He and Neola are studying the tongue here in Washington. Mark Brennan gives up command of the Third Infantry, or Umpteenth battle group thereof, and moves to MDW headquarters in July. He and Ibby get thrown out of their Fort Myer quarters to boot. John Tillson gets some relaxation from his chores as Exec of DCSOP; he became a strategist on the Joint Staff in February, and is obviously available for further elective (?) service.

The Army list of seekers for higher

learning, published just before ASSEMBLY deadline, catches a few more book-hungry '38-ers. Red Sundin will shuffle off the Joint Staff coil and take Jean to the Army War College, along with Al D'Arezzo who, to Kay's relief, takes a breather from DCSLOG and his Nikes and Hawks. Also headed for Carlisle are Dick Long, from SHAPE, Warren Han-num, and Jim Lewis. Fred Lough will give up trying to keep the Chemical Corp's legal affairs in order and go off to the Industrial College. Dave Sherrard, after mangling Army careers in USAREUR G-1, will go into a year's hiding at the Air War College.

A number of transients, cap in hand, have passed through the Pentagon's haunted halls in the last few months. Jim Mrazek came in for three days from the Leavenworth faculty in January seeking words of wisdom and managed to put the place on even keel again. Bob Brown also came in from Heidelberg, for a week in January, to attend the annual intelligence conference. From Korea, in February Virg Zoller managed a week's TDY and an incidental visit with Mary Ann and the children. Wally Ford paid a business visit in February from Columbus, Ohio, where he is with North American Aviation's Service Contracts outfit.

Only one addition to report this issue, but that with pleasure. Cornelia and Bob Love, ICAF, announce the arrival of their fifth, a pretty girl named Jenelle, on December 18. Congratulations.

Class doings in Washington included a January luncheon in the Almost-Generals' dining room, at which 20 members showed to discuss 20th reunion plans and the class dufers made brave talk about taking Navy '38 under the leadership of departing Hank Hartline. A dinner-dance held at Fort McNair on February 23, master-minded by Jerry Folda with the assistance of Rosalie, or vice-versa, was a happy and noisy affair. Fifty-seven of the faithful turned out despite the snow, including Shirley Byars, Jean Hawes, and Eleanor Gay Scarano with husband Jerry.

Class correspondents keep up the good work. Bob Works wrote in to say that he, Pat, and the five children are now located at Fort Campbell, where he commands the First Airborne Battle Group, 506th Infantry. Good mudding. Bob hopes to see lots of the gang at the reunion in June.

Mary Missal, successor to John Corley as ace class correspondent, writes in from Hawaii with the following news: Cliff Riordan is now with the 2nd QM Group in Ludwigsburg, Germany, after a tour at Seventh Army. Betty Wright is dug in near Fort Monroe while Fred finishes his year in Iran. Mary says Hawaii is now the crossroads of the world, with PACOM, PACAF, and ARPAC orienting and conferring at a great rate. Class transients recently through Hawaii include Dave Byars, George Artman, and Virg Zoller from Korea, Bob Offer from Okinawa, Frank Sturdivant from Dyess, and Fred Dean and Neil Van Sickle from Taiwan. Jesse Thomas stopped by in December on his way to Fort Bragg, while Chuck Jackson and Ed Lahti are due soon on their way to MAAG's. For planning purposes, all visiting firemen are properly vined and dined. Since the World's Largest Free Airline is conducting no junkets to the Hudson, the Hawaiian contingent of 14 will hold their own brand

20th reunion in June, and Mary infers they know how to do it properly.

Judge Bob Harrington writes from the municipal bench in Van Wert, Ohio, that he can almost think like a judge instead of a lawyer but is ready to turn the job over to Cathryn.

Miscellany from here and there: Note with regret that Martin Webb was placed on the temporary disability retired list from Beaumont Army Hospital, Texas, in January. Our photogenic classmates: Herb Spangler of the AMC Medium Transport Project Office, had his picture in the February 1 issue of the A-N-AF JOURNAL, holding a conference at Wright-Patterson on world-wide support of the C-130 program. Arpad Kopcsak had his phiz in the February 8 issue of the REGISTER watching a NIKE demonstration for visitors at Fort Bliss, where he commands the 1st Guided Missile Brigade. Frank Izenour, Director of the Tactical Department, the Infantry School, also made the JOURNAL on the occasion of presenting an award. Tom McCrary of DCSLOG received one of those scarce civilian Sustained Superior Performance Awards in January. Don Williams of OCE was the featured speaker on nuclear power plants at the January meeting of the Washington Post, Society of American Military Engineers. A polished talk, high-powered, too. We note with pleasure that Al D'Arezzo and Dick Long are now wearing iggles. Dick Bromiley says I'm on his boy Bill's list—Bill's football team won the traditional game with George Washington, not Wakefield. Apologies, Bill. To try again, another athletically-talented offspring is Keith Holman, a hot-shot basketballer for Falls Church High. John Damon and Howard Michelet are extending their JCS boondoggle to three years and will continue to grind out second-rate alleged non-fiction. Dallas Haynes is applying for a union card with the construction trades. Dallas is converting his attic to a finished suite and says he will make it if his tour can be extended to four years. Mel Russell has given up trying to waterproof his basement and is now torn between raising tropical fish for profit or trout for sport. Jane Clarke has joined Dobbie in Turkey with young Jane. Son Henry is attending school in Frankfurt, Germany. Question: How many sons of '38 are now at USMA? Rumors say plebes Ekman, Chambers, Brown and yearling Craig. Who can confirm or correct?

By the time you read this, 20th (shudder) reunion will be upon us. Hope you received your notices and sent in affirmative answers early. Get out the vote, mortgage the farm and be there! See you June Week.

—Bill Smith
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Arlington 5, Va.

1939

For the past several months the Steering Committee of the Washington group of the class has been looking into the feasibility of producing a class 20 year book to bring us up to date for the 20th reunion. This project has the strong support of the Washington group. By the time you read this, we hope you will have received a notice giving details on what we are planning to do. We would

like to encourage your support—the more subscribers we have the better will be the product and the smaller the cost to all of us.

We have all been saddened to hear that Ben and Helen Miller lost their nine year old son, Brad, to leukemia. He passed away December 24 after an extended illness. Memorial services were held at March AFB Chapel at noon, December 25.

Sal Manzo writes of a bombers' convention held at Jim and Mary Emma Knapp's quarters at Offutt AFB in January. From the looks of the list, the class of '39 has a working majority of the command slots in SAC. Present were the following commanders: Manzo, 97th Bomb Wing; Bill Martin, 42nd Bomb Wing; Jim Wilson, 802nd Air Division; George Zethren, 4050th Air Refueling Wing; Perry Hoisington, 818th Air Division; Jack Samuel, 11th Bomb Wing; Riggs Sullivan, 72nd Bomb Wing; Ben Miller, 12th Air Division; Bob Whipple, 4th Air Division. Also present were John McDavid, SAC's chief communicator, and "Huey" Long, CO Stead AFB and the Training Command Survival Course. Some wag commented that "Huey" is teaching pilots how to survive in the missile age: I forgot to mention that Jim Knapp is the SAC Installations Engineer.

Bob Cassidy is chief of the aviation and airborne division CONARC. Frank Forrest is Air Officer for Sixth Army. Dick Cleverly recently received the Commendation Ribbon for his work as chief of the legislative branch, Military Affairs Division, Office of the Judge Advocate General of the Army.

"Speedy" Hull has departed Fort Meade for Korea where he will be the Eighth Army Special Service Officer.

Largest Washington '39 contingent is to be found in the Office of the Army Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations: Barnett, Boylan, Collins, K. W., Kunzig, Lane, Medusky, Newcomer, F. K., Preston, Reed, Schrader, Schwenk, Thomason, West, Williams, R. C., and Winegar.

Among others in the Washington area are John Bane, Army R&D; Joe Bowman ICAF; Freddy Boye, Office Asst. Sec-Army; Jimmy Collins, Office Chief of Staff Army; Dick Curtin, Air Force R&D; Charlie Florance, ICAF; altogether we carry 85 names on our local roster.

Bob Shellman is commanding a regiment in Hawaii, finishing his fourth year in the Islands. Helen and all six (end '57 count) of the children love it there.

Danny and Joan Nolan are at Norfolk where Danny instructs at the Staff College and conducts seminars on Puerto Rican dance forms and Taipeh gin slings. The end '57 count for Danny and Joan is five.

Pinkuss and Hallie Patterson are at CONARC, Fort Monroe. Tommie and Nernie Thomason are preparing to go to Denmark where Tommie will be the military attaché.

Tom Shanley moves from the NWC to the Pentagon and a job in DCSOPS. Your correspondent makes the same move to a desk in R&D. Verne Gilbert, by some mysterious means has escaped the Washington jungle and goes from the college to CONARC. ICAF and AWC graduate assignments are not available at this writing.

A recent Air Force make list for BG's gave stars to Bob Grear, Ben Miller, Perry

Hoisington and John McDavid. Congratulations.

Jack and Bookie Boles are in Frankfurt. Buz and Dottie Chapman and Don and Rennie Miller are at Camp Zama. Mike Krisanm were in the G-1 racket in Korea with Don.

Tom and Ginny Davis are going to the American Embassy in Paris. Wimpie and Elvie Walker are at Fort Devens, Massachusetts.

I would appreciate getting a news round-up from the major overseas areas, otherwise, this will become even more of a Washington gossip column than it is now.

—Mike Davison

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Arlington, Va.

1940

Not much news from the hinterlands as Christmas seems to be a period of hibernation but here is what I have. Leo Dunham writes from the Los Angeles Engineer District that Shanahan is Brigade Executive officer of 47th AA Brigade at Fort MacArthur. Ed Haggard has his engineering license and is working for a local Los Angeles firm. Oval Robinson is Executive Officer for South Pacific Engineer Division with headquarters in San Francisco. Oval replaced Jack Harnett who is now District Engineer of San Francisco Engineer District. Graf who held that job is now at the Industrial College. The Epleys write that Dale is going to Greenland in the Spring for a year so the family will stay at 9506 St. Andrews Way, Silver Spring, Maryland.

The Silvaseys are at Fort Leavenworth where Steve is on the staff. Freddy White still in Washington. Tony Wermuth who recently received award for outstanding article in Fort Leavenworth publication is back from Korea and on duty in the Pentagon. Brand new Wermuth waiting for him when he got home. Doug Quaid now at Fort Hood Texas, after finishing two year tour in Iceland. On tour of southwest the Quaid saw Dave Parker and Harold Brown and Burfening at Albuquerque. Wally Clement at the War College at Carlisle Barracks. Rick Ferrill in London but soon to come home. May be home at the time you read this. Wright HT in Washington, D.C. Ray Renola on Staff and Faculty at Fort Leavenworth. Question about Dave Parker . . . I have him also in the Pentagon. Those interested can excavate both sites and give me your findings. Butch Dixon has been elected president of The Carlisle Corporation in addition to his duties as president of the Dart Truck Company of Kansas City. Butch to live in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. War College classes, please note.

Hamelin writes from Fort Bragg that he is surrounded by classmates which makes living very pleasant. Francisco continues with Airborne and Electronic Board but due to go overseas soon. Iran, I understand. Ray Bates also with the same board. Julian Cook commands the 77th Special Forces and Mickey Fellenz is with the 1st Logistic Command. Leahy has Battle Group with the 82nd and Ham commands Div. Arty. Leahy soon off to G-1, the Pentagon. Tad Floryan with 4th Army Headquarters.

NEWSWEEK Magazine reports that Len Orman was right in there aiming

"Explorer," which is now orbiting. Len has been with the program from the start. Mike Paulick going to Germany. Swampy Marsh to Board 4. Izzy Shearer being retired at MacDill Field. Byrne, Jacobs and Sleeper are still in Hawaii. Ed Black with the 25th Division at Schofield. Pidgeon in the Pentagon and Shockner and Shagrin at Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk. Nosek is in Korea, Lucas at Headquarters 4th Army at Fort Sam Houston and Mandell is at Fort Meade, Maryland.

Bill Bennett writing from the G-1 Section of USCONARC at Fort Monroe reports that the following are there: Luther Arnold in the Artillery Section; Galbreath in the G-1 Section; Al Strock and Bob O'Brien in the G-3 Section; and Jim Loewus also present for duty. If you visit Fort Monroe plan your trip so that it coincides with the first Wednesday in each month so that you can attend Class of 1940 luncheon. Contact Bennett for meal ticket and information concerning these gala affairs.

Page and Helen Smith announce the arrival of their seventh, a girl. Lou Mendez, never idle, waiting for number 11.

Following are the school assignments for the coming year: National War College: Penney, Witt and Woodward. (Imagine the responsibility of poor Penney). Industrial College: Free; Army War College: Addington, Conley, Fitzpatrick, Lane, Merchant, Rizza, Townsend, Wermuth and Williams; Air War College: Brewer.

Note how short column is. All I can say is HELP.

—Hank Brewerton

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Santurce, Puerto Rico

1941

Even in Texas, it can get gloomy this time of year. However, I must say that my morale was given a considerable shot in the arm when I received the latest copy of the United States Military Academy Catalog. On page 92, I found that in all these years, they have not been able to find a picture of a more attractive group of people than the class of '41. Perhaps your old Pete Tanous had a hand in producing this document since his unmistakable profile is quite obvious in the foreground of the picture.

From Berlin comes word from the smiling Irishman, Tom Cleary, that their good living will soon come to a close and that they will head for Fort Bragg and the 82nd Airborne Division in April. Elaine Richards wrote a long and interesting Christmas letter from Paris to tell of the adventures of the Richards family during the past year. The letter sounded like a travelogue. They spent three days with the Hayduks in Naples, went "chateauing" down the Loire, visited the Troups in Orleans on the way, and John and the boys took a five week Boy Scout Explorer trip into Norway. John is executive to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations. After having had a year as executive to General Norstad and then to Air Marshal Campbell, he is now sweating out his return to the States and the inevitable assignment to the Pentagon. Also from Paris comes word from John and Dotty Henschke that John is dashing around the streets of Paris con-

fusing the gendarmes in his sports car and that they are looking forward to returning to the states where John is scheduled to take command at Bunker Hill Air Force Base, Indiana. Heading the other direction are Jane and Lyman Faulkner, who left Fort Monroe in January for the U.S. Garrison in Berlin.

From farther south, Bob and Jo Kramer write that Spain is nice, but home is much better. They state that Rod O'Connor will be leaving next Summer, if he can't dream up some other excuse for extending his already record tour. Harry Harvey and Audrey Howser dropped by with parties of visiting firemen.

Bill and Ruth Gurnee arrived in Japan just as we were leaving and we missed them. They had a class get together on New Year's Eve and beside the Gurnees there were the Lauterbachs, Van Hoys, Geldermanns, Carrols, Silks, Collins, Tidmarshes, Layfields, Danforths, and Tylers. Rip Collins wrote to say "Unlike my last note, this is *not* a plaintive note from Korea. I am back in Tokyo with the family and am happily connected with an Honest John force. Thanksgiving evening, we had a small get together at Zama: Lauterbachs, Carrols, Gurnees, Layfields, Tylers, Van Hoys, and Collins, absent but in Japan were Silks, Stalnakers, Danforths, and Tidmarshes. The party broke up at 0230." Rip's card had a picture of a pastoral scene with two Japanese straw thatched huts on which he had interpolated the remark "Government quarters on Honshu." Beanie and Dick Aldrich wrote from Hawaii to say that they are still playing their string duet. Beanie on the ukelele and Dick on a one string bass made out of a wash tub.

Pat and Dave Cooper wrote from Bogota to say that their Spanish was progressing, slowly but the D.T.'s much more rapidly. They visited Panama where they saw the Knowles, Mouchas, and Garrets, all enjoying the tropical breezes. The Coopers were delighted to "warm up" over there.

Ruth and Brad Smith are at Kingston, Ontario, where Brad is attending the National Defense College. They are delighted to be back in Canada and are enjoying it as much as they did when they were in Ottawa several years ago. They have taken up the fine old Scotch game of curling and find it much to their liking.

Jack Millikin sends a class roster from the Army War College: Linnell, Marsh, Kelly, King, J. M., Laney, Cannon, Oswald, Tarbox, and Fletcher. Kay and Roy Kelly wrote from the same establishment saying that the War College year was rolling by like an ICBM. They get a Christmas vacation in which to write a thesis. They also wanted to announce the arrival of a new son, Ricky (Frederick Potter).

Willis and Tom Corbin write from Maine where Tom commands the air refueling wing at Dow. They are looking forward to the Winter sports. Billy Mitchell was weathered in there for several days and A. Wray White dropped in from Omaha.

We had a wonderful card from Fran and Joe Myers "and the terrible one-half dozen—Maureen Michele was born last February and she is an angel, the last of the line. Biz and Penny Moore, Baron

and Anna von Schritlz, Tuck and Dodie Brown, Jim and Sarah Cox are all here. Jim has the Troop Carrier Group at Pope Air Force Patch. I am trying to get him to slow up those . . . aircraft when we jump. Bob and Beverly Johnson are due to stop here in January on their way from Washington to New Orleans."

John and Jeannette Atkinson reported in from Schilling AFB, Kansas, to say that John is now back on flying status after his encounter with a truck in the Philippines last Summer. Bill and Marge Hershenow are happy in California where they are fixing up their new home and garden. Bill has a wonderful job at Lockheed. Patty and John Locke are really enjoying Colorado Springs and looking forward to several years more. Barbara and Jack Bentley are happily living in a big house at Maxwell right on the #4 fairway. Jack still has his beagles and had his third article published on same. Barbara won the Maxwell golf championship in November, and the boys won their Ms in football. Libby and Arn Phillips are about to wind up their tour at Wright-Patterson and will be heading for the Armed Forces Industrial College next Fall. Walt Mather writes that he is at Monterrey studying Italian prior to his assignment to NATO next year. "Saw Fred and Gay Baker at San Bernardino a couple of weeks ago." Charlotte and Wray White have moved out of Wherry into a home, 2406 Jefferson St., Bellevue, Nebraska. I saw Wray in November and they are both doing fine. Bill and Marie Clifford write from Fort Devins where they have just moved into a fine set of quarters on the post. "Bill is particularly happy and has a fine battalion and enjoys being back with the troops. Pete Dilts dropped by for a visit recently."

We have several reports from the fabulous Washington contingent, the Troops left France in July and joined the Pentagon crowd. Mal rides to work with Walt Woolwine and Larry Green. Johnny Richards dropped in on a visit from Paris the other day. Bill and July Seawell wrote to say that she loves Washington. No such comment from Bill, however. They were expecting the George Browns, Harveys, Kunkels, and DeJonckheeres, to watch the Army-Navy game on TV. Tom and Alice Fisher, Nancy and Harry Harvey, Johnny and Jane Brooks, Muriel and Jack Christensen, and George and Skip Brown also sent nice Christmas notes from Washington. Greetings arrived from Fort Knox from Greg and Mickey McKee. Mickey's brother, Frank Sturdivant, commands the Air Division here at Dyess.

Fred Ascani writes that he returned to Wright-Patterson with mixed emotions. Says he is back in the R&D business. Also present are Sam Parks, Mike Cochran, Fat Jack Harris and Arn Phillips. They gathered to watch the Army-Navy game, but found Mike's martinis more entertaining. Jack and Fred are in WADC. Arn and Sam in Hq ARDC with duty station at Wright-Patterson, and Mike is in AMC—stationed at Gentill depot. "Saw Jack Norton around here about a month ago. Didn't get to talk to him long, but I am convinced he was trying to steal some of our airplanes. He has changed less than anybody I've seen."

From The Army News Service comes word that Paul Pigue will assume duties of executive officer of the 10th Anti-aircraft Artillery Group in Germany. On

the front page of the Air Force Times was a picture of Cliff Cole snapping a parachute on the first Air Force Academy cadet to become a mock buster. He was about to go aboard one of the F-104s that Cliff, as plant representative, is accepting for the Air Force.

Ted Shelton writes "Just a brief memo to advise that we have finally added a son, Robert Joseph, to our family of three girls, Barbara 13, Linda 9, Nancy 8; the event took place December 2, weighed 8 lbs., 14 ounces. Genevieve and I are, of course, most delighted with our future cadet."

One card stood out from the rest—the picture showed St. Nick wearing a tar bucket and a sleigh drawn by two mules. The note said, "The '41ers here deserve honorable mention in your poop sheet for the care they took of me while I was in the local hospital with hepatitis over a period of three months. No fun—but the group rallied around often! Outstanding was the pair of K-det PJs embroidered with a 5 star insignia with get well wishes. What's good enough for Ike is good enough for '41, they said. Also, an engraved stein 'from the Black, Bald, and Grey.' It made my stay almost bearable—they're a swell group—Richardson, Math; Upton, C-store; Panke, Tac; Samz, Ord; Tanous, Asst. DepLog; Buchanan, Post QM. Tansey coming to Ord Dept next Summer; Lauterback was asked to be P. of Electricity but (tentatively) said no." It was signed—Potter and Betty Campbell.

"Sir, there are only 27 light years until the Saturn Game."

—Burt Andrus

1942

The true significance of the democratic process was forcibly brought home to yours truly when Halpin advised me today—February 26—that I have been honored by being named your scribe for 1958 and that this first column is due March 1! And I thought he was joking in the last ASSEMBLY! "Dirty Dan" indeed! Sincere congrats to the new L.C.'s—Cage, Cockrill, Cooperhouse, Craig, Eckert, Fergusson, Fiskens, Furey, Ben Hill, Lee Jones, Josephson, Mizell, Morgan, Simon, Tatsch, Ulsaker, Waller, Bill Warren and Van Warren. If patience is what they say, that's a right virtuous group!

Plaudits also to Deane and Crowley, selected for the National War College; Buchanan, Geiger, Spilman, Watkin and Wyman for the Army War College; and Bob Terry, the Naval War College.

Medals to Cages and Shedd's for new offspring.

Word received from Paul Donato, ex-the-greatest-class-etc., that he had learned while attending the University of Alabama that Bill Mulvoy, also an ex-42'er, had gone on to become an Air CORPS pilot, and was killed in Oklahoma in an air crash toward the end of WWII. E and F Co's will remember Bill.

The *other* news is from Jim Hottenroth, bless you, sir, commenting on Frank Koisch's eagles and the aforementioned L.C.'s. He finds Fort Worth and his job as District Engineer Executive wearing well and the spending of \$24,000,000 for construction at USAF bases and \$90,000,000 on reservoir projects a vicarious pleasure.

New Class Officers here are Crit-Grand wheel, Maupin—Asst. Wheel, Sam



Hays and Maupin (signally honored by being the first to hold *two* offices at the same time) the Secretary and Asst. Secretary, Tabb—Merlin of the Exchequer, and SOCIAL ADVISORS, yet, Gates, Of-fley and Timothy. Elections were held over beer and pizza in the Evans' basement. Unique in that *half* of those elected were present! Bad precedent!

Rehkopf newly arrived here, Seifert and Foster likewise at Knox, boning quarters drawing in June; Grant Jones in G-4, 8th Army, U.S. that is: Halpin on leave prior to departure for Germany.

Party set here for March 7 with Turk Ryder lined up to call the proper kind of dance for us.

Actually gave up Wednesday nite fite tonite to see Mrs. Bill Smith honored on **THIS IS YOUR LIFE**, a fine tribute to a courageous gal who is now the kind of schoolmarm guaranteed to get Dad out to PTA—and with a son you guys with gals would do well to remember.

Excuse maiden (?) effort. No improvement guaranteed. Send PICTURES and NEWS.

Our class will have only one planned activity for this June Week's program at the Academy—a picnic on Friday, May 30, Memorial Day. Interested classmates should contact Doug Murray at West Point with reference to attendance and

housing accomodations. Naturally, there will be other and impromptu celebrations as they occur.

—Kenneth F. Hanst, Jr.
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Arlington 2, Virginia

January

1943

Well, gang, by the time you get this the Reunion will be all but on us. As you may have gathered by comparing Arch's column and mine last time, there had been a change of schedule between the time I submitted our column (on time) and he submitted his. Presumably you have received the WORD by post-card, and are even now packing the car, kissing the wee ones goodbye, and starting for old Usmay.

Speaking of reunions, I have a few reports. Close to this column there should be a composite set of photographs of our wonderful New York celebration on the 20th at Leone's. Tom Mesereau and Luisa arranged for the wine cellar to be ours. The menu was almost a yard square. We started with drinks and *antipasto* at sometime after 7:30; and barely made it through the Caffe Espresso, cheese and *bugia* by midnight. The proceedings

were enlivened by a scandalous telegram reproduced below in its entirety:

"To Senior Cadet William Knowlton, Headquarters, USMA, West Point, N. Y. The tigers of Maxwell are now assembled. We hope you are joined in celebrated of 15.

Let's all go for broke because we are all broke.

Signed:

Bevan, Brady, Gavin Retired, Foote, Taliaferro, Kinny, & Talzott."

Somehow, there was a ring to those immortal words which showed signs of aging and slackening capacity. I presume that *Kinny* refers to George Kinney, and *Talzott* to Toto Talbott. Foote is also presumed to have had a hand in this. In view of flight pay, some of the references are also a bit hazy.

Lack of space prevents my listing the group at the Reunion. You may recognize Armstrong, Fiss, Zecher, Flatley, Changaris, Kerig, and others who are newcomers to the New York show.

Catch the Paris edition of the *Herald Tribune* for January 22nd. I quote a gossip column by a gal called Maggi Nolan: "As if you didn't know: The happy group of American officers and their wives at the Tour d'Argent, Nouvelle Eve and the Sheherazade last Friday and Saturday

were having a week-end reunion in Paris of the 1943 graduating class at West Point. The Paris hosts were Colonel Joseph Conny, Colonel H. A. Barber III, Colonel Al Saari, and Major Victor Franklin . . ." Joe Conny's blurb is reproduced in part below:

"Paris, January 25, 1958. . . it rained in Paris last weekend but not as far as we who attended the 15th Reunion were concerned. We had a wonderful time and certainly missed those who were unable to join the fun. E Company won the blue ribbon for attendance with Barber, Franklin, Muldrow and Pietsch all present for duty. Such flankers as Saari and Brenning Waters had a tough time out-remiscing that crew.

"Despite a full program of wine, women (our pro wives) and song, we squeezed in enough business to select a 16th reunion site (Garmisch) and a slate of officers for the European area for the period January '58-January '59."

Joe signs this missive with an *Auf wiedersehen*, but explains that he is just getting ready for the Garmisch trip. I may have reported previously that Brenning Waters hit SHAPE at the same time as a manpower cut; he and Judy are now at Orleans. Chairty Barber notes on a Christmas card that Hal and she are knee-deep in French lessons and French social life. This liaison job seems to be much liaising and less job. Joe and Marie Conny should be coming towards the end of their normal tour, but show little sign of returning to the *Heimat*.

I noticed orders on Doug Blue and Bestervelt to the Armed Forces Staff College. Congratulations on hitting the gentlemen's course, fellows. Also in the mail is a card from Craig Alan MacVeigh, announcing his arrival on December 12th. Stuart MacV has apparently left wife and son for the wilds of Iceland on a one year tour. Speaking of Iceland and Bill Starnes, I have never seen a tour in Thule that included so much time in New York. While Mary D.'s folks watch the kids, she and Bill were living in the Village for a month. I gather Bill was mixing legitimate work with a slight search for a replacement in Thule. Any Engineers volunteer?

The mail also contains a note on that distinguished resident of Pittsburgh, Don Thompson, who has apparently joined the (I may as well list it all) Industrial Products Division of the Westinghouse Air Company as Manager, Aircraft Products. I did not realize that we were that old, but this blurb says he is a "pioneer," or rather it says that he "... exercised top management responsibilities in several pioneer fields." James Changaris is subject of another of these items. He is a member of the faculty of the New York Center of the Graduate Engineering Training Program of the Western Electric Company. I have already mentioned that he is holding down the Coliseum.

The last printed item tells that Harold S. (Hi) Walker, Jr., Secretary of the American Gas Association, is now also wearing the hat of Assistant to the Managing Director. Congratulations to all these eminent industrialists. How about some more of you civilian types putting old Bill on the mailing list. We need more news of you'uns who are directing the American economy. Paul Andrepont supplies the last note. He works for the W. L. Maxson Corporation, and in his travels saw the

following last fall: at Huntsville, Alabama, Myron Dakin in the Electronic Branch, Bill Hahn in the Engineering Office, and Lee James in Training Branch; in Baltimore at ARDC he reports Lenfest in Air Defense Systems, and Taliafferro up to unknown skullduggery; at Holloman AFB he saw Cliff Butler, in charge of Missile tests, and Don Vlcek who has something to do with sled tests. In the New York area are Clarke Hain with Fairchild Camera and Instrument Co., Bob Lawrence who runs his own movie studio, A. V. Jackson who runs the Rand Development Corporation's local office, and Bob Wood with Sales Promotion for Ebasco.

Dick Evans stopped by in the fall; he has left his native Wyoming for the oil fields of Louisiana, and looked fine. Bill Talbott whipped off to Benning and found his way to the plane door the required number of times for the union badge. He is somewhat apprehensively awaiting the experience of leaping onto the postage stamp here bounded as it is by super-highways, runways, and high tension lines. Infantry Chief Berenzweig is encouraging him along. Your correspondent finally received his M. A. through the mail; I wish I could have taken my classes that way. Eileen Michael has persevered her way through the educational labyrinth of the New York State teaching authorities. After graduate work up at New Paltz and practical work scattered around the neighborhood towns, she is about to receive her certificate—a sort of open-sesame everywhere in case James Robert takes off on a punishment tour.

Very few of us have received orders yet. Those in power have discovered that the lifeline of the post is in danger every second that Joe Benson is away; he has just been extended. Bob Marshall appears scheduled for Korea, which has become sort of Mecca for Engineers. V. K. Sanders is heading the same way, and confusing it by traveling with his neighbor named Saunders, also headed for Korea. Bill Talbott seems set for a spring or summer trip by car to this new station in Newfoundland before the snows set in again. Peggy and I go to the 3rd Cavalry at Meade. There is a good chance that George Rebh will move over from the Tacs to this slot here; I am trying to persuade him to take over the column by saying it goes with the desk.

Speaking of Fort Meade, the tour of Tom and Debbie Farnsworth with the Gyrenes was cut short so that Tom could report to Headquarters, Second Army, at Meade. Tom is apparently going to be THE G-3 by the time you read this. I am presently heading for the two-week Old-Goat course at Fort Knox, where they tell me which end of the tank has the engine. Have already heard from Hank and Inge Ebrey, who say Ernie Raulin is the only other classmate on the Post. I positioned Hank on the Staff and Faculty, but he informs me that he is in the Training Regiment "... where there are only two uniforms: fatigues and pajamas." First hand views will be in the next column. Deadline prevents more.

And the word *deadline* brings us to the June issue already. By the time you read this, it will be about time for the next column. Please sit down and shoot me a note with all the class dirt in your area. No matter how trivial it may seem to you, we are interested. After all,

ASSEMBLY does not have to use it. So this closes it with a plea for a postcard of news from each. See you at the Reunion!!

A last minute postscript. Flywheel Flanagan, Elvey Roberts, Gray Wheelock, Chuck Alfano and Dan Moore are all on orders for the Army War College. And in our first year of eligibility too! All hands can pop up their chests, and move out to ever-widening horizons (End of adv.)

—Bill Knowlton

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Plans are moving along well in preparation for the big Fifteenth Reunion. but it won't be great unless you can make it there in person. By now each of us should have received his class notice on the reunion; if not, and there is even a slight possibility you can make it during June Week, drop Caleb Cole a note on the subject. He's our Secretary for the June Week activities and can be reached at Qtrs. 116 at West Point.

Now for the class poop. First a sad item from the DC area. The Edrington's lost little Nancy in January when she was three months old. She had water on the brain and did not survive the operation. Our sympathy is with Bethel and Joan in their tragic loss. The Edrington's are being reassigned to Hawaii this Summer.

A check with Engineers Jack Morris and Eddie McCabe shows that a number of their types are drawing PCS dislocation allowances. Jesse and Jane Fishback and their four J's stopped off in DC on their way to Germany. They have been at Fort Polk, Louisiana, but Jesse's 24th Engr C Bn is gyroing with the 4th Armd Division. His new address will be APO 696, PM, NYCity. Dutch Ingwersen has taken over the 8th Engr Bn in Korea. Pat has set up the Ingwersen rear CP at MacDill AFB in Florida with their three sons. Lorry and Betty Thomas have left DC for Norfolk where Lorry is now deep in pursuit of joint knowhow at the Armed Forces Staff College. In the same Staff College class are the Hutchin's and Aaron's. Walt and Iyllis Hutchin and their three youngsters came from a tour in the Caribbean where Walt's superior work in mapping Cuba was appreciated to such an extent that Batista personally presented Walt with the Cuban Distinguished Service Medal. Good show! Hal and Marianne Aaron left behind in DC memories of Hal's tour with the 3rd Inf. Regt where Hal averaged more parades than the USMA kdets. Stuff and Dotty Kengle completed AFSC in January and they now are roughing it in Hawaii where Stuff is on the J4 staff of USARPAC. Don Mehrrens will go to the Missile Board at Fort Bliss when he completes his training in the Nuclear Effects program at the Naval Post Graduate School at Monterey, California. Fred and Mary Proctor will leave the sanctuary of Fort Belvoir this Summer for Europe. Duane and Harriet Tenney will gyro home from Kitzingen, Germany, with the 41st Engr Bn early this Summer. On January 15 Rolo Brandt was promoted to light colonel. Bravo! Hal and Pat Parfitt and daughter Karen can

be reached at SHAPE, Log Division 8651 DU, APO 55, PM, NYCity.

Arriving in the Washington area in February were Jim and Elaine Cain and their two boys. Jim is taking over Hal Aaron's old job with Headquarters, 1st B/G, 3rd Infantry, as well as Hal's quarters 17A at Fort McNair. Jim liked his job as an advisor to the Vietnam Military Academy. He says that Jack and Jane Butterfield are still with the Vietnam Military Academy, but are due Stateside this July. More new arrivals were Del and Jean Perkins now living at 406 North Frederick St., Arlington, Virginia. Del comes from Armed Forces Staff College for a temporary assignment in Army Intelligence in the Pentagon. He is slated for an attache assignment in Venezuela. Mike and Kathy Zubon have moved from Baltimore to 4188 King St., Alexandria, Virginia. Mike is now with the AF Scientific Advisory Board.

Carryings-on at CONARC, Fort Monroe, Virginia, include the departure of Ralph and Evelyn Jones for Hawaii where Ralph is to command an artillery battalion of the 25th Division. Steve Gordy and Arch Hill are on TDY from CONARC while they are attending the associate course at Leavenworth beginning in January. Shirley and children accompanied Archie. At CONARC are Fletch Veach (Infantry Section), Gus Brill (Chemical Section), John Bell (Combat Developments) and Herm Hunt (Intelligence).

On a February trip to Fort Benning, Georgia, to work out the Summer training for USMA and USAF Academy cadets, Allen Burdett and I brought one another up to date. As the Army Lt officer to the Air Force Academy he was pitching for the best for the Space Cadets when they receive Army training at Fort Benning. Allen tells fancy stories of the full life at the Air Academy—even his boys are taking judo lessons. Harry and Diana Reeder, Joe and Kay Boyle and Rip and Virginia Collins represent the class at Benning. Harry is with the Battle Group Cmte, Tactical Dept, Infantry School; Joe is with the Intelligence Cmte, Staff Dept, Infantry School. Kay Boyle had been having a rough time in the

hospital for nearly two months; in fact, it must have been like combat duty for Joe with nine kids at home. They have five girls and four boys and are well organized; Joe's oldest daughter was running the show in Kay's absence. Rip Collin's word for the Class: "Y'all come down and see me."

Bob Mathe and Allen Burdett will be attending the 1958-59 Army War College course, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania; Bill Glasgow, the 1958-59 Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Fort McNair, DC. They are the first of our class to attend these senior service schools. Congratulations—they've earned the honor. Bob Mathe is presently the Asst District Engr, Washington, DC; Bill Glasgow is in the office of the Asst Sec of Army for Logistics.

It's hard to believe, but when those presently studying in graduate schools complete their training, over half of the Army-types in the classes of January and June '43 who still are on active duty will have received advanced civil schooling. Presently plugging away are Bob Sonstelie (Personnel Admin—University of Alabama), Bill Ray (Business Admin—Harvard), Gary Black (Operation Research—Johns Hopkins), Johnny Moses (Guided Missiles—University of Michigan), Wally Magathan (International Relations—Princeton) and Charlie Benson (Comptroller—Syracuse University). This Summer and Fall the following will pursue further knowledge: Bill Tomlinson (Personnel Admin—University of Alabama), Bill Calnan and Hal Aaron (International Relations—Georgetown University), Bobbie Griffin and Ed Blount (Guided Missiles—University of Southern California), and Leon Sembach (Nuclear Physics—University of Virginia). I admire their courage.

Art Rasper, with the National Guard Bureau in the Pentagon, had a visit from Joe Eastmead in February. Joe was on leave from his G3 (ROTC) Section, Fourth Army Headquarters, San Antonio, Texas. Ed Geaney, DCSPER DA, ran into Gary Black who had left his Johns Hopkins' books long enough to visit in DC with the Dick Schlosberg's (Jan '43). Gary's wife, Marge, and Dick's wife and sisters.

Jack Kidder departed the Pentagon in February for a tour in Vietnam. Ginny and the youngsters will remain at 6821-27th North, Arlington, Virginia, while Jack is away. The night before he left some local classmates including the Rasper's, Roos', Geaney's and the Hamblen's, helped bid Jack farewell at a party given by the Kidder's. Jack will have company in Vietnam for Stan Stazak is leaving Fort Hood, Texas, for MAAG, Vietnam, in Saigon.

Art Surkamp (R&D, DA) reports that Lee Hogan recently passed through DC from the AF Academy on his annual jaunt to Europe to arrange for the Air Cadets to visit points of interest. Hank Morgan, having completed his master's in International Relations at Georgetown, is now assigned to the office of the Army Chief of Military History. Paul J. Curtin, back from Europe, is with an AA Missile Group at Fort Niagara, New York. Just before Christmas, Ray and Barbara Blatt and three kids left for England in style on board the "America." Ray is attending the Joint Services Staff College. He will remain for an assignment in London after graduation. God save the Queen!

If we get a pay boost, it would be well to remember to include in your prayers of thanks our stalwart amigo Jim Keck for the outstanding job he has done in presenting our cause to Congress. He has been working on the pay bill for over a year in the office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower and Personnel. Even the Kilday House Armed Services Sub-committee singled Jim out for praise.

Basil and Theo Spalding have moved from Fort Bliss to Colorado Springs, Colorado, where he is with Plans Division, US Army Air Defense Cmd, Ent AF Base. Their home is 2408 N. Farragut Ave, Colorado Springs. Jim Deatherage works with GE; he and Geraldine and their two boys live at 1041 Hedgerow Circle, Wayne, Pennsylvania.

Erne Boruski sent a fine letter from his home at 290 Riverside Drive, NYC 25. Erne and Joyce had a lobster dinner with Charlie Puckett at Paddy's Clam House last Fall when Charlie was returning from Vietnam. Charlie is now with the Chemical Tng Cmd, Fort McClellan, Alabama. John Blair Beach is detailed to Chemical Corps and is also stationed at Fort McClellan. Erne's X-mas card list included notes from Bernie Callan, 108 Hamilton Place, Oakland, California; Wes Maughan, Headquarters ADC, IG, APO 862, New York—Goose Bay (Wes hoped to leave soon); and Ned Schramm, 10739 Ashton Ave, Los Angeles 24—Ned is getting his Masters in Business Admin. While Erne was making an inspection trip of the eastern half of the Arctic segment of the DEW line last Summer (beats me what job Erne is in now; he's done much since he got out in 1945—sell insurance, co-pilot for TWA, run his own plastics firm, and operate his own investment company, to name a few) he was surprised upon returning to Mitchell AFB, to learn that Al Shiely had been his pilot. Al is now with the office, Asst Chief of Staff for Air Defense, Pentagon. Erne says that Pete Ryan is doing quite well as a partner of a law firm at 120 Broadway, NYC 5. Pete has remarried. His new wife was a widow with one child.

Frankie Snyder sent a newsy letter from their new home at 9342 Loyola Blvd.,

June '43 at Founders Day Dinner, Tokyo, 1958



L. to R.: Burnette, Rhea, McCanna, Davenport, Russell, Milmore. Absent: Greene.

Los Angeles 45. Dick is in the Test office of BMD ("AF Ballistic Missile Division" to us Army types). The Snyder's had seen the Arnold's, Chandler's, both Hudson's and the Schramm's. Others in the area are the Dudley's, Shafer's, Ed Wright's, Ed Cutler and the Whitson's. Bill Scott from DCS/Intelligence in the Pentagon dropped by to see the Snyder's twice—each time for chow—while he was out on an orientation course at BMD. Later I ran into Steve Sherrill and Dick Snyder having lunch in the Pentagon. Steve has now moved to 9 Pooks Mill Road, Bethesda, Maryland, to be near the AEC where he works. Steve had just seen Grumpy Steele wandering in the halls. Grumpy is with SAC (52 BM Sq) at Lake Charles, Louisiana—just back from TYD in England. Dick will be shuttling back and forth from the west coast most of the Spring with General Schreiber. Dick ran into Al Gullion in Washington. Al is aide to General O. P. Weyland, TAC Hq, Langlev. and he was getting ready to go with the General on a trip to South Africa ("back home") to Al since he once was stationed there).

Tommy Tomlinson, a good artilleryman who is being thoroughly brainwashed by the AF at their Air Command and Staff School at Maxwell AFB, Alabama, admits he enjoys it. He states there are 13 classmates in the area: Those with ACSS include Bill and Anne Brake, John and Mayme Cobb, Doc and Shirley Hughes, Mac and Virginia McAdam, Jackie and Will Martin, Earl and Jo Olmstead (faculty), Dunc and Helen Randall, Tommy and Dorothy Tomlinson. John Dring (ex-Jun '43) also is a student at ACSS. With the Air War College are Ralph and Tody Hallenbeck and Harvey and Mary Latson. Hank and Kitty Richard are on deck while Hank takes the Air Warfare Systems Course. Then of course there are George and Anne Thompson of the Hudson-Thompson Wholesale Grocers, if you please. The Thompson's live at the classy address of 2223 Country Club Drive, Montgomery, Alabama.

Bob and Bette Rooker send greetings from the 2d US Missile Cmd at Fort Hood, Texas, where Bob is Asst G-1. Drop them a note at Bldg 154-3 McNair Village, Killeen, Texas. Harold and Ruth Seine are freezing at Fort Devens, Massachusetts, where Harold is Director of the Military Science Department at the Army Security Agency School. Fox and Le Fredericks (APO 616, Box 5, PM, NYC) are making the most of Lebanon, but will be happy to be Stateside in the middle of July 1958. Bill and Dickie Greenwalt are glad Bill's diet of dates is over (Saudi Arabia) and they are enjoying duty now at Fort Riley, Kansas, where 97A Schofield Circle is their CP.

The Magathan's sent a clever X-mas card on which Peggy had beautifully sketched their six youngsters. Apparently Wally is taking Princeton in stride. Bill Cover dazzled me with some Arabic on his card from the Army Language School. Bill, Cec and family sail in April for Damascus, Syria, where the Asst Army Attache job awaits. The clever McCanna card showed the whole family dolled up in Japanese kimonos. Bob is with Plans Division, G-3 Sect, Hq USARJ, Camp Zama, Japan, APO 343. Bob had heard from Wen and Sue Van Auken. Wen is advisor to the Chinese National Military Academy on Taiwan (USA Elm, MAAG

Taiwan, APO 63. SF). Snuffy Rhea is in the US Army Japan, Engr Section. Bob Davenport is Asst SGS, UAFJ—hoping to rotate to the States in September '58.

Bob Plett, old trustworthy scribe at Fort Leavenworth, says our classmates were breeding ulcers waiting for George Newman and his friends from Officers Assignment to get out there in March with their orders. On January 25 the Leavenworth group threw a first class soiree, a book title-slogan costume party. Hal Head won first prize for his depiction of "Charlie's Aunt" and Chris Semback won as "Kitty Foyle." I must get in at least one Plett pun; he says that Hal Neill and family are having a hal of a good time in Baghdad, Iraq, where Hal is Asst Attache. John Lloyd resigned in August 1957 and is working for General Electric in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. John and Mary Lou have three youngsters (boys 2½ and 1½ and little Victoria Mary who was born at 0827 New Year's Day—taxation without representation, as Bob puts it.) While John was getting settled in his new job, the Lloyd's stayed with Charlie and Katy Crane. Charlie is also working for GE in Pittsfield. A few addresses of interest: Norma and Jo Weyrick—qtrs 1511B, Fort Campbell, Kentucky (Jo's with 101st Abn Arty); John and Virginia Moses—500 South Seventh St, Ann Arbor, Mich (student); Ernie and Jodie Hinds—1501 Patterson Ave, San Antonio, Texas (Ernie retired in 1952 and is teaching math at Texas Military Institute).

Stukie and Cam Stevens can be reached at 28334 Bayberry, Farmington, Michigan. Lynn and Alan Jones wrote a witty note telling of their life in Hawaii. Alan, adjutant of the 21st Infantry at Scholfield Barracks, advises that during an economy drive, the place to have one's troop duty is corps level or higher. Thinking of the snow we have had in DC, I worry for him when he casually notes that the coldest day of the year was 60 degrees. Hq 2d Battle Group, 21st Infantry, APO 25, SF, will get a card of sympathy to him.

George Bugg on a DA visit from his G-1 office in 3d Army Headquarters, says he and Jane have extra beds and good cookin likker at 691 University Ave, Apt 12, Atlanta 10, Georgia, so mark that address in your book and look them up.

Bill Linton is working at Headquarters and Headquarters Co, ELM Field Cmd, AFSWP, Sandia Base, New Mexico. Jack Winn operates out of Headquarters US Army Air Defense Ctr, Fort Bliss, Texas, with the G4 Section.

George Newman, the oracle in OAD in the Pentagon for assignment of Infantry Majors, plowed deep in his files for poop on the following doughboys we haven't heard from recently: Jim Darden (Hq 2d Battle Group, 12th Inf, APO 34, NYC); Bill de Brocke (Hq 3rd Inf Div, Fort Benning, Georgia—he will gyro with the 3d Division to Germany); Hal Gingrich (Hq 1st Abn Battle Group, 503d, Inf, APO 29, NYC); Jim Greene (Hq USARISC, Camp Zama, Japan, APO 343, SF); Raoul Mozingo (Asst IG, Hq 2d Army, Fort Meade, Maryland); Westy Westfall (Asst PMS&T, Leigh University, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania).

Caleb Cole and Jim Phillips at West Point tell me replies are coming in from far and wide to the June Week queries. Here are a few files, their jobs and addresses gleaned from these replies: Ed

Walsh, Hq SAC at Offutt (1017 Parkway Drive, Bellevue, Nebraska), civilian Bob Hanna, 3107 East Sells Dr, Phoenix, Arizona; John Chandler, WDD (9325 Colegio Dr, Los Angeles 45); Ed Renth, 7th Air Base Gp, Carswell AF Base, Texas; Keith Whitaker, Hq 15th AF, March AF Base (3928 San Marcos Ave, Riverside, California); retired John Buyers, 5009 Royene Ave, NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico; retired Page Jackson, 75100-10th Ave, N. St. Petersburg, Florida; Tony Durante, Hq AMC, Wright-Patterson AF Base (208 E. David Rd, Dayton 29, Ohio); Bill Malone, CDEC, CONARC 7113, Fort Ord, California; Norm Williams wrote saying he and his family are in Iran and somehow can't quite make the reunion—US Engr District Gulf, APO 205, NY; civilian Ralph Scott, 1220 Eugene Ave, Port Neches, Texas (Ralph is on the English Dept faculty of Lamar State College of Technology, Beaumont, Texas); Tim Ireland, 1727 Spt Sqn, APO 942, Seattle, Washington (Tim rotates from Alaska in July 58); Bob Sonsteli, University of Alabama student (76 Brookhaven, Tuscaloosa, Alabama); Ed Cutler, Hq SAC MIKE, PO Box 262, Inglewood, California; Al Hagen sent a "beno" from Spain, JUSMC, APO 285, NY; Bob Hersberger, Hq 12th District OSI, APO 633, USAF, NY (Wiesbaden, Germany); Jug Young, CDEC, Fort Ord, California (134 Moreel Circle, Monterey, Calif); Zoo and LaVerne Gorelangton, NCO Academy, Barksdale AFB, Louisiana; civilian Ron Cullen, 2919 Demington Rd, NW, Canton, Ohio; Chuck Wilson, Army Language School (992 Ransford Court, Pacific Grove, California); Mike Davis, 503 Mondragon St, Fort Bragg, N.C.; Stan Ott, U.S. Army Artillery Board, Fort Sill, Oklahoma; civilian Walt and Lucy Mitchell, 154 Martling Ave, Apt P-3, Tarrytown, NY; Dick Wheeler, Hq 5060th Air Base Wing, APO 731, Seattle, Washington (Fairbanks, Alaska); Rocky Rhodes, CDEC, Fort Ord, California; civilian Al Tyrala, 26 Carter Lane, Elkin's Park, Pennsylvania; John Bond, 515 East Prospect St, Kewanee, Illinois; civilian attorney Bill Daner, 1106 South Highland Acres, Bismark, N.D.; civilian Stan and Elaine Pace, 150 Mill Creek Lane, Chargin Falls, Ohio; Luke Wright, ROTC Xavier University (1642 Krylon Drive, Cincinnati 15, Ohio); Leo Hayes, 2041 McClellan Dr, East Point, Georgia; Bob and Shirley Campbell, NSA, Fort Meade, Maryland (Bob is currently on a six-month Tdy trip to Korea; home is 411 Green Hill Rd, Laurel, Maryland).

Thanks be to Tid Watkins and Jim Bower for news of the whereabouts of the following Air Force types: Charlie Carson, McCord AF Base, Seattle, Washington; John Kullman, Tyson AF Base, Knoxville, Tennessee; Bill Snaveley, Hq USAFE, APO 633, NY; Harry Heintzelman, IC, Norton AF Base, California; Frank Ball and Buddy Hough, Hq, ADC, Ent AF Base, Colorado; Ed O'Connor, Bud Rundell, Don Detwiler, Bill Watson, Tony Durante and Bill Dudley all Hq AMC, Wright-Patterson AF Base, Ohio; Jim Walker with ARDC at Wright-Patterson as Bomarc project officer; Dan Shea and Dave Galas with Wright Air Development Center, Wright-Pat; Dick Hemsley, Frank McMullen, Charlie Waller, Tommy Love, Walt Beckett and Andy Boreske, all with Hq ARDC, Andrews AF Base, Maryland; Ernie Cragg, DSC/O, Hq USAFE, APO

12, NY; Al Brown, 58th Air Division Wright-Pat; Jack Novak, IG, Norton AF Base, California; Jack Davis, Ed Walsh, Al Bowley, Charlie Spieth, all Hq SAC, Offutt AF Base, Nebraska; Mo Anderson, 3600 CCT Gp, Luke AF Base, Arizona; Tom Foulk and Freeman Bowley, Hq AFROTC, Maxwell AF Base, Alabama; Bill Brierty, 526 Fighter Interceptor Sqn, 379 Bomb Wg, Homestead AF Base, Florida; Walt Burnette, 6102 Op Sq, 6102 AF Gp, APO 328, San Francisco; Don Dargue, 350 Bm Sq, Pease AF Base, New Hampshire; Bob MacMullin, 348 BH Sq, Westover AF Base, Massachusetts; Nobby Joe Oswald, 1090 Apr Wing, Sandia Base, New Mexico; Wally Potter, PACAF, APO 953, San Francisco; Ed Price, 769 ACW Sq, 34th Air Division, Continental Division AFS, New Mexico; John Rawlings, Hq TAC, Langley AF Base, Virginia; Sandy Richmond, Hq Pacific AACS Area, APO 915, NY; Hank Rosness, 3520 CCT Wg, McConnell AF Base, Kansas; LeRoy Russell, Hq 5th AF, APO 994, San Francisco; Hubert Smith, Hq AAFCE Det 2, 1141 Sp Act Sq, APO 11, NY; Dick Sullivan, 341 Bm Wing, Dyess AF Base, Texas; Bill Westbrook, 6th SM Sq, Little Rock AF Base, Arkansas; Roger Ball, 360th Bm Sqn, Davis-Monthan AF Base, Arizona; Cullen Brannon, Hq USAFE, APO 633, NY; Tommy Brown, 1141st Spec Act Sq, APO 230, NY; Bob Clark, 3550 CCT Group, Moody AF Base, Georgia; Tony Cole, 1005 Spec Investigation Gp, Lowry AF Base, Colorado; Pres Easley, 41st TNJ Sq, Shaw AF Base, South Carolina; Norm Frisbie, 16th Intpr Ftr Sq, 51st Ftr Intpr Wing, APO 235, San Francisco; Bob Hancock, 81st Ftr Bm Wg, APO 755, NY; Tom Jackson, 40 BH Sq, Walker AF Base, New Mexico; Norm Keefer, 33rd BM Sq, March AF Base, California; Bill Kilpatrick, 55 Sm Wg, Forbes AF Base, Kansas; Fergie Knowles, 606th CLM Sq, Griffiss AF Base, NY; Gayle Madison, 38th ADH,

Hunter AF Base, Georgia; Dick Parker, AF Spec Wpns Ctr, Kirtland AF Base, New Mexico; Jammie Philpott, 305th BM Wg, MacDill AF Base, Florida; Jim Pugh, Hq AF Flight Test Ctr, Edward AF Base, California; Si Silvester, 715th BM Sq, Walker AF Base, New Mexico; Ken Smith, 825th AB Grp, Little AF Base, Arkansas; Dick Stoddard, 6971 Spt Sq, Fort Meade, Maryland; Al Tucker, 1708 Ferrying Wing, Kelly AF Base, Texas; Vern Turner, 1st Missile Division, Cooke AF Base, California.

That should locate many lost souls. See you June Week.

—Arch

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The Steering Committee method of obtaining news is working real well as evidenced by the last issue. However, these notes come from only 12 or 15 of the largest installations and are not in any way intended to replace personal notes from any of you wherever you might be so please go ahead and write me when you can, particularly if you are not with one of these large groups.

Christmas has long since come and gone but the last deadline was first of December so here are a few notes gleaned from cards. Coots Mitchell at Fort Ord mentions meals he used to take at our house. I can assure him they are still good, as evidenced by my middle-aged figure. Red and Sugar Aldrich still with General Motors and living at Rochester, Michigan. Red visited some of the crew in Washington on vacation and we are hoping he and Sugar get down this way soon. Les and Mabel Halstead presently at Fort Lee where Les is taking logistics management course. They will be on their way to Europe early this Summer and will let you know where later on. B. J. Silver says Dave

has been studying mighty hard and didn't particularly seem to mind. This sounds a bit unusual but I guess Dave was getting the Christmas cheer along about that time. Curly Jackson married late in the year to Inga Watson at Fort Riley. Think you saw where Phil Grant won the golf tournament at Leavenworth. I think we should promote one for the reunion next year. I have just discovered why Dave Silver was having to study so hard. Ernie Graves and Jim Scoggins were pushing him and of course Old Pop was never one to let a star-man get ahead of him. Beth and George Blanchard are with the 82nd Airborne at Fort Bragg after having finished Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk. The Fulliloves well and happy in Washington and apparently as busy with outside work as some of us poor civilians. Art Hyman has left Fort Campbell and is at AFSC since January. The Pattons liking Germany and still doing news roundup work in that area. Joe and Geneie Hale finding California and the many classmates there most enjoyable after some time spent in Florida at Eglin. Doug and Marcele Gallez are now at 41 New York Ave., Massapequa, Long Island, New York; there Doug is doing film production work at the Army Pictorial Center. Doug got his second M.A. at Southern California last June and then completed the Assoc. Advanced Course at Fort Monmouth in January. Max Marshall is with Doug at the Pictorial Center. Ted and Betty Altier write from Rochester where they have moved into a new home that sounds grand. Fred and Joan Porter will be in Washington the next four years, living in Falls Church. Everything must be in good shape because Charles Daniel is an Aide to the Chief of Staff. Bill Steger and family are at Tuscon, 5917 Mardon Drive. Jack and Mary Hennessey and their five still in Washington and I think Jack is an Aide to one of our higher ranking generals. Annette Sullivan and the children and Chrysler joined John in Japan late last Summer after having waited in Columbus until John was settled in Japan. George and Barbara Hayman have a new daughter born last October. The Air Force routine at Montgomery seems to be right down George's alley as the School pleases him and the golf course is well kept.

Curly Walters reports he has moved to Dayton with ARDC and that Dick Fowler, since January, is with Western Development Division of ARDC in Englewood, California. Bob Drake writes that he is to report to Paris by April 15 to MAAG, APO 230.

Kern and Ginks Pitts are back home from Taiwan since late in August and are at Fort Lewis, Washington. Kern is asst. G-2 of the 4th Infantry Division and apparently getting a good work-out with field exercises and the Division changing over to the new structure. The Pitts will be going to Leavenworth (school, not pen) this Summer.

From New Mexico and Tank DeArment comes the following: Jim and Ann Blandford getting ready to attend the next session at Leavenworth. They have three children, two girls and a boy. Junior is 18 months and a right robust child. Hal and Dottie Sloan have just arrived in California where Hal is Spec. Weapons Liason Officer at University of

'44 Celebrate at Leavenworth



Here is the '44 contingent at C&GSC. How many can you name? Local opinion here at West Point is that the character sitting next to Rock Staser and smoking the pipe is Tex Rodden. We are sure that the bald dome on the Rock's left belongs to T-Baby Moore.

California Radiation Lab. For the next three years their address will be 967 Batavia St., Livermore, California. The Bob Algermissens will be at Kirtland AFB for the next year. They had recently seen Frank Forthoffer who is now a civilian working as an engineer with the Lockheed Missile Division at Palo Alto. The DeArments are leaving soon for the Command and Staff School at Maxwell. Hal tells me the Haymans will be at University Southern California for awhile now as George gets his Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering.

Coming back from Florida last month Patsy and I must have spent two hours at East Point, Georgia, as the train was held up in a heavy fog. That was a new excuse but had we known the Bob Seltons were living there we could have had breakfast with them. The next bit of news comes from Bob. Harry Buzzette is finishing electrical engineering course at Georgia Tech and is going from there to the next class at Leavenworth. Tom Lawrence is Asst. PMS&T at Ga. Tech. He and Marg recently bought a home in Atlanta. Mouse Burnette is G-2 of the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg and Dave Ott is S-3 of Division Artillery at Bragg. Bob Hurst is doing graduate work at Mississippi State. Think Jimmy Adamson is still at University of Miami and Leonard Simms at University of Florida. Chuck Czapar still single and at last report at Air C and S at Maxwell. George and Betty Wear on their way to Italy to SETAF after finishing AFSC. The Wears really got around during their leave between Staff College and going to Italy, as I had notes from three different people who had seen them in as many places as well as a nice note from Betty myself after Christmas.

We are compiling a pretty good list of addresses from our correspondents and if you want an address of anyone mentioned drop a card to Jack Pollin or me.

News from the Air Force Academy from Jack Johnson with an up-to-date list of classmates. Jack Robinson left Denver in February and is at British Air Force Academy where for the next two years he will teach military studies, coordinate visits of academy students to USAF European installations and do some flying in Vampires and Meteors. His address will be USAF-RAF Exchange Prog., Box 30, Navy 100 FPO, New York, New York. Bill McGlothlin finished the AFSC and is in Hawaii with General Kuter. Bill was General Kuter's Aide several years ago.

Roy Hoffman, now at Leavenworth, last Fall received the Army's Commendation Ribbon for outstanding work done as advisor to the Chinese Nationalist Army the past two years. Walter Harris, also at Leavenworth, received the Commendation Ribbon for some fine work done as Project Officer with the US Army Defense School at Fort Bliss during the past three years.

Harry Grace and Doug Kinnard received their Master's Degrees in Politics from Princeton last Fall.

Dusty Rivers is returning to the States this Summer from his tour as Air Force Attaché in Switzerland. George and Betty Maxon just arrived in France but I do not know what they are doing, or where in France they are.

Once again, please let me hear from

those of you who have written in the past as we don't want the news to settle down and be concerned with only those at the larger installations.

—*Buford Norman*

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The Steering Committee at West Point heard directly from "correspondents in the field" who sent in letters and reports. These are printed below. News at West Point is scarce. The O'Briens, the Kellers (who are expecting number 8 in June), and Keith Eiler are headed for C&GSC. The Mulkeys leave for parts unknown this Summer. Dan and Kathy Wallis join the Academy bunch in June. The D. G. MacWilliams are the proud parents of a new boy; head count now three boys and three gals. Lee Toon, who is living in Highland Falls while Phil attends Syracuse University, recently added a new boy to their gang. The Toons may be assigned to the Academy when Phil finishes his education. George Pappas paid a flying visit here. Had been in Europe. Saw Joe Petrone, whose wedding plans were announced recently, and who, after 14 years, will finally join the married ranks—John Donaldson, and Ollie Patton. The former, with Annie along, spend a "lost weekend" with George in some German inn. Ollie says the "golden days" in Germany are gone. He and Annie are living in worse quarters there now than they occupied during their earlier tour when Ollie was still a First Lieutenant. Did you see Larkin Tully on the March 2 "Wide World" TV show? He was interviewed while hard at work in the darkest jungles of Indo-China, but he looked fit and happy. He made a fine presentation—we wonder here who wrote his speech. He returns this Summer.

Here are the letters from the field. *First, from Betty Rodden at Leavenworth:*

"George Brown tried to do the course up right and fell and broke an ankle playing volleyball. As the young doctor respectfully told him, "Sir, you must remember your age!" Orders are beginning to dribble in. *Silver* is headed for the University of Alabama—civil schooling in Bus. Adm.; *Grant* to Syracuse University for the Comptroller Course; *Stasser* to University of Florida for Journalism. A bang-up Christmas dinner dance saw nearly everyone turn out. *Curley Jackson* and his bride of six weeks came over from Riley. *Phil Barnes* was up from Kansas City reporting Maxine was fighting a bout with the flu. Plans now are for a party in April with the Class of '43. And this does it with our news for now. Enclosed is the picture made at the Army-Navy game get-together. Tho't maybe you could use it. P.S.—Running true to form—late—But at least I tried! I only sent it to Box 44, Memphis, and it was just returned. Someday I may wake up! I'll put an airmail special on it and hope it isn't too late."

From Bob Brundin at Wright Patterson:

"There is very little news, printable or unprintable, from Wright-Pat these cold Winter days. This is the kind of weather when Ohio families (kids, cats, birds & dogs included) stay inside and grow closer together. That's a pun, in case you

missed it. Expected departures in the next six months are: *John Calhoun* moving to Germantown, Maryland, along with most of the Nuclear Bomber Project Office, to take up residence at the new AEC Headquarters. *Bob Brundin* moving to Montgomery, Alabama, to attend the 58-59 Air Command & Staff School Course. The move to a warmer climate is welcomed. No news of any expected arrivals. Unless matters change the numbers of 44'ers at W-P will hit an all time low. Wright Pat, being the AF crossroads that it is, has had several visitors in the past few months. *Johnny Moore*, from Maxwell Fld, was through in January and spent an evening with several of the permanent residents. We've also seen: *Bob Bright*, up from AC&SS at Maxwell; *Hal Emerson*, back on TDY from Japan; *Curly Walters*, from Andrews Fld; and *Bill Peugh*, from civilian life in Chicago—all since Christmas."

From Bud Partridge at Camp Zama, Japan:

"Well, there's always someone who doesn't get the word. We didn't know about the advanced deadline until too late. Although your letter got here, Jack, [Pollin] about February 5, I was in Hawaii. When I started gathering the poop for this letter a couple days ago I received the card from you, Bufo. Here's the current information on Japan—I hope it's in time to do some good. (Have you ever contacted a representative in Korea?) 1. Classmates who've just arrived in Japan: Major Wm. *Whiteman*, 67 Tac Rcn Wing, Yokota—Asst Dir of Per. for Wing, APO 328, San Francisco, California; Major *Carlisle Whiting*, Hq. USFJ, Box 5, APO 925 (Whiting has been up in Hokkaido for 16 months and we didn't know it.) 2. Voting on class gift to USMA. Diorama for Museum—6; Camp Clinton Marker—4; Bench on Plain—2; To be presented on 15th Reunion—10; on 25th—1; Date immaterial—1. Over here we must be feeling older and grayer than the average classmate; we aren't sure we'll be around by the 25th. 3. Classmates who've left or are leaving Japan: *Grady O. White* left for the States on January 10 and will become a civilian again after February. *John S. Sullivan* leaving March 6 as Aide to General Palmer and will be in 6th Army Headquarters at the Presidio. *Ray A. Dunn* leaving in May to report to the Air Academy in July. He has been over here 4½ years straight. 4. Other info of interest: All classmates will get together at the Annual Founder's Day dinner March 16. *Hal Emerson* just returned from a junket to Wright Patterson where he ran into several classmates. Nothing more until May report."

From John Donaldson in Paris: (on a picture postcard showing a mountain village in Bavaria).

"If we get another inch of snow down here, they'll have to dig us out! My kingdom for a ray of sunshine! Arrived two days ago from Paris (SHAPE) for a ten day leave. Saw *George Pappas* recently—looks fine. *Kenny Cooper* also at SHAPE, doing a fine job. Our best to the West Point contingent."

That's all. Keep the news coming in—any hold-outs who have not returned the questionnaire, please do so now. Over 275 replies to date.

—*Steering Committee*

The ballots for the annual election of class officers weren't mailed until the first week in March, partly because I was writing this the last week in February. The members of the class stationed here debated shifting the location of the class officers to Washington, but Jim Root, writing from D. C., convinced us that a shift would be a mistake. The Class Constitution states: "The purpose of this Constitution is to establish a workable class organization for the transaction of class business and maintenance of class records." Our only real class business is June Week, especially the 15 year reunion in 1960, so it was decided that the organization should remain here.

The slate is as follows:

Vice-President: Walt Geline and Steve Day

Secretary: Russ McGovern and Bill Wolfe

Treasurer: Jack Fehrs and George Forsell

We don't elect a President. Instead, the Vice President becomes the President on January 1. Tom McCuniff succeeded Ren Fortier on January 1, 1958 and Geline or Day will succeed Tom next January. If you didn't receive a ballot, send me your vote today.

Bill Boiler has reported for duty in PIO at USMA, and was appointed the ASSEMBLY reporter. Thus this job will no longer be done by the Class Secretary.

LEAVENWORTH: George and Theo Bush are the new reporters for our largest group of classmates (two more than in Washington). They write: "The number continues to grow at Leavenworth. In addition to the seven on the Staff and Faculty and 62 in the Regular Class reported in the last issue, two early arrivals for the next Class—called "Snowbirds"—have reported in; they are John Brown and Leon Byrd. We had one loss—George Crowell—by resignation. Our net as of the present is 70. With such a large number here, and most of them living on the Post, you can well imagine the continual round of social events. In December, John and Jean Bennett, Bob and Gene Ives, and Dick and Joan Carnes organized a class party—black tie affair—which was attended by most of us here. We've also had six visitors: Les Ayers, Bill Jarrell, Ted Schwinn, Tom Marks, Del Vecchio and John Gage. In addition to the large number of cocktail parties during Xmas, the girls continue to keep in touch with a bridge party once a month. For April, a party is being planned by Arch and Barbara Arnold, Aus and Alice Yerks, and Katy and George Dexter, which will feature the next assignment theme. In the next issue we'll report the full list of assignments for those of you who miss Army Times, Journal, and Register.

"In the vital statistics department the big news is Tom, son of Ernie and El Denz. Tom is the third for the Denz's. In addition, there are several patiently waiting: Pat Powers is writing book reviews while Dodie waits for No. 3; Jack Rhett colors maps while Helen waits for No. 3; and Bob Fye is computing the reduced chance of commanding an Army Bn as a result of the new Division Orgn while Lei also waits for No. 3. We haven't been able to determine what George Dexter is doing (probably studying budget control) while lucky Katy waits for

NUMBER SIX. The Patchells heard that Barney and Jean Schneckloth, in Austria, just had No. 3 daughter.

"A little advance information on the next assignments—all in the additional schooling field—is as follows: John and Jean Bennett, John and Elizabeth Linden, and Kris and Dossie Kristoferson are all going to the British Staff College. Bill and Jane Reidy, Bob and Alice Burgess, and Jim and Martha Rasmussen will try for a Master's Degree in Business Administration at Syracuse. Jim and Babs Patchell will go to Georgetown to study International Relations. Dave and Peggy Fink go to Georgia Tech for Aeronautical Engineering. Hap and Mary Jane Macintire go to Georgia Tech for Electrical Engineering. George and Katy Dexter go to Tulane for a year's course prior to teaching Military Psychology and Leadership at the Academy.

"While Dick and June West, Tom and Jo Musgrave, Ray and Betty Miller, Roy and Audrey Farley, and George and Theo Bush (all Staff and Faculty) moved into new quarters of the Capehart variety—duplex, three bedrooms, fancy kitchen, full basement, and patio—the rest of the class was plunging into a multitude of extra-curricular activities:

"Dick Carnes, Loch Caffey, and Jim Patchell are editing the publication of the yearbook utilizing the principles learned at the College of delegating the workload and supervising the activities of the workers.

"Proving how young and vigorous some of us still are, Barbara Arnold won the Ladies Fall Golf Tournament. Nelle Preston won a bowling trophy. Aus Yerks was on the championship volleyball team, playing in the finals against Jack Boettcher, Bob Hall, and John Linden. Carl Fischer was in the finals of the tennis tournament. And large numbers of our stalwart men are actively engaging in handball, bowling, volleyball, and even basketball.

"Dick and Harriet Hartline have been instrumental in the planning and execution of the Engineer Party. Gene Ives has contributed her artistic talents to a large number of class and Women's Club functions. Marie Ford has been a mainstay of the Dramatics Club. Suzanne Manitsas has organized and conducted a bridge class for wives of many of the Allied Officers attending the Course. At least 11 of our members are teaching Sunday School (or furnishing music therefor) including (but not limited to) Helen Rhett, Jane Kietsche, John and Jean Bennett, Kathy Clymer, Ray Miller, Jim Rasmussen, Dossie Kristoferson, Jack Boettcher, Joan and Dick Carnes.

"Our latest Post function—a Mardi Gras for charity sponsored by the Army Daughters—featured a dancing line which included Babs Patchell, Gene Ives, and Harriet Eyster. The encore of the same number included Bob Hall, George Eyster, and Walt Root—much to the amusement of all. Elizabeth Linden and Joan Carnes sold flowers, Betty Miller sold dolls, and Jane Dietsche took pictures, all to help support the affair.

"Pat Curry has been in the hospital. We all hope she's better soon.

"An interesting outing took place in Kansas City a short time back for Barbara Arnold and Nell Preston. Barbara was driving her Volkswagen down the street and was hit by another car. She

called the police with an identification of the suspect and they picked him up shortly thereafter, to discover the car had been stolen and the driver had a criminal record!

"What with above activities and Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Brownies, Gray Ladies, horseback riding, swimming lessons, dancing, teaching school, and going to Kansas City, everybody I called said they had nothing to do during this relatively quiet gloom period."

FORT BLISS: Tom and Gabe Fitzpatrick's letter made us homesick for the El Paso sunshine. A picture of "the Fitzpatrick brood" of three girls and two boys reminds us of how long its been since last we met. Tom nominated Bill Holcombe to take over the reporting chores for the next four issues, so all of you in God's Country make sure that Bill keeps the news coming. Welcome aboard, Bill; seems like old times. Tom, Bill and I shared a tent in Korea for a year. Tom's letter follows: "Leavenworth list includes Ace Parker, Homer Pitzer, and Jim Ingham from this area. Special Weapons Course attendees from other posts and stations were George Casey, Dave Clymer, Jack Harmeling, Jack Callahan, John Ferguson. Other visitors included George Smith for some radar tests and Ed Gudgel in his capacity as Aide to Sixth Army CG, and Jim Harrington who is Aide to Lieutenant General Hart in Colorado Springs.

The rest of us are not very newsworthy. Most of us have another year to bask in the sun and I can offer nothing recent on our civilian brethren since we haven't had a party lately. We are due though, so the next report should have more news."

ITALY: Bob Nelson is in the District Engrs. Office in Livorno. He was succeeded as Area Engr. in Vicenza by Doc Hesse, who went to Morocco, as ordered, but evidently just continued on to Italy.

EUROPE: Johnni and Bill McNamee sent the poopsheets used in planning the 2nd Annual Class of '45 Founders Day Activities in Heidelberg. They plan parties for Friday and Saturday, and we will print a drink-by-drink description in the next issue. They also nominated Skip Hoge (wife of George) to be the new Heidelberg correspondent, as the McNamees are ZI bound this Summer. Letter follows: "Lee Shoaff extended for six months and plans to make it 12. Lee and Lou enjoy it here; in fact, most of us do like Germany. Can't talk for those in France and Italy.

"Bates Burnell is stationed in Bonn and has been into the headquarters several times.

"Visited the Troops on 'Saber Hawk' recently and ran across Al Roth, John B. Bennett, and Walt Jagiello having a ball in the field. Jag and John B. were at V Corps headquarters, but old Al was clavicle deep in mud with a GM outfit.

"John Nancy is Aide to General Farrell, V Corps CG, but goofed off during the CPX with a cast on his foot. Someone said two tendons rubbing together. Rough.

"See a lot of Bill Love in this GM business. He seems to have most of the special projects in Engineer Division of USAREUR. Lee Shoaff and I share cars in a pool."

Following is the list of '45ers in Europe sent by McNamee: Heidelberg: G. F. Hoge (G-2); R. H. Johnson and A. L. Shoaff (G-4); W. J. Love and M. C. Mabry (ENGR); R. W. McNamee

(ORD); J. F. Myron (SC); E. S. Saxby (Off SGS); C. E. Spragins (G-1); K. M. Stewart (G-3); and W. E. Zook (Off CMDR CH); all at APO 402.

Frankfurt: F. E. Jones (Const Agcy) J. B. Bennett (3 AR DIV); W. A. Jagiello and J. D. Nacy (5 Corps HQ); and J. R. Zeller (3 FA Div Arty).

Berlin: A. W. Childress and T. D. Longino (GAR H-H CO); W. R. Guthrie (6 Inf Regt). Munich: D. C. Atkins (Garrison); J. C. Hill (NCO ACAD). Paris: C. M. Carter (Const Agcy); W. H. Stites (Garrison); K. M. Murphy (Mil Assist).

Baumholder: J. T. Adams (42 FA Gp); L. M. Jones (8 FA Div); R. J. St. Onge (58 INF Bn).

Gelnausen: R. E. Hayes (33 Arm Bn). Kaiserslautern: L. L. Heimerl (24 Engr Gp); W. McGuinness (249 Engr Bn). Bad Kreuznach: J. L. Kennedy (8 Inf Div); R. Williams (8 Inf Div). Mohringen: D. E. Mahan (7 Corps). Vaihingen: R. McAlister and D. C. Prescott (7 Army).

Schweinfurt: F. N. Pavia (7 Inf Gp). Augsburg: W. O. Penny (504 Inf Gp). Friedberg: A. V. Rinearson (32 Arm Bn); J. J. Powers (3 Arm Div). Regensburg: H. T. Stewart (237 Engr Bn). Ansbach: W. H. Vinson (750 FA Bn). Oberammergau: L. K. Truscott. Busaclde: K. M. Moore (83 Engr Bn). Worms: G. L. Robson (371 Arm Inf Bn). Consenheim: A. R. Roth (558 FA Msl Bn). Verdun, France: J. L. Shaddy (ADSEC COMZ); Orleans, France: L. Weaver (COMZ); Vicenza, Italy: R. W. Argo (Task Gp A).

AIR FORCE: Random notes from Marty Brewer follow: "Was out at Wright-Pat last month and ran into Bill Farrar. He's a civilian—and working as a test pilot for Lockheed. He's flying the F-104 and reports that it's quite a ship. I forget where his home station is, but it is somewhere in California.

"During the same trip, I ran into Harry Maynard, Jack Hoffman, and Hank Stick, all of whom are still wearing the blue suit and are stationed at Wright-Pat. I heard that Bill Moran left W/P roughly six months ago to assignment as an Air Technical Liaison Officer in Switzerland. A fine-type job!

"Read in a recent AF Times that Dick Conniff has recently gotten out, but have no info on his new job or whereabouts. Got a card recently from Jim Bowman who resigned also recently and is currently working in Public Relations, I believe, for The Martin Company in Orlando, Florida."

RANDOM from Ted Wagner: "I received a very attractive Christmas card from Gladys McCracken. Bruce works for General Electric in Philadelphia and he was in California at the time, but Gladys intimated that he would write later so I hope to get some information from his letter when it comes. They have two sons, Dick and Don, and the home address is 5 Elbow Lane, Malvern, Pennsylvania. Chris and Rolfe Hillman wrote from 1504 Kings Road, Leesville, Louisiana, enclosing a picture of their son and their daughter. Rolfe finished at Fort Leavenworth last Spring and is now assigned to the First Army Division at Fort Polk. The division is being reduced to a combat command and Rolfe stated he is doing a lot of holiday work.

"I was in Tulsa for an hour or two waiting for a plane and failed to call

Ann and George Wyatt. Apparently they got wind that I was in Tulsa because they wrote nothing on their card except the name of their son, Ed. Their address is 4627 East 58th Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

"A beautiful Christmas card from Dot and Fred Parker indicated that their two boys, Chuck and Kerry, are growing too fast. Young Chuck is developing into a good football player with the Fort Bliss Juniors and so is following in the steps of his Dad. Fred is in the First GM Brigade. Home address for them is Quarters 546-B, Fort Bliss, Texas.

"Anne Truscott wrote for Lucian III, Lucian IV, Frank, and Susan. All the family signed the card, except Susan who printed. Lucian III is instructing in the Special Weapons Branch of the Army Intelligence, Military Police, and Special Weapons School at Oberammergau, Germany. Skiing and ice skating of course in that section of the country is wonderful and everyone in the family is participating. They have made a trip to Paris and to Austria and hope to get one to Italy and to the Netherlands this year. Their three years will be up this Summer and, while they have enjoyed the history and education of Germany and Europe, they are anxious to return.

"While at the University of Oklahoma in December I ran across Ray Cavanna who will complete his masters degree in electrical engineering in August, 1958. I spent the evening with Ouida, Ray, and the children, Susan and Buddy. Carmela and Rocko Tierno, together with children, Bobby, Susan, and Skippy, are at the university just one year behind Ray. Rocko showed me some beautiful hand-painted plaques which depict the evolution of West Point Cadets' uniforms which were done in Germany and I am negotiating with Lucian Truscott to bring home a set for me.

"Ross Campbell and his wife are in Ann Arbor, Michigan, where Ross is an attorney. Dick Kathrade is an attorney in Milwaukee.

"Jane and Bill Reidy and ten year old William Kevin are at Fort Leavenworth in the Command and General Staff School. In regard to this last item I am in the fifth year of a five year reserve program covering the Command and General Staff School. It is believed for our two-week Summer camp this year we will be sent to Fort Leavenworth.

"Marty Brewer was in Oak Ridge at the National Laboratory a few weeks ago and thoughtfully called me. He was too busy to come out to the house for dinner but we managed to have lunch together and enjoyed a very pleasant hour or two of discussion. He certainly is doing his share in trying to keep the class together and keep information flowing to the editor."

Other random notes from miscellaneous sources are as follows: Wade Shafer is a Project Analyst in the Combat Development Div. of the Ord. Trng. Cmd. at Aberdeen Proving Ground. Quentin and Sybil LaPrad are at Sill where he is an Instructor for the Corporal Missile. Bill Sibert is now in the personnel section of Continental Army Cmd. Hq. at Fort Monroe, Virginia.

WASHINGTON: My correspondence with Jim Root concerned the propriety of shifting the location of the class organization to Washington. Jim convinced us that the shift shouldn't be made. He

also furnished a list of addresses of classmates in the area, as follows:

Believed to be leaving in 1958: C. E. Adams, L. B. Broughton, C. F. Dubsky, E. C. Hardy, J. H. O'Brian. Some of the people that follow may also be departing.

ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA: W. G. Allen, 11 Fenton, Bren Mar; F. S. Atlinger, 3822 Keller; R. Boberg, 102 The Parkway, Va. Hills; H. S. Boyd, 713 14th St., G. A. Daoust. 412 Tenn; K. M. Farris, 41 Taylor Run Parkway; (Mr.) E. W. Fuqua, 3621 Round Hill Rd; (Mr.) J. L. Hadden, 1411 Key Dr.; J. G. Hadzima, 854 Rollins Dr.; (Mr.) R. Herron, 1608 Sage; (Mr.) G. B. Keyes, 926 S. Alfred; J. H. O'Brien, 7441 Yellowstone Dr., Parklawn; B. E. Sawyer, 6939 Beryl Rd, Bren Mar; W. B. Taylor (Ret) 204 Woodyby Dr; G. B. Withey, 611 Malcolm Pl.; (Mr.) A. Favret 1113 Archer Circle; and D. E. Fowler 2115 Leewood Dr., Rose Hill Farms.

ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA: R. A. Barber, 1435 S. 28th St.; J. J. Briscoe 3213 6th St., S.; W. J. Cain 4007 5th St., N.; P. Dolan, 974 Patrick Henry Dr.; T. D. Drake, 404 S. Adams; (Mr.) J. B. Graham 4082 N. 35th St.; F. Kane 214 N. Irving; B. O. Lewis 313 N. George Mason Dr.; H. McChrystal, 885 N. Lexington; (Mr.) J. L. Malony 4832 N. 26th St.; W. K. Moran, 5222 N. 19th St.; J. Munson, 1706 S. Quincy; A. R. Parrish, 235 N. Edison; A. R. Patterson, 4722 1st St. N.; E. R. Velie, 827 21st St. S.; R. M. Webster, Apt B-1005, 1111 Army-Navy Dr.; R. Zeidner, 3014 N. Toronto; and C. M. McQuarrie, 3203 19th St. N.

WASHINGTON, D.C.: (Mr.) W. Carter, 3310 Rowland Pl. N.W.; K. R. Liever, 2901 Conn. N.W.; T. Maertens. 4651 Q; and G. H. Shumard, 5902 Dale Carla Pl., N.W.

NORTH SPRINGFIELD, VIRGINIA: R. L. Haley, 7413 Farnum; W. B. Hankins, 7314 Dunston; J. T. Harmeling, 6920 Leesville Blvd; J. D. Murphy, 5407 Kempsville; and J. T. Root, 7304 Dunston.

SPRINGFIELD, VIRGINIA: T. R. Gleason, 5914 Erving; E. E. Love, 7360 Monticello.

FALLS CHURCH, VIRGINIA: E. Kerr, 1707 Fairlawn Dr.; K. G. Kochel, 814 Ridge Rd; C. M. White, 211 Woodlawn.

VIRGINIA: J. R. Brownell, Qtrs O-36, Fort Belvoir; R. H. Groves, Engr Qtrs., Fort Belvoir; P. W. Monroe, 102 Brockwood Dr., Fairfax; H. Moore, Bldg 451-B, Fort Belvoir; (Mr.) S. Olds, 106 Dogwood, Vienna; and C. B. Rupert 31 Dillon, McLean.

MARYLAND: C. L. Gandy, Andrews AF Base, Camp Springs; (Mr.) R. L. Marben 8019 Glenbrook Rd., Bethesda; P. Ugis, 1619 Greunther, Rockville; and F. Kochli, 6213 Ruatan, Berwyn Heights.

CHRISTMAS CARD NEWS: We will include only those families not mentioned in other places in the column, except for Joe Adams who asks: When am I going to make the ASSEMBLY? Read the European news, Joe. Audrey and Les Ayers report that George Adkisson is joining them, the Lansings, and Del Vecchios at Fort Riley.

Betty Ruth and Bill Wakefield's card from El Paso had a picture of young Bill and Adair. Their third was due before New Year's Day. Janet and Ray Griffith's card was a picture of Gaye and Leslie. Peg and Bob Lutz, with Bobby and Janet, are Leavenworth-bound.

Pat and Dick Crane sent a picture of

Steve with their card, but none of Cathy. They recently purchased a new Fairlane 500 Ford, so I guess they are probably as broke as we are.

John and Nancy Ferguson, with children Mark and Lesley, are finishing four years at Sandia. They are involved in Cub Scout and Brownie activities. Boots and Dotty Blesse at Randolph have three children—Brick, Melanie and Angelie. We saw Boots' Mother up here at Christmas.

Lee and Jim Morris have just moved into a new set of quarters at Bragg where Jim works in Corps Hq G-3.

The Kohlers and Salters have moved into new quarters at Redstone. Jane and Salty report that Bob Mann is the only other classmate there, as Jim Maris has gone to Sill. Don and Diane say that Linda and David are keeping them busy.

Barbara and John Black write that the law business in Salt Lake City is always a struggle but with never a dull moment—especially when you have five children. Hope we can get out to see you someday soon.

Margaret Vinson, with John, Margaret Ann and Mary, is living in Washington, D.C., while waiting to join Vin in Ansbach, Germany, where he has been since August. Johnny and Ginny MacWherter, plus Johnnie, Joyce and Laurie, sent a very impressive AF Academy Card.

Bill and Trude Stuckey are happy with civilian life; Bill and Anita Gardiner are buying a house right next to theirs, and are expecting in April. They all went to the Navy Game. Jane and Bill Reidy visited the Stuckeys on their way to C&GS.

Pat and Gar Landrith write they are only 35 minutes away, so we hope to see them often this Summer.

Le and Bill Davis report they have added a girl to their two boys. They are in Philadelphia with GE Missiles and Ordnance Systems Dept. Dodie and George Smith went to Oklahoma City for Christmas. They are very pleased with life at Fort Sheridan, but will be leaving this Summer to attend the Air Force C&GS.

The Leavenworth group all sound busy. Kathleen and David Clymer are active in Cub Scouts and many Post Chapel groups with their children Paul, Bruce, Ann and Mark. Yole Worthington got the mumps from daughter Janet (I guess Linda missed them), so I'm sure Fay was busy then! Del and Ricky Fowler had a siege of chicken pox in their family. Bob and Lei Fye and Willa and Ray Clark report there is plenty to do with so many classmates around. Dodie and Pat Powers sent their interesting Christmas letter. Pat had an operation for a kidney stone some time ago but was able to catch up with his school work.

Bob and Gaye Dingeman have a nice house in Los Angeles while Bob works for his Masters in GM at USC. Joan and Tom Gleason and three children will be leaving their new home in Virginia this Summer to attend C&GS.

WEST POINT: J. B. Townsend visited us from the AF Academy. We enjoyed seeing pictures of his wife and two boys; they are going to England this Summer. Jim Alfonte came up from Annapolis and we enjoyed hearing how things are down at USNA. We also enjoyed this weekend—a CLEAN SWEEP in Athletic contests with NAVY. Ren and Maureen Fortier

dropped by for a drink and we discussed class business.

We understand that Caffey, Napier, Hartline and Hardin will be reporting here for duty soon. Bill Boiler has joined us, but won't get quarters until April, so his family isn't here yet.

George and Joan Forssell sponsored the class table at the Valentine Formal, and had a cocktail party at their house before going to the Club. John and Mary McCulloch spent Christmas in Albuquerque visiting Mary's mother, and saw Johnny and Nancy Ferguson there. Steve and Marilyn Day have done a lot of work decorating Cullum Hall for Club activities.

Izzy and Jack Fehrs, Quarters 215, are in charge of the class party during June Week. Contact Jack if you intend to be here then. Russ and Nancy McGovern sponsored the New Years Eve party.

Rock and Pat Rochefort are leaving for the Navy C&GS College in Providence, Rhode Island, while Shirley and Jim Heyman go to Leavenworth. They are the only classmates departing, as Martha and Charlie Spann and my Martha and I have been extended and will stay another year.

Tom McCunniff and Bill Wolfe spent a week in Annapolis as part of a Tac exchange program. Walt and Jean Gelini recently journeyed to New York to see a performance at the Met. Dale Hall is on the go locating football prospects and Faye is active in the Brownies.

AIR FORCE (LATE)

John MacWherter's letter was received after the deadline. He says: "Greetings from the Air Force Academy. The social highlight, classwise, of the Winter period occurred when J and Steve Allen passed through Denver enroute to their new station at Barksdale (Shreveport, Louisiana,) where J is assigned to a SAC's strategic standardization group. Saturday night the clan suppered at a local Rathskeller and adjourned to the Club for obvious reasons: the Rathskeller served only food. Then Sunday Pat Ludlow and Audrey Gotlin hosted a brunch at the Ludlows. The kids were invited; 13 couples brought 34 children, ranging in age from Jesse Gotlin, 12, to Christine Coffey, born in December. The boys outnumbered the girls, 23 to 11, which statistics may lead you to any conclusion you desire.

"I saw Bobby Marlow, Bill Manlove, John Richards, Ward Protsman and Earl Thompson at AF Ballistic Missile Division in Los Angeles. Sorry that I missed Dan Whitecraft who opened a GE office in L.A. around the first of the year. I should specify which year, deadlines for this publication being as absurd as they are.

"John Coffey, Bud Avery, J. B. Townsend and I are leaving Wild Blue Tech this Summer. J. B. goes to England as previously reported. Bud Avery is scheduled to replace Arch Patterson in DCS/Development in the Pentagon when Arch goes to Command and Staff. John and I are still sweating out the wheels of fortune.

"Frank Knolle was up from Holloman AFB (New Mexico) in February, where he was assigned after graduating from the AF Experimental Test Pilot School at Edwards AFB, California. From Europe we hear that Ed Rafalko is Deputy Base CO at Torrejon AFB, Spain; Tom Curtis is in DCS/Plans, Hq., USAFE, in Wiesbaden; Hank Warren has a squadron in the 66th TAC Recon Wing at Sembach, Germany.

"Church Seeger was Chairman of the

Denver W. P. Society Founder's Day Banquet, held at the Lowry Club. Catch the next issue for details—nothing like reading in October of March's happenings.

"Jim Summer has resigned. The Air Force can't afford to lose an officer like Jim.

"Pete Pulliam and Dan Farr were promoted to Major this Spring. This year's list was a real disappointment, numbers-wise. About a third of the AF troops have made Major. The promotion system stinks."

EVERYONE

Send poop for the next column to Major W. F. Boiler, PIO USMA, West Point, New York. I will give him everything I receive. Many thanks to all of you who contributed letters. Keep 'em coming!

—Chris Christiansen
Qtrs. 150,
West Point, N. Y.

1946

Alex Halls was recently assigned to the Quartermaster Section of the U.S. Continental Army Command at Fort Monroe, Virginia. Alex's last station was on Okinawa. Dick and Katyryn Stone are now living at 557 Powderhorn Rd., Bridgeport, Pennsylvania. Dick is with General Electric. Their children are Kathy Lee, age 2½, and William Philip, age 9 months.

Lee and Marie Parmly, with their four children, will soon be leaving Thailand where they have been stationed the last two years. They had hoped last Christmas to see "Hei" Heiberg and Marie's brother Tom West, both of whom are stationed in Korea.

Roy Thurman's Christmas card states that the following are with 11th Abn. Div: Dick Kinney, "Rollie" Dessert, Bob Tully, and Les Shade. Al and Kay Ash, along with Scotty, are at Louisiana State University. Joe and Gene Buzhardt have moved to Washington, D.C. Joe is the legislative assistant to Senator J. Strom Thurmond. Their address is: 9 Perrot Court, Little River Hills, Fairfax, Virginia.

Charles and Guneda Williamson, 5719 Ogden Rd., Springfield, Washington 16, D.C., sent a Christmas card bringing me up to date on their activities. They have two children, Cindy (5) and Lynda (4). Chuck resigned in 1954 and immediately entered Michigan Law School, graduating in 1956. He is with Steptoe and Johnson in Washington, about the third largest firm in D.C., doing general practice, principally in corporate and administrative law.

J.J. Byrne recently finished law school and is engaged in patent law in Washington. Last December 6 Guenda attended a '46 wives function at the Army-Navy Country Club. The affair was organized by Frances Crizer and was well attended.

Received a letter from Mrs. John Steele recently. They are getting ready for a trip to Hawaii. She states that Dick and Barbara Lynch have a little girl Kathy, after four boys. Jack Bodie's father passed away in August. Jack resigned his commission as a Major in the Air Force and is now in a Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, preparing to be a missionary. He has four children. Bill and Marlyn Roney along with Dick Kellogg are stationed in Hawaii; they will be official greeters for the Steeles when they arrive. Wayne and

Agnes Yeoman are at Harvard. After school they will go to A.F. Academy. Tom Gee is now a full partner with a law firm in Austin, Texas.

Send your news to: 3 Spruce Lane, Verona, New Jersey.

USMA CLASS RING: A USMA Class Ring, dated 1946 and inscribed "Love Always Dick", has been found in Yorktown, Virginia. For further information, call Lost and Found Section, Office of the Provost Marshal, West Point, N.Y.

—Samuel E. H. France

1947

The 1st of March rapidly is drawing near. I would be in much better shape if this were a 31 day month but February being what it is, I was almost caught short. Let's see now, this article has to go back to include the Army-Navy football game weekend from last year. I guess where possible, it would be appropriate to try and keep things in chronological order.

About the time we were all getting ready to go to the Navy game the Cretellas were busy having number five. I'll copy the announcement since I think that it is one of the cleverest that I've seen.

Now, we went in with Kings and Queens
and let me tell you this
A hand like that is hard to beat
"Kings up" don't often miss.

But when we saw that great big pot
We knew that this was it
A full house would be just the thing
To really make a hit.

The Doctor who was dealing then
Said "Folks what will it be?"
We told him we would just take one
But make it "He" or "She."

So, on November the Fourteenth
He really used his pull
For now with ANTHONY, we have
A winning hand—"Kings full."

So, our congratulations Joan and Al for the new son and the poem.

Quite a few people managed to find their way to Philadelphia through the rain to the Army-Navy game last Fall. The group at West Point was represented by the Dunhams, Richardsons, Herings, Dexters, Nairns, Lynns, Hank Emerson, Jim Egger, Jay Bleiman, and Lenore Curtis. Then from here and there came Lou and Mary Lou Rachmeler—Lou is now at Eniwetok and would welcome some company if anyone would care to go. The Abrams and Coulds came up from Atlanta to drown with us, the Cosgroves and Katz came down from New York, Novemesky came down from Poughkeepsie, WW West down from Detroit, the Clarks up from Aberdeen (Willie is off to Viet Nam leaving Ruth at Aberdeen), and then there were those of the relatively "local" group. The locals were the Wrights, the Mike Maloneys, the Ellis', the Greens, the Webbs, and the Coghills (if you can consider Washington as Local to Philly). What happened at the game is history, what happened after the game was a headache Sunday morning.

Ike and Ruth Snyder came through just before Christmas and Ike is off to

Redstone Arsenal to the GM and Special Weapons course until he and Ruth head for Germany along about the first of August. He reports that Dick and Corinne Sforzini (with 4) are at Redstone Arsenal.

Along with the good news, of course, there is the ever present bad, in one form or another. On January 24 Bill Nairn called me to say that Bob Hoffman died at San Antonio on the night of January 23. This, of course, came as a shock and we all will miss him. His death came as an after-effect of polio. The Class sent an appropriate and truly sincere floral tribute.

I got a note from Bill Monroe the other day and from the sounds of things he and Mary are hard at it getting ready for a big season this coming Summer. He enclosed a picture of the place and I wish that I could stick it in here in full color so you could appreciate it. Bill and Mary are the proud owners of Green Harbor Village out on Cape Cod and have 23 units if you get the vacation urge. Bill says that not many of the class have gotten out that way and hopes that a few more will stop by. To get up to date on Bill's family, he went duck hunting on November 30—bagged two ducks, one goose, and one new son, David. That makes them three now. Here's hoping that business is good this Summer, Bill, and that the joint stays full.

A letter from Hap Beuhler has him now located in Michigan. Hap's new address is 718 Soule Blvd., Ann Arbor, Michigan. He is still with Argus but a new job. He wanted a tape of battle sounds—what's the matter Hap—don't you like your new neighbors?

Jane Mastin cleaned out their Christmas cards the other day—I'd like to haze her about keeping them so long but then I looked across my living room and there are ours. Well, at least the tree is down. Anyway—to get back on the subject, the Hatches have bought a house in Hawaii so I guess they plan to stay a few days. The Bass family is expecting and will have by the time this is printed. The Crowes have bought a house in Rolling Hills, California, apparently among a relatively large group from the class but see more of Coolbaugh and Learmouth than anyone. Greenberg is building or has built his own home in the Los Angeles suburbs. How about all this house building and buying—must be nice to be rich.

You probably have seen the current Leavenworth list and the new promotions list by the time this will come out so I won't go into any long lists. However, a few other things have hit the print that you may have missed. The new arrivals at West Point for next year are Sargent (Mech), Baer (MA&E), Frazer (P&C), Robinson (Law), Steinborn (MA&E), Webb (English), Duquemin (TD), and Geraci (Math). That is quite a group and will build our strength back up a bit locally. Hank Emerson is leaving West Point this Summer to attend the Naval War College, the Richardsons are going to the Advanced Course at Aberdeen, the Haldanes, Hoovers, Dunhams, and Jim Egger are off to Leavenworth, and that leaves an increase of two here at West Point. The Mike Dunhams are moving from California to Limestone, Maine—that is almost a max for travel in this country.

John Miller's Christmas round robin has him in Sagami-hara, Japan, with the report that the only other classmate in the vicinity is Bill Cronin and he lives just a

block away. The Journal shows that J. J. Sullivan now has seven—six boys and one girl—the sixth son being born on January 22. Jack—this should get you a set of quarters on the post at Leavenworth. The Herings and the Dunhams drove to Amherst last weekend for the Hockey game and I can report that it hasn't changed a bit. The cadets found that the same places are still going strong. No MPs checking now though.

The next thing of importance here is next June week. Yep, it's getting to be that time of year again. We are NOT planning any big deal as for last year, however, I expect that there will be a get together or two during the period. Graduation has been moved to Wednesday so you can make whatever plans you want about coming up, based on this change. We will all be glad to see you if you decide to come up.

Last but not least is the TAKE TEN. I would like right now to thank Frank Boerger for all of the work that he did in turning out such a fine finished product. Frank had a lot of assistance and you can read the appropriate credits. However, you can take my word for it—it's Frank's baby. For those of you who didn't order one here is my shoulder to cry on—boy you goofed. Tom Benson did the bulk of the many fine sketches but I would like to call your attention to the cartoons by Shields on the 10th Reunion—they are marvelous. By the time that you read this you will have long since received your copy. If you haven't, check in with Hap Arnold—your address might be out of date. I understand that the complete address list was to be included with each book so that everyone should be current as of now. So, now at least we can put the wraps on the 10th and start thinking about the 15th. Do we have any volunteers to handle that little job?

—Jack V. Dunham
Dept. of P & C
West Point, N. Y.

1948

The One Hundredth Night Show is about here so once again (things haven't changed!) everyone is sighing with relief at the passing of the "gloom period." This is also a reminder that I must take pencil in hand and catch you up on the family news. As usual, I haven't been inundated with letters but the local faithful and their correspondents have provided numerous gems to help locate those elusive '48ers!

Visitors since the last edition have been scarce, but a few did manage to tag home base. Jim Macklin stopped by after the Army-Navy game to report that he and Dave Garrison were keeping the Alaskan Command on an even keel. Jim was lucky enough to catch a flight down for the Big Game. Tom and Smockie Hoffman and boys popped up after their ship docked in New York City on December 30. They were just in time for the big local New Year's celebration. A neat bit of timing since relaxation and rehabilitation were needed! Tom succumbed to that malady familiar to all those who traverse the deep and commanded his contingent of 2nd Armed Division troops from the horizontal; Smockie served as chief of staff with an additional duty as "kiddie tender." The new Hoffman domicile is Fort Hood,

Texas, with Leavenworth the next stop. Ed and Mary Nelson were also welcome visitors over New Year's. Ed looks like he is thriving on the life of a student. Must be the nuclear physics or that University of Virginia atmosphere. Sid and Anne Berry stopped by on their journey in the opposite direction. They are now safely ensconced in Germany where Sid is holding forth in the G-3 Section, 4th Armored Division, APO 326, New York. Jim Dinger also dropped by for a brief visit after his recent return from Korea. Jim, Dulce, and children will call Washington, D.C., home until the next Leavenworth session. Otherwise, the local scene has produced much activity.

Last weekend the '48ers gathered for the annual skating party which featured a broom hockey game between teams of over-age skaters and a chicken dinner all laid on under the expert touch of Jack Kean. On the business side meetings involving various "Big Ten" committees have been frequent. Plans for June are beginning to take shape; if phone calls, memorandums, poodsheets and meetings are any evidence of size, the coming reunion ought to be a whopper!

So much for the West Point crew; let's sort through our files (I'm using the word loosely!) and see what we can dig out. Lou Haskell writes that I mistakenly located him at Bliss instead of Fort Sill. Lou and Ash Foote are Guided Missile Research Officers, so the program is in good hands. Speaking of Fort Sill, I heard from Whitey Emerson, who is still a gay bachelor. Many thanks for the letter, Whitey! As previously noted, he is in the Artillery Advance Course with future assignment unknown. Dave McNeely writes that he will remain as Asst. PMS&T at UCLA until the Summer of '59. He and Kay also became proud parents recently. The new arrival is Susan Beth born on November 17. Jay Brill also dropped a note with his Ten Year Book reply. Jay reports a big success for the first of the periodic get-togethers of '48ers in the Baltimore-Washington area. This idea was noted in the last issue so I'm pleased to report that the idea proved a success. Heard from Walt and Kathy Meinzen, now well settled here with the family, that Bill Whitson is Korea bound this Spring. Bill and Mary are presently enjoying life at Benning. Let me see, oh yes, a note or two about the Leavenworth group. Bob Cushing is alerted for an overseas assignment, present destination unknown. The Scotts will end up in California if all goes as scheduled. Don and Jo Packard report that Scotty is to attend Cal. Tech. for guided missile study.

Had a note from Jack Waggener reporting that he and Mary Ella and two boys are now settled in the Washington area. Jack is with the Engineer Research and Development Lab at Fort Belvoir. He joins Jim Barnett in the Nuclear Power program. Also received several gems from Howie and Sally Adams. They report Buck and Sally Borg now in Washington with the State Department after the tour in Hamburg. Their report also notes that the Pabsts, Horns, McMurreys, Callahans, and Bertrams are together at Riley. We have the Big Red One in good hands! Jim and Betty Walk are now at Fort Dix, New Jersey, after a tour in Formosa. They join Norm Robinson to help keep order in that locality!

Bill and Denise Kaula are now well

settled at 5202 Balt. Ave., Washington, following Bill's resignation. Anne Barton writes that the family is together in Augusta with RO learning the ways of a civilian!

Again in this issue news is not all pleasant. Just after the last column went to press, Frank Dent was killed in a tragic air accident in Florida. Frank was laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery with most '48ers in the Washington area present. Unfortunately I have no additional details, but I'm sure everyone joins me in extending our deepest sympathy to Frank's family. We all stand ready to help in any way possible.

Again courtesy of Hank Perry, I have some addresses locating more members of the class not previously noted so here we go: Bob Taylor, 2700 Robins St., Endwell, New York; Lou Jones, 18 Neillion Way, Bedford, Massachusetts; Phil Porter, Hq. 7th Air Division, APO 125, New York; Bob Pomeroy, Shaw AFB, California; Dick Berry, 311 Kelly Ct., Champaign, Illinois; and Bill Mounger, 1030 Short St., New Orleans, Louisiana.

Life may be routine for most, but some of the '48 family continue to have adventures. Joan Cormack fell and broke her hip at Thanksgiving time and had to be flown from Ethiopia to Germany (an adventure in itself I understand!) for treatment. This very unfortunate event left Father Tom as chief cook and babysitter for seven long weeks until Joan's recent return. It seems Tom lost 10 lbs. and of course Joan had her share of troubles, so we are forced to distribute our sympathy evenly! Casey Burns reports that Willie is now frozen fast in the Thule, Greenland, iceflows. Incidentally, with no sun for several months, Willie for the first time in his life should be caught up on sleep!

As usual, the clan continues to grow so let's note the most recent additions. Here at West Point we have had three arrivals since last press time. Sally and Howie Adams became Mother and Father for the second time on December 13 when Jennifer Ann arrived. Liz and Jack Chitty now have two also. The latest is John Matthew born on February 3. Not to be outdone, Maria and Bill Smith became proud parents for the first time when Raymand Petschek joined us on February 26. Elsewhere, I note that Helen and Neil Ayer now have three kiddies, counting Anne Proctor, born on February 19. A card just arrived announcing Louis Prentiss, number four for Katy and Walt Plummer. Including Susan Beth McNeely, this quarter's quota is up to par!

The column wouldn't be complete without something about the Ten Year Book so I'll pass on the following poop from Gene Forrester: "Some of you expressed a willingness to contact certain firms with reference Ten Year Book ads, and subsequently received necessary poodsheets. Since none of these firms have been contacted by us pending your reply, please let Gene Forrester know if you have not been able to make contacts so these firms can be written. Along the line of ads, we request that those of you out of the service who received the special letter from Gene get a reply off at your earliest convenience." Gene and Hank Perry tell me that advertising contracts are off to a very encouraging start so a vote of thanks to those who have started the ball rolling.

Before closing, let me get in my usual

plug for next June. The '48 gathering already shapes up as a rousing success so make your plans now for Big Ten!

Last minute word from the June Week Committee. Schedule of TENTH REUNION activities include:

- Sat., 31 May: Cocktails and Buffet Dinner in Cullum ballroom followed by dancing
- Sun., 1 June: Semi-Formal dinner in Cullum
- Mon., 2 June: Picnic at Buckner
- Tues., 3 June: Cocktails and dinner dance at Stewart Field.

Of course, those listed above are only special plans. In addition there are the usual parades, presentations, and receptions. There should be no severe problem with housing. If we run out of classmates, you probably will be furnished lodgings at about \$1.50 per person each night.

The Committee assures me that you will have received more complete information before you read this, with cost estimates—which, of course, will be lower than you could have possibly imagined.

Every one here is getting excited about seeing old friends and fellow sufferers of a decade ago. Hope you are also and will be among the first to arrive.

—Johnny Egbert
Dept. of Mechanics
West Point

1949

Most of you read in the major newspapers in late January that John Saalfield was killed when his company's plane crashed while attempting an emergency landing in poor weather. John was President of the Pure Carbon Company, Inc., of St. Mary's, Pennsylvania, and was returning from a business trip to Detroit. John leaves his wife, Til, and children in Ridgeway, Pennsylvania. John, Junior, is our class godson. John served this column and his class well since graduation and we will ever be appreciative of his good work. His death has come as a shock to the entire class and we send our deepest sympathy to Til and his children.

We have considerable class news this quarter, thanks to several long letters, fragments of news on Christmas cards, and the reunion at the Navy game.

First, a fine letter from Bob Orem gives almost a complete run-down on Air Force classmates. Bob and wife, Barbara, and two children, Patti and Danny, are at Wright-Patterson, Dayton, where Bob is a project engineer in Design Criteria Section, Structures Branch, Aircraft Lab of WADC. He has been there since June '55 and apparently travels the Air Force quite thoroughly in his job. In Hollywood (that's Air Force!) he saw Dan Guyton. Dan is still a bachelor, but prospects are bright (they should be in Hollywood) that he will join married ranks in 1958. Malcolm Agnew, flying F-100's out of George AFB, Victorville, California, dropped into Bob's office in January. On a trip to Colorado, Bob saw Dan Brooksher in Headquarters, Air Defense Command, Colorado Springs, and in Denver Jack Wogan, Bob Ennis, Tom Bullock, and Tom Crawford. The two Toms are AOC's (Tac's) at the Air Force Academy and gave Bob a briefing on Air Cadet life, claiming, treasonably, that many features of Air

Cadet life are superior to those at the Alma Mater. The Wogans and the Crawford's each count four children. At Eglin AFB, Florida, John Saxon is flying fighter aircraft after completing Test Pilot School. Phil O'Brien is now at Test Pilot School. Bob visited Jim and Jane Rawers and three children, Linda, Robert and Scott, in Albuquerque in February. Joe Guthrie is flying RB-57's in Japan and will rotate in August. Thanks for the letter, Bob.

ARMY-NAVY GAME: Miserable though the game and the weather were, the class party at the Quartermaster Depot after the game brought some cheer into a day that was otherwise, generally, a fiasco. Those who got soaked, then froze, then reveled were (and I apologize for the "and wife" notation in some instances but my informants were not fully informed—that wife who sat through the misery of that game deserves full mention and credit): Fred and Jo Deem, Dave Colgan and date, Hillman and Nancy Dickinson, Roland and Kitty Peixotto, Hayes Metzger, Clyde Bell, Bill and Betty Nordin, Charlie and Peggy Roebuck, Ev and Jan Yacker, Alex Sarcione and wife, Bill Lake and wife, Ed Yellman and wife, Fred and Mary Fritz, Carver and Nancy Wood, Ed and Billie Howard, George and Elaine Sylvester, Tom Coughlin and wife, Pete Palmer and wife, Deen and Marilyn Teece, Virge and Adele Millet, D.D. Overton, Ed Wilford, Wayne Smith, Jim Scholtz and wife, Art Gerometta and wife, John and Helen Hawn, Joe and Ann Steffy, Orton and Gwen Spencer, Don and Margot Summers, Dick Connell, Bill and Nancy Luebbert, John and Dana Sutton, Charlie and Cindy Adams, Tiger Howell, Tom and Dotty Williams, Dick Rosenblatt, Jerry Lauer and Fred Birch.

A fabulous letter recounting the adventures of the indefatigable Bruce and Barbara Peters left me exhausted after reading it. Bruce is currently chafing at the bit in the Advanced Course at Fort Knox. In the past year they have been skiing in Vermont, *snow-camping* in the dead of winter on the West Point Reservation, to the Shawangunks for rock climbing, and hunting (duck, pheasant, and deer, in season) at Knox. Bruce, thwarted from attending the US Army Mountain School at Fort Carson, Colorado, took leave and, after considerable red tape, went to France to attend the Ecole de Haute Montaine (the French mountain troop school) at Chamonix. There were tales of participating in Alpine rescue missions, climbing Mont Blanc as a more or less "final exam," graduation and the title "Chef de Cordee" and a golden piton presented by the company of Guides of Chamonix, and finally public baptism as a "chasseur" by draining a hunting horn filled with champagne. After Knox Bruce hopes for assignment to the Arctic Training School in Alaska, then a "utilization tour" in Thule.

NEW OFFSPRING: To Harry and Ann Griffith, a son Harry Augustus, III; to John and Teddy Costa, a son, Andrew Paul; to Tut and Shirley Hendricks, a son, Guy Patrick, to Avery and Ann Fullerton, a son, Bill; and to Ted and Cay Swett, a son, David.

RANDOM NOTES, GLIMPSES, RUMORS, ETC: Charlie Cheever is a Vice President of the Broadway National Bank in San Antonio, Texas. Charlie left the Air Force in 1953 and graduated from

the University of Texas Law School, still maintains flying status in the Texas Air National Guard as a fighter pilot.

Mark Finnegan is leaving the Office of the Judge Advocate General in Washington and has been assigned to Japan. Betsy and children will remain behind in Falls Church, Virginia, until quarters are available in Japan. A press release from the University of Michigan credits Mark as co-author of an article in the *Michigan Law Review* which outlined model legislation protecting invention rights of federal employees.

Dick Rosenblatt heads his own firm, Time Merchants, Inc., in New York City which buys, sells, or trades TV time on a nation-wide basis. *Very* briefly, Dick's firm barbers old movies (blame him!) for spot TV time, then sells the time to advertisers. Dick also hints of another firm which he is organizing under the name "Character Industries". The title is intriguing and I am waiting for a briefing on its operation.

John Chandler has returned from Korea where he was Senior Advisor to the ROK Engineer School. John and Jane and children are now at Fort Riley where John is Company Commander of Co E, 1st Engr Combat Bn. Lou Bayard is in Iceland with Co C of the 2d Battalion Combat Team. "For the duration" Priscilla is enrolled in Foreign Students University in Florence, Italy. She and Lou planned to meet in England in January during Lou's leave. Trudy Surut passes on Fort Sill news, Lee being heavily engaged in the Advanced Course at The Artillery School. John Mauer, just back from Korea, has arrived with family at Sill and is assigned, along with Dave Freeman, to a new Redstone unit. Jim and Sally Coughlan, Boyd and Alice Allen, Chuck and Connie Lee, and Doc and Peg DeCorrevont are also at Sill.

"Skeeter" Meek has returned (in December) from Iran. He and Barbara and Debbie and Jim are now at Canyon, Texas, for ROTC duty at Texas State Teachers College. George and Carolyn Pollin are at Fort Monroe, Virginia. George is aide to General E.T. Williams. Jim and Susie Steele and four children expected to leave Benning (Jim just completed the Infantry Advanced Course) in January for their new station, Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Doug Stickley graduated from the same course and is now with the 502d Infantry at Fort Campbell.

Al and Billie Kendree, with two children, are in the San Francisco Area. Al is with the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company in downtown San Francisco and they live in nearby San Mateo. Jack and Lottie Bender visited the Mortons here at West Point last Fall enroute to the Advanced Course at Benning. Andy Lay is at Griffis AFB, Rome, New York; "Curley" Lindeman is at Fort Meyer; "Tiger" Howell is at the University of Mississippi studying International Relations; Tony Cavalcante has left Westinghouse and has gone into the Presbyterian Ministry; Ed and Billie Howard are at Fort Monmouth where Ed is attending the Signal Officers Advance Course; Fred and Joe Deem are in Fayetteville, North Carolina, where Fred is Vice President of a Philco wholesale distributing company; Fred and Mary Fritz are living in Kingston, New York, where Fred is with IBM; Bob and Connie Hansen will be leaving West Point this Summer for Wichita Falls, Texas, and a radar intelli-

gence school; Phil Feir is at Georgia Tech studying electronics; "Snuffy" Smith is reported at Clemson in ROTC duty; Tom and "Wootsie" Stockton are leaving Benning this Spring, gyroscoping to Germany with the 3d Infantry Division, and Ed and Sue Cave are winding up an enviable three-year tour at Fort Shafter, Hawaii. A correction: Ralph Puckett is *not* the CO of the USMA Prep at Fort Belvoir but is the Training Officer.

It would appear that our civilian classmates move almost as frequently as do the military. Al Goering has moved west to take over as President of the Precision Coil Spring Company, and entreats classmates to visit him at 518 S. Sierra Madre Blvd., Pasadena. Bill Bumpus and family have moved from Boston to Washington, D.C., because of a change of jobs in the electronics field. Neal Judd and family have moved from Elizabethtown, Kentucky, to Atlanta, Georgia, and Ray Drummond and family have been transferred to Manila, P.I.

Duane Smith is in Korea as Senior Advisor to the ROK Transportation School and is teaching Personnel Administration, Military History, and Economics on the side at the local University of Maryland outlet. Jean and two daughters are in Philadelphia. Gerhard and Jonnie Schulz, stationed in France, have adopted a baby boy, Frederick Ernst, in Germany. Bette Wadsworth is in Gadsden, Alabama, supervising a school of 200 children, grades one through four. Bette plans to visit West Point and her twin sister, Marcie, this Summer. Bob Erbe just completed Army Aviation flight training at Fort Rucker and is enroute to Leavenworth.

Congratulations to the 14 classmates who were on the latest "truly outstanding" list for early (how early?) promotion to Major. On the list, in case you haven't seen it, were Balmer, Griffith, Howell, Jartman, Keith, Morton, Bob Nelson, Charles Nulsen, Puckett, Rank, Marion Ross, Stauffer, Tallman, and Dick Wagner.

Another list which found considerable '49 representation and is due applause is the Leavenworth list for the Fall of '58. To C&GS are, Bolte, Buckingham, Al Hale, Hervey, Malcolm Lewis, Marder, Meyer (ex-'49), Moses, Schmalzel, John Chandler, Erbe, Lamp, and Duane Smith.

A letter from Jack Madison at C&GS now gives us a corrected list of classmates presently in the course: Jack Arnette, Marion Ross, and Bob Black. Joe Kingston is not at Leavenworth as previously reported but is S3 of the 28th Infantry Regiment, 8th Infantry Division, in Germany. Jack would like to know where Benny Benitez is located.

Please return the 10th Reunion information card to Bob Kemble. About 50% have been returned thus far and indications are that attendance will be very high.

It has been a pleasure to write the column in this issue and I trust that you will flood my successor with even more material.

—John E. Sutton,
Dept. of Mathematics,
West Point, N. Y.

1950

Howard and Wendy Blanchard are due back from Germany in July, and Rufe and Nancy Smith are living in

Yonkers, New York. Rufe is on ROTC duty at Xavier High School.

News Releases—Recent graduates of the Infantry Officer Advanced Course are Paul Listro, Frank Duggins, Paul Roach, Harry Dodge, and Jack Mackmull. Ray Hansen was recently awarded the commendation ribbon for his work as Executive Officer for the Army Engineer Arctic Task Force in Greenland.

At a class luncheon here in January, Chuck Graham was elected as Class Chairman for 1958 succeeding Sandy Oliver who did an outstanding job—what else, huh Sandy? One of Chuck's first official acts was to appoint Walt Adams and Ken Ebner to handle the arrangements for June Week and the 8th Reunion.

In the last issue I requested information regarding the whereabouts of Volney and Janice Warner. Shortly after the issue went to press, we received a letter from the Warners who are at the Marine Corps School at Quantico, Virginia. Volney, Janice and their four children spent about six days with us over the Christmas holidays. It was real chummy here in the Grey Ghosts with nine children and four adults and (Not but) we all had a great time!! Volney will be going

to Vanderbilt University this Summer to start a year of graduate work prior to his assignment here at West Point in the Department of MP&L. Ed and Marcia Crockett are at Vanderbilt now and will report to West Point in June.

Since all but three of our cadet companies are represented by classmates assigned here, I thought that we could run our column by company—having one to two men from each company gather the news and write it up. Most people were in favor of the idea in one form or another but I failed to do some basic planning on it, consoling myself with the thought that I was too busy converting the Riding Hall to an Academic Building. Actually, I found that it was sheer procrastination but I was saved by the initiative of one Blackie Bolduc who sent out questionnaires from which the following information has been extracted: **H-2 COMPANY:**

Fred Dickerson is with G-3 Section 25th Infantry Division in Hawaii. With him are Jim Lee, Lyman Hammond and Joe Elliot with the 14th Infantry; Bud Pritchett with the 21st Infantry; Dunc Joy and Ralph Viskochil with the 65th Engineers; and Gus Hergert with Headquarters 25th Division Artillery.

Art McGee is with Headquarters Air Materiel Force, European Area, is traveling about Europe when he can—was married in June 55 and is now learning something of the care and cleaning of a year old daughter.

Ray Singer, completing his fourth year (turnback you know) teaching MT&G and preparing for his coming assignment to the Infantry Advanced Course. On the question of "What's new?", Ray said, "Drop over and we'll tell you over a drink." Okay, buddy!

Tex Gillham is out of the Service working for Western Electric in New York City.

Chuck Hammond is a student at the University of Texas preparing for assignment to Department of Foreign Languages at the Air Force Academy. Chuck saw the following in recent months: Both B. J. and Lou Leiser in Boise, Idaho; Kent Cooley in Mississippi last Summer; and noted that Ernie Thomas, Sam Lockerman and Cully Mitchell are stationed at Mt. Home AFB, Idaho.

Joe Gappa is Reenlistment Officer with the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell. Joe noted that Jack Parish is studying Arabic at Monterey and is due to go to Cairo this Summer. Due back from Korea soon are Bill Baxley, Bruce Petree, Hunt Passmore and Howard Mitchell; Roy Lounsbury, Hale Hubbard, Bob Wilson, Tug Greer, Ira Ward, Vern Quarstein, Sid Hinds, Tom McBride, Jim Irons, Jim Curtis, Reed Davis, Larry Jackley, Bob Hoisington, Bill Mastoris and Don Fahey; Dean Schnoor and Garrett Buckner are in the 101st with Joe.

Mal Johnson is with the Corps of Engineers Civil Works Project at Garrison Dam in North Dakota waiting for a plush (?) overseas assignment.

Frank Wondolowski is Technical Liaison Officer with the University of California Radiation Laboratory.

Ray Malodowitz is in Europe as Assistant Plans Officer with Headquarters V Corps (see picture).

Fred Nickerson is at White Sands Proving Ground as Executive Officer, Mission Plans and Operations.

Roy Easley is with the Department of MP&L, USMA. Roy mentioned that Lou Reinken is a Gunnery Instructor at the Artillery School. He and his wife Mary Lou are members of the Hunt Club, own a horse, and Mary Lou is an accomplished rider, jumper, etc., while Lou is learning the job of Stable Duty Officer.

Malcolm McMullen studying Electrical Engineering at the University of Michigan—mentioned that Carl Brunson, Herb Leichty, Kilbert Lockwood, Larry Lodewick, Chuck Means, and Ty Tandler are at University of Michigan also.

Our congratulations to the following whose names appeared on the latest "Outstanding" list for promotion to Major: Walt Adams, Blackie Bolduc, Jack Crittenberger, Ed Crockett, Gus Dielens, Bob Gard, Paul Gorman, Mark Hanna, Roy Hansen, Gus Hergert, John Jones, Bill Knapp, Paul Mueller, Manley Rogers, Denny Roush, Hank Sachers, Winnie Skelton, Sam Smithers, Jim Tormey, John Wickham and Dick Wyrrough. Very fine showing—let's have more on future lists.

Letters or Christmas cards with notes from Bob and Sue O'Connell who left Oak Ridge in February for an assignment at Fort Belvoir, Virginia; Leo and Marilyn Romaneski—Leo has been in Saigon, Viet-

Navy Game Party for 1950



Army-Navy Game party given by Ben and Malvene Lewis and Ding and Johanna Price at the Lewis' quarters in Frankfurt, Germany, on 30 November 1957. Somewhere in the crowd you'll find: George and Beverly Shaffer, Andy and Fran Pick, Jim and Patti Kelly, Gerry and Helen Kelley (you're hiding), Bill and Lois Slavins, Jim Boylan, Bob and Lee Werner, Dave and Carolyn Cameron, George and Elizabeth Ball, Roy and Gladys Malodowitz, Tom Fife, Chuck and Fae Watters, Jack and Louise Wagner, Burke and Lish Lee, Jim and Ann Tormey, Bill and Mary Ann Read, Al and Bettie Griebing, Lou and Elaine Dixon, John and Nancy Brinkerhoff, Wally Nutting (I think that's Wally), Jim and JoAnn Trayers, Jim Lynch, Ding and Johanna Price, Ben and Malvene Lewis (where are you Benno?) and guests—the Lillibridges.

Class of 1951 has party at Fort Sill

nam, this past year and is due here at West Point this Summer to teach Mechanics: Ray and Mary Hansen at Fort Belvoir but on orders to C&GSC at Leavenworth, this Summer—congratulations, Ray; Eddie and Ming Ramos in the Philippines; Marv and June Rees in Germany; Sid and Wink Wright—we said hello to the Creuzingers for you, Sid; Vic and Carolyn Cuneo in Naples, Italy; Al and Irene Flynn—Al returned from Korea and is now at Fort Campbell, Kentucky; Lou and Peggy Prentiss—Lou is in Korea and due home in January 1959; Bill and Elaine Ward—Bill is now in Poughkeepsie, New York, as assistant to the Chairman of the Board of the New York State Bridge Authority; Bill and Bettie Curry are at Wichita, Kansas, where Bill is a B-47 instructor; Jack and Mary Wheatley in Palo Alto, California—Jack is in the construction business there and has seen Tom Austin and Duane Pederson at the Presidio and Ray McCauley and Vaughan Shahinian at Stanford.

Dick Lorette at Wright—Patterson AFB, writes that Jim Wallace and Jack Kulpa are there in the Air Development Center. Dick saw Bob Henry at Maxwell AFB where Bob was taking the Squadron Officer's Course. Don Coscarelli is at Los Alamitos, California. Bill Bloss is in France, G-3 Section, Headquarters Com. Zone. Dave Meredith is at the University of Dayton with the ROTC unit. Ted Crichton and Ev True are due to arrive at Wright-Patterson in March.

Jim Horsley's mother sent a note saying that Jim is still at Eglin AFB, Florida, flying jets. He was married to Carol Jean Tate of Osyka, Mississippi, in July 1957. Thanks for the note, Mrs. Horsley.

Robin DeGraf sent a note from Fort Knox where Bill is attending the Armor Advanced Course. They're on orders to Germany in July. At Knox also are Cloyce Mangas who will attend Harvard for two years and then come to West Point to teach Social Sciences; Phil Bolte and Carm Milia scheduled for Georgia Tech in June; Mike Dowe teaching in the Armored School and will attend the next regular Advanced Course.

Received a letter from Bill Lynes who left our class in January 1947 after a battle with the Math Department. He was graduated from Wartburg College in 1950 with a Degree in History; was drafted in May of 1951 and spent time at Fort Leonard Wood, Fort Holabird, and then 14 months in Bremen, Germany, as a Special Agent in the CIC. He was married in August of 1954 and is living in his hometown of Plainfield, Iowa. Bill asked about his former roommates Joe McCrane, Carl Stone, Bill Berry, Howie Johns, Ross Franklin and Dick Keller. Nice hearing from you, Bill—stop by when you're here in June.

Vern Gatley dropped by in January. He's living in Pompano Beach, Florida, but travels considerably for the Jostens Company. He can help us on the work which we will be doing on our 10th Anniversary Book. Thanks for the material you sent already, Vern. One of these weeks I'll start something on it.

A short note from Jane (John) Fox admonishing me for omitting the birth of their fourth, a boy. See below. She added also that Bob and Gwyn Groseclose are in Ohio (where?)

Frank King is at the University of California Radiation Laboratory as Tech-



(See notes for identification.)

nical Liaison Officer with Wondolowski mentioned above. Frank expects to go to the Artillery Advanced Course in '59.

John Ufner is out of the Service working for Superior Steel Company as a sales representative in Birmingham, Michigan.

Jim Lynch is Aide to CG VII Corps, Stuttgart, Germany. (See picture).

Mike Walsh is Director of Academics, Basic Flying Training, at Laredo AFB, Texas. Mike's answers to the following questions:

Married: Yes
When: November 10, 1957
Children: Hardly!

Kent Cooley is at Greenville AFB, Mississippi, as Pilot Training Group Training Officer.

Lou Reinken mentioned before—at Fort Sill—stated that the following are at the Advanced Course at Fort Sill: Po Cornay, Bill Dougherty, Claude Doughtie, Bill Eichorn, C. C. Martin, Jim Mitcham, Marty Small, Sam Stapleton, Dick Trefry. Others at Sill are Frank Baish, Phil Donohue, Jack Koehler and Pete Hayes.

Jim Nold is a student at Long Beach State College, California.

Dick Ewan is Assistant Army Attaché in Saigon, Vietnam, with Leo Romaneski mentioned above. Dick saw Ronnie Snoke at Guam a few months back.

Winnie Skelton's data sheet was filled out as follows:

4. Married? —
 - a. When? —
 - b. First Wife's Name? Unk
 - c. Children?

Sex	Name
M	Abner
F	Abigale
N	Parsnip
F	Hepzibah
F	Marilyn, M.
M	Kim

We never would have thought it, Winnie—

Babies Reported this Quarter: Boys to Joe and Beth Griffin who named the baby Earl Todd after Bill Todd; John and Ann Wickham; Monty and Nancy Coffin; Leo and Marilyn Romaneski (March '57); John and Jane Fox (Sept. '57); Sam and Tillie Smithers; Fred and Joan Nickerson, and Sam and Priscilla Nicholson. Girls to Bill and Mary Ann

Read, and Ben and Malvene Lewis. Anyone else going for SIX!!

See you in June. —Lou Genuario
Qtrs. 518-D,
West Point, N. Y.

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During the last three month period, the class suffered the loss of two of its members. Ted Post and John Hutson were killed in aircraft accidents... John in North Africa and Ted at Edwards AFB. Our hearts go out to the survivors of these two fine people.

Ken Herring writes from Bragg that he and Sandy Weyant are holding the fort. Sandy is a company commander in the 325th and he and Jeanne recently moved into the new Capehart housing area. Ken is Secretary General Staff of the XVIII Airborne Corps. Ken and Estelle (married Sept. 29, '56) have a baby girl, Elaine, born at Bragg.

On the day of the deadline for this column, I received a letter and picture from Al Akers and Bill Thomas at Sill. The letter also contained a picture which, along with excerpts of the letter, is reproduced here.

"Enclosed is a picture of a class get-together of the 'Redlegs' at Fort Sill which we hope you can use in the next issue of ASSEMBLY. The names that go with the faces are as follows:

1st Row (l to r): Don Anker, Pete Thorsen, Bill Monsos, Joe Luger, Mitzi Thomas, Bill Thomas, Sarah Leehey, Ina Pitts, Audrey Malouche, June Foster, and Clare Schuman.

2nd Row: Al Akers, Nancy Thorsen, Janet Monsos, Bobbie Anker, Sally Atkeson, Mary Carolyn Snyder, Mary Lou Akers, Alice Birdseye, and Bobby Lins.

3rd Row: Joe Schuman, Helen Davis, Ted Atkeson, Barbara Van Keuren, Helene Ryan, Faith Stannard, Marge Hemler, Martha Doerflinger, Jackie McCord, Louise Barton, Ann Winfield, Betty Depew, Jim Pitts, and Don Leehey.

4th Row: George Stannard, Ed VanKeuren, Dick Ryan, Bill Malouche, Mike Davis, Otto Doerflinger, Bob Snyder, Hal Barton, Bill Depew, Frank Winfield, John Hemler, and Elmer Birdseye.

"Present at the party but missing from the picture were 'Jug' Foster and Charlie Gildart. Also present at Sill are the Torseths and the Milburnes. 'Rocky' Milburne has since received orders to Italy and he and Joyce and Family have march ordered and moved out smartly after a four year tour at Sill.

"All of us except Don Anker, Otto Doerflinger, Bill Malouche, and Dick Ryan are taking the Artillery Officer's Advanced Course. Don and Bobbie Anker just returned from Japan and he has orders to attend the next course beginning in August. Otto Doerflinger and Dick Ryan are mainstays in the Department of Material and Bill Malouche is an instructor in the Gunnery Department and is well known to the Class of '57.

"The following is the latest in the 'just hatched' and 'to be matched' departments at Fort Sill and Fort Bliss. At Fort Sill: the Aker's first, Frank Edward, in December; the Doerflingers second, Sara Lester, in December; and the Leehey's fourth boy, Mark Elliott, in January. At Fort Bliss, Lane Holman, who is teaching in the Missile Department, is taking the fateful step in April by joining the married ranks.

"Those of us in the advanced class are expecting to receive our orders on or about March 13 so we will drop you a note shortly thereafter so that you will have something to fill up the next column.

"Ted Atkeson has his orders for attached duty in Finland . . .

"The advanced class has been split into two groups and we are alternating between Sill and Bliss. For those of us who have been to Bliss before, Juarez is the same only more so."

Thanks, Al and Bill, for the very fine letter.

From Heidelberg comes Gerry Tausch's contribution of news. Rollo and Gerry are slated for assignment here at West Point this Summer and you may be assured that the amount of news contained in this column will decrease measurably unless someone replaces Gerry as a frequent and interesting contributor. Gerry reports that Dick and Dabney McLean are living in West Lafayette, Indiana, while Dick attends Purdue in preparation for an assignment to USMA this Summer. Jim and Carol Bick are living in Clarksville, Tennessee. Jim is assigned at Fort Campbell. Charlie Knapp is in a tank battalion in Korea. Joe and Sally Clarke are neighbors to Ray and Betty Tague in Drexel Hills, Pennsylvania. Joe (out of the service) is working for IBM and Ray is studying for an assignment to USMA this Summer. Brooks Martin has been slated to serve as an Assistant Attaché in Bonn, Germany. In preparation for this assignment, he'll go to the Intelligence School in Washington this Summer and then to the Army Language School at Monterey prior to reporting for duty in June of '59. Gerry enclosed a newsletter from Pat and Jo Ann Ryan that generally described the Ryans as living in Landstuhl with their three kids and fully enjoying life in Germany. Wally and Norma Steiger are at Fulda and had a son, Robert Curtis, on December 5, '57. Gerry's last news item relates that Dan and Marilyn Sharp (here at West Point as a Tac) had a son on November 26, '57. Another addition to the West Point ranks . . . Frank and Sheila Wald-

man had their second child, a boy, in February.

Bob Prehn writes from TIS at Benning to report on the orders received by the 51ers at the school. Jim Boatner is headed for civil schooling leading to his eventual assignment to USMA in the Department of Social Science. Bill Grugin is also slated for West Point but his job assignment is not known at this time. Steve Gallagher, Ray Knight, and Arlie Sherman are all headed for Korea. Fran Craig is headed for SHAPE with a stop-over in Washington. Bob is headed for civil schooling at Syracuse University. Bob reports a party given by Ed Matney where Walt and Nancy Russell, Bill and Del Bradley, George and Ann Meighen, Howie and Dottie Steele, Eric and Marjion Antilla, Pud and Joan Keesling, and George Gardes were all in attendance.

More word from Benning tells that George Gardes and Pat Hurdock were married at Benning on the 15th of March. Best wishes to the Gardes.

Jim Brett writes from New Haven that he is at Yale working for a Masters in International Relations. Apparently, Jim finds the life of the bachelor graduate student most pleasant. Jim further reports that Jim Phillips is at the Armor School teaching Nuclear Target Analysis.

A card from John and Mary Ann Powell announces the birth of their third child, a daughter, born on September 22, '57. At that time, John was finishing his course at Stanford and was headed for Ghaether AFB. John's ultimate destination is the Air Force Academy with an assignment in the English Department. John reported that Phil Cuny, also at Stanford, was scheduled to finish his course this June.

Sandy Cortner sends along a report of the goings-on in and around the 11th Airborne. Sandy is an aide and he and Jo have adopted a girl. Ed and Fran Partain (10th Special Forces) have also adopted a girl. Name . . . Lisa. Sandy goes on to report the status of 51ers by name, job, and family.

Bob and Diana Volk, G-3, one boy and one girl.

Art and Carol Scalise, G-4, one on the way.

John and Dee Bohlen, B Co, CO, 187th, three girls and one boy.

Pete and Marie Foss, B Co, CO, 505th, one girl and one on the way.

Jerry and Jean Carlson, D Co, CO, 505th, two girls.

Ed and Dee Zuver, B Co, CO, 504th, two boys and one girl.

Tom and Barbara Aaron, S-3, 505th, one girl.

Jim Keeley and Joe Fant are both battery commanders. Bob Simpson recently left the 11th for Headquarters, 7th Army. The Simpsons have one boy, with another child due momentarily. George and Naomi Hardesty are aide-ing the C. G., Northern Area.

Back in the states, John and Wenke Schweizer are at the Argonne Labs of the AEC near Chicago. Joe Rawlins has been at Walter Reed for the past few months recovering from a serious hip injury sustained in a jump accident. Rick Buck was also in Walter Reed for a six week period after a serious automobile accident during the Christmas holidays. Rick has been transferred to the hospital here at West Point and is recovering nicely. John Cunningham passed through

West Point recently on his way to Wichita where he will instruct in B-47s.

Dick and Marion Szymczyk arrived at West Point after an 11 day transcontinental auto trip from Monterey with four kids (the youngest two weeks old). Dick has been at the language school and is now at Columbia prior to reporting for duty in the Department of Modern Languages (Russian).

I have been asked to explain the functions and origins of the group of ad hoc, pro tem officers elected here at West Point each year. I'm not really too clear on the whole thing but apparently, a quorum of the class present at the 5th Reunion, at the suggestion of the duly elected class officers, authorized the local election of pro tem officers to serve in such matters as reunion organizing, class histories, class notes, memorials, etc. This usurps none of the final authority of the class officers and only serves to assist them in performing their duties. The obvious advantage is that the pro tem counterparts of the class officers stationed here are closer to the heart of all alumni business being within walking distance of the alumni headquarters. Perhaps the weakest yet most popular argument for justifying these officers is "all the other classes have them."

-Reb Barber,
Dept. of Math.,
U.S.M.A.,
West Point, New York.

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First a couple of notes from PIO. Bob McCrindle got his M.S. from Iowa State last December. Certainly is good news that his spell in the hospital is over. Jim Crow and John Sullivan have arrived in the area here at West Point with wives. Jim is with the Math Department and John is still at Columbia U for the Department of English. Also due here soon are John Driskill after Advanced School at Belvoir; Jerry Gibbs from Columbia, Jay Luther, Danny Danford, Walt Ulmer, and Hank Meyer.

Christmas brought a flurry of cards and a lot of new addresses. I hope to have published and distributed to you soon an up to date list of addresses for the whole class so if yours has changed in the last year let me know. Kent Knutson is with the Resident Engineer in Glasgow, Montana; the Jim Campbells are at Benning; Mark Oliphant and family are with 357th FIS in sunny Morocco (should be state-side by Fall); Dick and Sally Lang are still in Baton Rouge and their twins Linda and Lorrie are growing fast; Herb and Adrian Hollender are at Monmouth; Al and Nancy Lawrence are at Belvoir; Jeep and Dee Rollston are in Honolulu (one son Mark); Wes and Anne King still in Milledgeville, Georgia; Tom Ellis is at Fort Lawton, Washington, with the 26th AAA Gp; Keilt is at Bryan AFB; Tom Nelson is at Engr R and D at Belvoir; Lou Arnold at AEC Headquarters in Maryland; Stew Patterson and Gar Weed are with 40th Armor in Alaska; Tim Seebach in Washington, and that about winds up the Christmas cards received.

A few new babies to report. Gerard P. Mullare to Kay and Danny in New York on January 23, their first; Sarah Jane Spaulding to Warren and Jan on February 23 at West Point, their second girl; Debra

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Leigh Geatches to Bill and Donna at West Point on December 29, 1957, their third. Not reported before are the three children of Homer and Ginger Keifer: Sharon on April 8, 1953, Reynolds on December 14, 1954, and Homer III on June 6, 1957. Al and Nancy Lawrence had Dale Christopher on September 11, 1957 (their 3rd Anniversary), making two for them.

Tom Kelsey and his new French bride came through New York enroute to Texas but missed connections with the gang here.

Bill Walker sent in the photo of the '52 crowd at Sill assembled for a holiday party before Christmas. Since the picture, Putnam has gone to Knox and Lane to Benning. Also at Sill but not present for photo were Jim and June Cain, Bob and Gloria Russell, and Kim Deverill.

Bill Leggett is off soon to Purdue from Benning to study for Department of Electric Engineering at USMA. Bovard and Peterson are at Knox in Advanced School, Thomas, Pafford and Obach will all go to graduate school after finishing advanced school at Monmouth.

Had a letter from Ashley Speir bringing us up to date on his activities since he resigned in 1955. He has since finished grad school at UNC (Business Administration) and is now working for ESSO in Baton Rouge, doing field engineering. Larry Lucas is at Franklin, Louisiana, with the State Highway Department and the Langs round out '52 in Louisiana. Ash extends invites to anyone in the area, 2021 Terrace Ave., phone Di 48819.

An article on why young officers resign is in the March 18 issue of LOOK. Class of 1952 is featured and the pictures of Bob Burke, Warren Hayford, Raiford, Ireland, Van Trees, Shy, Mullane and Wallwork are good. Some fame to add to our infamy.

Herb Vogel and Barbara with three children (girls 5, 3, 2) are at Governors Island. Herb goes to the Bell Tel. School. Bob Cottey is with 506 Inf. 1st Abn BG at Campbell and is off soon to Benning for school. Dave Hansand is going to Spain for Department of Foreign Language, USMA. Ike Eisehart is with 101st Division Artillery at Campbell. Bob Riley is in Fort Lee, New Jersey.

Glennon Kingsley reported his fourth son, Daniel, born on October 10, 1957. Glennon has finished the AF Institute at Wright Patterson AFB and has his M.S. He will now work for R and D. Baldner and Hamilton are also at Wright-Pat.

Jim Wallwork is active with New Jersey National Guard (Captain, 50th Armored Division). Pappy Yocum is studying for his MS there in New Jersey. Jim Mueller is selling insurance in northern New Jersey.

Please keep sending in your \$3 contributions for the class fund. There will be a dinner dance at West Point during June Week for '52. If you care to come let us know. We are making some progress in getting caught up to date on classmates' obituaries. Keep checking the "Last Roll Call." We still have several "lost" classmates. Does anyone know the whereabouts of West, McLemore, Lynch, Jim Day, Crehan, A.T. Martin, Kelso Carroll, Ray Simmons, D.S. Smith, Loren Brooks or Dan Boone?

Congrats on six years! Promotions very slow. Till June . . .

-Dave Lyon,
Dept. Elec. Engr.,
USMA.



Front row (left to right)—Marylou Truax, Frank Benedict, Joann Benedict, Fran and Bill Walker, Beth Bergeson, Laura and Henry Meyer. Second row—Robert Irvak, Cecil and Marlene Sykes, Joanne and Jack Mauer (behind her), Patty and Ed Eckert (behind her), Barbara and Larry Putnam, Ray Bergeson. Third row—Bob and Arden Leach, Jean and Ray Wallace, Doris Eachus, Mildred Toepel, Marianne and Kermit Bell, Art Deverill. Fourth row—Bernie Ashkenaze, Gene and Joan Lane, Charlie and Joanne Hoenstine, Judy and Tom Hill, Dave Eachus, Bert Toepel.

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With deep regret I report the death of our classmate John Calvert. I understand John was killed in a mid-air collision at Shaw AFB; however, I have no other particulars.

Spike Flertzheim who is on the Five Year Reunion Committee wrote to bring us up to date on the plans. The Committee sent out an excellent questionnaire and information bulletin to all of us in January. If you did not receive one, drop Spike a line at 275 Hudson St. Cornwall-on-Hudson, New York, and tell him of your June plans. So far, they have heard from about 150 out of the 510 and six have indicated that they will attend. However, there are quite a few civilians in the W. P. area who have not replied as yet and around 15 more of our class will arrive this Summer for teaching assignments, so it is expected that a good number will be on hand.

The Reunion Committee had a March 1 deadline on returning the questionnaires. This was to obtain an early estimate for the Alumni Assn. However, if you still have not sent yours in, please do so at once, so the Committee can account for all of us. If anyone has a change of plans at the last minute and will be able to attend, you will be most welcome.

The procedure is to register at the Association of Graduates Sallyport which is usually the Yearling of Old North (Plain side) Sallyport. A bulletin board will be set up for us telling all the poop. If you still have any questions, you can contact a member of the Committee as follows:

	Daytime-Dept.	& Phone	Home Phone
Brewer	Math	6118 CW1	35332
Flertzheim	Physics	4211 CW1	37170
Segal	Eng. Det.	3110 CW1	35601

So far, I know that Bob and Marilyn Karns and Bill and Emily Jefferson for sure will be there, so we will be looking forward to seeing as many of you as can make it.

The picture was made at Tom and Ruth Brain's where the party was held after the Purdue-Northwestern football game. Jerry Goetz had come down from the University of Illinois, but he is now at Fort Belvoir. Ray Eineigl went down from Northwestern. This picture shows Ray in his gay bachelor days. Yes, Ray Eineigl is about to lose his bachelorhood! In the Fall issue, I reported that Ray was dating a Marine Colonel's daughter by the name of Sandy Leek. During the Christmas holidays, Ray and Sandy announced their engagement and plans for a September 1958 wedding. Sandy has returned to UCLA to complete another year of school. Keith and Jo Ellen Born were down at Purdue from Chicago where Keith is with the High School ROTC Program.

Emily and I would like to thank all of you for the many Christmas cards which we received. We particularly appreciated the notes penned on the backs of some of the cards. Jack and Barbara Merrigan let us know that they are at Fort Bliss, Texas, taking the SAM Battery Officer's Course which ends March 28. Others there are: Art Ackerman, Ed Andrews, Norm Birchler, Bill Cole, Ken Dawson, Gene Fitzsimmons, Carey Hutchinson, Graham McIntyre, Lowell Skidmore, Bill Snead, Rolo Sullivan, Chuck Tighe, Bill Walker, and Bill Wubbena.

Jim and Nancy Sibley let me know that they are at Fort Belvoir where Jim commands a company. Wayne and Mag Alch are there also. Wayne teaches in the Engineer School. Rog and Liz Peterson, Dick and Emily Matson and Bob and Pat McDonald are also at Fort Belvoir.

Bill and Barbara Weihmiller are at the University of Michigan where Bill is working on his masters in Electrical Engineering. Also there are the Tom Canham's, Drew Dowling's, the Brentnall's and the Al Hayes'. The Weihmiller's have two cute boys, Billy and Fritz.

Fred and Dorothy Reynolds wrote from Norfolk, New York, where Fred is still on a civil works tour as a Resident Engineer on the St. Lawrence Seaway Project. Next May the Reynolds' will go to the University of Illinois to a master's in civil and nuclear engineering. Bill and Steph Jewell and their two children visited the Reynolds' for a few days last August. The Jewell's (Steph is Fred's sister) were on their way from Panama to Sandia Base, New Mexico, where he is an aide.

Cliff and Mary Lou Neilson dropped a line from Butzbach, Germany. Also there are Jim Donahue and Dave Horner. Cliff and Dave are still in the same battalion.

Pat and Ed Reed wrote from Augusta, Georgia, where Ed is Executive Officer of the 519th Signal Co. The Reeds came back from Germany in October and shared accommodations on the boat with Wally and Julie Noll. Wally was on his way to Fort Lewis, Washington. Pat told me of the sad loss to Sam and Barbara Thomas of their five weeks old son who passed away in his sleep. The Class extends its sympathy to Sam and Barbara. Ed Reed has orders to enter CIC school in August. The school is located in Baltimore.

Dick Bentz sent word from Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he is an industrial engineer for Smith Welding Equipment Co. Dick was married in December to a Minnesota girl by the name of Judith Ann Leiding. While on their honeymoon in Havana, Cuba, they called on Frank and Virginia Preto. Frank is an industrial engineer for U. S. Rubber in Havana. Dick tells me that Bob Porter has resigned

from the A. F. and is now living in Mahwah, New Jersey, and working for Bell Laboratories. Dick hopes to attend the Reunion this June.

Don and Fran Ramsay are at Fort Belvoir now for the short Advanced Course. They are scheduled to remain for two years at Belvoir in the Army's Reactor Program. Dave Pistenma is also at Fort Belvoir.

Charles and Margaret Ann Zipp are at Fort Knox, Kentucky, with the 6th Cav. Dick Lawrence, John Temp, and Neal Creighton are also there in the 6th Cav. Bart Filaseta is an aide and Dink Whalen is in the Weapons Department at the School at Fort Knox. Roy Fowler now commands the Headquarters & Headquarters Co. of the 6th Cav.

Bill Burdeshaw wrote that he was married to Monica Dorr in London, England, last September. Bill met Monica while in Athens, Greece, as aide to the Chief of the Joint Military Aid Group. Monica was there with her parents (her father is a Colonel in the Air Force). Bill and Monica should be at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, now for the Advanced Course. The Monty Speir's, John Stoneburner's, Jack Young's, and Art Well's are still with the 11th at Augsburg, Germany. Joe Perlow is at Fort Sill. Marty Silberg is a civilian living in New York.

Tom Mingledorff let me know that he is a civilian now, having resigned from the Air Force, and is getting his master's at RPI in Management Engineering. Herb Friesen is also there taking Math, prior to assignment to W. P. as an instructor.

Congrats to the Air Force Classmates who have made Captain already! I have heard that Ed Davis, Frank Drew, Jerry O'Malley, Art Shaw, Hal Wheeler, Tom Thorpe, Dyke McCarty, Chas. McGinn, Jim McGee, Bill Campbell, Ed Coggins and Ted King are the lucky ones. There are 12 altogether on this first go-around.

I received a nice letter from Bob and Susan White and they told me about everyone in Germany but themselves. Seems that Marlyn Seigle, wife of John Seigle, came down with polio in September. The last word that Susan heard was that Marlyn was recovering at home.

John Glenn is at an air base near Osan, Korea. He has three officers and 126 enlisted men under his supervision along with several planes of C-47, L-20, and H-19 vintage. His wife, Pat, is waiting out his one year tour in Schenectady, New York, with her parents. The Glenns are expecting their second child.

Bob and Nancy "Red Dog" Smith wrote from Redstone Arsenal at Huntsville, Alabama, of "Explorer" fame. They are the only ones from '53 in the area. According to Nancy, the only time the place came alive was when the satellite was launched and the local inhabitants danced in the streets. The Smiths now have three children. (see Baby Corner)

Baby Corner

1. To Bob and Peggy LaFlam, a girl, Nanette (3-18-57)
2. To Fred and Gertrude Glauner, a girl, Nancy Louise (9-11-57, Fort Richardson, Washington.)
3. To Bob and Susan White, a boy, Robert Jackson (9-29-57, Germany)
4. To the Ed Tally's, a girl, Suzanne (10-6-57)
5. To Dave and Isabel Horner, a boy, Raymond Cullen (10-12-57, Germany)
6. To Tom and Barbara Canham, a boy, Jeffrey Allan (10-23-57)
7. To Bob and Nancy Smith, a girl, Karen Leigh (12-1-57, Huntsville, Alabama)
8. To Fred and Dorothy Reynolds, a girl, Marie Eleanor (1-4-58, Norfolk, New York)
9. To Al and Jane Grum, a boy, Allen Frederick, Jr. (1-24-58, Fort Belvoir, Virginia)

Bob and Marilyn Karns are still at the Air Force Academy where Bob is assistant coach for the wrestling team and in charge of the intramural program. The Karns have two children. Herman and Helen Gilster are at March AFB and the Ray Battle's are at Hamilton AFB. Bill and Jo Horton are still at Golden, Colorado, where he is in the ROTC program at Colorado School of Mines. Wally Leland is at McChord AFB.

Now for some tid-bits: Fred and Gertrude Glauner are at Fort Benning, Georgia. Dave Best, Denny Zander, and Dick Young are civilians working as engineers for Boeing Airplane Co. in Seattle. Dick Fischer is at Fort Bragg. George Garey is at Seymour Johnson AFB, North Carolina. John Nave is at March AFB, California. Edie and John Oblinger are at Chestertown, Maryland, with a Nike outfit. Dave Motycka is an engineer for Pratt & Whitney Aircraft in East Hartford, Connecticut. Maureen and John Meglen are civilians at Aberdeen, Maryland. Lucy and Robert Crosby are at Boston, Massachusetts. Lee and Art Phipps are civilians at Rochester, New York. Jane and Bob Daly are at Fort Hancock, New Jersey. Bet and Ed Davis are at the University of Pennsylvania. Bob Beveridge is at Dover AFB, Delaware. Erhart Demand is a civilian in North Philadelphia, Penn-

Class of 1953 at Purdue University Party



Front row (left to right): Tom Brain, Jerry Goetz, Ruth Brain, Priscilla Noah, Lou Friedersdorff. 2nd row: Joanne Egbert, Dorothy Dimtsios, Boots Edwards, Margi Delbridge, Jo Ellen Born, Joyce Friedersdorff. 3rd row: Geo. Egbert, Geo. Dimtsios, Ray Eineigl, Keith Born, Max Noah, Harvey Edwards, Norm Delbridge.

sylvania. Jim McCluskey is at Watertown Arsenal. Jordan Kaye (ex-'53) is at Fort Dix, New Jersey.

Well, am completely cleaned out of information. Hope that all of you refresh my supply before the next deadline which I am setting for May 15. Since the Jefferson's will be at Woo Poo when the next article is due, I want to get it submitted before we leave. Founders Day will undoubtedly be a big occasion in March around the world. We should have a good '53 turnout here in Chicago.

Please keep me posted of goings-on in the Class. My address remains: Bill Jefferson, 148 Clyde Ave, Apt. 2-B, Evanston, Illinois.

See you in June!

—Bill Jefferson

1954

The class extends deepest sympathies to the family of Bill Purdue. Bill died on December 17 at Brooke Army Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and was buried December 23 at West Point. Bill's death was the sixth for our class, the first not in an airplane crash.

The class educational trust fund is still being investigated, but no significant progress can yet be reported. Meanwhile, Bill Schulz proposes to put the class fund, which is more than \$4000, to work for us immediately.

Bill has arranged to set up an investment account for the class with Merrill Lynch Pierce Fenner & Beane, the leading investment firm in the country. A partner of the firm will look after us personally.

Bill asks that any objections, questions, or other proposals be sent to him at 26 Linnaean St., Cambridge, Massachusetts. If no unfavorable comments are received within 60 days of publication, he will tell Dave Scott to send a check to Merrill Lynch. Bill adds that enough cash will be left in the bank to meet immediate expenses and that an audited statement of the investment fund's status will be published annually in this column.

Celebrity: Reportedly the first Captain in the class is Jack Carter, who got a spot promotion when his B-47 crew won the 1957 SAC bombing-navigation competition. He and Joyce are at Little Rock AFB.

Back to School: Ken and Joan Brant and Don and Elaine Newnham will be moving to Purdue University at Lafayette, Indiana, in June. Brant will take a two-year graduate course in Engineering Science; Newnham will be getting his masters in Electrical Engineering before returning to teach at West Point.

Five Engineers will enroll in June at University of Illinois for a 12-month graduate course in Civil Engineering. They are Norm Bedell, Max Janairo, Cliff Flannagan, Jim Hayes, and Wilbur Buckheit. And Buckheit will bring with him his bride of October 5, the former Elizabeth Horton of Birmingham, Michigan.

Air Force: Only representative of the class at the Air Force Academy is Rox Shain, an instructor in the Phys Ed Department. When Rox isn't teaching golf, he's busy coordinating and planning the permanent site gymnasium. Rox, Nancy,

and Christy Ann "live about 100 yards from the flight line, and would be more than happy to put anybody up in Denver for a weekend."

Hal and Cynthia Howes are at Pinecastle AFB with SAC, flying B-47's. According to Hal, "SAC is great, except for the TDY's. Presently (December) our crew is TDY at Eglin AFB checking out the new Rascal missile that SAC is getting to hang on the B-47. We are the first crew to work with it, and we delivered the first one to SAC down here at Pinecastle during the recent bombing competition."

Still at Williams AFB, Arizona, Ken and Greta Mae Haff now have their third child, Kendall Lloyd, "a boy for a change." Ken expects an overseas assignment or, possibly, graduate training in industrial management under auspices of the Air Force Institute of Technology. He is now personal equipment officer for his training group.

Bill Wild and his new wife, Daphne, (recently acquired while on TDY in England) are at Little Rock AFB, along with Jack and Sherrill Arnet and their two sons.

At Selfridge AFB, Jody and Ann Rude are settled with two cars and an English bulldog, "Beer Call;" Jody is maintenance officer. Gus Freyer is flying the F-102 at Duluth; he recently married a local girl. Flying B-47's are Joe Lapchick at Portsmouth AFB, New Hampshire, Gene Procknal at Plattsburgh AFB, New York, Jug Jarrett at Wichita AFB, and Walt Schrupp at Lincoln AFB, Nebraska. Howard Hunter and Nick Nickerson are at Griffis AFB, Rome, New York, flying with 465th Ftr-Itc Sq.

Alaska: Jim and Nancy Mehserle and son Jimmy (June 18, 1957) are at Ladd AFB with 449th FIS (APO 731, Seattle). Jim has acquired membership in the Caterpillar Club after being forced to bail out of his F-89D when an electrical fire broke out in the cockpit. He suffered only a few bruises and was picked up in about seven hours.

Germany: Fritz and Bee Anklam are with 168th Engr. Bn. (APO 46) at Nellingen near Stuttgart. They have a son and two daughters; the latest is Regina Marie, born on September 6.

Tiny and Dot Tomsen have transferred to Engineers, and Tiny is now in language school studying German. Also in Germany, Bob Ironsides is with 17th Sig. Bn.

Hawaii: "Finally back with a rifle company," Dick Hobbs is Exec. Off. of Co. B, 27th Inf. (APO 25, San Francisco).

Korea: George Guy is with 7th Inf. Div. (APO 7, SF) as detachment commander and adjutant for division trains. His wife, Lynn, and children, Lisa and Colin, are sitting it out with George's parents in Nashville.

Glenn Matsumoto is CO of Hq. Battery, 1st Cav. Div. Arty, in Korea. His wife, Eva, is hoping to join him in Japan in September. Also in Korea, Bob Cicchinelli is with 7th Div. Arty.

Stateside: Russ Parker, Bob McPherson, and Tom DeSimone are at Fort Bliss taking package training with a Nike Hercules Battalion. They'll be going to Thule, Greenland, in the early Fall. Parker and DeSimone will leave their wives at home (McPherson is still a bachelor), but

they'll have the comforting distinction of being with the first Hercules Bn formed and the first one overseas. Parker became a radio ham so he can talk to home from his arctic outpost.

Back from a year in Iran, Jim Bradel, Andy Underwood, and Dick Kavanaugh got re-acquainted with their wives and settled down to living again. The Bradels went to Army Aviation School at San Marcos, Texas; the Underwoods to Fort Ord; and Kavanaughs to the Infantry School at Fort Benning.

Jesse Martin is CO of 579th Sig. Co., a base depot company, at Tobyhanna Signal Depot, "an isolated outpost in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania." He writes that "as CO of even this small unit (95 men), I sometimes feel like a wheel, since my company's Honor Guard participates in parades, ceremonies, funerals, etc., over a ten-county area. The company hits the local papers for some 'accomplishment' nearly every week."

At Fort Campbell are Bill Harper and Len Fuller with Army Aviation of 101st Abn Div.; Joe Palastra, a company exec in 101st; Al Lieber, back after two years in Thailand, now a company exec in 327th Inf.; George Bennett, CO of the NCO Academy; and Bob Morris, a platoon leader with 187th Inf. and "finally learning the ropes after two years advisory work in North Thailand."

Larry Skibbie and Mark Ormsby are at White Sands Proving Ground. Jay Edwards is working in the ballistic missile program at Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Alabama.

Back from Germany, John and Roz Marcus are at Fort Hood. Mike Drake is at Intelligence School at Fort Holabird, Maryland. Bill and Marie Weaver and two sons are at Fort Banks Winthrop, Massachusetts, where Bill's the PIO officer. Bob Downey is back in the Army with a RA commission. Bob Gross is aide to the CG at Fort MacArthur, California. Bill Gager finished as top man in his basic officers class at Engineers School, Fort Belvoir. And we're told that Vic Hugo was married to Jean Carolyn Duff at Fort Myer on April 27, 1957.

Civilians: Colby Ross, now a sales engineer for the motor truck division of International Harvester, is living at 6920 Marconi St., Huntington Park, California. Ben Schemmer is selling transporter fleets for Volkswagen of America. Ben and Cynthia have a new home overlooking the Pacific Ocean at 437 Bishop Ave., Pacific Grove, California.

Bob and Joan Bullock have their own home at 51 Van Steuben Drive, Fishkill, New York. Bob is an engineer for IBM in Poughkeepsie. Tom Flaherty is with Bell Labs and living in Metuchen, New Jersey. The Flahertys now have a third son, William.

George Storck is going to Columbia Teachers College for a masters in Phys. Ed., with hopes of getting a coaching job at Yale. Bob and Jan Blaisdell are with Raytheon Mfg. in Burlington, Massachusetts. Mario DeLucia is with Linde Company in Baltimore. Tom Stark and Paul Jenkins are both with Sperry Gyroscope.

Here are the latest additions to the long list of resignations: Bill Acers, Jim Allison, Fred Bartlit, Ed Berko, Lee Bierlein, Jim Brodt, Wally Christensen,

Kirk Cockrell, Glenn Creath, Jack Dennis, Ev Drugge, Pat Dyer, Bob Ellis, Earle Evans, Sam Greer, Draper Gregory, Brad Honholt, Marv Jones, Clyde LaGrone, Lee Lundberg, Andy Maloney, Ed McCloskey, Mark McDermott, George Milligan, Bob Morris, Bill Ovberg, Bob Preuitt, Jim Randall, Paul Reistrup, Fred Schweiger, John Shelter, Lowell Sisson, John Stark, Bill Stroh, and Jot Thomas.

All for now. Let's hear from you by June 1. And those who receive this issue on June 2 can write anytime. In any case, to help you plan your correspondence, my deadlines with the editor are always the first day of March, June, September, and December. If you can let me hear from you a couple of days before my deadline, we can get the latest news of you and your family into ASSEMBLY. The address is the same: Tompkins Avenue, Upper Nyack, New York. Best regards to all.

-Jim Plunkett,
Tompkins Ave.,
Upper Nyack, N. Y.

1955

We are getting downright old. The other day I ran into a fellow from the Class of '57, who is shaving now, but other than that had not changed much from when I last saw him. Naturally assuming that he was out on first class privileges without his card marked or something, I was prepared to write him up, when he informed me that he is the new officer in our battalion, already graduated from FAOBC and Jump School. Which just goes to show you that the Corps has. The years never used to be this short.

Since we have thus rushed through the past months at such a dizzy pace, I think it fitting that we devote this issue principally to one of relocating ourselves, establishing where each of us is for now, rather than what any one of us is doing. This in itself, of course, is an endless task, for the locations I report to you now in February, which you read probably in May, have trickled in to me since I sent in the last issue, the end of November 1957. However, banking on status quo and compassionate readership, we shall give it a try.

Reece AFB, Lubbock, Texas—Al and Sally Oppel; Bill, Ronnie, and Kathleen McWilliams; Dale and Eddie Ward, son and daughter; Norb and Joyce Glidden; Bill and Betty Goodwin.

Webb AFB, Big Springs, Texas—Jerry and Mary Lou Gilpin and son; Willy and Rosemary Volkstadt.

Laredo AFB, Laredo, Texas—Dick and Maria Teresa Regnier; the Bob Shermans and son; Don and Valerie Sutton, son and daughter; Ron and Barbara Weissenborn and sons (two plus brother or sister expected); the Gerry Tebbens' (also reported in Greenville, Mississippi—believe this is the latest location); Scotty Adams.

Foster AFB, Victoria, Texas—Jim, Betty, and Carol Heye; John and Lou Ann Leventis; John and Betty McDonald and two daughters; Les and Danny Pruitt; the Dick Praters; Greg and Mar Barras.

Harlingen AFB, Harlingen, Texas—Bill, Joan, Bill Jr. and David Carrington; Al Buie; Reed Stone.

Lackland AFB, San Antonio, Texas—Russ and Irene Hodges.

Dyess AFB, Abilene, Texas—Chuck, Ellie, and Chuck Jr. Martin.

Bryan AFB, Bryan, Texas—in the process of closing—at the time of this writing, Tom and Sue Weaver, and Bob Meisenheimer had not received their new assignments from Bryan.

Keesler AFB, Biloxi, Mississippi—Paul, Marlene, and Linda Martin (addition expected soon); Jerry, Joan, and Doug Brown; Carl Rankin.

Greenville AFB, Mississippi—Jerry and Barbara Samos and daughter; John and Mary Pickitt and son; Jim and Jo Johnson and son; ack and Chris Poirier and two daughters.

Davis-Mountham AFB, Tucson, Arizona—Bob, Ann, and Loretta Pheiff; Dick and Pat Baker.

Kirtland AFB, Albuquerque, New Mexico—Chuck and Laura Stoeckel

Mather AFB, Sacramento, California—Ed and Betsy Anderson; Denny and Shirley Cosca and son.

Oxnard AFB, California—T. J. Phillips.

Castle AFB, Merced, California—Stan Harvill.

Travis AFB, California—Jim, Shirley, and Sarah Ann Howard.

England AFB, Alexandria, Louisiana—Bob and Esther McKelvey and daughter.

Lake Charles AFB, Lake Charles, Louisiana—Bill and Adelaide Hock and daughter.

Barksdale AFB, Barksdale, Louisiana—Ken and Helen Wilson and two daughters.

Shaw AFB, South Carolina—Don, Mary Jane, and Donnie Law.

Myrtle Beach AFB, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina—the Carl Catheys' and daughter; John Lapham.

Craig AFB, Selma, Alabama—Fred and Jean Phillips and daughter (fourth member due soon).

West Palm Beach, Florida—Fred, June, and Lil June Knieriem; Durfy McJoynet.

Vance AFB, Enid, Oklahoma—Chuck and Dorothy Roades; John Beoddy.

Lincoln AFB, Lincoln, Nebraska—Tony and Oddie Hansell and daughter.

Portland International Airport, Portland, Oregon—Rod and Mary Davis.

Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio—Dick Secord; (Rollie Nordlie due to start in June).

Lockbourne AFB, Ohio—Roy and Sandy Lynn.

Bunker Hill AFB, Peru, Indiana—George and Janet Kennebeck and daughter; Walt, Nancy, and Polly McCrillis; Joe and Diana Davis.

Kellogg AFB, Detroit, Michigan—the George Monahans; Phil Bouchard.

Stewart AFB, Newburgh, New York—Chuck, Rita, and Tracy Flynn; the Leland "Buck" Riggs'.

Langley AFB, Virginia—John, Leslie, and John II Hardy; Bob and Carol Thornquist and two sons; Al and Edie Edwards and son.

Dover AFB, Dover, Delaware—Lloyd and Pearl Wolfe.

Thule AFB, Greenland—Dave and Penny Burroughs and two daughters.

England—Dick and Sandy Wargowsky.

France—Hank and Willy Hollensbe; Pete and Barby Hornbarger; Don Giza.

Furstenfelbruck AFB, Munich, Germany—Del and Shirley Jacobs.

Ladd AFB, Alaska—Verne Staffen.

Korea—Ray Karam.

Whew. If there is any Air Force classmate whose name does not appear in one of the above paragraphs, send me a stamped self-addressed envelope and your last month's flight pay and you will receive a written apology in my next column plus free copies of ASSEMBLY for the remainder of the fiscal year.

And now to the eyeball-to-eyeball warriors.

Fort Richardson, Alaska—Dave Pettet.

Fort Greely, Alaska—Dan Troyan.

Yukon Command, Alaska—Steve, Violet, and Nancy Ann Matuszak (another due in March); Ken and Jane Ikeda and son; Joe and Mary Ann Thomer (baby due soon).

Hawaii—Bob and Pat Doerr and son; Jim, Shirley, Susy, and Beth Brokenshire; the Dick Hoeferkamps; Vern Pace; Fred, Gennie, and Freddie III Woerner; Quent Bates; Norm Smith; Jim Ryan.

Panama—Miguel and Nayda Nieves and son.

Korea—Jack Strom; Don Smith; Bob Soper.

Mannheim, Germany—Jack, Joan, and Glenn Matteson.

Wurzburg, Germany—Rod Vitty.

Aschaffenburg, Germany—Bill and Joni Lozier and two sons; Ted Livesay; John Brown.

Bamberg, Germany—the Lou Tebodos; Bob Wheaton; Dave and Marse Young; Bill and Nat Wilcox and daughter.

Schweinfurt, Germany—Billy Arthur; Phil Blanton.

Darmstadt, Germany—the Jerry Lewis'.

Hanau, Germany—Paul, LaVerne, and Paul Bazilwich; the Fran Schauers.

Furth, Germany—Todd and Sue Graham (expecting soon).

Nurnberg, Germany—Jim Drummond; Jack Frost.

Gelnhausen, Germany—Dave Gilpatrick; Tom Price; Marty, Cleo, and Greg McNamee.

Erlangen, Germany—Wayne, Betty, and David Wayne Jr. Polly.

Bad Kreuznach, Germany—Bill, Mary Ellen, and Cindy Wix.

Bad Kissingen, Germany—Bob and Terry Shaffer.

Baumholder, Germany—John and Nancy Rudzki; Jim, Madge, and Susan Fleege; Dick, Barbara, and Richard II Hargrove; the Al Bundrens; Clancy, Patsy, and Ted DeLong; Dave and Sandy Patton; Russ Parsons; Rudd Crawford; Will McIlroy.

Straubing, Germany—Norwood, Peggy, and Johnny Fleming.

Berlin, Germany—Jim Torrence; Ed Vargas.

Augsburg, Germany—Dean Longbottom.

Stuttgart, Germany—The Bill Haas'.

Germany (not pinpointed)—Bob and Phyllis Chapman; Dan Malone; Will Holbrook; Tom Herren; Bill and Carol Norvell; the Hi Stevens; the Mick Meekisons; Pete and Angie Fikaris; Bob and Helga Hinrichs; Bob and Dagmar Henry.

Fort Sill, Oklahoma—Mike Malooley; Al Cini; Don and Mary Andrews; Jim Barker; Bob, Helene, and Kathleen Anne Brown; the Karl Brunsteins and son; Bob Camp; Dick, June, and Cora Cheesborough; Dick, Pat, Richard Jr., and Catherine Dinwiddie; the Ken Dions; Cliff and Jean Fralen; Jack McCloskey; Jim and Earlene McIntosh; Ted and Evelyn Patterson; Mike and Ada Stevenson; Joe Vincent.

Fort Benning, Georgia (en route to Germany)—Bob Joseph; Warren Jones; John Steakley; Bill Chambers; Irv and Jean Katzenbrink; the Jim Greys; the Jim Devereauxs; Roy and Ann Dunaway; the Bob Wiegands; Hank and Joan Meetze; Chik and Jesse Chikalla.

Fort Hood, Texas—Bob, Pat, and Teresa Strati; Leo and Paulen Hergenroeder and two sons; Eck Hayes; Bruce Wilburn; Frank O'Brien; Herb and Maureen Finger; Chuck and Sally Gersitz; Charlie and Elaine Schuh; Jim and Lynne Bergen; Danny and Maggi Dugan; Don, Peggy, and Doug Poorman; Walt, Edie, and Richard Landers; and me, John Lovell.

Cincinnati, Ohio (General Electric)—Sam (ex-55), Gloria, and Julie Lynn Tagart.

Fort Riley, Kansas—Paul Jefferies.

Stanford University, California—Phil, Dianne, and DeDe Enslow.

Sifting through the above facts, we find the following news . . . Chuck Roades, having completed primary flight training, is now taking jet training at Vance, the same base where John Beoddy is instructing . . . It was a boy to the Al Edwards in December . . . A girl to the Jim Howards in November . . . And a Frederick the Third to the Woerners in December . . . Bob Henry married Miss Dagmar Meyer in Nurnberg in November . . . Miss Helga Klohe became the bride of Bob Hinrichs in Bad Godesberg in December . . . Jerry Lewis is a recent bridegroom . . . Dick Traut was recently married . . . Jim Bergen married Miss Lynne Harris in Heidelberg in January . . . Recent branch transfers include Pete Fikaris, Armor to Ordnance, and Dave Pettet, Infantry to Engineers . . . Among the ever-increasing list of classmates who are Generals' Aides are Ted Gay, Aide to Major General Max S. Johnson, Commandant of the Army War College, and Walt Landers, Aide to Brigadier General Bethune, Asst. Div. Commander, Second Armored Division . . . Dick Secord is getting his Masters Degree in Nuclear Physics at AFIT . . . Phil Enslow taking Electrical Engineering Administration at Stanford.

The Class Cup has been presented to Bob and Nina Stanley in an informal ceremony in Germany at Christmastime. Class Godson, Forrest, reported healthy and happy.

In Memoriam. We mourn the death of Larry Herdman, killed in a jet crash during a flight out of Landstuhl, Ger-

many, in January. This has been a year of sadness for the Class; Larry's death followed by only a few months those of Fred Johnson, in an automobile accident in Germany; and Walt Staudaer, in a mountain climbing accident in Germany.

Five Year Reunion. Through communication with some of the other class officers, plans are being formulated for a Class Reunion in 1960. The reunion, in addition to providing a welcome get-together, would enable us to transact class business, such as possible erection of a plaque in memory of classmates who are killed. Talk over your ideas on what you want in the way of a five-year reunion, and send them either to me or to the Class President, Fred Bliss.

Fred's current address, by the way, was extremely tenuous in his most recent letter, due to uncertainty of forthcoming order. He therefore advises that you write him in care of his father, Judge C.F. Bliss, 711 Shawnee, Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Fred was notified immediately at the death of Larry Herdman, and was therefore able to express the regrets of the Class to Larry's wife and parents.

Final Note. I am unable to include for publication individual pictures of wives or children. However, photographs of groups of classmates, which may well include wives and children, are encouraged. So have yourselves a pint-sized reunion and take pictures; then let us have a look.

—(1st Lt.) John P. Lovell
B. Btry., 1st How. Bn.
(105mm) (SP), 14th Arty.,
Fort Hood, Texas

1956

A brief glance at this issue's mail bag reveals that your editor is swamped with names and facts. Please accept my thanks for your wonderful response to my appeal for more letters, but please don't despair if I'm not able to devote too many lines of type to a description of each of your lives. I have 200 names to cram into this issue's quota of 1,500 words, and by the time I finish, I hope that the news you sent me is still recognizable.

June has no monopoly on wedding bells as far as '56 is concerned. Gerry Herrmann married Ann Jacobsen, February 9, at the Presidio in San Francisco. Jerry Take married an Enid, Oklahoma, belle by the name of Claudette, September 1. Jerry is presently flying KC97's for the 43rd Air Refueling Sqdn. at Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona. Bill Hooker married Audrey Bilbrey in the historic 11th century Marien Church in Budingen on December 7. Charley and Pat Poole, Rick and Ann Brown, Sam Kem, Phil Stynes, and Bob and Mary Sorley looked on. Bob reported on the Hooker marriage and is now with H. Co., 3rd Bn., 2nd Arm. Cav. Regt. in Germany. Stateside, Phil Farmer's new wife, as of October 12, is Carlisle Farmer. Phil calls 502nd Abn. Combat Grp. home. Phil Sutherland, at Bragg, was married this Fall. No details. "J.J." Waldeck with the 10th Div., married December 28. Girl unknown. "Denny" Butler succumbed last August to a girl named Barri, and is expecting

in July. Future duty station, Westover Field. Dennis won two dollars when Don Satterfield got married. No details. Don is now at Pope AFB and expecting a little "Bean" soon. Tom Kirchgessner was to be married this last Christmas. No details. "Bat" Masterson, Warren Keinath and Chris Allaire were married, but no official announcement was available at this writing. "Bucky" Harris, now with Co. D. 44th Tk. Bn., Fort Bragg, married December 20. His wife's name, Peggy Page. Paul Winkel was a sabre bearer at his post chapel wedding. George "Money Bags" Stapleton wrote from Fort Bragg that the class now has \$4,500 in the vault, and it was a great temptation for him to blow it on his honeymoon. The date was August 31. The bride, Peggy Morris. By the way, \$2,500 of the total in our class fund came from Howitzer profits. I think that Roger Redhair and Harry Crandall deserve a belated thanks for a job well done. Dick Rinker and his wife, Carmel, are blushing newlyweds. Sorry—no date given. Bob Pearson and his Patricia have been married since June. They reside at Reese AFB.

Now for a few vital baby statistics. Harry Kotellos, last seen flying KC97's at Randolph Field, is the proud possessor of a little girl. At the same base, Ed Valentiny now has a baby girl nicknamed "Gammin." Ken and Myra Withers got the finest Christmas present imaginable when George Kenyan Withers, III, entered this world on Christmas morn. Ken was a Plt. Ldr. with the 326th Abn. Eng., Fort Campbell, and is now probably at Fort Belvoir taking a demolitions course. Dick Curl's son, Jimmy, is a red-head like his father. Don Little and his Carole now have a little girl named Tammy born in November. Both Don and Dick also call Campbell home. Gary and Ollie Hall have their little Pam to keep them company. Charley and Patsy Bagnal are certain that they have a future All-American in little Chuck. Carol and John Oakes were joined by little Carolina at John's 502nd Abn. Combat Group assignment. "Twitch" and Peggy Twitchell have been blessed with a baby girl, "Missy", born in September. Twitchell was in the army team assigned to quell the Little Rock incident and is now attached to the 327th Abn. Charlie and Ann Saint have a little girl, Julie Ann, born in September. The Saints call Fort Lewis home. Teddy and Judy Grant sent me a card with "Greg Allen, 4 lbs., 12 oz., born December 2," written on it. Ted is with D. Co. of the 38th Regt. The 3rd Div. Aviation Co. at Fort Benning is smoking "Doc" Bahnsen's cigars. His wife, Pat, gave birth to John Christian on November 21. Bob and Carolyn Nicholson, from Fort Polk, present Robert Kirk, Jr., born December 13. Scott and Jerri Southerland have a boy named James Stuart, born October 26. Scott took graduate work in meteorology, at Texas A & M and reports to Travis AFB for his duty assignment. In Germany, Mike and Jane Lion with their little David have moved to Giessen. Pat Uebel is still in Schweinfurt and, by now, more than likely a father. John Stevenson of the 1st Battle Group, 87th Inf. (Germ.) is father of a girl as of June 18. Jim and Carmen Stanley have a son, Mark Edward. Jim

is an F.O. in the 7th Arty. supporting Stevenson's regt. Bob Richardson (3rd Armd, Kirchoens, Germ.) is the father of a boy born around the 1st of November. Harry and Lois Holmquist made their birth announcement in January at Luke AFB near Phoenix. No details known. Dick and Carol Campus have a girl since September. Ted and Annie Fauer were joined by a baby boy in August. Merrill and Irene Green boast of their Cheryl Ann who at 6 months had 6 teeth. Merrill's next station will be Dow AFB, Maine. Fred and Carol Fogh have a boy as "tow-headed" as his dad. John and Elaine Wagner have been parents since November. Jerry and Barbara Huff by this writing are probably a threesome. Jerry's at Fort Bragg. Jack and Pat Woodmansee have a girl since November 19. Charlie and Carol Sirkis (1st Abn. Bn. 504th Inf.) were expecting in January. No late news on this event. Jim and Carol McNulty were to be parents in February. John Johnsen and Mary (1st Battle Group, 13th Inf.) have James Roland, born on August 12. The boy joins their German Shepherd, Buddha. Jerry and Nancy Amlong had a baby boy August 26. Dave and Mary Sue Horton with their Susan Elaine are late arrivals at Campbell.

Those in the "expectant" circle are George and Natalie Wien (501st Signal Bn, Fort Campbell), Bob and Natalie Ross, Ed and Helen Valence, and John and Betsy Snodgrass (all of Fort Campbell). Paul and Mary Kay Jakus are expecting their second (Bryan AFB, Texas). Joe and Rose Stroface, Bill and Betsy Carey and Lieutenant Lynch plus Gail are also expecting their second child (Nellis, AFB). Stan and Connie Diez are expecting. Jim and Denise Linden are looking forward to yet another tax exemption in June. Knobby and Pat Glock (66th Tk. Bn. Seipheim, Germany) are among this charmed circle. "J. J." and Rita Clark will add their second to the family soon. "Yogi" and Mary Yon, Willie and Shirley Crites, and Jerry and Maureen Demers are planning to be parents soon also. And so on and on it goes!

Letters have been coming in from everyplace except the Moon, and I won't be surprised to receive one postmarked from that region soon. Dick Sylvester sent a Christmas card stating that he and Conn Anderson have been granted a 3rd year at Oxford. We can be proud of them. Greg and Iline Wold sent a card from Fort Polk, while Gerry and Barby Richardson sent a remembrance from Fort Knox. Nick Bruno, Larry Stebleton and Matt Quinn are at Randolph Field. Sam Gates, Tony Ortner, Ralph Floyd and Pete Judson are sipping mint juleps down Fort Campbell way. To be counted amongst this group are also Ted and Pat Jasper, Tom Weinstem, and Russ Mericle, who played football for the post champs this year. Rounding out this Campbell crew are Berry and Harriet Lewis.

Harper Gordon finally caught me at home in Huntsville while he was training as a T-33 instructor at Craig AFB, Alabama. He told me that Porter Medley also was at Craig at the time. On the other hand, Tom Cody has had a few dates with Harper's sister while attending Texas A & M for advanced study in meteorology. Small world, isn't it? Tom

reports to Westover AFB for his first assignment. Dick Head is flying at Bryan AFB, Dick Malinowski is heading for Europe and Vern Van Vonderen is studying for his Master's degree in nuclear chemistry. He's slated for eventual Air Force Academy service. Vern says, "Where are you, Doug Johnson?" Speak up, man! Waggenheim, Sullivan and Vandervort are climbing mountains at Fort Carson.

Looking to the Air Force, Hal Marvin is flying "Beavers" at Fort MacArthur. The McPeeks and their little boy, Scott, will soon leave Lowry for Navigation training in Texas. Don and Jo Ackerman will report to Nellis AFB, Bob Beyer is at Moody AFB, Georgia, and Bob Brown is sage brush hopping KC97's at Ardmore, Oklahoma.

Dex Shaler is now with a 280 mm outfit in Germany but was also seen on leave in Japan. How about that for speed! Chester Chesnauskus, Harry "Gus" Johnson, Bill Wescott, Skip Ross, Frank Smith and Tom Bullock all were seen at an Army-Navy game listening party in Germany. The Jack Brays and Jim Stroziers still call Kitzingen home, while Gary Phillips was seen at the Columbia Officers Club in London. Skip Smith (10th Div. Hq., Grofenwohr), Don Morelli (15th Inf., 10th Div.), and Ernie Ruffner (Hanover) are all enjoying the German hospitality also. Tom Winter and Roger Blunt moved into Oschoffenburg with the 9th Eng. Bn., while Jim Sewell and Susan sent me a Christmas greeting from Mainz.

In the Canal Zone, we find Carl Coulter, Rudy De France (he now has orders for Germany), John Porter, Mike Cavanaugh, Maury Cralle (with bride), and Jim Marlatt (all with the 20th Infantry.)

Ray Cannon and his Carolyn visited her home in Florida briefly and are now at Nellis where Ray is checking out the F-100. Merve McConnel wrote from the 3rd Div. at Benning that he made a training flight to Tampa with Doc Bahnsen. Ted Dayharsh was hospitalized for a fractured jaw and broken teeth after an accident in his L-19 on a training flight to Florida. To the best of our knowledge, he recovered rapidly though, because he, Faye, and his little girl are now somewhere in Germany. LeRoy Sudath, Charlie Gorkinski (both 4th Inf., 3rd Div.) and Bob Goodman (123rd Signal Gn., 3rd Div.) are still at Benning.

Paul Winkel is aide to General Harris, CG of 18th Airborne Corps Arty. Alex "Lefty" Williams is Btry. Cmdr. with the 2nd Fld. Arty. at Fort Sill and is seriously considering joining forces with an Oklahoma gal. Herb Spaeni will report to the Sioux City, Iowa, Municipal Airport for duty. Walt Sager will land at Clovis, New Mexico, for F-100 training and Chuck Torrey will be located at Tyndall AFB for awhile. "Bachelor Bob" Stewart is at Perrin AFB, Texas, along with Ken, Judy, and Kenny Lang, Jr. Rand and Barb Rensvold and pets are at Rome AFB, New York. Al Dye locates himself at Barksdale AFB, Louisiana, while Jerry Werbel is at Lockborne AFB, Ohio.

Marvin Schwartz (Druex, France), John Shaud (Durex), Rich Daleski (McGuire AFB), Pete Verfurth (Davis Monathan AFB, Tuscon), Gerry Ankenbrandt

(Davis Monathan), Darrel Anderson (McChord AFB, Washington) and Dick Torey have all been seen at various times at Reese AFB. Harry Crandall has been appointed Ass't. Adj. and General's Aide at McChord, AFB.

In the Far East, Ward LeHardy spent a most enjoyable visit with his wife Judy and little Sally in Japan. Judy was hosted by the Jim Paradises in Hawaii while on her way to see her husband. George Ward was seen on R&R in Japan. Dave Larr, Ernie Wilson (both 7th Cav.) and Whit Coats, Mark Sisinyak, and Gary Sidler (all 1st Cav.) are in the land of steep hills. Bob Cremer is the Bn. S-2 for the 8th Eng. Bn. in Korea. All the boys are planning a big Founder's Day dinner in Seoul. I hope that this is a reminder to us all to attend this annual event wherever it is most convenient for us to do so.

Bachelors at Bragg are Dick Keating, Roy Lindquist, Gene Fox, Dick Cruz and Bob St. Louis. I just missed seeing Bob at the University of North Carolina one weekend when we had dates who lived in the same dorm.

Skipping quickly through Germany again, we find Frank, Pat and Jeff Smith, Steve Canby and Jerry Burcham (all of the 8th Inf. Div.). Zuke and Lucy Day plus Tom and Georgia Harding call the 67th Tank Bn. at Furth their permanent assignment, while Ben Saxton is aide to Div. Arty. C.G. of the 4th Armd. Looking to Amberg, we find George Rostine, while Charles Parker and Tom Hausen are in Schweinfurt. Bob Caron is flying in and around Gelnhauser. Bill Haponski and George Laffert will "Gyro" to Germany soon. Bob Schuler is in Baumholder and Marvin Williamson is somewhere in France.

Back at Bragg, Dick Trip is engaged to a Florida lass. Ray Celeste and Connie Ege are both Executive Officers with different companies in the 325th Inf. Keith Barlow is still a crusty, old bachelor, but a young airline hostess is weakening him, I understand. Mike Ziegler is attempting to enter the Cornell Medical School in order to become a doctor instead of an engineer.

Tom Griffin and Bob Quackenbush are both coaching rifle teams in Germany. Across the ocean, Steve Boylan is enjoying the proximity of girls' colleges to his Danvers, Mass., Nike site. Jesse Blackwell and family are at a Hartford, Conn., Nike site. Jack and Alice Kamm were last seen in Enid, Oklahoma.

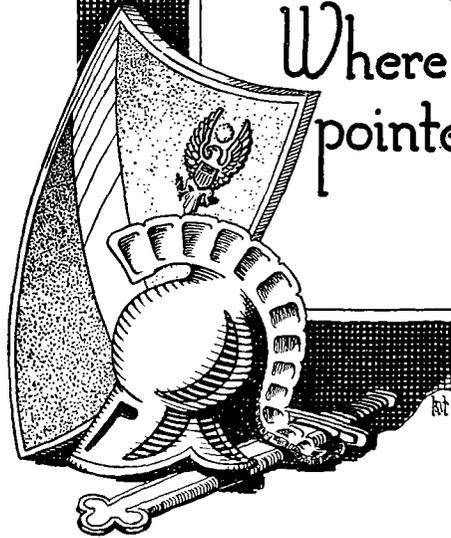
In closing, if anybody can challenge the title of James Bolin, Jr. as our Class Godson (born Feb. 8, 1957), please enlighten me as soon as possible. Firm plans for the cup presentation ceremony have not, as yet, been made, but it is my hope that this will be possible soon.

I leave you for now with the fond hope that you are all happy and with the fervent prayer that it won't be necessary to delete any of this issue's report on '56 because of space limitations in the ASSEMBLY.

—Stanley Wilker,
ROCKETDYNE, P.O. Box 557,
Huntsville, Alabama

In Memory

We, sons of
today, salute you,-
You, sons of an
earlier day;
We follow, close
order, behind you,
Where you have
pointed the way.



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Odus Creamer Horney

NO. 3390 CLASS OF 1891

Died February 16, 1957 at his home in San Mateo, California, aged 90 years.

My father Odus Creamer Horney was born on September 18, 1866 in Lexington, Illinois, the older son of James William Horney and Josephine Creamer Horney.

His forebears were of Mid-western pioneer stock. His father volunteered at age 16 in the Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Co. C. 60th Reg. 1862, Union Army, then re-enlisted for the duration of the Civil War. He died at the age of 22 from illness contracted during his service.

My Grandmother "Jodie" then made her way back to Mechanicsburg, Ohio, with her small son Odus (and James still unborn), to her father and mother Jacob and Betsy Creamer. Both Odus' uncles Lou and Alec Creamer returned also from the Union Army to their Ohio farms.

This Grandfather, Jacob Creamer, was the strong and rugged influence throughout my father's life. He was surveyor of many of the surrounding towns and farms and invented the first automatic irrigating ditch digger, a device which knifed through the soil and was pulled along by oxen. We still have the model by which it was patented.

My father was educated in the country grade and high schools of Mechanicsburg, Ohio, himself teaching during his senior year to help support his mother and younger brother. He walked six miles to and from school.

He entered the U.S. Military Academy September 1887 by an alternate appointment. I found an old letter he wrote as a plebe to his aunt in which he said, "I may make a good showing against those who have had the advantages of a college education but now it is a physical impossibility to be even or ahead of them. When we get to studies they are not familiar with, I may do better but till then tell uncle Frank, I cannot be a leading horse. Tell him though that they can't keep their stay-chain stretched always." He was graduated number six in his class—and may any discouraged plebe read this and take heart.

Colonel Lewis Sorely, a classmate, writes us: "As a cadet, Horney was among the older members of the class, approaching his 21st anniversary. This fact, coupled with a good basic education, some experience in business, a wise expression of countenance and a redeeming sense of humor enabled Odus to take West Point in stride in contrast to many less gifted souls to whom the four years' course was a Titan struggle. Graduating number six in his class, he was recommended for assignment to the Engineers, but his was an inventive, mechanical bent, and he had early decided to try for the Ordnance Department. So upon graduation he chose assignment to the Infantry, and after two years in that branch he took, as the custom was in those days, a competitive examination for transfer to the Ordnance. He spent the remainder of his distinguished career in that branch.

"Horney's irrepressible appreciation of a humorous situation is well illustrated by an incident which occurred while he was Ordnance Officer at Manila in 1927. The War Department issued a circular

relating to the bombing of ice jams by the then more or less experimental equipment in use, and a copy of the circular was sent in the routine way to Manila, directing that a full report be made on the effect of the bomb upon ice jams. In the routine procedure the paper was referred to Horney for remark. Sensing at once the incongruity of serious consideration of the subject in the climate of the Philippines, he departed from the formal type of reply to an official communication and wrote an indorsement which read as follows:

Indorsement Paragraph #3. to: Chief of Staff Thru, Dept. Air Officer.

1. The effect of an ice jam in the Pasig River would be appalling—too horrible to contemplate, and to guard against such a catastrophe, I recommend that the General Staff make a "STUDY" of the subject of ice jams in general, and of ice jams in the tropics, in particular.

2. No risk should be taken in such an important matter, and it might be well for this letter to be referred to the De-



partment Engineer Officer, or even to the Chief of Engineers for his opinion as to the best way of guarding against ice jams. This would be much better than to try to break them up after they have been allowed to form."

Immediately after graduation, Second Lieutenant Horney married his hometown sweetheart Kezia Bryan, a lovely little black eyed English girl who remained his steadfast sweetheart until she died in 1942, after their 50th wedding anniversary. I remember my father saying casually whenever he heard any young Army wife complaining: "In all my service I have never heard from Mrs. Horney a word of dissent regarding any station to which I was ordered."

At General Horney's farewell retirement dinner the master of ceremonies, Colonel Charles G. Mettler, said in regard to General Horney's colorful and productive service "... but of course General Horney always had fine support. Mrs. Horney, will you please stand up!"

My father's first station was with the 7th Infantry at Fort Logan, Colorado, that grand outfit which subsequently fought at San Juan Hill and went on to the Boxer rebellion in China.

In 1894 he transferred to Ordnance and was stationed at Rock Island Arsenal un-

der General Buffington. There, as a First Lieutenant he designed and constructed a large concrete dam in the Mississippi as well as a wing dam running up the river from the Island. His methods were so novel that the Western Society of Engineers came from Chicago to examine the work while in progress.

General Marshall, afterward Chief of Engineers, stated that he himself intended to adopt some of the new methods which have since come into general use.

At Springfield Armory, where he was stationed in 1898, Captain Horney, together with Colonel Greer and Colonel Thompson, designed and developed the Springfield caliber .30 rifle model 1903, that sturdy weapon the love of G.I.'s and marines the world over.

While at Watervliet Arsenal, New York, where he was transferred in 1902, he designed and applied modifications of Breech Mechanisms of all Seacoast cannon and invented the firing mechanism which made rapid fire possible and is now used on practically all heavy Seacoast cannon. Up to that time rapid fire with these heavy guns could be continued for only a short time before difficulties with gas check arose.

His womenfolk protested that the firing mechanism should carry his name like the Fuller Differential and Dunnite for Colonel Dunn, but he only laughed at us. An invention's reward to him was in the joy of doing it. An old letter to his mother says—"Now as to the firing mechanism... about a thousand will be needed altogether and as it costs about \$50 less to make than any other thus far designed the total saving (to Uncle Sam) will be \$50,000, not a bad Winter's work. Nearly all of it was worked out of evenings."

While at Watervliet Captain Horney was in charge of the construction of Army's first 16 inch gun. The Post children all had pictures snapped in the Breech—even little six year old Stephen Vincent Benet. It was very exciting when the flat cars loaded the monster cannon and rolled out of the shops with all the men cheering.

Assigned as assistant to the Chief of Ordnance in Washington, D.C., in 1905, Major Horney was appointed a member of the joint Army and Navy Powder Board on which he served for nearly ten years. During this time the methods of manufacturing smokeless powder and high explosives embodying the best practices, not only of the Army and Navy, but of private manufacturers as well, were standardized and detailed instructions issued, resulting in the manufacture of what was probably the best and most stable smokeless powder in the world.

While in command of the Picatinny Arsenal, New Jersey, Colonel Horney built and put into operation Army's first smokeless powder factory during 1907-15. It is my recollection that he lost only one man from a press-room fire and he was wearing a celluloid collar.

On July 14, 1915, Colonel Horney resigned from the Army to become technical Director of the Aetna Explosives Co., at New York.

When the United States declared war against Germany, he volunteered his services and on June 25, 1917 was commissioned Major, Ordnance Reserve Corps, and soon after Colonel, National Army, and assigned to duty at Washington, D.C., first as Chief of the Supply Division,

Ordnance Office, and later as Ordnance Representative in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of War. Subsequently he was placed in charge of the Estimates and Requirements Division.

As Brigadier General, he was ordered to France in 1918, arriving three days after the Armistice and was made President of the Board to inspect all Ordnance Material on hand and to recommend its disposition.

Lieutenant Colonel Joseph L. Topham, Jr., wrote me when my father died: "General Horney was my immediate superior in the Ordnance office. Hq. 1st Army A.E.F. in France in 1918. In all my Army career have I either met or served under a finer gentleman or more understanding person. In later years it has been our good fortune to hold and esteem the friendship of both your lovely mother and fine father. He has now joined her in eternal rest."

While in Command of Old Hickory Powder Plant at Nashville, Tennessee, General Horney returned to duty with the Regular Army as Lieutenant Colonel. He later Commanded San Antonio Arsenal as full Colonel.

Under his Command at Frankford Arsenal, Philadelphia, the modification of the small arms bullet was perfected, which ammunition won the competitive tests at Aberdeen Proving Ground over all commercial entries and went on to be used at the International Matches at St. Gallen, Switzerland, in 1925. Colonel Horney said to the press: "I expect great results from the newly developed ammunition. This superaccurate ammunition recently manufactured was developed in the last few months and was entirely due to the Team work of Ordnance officers and civilian employees at the Arsenal." Major General Julian S. Hatcher said in ARMY ORDNANCE January-February 1926: "It will perhaps surprise some of our readers to learn that administration played a more important part in the production of the world's record ammunition than did expert ballistic knowledge."

Major General E. L. Ford writes me: "General Horney was a loyal son of his alma mater and he devoted his life to the service of his country. He was an expert in many fields of Ordnance where he contributed to the development of weapons ranging from small arms to our largest cannon—together with the powder and explosives for their effectiveness—a truly outstanding technician and a great man."

In looking over my father's papers and records may I say that I marvelled more and more at the versatility of the man, not only technically but in his humility and kindness to all around him. With all his brilliance of mind he never was stuffy, he sustained his sense of humor and he never failed to find common ground with the most erudite scholar down to the littlest kindergartner neighbor who reached small hands through his hedge for chocolate bars. Colonel T.G.M. Oliphant says, "I always felt that there was one man in whom I had complete confidence... he had great courage in his convictions and he still and always will be to me a very understanding man."

Colonel F.J. Gillespie sums up for us all a truly fine memorial when he says, "My father-in-law was a truly great American, loved by all of us who enjoyed his always available inspiring forti-

tude, sympathy and wisdom which will keep him marching by our side 'till our course on Earth is run'."

Taps have sounded for a gallant officer of the Long Gray Line and we who knew and loved him salute his memory.

—Ruth Horney Oliphant
Esther Horney Gillespie

Sigmund S. Albert

EX-CADET OF 1902

Died May 7, 1957 in New York City, aged 76 years.

SIGMUND SELIG ALBERT was born on November 25, 1880, in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, to Emilie and Adolph Albert. He was their first child; a daughter, Dorothea, was born four years later.

They were of the Jewish faith, and in moderate circumstances, but Sigmund was able to go to Franklin Marshall College, and then entered West Point through competitive examinations, class of 1902. He was a sensitive boy, and the hazing that he endured was more than he could



take, and he decided to resign in 1900.

His cousin, Harry Hirsh, of Philadelphia, had recently established The Belmont Iron Works, and invited Sigmund to work for him, starting at the bottom, and he became a member of that family. By 1912 he had become so competent that he was sent to New York to head and develop their office there, and made many devoted business friends. At one time he was offered the presidency of Belmont, but did not want to leave New York, so he became a Director. During these years, he was always a devoted son, contributing to the support of his parents.

In 1913 he met Ruth Hess and she became his wife in 1916. Their son John was born in 1917, Paul in 1919, and Marian in 1923. The two boys were in World War II, and fortunately came home unharmed. John was in Assam with the Signal Corps, and Paul a flame-thrower in France.

The strain of those years affected Sigmund's health. He had a slight coronary thrombosis in 1945, and a collapse two years later from which he recovered fairly well, being able to resume trips to

Europe that had been interrupted by the depression and the war.

Paul was married in 1942 and twins were born before he went overseas. In 1949 a daughter was born. John married in 1946 and has three daughters. Marian married in 1951. Thus the family circle was enlarged, and Sigmund had many happy days with his grandchildren. His home life meant everything to him..

In 1950 Sigmund retired after 50 years with Belmont, and a very successful life. He thus had much time to enjoy his home and garden in Elberon, New Jersey, which he had bought in 1938, and where he was a member and officer of the Ocean Beach Club.

In 1955 his health began to fail, and his heart was further weakened. He died peacefully on May 7, 1957, after a pleasant week-end in Elberon.

This has been written in loving memory by his wife Ruth.

—Ruth H. Albert.

William Morse Nichols

NO. 4137 CLASS OF 1903

Died August 6, 1957 at Mammoth Hot Springs, Yellowstone Park, Wyoming, aged 75 years.

WILLIAM MORSE NICHOLS, familiarly and affectionately known as "Billie" Nichols, was born at Hartford, Connecticut, December 1, 1881. He died August 6, 1957 in the Park Hospital at Mammoth, Yellowstone National Park, of a heart affliction in his seventy-sixth year of age. He is survived by his wife, Ellen Dean Child Nichols, of Helena, Montana, to whom he was married at Helena, Montana, November 6, 1907. To them were born three children: a son, John Q. Nichols of La Jolla, California; a daughter, Adelaide Dean Low of San Mateo, California; and a son, Dr. Dean Nichols of Phoenix, Arizona.

Also, surviving are his sisters, Mrs. Charles F. Mills and Mrs. Nichols Clark; four grandchildren, John Q. Nichols, Jr., (son of John), Mrs. Atherton M. Phleger and Mrs. Robert Hugh Keenan (daughter of Adelaide), and Peter Nichols (adopted son of Dr. Nichols); and four great granddaughters, Michael Phleger, Elena Dean Phleger, Dean Keenan and Susanne Keenan.

He received his schooling at St. Matthews School at San Mateo, California, and at Trinity College of Hartford, Connecticut. He entered the United States Military Academy at West Point in June 1899. He was a member of the fencing team and played fullback on the football team. He was graduated from West Point in 1903, and was assigned to the Third Cavalry at Fort Assiniboine, Montana, and subsequently transferred to Fort Mammoth, Yellowstone National Park. On October 12, 1937 he received the Degree of Bachelor of Science from the Military Academy. He resigned his commission in the Army September 1, 1905.

After resigning from the Army in 1905, Billie Nichols went into the real estate business in San Francisco. The San Francisco earthquake and fire of 1906 put him out of that business and he went to work in the Engineering Department of the Western Pacific Railroad and, later, with the Northern Pacific, when that road

was double-tracking in the western part of Montana. In 1907 he accepted the position of Secretary to H. W. Child, operating concessions in Yellowstone National Park. In 1912 he was appointed assistant to the president, and from then on for 26 years until his death, he was, successively, general manager, president, and then Chairman of the Board of Directors of Yellowstone Park Company, a multimillion dollar corporation engaged in the hotel, transportation and camps business in Yellowstone National Park. His last work in Yellowstone Park was the construction in 1956-1957 of the elaborate Canyon Village development to house 1500 guests in the Park, requiring 350 employees to care for the guests.

With the First World War, Billie Nichols re-entered the service of the United States Army with the rank of Major in the Ordnance Department at the Rock Island Arsenal in Illinois, and was the commanding officer of the Rock Island General Supply Ordnance Depot from November of 1917 until October of 1918, and from then on he was Division Ordnance Officer of the Ninth Division of the United States Army at Camp Sheridan near Montgomery, Alabama, until



December 17, 1918, when he was honorably discharged.

He was a member of the board of directors of the First National Bank & Trust Co., of Helena, Montana, from its beginning.

From 1907 until his death, Billie Nichols' home and domicile was at Helena, Montana. In later years he maintained a Winter residence at La Jolla, California.

His father was Episcopal Bishop William Ford Nichols of the Diocese of California, and his mother was Clara Quintard, both old time New England, God fearing people, who lived and brought up their son William in that New England atmosphere that God created man in His own image, to live honorably and charitably, and to love and treat fairly his fellow man.

The writer has been a close business and social intimate of Billie Nichols for more than 30 years. His was one of the most honorable and lovable characters I have ever known in my 50 years of analyzing men and women in the law office, on the juries and in the courts.

He was a member of the University Club of New York, the Army and Navy

Club of Washington, the Burlingame Country Club of Hillsborough, California, and the Montana Club of Helena, Montana.

—T.B.W.,
Helena, Montana.

Ralph Talbot Ward

NO. 4217 CLASS OF 1904

Died July 28, 1957, in Denver, Colorado, aged 74 years.

RALPH WARD was buried with military honors so befitting a soldier, in the National Cemetery at Fort Logan, Colorado. His grave lies in the shadow of his beloved Rocky Mountains, where as a boy he climbed and fished, and as an old soldier he reconnoitered in his car, studying the topography of the mountains, and fishing, until poor health precluded these trips.

The Country, the Engineers, and the Army will miss Ralph Ward. There will never be another like him. The pool was seldom placid when "Runt" Ward was about. Small in stature, with a brilliant mind coupled with great industry, he graduated three in his class at West Point at the age of 21.

In retrospect, his character in the making was, it seems, clearly indicated by an incident which took place when he was an upper classman at West Point. In a class in Engineering Cadet Ward had been assigned to discuss the stresses and strains in a steel bridge over a reasonably sized stream. He quickly drew the structure with no little artistic ability, and after showing the stresses and strains, he sketched in the banks showing the stream underneath. Rather than take his seat and wait for the other cadets to finish, he busied himself by adding two fishermen sitting on the bridge, fishing. The instructor, who from past experience was somewhat apprehensive of Cadet Ward, immediately spied the men as soon as Ralph took his seat, and ordered him to take them off the bridge. Ralph went back to the board, erased the anglers from the bridge and put them on the bank, again taking his seat. On seeing the fishermen still on the scene, the instructor with no little emphasis told Mr. Ward to take the fishermen entirely out of the picture, which Cadet Ward did with dispatch, by placing them under two little gravestones on the bank from which they had been so pleasantly fishing. For this dereliction of propriety he was awarded certain demerits and punishment tours on the area "for being facetious." This story has become legend, and the principal actor, had his disciplinary record been better, might well have pushed the number-one man of his class for top honors.

To his superiors, whose shortcomings and mistakes he readily discovered, he was a stimulant and betimes an irritant. He could and sometimes did argue with his contemporaries on either side of a question, with both vim and vigor. He was stimulating and helpful to his subordinates, who admired him and were devoted to him.

Before World War II he had become an expert on topographical engineering, through extensive mapping in the P.I. and T.H., had graduated from the Engineer School, The Field Engineer School, and the Command and General Staff

College. His ability to read topographical maps was exceptional. When our forces were engaged in World War I we find him in charge of the Strategic Section, G-3, First Army of the A.E.F., which position, at the age of 34-35, he held through the St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne operations to the end of the war. During these operations the Strategic Section prepared all operation orders of G-3 of the First Army. They contributed considerably to the success of the operations and as a result Colonel Ward was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for his "exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service in the performance of duties of great responsibility in charge of the Strategic Section, G-3, 1st Army, American Expeditionary Forces." He was assigned after the war as an instructor at the Command and General Staff School, and was Special Assistant to the Commandant. Later he spent four years on the War Department General Staff. After graduating from the War College in 1925, he was assigned to River and Harbor duty, and his last service was as Army Engineer of the Eastern Defense Command, from 1940 to 1944.

He was one of the first officers of the



Army to appreciate the tremendous insight to a knowledge of terrain made possible by the use of stereoscopic viewing of air photographs. In retrospect he may have overplayed his hand in this matter, for his own good and promotion, but he gave this no thought. He well appreciated the real necessity that the fighting man has for a true knowledge of the terrain on which he might, lacking this knowledge, unnecessarily have to sacrifice his life. He was impatient with those who could not or would not learn to see stereoscopically with the unaided eye.

And so another soldier has gone to meet his Maker. He carried no favors, he contributed mightily to the success of our Army, and will be looking over the shoulders of the planners and commanders of the future, insisting that they utilize air photos and stereoscopic vision.

He is survived by his wife, Hannah Johnston Ward, 1785 Kearney Street, Denver, Colorado; two daughters, Millicent Ward Whitt, and Elsie Ward Travis; two granddaughters, Millicent Travis Lane, and Cecilia Travis; and two grandsons, Gregory and Ward Whitt.

—Orlando Ward

Maj. Gen. U.S.A. Ret.

James Saye Dusenbury

NO. 4388 CLASS OF 1905

Died August 16, 1957 at his summer home at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, aged 75 years.

COLONEL JAMES SAYE DUSENBURY, U.S. Regular Army Retired, was born in the Port Harrelson Section of Horry County, South Carolina, October 17, 1881. He was the son of Charles and Rosa Saye Dusenbury. One ancestor was Colonel John Thomas and another Major Joseph McJunkin, both in the Revolutionary Army from South Carolina and both written up in the book "Some Heroes of the American Revolution."

James attended schools in Horry County. He attended the University of South Carolina, completing his junior year in the Spring of 1901 just before entering West Point. The University of South Carolina in 1926 awarded him his B.S. Degree.

James entered West Point in June 1901 and was graduated above the middle of his class in 1905. James was a quiet, modest, kindly, friendly cadet, well liked by everybody in his class. In those days at West Point there was no training in public speaking and no debating societies or debating teams. There was only one time in the entire four years at West Point that a few selected cadets had a chance to speak in public. New Year's Day was one of the few holidays at West Point. No academic classes were held that day. At the 1 P.M. dinner in the cadet mess hall a small group of three or four of the current first class cadets were chosen to give talks in the way of responses to toasts to the Corps, to the Class, and to the Ladies. James, in his first class year, was selected as the speaker to respond to one of these toasts. He delighted and charmed his audience of the cadet corps by his eloquence and his wit. James had a rich vein of dry humor that embarrassed no one. James was always too kindly and considerate a person to try to get a laugh at the expense of hurting some one's feelings.

On graduation in June 1905 James was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Artillery. The Field and Coast Artillery had not at that time been separated into two branches and were carried jointly as "Artillery." James was assigned to the 29th Battery which was a Field Artillery Battery at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

James married Miss Violet Officer at her home at Eddy Lake, South Carolina, on October 17, 1906 which was James' 25th birthday. James lived until after he and Violet had celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. There were two children, a son and a daughter. The son, James Saye Dusenbury, Jr., was a graduate of Bowdoin College and had a master's degree from the Harvard School of Business Administration. The son made an excellent record with the Westinghouse International Electric Company and our James was very proud of his son. Unfortunately, James Jr. died of a heart attack May 14, 1954. James Jr. left a widow and two children, James Saye Dusenbury III and Mildred Dusenbury. James' and Violet's daughter, Violet Dusenbury, married George C. Leavitt. The Leavitts live in Hanover, New

Hampshire, and have two children, a son James who is a student at Dartmouth College, and a daughter, Violet Leavitt.

In 1907 when the Coast Artillery and Field Artillery were made separate branches, Dusenbury was assigned to the Coast Artillery and sent to Fort Monroe for a year's course at the Coast Artillery School. James graduated in 1908 as a distinguished graduate. James was then assigned to duty at the Coast Artillery Post of Key West, Florida, for a couple of years. He received a letter of Commendation at this time from the Secretary of War for his outstanding services during a bad Florida hurricane in aiding the stricken civilian community and salvaging a government tug.

James served at Fort Totten, New York, from 1910 to 1913 including services at various Summer training camps. He then served at Fort Screvens, Georgia, until 1916 when he was ordered to Fort Totten to take his old Battery, the 82nd, to Panama. James had been promoted to the grade of Captain in January 1916. The Dusenburys spent 20 months at Fort Amador, Panama Canal Zone. James was promoted to the War time emergency



grade of Major November 29, 1917. In December 1917 James was sent to Boston to go overseas with the 55th Artillery. In 1918 he saw combat action and won three offensive section ribbons for service on the Aisne-Marne, the Oise-Marne and the Meuse-Argonne Sections. He also was given a campaign ribbon for services on a Defensive Section. He received a full Colonelcy in France in 1918 at the age of 37.

On his return from France in June 1919 he was ordered to his old regiment the 55th at San Francisco, California. In two months his Artillery Brigade was moved to Camp Lewis, Washington.

By the spring of 1920 the Emergency Army of some four million men had been demobilized and officers of the Regular Army reverted to lower grades according to the Regular Army vacancies then available. James, now a Major, was detailed as Instructor with the Oregon National Guard with Station at Salem, Oregon. In 1923 James was detailed to the Coast Artillery School at Fort Monroe to take the Advanced Course. Upon graduating in 1924 James was ordered to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, to attend the

Command and General Staff School. Upon his graduation in June 1925 he was ordered to report for ROTC duty at the Mississippi A. & M. College at Starkville, Mississippi.

In June 1928 James was ordered to duty at Portland, Maine, as Senior Coast Artillery Instructor for the Maine National Guard. The Maine National Guard thought very highly of James' service and asked for his retention after the normal tour of four years had expired. James was kept on duty with the Maine National Guard until 1934 when he was ordered to Panama for two years. James commanded Fort Amador, then Fort Randolph. When James returned to the United States in 1936, he was assigned to duty with the Officers Reserve Corps with station at Lansing, Michigan.

In 1940 James was ordered to Foreign Service duty in the Philippine Islands. At this time he had served as Commissioned Officer for 35 years of active military service. It was only about a year before he would normally be retired for age under the law. His wife Violet had been very ill and the doctors said that she could not accompany James to the tropics. So James asked for retirement to which he was entitled after more than 30 years active military service. He was retired upon his own request on December 31, 1940.

James was always an excellent officer and performed his duty faithfully and efficiently throughout his 35 years of active military service. His commanding Officers, over and over again, commended him highly for his superior performance of duty. Space allowed for Memorial Articles does not permit the inclusion of these many Commendations in this article. When James retired in 1940 the Chief of Staff of the Army, General George C. Marshall, wrote an official letter to James eulogizing in highest terms the splendid services which James had rendered. The letter is as follows:

"My dear Colonel Dusenbury:

Upon your retirement from active service at your own request I wish to convey the appreciation of the War Department for the loyal and faithful service you rendered the country as an officer of the United States Army.

The many commendations with which your record abounds attest to the highly efficient, conscientious and capable manner in which you performed your duties and assignments both home and abroad.

Your relief from active duty has been well earned and I feel I voice the sentiments of your many friends in wishing you years of health and happiness.

(Signed) George C. Marshall"

After retirement in 1940 James and Violet went back to their native state of South Carolina and built their home in Conway. The entry of the United States in World War II was fast approaching. The Dusenburys were not to have long to enjoy their retired leisure in developing the home and gardens in Conway. James was ordered back to active duty June 15, 1941 as P.M.S. & T of the ROTC Unit of the University of Kansas at Lawrence, Kansas. James was ideally fitted by character to make a superior P.M.S. & T. He was greatly beloved both by students and faculty members. James achieved a noteworthy success in his war time assignment.

He was retired from active military service on March 31, 1943 for physical disability.

When James was retired in 1943, he and Violet returned to Conway and resumed their interrupted home making. James became active in many community welfare activities. He was a greatly beloved good citizen of his home town and a valuable asset to the community. James was named after an ancestor, the Reverend James Saye, who was a well known Presbyterian minister. Our James Saye Dusenbury was one of the original Elders of the Waccamaw Presbyterian Church since its founding in 1898 and continued an Elder until the time of his death. He was a loyal churchman and loved his church.

James was an active Mason during his retired years. He was a member of Conway Lodge No. 65 Ancient Free Masons. He was a 32nd Degree Mason, a member of the Omar Temple of the Shrine and of the local Shrine Club. He was a member of Conway Post III, American Legion. He was a member of the Horry County Draft Board. Just at the time of his death there was mailed to him a Presidential "Certificate of Appreciation" in grateful recognition of the valuable services rendered by James as a member of the Selective Service Board.

At the end of World War II James went into the Banking Business. He was on the Loan Committee of the People's Saving and Loan Bank of Conway from January 1946 to January 1955, a full nine years. James had a responsible position in passing on real estate loans and enjoyed his banking experience thoroughly.

In his retired years James was an ardent and skillful gardener. James' interests were in vegetable gardening while Violet handled the flower gardening.

James had a very sweet disposition and took joy in serving his fellow man. He was like the saint in Leigh Hunt's poem of Abou Ben Adhem whose name the Angel of the Lord said led all the rest because he loved his fellow man. James may be likened to the old fashioned lamp lighter. You could tell where he had been because he lighted the lamps of hope, faith, courage, friendliness and good cheer wherever he went. He was always deservedly popular with his West Point Classmates and with his associates in the military forces who had the privilege of serving with him. He was equally beloved in Civilian Circles by all who knew him. In the words of the poet Halleck:

"None knew thee but to love thee
None named thee but to praise"

—Clifford Cabell Early,
Class 1905.

Owen Stedman Albright

NO. 4414 CLASS OF 1905

Died October 11, 1957 in Palo Alto Hospital, California, aged 76 years.

OWEN'S parents were Calvin H. Albright and Ellen Stedman Albright and Owen was born in St. Louis, Missouri, August 23, 1881. His maternal grandfather was a Chaplain in the Confederate Army during the Civil War and later became pastor of the Alabama Street Presbyterian Church in Memphis, Tennessee. Owen attended the Memphis Mili-

tary Institute and the Southwestern Presbyterian University in Clarksville, Tennessee, and was active in baseball and football. His athletic activities continued after he entered the Military Academy in June 1901 and he became the proud possessor of an A in baseball. During his cadet days he was loved by his classmates and respected by upper and lower classmen.

Upon graduation in 1905 he was assigned to the 13th Infantry and in October sailed for the Philippines with his regiment. On the same transport were 15 of his classmates en route to their organizations in the Philippine Islands. Later Owen became an aide to General Funston.

In the early days of World War I, May 29, 1917, Owen found himself at Brownsville, Texas, in command of C Company of the 2d Field Battalion of the Signal Corps which had been organized recently "with secret orders to prepare to proceed as a separate command on a long journey to an unknown place to perform unknown duty." Five days later the company was entrained and from the brakeman it was learned that their destination



was Hoboken. Then began a scramble to obtain necessary equipment and supplies. In spite of many obstacles and through various and devious means, about two tons of signal corps material were put aboard the "Mallory," with elements of the 1st Division which sailed from Hoboken June 14, 1917 and two weeks later landed at St. Nazaire. The first American telephone switchboard in France was installed in the camp at St. Nazaire by this outfit. The second American telephone system was established in the Gondécourt area August 30, 1917.

Then came the important part of Owen's service in reorganizing the Field Signal Battalion and adapting it to European conditions. Subsequently he was promoted and given command of the 101st Signal Corps Battalion of the 26th Infantry Division. His next assignment was as Director of the Signal School of the 1st Corps Schools for five weeks and then he was assigned as Division Signal Officer of the 2d Division and was in action at Chateau-Thierry, in the Soissons offensive, at St. Mihiel, in the Argonne and in the march to the Rhine after the Armistice when he was the Chief Signal Of-

ficer of the 3rd Corps. For his meritorious and distinguished services Owen was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal by General Pershing and the Croix de Guerre with Palm by the Commanding General of the French Armies of the East.

Upon his return to the United States, Owen with his long combat experience, was assigned as an Instructor at Army Service Schools, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, was transferred to the Signal Corps, was later a student and graduated in 1923. For the next three years Owen was on duty in the Office of the Chief Signal Officer, Washington, D. C., and was then stationed at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, in command of the Signal Battalion in 1926-1927, when he went to the Army War College. Upon his graduation in 1928 he served four years on the War Department General Staff and then he served at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, as Assistant Commandant of the Signal Corps for three years. His remaining years of active duty service were as the Signal Officer at the 4th Corps Area, 9th Corps Area, Army Supply Base, Brooklyn, New York, and Signal Officer, Second Army and Signal Officer, 2nd and 7th Corps Areas. He was retired as Colonel in June 1942 and later changed to disability in 1943.

Owen and his wife, Frederica Fitzgerald, whom he married in Milwaukee in 1916, wanted to settle in California but with the war nearly over, they lived in Milwaukee near her family for three years. They finally settled at 998 Lincoln Avenue, Palo Alto, California, where they were very happy until Owen was stricken with a cerebral hemorrhage. Every effort to prolong his life was without avail. Funeral services were held at the First Methodist Church and interment followed at Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Bruno.

During Owen's retirement he and Frederica lived very happily and quietly. His greatest interest was in their garden and their two grandchildren. Owen and Frederica had 41 wonderful years together and those memories help Frederica in trying to accept her great loss. In addition to his widow, who will continue to reside in their home, 998 Lincoln Avenue, Palo Alto, California, Owen is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Wayne Driskell of Palo Alto, and two grandchildren. He is also survived by a sister, Mrs. James C. Roberts of Florence, Alabama, and a brother, John Albright, of Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

We who knew Owen Albright loved him and his memory will long live in the hearts of classmates and friends.

—Norman F. Ramsey.

James Gordon Steese

NO. 4531 CLASS OF 1907

Died January 11, 1958 in Bangui, French Equatorial Africa, aged 75 years.

No ONE ever left the Academy at graduation with more potential than Jim. Nor has anyone afterward made more oddly outstanding contributions. He was a power without being a prig, a genius without being a grind, a scholar without being a pedant and a producer without being a scatterer. Though his head was

in the intellectual ether, his feet were planted solidly on proper ground.

My first meeting with him was when we were classmates at Dickinson, where he astonished us all by doing, through special act of the faculty, the four-year course to an A.B. in three, getting straight A's throughout and being chosen a top Phi Beta Kappa at graduation.

Such achievement would infer he was a pasty recluse. There again he accomplished the apparently impossible. He not only joined a social fraternity (Phi Kappa Sigma) but was keenly active in its standing and progress. He took part in college activities in general, from being a delegate to student conventions elsewhere to playing a rollicking banjo in the college glee and mandolin clubs which took long trips during the Winter. He accomplished all this even though he was a day student.

Following our college graduation I found him after all his honors a lowly plebe, a status which he took in stride. Though he secretly scorned the childish yearling pranks, he outwardly conformed as if he were embracing a new religion.

Of course I felt complimented when he chose me as his roommate. but as the four years of close association went along, I knew I was increasingly privileged. Though we occasionally had the usual family spats, our days were mostly brightened by his ready adaptability, his willingness to join in all sorts of recreation and his constant sense of humor. I was forever wondering how all these traits could be bundled together with eminent mathematical convolutions. It was largely on account of this phenomenon that our room became a social and intellectual rendezvous. Release from quarters was a signal for gatherings there for song and story or for queues wanting explanations of everything from math to French. Through all this drain on his leisure and recreation I saw him not once turn anyone down by a pretext or excuse. He liked the pose of a cynic and the private practice of a benefactor.

Often at night when I would be struggling over my textbooks, he would be reading Rider Haggard or having sport with transcendental equations. And, as in college, he found time for extra-curricular broadening. The list includes Hop Manager, Assistant Editor of the Howitzer one year and Business Manager the next, together while being a make. Just incidentally he came out "one" every year. As a cadet said, "he doesn't know how to come out 'two.'" Coupled with that ignorance was an unwillingness to do anything without a valid purpose. He abhorred uselessness and idleness. Yet he not once appeared to be driving himself. Seldom did I see him knit his brow, and then only because he discovered an injustice or inefficiency.

Not only did he constantly give individual help but, finding a text book to be so unintelligibly written cadets were flunking on that account rather than on the principles involved, he wrote a complete key and had the thick book printed while on furlough. It wasn't long before the text was discontinued. Cadets were all making high marks.

It was while he was an instructor at the Academy in Engineering that an accident gave a critical turn to his life. While bobsledding there was a crash which resulted in one leg being crushed and broken in so many places much silver

wire had to be used. However, it was not until after he had done brilliant work as an assistant to Secretary of War, Newton Baker, and outstanding engineering contributions in Alaska, that he retired for physical disability.

The rest of his life even sketchily written would cover a huge volume. The extract from WHO's WHO IN AMERICA, will give but a dim picture of the whirling activities so individually Jim's. They seem at once tragic and heroic, tragic in his fleeing as a homeless, lone bachelor to the ends of the earth and heroic in the vicissitudes he conquered and his magnificent contributions, most of which will go with him in his grave as his secret. Maybe it was fitting that he die in darkest Africa away from the panoply he despised and with the quickness he always craved for himself.

—W.A.G.

Steese, James Gordon (stes), civil engr.; b. Mt. Holly Springs, Pa., Jan. 21, 1882; s. James Andrew and Anna Zug (Schaeffer) S.; A.B., Dickinson College, 1902, A.M., 1906; B.S. (1st honors), U.S. Mil. Acad., 1907; studied U. of Calif., 1908; grad. U.S. Engr. Sch., Washington, 1910;



Sc.D., U. of Alaska, 1932; unmarried. Commd. 2d Lt. engrs., June 14, 1907; promoted through grades to Col., June 18, 1918; Brigadier General and Adjutant General Alaska N.G., 1926-27; retired Oct. 1927. Asst. engr. San Diego and San Francisco bays, Calif., 1907-08; asst. engr. Panama Railroad Co. and Panama Canal, 1908-12; chief engr. 5th (expeditionary) Brig., Tex., 1913; instr. and asst. prof. engring., U.S. Mil. Acad., 1913-17; spl. rep. of gen. mgr. West Md. Ry., June-Sept. 1916; organized O.T.C., Ft. Riley, Kan., and instr. Engr. O.T.C., Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., 1917; asst. chief of engrs., U.S. Army, 1917-18; detailed on General Staff and chief of section, Sept. 1918-June 1920; spl. mission to Adriatic and Balkan countries, 1919; pres. Alaska Road Commn., 1920-27, also chief engr., 1924, 27; dist. and acting div. engr. for rivers and harbors, Alaska Dist., 1921-27; cons. engr. Dept. Commerce, 1921-27, also for Ty. of Alaska, 1921-23; mem. spl. comm. to investigate Russian, Japanese, and Am. fur seal rookeries, June-Sept. 1922; dir. pub. works, Alaska, 1923-27; chmn. Alaska R.R., 1923-24, also chief engr., Mar.-Oct. 1923; with Gulf Oil Corp. as gen. mgr. foreign subsidiary co., 1927-32;

chmn. bd. and pres. Guajillo Corp. and affiliated cos., 1932-41; pres. Slate Creek Placers, Inc., 1936-41; recalled to active duty, Corps of Engrs., U.S. Army, detailed as asst. engr. of maintenance, Panama Canal, and asst. to 2d v.p. Panama Ry. Co., Jan. 1941-Mar. 1946; asst. to Gov., Panama Canal and asst. to pres., Panama Ry. Co., 1946-47; cons. engr. N. Am. Car Corp., 1947-50. Brig., general, a.d.c., Alaska National Guard, 1935-37. In charge Pres. Harding's tour of Alaska. 1923. Trustee Dickinson College since 1919, Amelia S. Givin Free Library since 1921. Fellow Royal Geog. Soc. (London), Am. Geog. Soc., A.A.A.S.; mem. Am., Soc. C.E. (life), Soc. Am Mil Engrs., Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Sigma, Am. Legion. Decorated Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit (U.S.); Distinguished Service Medal, 2d Class (Panamanian); Officer, later Comdr. Order of Prince Danilo I. and silver medal for bravery (Montenegrin); Croix de Guerre, 2d Class (Grecian); Officer of Public Instruction (French); Khames de l'Ahal Saxaoul, French Sahara; Knight of Order of Compassionate Heart, Comdr. Imperial Order of St. Nicholas (Russia); Interalled Victory Medal, American Defense Medal with star, and American Theatre Medal (U.S.); specially commended in Senate and House of Rep. of United States, and salary raised by spl. act of Congress, 1926; mil. road from Fairbanks, Alaska, to Yukon River at Circle officially named Steese Highway by War Dept. Del. U.S. Govt. to XIV Internat. Navigatn. Congress, Cairo, Egypt, 1926 (sec. Am. sect.), XV Internat. Navigatn. Cong., Venice, Italy, 1931, XVI Cong., Brussels, Belgium, 1935, XVII Congress, Lisbon, 1949, XVIII Congress, Rome, Italy, 1953; delegate International Geographic Congress, Paris, France, 1931, XVI Cong., Lisbon, 1949; del. U.S. Govt. to 5th Internat. Congress of Surveyors, London, Eng., 1934 (chmn. Am. section), to Internat. Geog. Congress, Warsaw, Poland, 1934 (pres. sec. I-cartography), to 4th Internat. Congress and Expn. of Photogrammetry, Paris, France, 1934 (declined), to Second World Petroleum Congress, Paris, 1937, Internat. Geog. Congress, Amsterdam, Netherlands, 1938. Republican. Episcopalian. Mason (33°), Elk. Clubs: Army and Navy (Washington); West Point Army Mess; University (N.Y.). Author of numerous articles in tech. periodicals and daily press. Home: Army and Navy Club, Washington.

Enoch Barton Garey

NO. 4733 CLASS OF 1908

Died September 24, 1957 in Los Angeles, California, aged 74 years.

ENOCH BARTON GAREY was born in Denton, Maryland, August 7, 1883. His father was Robert J. W. Garey and his mother was Vashti Saulsbury Garey. He was graduated from the Denton High School and then from St. John's College in Annapolis, Maryland.

He entered the United States Military Academy in 1904 and was graduated in 1908. As a cadet he was an outstanding football player and gymnast.

Upon graduation he was assigned as a Second Lieutenant to the 15th U. S. Infantry at Fort Douglas near Salt Lake City, Utah. He served with this regiment

in the Philippines and at Tientsin, China, for one and a half years.

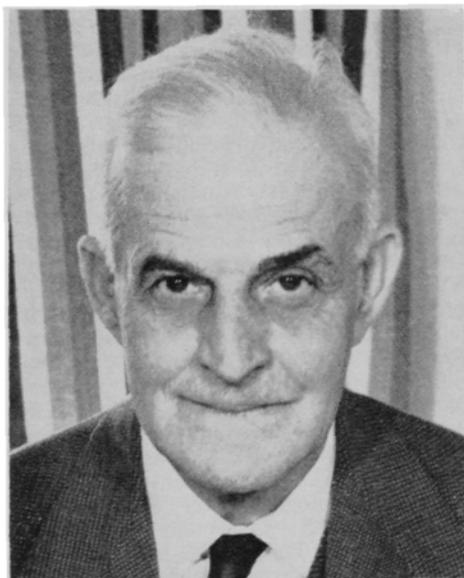
Soon after returning to the United States he was appointed Commandant of Cadets of the Citadel at Charleston, South Carolina. He married Miss Alice Brewer Ross, the daughter of Admiral Albert Ross of the United States Navy.

They had seven children:

- Enoch Barton Garey, Jr.
- Albert Ross Garey (deceased)
- Arthur Ellis Garey
- Wilson Saulsbury Garey
- Alice Ross Garey
- Stewart Towers Garey
- Barbara Leiden Garey

At the outbreak of World War I he was assigned to duty with Army War College and did an outstanding job in the production of motion pictures for all arms of the service. These pictures were used to shorten the service of recruits and draftees in this country and to prepare them for battle service.

He was ordered to France as a Major and assigned to the 6th Division until the armistice. While serving with the 6th Division he was awarded the Disting-



guished Service Cross and France's Croix de Guerre for extraordinary heroism in battle, and promoted to the temporary rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Upon returning to the United States he was appointed Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Johns Hopkins University where he served until he resigned his commission as a Major in the Army on July 1, 1923.

One outstanding feature of his Army service was his literary career. Following his service under General Wood at the Plattsburg Civilian Training Camp, he became the co-author of

- The Plattsburg Manual
- The Junior Plattsburg Manual

Both were outstanding sellers in the United States during World War I.

At the end of the war he was co-author of

- "France and its Battlefields" and
- "The R.O.T.C. Text Book"

which were used in most colleges where military instruction was required.

Following his resignation from the Army

he became President of St. John's College at Annapolis from July 1, 1923 to June 30, 1929. At that time St. John's College was a military school with a Class C Scholastic rating and he changed it to a Liberal Art School. He also was instrumental in having St. John's College purchase several old homes in Annapolis with a historical background. They are now objects of great interest to the many tourists that visit Annapolis.

After leaving St. John's College he became Superintendent of the Maryland State Police from October 1, 1935 to February 15, 1937, when he became interested in the education of young boys and established a "Garey School for Boys" at Oakington, Maryland, on the Chesapeake Bay; and a thousand acre Summer camp for boys and girls at Deep Creek, near Oakland, in Western Maryland.

In July 1942 he accepted the position of Assistant to the Manager of The Veterans Hospital in Los Angeles, California, where he served with distinction. He died September 24, 1957.

One outstanding characteristic of his entire life was: he was a man of high principles and stood up to the very end of his life for all that he thought was right and he was respected and loved for this quality by all his friends.

—Olin O. Ellis,
Class 1908.

Francis Robert Hunter

NO. 4847 CLASS OF 1909

Died October 9, 1957 at Berkeley, California, aged 73 years.

FRANCIS R. HUNTER was born in Racine, Wisconsin, on October 4, 1884. After graduating from the Racine high school he attended the University of Wisconsin for one semester before entering West Point in 1905.

For the first two years or so after graduation Gramp served in the Philippines, first as a doughboy and later as a swash-buckling cavalryman. Returning to the States in 1912, he did a hitch on the Border, followed by a long tour of duty at Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont. In November 1917, Gramp became a field artilleryman and sailed for France the following February. Not long thereafter he was assigned to the command of a battalion of the 76th Field Artillery of the 3rd Division, whose records need no encomiums.

Gramp participated in the Chateau Thierry defensive operations. Then followed the Aisne-Marne offensive, the St. Mihiel offensive and the great Meuse-Argonne offensive. In all of these operations 1909's celebrated compromisor was present and firing. It was during the last, near Montfaucon, on October 4, that Gramp, wounded in five places, performed the deed for which he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. We quote from his citation:

"For extraordinary heroism in action near Cierges, France, October 4, 1918. While directing the operations of his battalion in a forward position under heavy artillery fire, a high explosive shell exploded under his horse, killing the horse and severely wounding Lieutenant Colonel Hunter in the right leg. In spite of his serious injuries he insisted on seeing his battery commanders, and before being

evacuated, he personally charged each with his mission, urging them to put forth all possible efforts in carrying out their important mission."

Gramp was also awarded the Silver Star and the Purple Heart.

Gramp was retired as a Major in 1920 for disability caused by gunshot wounds. Upon retirement he settled in Berkeley, California. From 1923 to 1932 he was on active duty with the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at the University of California at Berkeley. He was again placed on active duty at the University in 1940 and, during the war, served there as P.M.S. & T. He reverted to inactive status in the grade Colonel in 1945. Gramp thoroughly enjoyed his many years of duty at the University and its many very pleasant associations. Over the years he was frequently commended for the excellence of his work there.

In May 1914, Gramp married Miss Helen S. Winn. There were two children: (1) Grace Legrow. Married to Kenneth Oliver Wilson, 1947. They have one son and one daughter. (2) Francis Robert, Jr., a graduate of the Naval Academy, Class of 1951, and now a Captain, U. S. Air Force.



Gramp lost his leg as a result of the above mentioned wounds, but he gave the Academy and the Class a record of which we are justly proud. Of the 1909 men who saw action in W. W. I, Gramp probably saw the most hard fighting and unquestionably has suffered the most. He led a truly courageous life after being crippled so early in life. Those of us who were there well remember his cheerful demeanor at our reunion in 1951, when he insisted on marching with his classmates from Cullum Hall to Thayer Monument and standing during the ceremonies there.

—C. E. Partridge.

Philip Bracken Fleming

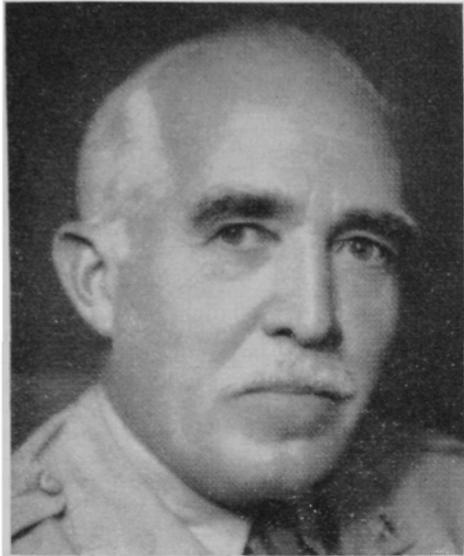
NO. 4936 CLASS OF 1911

Died October 6, 1955 in Washington, D. C., aged 67 years.

PHILIP BRACKEN FLEMING was born in Burlington, Iowa, on October 15, 1887, and died on October 6, 1955, when he was 67 years old. He was graduated from West Point in 1911, the number one man

in his class—the class which he was convinced was the best in the Academy's long line of superlative classes, and, during the crowded years that followed, his feeling about his classmates and those happy years never lessened or changed.

His work was always done with zest and enjoyment, and his record of accomplishment is one that West Point and



his family can remember with pride and admiration. Perhaps his duty with troops as a junior officer during the First World War and in the following years was the work he most enjoyed, but he gave himself unsparringly to each assignment that came to him. When, in the Winter of 1941-42, after a nearly fatal illness, he was put on a limited service status because of physical disability, it was hard for him to accept—especially as his son was in action while he was desk bound in Washington. However, his work for the government was most valuable in those war years as well as before and afterwards. The War Department loaned him to the succeeding Administrations at their requests, and his abilities as an organizer, executive, and administrator were put to good use.

As a young officer of the Corps of Engineers, his stations covered much territory in the States and Panama and the Philippines, and many phases of the varied jobs done by the Engineers. In 1932, after seven full, busy and satisfying years at West Point, where he served simultaneously as Instructor of Engineering, Post Engineer Officer, Commander of Engineer troops and Graduate Manager of Athletics, he was made Deputy Administrator of the Public Works Administration. He was in charge of the Passamaquoddy Tidal Power Project in 1935 and 1936; Coordinator of the Resettlement Administration, 1936-1937; District Engineer in Saint Paul, Minnesota, 1937-1939; Administrator of Wage and Hour Division, 1939-1941; Federal Works Administrator, 1941-1949, and Administrator of the Office of Temporary Controls, 1946-1947. In 1949 he retired from the Army as a Major General. He was Chairman of the U.S. Maritime Commission, 1949-1950; Under Secretary of Commerce, 1950-1951; and served as the U. S. Ambassador to Costa Rica from 1951 to 1953.

During those active years he was also Chairman of the American Section of the International Navigation Congresses,

Chairman of the President's Conference on Fire Prevention and Chairman of the National Highway Safety Conference. Also at the request and invitation of the Viceroy of India he went to consult and advise on their road system. Other special missions were to the U.S.S.R. for President Roosevelt in 1944, and to the Scandinavian Countries and Western Europe for President Truman in 1945.

Although not an official member of the Cabinet, he attended the weekly Cabinet meetings at the White House from Pearl Harbor until 1949.

Phil's warm friendliness and generous affection will not be forgotten by those who knew him, nor his wit and gaiety and the unselfish understanding he gave to others. His pleasure in the world around him never failed even in those last years during the worst of his illnesses, nor his sweetness of spirit and consideration for others, nor his thought for his wife and son and daughter. He has left the vivid imprint of a personality and character that enriched the lives of those who knew him, and a record of integrity and devotion to the standards that West Point upholds, and of service to our country.

—D.C.F.

Benjamin Franklin Delamater, Jr.

NO. 5111 CLASS OF 1912

Died October 14, 1956, at Brooke Army Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, aged 69 years.

OUR dear friend and classmate Ben Delamater has joined the Long Gray Line. He had been in poor health for some time, under medical care in and out of the hospital. He passed away at Brooke Army Hospital on Sunday morning, October 14, 1956.

Those of us who knew him at the Point and in the Army called him "Ben" or "Del." In his home town and in his father's family he was "Benny." For almost three score years and ten he made a grand contribution by his good works on this earth to the world about him. As cadet, officer and gentleman of the old school, devoted husband, father, son, brother, loyal friend, active leader, and true Texan to the heart, he ran up a top-notch score in the Good Book, for which we know he will be rewarded in the wondrous journey ahead of him through Eternity.

Ben was born in San Antonio, Texas, attended Caldwell schools, and for several years was a cadet at Texas A & M College. He was appointed from the 10th District of Texas, entered West Point June 15, 1907, and was graduated June 12, 1912. Most of his service was in the Infantry—which he loved. Permanent and temporary promotions came at the times they did to other classmates. He retired with the permanent rank of Colonel on February 28, 1947, aged 60. (Said he was tired of holding up the bottom of the Class!) He was a graduate of the Infantry School Advanced Course, and the Command and General Staff School, and was on the General Staff Corps Eligible List. In addition to the Vera Cruz Expedition and usual World War I and II medals he was awarded the Legion of Merit Medal.

Ben and Rachel Keenan were married April 15, 1914, at Galveston in the

Episcopal Church, a faith which Ben later joined and regularly supported. Three children were born, Ben F. III, John G., and Rachel. Young Ben (Class of '40) is stationed at Fort Sam Houston, a Lieutenant Colonel in the Headquarters Fourth US Army. John G. (ex-Class of '42) died in November 1943 while a Lieutenant in the 508 Parachute Infantry Regi-



ment, a unit in which both sons were serving. Daughter Rachel is the wife of Colonel James H. Keller (Class of '39), now serving as a Division Chief of Staff in Korea.

It has been most interesting to trace Ben's various stations and assignments from a Second Lieutenant in the 19th Infantry at Fort Meade, South Dakota, to Colonel in the Army Headquarters in Vienna, Austria. Intermediate stations include Galveston, Vera Cruz, Del Rio and other border areas, Fort Sill, Fort Sam Houston and other World War camps in that general vicinity, Camp Gordon, Camp McClelland, The Presidio of San Francisco, Schofield Barracks, Fort Benning, Fort Leavenworth, College Station (Texas A&M College), Columbus (Ohio National Guard), Panama, Baton Rouge, and other 8th Service Command installations including Camp Hood. He served several times at some of those locations. He told me the assignments he enjoyed the most were as CO of the 5th Infantry in Panama from May '41 to Dec '42, and as Post Commander at Camp Hood from April '44 to May '46.

In my research on Ben, I find in our Furlough Book: "Yonder is a most reverend gentleman," and in the 1912 Howitzer: "Delamater is a friend for any man to value and one in whom an absolute dependence may be placed, the hero of many an exam."

Ben and Rachel lived in Ben's old home town, Caldwell, Texas, after his retirement, and it is now Rachel's home residence. Ben directed a government housing project, visited with his elderly father every day, frequently played golf with friends (including the Baptist preacher), and hunted and fished. He was very active in a variety of civic affairs of his home town and the surrounding community.

Several of us went over to Caldwell for the funeral services in the Baptist church, and from there we drove to the cemetery in Bryan, Texas, where in an Episcopal service Ben was laid away alongside his

son John. In a "Silver Taps" ceremony there was a Guard of Honor and Firing Squad of cadets from the Ross Volunteers of Texas A&M College. Ben had been closely associated with this crack organization and both sons had been members while at A&M before entering West Point.

Peace be unto you, Ben. Many of us are missing you.

—Spalding, I.

James Lester Bradley

NO. 5242 CLASS OF 1914

Died July 30, 1957, at Lafayette, California, aged 66 years.

BRAD, like another famous military man of his name and time, came to West Point from Missouri. The records report on his sunny disposition and attractive personality predicting for him a bright future such as he actually achieved. He early started up the ladder of military success, but unfortunately one of the rungs gave way, and Brad added to his name a double Cadet degree in four notorious letters. This experience seems to have diminished neither his military capacity nor the pleasure he brought to the fair visitors who frequented the Hudson's Highlands. Nor did it lessen the esteem and affection in which he was held by those who were fortunate in being associated with him.

"Smiling Jim" was the affectionate nickname used by many of this soldier's associates. For them it epitomized not only his kindly and gentle spirit but also his innate friendliness and thoughtful consideration for all with whom he came in contact.

Although he was modest to a fault his sterling qualities of mentality and character won him early and repeated assignments of ever increasing stature and responsibility.

As Secretary of the Infantry School of



Arms and as an Instructor at The Infantry School and at The Command and General Staff College he exercised a marked influence in the professional development of many of World War II and Korean War leaders.

While G-3 of the Ninth Corps Area and later Chief of Staff of the Fourth Army and Western Defense Command

with station at the Presidio of San Francisco his activities ranged far and wide; expansion of existing camps and stations throughout the west, selection and development of new sites, training of all types of Army units, expanding and reinforcing troops in Alaska, defense of the West Coast from attack by Japan, supply and reinforcement of troops in the Pacific, cooperation in joint planning, and the many other matters involved in the direction and handling of a large staff.

Further recognition of his ability and talents came in his selection, early in 1942, to command the 96th Infantry Division, which was to be activated that year. From that moment on he devoted himself to the task of moulding the 96th into a great fighting division. His first aim was to instill every officer and man with his pride in that division; pride in each unit, he felt, must be welded into pride in the division and not permitted to inflame competition within the division. His second aim was to insure that this pride must be tempered with modesty; only battlefield accomplishments were to be considered worthy of publicity. His compelling sincerity was so infectious and his determination so steadfast that those in the division who felt that a big publicity campaign would be of great value were quietly won over to his view.

Throughout the training period he adhered to the formula prescribed by him at the activation ceremony: "Our task is to become a well-trained combat division in the shortest possible time. We must keep our eyes and our thoughts on that goal. Any time spent on efforts which do not lead to that goal is time wasted—and we have no time to waste. This is the kind of a division we are going to be: well trained, tough physically and mentally, ready and eager to fight, not for our personal glory or advancement but for the honor of the division and the service of our country."

That his leadership achieved the goal he had set is attested by the official record of his division at Leyte and Okinawa. And it is further emphasized by the dispatches sent home by the 40 some war correspondents who covered the 96th Division.

His regard for his men, his sense of humor, his determination, his faith in the ability and knowledge of his subordinates, his modesty and his intense pride in his division were apparent to all.

In leading his own division through combat the life ambition of "Smiling Jim" had been achieved.

After his retirement in 1947, he lived in San Mateo, California, with his wife, Pauline. Following her death in 1949 he returned to his old home in Rolla, Missouri. His own death occurred while he was visiting his daughter, Mildred, in July 1957, at Lafayette, California.

—Jim Cress, '14
McMonroe, '18

Glenn Preston Anderson

NO. 5278 CLASS OF 1914

Died November 4, 1957 at Marion, Virginia, aged 66 years.

GLENN PRESTON ANDERSON was born at Adwolfe, Smyth County, Virginia, the

eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Anderson, on January 2, 1891.

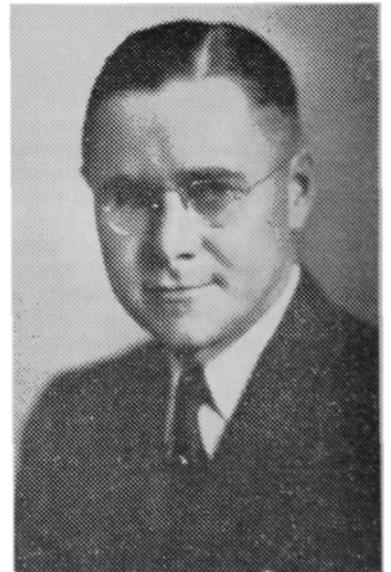
He attended the public schools of Smyth County, and after graduation attended Emory and Henry College, from whence he was appointed as a Cadet to the United States Military Academy by Congressman C. Bascom Slemple. He was graduated in the Class of 1914 and immediately entered the Military Service of the United States. Promotion followed rapidly and in due course he accompanied the American Expeditionary Forces to France during World War I. There he became one of the youngest Majors in the American Expeditionary Forces. During this war he trained the French Forces in the use of American Anti aircraft guns. Later he returned to Fort Monroe to instruct American Forces in these weapons.

On his return to the United States Major Anderson taught the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at Vanderbilt University, after which he was transferred to West Point where he taught mathematics at the United States Military Academy from 1920 to 1925. Upon completion of this duty he was transferred to Fort Monroe and later was transferred to the Philippine Islands where he spent two years of active service.

Upon his return from the Philippines and while on active duty at Camp Dix, New Jersey, he was injured in an automobile accident, which led to his retirement from the Army in 1934, with the permanent rank of Major, U.S. Army.

Upon retirement from Military Service Major Anderson returned to his home in Marion where he began developing the extensive real estate holdings of himself and his wife. He was actively engaged in this business at the time of his death. One of his most extensive developments was the Alanco Subdivision, Marion.

He was a charter member of Marion Lodge No. 2009 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and an active member of the Chamber of Commerce.



During World War II Major Anderson was recalled to active duty and became instructor in ROTC at the University of Cincinnati.

Major Anderson was married on August 5, 1914 to Miss Alice Lincoln, only daughter of the late A. T. Lincoln. From this union survive three children, Glenn P. Anderson, Jr., Evelyn Anderson Gon-

don and Alice Anderson Lindsey. Also surviving Major Anderson are his mother, Mrs. R. A. Anderson, his brother, Marvin J. Anderson of Marion, and his sisters, Mrs. Josephine A. Rhudy of Penn Yan, New York, Mrs. Evelyn Heuser of Wytheville, Virginia, Mrs. Janie Hyland of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Elizabeth Johnstone of Marion.

Major Anderson was a man of keen wit and an abiding sense of humor. He held a deep seated faith in the essential goodness of his fellowman and numbered his friends in all walks of life. He was an affectionate husband and father and held a deep sense of duty to his country and to his fellowman. He was deeply attached to his community and was active in many community activities of a progressive and forward nature. He was keenly interested in and a close student of political trends both local and national. He attended several of the national conventions of his political party, both as a delegate and as a spectator.

Sylvester DeWitt Downs, Jr.

NO. 5288 CLASS OF 1914

Died April 20, 1957, at San Antonio, Texas, aged 68 years.

THIS brief but heartfelt tribute to the memory of Sylvester DeWitt Downs, Jr., is being written on Thanksgiving Day. To me, this undertaking seems to be appropriate to the Day. The examples set before us by our contemporaries who lead inspiring lives are a cause of thankfulness on our part. My classmate led such a life.

The name "Sylvester" was simply too much for his classmates or other associates at the Academy to swallow, so



"Peter" he promptly became, and "Peter" he remained for the rest of his life.

Like all the rest of us, Peter had many stations and many different assignments of increasing importance and responsibility during his active-duty career. To recount them in detail would be space-consuming to no purpose, so I shall outline them only briefly.

On graduation he was commissioned

in the Cavalry. He served with General of the Armies John J. Pershing in the Punitive Expedition into Mexico, and subsequently transferred to the Field Artillery. His foreign service totaled five years and ten months, spent in Mexico, in France and Germany with the U.S. Occupation Forces, in Hawaii, and in Alaska and the Philippine Islands during World War II. He was a graduate of the Field Artillery School Advanced Course in 1923, and an Honor Graduate in 1927 of the Command and General Staff School, where he subsequently served on the Staff and Faculty. He attained the rank of Brigadier General in April, 1943, and occupied a position of great responsibility as Commanding General of the Defenses of Fort Richardson, Alaska.

In 1916, Peter married Evelyn Murphy, an Army brat, the daughter of Colonel and Mrs. Truman O. Murphy. Evelyn was a kaydet girl while we were at the Academy. There are two daughters. The older, Katherine, is the wife of Colonel Chester L. Johnson, Field Artillery, (USMA 1937), a 1956 graduate of the Army War College, and now an instructor there. They have two sons, Peter and Tracy. The other daughter, Mary Elizabeth, served as a WAC Captain during World War II. She subsequently earned her Master's degree in Religious Education at Columbia University, and is Director of Religious Education at Trinity Episcopal Church in New Orleans.

In the latter part of World War II, Peter was forced to retire for physical disability with a serious heart condition, so he and Evelyn came to San Antonio and established their home at 320 Rosalie Avenue, where Evelyn still lives. They were a very devoted couple. Peter's chief interest was in the breeding and field training of pedigreed beagles. Unfortunately, he liked them so much that it was difficult for him to part with them. As a result, visitors to the Downs' menage were invariably heralded by the deep-throated baying of beagles from the kennel in the background.

Subsequent to his retirement and up to the time of his passing on April 20, 1957, Peter was beset by a succession of illnesses. He developed tuberculosis, and a period of hospitalization for about a year at the Veterans Administration Hospital at Kerrville, Texas, was necessary to arrest its development. Then, about a year ago, his condition was finally diagnosed as leukemia, which was to result in his death, which was without doubt complicated and contributed to by his heart condition.

To briefly characterize Peter, I would say that, to me, his outstanding traits were a sweet and gentle disposition, a deeply religious conviction, and, in spite of all his physical trials and tribulations, a very courageous and cheerful attitude. No matter how he must have felt, he was always the life of the party. He was also a thoughtful man and an avid reader, especially on military and historical subjects.

I was very fond of Peter and I admired him and treasured my friendship with him. He was a classmate in the highest sense of the word, and a worthy representative of our Alma Mater. May his soul rest in peace.

—John Carruth, 1914.

John Bellinger Thompson

NO. 5308 CLASS OF 1914

Died August 24, 1957 at Cranberry Lake, New York, aged 67 years.

JACK THOMPSON was an outstanding example of an "Army boy" who eagerly devoted his life to the upholding of the finest traditions of the "Regular Army."

He was born on June 14, 1890 at Fort Davis, Texas. His father, Major James K. Thompson, Infantry, of the Class of 1884, named him for a classmate, John Bellinger of the Cavalry. On November 3, 1917, Jack was happily married to Miss Nina Tilford Cameron, whose father was Major General George H. Cameron, Cavalry, of the Class of 1883. The Army and a host of loyal friends have been rewarded by Jack's fulfillment of the promise of this military background.

The Academy knew Jack as a boy during his father's four years' tour of duty there. During his cadet days, his tall, handsome figure and military deportment added distinction to the execution of his duties as First Sergeant and Captain of "F" Co. In these capacities, he demonstrated that tempering of strict adherence to duty by a human understanding of the problems of other people made him a real leader and won for him so many friends. Four years as a Cavalry instructor completed his long association with the Academy, which intensified his lifelong loyalty to it.

While the horses lasted, Jack's chief interest was in mounted duty and in riding as a fine art. Starting with the polo team while a cadet, he graduated into his beloved Cavalry, where he took the Special Advanced Equitation Course and continued to play a keen game of polo at every opportunity. His pleasure in riding continued long after the conversion of the



Cavalry to Armored Service, and after retirement, the local horse shows demanded his skill as a judge.

Jack's military career of troop duty, and as a Cavalry and Staff Student and Instructor, culminated in his assignment as the Combat Commander of the 7th Armored Division in the European Theater of the Second World War as a Brigadier General. His vigorous and efficient part in the liberation of France is attested to

by his French awards of Chevalier, Legion of Honor and the Croix de Guerre with Palm. A more touching recognition of his outstanding trait of "human understanding" was a ceremony on September 30, 1952, when the town of Epernay made him an "Honorary Citizen" for driving the German troops out of the town and then by-passing it to save it from the German shelling. Mrs. Thompson had the pleasure of witnessing this ceremony and after Jack's death, she received a particularly sympathetic letter from the town.

While many active men do not realize the fulfillment of their dreams for a rewarding life after retirement, when Jack retired in 1947 he entered into the happiest period of his life. He bought a beautiful "Garden Tour" Colonial home, "Rolles Range," with 170 acres of farm land on Broad Creek near St. Michaels in Talbot County on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. A long avenue of fine old trees leads to a handsome house built in 1751 and beyond it, stretches a boxwood lined lawn sloping to the water side. Talbot County is a land of gracious old homes and of watermen who gather crabs and oysters and there everyone seems to be relaxed and unhurried.

Jack and Nina Thompson entered quietly but wholeheartedly into this environment. Their charming hospitality and friendliness soon developed a host of people eager to entertain them. Jack became absorbed in the local sport of how to maintain a place, requiring a great deal of maintenance, without doing too much work or spending too much money. It was always a pleasure to meet him, driving his jeep, in St. Michaels, and to hear his latest enthusiastic plan for a new piece of equipment or of how he was going to solve a problem of tree trimming or road repair or grass cutting. A share farmer took over most of the burden of the productive land, although Jack himself did fatten a few small herds of beef cattle for market.

The Thompsons' pleasure with this home and with their friends was enhanced by the fact that they could share it all with their children. Their daughter, Jacqueline, married to Colin M. Campbell and living in Alexandria, Virginia, has a son, Colin Jr., and a daughter, Nina Cameron. Their son, Cameron, (Princeton '52) works with the First Boston Corp. in Philadelphia and has a small daughter, Jean Clark. With such a satisfactory family so close by much visiting was in order and all were devoted to "Rolles Range." Jack was encouraged by this to have built in the lawn a swimming pool that became a most popular addition.

Jack suffered no illness or threatening weakness of heart to give warning of the impending tragedy. Ten days before his death, he asked my family over to swim in the pool and gaily joined them in diving and swimming. He and Nina were paying a visit to the Archie Arnold's ('12) at their Summer home at Cranberry Lake, New York, when Jack complained of a slight discomfort. He died the next morning from a failing heart, before the doctor could reach the house,

An easy, quick death for Jack, and a merciful way to go, but a terrible, unanticipated blow to that devoted family and to all of his host of friends. His funeral at Arlington was attended by many Army associates and a large group

of his newer but equally sincere friends from the Eastern Shore.

There is only one Jack Thompson, and his handsome person, his all-embracing smile, his gay enthusiasm and his loyal comradeship will always be remembered as an inspiration by a long line of those of us who have known him.

—George Fenn Lewis, '14.

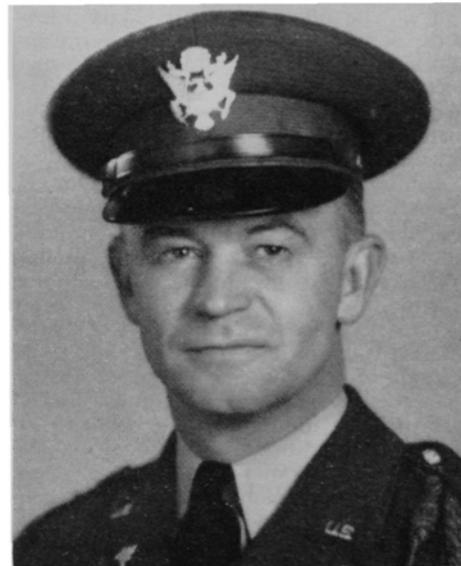
William Foster Daugherty

NO. 5644 CLASS OF APRIL 1917

Died December 23, 1956, at Tacoma, Washington, aged 61 years.

It has been found impossible to equate any combination of words to the total of one's father and his life. Short of this goal, then, are presented some of the milestones in the life of William Foster Daugherty, followed by the views of two persons, differing in station, but converging in opinion.

He was born the son of a Regular officer who had fought in many major battles of the Civil War and in the Indian



wars, was reared in Indianapolis, attended Braden's Preparatory Academy, graduated in the first class shortened by World War I, was a troop commander in the 2nd Division AEF during five campaigns and, in 1919, married Helen Anderson of Tacoma, whom he met while he was stationed at Fort Lewis. Short tours at several stations followed, a longer one as instructor at West Point, then at Fort Sill, his last post before resigning from the Regular Army. Residence was taken up in California, where he soon joined the National Guard, working at great length in its behalf. In the emergency period preceding World War II his division was federalized and he was again, with greater purpose, in his most suitable role. A few months later, always before a strong and healthy person, he was stricken with a severe heart attack, while serving as Chief of Staff of the 40th Infantry Division. The result was retirement and it remained for him to make a new life for himself within the limits of his strength. With slight regard for that restriction he wholeheartedly undertook leading positions in civic affairs and entered into Church activities. During the succeeding years, as his strength gradually

declined, due to further coronary attacks, he limited his activities to the Church.

These are things he did; what sort of person was he?

His interests were catholic; he constantly sought knowledge and rarely forgot what he learned.

He felt that should a thing be done at all, not only should it be done well, but now.

He was an organizer, whether the object was to be a family picnic or presumably, a tactical field exercise. (Picnics were, nevertheless, fun.) He generally preferred to undertake the work and responsibility of heading a worthwhile venture rather than to see it function ineffectively because of inadequate leadership.

His offspring learned to be apprehensive about asking for help with homework; instead of merely showing how the problem could be solved, he would insure that all problems for the next day were understood as well as those for, perhaps, the remainder of the week. Not memorized; understood. But a phrase he used for years in connection with certain courses of action which came to his attention was not always understood: "It just isn't done." Four words, separately and emphatically stated. In time I came to realize that decency, honor, chivalry, or moral right were somehow involved, and that these were qualities as inherent to William F. Daugherty as gravity is to mass.

Inherent too were his absolute selflessness and devotion for his family. Recollections well confirm that his personal convenience, even over long periods of time, was as nothing when the well-being of those he loved was involved. Fate was kind to permit him to live long enough that his children could grow to know and enjoy him as a person other than simply as a parent.

Of the otherwise divers persons who knew him, most thought of him as a friend, more admired him, all respected him. We, influenced by the life and affected by the death of this fine man, cannot foresee the day when we will no longer draw strength and direction from his fidelity, love, and courage.

The Right Reverend Stephen F. Bayne, Jr., Episcopal Bishop of Olympia, better qualified in such matters, put his views thusly to the clergymen of his Diocese:

"My heart is heavy at the death of General William Daugherty a week ago today, after a long, brave fight with his sixth coronary attack. Vestryman, Diocesan Keyman, first Chairman of the Department of Properties, member of Standing Committee, Councillor, Deputy to the General Convention—was there a ministry to be fulfilled anywhere in the Church's life to which he did not give his willing devotion? He was, of course, one of the Centennial sons and daughters of the Diocese to whom the Bishop's Cross was first awarded.

"One word above all others characterized Bill Daugherty—Duty. He followed his father in an ancient and honorable profession, until God permitted crippling illness to intervene, at the peak of the war, and close the door of his chosen vocation. But with cheerful obedience, he followed where a new way seemed to open, in wider service to his Church. Up to the very moment of his death, he asked no more of life than the privilege

of bearing what came with courage and courtesy; having the testimony of a good conscience; in the communion of the Catholic Church; in the confidence of a certain faith; in the comfort of a reasonable religious, and holy hope; in favor with our God, and in perfect charity with the world.' With the burden of the flesh lifted, may he find the perfect service he always longed to give!"

Services were held at Christ Episcopal Church, Tacoma, and burial, with military honors, at the Post Cemetery, Fort Lewis.

Surviving are his wife, residing in Tacoma; a daughter, Alice (Mrs. C. Thorne Corse), of San Francisco; a son, Major William A. Daugherty, USA; a sister, Maria, wife of Major General Joseph H. Harper, USA; a brother, Colonel Joseph B. Daugherty, USA-Ret. of Indianapolis; grandchildren Helen Elizabeth Hunter, William Wirt Daugherty II, Robert Griggs Daugherty; two nephews, First Lieutenant William B. Harper, USA, Oliver B. Daugherty; and a niece, Julia Daugherty Inman.

—His Son.

Lawrence Granger Smith

NO. 6593 CLASS OF 1920

Died June 5, 1957, at McAllen Municipal Hospital, McAllen, Texas, aged 59 years.

FROM the day in 1930 when Larry received his diploma from Secretary of War Newton D. Baker and listened to the graduation address of General John J. Pershing—until his death on June 5, 1957—his skirmish with life was one of personal triumph. He was a forceful competitor, driven by the will to win.

His cadet classmates remember him as an ardent athlete who excelled in gymnastics and all phases of horsemanship. There are many men who still recall his rugged and skilled participation in national and international polo matches.

This competitive spirit and the value he placed on personal relationships were Larry's most outstanding characteristics. He was always very interested in the officers and men with whom he served. He encouraged them, wrote letters in their behalf, was instrumental in getting them positions in civilian life, admission to schools, and followed their careers with paternal interest. The many letters in his personal files attest to this continuing interest in former enlisted men and fellow officers. The same interest was extended to people and incidents sometimes overlooked by others. While in Japan, for example, busily occupied with intelligence duties of postwar days, he found time to fight for recognition and reward for the faithful services of a Japanese cook.

Upon graduation from the Military Academy, Larry served as an instructor at the Cavalry School and as Regimental Adjutant and Supply Officer. He later served as Army Group Liaison Officer for Operations to the 21st Army Group (British).

In the European Theater he commanded in action a Combat Command of the 5th Armored Division, and later the 14th Cavalry Group (Mechanized). In later days the 14th and its illustrious alumni became one of his centers of interest.

Larry's other European assignments in-

cluded Area Commander at Nuremberg, Commander of Camp Philip Morris, and Assistant Plans Officer, Headquarters, Army Ground Forces.

Assigned to the Far East Command in 1948, Larry worked in the G-2 Civilian Intelligence Field at GHQ, and as Commanding Officer of the 441st CIC Detachment which was spread throughout Japan and Korea. Through diligent application he quickly became recognized as an intelligence authority in a nation where the refugee problem and identification of North Korean agents were essential facets of his operation. He wrote many papers for the guidance of intelligence personnel and for the information of his command. Again in his Far East assignment, his forcefulness and attention to small details gained him a wealth of friends both indigenous and military.

In 1951 Larry ended his tour in the Far East and became Commanding Officer of Headquarters School Troops, The Armored Center, Fort Knox, Kentucky. He excelled in a difficult and trying assignment. The superior manner in which he accomplished this mission earned



words of commendation from the Commander-in-Chief in 1954.

Larry retired reluctantly on July 21, 1954, after more than 37 years devoted to the service of his country. Typically, retirement did not mean the end of Larry's active interest in the Army. He attended the Special Weapons Course the year before retirement and kept abreast of the modern Army after retiring, encouraged it, and was proud of its growth and maturity.

His military schooling included The Cavalry School, Command and General Staff College, Armed Forces Staff College, and the USAR Air-Ground Operations Course. He had wide military experience in automotive maintenance and operation of vehicles, and was a graduate of the Ordnance Automotive School.

Larry's decorations included the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Distinguished Service Order of Great Britain, the Legion of Honor and the Croix de Guerre of France, the Royal Order of Orange-Nassau of the Netherlands, and Theater and Campaign Ribbons from both sides of the world.

For many years Larry had favored the south central area of Texas, with its sunny skies, as a future home. On his retirement

he settled in the beautiful citrus fruit area in the Lower Rio Grande Valley at McAllen. His death followed a very short illness, and he was laid to rest with military honors in the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas.

Surviving Larry are his widow, Mary Cox Smith of McAllen, Texas; two daughters, Mrs. Herbert Ihrig, Jr., of Kailua Oahu, T.H., and Mrs. Marvin K. Chase, Jr., now in Germany; and two sons, Thomas G. Smith of Waco, Texas, and Edward C. Smith of Alamo, Texas.

—J.H.C.

Kevin O'Shea

NO. 7068 CLASS OF 1923

Died April 7, 1957, at Bradenton, Florida, aged 57.

KEVIN O'SHEA was a restless man of action with the stout heart of the true soldier. He was completely an individualist, keen, voluble, lucid, forthright and honorable. He was endowed with the physical attributes of an athlete trained to a high pitch. Governing the actions of this son of the Celts was a compassionate spirit reflected outwardly by his boundless generosity to less fortunately situated people. Scornfully intolerant of pretense and hypocrisy, he fought courageously and continuously for the principles of right derived from Duty, Honor, Country.

Born in Buffalo, New York, on March 9, 1900, Kevin O'Shea was one of four in a talented family. His parents were Maria O'Flanigan and John O'Shea. "Touché" went to public schools in Massachusetts, The Runkle Grammar School and Brookline High School. He then studied at The Army and Navy Preparatory School in Washington, D. C., prior to taking examinations for the appointment to The United States Military Academy.

Early in life Kevin acquired the nickname "Touché" because his ebullient humor always sparked an apt and penetrating reply. Several years in Kentucky during his adolescence inevitably brought "Touché" closer to nature in all its fascinating vagaries. He knew instinctively what it took to make a fine hunting dog, how to train a thoroughbred and how to make flowers and plants flourish and grow in the garden.

Appointed to the United States Military Academy from Massachusetts, "Touché" entered in 1919 with the class of 1923. Soon he was known to most of his classmates for his never ending tales of legendary and imaginary Irish heroes. He always supplied the *piece de resistance* at the bull sessions. He trained hard and went out for the most strenuous athletics. The 1923 Howitzer pointed out that "Touché" had "exchanged the ancient shillalah of the Irish for more modern weapons, the lacrosse stick and the hockey stick, uttering fierce cries of 'crocko' as he smote right roundly friend and foe alike." In many intercollegiate matches in lacrosse and hockey "Touché" was the backbone of the offense and emerged proud and battered with a victorious Army team. In his first class year he was Captain of the Army hockey team.

"Touché" was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Cavalry upon his graduation in 1923 and was assigned to the 12th

Cavalry at Brownsville, Texas. There was much to learn about horses but there were occasional diversions from garrison training when it was "saddle up" and chase border bandits. This exciting and busy service was ended when "Touché" was assigned to the 2nd Cavalry at Fort Riley, Kansas, in preparation for his year at the Cavalry School.

After graduating with the Troop Officers' Class at the Cavalry School in 1928, "Touché" was assigned to the 5th Cavalry at Fort Clark, Texas. Here again was ideal service for the active cavalryman with much patrolling and the usual alarms and excursions common to the border country.

It was at Fort Clark that "Touché" met the charming and talented Sally Lamb Morgan, niece of two colonels of cavalry, William Dennison Forsyth and Albert Dockery. After a long courtship "Touché" and Sally were married at Fort Clark. During this period "Touché" was an active competitor in all the horsemanship events in the 1st Cavalry Division. He was truly a Beau Sabreur in the Draper Trophy competition for the best trained platoon



in the 1st Cavalry Division. In the bright Texas sun he was the picture of a cavalryman in that competition with his horse at a full gallop as he ran the straw dummies through for a perfect performance with the saber.

"Touché" was selected for assignment to the 1st Cavalry (Mechanized) at Fort Knox, Kentucky, after serving a foreign service tour with the 26th Cavalry (Philippine Scout) at Fort Stotsenburg, P. I. In furthering his transition from the horse to mechanized cavalry he attended The Motor Transport School at Fort Holabird, Maryland. Before his tour of duty was over at Fort Knox he also attended the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. His recreation and consuming hobby at Fort Knox was concerned with conservation of wild life and establishment of game and bird refuges. For a number of years he organized and conducted the Kentucky Field Trials with enthusiasm and boundless energy. His sympathetic and wise counsel was eagerly sought by dog lovers all over Kentucky and Indiana.

At the beginning of World War II "Touché" was on the General Staff of the Armored Force Headquarters at Fort Knox. When the III Armored Corps was

organized "Touché" was appointed Assistant Chief of Staff G-4 of this corps. Throughout the war in England, and on the Continent, he directed the supply of the XIX Corps, its successor. He was awarded the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star Medal for many valorous deeds while supplying the Corps in combat in France, Belgium and Germany and his courageous conduct earned him the respect and admiration of his associates. He was also decorated by the French Authorities with the Croix de Guerre with Palm and was made a member of the French Legion of Honor.

In 1946 "Touché" was retired from the Army for physical disability. Buerger's disease handicapped him somewhat in pursuit of his usual outdoor activities such as riding and hunting so he and Sally adjusted to a fairly sedentary life in their new home at 2911 Riverview Boulevard, Bradenton, Florida. He and Sally, with a host of friends and a variety of interests, soon made a place for themselves in the community life of West Florida. "Touché" became a Vice President of The Florida West Coast Symphony Orchestra and was a director from Manatee County for the Sarasota Concert Association. He was elected Vice President of The Manatee County Audubon Society. He was also an active Vice President of the Florida Mango Forum for several years. He was also an active contributing member of The National Horticultural Society, The American Museum of Natural History, The American Camellia Society and the Ringland Museum of Art.

The simple eloquence contained in "Some Lines About O'Shea" published by "Touché's" friend Judd Arnett in his column in the Saint Petersburg Times on Tuesday, April 9, 1957, portrays "Touché" as he lived, a man of action:

"He was a bold and bluff man, an arm waving man, a long striding man, a foot stomping man, a man who paced and talked at the same time, a man from whose eyes sparks seemed to fly when he reached the peak of his animation... and his name was Colonel Kevin O'Shea.

"He came storming into the office one day when your correspondent was new here, and when he demanded an audience and got it, we expected to be dressed down about the mess in Washington, or the sorry state of affairs in Hungary, or the plight of the West Point football team, or something equally robust or throbbing. Instead, he had come to talk about the birds at Myakka River State Park, and we count it a blessing now that he came often, full of fire and thunder, always carrying the torch for conservation, or for good music, or something decent in which the interests of the people at large were involved.

"Colonel O'Shea who died Sunday followed Ralph McKelvey to The Happy Hunting Ground by just a few days, and it is significant, we think, that the mourning goes deep for these two, who were primarily interested in what we call the arts. They gave painting, and music, and bird watching, and classic gardening a sense of dignified virility which is sometimes missing in other communities, and they showed the world around them that it

is possible to walk the world proudly in advocacy of tender things.

"Kevin O'Shea came from the horse cavalry to the best in music, painting and wild life in one long but graceful stride. He loved many things in many fields, and he was a 'man's man' to boot—one of those rare fellows who came along all too seldom, and are therefore missed the more when they leave too suddenly."
—C.V.B.

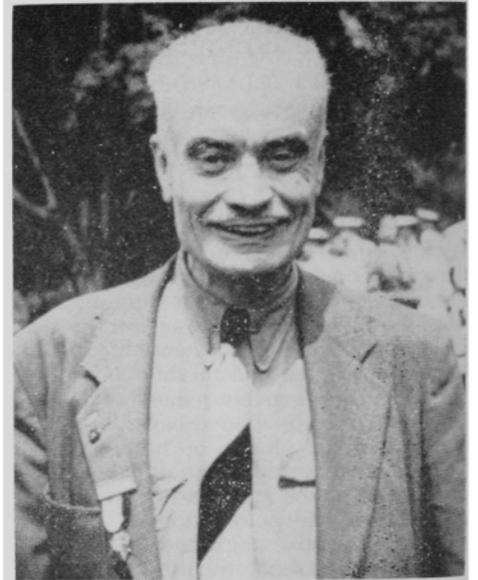
Lowell M. Limpus

EX-CADET OF 1924

Died December 19, 1957 in New York, New York, aged 60 years.

(Editor's Note: Lowell Limpus wrote the following obituary and placed it in a sealed envelope addressed to THE NEW YORK DAILY NEWS to be found at the time of his death.)

THIS is the last of the 8,700 or more stories I've written to appear in "The



New York Daily News." It must be the final one. Because I died yesterday. It's an exclusive, too—marked "Hold for Release."

I wrote this, my own obituary, because I know more about the subject than any one else, and I'd rather have it honest than flowery. I'm not entitled to much praise. I was just a fairly honest, well-meaning sort of guy.

Most of my adult life was spent working for "The News"—I started June 6, 1924—and I think I may claim that I helped a bit to build it. I served as reporter, editor and head of the United Nations bureau, which I organized. In addition, I wrote half-a-dozen pretty fair books and one good one, exposing pacifism, for which I never found a publisher. Also, I fooled around some TV and radio.

I was born in Indiana, August 17, 1897, was raised in Oklahoma, went to West Point and was a Neiman Fellow at Harvard. I was a soldier in World War I, a war correspondent in World War II and a reserve officer for many years. I had a number of very fine friends, some of whom were famous men, and I was very proud of every last one of them.

I was married twice. My first wife was

Anna Aitkin. It was no fault of hers that our marriage collapsed. I am survived by my second wife, the former Frances Holmes, of Mamaroneck, and one small, red-headed, beautiful daughter who was the apple of her daddy's eye. Her name is Laurel.

To all my friends, and especially my colleagues on "The News," I wish good luck and as much fun as I've always gotten out of life.

I was a 32nd degree Mason, a Shriner, and a member of the Larchmont Presbyterian Church.

I want no flowers, mourning, or elaborate funeral ceremony.

Mourning would be especially inappropriate because I'm confident I'm off on the greatest adventure of my life. I'm now tackling the biggest assignment any newspaper man could have.

And now, my friends in the composing room, just finish off this last story slugged "Limpus" with the usual

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—Lowell M. Limpus.

Bailey Cavanaugh Cook

EX-CADET CLASS OF 1936

Died April 13, 1957, at New Castle, Delaware, aged 42 years.

SINCE the War Between the States there has always been a member of the Cavanaugh family on the Army rolls. Yet despite this military tradition, the challenge offered by new things and exploring the possibilities of virtually little known fields has run strong with the men of this fighting clan from New Castle, Delaware, and Lieutenant Colonel Bailey Cavanaugh Cook was no exception.

His uncle, Colonel Harry La Torrette Cavanaugh, the son of another Colonel Harry, and the grandfather of Lieutenant Michael Cavanaugh, USMA '56, was the first cadet appointed to West Point from Oklahoma Territory; his late father, Lieutenant Seth W. Cook, whose career of brilliant promise was ended by early death, was truly a pioneer in military aviation, and the same spirit of adventure was ever evident in Bailey Cook.

This element of his nature was also mixed with one of service—a deeply ingrained feeling of responsibility to do for others—and with these were those attributes of character that made him not only a leader, but a devoted friend, wise counselor, and delightful companion.

Aside from his keen intellect with the capacity for understanding technical problems of electronics and engineering, Bailey possessed a gaiety and charm, a spontaneous warmth, and a sense of humor that stamped him in any group. He was also a guitarist of ability and composed witty and amusing lyrics. Yet with it all he was an innately modest person.

Bailey Cook had much to give and that is exactly what he did. He left the Academy after two years, attended George Washington University and received an engineering degree from Purdue University. Meanwhile he was graduated from Randolph and Kelly Field as a flying cadet and was commissioned in the old Air Corps in 1939 and continued to serve in the air branch until 1953 when he resigned.

Those nearly 15 years of service were

years of devotion to duty, gallantry, and leadership consistent with the highest traditions of the military. His outstanding combat record in World War II bears this out.

He flew over 50 combat missions as a squadron leader of medium bombardment craft in the Mediterranean and Balkans and was awarded the Greek War Cross for his "valiant and daring contribution to the freeing of the fatherland."

Colonel Cook was decorated in Italy by General Arnold with the Silver Star. The citation stated he led two formations of B-25's on a mission to bomb an airdrome and despite the loss of fighter escort before the target was reached, the formation continued on and completed its mission "most successfully."

In April, 1943, he led a mission of the first "skip-bombing" aerial attacks in the E.T.O. which sank one enemy destroyer, scored direct hits on three large merchant vessels and a barge, setting them on fire. And this achievement was carried out on an alternate target after having first accomplished the primary objective—a successful strike against a "vital enemy supply



line." In this action Colonel Cook directed B-25's and P-38's against 50 JU-52's escorted by ME-109's. The result was an overwhelming defeat for the enemy. At least 25 enemy aircraft were destroyed and his formation completely disorganized.

Again in May, 1943, he led a flight of 18 Mitchell bombers which in less than 15 minutes obliterated an armored Italian warship. He was wounded in action on July 4 for which he received the Purple Heart. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with nine clusters, the Presidential Unit Citation, Bronze Star Medal, and Commendation Ribbon.

Among the first group to be graduated from the AAF Institute of Technology at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, he was later chief of the Climatic Hangar, Elgin AFB, was graduated from the AC and Staff School, Maxwell AFB, and was directorate of Maintenance Engineering with Headquarters, USAF, at the Pentagon.

But Bailey Cook was not one to rest upon his laurels. When impaired eye sight from battle wounds threatened his flying career, he turned to a new field. Resigning from the service—no easy choice in itself—he and his wife settled on Mary-

land's beautiful Eastern Shore, not too far from his ancestral home on the other side of the Delmarva Peninsula in New Castle.

He had married Lieutenant Mary Ethel Downes, ANC, of near Denton, Maryland, December 7, 1941, at Borinquen Field, Puerto Rico. They built their own home on the Eastern shore and planned and operated a scientific "cage-laying" chicken farm. But their stay at the home he had come to love was ended after two short years by a heart attack.

After making rapid strides toward recovery, he received an exceptional offer from industry in the field of electronics, but another attack precluded this.

Bailey then turned to education. While living in New Castle he taught at the University of Delaware and worked toward a master's degree in electrical engineering. It was natural that he should be a favorite with both faculty and students. And it followed the recent pattern of his life that he should suffer a fatal heart attack while at home in his study, gazing upon the broad expanse of the Delaware River he had known since early childhood.

Bailey Cook left his mark on his time. He enriched the lives of those with whom he came in contact. It may have been mere coincidence that the dates of his birth, marriage and death coincided exactly with the start of World War I, Pearl Harbor, and the beginning of the 1861-65 conflict, but there was nothing coincidental about the fact that he was a man who gave the best that was in himself and served his country well in peace and war.

Quitman Bellinger Jackson, Jr.

NO. 14423 CLASS OF 1944

Died April 20, 1947 at Kwajalein (air crash), aged 24 years.

OF engaging personality, merry heart, ready smile and quick to make friends, Captain Jackson was in every sense a normal boy, wholesome in his attitudes, quick in his sympathies and loyal to his friends.

The only child of his parents, he was born at Pacolet, South Carolina, but as a tiny infant was taken to Columbia, South Carolina, where he spent most of the remainder of his life.

His boyhood was similar to that of hundreds of South Carolina youths; he was devoted to the air. When airplane rides were something of a novelty he delighted in paying two dollars—hardearned two dollars—for a brief flight over Columbia in planes that today would seem cumbersome and unsafe. The landing strips were level ground at athletic fields. His native mechanical ability was evidenced when he and a companion fashioned a tandem bicycle out of spare parts from old machinery—a bicycle which was strong and sturdy and which for years hung suspended from pegs in a garage long after the builders had given their lives in service to their country.

After attending secondary schools in Columbia, the youth enrolled at Columbia High, where he proved an apt and diligent student; he was not overly devoted to high school athletics but did play some football; was on the swimming team, and, on off school days enjoyed fishing. He

was an exceptionally graceful dancer. He was a member of the First Baptist church of Columbia and his name appears on the plaque on the wall of the church, carrying the list of members who lost their lives in World War II.

In 1939 the young man was graduated from Columbia high school and at once enrolled as a student in the University of South Carolina. While he was a student he received an appointment to West Point from Congressman Hamp Fulmer of South Carolina.

At the time the defense situation was critical and there were no vacation periods for cadets at West Point. So, in three years, Jackson completed the course which normally required four. One of his classmates at the academy was John Eisenhower, a son of Dwight D. Eisenhower, later to become president of the United States. Jackson's popularity at the big military school was demonstrated when he was chosen cheer leader for athletic contests.

After his graduation from West Point the young officer was sent to Lincoln, Nebraska, for further training and in Jan-



uary 1946 was ordered overseas. He served in the Philippines, near Tokyo and other points in the far Pacific. He, along with some 16 other officers, lost his life when the big plane on which he was aboard exploded in mid-air and crashed into the sea. There were no survivors nor were bodies recovered.

Captain Jackson was son of Quitman B. Jackson, who was a member of the famed Rainbow division and who served under General MacArthur. His mother is Gladys Harvey Jackson. Both parents survive, as does a daughter, Susan, now 12 years of age.

Robert Louis Rutte

NO. 18545 CLASS OF 1952

Died September 26, 1957, in an aircraft accident 40 miles west of Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, aged 28 years.

BOB lost his life when he crashed in an F-100-C jet type aircraft two months after he had been assigned to the United States Air Force Thunderbirds as a pilot. He was on a routine practice flight for the solo position on the Team. The cause

of the crash has not been determined.

Bob was the third child of eight children with two brothers and five sisters, the sisters including two sets of twins. He was born in Honolulu, T. H., on August 5, 1929, to Colonel and Mrs. Louis B. Rutte, then a Second Lieutenant in the 19th Infantry, Schofield Barracks. A typical "Army brat," Bob lived in many parts of the United States. From Hawaii, he transferred to Fort Benning, Georgia, and four years later, to Fort Snelling, Minnesota. There, at age five, he moved in next door to Tim Seebach, one day older than Bob. Like their fathers, who had been classmates at West Point, these two youngsters were destined to become staunch friends and classmates of a later day.

From Fort Snelling, Bob's family moved to Delafield, Wisconsin, where his father was assigned as PMS&T at St. John's Military Academy till 1941. It was in the little two-room village school of Delafield that Bob started his reputation for good citizenship and scholarship. His next stop was a return to Fort Benning for two years to gain his elementary school diploma and complete his first year in High School. His elder twin sisters, two years ahead of him in school, completed the eighth grade in Delafield and entered High School in Columbus, Georgia. As Georgia at that time had no eighth grade, Bob was able, to his delight, to close the gap to one year behind his sisters.

When his father, in July 1943, was transferred from the Infantry School faculty to a new division activated at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, the family, now numbering seven children, moved to Altadena, California, for the duration of the war. Bob enrolled in Elliott Junior High School, where he distinguished himself in athletics and scholarship. In 1944 he won the "citizenship" medal awarded by the American Legion to the outstanding pupil in the high school. He completed his high school education at Pasadena Junior College where his elder sisters, Mary and Betty, were enrolled. He shared the family's pleasure when his sister, Mary, was named Queen of the Tournament of Roses in 1945.

The next transfer was to De Pere, Wisconsin, where his father was assigned as PMS&T at St. Norbert College upon his return from Europe in September 1946. As the family did not move to De Pere till late November, Bob did not enter St. Norbert College till February 1947. It was during this period that Bob had visions of trying for West Point. Securing an appointment was facilitated by being stationed in the native State of both his parents. After a cram session at Sullivan's School in Washington, D. C., he readily won a competitive appointment from Representative John W. Byrnes, 10th Wisconsin District. He entered the Military Academy on July 1, 1948. A year later, his family moved to the Far East Command, serving in Tokyo, Japan, till September 1952. Consequently, his parents were never able to visit Bob while he was achieving success at West Point.

Bob's worth to the service and to his many friends is evidenced by the tributes received by the parents from many sources. Brigadier General James C. McGehee, USAF, commanding Nellis Air Force Base, wrote:

"I should like to tell you a little of

Bob's current tour at Nellis and the place he holds in our hearts. He was assigned to this base approximately 30 months ago from the 35th Fighter Bomber Squadron, APO244 (FEAF). He was assigned the duty of Fighter Gunnery Instructor, a position requiring considerable responsibility and flying knowledge. On April 23, 1956, he was assigned to Maxwell Air Force Base, temporary duty status, to attend the Squadron Officer Course and upon his return to Nellis he was assigned to the Standardization Section as a Fighter Pilot. On August 22, 1957, he was assigned to the 3595th Air Demonstration Flight (Thunderbirds) as a pilot. In all respects, your son lived up to the highest standards and traditions of both the Air Force and United States Military Academy. His likeable personality was compounded with intelligence, common sense, and outstanding ability as a leader. His sincere love of flying and his remarkable skill as a pilot made him both an ideal instructor and proud member of the famed United States Air Force Thunderbirds."

His former squadron commander in



Korea, Colonel Robert E. Dawson, USAF, telegraphed: "I join you in your deepest sorrow. As Bob's life was, he left a deep imprint on the hearts and minds of his fellow airmen. I could suffer no greater anguish if Bob were my own brother."

Another wrote: "You may be interested to know that we had selected your son as a potential instructor for the Squadron Officer School, hoping to secure his transfer to us as soon as the Air Training Command could effect his release. His post-SOS assignments and intentions for advanced education certainly affirm our high evaluation of your son. His record here at the Squadron Officer School was spotless and reflected an outstanding academic ability."

He is survived by his parents, Colonel (USA-Ret) Louis B. Rutte, ex-1923, and Mrs. Rutte, Delafield, Wisconsin; sisters and brothers, Betty, wife of Clifford J. Moody, La Crescenta, California; Mary, wife of Lieutenant Col. Victor M. Wallace, Hg. USAREUR in Heidelberg, Germany; Lieutenant James A. Rutte, USA, Munich, Germany; Sisters Catherine Louis and Helen Lucile, Nurses in the Community of St. Joseph, Kansas City, Missouri, Judith Lucile and Richard John

at home. Colonel Roland J. Rutte, USMA '35, stationed in Turkey, is a cousin.

A Requiem Mass was read at the Base Chapel, Nellis Air Force Base, on 30 September 1957. The funeral was held at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, near Delafield, Wisconsin, on October 2, 1957, and burial in Holy Cross Cemetery, Milwaukee.

Classmates who attended the funeral were Bob Kelley, Jim McInerney, Warren Scaman, and Tom Harrington. John Keeley's father, Colonel John T. Keeley, Retired, USMA 1918, many years a friend of the family, was present at the funeral. Pall bearers were Cadet Captains of St. John's Military Academy, where Colonel Rutte is Commandant of Cadets. The cadets also furnished the Firing Squad and Escort.

Stanley Lee Gregg

NO. 19014 CLASS OF 1952

Killed October 6, 1957, in an aircraft accident at March Air Force Base, California, aged 28 years.

YAKIMA, WASHINGTON, in view of the majestic snow covered peak of Mount Ranier and serene pine covered foothills was the birthplace of Stanley Lee Gregg. The hot, scorching desert of California saw his death. Both surroundings are emblematic of his life. Mount Ranier is symbolic of Stan's determination to accomplish any task, however difficult or seemingly impossible; the foothills for the calm, but forceful, manner with which he attacked the problems of life; and the desert for its distant horizon which for Stan was his goal in life. Although God took him away before he was able to attain all he desired of life, those who know him can rest assured that God was pleased with his work and called him for duty with His many Legions.

If any one word could sum up Stan's life that word would be "determination." Whenever an obstacle confronted him, he did not retreat because of its immensity, but instead stood firmly on every inch of ground gained in overtaking the obstacle until finally he won his objective. This is best indicated by his fight to get into West Point.

Stan knew that he must receive an education if he were to achieve anything in life. After five years of illness, his father died in 1942, leaving his mother penniless. Stan knew that without hardship and extreme effort a college education would be out of the question. This lack of financial support for an education in a civilian university encouraged even more his desire to attend the Military Academy. With this as a future goal he was determined not only to help make his mother's life easier, but also to study hard for those distant years when he would be a Cadet. He continued employment in a restaurant owned by family friends, Mr. and Mrs. Howard McGee; and his days were full and hectic. He would run home from school, change clothes and then work until 11 o'clock at night. Then home to studies until one or two o'clock in the morning.

When he became old enough to enter West Point, the many friends he had in his hometown, now Walla Walla, Washington, where the family moved in 1933,

stood behind him; and he received the nomination for an alternate appointment to West Point from Senator Magnuson. He did not get in on the first try, since the principal candidate made it. The physical exam the second year disclosed that he had a deficiency in hearing at high frequencies and he was disqualified. Still he would not give in. He entered Whitman College but also received treatments from an ear specialist hoping to qualify for West Point the next year. On the third attempt he was still disqualified because of hearing, but as a last resort he wrote President Truman. The President intervened with a waiver and an appointment only one week before the entrance date. Thus Stan began the fulfillment of a goal set six years before.

Stan showed traits of leadership all through his early years. He was inevitably the leader in childhood games and in the eighth grade was captain of the School Boy Patrol. In his final year of high school he was a First Lieutenant in High School R.O.T.C. Although he was Valedictorian of his eighth grade class, work interfered



with his later studies; as a result he did not have a solid background for the mass of studies which confronted him at West Point. His pluck saw him through. After being "turned out" in Mathematics Plebe year and passing the final exams successfully, he decided that this was not the proper path to graduation. Due to his diligence he did not have to take any other "turn out" examinations, although he had only a few "tenths" in each subject at the end of each semester. Thus June 3, 1952, culminated the course embarked upon 10 years before. He was now a 2nd Lieutenant in the Air Force.

Before becoming an instructor at Perrin, Stan attended flying schools at Malden Air Force Base, Missouri; James Connally Air Force Base, Texas; Moody Air Force Base, Georgia; and Perrin Air Force Base, Texas. He was regarded by his students and fellow instructors as a superior pilot and instructor. He was awarded the first "Instructor of the Month" plaque ever given at Perrin.

In October 1953, Stan married Miss Ruby Wagner from Rensselaer, Indiana. He met her while visiting Rensselaer in his first year of High School. They enjoyed four years of a perfect marriage. 1955 was a particularly good year for them. They bought a house in Denison, Texas, new furnishings and a new car.

They were humbly proud of these accomplishments. They were unfortunate in only one respect: they were not blessed with any children.

Another of Stan's many attributes was his devotion to his mother. Realizing the many sacrifices she had made for him, particularly after his father's death, he constantly strived to make life easier for her.

Perhaps this was in his mind when he resigned his commission October 23, 1956, to sell stocks for a large brokerage firm in Sherman, Texas. Although his income was considerably increased, he was not happy away from the thunder of jets. He reapplied for a commission in the Air Force and reported for duty at Greenville, Mississippi, August 26, 1957. On the final flight of this refresher training his plane developed a "flame-out" over the desert wastes of California. Rather than abandon his plane, he and his copilot attempted to land it at March Air Force Base. About two blocks from the end of the runway, the plane hit a drainage ditch and exploded. Only a few seconds before he died, he was calm and sure that he had successfully saved the plane. He was buried in Mountain View Cemetery in Walla Walla, Washington, the town where he lived during his boyhood.

Throughout his life Stan was a devout Christian and strived to live by the teachings of Christ. His wife, relatives, and friends may be comforted with the thought that Stan died serving the Country he loved and he must surely be serving his Master now.

Frederick Graham Johnson

NO. 20236 CLASS OF 1955

Died July 2, 1957, in Germany, aged 24 years.

"I AM the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord; he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die. For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in heavens. Fear not; I am the first and the last, saith the Lord: I am He that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore. Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee. Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou has the words of eternal life. Thanks be unto God who giveth us the victory.

"Eternal God, our Heavenly Father, who loveth us with an everlasting love, and canst turn the shadow of death into the morning: Help us to wait upon Thee with reverent and believing hearts. Speak to us of eternal things, that through patience and comfort of the Scriptures we may have hope, and be lifted above our darkness and distress into the light and peace of Thy presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord."

First Lieutenant Frederick Graham Johnson was born in St. Louis, Missouri, on February 9, 1933, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Johnson who are now deceased. Fred and his brother Mark were reared by a devoted foster mother, Mrs. Mary Katherine Cluck, who reared Fred from the age of four. He completed high

school at the Salem Community High School in Salem, Illinois, and entered the University of Illinois where he remained for one year. He was a member of the Alpha Sigma Phi Social Fraternity.

He then entered the United States Military Academy at West Point where he was graduated in June 1955. His appointment was given him by Congressman Charles W. Vursell of Salem.

He entered the Army June 3, 1955; he came into the 11th Cavalry in February of 1956. He was initially assigned to India Company where he served with diligence and effectiveness. He was later assigned to Hotel Company.

Lieutenant Johnson was sent to Germany in March 1957 where he died July 2, 1957 from diaphragmatic hernia, complicated by pulmonary congestion and pneumonia, as the result of an accident incurred while a passenger in a civilian vehicle on June 29, 1957.

An honor guard, firing squad, colors, and bugler were furnished by the 3310th Hq. Squadron, Air Training Command, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, who pre-



sented the burial flag to his brother, Mark H. Johnson. Burial was in East Lawn Cemetery, Salem, Illinois.

Fred joined the First Christian Church of Salem when 12 years of age, and remained a devout Christian during his entire life.

In memory—by Fred's high school Superintendent

"Memory is one of the supreme creations of our Creator. It is a beautiful thing to be remembered. Every time we remember a good American serviceman, we honor God and ourselves. We should do it because he has been faithful unto death, brave and loyal. He has helped carry our burden.

"Fred believed that one belonged to his Country as he belonged to his mother. He believed in the ideal on which his Country was founded—for humanity against oppression and cruelty, for the right of a man to labor in his own field, for the principle that honor is greater than life. He knew that the central business of every human being is to be a real person. He possessed by nature the factors out of which personality can be made and he organized those factors for effective use. He knew that the beginning of worthwhile living is to confront ourselves with the true facts, and thus make an

appraisal, the determining element being not so much what happens to us, as the way we take it.

"Fred was a splendid school citizen and an Honor Graduate from Salem Community High School, Salem, Illinois, class of 1950. To know him was to love him. Salem has never had a student who was more universally loved and respected than Fred and because of this we are proud to do something that will cause his many virtues to live on in our memories.

"Even though his life was not as long as some other, he has left us more to think about than many who have lived twice as long."
—B. E. Gum.

A beautiful memorial service was held in Germany for Fred by his 3rd Battalion; a personal friend, the chaplain, First Lieutenant Richard E. Hager conducted the service. It was held in the foothills of the beautiful Bavarian Alps.

I can speak confidently when I say Fred had a close and deep relationship with his God. He was always frank and objective and honest in our discussions concerning the divine.

One of my happiest moments was when I attended his West Point Graduation June 1955. I would like to dedicate this article to a very deeply loved and devoted foster son.
—Mary K. Cluck.

James Walter Staudaher

NO. 20284 CLASS OF 1955

Died August 25, 1957, from a fall while mountain climbing on Mt. Grosse Waxenstein, Garmisch, Germany, aged 26 years.

DONALD CULROSS PEATTIE has said, "Life is adventure in experience." This was true of the life of Walter Staudaher, whose adventuring interests ranged widely over all experience that came to him.

He was born in Bozeman, Montana, May 26, 1931, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred M. Staudaher. Walter attended Bozeman schools, graduating from Gallatin County High School in 1949. In high school he was active in athletics and also in scouting, which took him for the first time across the sea to the World Boy Scout Jamboree in France in 1947. During vacations he tried his hand at almost anything, selling papers, ice cream, shoes, working on the section gang. Even in those early days, his lively feeling for adventure led him to take with friends a seven-day canoe trip down the Missouri, from Lewis and Clark's historic rendezvous at Three Forks to Great Falls.

After graduating from high school he attended Washington University at St. Louis, Missouri, where he joined the Sigma Chi fraternity. While at Washington University he received his West Point appointment, entering as a plebe in 1951. At West Point he was a member of the ski team and the academy choir, and also won the West Point debate award as a first classman, in consequence of which he was presented with a watch by the Swiss consulate.

In Bozeman Walter was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, the Frank B. Lewis De Molay Chapter, and Elk's Lodge No. 463.

Upon his graduation from West Point,

he was assigned to the 127th Engineer Battalion. After Summer leave with his parents in Bozeman, Walter was stationed at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, in the Fall of 1955, and in January 1956 was transferred to Munich. In June, 1957 he voluntarily transferred to the 2nd Abn Btl. 502nd Infantry in order to broaden his military background. In October of 1956 he was given the unusual opportunity of traveling as aide to the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Dr. Frank B. Berry, on an inspection tour of hospitals in the Near East. Joining the Mission in Paris, he traveled with it through Greece, Turkey, Iran, Pakistan, Ethiopia and Libya, taking a deep, analytic interest in all he saw and heard in each country, keeping full notes of his impressions. Both before and after this intensive trip, he continued to increase his knowledge of other countries during his tour of duty in Germany, enjoying ski and mountain climbing trips on leaves in Switzerland and Austria, as well as travel in Italy.

At the news of his tragic accident, the editor of his hometown paper wrote in



an editorial: "He possessed the happy faculty of friendliness and graciousness; he had the adaptability of being able to fit into any group. His conversations with older men interested them as much as it did the companions of his own age. . . His discussions were marked by a breadth of viewpoint and a grasp of fundamental facts seldom found in a youth his age." Another older man wrote similarly: "He had a keen, inquiring mind, and insight, balance and judgment to a degree unusual for one of his years. I daily found it a stimulating experience to engage him in discussion on all sorts of topics."

One commanding officer said: "His military bearing and sound judgment marked him in the eyes of both superiors and subordinates as a truly professional soldier."

His Bozeman minister said: "Some live so long . . . yet live so little. Others lives seemingly are so short . . . yet they live so much."

He left many who loved him. Among these were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Staudaher, Bozeman, Montana; his grandmother, Mrs. W. S. Buzard, Yakima, Washington; his sister, Mrs. Roy Pezoldt, Portland, Oregon; his brother, Fred M. Staudaher, Jr., Utica, New York, and friends who will not forget him.

—Millicent Ward Whitt

LAST ROLL CALL

Reports of deaths of graduates and former cadets received
since the publication of the Winter 1958 ASSEMBLY

Henry B. Dixon	1895	November	20, 1957	Moscow, Idaho
Frederick W. Van Duyne	1899	January	18, 1958	Towaco, New Jersey
Rigby D. Valliant	1902	February	17, 1958	Vienna, Virginia
Birchie O. Mahaffey	Ex-1902	February	14, 1958	St. Louis, Missouri
John J. Murphy	Ex-1903	July	20, 1957	New York, New York
Ralph T. Ward	1904	July	28, 1957	Denver, Colorado
Philip Mathews	1906	February	18, 1958	Washington, D.C.
James G. Steese	1907	January	11, 1958	Bangui, French Equatorial Africa
Reginald B. Cocroft	1910	January	7, 1958	Fort Belvoir, Virginia
Frederick A. Holmer	1910	December	23, 1957	Red Wing, Minnesota
Edgar W. Taulbee	1910	January	25, 1958	Brooke Army Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas
Warren P. Jernigan	1914	August	16, 1957	Tampa, Florida
Robert D. McDonald	1914	December	15, 1957	Chattanooga, Tennessee
Luis R. Esteves	1915	March	12, 1958	San Juan, Puerto Rico
James A. Lester	1915	March	10, 1958	Letterman Army Hospital, San Francisco, California
Pearson Menoher	1915	February	13, 1958	Southern Pines, North Carolina
Salvador F. Reyes	August 1917	January	11, 1958	San Francisco, California
Francis J. Achatz	June 1918	December	19, 1957	Bradenton, Florida
William H. Barlow	November 1918	November	27, 1957	Chicago, Illinois
Robert M. Montague	1919	February	20, 1958	Gorgas Hospital, Canal Zone
Hamilton P. Ellis	1920	January	14, 1958	San Francisco, California
Bordner F. Ascher	1923	February	23, 1958	Kansas City, Missouri
Clinton J. Harrold	1923	January	7, 1958	Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, D.C.
Oswaldo de la Rosa	1924	November	16, 1957	Fort Sam Houston, Texas
William H. Maglin	1924	January	11, 1958	Melbourne, Florida
Robert A. Gaffney	1926	February	14, 1958	Merrick, Long Island, New York
Gaulden M. Watkins	1928	February	25, 1958	Woodside, California
Anthony F. Kleitz	1933	January	31, 1958	Army Helicopter Crash in Germany
Robert O. Littell	1949	February	24, 1958	Air Crash Near Atolia, California
John I. Saalfeld	1949	January	16, 1958	Plane Crash Near Rattlesnake Mountain, Pennsylvania
John C. Hutson	1951	January	14, 1958	Wheelus AFB, Tripoli, Libia
Leo F. Post, Jr.	1951	February	24, 1958	Air Crash Near Atolia, California
Stanley L. Gregg	1952	October	6, 1957	Aircraft Accident at March AFB, California
Lawrence C. Herdman	1955	January	8, 1958	Plane Crash Near Landstahl, Germany
John L. Wiegner, Jr.	1957	October	22, 1957	Mid-Air Collision at Bartow AFB, Florida

