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BACK COVER: Representing over 80 such dinners, Founders Day was celebrated 20 March at West Point.

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PLAIN TALK



Navy was out last month to avenge the shutout we imposed on them in the winter sports last year. They did a good job on us at Annapolis, winning basketball, wrestling, squash, and pistol. However, our forces at home did almost as well, sweeping swimming, gymnastics, and rifle.

Speaking of athletics, I am certain the resignation of Red Blaik last January came as a complete surprise to you, as it did to me. In my opinion Red is the finest football coach in the country. His boots will be hard to fill. I say "boots" advisedly because Red occupied three positions here: Head Football Coach, Director of Athletics, and Chairman of the Athletic Board. It has been decided to fill each of these positions with a separate individual.

After careful consideration of a field of some forty graduate and nongraduate football coaches from all over the country, I concluded that none offered the Military Academy more than Dale Hall, Class of 1945. It therefore was a pleasure to approve the unanimous recommendation of the Athletic Board that he be named Head Football Coach. Dale will do a fine job and will receive our complete support.

Colonel Hank (Emory S.) Adams, graduate of the Class of '40, with a distinguished combat record, will succeed to the position of Director of Athletics when Colonel Fran Roberts, who took over from Red, completes his normal tour of duty here this June.

Colonel Brick Bartlett, Class of '19, our Professor of Electrical Engineering and the member of the Academic Board most experienced in athletic affairs, will become Chairman of the Athletic Board. He completes a strong triumvirate which I am certain will further enhance the reputation of the Military Academy in the intercollegiate athletic world.

For the first time in the history of intercollegiate debating at West Point, cadets of the Debate Council and Forum finished in both first and second places in a major competitive intercollegiate debate tournament. At the Heart of America Tournament, sponsored by the University of Kansas, only top debate teams from all over the Nation are invited. You can imagine the novelty of having two West Point teams debate one another in the championship round before the other teams from twenty-nine colleges and universities which competed in the Tournament. It compares to our first and second football teams playing each other in the Rose Bowl.

Earlier in the year, the cadet debaters won all events at the Idaho State College Tournament, placed First in the West Virginia University Tournament, won the annual Royal Military College-USMA debate, took second honors at the Purdue and Maryland debate tournaments, and placed well up in the top brackets in almost every other tournament attended. In addition to these intercollegiate "Varsity" successes, we have had a very active novice program for our less experienced cadets. We are proud of the cadets for their splendid performance in this important area of contact with the civilian academic community, and are taking steps to assure continued support of this activity while expanding the novice portion of its program.

Time limited to a postscript my comment in my last Plain Talk with regard to our Rhodes Scholars. We are very happy about the selection of five cadets, a record equalled this year only by Harvard and approached by no other college or university. It will interest you to know that Mr. Dawkins has been selected to speak as the representative of the group of thirty-two 1959 Rhodes Scholars at the annual Oxford and Cambridge banquet this spring.

The self-evaluation of our curriculum and methods of instruction is rapidly nearing completion. It is hoped that it will be possible to report our conclusions in the next issue of ASSEMBLY.

An important part of our academic structure is our Library. We have a very fine collection of books and manuscripts though the physical facilities leave a great deal to be desired. However, we are embarking on a campaign to make our library THE military library of the country. If any of you have any important military papers, documents, or military manuscripts of any kind that might be of

interest to military historians, we would be delighted to have them. We have also established a Library Book Memorial Fund through which book memorials can be established in the Academic Library by anyone desiring to do so.

Plans and a model have been completed for the library building we are anxious to have for West Point. Unfortunately, because of the more critical nature of other items, the library does not occupy the prominent position in our construction program we would like. In an effort to get a building earlier, we are trying to see if we can locate some well-to-do individual who might be interested in donating such a building to the Military Academy. The proposed building is a beautiful structure and is to be located on the site of the present library. Know anyone who might be interested?

Our campaign to insure that the Military Academy receives its fair share of the potential leaders from among the students of the secondary schools of the country is beginning to bear fruit. Whereas last year less than a handful of Societies met the goals we asked of them, so far this year sixty-four individuals have been selected by twenty-five of our forty-five societies. We hope the remaining twenty will join the parade next year.

Two years ago we offered our Congressional Competitive System of Selection whereby the Academic Board, as a service to the Congressman who desires to avail himself of it, selects the outstanding candidate for the Congressman from among his four nominees. Two years ago four Congressmen elected to take advantage of this service. Last year twenty-two did so. This year the total has jumped to seventy or 13% of Congress. This we consider a good representation.

Our efforts over the period of the past five years to improve the quality of our candidates seems to be paying off. In 1954, we were 8% short of the required number of fully qualified candidates to fill the existing vacancies. Last year an excess of 17% of fully qualified candidates was available. Four years ago we lost 17.4% of the fourth class by 31 January; this past year we lost only 13.1%.

Speaking of quality, our slogan of "Make Quality a Habit" seems to have made some sort of an impression on the Corps. At least the Kaydets lampooned it in four languages in the Hundredth Night Show. Last week it made its appearance atop the breech block from the reveille gun in the ice box in the Tacs' "Day Room"!

The conversion of the old West Academic Building to a cadet barracks is about two-thirds complete. "P" Echols and his cohorts would roll over in their graves if they could see their once proud domains. They'd never recognize them!

This May we are going to be hosts to the second annual meeting of the Superintendents of the four national academies (military, naval, air, and coast guard). An interesting agenda has been arranged. The results will be reported to you in ASSEMBLY.

Elsewhere in this issue is an article on the attitude of retired officers toward teaching careers. A survey by the Department of Defense indicated "that 77% of all officers within four years of retirement queried, may be, or positively are, interested in a post-retirement career in teaching . . . [A] majority indicated a preference for a position in a high school."

We are anxious to do everything we can to improve the quality of the local high school which so many of our post children attend. If any of our graduates are interested in a teaching career here near the Academy, we would be glad to send you further information.

Best regards.

GARRISON H. DAVIDSON
Lieutenant General, USA
Superintendent

BULLETIN BOARD

THE WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON, D.C.

On Founders' Day, it is always a privilege for me to join with other former cadets in reaffirming our devotion to our Alma Mater.

For 157 years the men of the Long Gray Line have stood steadfastly for the ideals expressed in our motto. It has been the watchword of West Point's graduates as they have served the highest goals of our nation and the call of freedom around the world.

My greetings to you all.

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

West Point Alumni Foundation

Paid annual subscriptions to ASSEMBLY and the REGISTER OF GRADUATES AND FORMER CADETS, USMA now total nearly 9,000. Of these over 450 are from parents of cadets now in the Corps.

In addition, all members of the Class of 1958 and other graduates and former cadets who have recently joined the Association of Graduates as life members—nearly 550—have received a gratis subscription to ASSEMBLY and the REGISTER for one year.

Moreover, the West Point Alumni Foundation is purchasing—using funds given to it by the George Olmsted Foundation—sufficient copies of the 1959 issues of ASSEMBLY and the 1959 REGISTER to enable the Military Academy to provide a copy of each publication to 1000 libraries and 1000 high schools and preparatory schools throughout the nation.

“Thus, the 1959 circulation of our publications will total nearly 12,000—an increase of over 50% since 1955.”

Graduates In Education

The tradition of teaching as a second career for USMA graduates goes back almost to the founding of the Military Academy. Statistics regarding graduates in education are most impressive. Because of the technological character of the West Point curriculum, its graduates have always been eagerly sought

as mathematics and science instructors.

The shortage of teachers throughout the nation is becoming so acute that the President convened a Conference on Education in 1957. That group cited retired military personnel as “an untapped resource” of competent teachers. The Association of Graduates recently distributed to members of the Class of 1929 below the grade of brigadier general copies of a pamphlet on teaching as a career.

On behalf of the National Science Foundation and the National Educational Foundation, the Department of Army as the action agency made a survey of the military departments to determine the attitude of officers nearing retirement. This survey indicated that a substantial majority of the officers who expect to retire in the next four years are interested in a post-retirement teaching career. It is estimated that about 7500 officers regard themselves as capable of teaching mathematics or the sciences. Relatively little interest was displayed in teaching at the elementary school level.

Most of the officers retiring in the next four years will have at least a bachelors degree. Many will have higher degrees as the result of their military schooling or voluntary off-duty studies. It should be pointed out that possession of a graduate degree does not automatically qualify the holder as a teacher. While the states vary widely in their requirements, most of them do require some courses in education: psychology, methods, history of peda-

gogy, etc. It is recommended that prospective teachers inquire of the state in which they propose to live as to the prerequisites.

New Officers and Trustees of Association Nominated

The Nominating Committee of the Board of Trustees followed the precedents of its recent predecessors in requesting suggested names from some of the classes. The reunion classes of 1909, '14, '19, '24, and '29 were requested to suggest nominees for Vice President. The reunion classes of 1944, '49, and '54 were requested to name Trustees.

While the Association of Graduates has no connection with the West Point societies throughout the world, the Constitution provides for one Regional Trustee from each of the Continental Army Areas. Nominees for these positions are selected by the Committee from among the names suggested by the West Point Societies in those areas.

In 1942 Major General R. M. Danford, '04, was elected President of the Association. He has been an active officer or trustee ever since. The committee report stated in part, “The Committee noted that Danford, '04, is completing his 17th year as an officer or trustee. This period of service entitles him to designation as an Honorary Trustee. By this means, the Association may continue to receive the interested and seasoned advice of an eminent graduate and close friend. We take this opportunity to express the hope that Danford will continue to favor the Association with his presence and counsel.”

At its meeting on 20 March, the Board of Trustees accepted the report of the Nominating Committee. The following slate will be presented by the Board for election at the Annual Meeting to be held on 1 June 1959:

For reelection as *President*
McAuliffe, '19

For election as *Vice Presidents*,
1959-60

Van Deusen, '09; Whitten, '14;
Twining, '19; Stevenson, '24; Lindsey,
'29

For *Regional Trustees*, 1959-62

First Army Area: Richardson, H. B., June '18

Third Army Area: Abrams, B. W., '47

For *Trustee*, 1959-62

Berry, '24; Saltzman, '25; Davidson, '27; Wells, '28; Forney, '37; Schilling, '41; Pitts, '44; Boerger, P. T., '47; Moore, W. T., '49; Galloway, '54



McAULIFFE, '19, Gen., Rtd.
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VAN DEUSEN, '09
Maj. Gen., Rtd.



WHITTEN, '14
Col., Rtd.



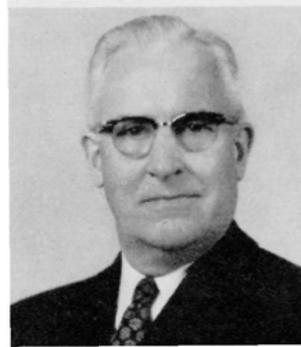
TWINING, '19, Gen.
Chairman, JCS



STEVENSON, '24, Brig. Gen., NYNG
AG-NYNG



LINDSEY, '29, Col.
C.O., Ft. Sheridan, Ill.



RICHARDSON, June '18
WPS, NE



BERRY, '24, Maj. Gen.
CG, 1st ARAD Reg., NY



SALTZMAN, '25
WPS NY



DAVIDSON, '27, Lt. Gen.
Supt., USMA



WELLS, '28, Col., Rtd.
WPS/NY



FORNEY, '37, Col., Rtd.
Trustee, Assn of Grads



SCHILLING, '41, Col.
Prof., USMA



PITTS, '44, Maj.
Assgnd, USMA



BOERGER, '47, Maj.
Assgnd, USMA



MOORE, '49, Capt.
Assgnd, USMA

Formal Leadership Training of the Cadets

By COLONEL CHARLES G. FREDERICKS, Inf., Director of Military Psychology and Leadership

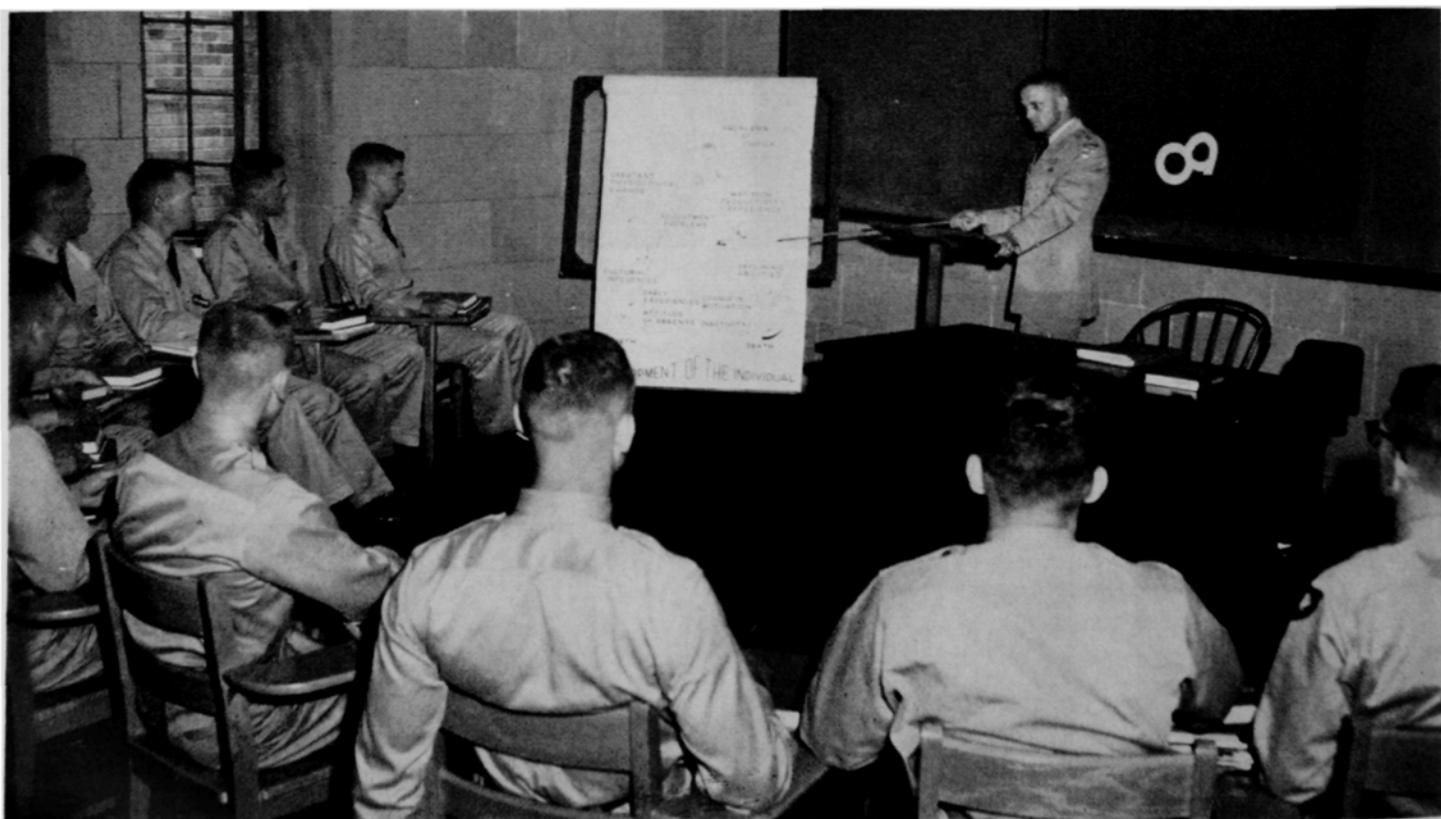
Today at the Military Academy, as true for its entire history, the leadership training of the cadet begins on his day of entrance and continues throughout the four year program. This training has been, and continues to be, the responsibility of every officer and agency within the Academy. As a consequence, many influences exist which have an impact upon the cadet, and together these constitute what is commonly known as the West Point System. Among those influences which are considered to have a significant effect in developing leaders are the rigid adherence to orders and high standards—the academic curriculum—the military instruction—the example set by the assigned officers—the constant reference to our cherished traditions and ideals—and the disciplinary methods. Moreover, every effort is being made to preserve the key aspects of West Point characterized by a high sense of Duty, the Honor Code, and a strong and lasting devotion to one's Country. These ideals remain the cor-

nerstones of our training system and persist as the fundamental objectives to characterize the cadets in their future roles as leaders. Understandably, the idealistic atmosphere so created tends to have a tremendous molding effect on character. The fine performance of our graduates over the years attests to the value of these influences. In recent years, it has been felt that these continuing cornerstones of the West Point tradition should be augmented by more direct approaches to foster a deeper understanding of the leader's role. Therefore, we have adopted instructional programs which attack the problem of sound leadership rather than rely exclusively upon atmosphere and example to develop the leadership qualities of our cadets. This article is written to inform the graduates of this augmentation, the formal instruction in leadership, that has been developed within the Office of Military Psychology and Leadership since its inception in 1946.

Relative to these instructional pro-

grams in leadership, the cadet receives a course in military instructor training during Third Class year, a course in psychology during Second Class year and a course in leadership in the last year. The initial instruction prepares the leader in his role as a trainer of men. In psychology that follows he not only derives an understanding of himself from a behavioral viewpoint but, more importantly, an understanding of the men that he will command. The final course, Military Leadership, provides the cadet with a concept of leadership applicable to all levels of command and an understanding of the fundamentals of effective management of resources, both personnel and materiel, in the accomplishment of assigned tasks.

Military instructor training begins with a short series of lectures to present the fundamentals for the conduct of effective instruction. However, the course is largely devoted to cadet performance. He is required to give extemporaneous 5 minute talks and pre-



Instructor discusses elementary psychology. Modern leadership training includes the use of many factors and techniques.



Military Instructor Training. The techniques of teaching, pioneered by the Army, must be mastered before the cadet "goes for the record."

pared 15 minute talks, and to conduct 30 minute lessons in various basic military subjects. In addition, all presentations are followed by cadet and instructor critiques. The presentations involve certain interesting requirements in that the cadet personally arranges all the details of his instruction; namely, he must procure the necessary training aids and equipment, the public address system, seating stands if required for an outdoor presentation, and arrange for transportation for his section audience. In addition, he is responsible for briefing and rehearsing any assistant instructors. These procedures develop confidence in the cadet to speak before an audience and a full understanding of the detailed planning and preparation necessary to conduct well-organized and effective military instruction. As worthwhile by-products, the cadet learns to evaluate himself and others in an instructional capacity and he also begins to have a

more realistic appreciation of the great time and effort that must be expended throughout the Academy and elsewhere to provide him with the high quality instruction and training to which he, himself, is exposed. Not only is this course of long range value to fulfill the responsibilities of the commissioned officer in a training capacity, but it has immediate value. The adoption of the new summer training program, involving the First and Second Classes on duty with Army divisions as assistant platoon leaders, has dictated that the cadet possess a greater ability to instruct than heretofore. Moreover, the training responsibilities of First and Second Classmen in New Cadet Barracks and Camp Buckner further require proficiency in an instructional capacity.

The Second Class course in psychology is essentially a coverage of general psychology as taught in a civilian university. In furnishing the cadet with a

behavioral understanding of man, emphasis is placed on motivation, perception, personality, individual differences, and group or social relationships. There is one approach in the course which makes it somewhat unique and consequently a contrast with the normal college instruction in psychology. To augment the college text, an instructional text has been prepared locally which identifies and expands the military leadership implications of the various subject areas of psychology. Some might consider that the student could profit more by independently arriving at this transfer from theoretical psychology to leadership. However, in considering the instructional hours available and the tremendous pressure on the cadet for his study time, this direct discussion of the leadership implications of psychology is considered a more practical approach. Chance that the cadet will fail to understand the value of, and relation-

ship between, general psychology and leadership is largely eliminated.

It is fully recognized that one does not have to possess a formal knowledge of psychology to be a successful leader. We ascribe to the often-heard assertion that, "one does not need to know psychology to be a leader—all he needs to know is what makes a man tick." However, it must also be conceded that the most sophisticated and scientific basis for finding out just what does make a man "tick" is psychology. While leaders can resort to observation and experience rather than formal study to gain insight into man's behavior patterns, it is believed that the road to success in dealing effectively with others is being made considerably smoother for future graduates.

The formal instruction in leadership is completed in First Class year. In this last course, Leadership in the Service, a concerted effort is made from the start to impress upon the student that successful leadership is dependent upon considerably more than possessing a few cardinal virtues or traits and being armed with a handful of well-known clichés as "Know Your Men" and "Seek Self Improvement." Rather, it is emphasized that leadership is a relatively complex social interaction involving the leader, the followers and the situation. Giving full recognition to the fact that there are a great number of fundamental traits without which no one can expect to succeed as a military leader, the importance of considering leadership from the viewpoint of the followers is also pointed out. First, the greatness of a leader is not dependent alone on what he is or does. Second, it is as evident as it is important to recognize that the greatness that a leader achieves is most often the product or result of his followers' efforts. In other words, it is the followers who ultimately determine who leads.

To start the course, a concept of leadership is presented. This concept encompasses the broad appreciation of leading as a dynamic interaction of the leader, followers, and situation. Regarding the leader, it is brought out in this concept that the West Point moral and educational training is intended to inculcate the cadet with those cardinal virtues and attributes which are the basic requisites for effective leadership. As to the followers, it is pointed out that the gradually changing culture, customs, values, and goals of the population must be recognized, and methods adjusted accordingly if maximum effectiveness is to be achieved by any American leader.

To provide a greater appreciation of the complexity of leading, it is also illustrated that there exists in any leadership situation both a significant interaction between the leader and the followers and between the followers themselves. Relative to the situation, it is emphasized that methods and procedures should vary from one military requirement to another. Such factors as types of missions, levels of command, complexity of tasks, states of training, disposition of forces and others are cited as illustrations. The concept also serves to place into perspective for the cadet the sub-courses which follow, the first of which is Military Management.

In this first phase, by a successive discussion of the basic functions of Management (planning, organizing, directing, controlling and coordinating), the cadet is taught the ways and means to maximize the utilization of available resources, manpower as well as material. Presuming he intelligently applies these functions, the leader will influence the situation to effect a smooth operating unit. The planning will be characterized by foresight, the organizing will be such as to establish clear and efficient command and staff relationships, the directing will provide readily understandable and precise objectives, the controlling will be discerned for its promptness and discreteness and the coordinating will achieve the necessary welding or integrating effect. Broadly then, it is taught that through the application of managerial functions the leader exercises a major influence on the situation. To the degree that he can favorably influence various situations, the leader will maximize the productivity of his command.

From the group or organization-oriented management, attention is then directed to the individual in the Personnel Management sub-course. While in the actual leading of troops, there is a continuing, active inter-relation between the leader, followers, and situation, this sub-course is essentially follower-oriented. It represents the crux of what is commonly called the human relations aspect of leadership. Coupled with the basic principles which provide a conceptual approach to maximize the productivity of the individual, is a coverage of many of the Army methods and procedures employed to implement these basic principles. Not only from the standpoint of the soldier but the civilian as well, the cadet is given an understanding of the commander's role as a

personnel manager beginning at the company level.

To avoid student misunderstanding, it is clearly brought out that good human relations are not so unduly follower-oriented as to jeopardize organizational proficiency or mission accomplishment. The course stresses that any personnel policy, method or procedure should be carefully weighed from the standpoint of the value to the individual, to the unit to which the individual is assigned, and to the Army as a whole. Moreover, sound human relations are merely a means to an end and not an end in itself. These means are only methods of achieving objectives and should be integrated in such a manner as to insure that the highest standards are fully preserved. This aspect of the sub-course represents somewhat of a relearning process since human relations or personnel management is frequently misinterpreted to connote happy and contented workers as their sole purpose. The reasoning then follows that unit performance and standards are sacrificed as a consequence. Great efforts are made to eliminate any such misconceptions. It is emphasized that within the framework of sound personnel management the commander retains the flexibility, and is obliged to eliminate misfits, promote the most able, impose necessary punishment, and make practical decisions which are in the best interests of his unit. Mission accomplishment remains paramount and it is carefully demonstrated that sound human relations fosters the cooperative efforts of each individual to attain the objectives and achieve the highest standards.

The third and final phase of the course, Principles and Techniques of Leadership, has as its objective the synthesis and integration of management and personnel management into a philosophy of military leadership. Using the leadership principles set forth in official Department of Army publications, it is, in some respects, a repetition of the functions, principles and techniques of the preceding sub-courses yet from different and broader frames of reference. Successfully used in this phase are role playing and group discussion techniques. In the former, typical leadership problems at the company level are role-played by the cadets with the cadet to be graded acting in the key role, normally that of the commander. Role-playing is admittedly not equal to actual experience, however, it is taken seriously by the cadets and there prevails a surprisingly high degree of realism.

The critiques that follow fully explore the good and bad points of the solution. The cadet-led group discussions serve several useful purposes over and above enhancing the cadet understanding of leadership. First, the cadet gains experience in controlling a group so that the discussion proceeds along productive channels and does not become bogged down in irrelevant side issues. Second, the discussion is conducted according to basic rules of logic to include defining the problem, identifying pertinent factors bearing on the problem, etc. Not only are typical leadership problems fully explored but the cadet discussion leader thereby develops his techniques in conducting a conference. With this final phase the cadet should have the necessary foundation to establish his own philosophy of leadership for the military service. This philosophy should recognize the predominance of mission accomplishment and the responsibilities of a commander to his unit and to the individuals who comprise the unit.

All three phases of the leadership instruction are supported by guest speakers considered to be prominent in the fields of leadership. Moreover, there is the keynote throughout that the superficial application of techniques and principles do not make a leader. Any superficial application of leadership principles or techniques merely employed to manipulate others, the cadet is warned, will generally bring utter failure. A true leader's symbol must be dedication both to the service and to the people with whom he serves, be they seniors, subordinates, or contemporaries.

From the foregoing, it becomes apparent that the formal leadership instruction fills a very important gap in the cadet's education. Recognizing that all of the training and education received at West Point contribute toward his development as an individual—a technical or professional competence, a sound sense of values, and the moral standards and virtues normally associated with the ideal leader—the leader-

ship courses are designed to augment these significantly by introducing the cadet to the broad social implications of the leader's role. They serve to make the cadet recognize leadership as something more than the personality of the leader himself. By stressing leadership as a dynamic relationship, there will be a greater tendency to integrate sound human relations with high standards and mission accomplishment. An absence of rigidity and greater human insight will characterize the leadership methods that he employs. Likewise, the leader's intellectual and moral attributes will be utilized to far greater advantage when greater harmony is achieved in his relations with others. Rather than starting a service career with a mere trial and error approach, the young officer reports to his first assignment more confident in his knowledge of dealing with people skillfully and meeting the challenge of making maximum use of the personnel and material placed at his disposal as a commander.



Live situation-solving problems are presented, acted, and critiqued. Principles pertinent to the situation are emphasized by seeing, hearing, and doing.

College Education in the United Kingdom

By COLONEL GEORGE R. STEPHENS

Colonel Stephens became head of the Department of English in 1945, succeeding Colonel Clayton E. Wheat. He is a member of the Association of University Professors, The Modern Language Association, The Mediaeval Academy of America, and The Modern Humanities Research Association. He has worked on committees for The National Council of the Teachers of English.

Educational practices at the college level are so radically different in England from those obtaining in America that it has occurred to me that a brief description of the former might be of some interest to the members of the West Point family, if only to serve as a basis for casual comparison. Before attempting any analysis of the British system, however, I should perhaps remind the reader that there is no attempt made in England to give formal education at the college level to the masses. Only a very few students, those unusually gifted mentally and the unusually fortunate economically, are acceptable at the better-known colleges and universities. Proportionally there are only about one-tenth the number of these institutions that we have; and, whereas we have nearly three percent of our 171 millions attending our colleges and universities, Great Britain can boast of less than one percent of her 50 millions (I speak of the home islands only) in similar institutions.

The time scheme in British colleges and universities might well be the first difference noted by American visitors in making comparisons. The British seem to us to be curiously careless about time in their educational planning. Their undergraduate course is normally three years in length instead of four. Instead of the two-semester plan, utilizing approximately thirty-four weeks, or the quarterly system, utilizing approximately thirty-six weeks (assuming that a student attends three of each four quarters), the British traditionally have three terms of about eight weeks, giving a total perhaps of twenty-five or twenty-six weeks. The three terms are called the Michaelmas Term, beginning about October 10; the Lent Term, beginning about January 16; and the Easter Term, beginning about April 17. The vacation periods are, obviously, much longer than ours, the two shorter holidays varying from four to six weeks and the long holiday averaging about sixteen weeks. Moreover, credits in a British college or university are seldom based upon hours per term as they normally are over here. One might judge from these statements that

the British students have an easy time of it. Some further aspects of their system should be considered, however, before we compare the advantages and disadvantages inherent in the British system of higher education.

The fact most shocking to visitors from America is the lack of any recitations in the British colleges and universities. A new student, in reality already a specialist as compared with our college freshman, usually has his field selected when he arrives at his college. He proceeds to take a limited number of courses in that field. He is enrolled in the college for which he took examinations, and he is assigned to a counsellor: a professor, a don, or a tutor, who is more or less responsible for him and who guides his reading, assigns his papers, and works with him in his investigations. The student meets once or twice a week, at the tutor's convenience, in the tutor's rooms in college or in his rooms in town. On these occasions he discusses his readings, reads his papers (often the tutor has present one or two experts in the field under consideration to criticize the paper), and receives suggestions and assignments for further work. Meanwhile, the student is in no way restricted to his own college. He often works with experts in his field who are attached to other colleges. Furthermore, whenever a lecture on his subject is advertised in another college or as a University lecture, he may be advised to attend that lecture or he may attend voluntarily. Many students, wishing to hear lectures on subjects other than their own, have to be reminded by their advisors not to use too much time on a great variety of lectures or on too many lectures. In the light of our stress on distribution rather than on early concentration of effort, this seems strange to us.

The universities have splendid laboratories for the scientists, but these belong to the university rather than to any one college. Thus a lecture in biology might well be given in the university building devoted to biology, it might be given by a professor famous in the field and a member of one of

the university's colleges or by a visitor from another university, and it might be attended by fifty students: men from the many different men's colleges and women from one of the few women's colleges. In this way kindred spirits from different groups become acquainted and the undergraduates are exposed to the best thinking in their chosen fields.

Since a British student has usually selected his specialty while he was in secondary school (because he has had to decide upon what examinations he will take under the University Examination Syndicate and because he may very likely be trying for a scholarship in his field of study), he will usually continue to specialize throughout his undergraduate days. He may also try for honors in his field. He does not have to take examinations, however, until he feels that he is ready. In most colleges the examinations are reserved for the students who will graduate or, as the British say, "for those who are intending". But, in many colleges, only one chance to take the examinations is allowed. Consequently, the colleges and universities are serious, if not gloomy, places during May, when the students give evidence of unusual study and worry, because careers are at stake.

Once a student has taken a bachelor's degree, he is eligible for a master's degree from his college after two to four years, without further work on his part. He will have to pay the modest sum of five pounds (about \$14.00), however, if he wishes to take this degree. Although this seems to us to be a strange way to earn an advanced degree, we should realize that the standards for students of the United Kingdom are extremely high, both for their entrance to a college and for graduation. Graduation Day, incidentally, is often called (no pun being intended) "passing out day".

If a student decides to take a doctor's degree, he has to spend another period in hard work, usually a period of from three to five years. During this time he must make a real contribution to the knowledge of his particular field of study, if he is to win his degree. For this study the student usually holds a fellowship which enables him to spend his full time on his research.

By and large the British colleges and universities have been doing remark-

able work and have been constantly improving. But the British themselves are quick to admit that this general statement does not mean that there are no weaknesses. As I have already hinted, the candidates for entrance are a selected few who come to the institution extremely well prepared and highly motivated. They are generally well aware of what they want to do at the university, and they go to work diligently to accomplish their plans.

To the outsider the British students seem to be more interested in general knowledge and culture than the average American student. At least they read more books than their American counterparts. They are not restricted to the library of their own college. They have access to the libraries of other colleges and to the university library as well. And they buy a great number of books, for they have usually started to build a library of their own. A great deal of good work is evident, for the majority of these young people are serious students. There is much less in the way of extra-curricular activities than one finds on the American campus.

The chief criticism now made of the British system is a condemnation of their unusually early testing. According to the British people the so-called eleven-plus system is unfair to many students, especially to the kind we call "late-bloomers". Under the eleven-plus plan, at the middle of the twelfth school year a student's fate is determined. Only those students who can pass the eleven-plus examinations may have the higher schooling; others may go into the trades schools or become apprentices in a trade.

Other weaknesses in the British system are discernible also. Sir Richard Livingstone, Vice-Chancellor of Oxford University, thinks that American educational leaders are in advance of the British in educational reforms. One important area for reforms, he feels, is the broadening of the fields of study. He praises the greater distribution we have in the United States; on the other hand he feels that concentration or specialization is too restrictive a force in England and that it begins too early. In many colleges in America, at least since the publication of the *Harvard Report on General Education in a Free Society*, steps have been taken to insure a wider background of knowledge, some study in the humanities, in the social sciences, and in either the physical or biological sciences being required for a degree.

Sir Richard also holds that the colleges and universities today have too little influence upon politics, adminis-

tration, the professions, industry, and commerce. Moreover, like a good critic, he has a suggestion to make as to the remedy needed in the curricula. Half-way measures will not suffice. The so-called all round education, the giving of something of the scientific discipline to the humanists and something of the humanistic discipline to the scientists will not answer. Sir Richard suggests that much more is needed, a philosophy of life. This implies that a student should be exposed to a course in religion or philosophy or both, so that he will understand something of the values and standards by which eventually all individuals and all nations are judged. Because of the nature of their system many British students miss this kind of instruction, although in the better universities a student may have had these subjects before entering. Most of them will not get such instruction while at the university. Therefore, Sir Richard thinks that the American student may be better educated for life than the British student. Perhaps Sir Richard is too generous in his statements. Perhaps our own system leaves something to be desired in this matter.

In the ideal educational structure, the teacher plays as important a part as the student and the courses. As I have touched upon the last two, now a word about the teachers. To most outsiders it would seem that teachers in the British colleges and universities hold sinecures. Many do hold fellowships or professorships which provide suitable incomes without entailing too much contact with the undergraduates. Younger men, lecturers or tutors, however, often do a great deal of time-consuming work with the undergraduates. The professors and dons have more freedom. They can control their own time, usually meeting their students once or twice a week in the afternoon or evening at their rooms in college or their rooms in town. They will seldom meet students in their homes for other than social purposes. The dons and professors, however, do a great deal of productive work in their special fields of interest; and it is work of this kind which gives the institutions their reputation.

Life moves at a slower pace in British college towns than life in American ones. The longer vacations are conducive to original work on the part of faculty members, and allow a great deal of travel to the continent for rest or study.

At home, even during a term, there are few extra duties for the teachers, for committee work is kept to an absolute minimum. Furthermore, there is

less mixing of the kinds of work for the faculty member. Should a professor be given preferment, be given a position as an administrator, or be elected to head a college, he would generally curtail his lecturing and turn his students over to another advisor or tutor.

In England, social life takes very little toll of a faculty member's time. There are, of course, occasional concerts, dramas, and university lectures; but attendance at such functions is purely voluntary. There will be occasional garden parties and group teas. There are also the famous dinners at high table, perhaps half a dozen times a year; but these affairs are usually regarded as privileges. The American type of cocktail party is seldom popular; its place is taken by so-called coffees at eight-thirty in the evening. At these gatherings coffee, sherry, brandy, and sometimes spirits are served to rather select groups. The idea is to have a few scholars and a few friends meet for conversation on a high cultural level. The conversation after a dinner at high table is much the same, except that no ladies are present at dinners in men's colleges. In any case the emphasis on culture is noteworthy in all faculty gatherings.

Sport plays a part, although a secondary one, in the British gentleman's life, whether he is undergraduate, fellow, or professor. Each college has its own playing fields in addition to the university fields. Boat-racing, running, fishing, bowling, tennis, golf, and football interest some individuals; but by our standards, sports are for exercise and fun, and are seldom taken seriously. On the other hand, other extra-curricular activities are taken very seriously. Many colleges have their own debating teams and their own dramatic clubs. The best speakers and actors are selected to represent the University throughout England or even abroad, and the competition for places with the University Speakers or University Players is very keen. Some of these speakers have gone on to fame in government, and some of the actors in the drama festivals have later gone to the London stage. Music and painting also are popular pastimes. Each college has its own chapel, and many colleges have their own choral groups. These activities are by no means restricted to undergraduates. Members of a British institution whether undergraduates, fellows, or dons, are encouraged in every way to live full and enjoyable lives, the kind of lives they will continue to live after they have left the institution to undertake the wider duties of the kingdom.

KMA BUILDS TRADITIONS FOR FUTURE

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The United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, is noted for its time-honored military traditions.

The Korean Military Academy has had insufficient time to develop similar traditions in its short existence as a four-year institution but solid foundations for such traditions are being laid.

Traditions of loyalty, service, and devotion to country; leadership, scholarship, and school spirit; courage, competition and pride are growing daily. These are the traditions which will instill in every Cadet the Academy's motto, "Wisdom, Benevolence, and Courage"

Aiding in this development are two West Point graduates, Lieutenant Colonel Clarence E. Cushurst, class of '40, and Captain William W. Whitson, class of '48. Both are members of KMAC, the U.S. Army Advisory Group, Korea, which provides highly skilled officers and enlisted men to aid and advise the Academy's operation. Colonel Cushurst serves as KMAC Senior Advisor while Captain Whitson is the Advisor to the Dean.

This month approximately 4,500 young Korean men took examinations to qualify for entrance into the Academy. Only 250 were accepted, a ratio far less than at any U.S. service academy. Each applicant must be a Korean citizen of good character, a high school graduate between 17 and 21 years old, and unmarried. The selection is non-political and is based solely on physical and mental examinations.

Our tradition of courage in battle and devotion to country is well established. When each new student arrives at the Academy he observes memorials to his country's noble heritage of military heroism. In a new memorial museum he can see relics and mementos of ancient Korean warriors and national heroes as well as weapons and other items from the recent Korean Conflict. Gracing the museum lobby is a huge canvas mural by Moon Hak Jin, Seoul National University Professor of Art. This painting depicts knights of the Lee Dynasty (17th Century) in a battle charge on the plains of Wharang Dae where the Academy now stands. Rising above the scene are three lube knights representing the Academy motto.

The museum also contains showcases of weapons and displays from the Korean Conflict. One interesting collection consists of the clothing worn by General Kim Back Ill, who was killed in action in May, 1951.

Many memorials dot the campus. Noteworthy is the "Tong Sun Dae" statue, a figure of a bull on a pedestal, which represents an Academy ideal—strength, perseverance, and indomitable will.

However, the cadets have only to look back a few short years for inspiration. The Academy, less than a year old when the Korean Conflict broke out in 1950, was overrun and ravaged. Many cadets sacrificed their lives in a valiant attempt to save their alma mater. Their spirit lives on today.

Two national heroes, Kim Yu Shin and Eul Jin Mundak, were among the Wharang Dae knights in the Lee Dynasty who fought for Korean unity. The desire for reunification remains as strong now as it was then. "I applied for entrance into KMA to aid in the reunification of my country," says fourth year cadet Chul Ha Kim. "Because Korea is divided and cannot stand as two separate nations, the most important need is to unite both halves. I want to be a member of the forces which will unify the motherland."

To prepare for this accomplishment, the cadets undergo intensive and exhaustive training in many fields. The curriculum is divided into three major fields: military training, natural science, and social sciences. The cadets study a wide range of subjects including automobile mechanics, chemistry, physics, electronics, dynamics, military subjects, and four years of English. They are tested daily, and the results are posted to spur them to greater perfection and to encourage a spirit of competition.

Pervading the academic scene is the Academy honor system. An honor committee, composed of eight fourth-year cadets and six from the underclasses, maintain the proper functioning of the system.

"The most important thing I have learned in my four years here is the honor system at KMA," says Chul Ha Kim, a Cadet Company Commander.

"The Academy is guided by the honor system, and I intend to keep up the ideals of honor so that in my future life I may make the right judgements"

To develop further the high standards of scholarship, cadets have the services of the new Eighth Army Memorial Library. The library, dedicated to the men of the Eighth U.S. Army who fell in battle, contains over 23,000 volumes in seven languages. The accent is on engineering and science to supplement the Academy's curriculum. The books have come from the Military Development program, the U.S. and Korean Information Services, Korean book publishers and from CINCPAC General I. D. White, who initiated the library idea.

On the athletic fields the cadets gain confidence in themselves and develop their sense of spirited competition. Seven athletic fields and a gymnasium enable them to participate in soccer, rugby, basketball, baseball, gymnastics, and "Tang Soo Hoh", the art of hand fighting. The cadets also have invented a game of their own called "Tu-Gu", a wild combination of soccer, rugby, and handball. Each of the eight cadet companies vie amongst themselves to earn a ribbon for their company flag.

A weekly tradition is the Saturday parade, held on the largest sodded parade field in Korea. Each company strives for the honor of being selected to perform the weekly retreat ceremony. The companies, which have animal nicknames such as Tiger, Lion, and Leopard, are led by cadet captains chosen for their leadership aptitude.

A highlight of the year is Cadet's Day, a day during which the lower-classmen may mimic the senior cadets. This is similar to "100th Night" at the U.S. Military Academy.

After receiving their Bachelor of Science degrees at graduation, the new second lieutenants pass through a large replica of their class ring, which symbolizes the unity of the cadets and binds all classes to one noble cause.

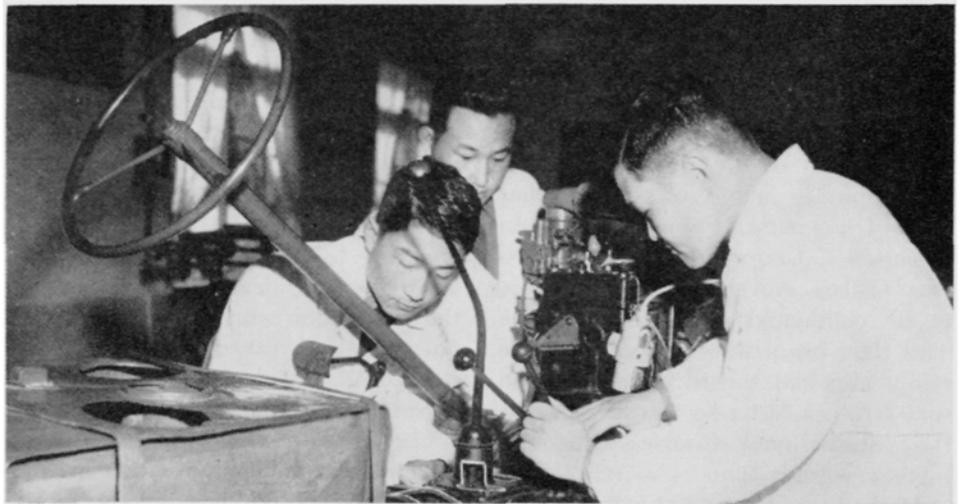
As leaders of their country's future, the cadets of the Korean Military Academy have done well to establish the foundations of lasting traditions.



One of the eight companies at the Korean Military Academy passes in review. The companies vie amongst themselves to be chosen best at the traditional Saturday parade on the Academy's main parade grounds. The winner is selected as honor company and performs the retreat ceremony for that week.



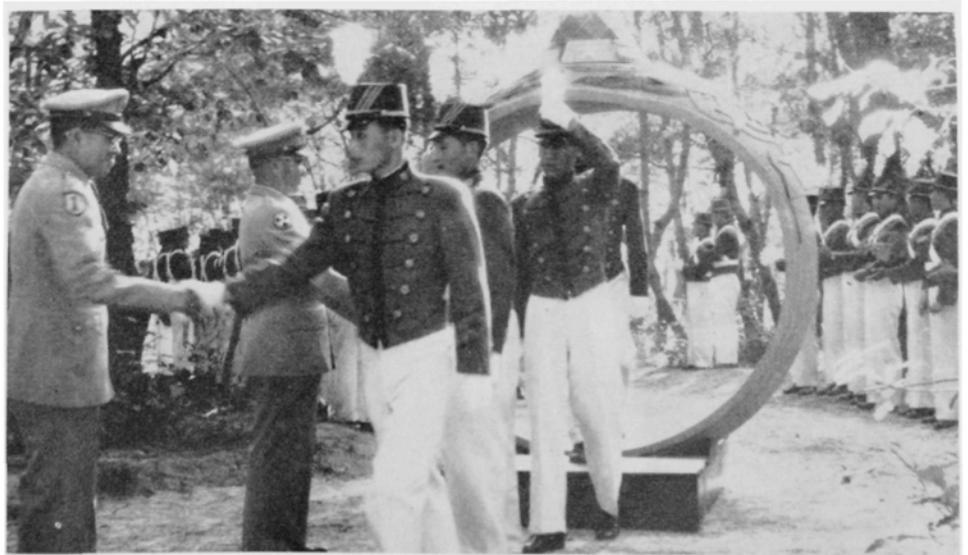
Captain William W. Whitson, US Army Advisory Group, Korea (KMAG), suggests curriculum changes to Colonel Pak Won Kun, Korean Military Academy Dean. The Academy maintains high standards of scholarship and uses a new 23,000-volume library to aid in this endeavor.



Cadets (left to right) Chung Geon, Cha Nam Uk, and Koo Bun Jung lean over to get a closer look at an automobile transmission in auto dynamics class at the Korean Military Academy. The Cadets are instructed in three major areas: military training, natural sciences, and social sciences at the Academy.



Korean Military Academy Cadets study in the quiet surroundings of the Academy's new Eighth Army Memorial Library. The 23,000-volume library contains literary and technical works in seven languages with a heavy accent on engineering and science.



Passing through a large replica of their class ring, the new June graduates of the Korean Military Academy receive congratulations. The large ring represents the binding of each graduate to the Academy and to one another.

A DUTCH SABBATICAL

By COLONEL ELVIN R. HEIBERG, Professor of Mechanics

The Goddess of Opportunity is an elusive creature who presents herself on rare occasions. One morning a couple of years ago on one of her whims, she caused a printed prospectus for an engineering course to come to my attention. This was a routine event, for dozens of similar announcements cross my desk during the year, and I usually scan these advertisements briefly before routing them to other members of the Mechanics faculty who might be interested. But this notice, for some reason, arrested my attention and I read it over twice. Then I put it to one side with other papers at which I wanted to take another look.

The prospectus announced the establishment of "The First International Course in Hydraulic Engineering," to be conducted at Delft Technological University in The Netherlands, under the auspices of an organization with the imposing name of *The Netherlands Universities Foundation for International Cooperation*. The course was to last eleven months, and was to be conducted entirely in *English*. This final bit of information, I believe, really clinched the idea in my mind, so I wrote a letter to the Registrar of the International Course, requesting further information.

At the same time I approached General Stamps, who was then Dean of

the Academic Board, and expressed my interest in the course. I mentioned the fact that I was completing my eighth year as a professor and, in a civilian institution, would be eligible for a sabbatical leave. General Stamps' reaction was enthusiastic, and he "urged" me to make a formal application to the Superintendent who was at that time giving serious consideration to the institution of sabbatical leaves for the permanent professors. Well, the rest was relatively easy, and in due course I was accepted by the Netherlands faculty, and received my orders from the Department of the Army. The latter directed me to proceed to The Hague on a "permanent change of station," and authorized the concurrent travel of my dependents.

Before I knew it, my wife, daughter, and I were on the steamship "United States" bound for Europe on an adventure that was to prove to be rewarding in all its aspects. Of course, we were to encounter inconveniences, and I was to learn how relentlessly the Hollander worked; but it turned out to be a year of opportunity for study and travel which I will never regret having undertaken.

Getting established in The Netherlands was a painless operation because my Dutch hosts had already picked out a "luxury flat" for me in Scheven-

ingen (don't try to say it—I can't pronounce it properly even after a year). This is the popular suburb of The Hague directly on the North Sea. The flat was furnished to a degree that permitted us to operate and to exist in relative comfort, but we missed the conveniences of American utilities and the warmth of adequate heating. However, I discovered the joys of long underwear, a sweater, and heavy wool socks, and gradually managed to become acclimated to the European standards of room temperature.

When I registered for the course I found myself to be the only American among 44 participants who included: professors from Alexandria University in Egypt, Teheran University in Iran, the Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa, and the Ontario Agricultural College in Canada. There were practicing engineers from India, Belgium, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, Pakistan, Burma, and Mexico; a member of the Harbor Board of Auckland, New Zealand; a dredging man from Helsinki, Finland; and public works engineers from Taiwan and Argentina. All in all, there were 21 countries represented by individuals with 12 different native tongues, not counting the ponderous Dutch language of the faculty. The English that was spoken by the latter varied from excellent to a bare sufficiency; and the English that was understood by some of my fellow participants was in some cases, not even barely adequate. One of them complained to me, "I learned my English from Britishers; it is almost impossible for me to understand it as spoken by Dutchmen." To help this man and others in the same predicament, those of us whose native tongue was English (3 Britishers, a Canadian, a New Zealander, and myself) volunteered to prepare lecture notes for those courses in which written résumés were not provided by the lecturer. This proved to be a rather burdensome undertaking, but as the year progressed and our foreign friends became more and more attuned to the many ways in which English was spoken, the demand for this assistance gradually diminished and finally disappeared entirely.

We immediately found out that the Dutch work week consisted of 6 days, including occasional Saturday after-



The First International Course in Hydraulic Engineering at Delft University, The Netherlands. The participants came from 21 different countries but included only one American.

noons. We also discovered that our Sundays were not always free, as the faculty considered this to be a good day for trips to the many engineering works which we visited in Holland and neighboring countries. Long excursions *invariably* started on Sunday. Of course, I particularly enjoyed these visits, some of which were prescribed, while others were voluntary. As a matter of fact, I was the only participant who made every one of the 23 excursions which were scheduled throughout the year.

The course offered a total of 30 subjects, grouped into the three fields of Tidal and Coastal Engineering, Reclamation, and Rivers and Navigation Works. I signed up for tidal and coastal studies because I was anxious to pursue the subject by Professor Thijsse who is not only the greatest Dutch authority in hydraulic engineering, but has also attained considerable international renown. His lectures were always interesting and profound, but I think the class was most impressed by his uncanny ability to perform complex mathematical computations in his head. He rarely had to use a slide rule because he remembered logarithms and trigonometric functions of all key numbers. To top it off, he had an engaging personality that kept his listeners attentive even during involved deductions and calculations.

I finally decided to audit as many courses in the other two fields as time allowed, and ended up by taking 20 courses for credit, and actively participated in 7 other courses. The Dutch method of instruction consisted initially of lectures (one or two hours in length) with student work required in only a few of the courses. After Christmas, however, we were divided into groups for the performance of projects in the field of our electives. I worked on calculations of tidal effects on the Rotterdam waterway. This proved to be interesting, because we had opportunities to check our results with the prototype only 20 miles away and also were later given a chance to observe the huge open air model of the channel at the large scale hydraulic laboratory in the Northeast Polder. The latter site was on reclaimed ground which formerly was at the bottom of the Zuider Zee. There was a smaller indoor model of the Rotterdam waterway in the Hydraulic Laboratory at Delft, but although I saw this facility in operation many times, only a few of the participants actually got to work there.

My group for the Rotterdam studies included an Iranian, an Irishman, two

Indians, and an Israeli (an unusual aliteration of nationalities). It was almost impossible for us to get together for our "group work" due to the fact that we were not following the same subject. In the evenings, our separated domiciles made meetings impractical, so I ended up by doing practically all my work on my own. This had disadvantages, particularly during the long, tedious calculations, where I had no one to check my intermediate work. At one time I was engrossed in the job of solving simultaneously for twelve unknowns, by the use of twelve complex variable equations. The work was repetitive and could have been quickly accomplished by electronic computers, but when such means are not available it is necessary to do the work the hard way.

After cutting my teeth on this exercise, I then launched myself on the task of performing tidal calculations for the proposed Panama Sea Level Canal. I received wonderful assistance in this endeavor from information and literature furnished me by the Office of the Chief of Engineers, the Vicksburg Waterways Experiment Station, and Governor Potter of the Panama Canal. The latter was particularly helpful, sending me volumes of tidal readings, designs, and layouts of the proposed waterway. This work was not finished until the middle of the summer, at which time I had to submit my reports.

Concurrently with the lectures and group work during the winter and spring, we took part in many excursions to hydraulic works, some of which were complete and others which were under construction. We also visited sites of proposed works, still on the drawing boards. Among these was the fabulous Delta plan which will be many times more complicated than the mammoth task already performed by the Dutch in converting the salty, tidal, Zuider Zee into a freshwater lake of constant elevation, now called the IJsselmeer. We saw how storm effects will be reduced, brackish waters made fresh, barren land made productive, and ground below sea-level made safe from floods.

We also saw how the Dutch engineers build super highways, first by digging a canal! This is necessary because practically all soil in the western Netherlands is composed of clay and peat overlaying layers of sand; rock just doesn't exist. In road building the clay must first be removed and, in so doing, a ditch is formed in which ground water is exposed. This water-filled ditch, up to 100 feet wide and several feet deep, is a veritable canal serviced by floating plant rather than

by the bulldozers, scrapers, and shovels we see on our construction sites. Then, after the poor material has been dredged out to the proper depth, the ditch is back-filled with sand and for the first time the construction is recognizable as a highway project. The sand must be allowed to settle for a while as its weight presses down on the supporting material; but sand will blow away under the constant buffeting of the winds from the North Sea. So the contractor covers his new roadbed with a layer of clay, just to hold it in place until settlement is complete. Then back comes the working crew to remove and dispose of the clay and, by modern methods, to lay the macadam, brick or concrete surface of the road. All in all it is a complicated undertaking, but the results are wonderful. I found the modern Dutch highways to be superior to the German Autobahns, or to any other road network I saw in Europe.

Our excursions took us to every corner of the Netherlands. In addition to our observance of engineering work, we had the opportunity to see the people, the cities, and the towns which make up this remarkable little country. We found that habits of dress, customs, and even the spoken language differ from north to south and from east to west. But everywhere we saw farms, handsome cattle, and healthy sheep. We saw the luxuriant green vegetables produced by the relatively moderate climate with its frequent rainfall. We marvelled at the narrow ditches which farmers had to dig to drain their land; the wider ditches into which the excess water was pumped—in many cases still by windmills; the canals into which this water had to be elevated, and eventually, the final lifting of the water to sea level. Here indeed was a land in which the progress of the water always seemed to be uphill.

The most vivid and universal impression of Holland, however, was created by bicycles; *thousands* of them, everywhere, all the time! The learning process starts almost as soon as a child can walk, when he is given a two-wheel scooter with pneumatic tires. Every child from three to seven seems to have one, and he soon learns the sense of balance which is such a noticeable accomplishment among the vast hordes of Dutch bicyclists. Then at about seven and for the rest of their lives, the Dutch children, teenagers, young married persons, professional men, and oldsters ride bicycles. My greatest admiration was for the shop girls who rode to work in the dim, dreary dawn of those short

Dutch winter days, in pouring rain or blinding snow, in fog, and in wind, day after day, with the grim steady pace that they had learned through ceaseless practice. Of course they are rewarded with gorgeous complexions and healthy physiques. But I wonder, even with such rewards, how many modern Americans would subject themselves to such exposure! My greatest dread was of hitting a bicyclist. Driving my Chevrolet (which seemed like a Cadillac among the diminutive European cars) I had the constant fear that someone would ride across my path or come out of a side street too late to be avoided. The Dutch were all excellent bicyclists but they seemed to be unafraid of cars and took crazy chances. There were many, many accidents but we were fortunate enough never to have been involved. I breathed a deep sigh of relief at the moment when I turned the keys of my car over to its new owner after I drove my last mile on the crowded streets of The Hague.

The work during the summer consisted mainly of trips, and practical work. Most of the participants engaged in such projects as channel sounding, current measurement, wave gaging, dredging measurements, laboratory observations, etc. I was granted permission to visit many works in progress rather than to devote my time to one or two specific projects. It was during this period that I visited the harbors of Hamburg, Bremen, and Copenhagen on what turned out to be the most interesting and pleasant official trip of the course. I drove my own car taking with me a Finn, a Mexican, a New Zealander, plus a retired harbormaster from Rotterdam, whose way we paid as our guide and public relations consultant. Because of his presence we received the red carpet treatment wherever we went and, in fact, were for 24 hours the non-paying guests of the Hamburg Harbor Board. I was particularly enthralled with Copenhagen which struck me as being one of the most intriguing cities I have had the privilege to visit.

As the summer drew to a close all the participants worked frantically to complete their reports, which were required for each group project, as well as for the practical work. I pushed a slide rule until it almost burned up, in completing my tidal calculations and then, just before the dead-line, submitted the products of my toil for review and evaluation by the Faculty Committee. Among my three reports, was an account of my summer activities which were numerous and varied. Then, as is customary in Europe, there came

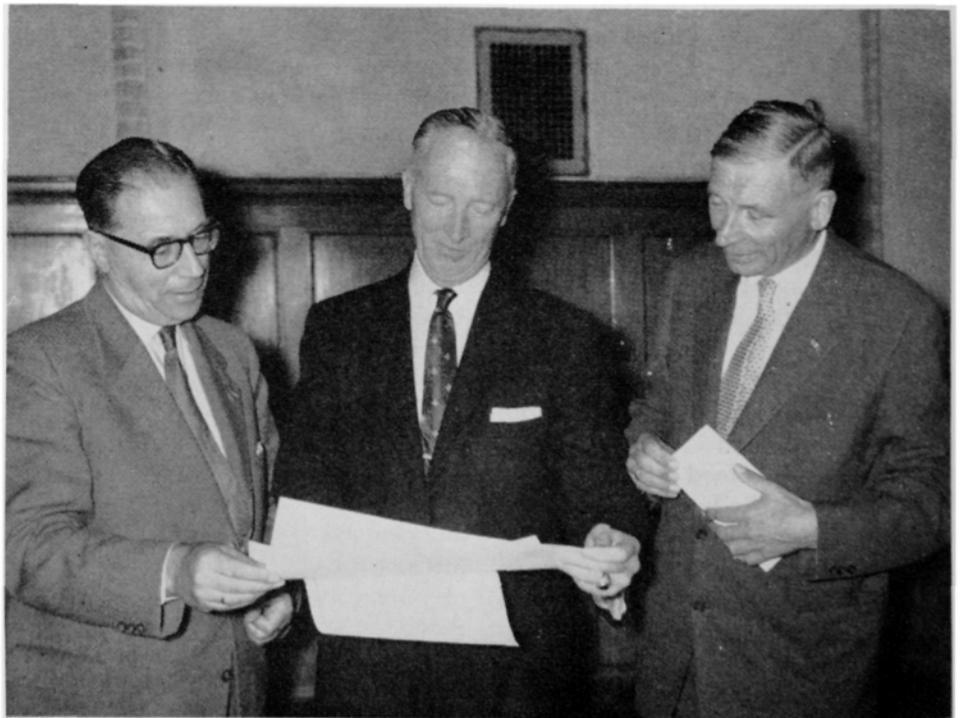
the final examination. I was required to deliver a lecture to the combined faculty and participants, and then proceeded to a small room where I faced Professor Thijssse and two other members of the faculty. The oral examination was less rigorous than I had expected; in fact it ended up in a general discussion of tidal calculations with Professor Thijssse doing most of the talking. In this regard it was similar to graduate work in this country.

It was difficult to realize that the eleven months of work had passed so swiftly. It was not until after the examination that I had the chance to draw a deep breath of relaxation, and to look back over the year and ponder just what it had meant to me. I realized I had learned a lot about hydraulic engineering, and had materially sharpened up my mathematics during the process. I had observed teaching techniques vastly different from those I had experienced at West Point, at Cornell, or at the various service schools which I had attended. I had visited many new places, and seen rather intimately, parts of seven different foreign countries. But most important of all, I had lived and worked with people of many nationalities. I had talked with them, discussed their customs, educational methods, and national products. They had told me what they thought of the world situation, and of the United States. It was in this area of human relations that I achieved the most lasting benefits of my year away from home. The class honored me by electing me to its chairmanship and in this capacity I was

continuously called upon to speak before officials, engineers, and gatherings of various types. At our farewell dinner I was told by the toastmaster, that by actual count, this was to be my 31st address in behalf of the Class in Hydraulic Engineering, so it was a course in public speaking too!

Graduation ceremonies were held in an ancient chapel just off the Delft town square. There, after we had received our diplomas, I was called upon to give my 32d and final address. It was with genuine sadness that I said goodbye to the members of the faculty and of the class with whom I had been so closely associated for eleven full months. My wife, daughter, and I were taken immediately to the station in an embassy car. Just before the Paris Express rolled in, three members of the class showed up to bid us Godspeed on our journey home. One was from Pakistan—a brilliant man from the Central Engineering Authority in Karachi; one was from the Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa; and one was from the Auckland Harbor Board in New Zealand. The first two, in a typical middle-eastern gesture, brought bouquets of roses, which my wife proudly carried all the way to Paris.

The voyage home on the steamship "United States" was all too brief in spite of a rough encounter with Hurricane Helene. But it was a fitting climax to a tremendous adventure which had started some twenty months previously, when the Goddess of Opportunity had presented herself in the form of a printed prospectus.



The author receives his diploma. He is flanked by Dr. O. Bottema (wearing glasses), Rector Magnificus of Delft University, and by Professor J. Th. Thijssse, Chairman of the Faculty Committee.

GRADUATES IN ENGINEERING

A hard way to make a living, but it is interesting and challenging

By COLONEL DAVID W. GRIFFITHS

Assembly recently started a series of articles on activities of graduates after retirement from the Army. The following article was written as a letter to a classmate but it is so current as to be news. While Colonel Griffith's job could not be called typical of graduates, it is one type of activity.

From December 1956 to November 1958 I was Resident Engineer for the Development Board of the Government of Iraq at the Derbendi Khan Project where a large irrigation and hydro-electric power dam is being built on the Diyala River. This river rises in the Zagros Mountains in northwestern Iran and runs south into Iraq, joining the Tigris River a few miles below Baghdad. The dam is located about one hundred seventy-five miles northeast of Baghdad in a deep gorge where the river breaks out of the mountains toward the Mesopotamian plain. The dam is a rockfill structure, with a vertical compacted clay core, 540 meters long on the crest, 500 meters wide at the base from toe to toe, and rising 135 meters from the river bed to the crest. A concrete chute spillway passes floodwater, and two tunnels provide for diversion during construction and will later conduct water to the power plant at the downstream toe of the dam. The most important immediate benefit provided by the 120 square kilometer reservoir will be an improvement of irrigation and to some extent a restoration of irrigation in areas that have been out of cultivation for many years. So much for statistics.

Except for occasional visits in a modern hotel in Baghdad, I lived in quarters on the job provided by the government. Air conditioning somewhat relieved the discomfort of prolonged one hundred twenty degree summer temperatures. The construction camps of the engineers and contractors resembled in many ways an old time army post in the American Southwest. The rugged, rocky, barren landscape and the flat-roofed and mud-walled Kurdish villages look very much like parts of New Mexico or the Mexican border. The rain that falls in a relatively mild winter produces crops of barley and wheat and a beautiful crop of spring wild flowers that temporarily transform the landscape. A part of the Kurdish tribesmen still abandon their winter camps or villages and take their flocks and herds into the high mountains along the Persian border during the long summer drought.

These tribesmen are a vigorous independent lot who are just coming out of the feudal age. They welcome the chance to earn cash on a construction job where they cling to their baggy trousers, sashes, and turbans that are not exactly what is recommended by the safety engineer. Double translation, from English through Arabic to Kurdish, complicates communication with those who cannot speak the Arabic of the majority of the population.

The staff of engineers and contractors included twenty-six nationalities, Iraqis, of course, being the most numerous and Americans second. The Iraqis included graduates of an American engineering college, and others with the greatest variety of abilities and experience. We worked closely and harmoniously with the Iraqi officials in the central offices in Baghdad and in the provincial offices in the nearby towns of Sulaimaniya and Halabja. Both these towns and the Derbendi Khan Dam Site are shown on recent National Geographic Society Maps of the Middle East and of the Bible Lands.

Modern motor roads are under construction between the principal centers, but the donkey, packmule and saddle horse are indispensable for travel to the more remote villages. We were fortunate in being able to find enough level ground near our camp to construct an airstrip for light planes. Mail and passenger traffic with Baghdad was carried by two four-passenger Cessnas that made one or more daily flights, covering in about one hour a distance that otherwise required seven hours or more, depending on the weather and the state of repair of the roads.

During much of my stay at Derbendi Khan there were some fifty foreign families living at the job. Edith started our youngest daughter Nancy, aged eleven, on the Calvert School system; and, since all the American children were taking similar correspondence work, most of them were together in an organized school. There was also a primary school for the youngest children, with the wife of one of the English engineers as teacher.

There were opportunities for some fishing and for a considerable variety of shooting. The game birds include black partridge or francolin, sand partridge, and a species of quail known as chukor. There are considerable numbers of wild boar in the brush in the river bottoms whose survival in such numbers is no doubt due to the Moslem dietary rules. Desert gazelle are quite numerous in the lower country, while ibex and wild sheep are fairly plentiful in some of the higher regions. An occasional skin of a snow leopard or ounce turns up, and a couple of cubs were caught near the job. Hyenas, jackals and several kinds of vultures and kites helped keep the suburbs tidy. The last lion was reported in Iraq only about sixty years ago. There is little cover for game in the scrubby forests of the mountains and it will be long before the present efforts at reforestation bring effective results. Horseback riding was another popular recreation, although the local horses were somewhat undersized for a big man to ride.

Although the revolution of last July had an unsettling effect and slowed progress somewhat, work continued on the dam without interruption and it should be completed in another two years.

Upon departure from Iraq, we flew from Baghdad to Rome and spent some time in Italy before sailing from Genoa. All-in-all, the experience was one we will long remember. While we are not really pioneers, there were many similar aspects. The job was a routine dam construction, with many sidelights that made it unique. Despite all other considerations, we were delighted to be home for Christmas.



Kurdish groom and watchman, Hlabja District, Iraq.

Graduate Opinion of the USMA Academic Curriculum

The purpose of this article is to review the highlights of the findings of an analysis conducted on the Academic Curriculum portion of the USMA Graduate Questionnaire.

Twelve questions in the questionnaire were specifically directed towards obtaining opinions on the USMA Academic Curriculum. Four of these were directed at the objectives of the curriculum, the general structure of the curriculum and the role of electives and advanced courses in the curriculum. In six questions the graduates were asked for courses not included in the current curriculum that the graduates felt desirable. Another question asked for the graduates' opinions about a specific type of course; namely, a senior course stressing the analysis of great issues facing the country and society.

In addition to the responses to these questions, the results of the analysis of the one jackpot question (Q 132) that has been completed at this time are included because of the appreciable number of comments relevant to the academic curriculum and administration and operations of the Academic Departments.

Methodology

The analysis of this series of questions was designed to determine the effect of (1) status (active, retired or resigned), (2) branch of service in which the graduate spent the greater part of his active career, and (3) time since graduation, on the manner in which graduates responded to the questions.

Branches of service were combined into four general categories as follows:

1. Major Combat Arms (Armor, Artillery, and Infantry)
2. Combat Arms with additional Technical Service Mission (Corps of Engineers and Signal Corps)
3. Technical Services (Ordnance, Quartermaster, Transportation and Chemical Corps)
4. Air Force

Officers in the administrative services and special branches were not included because the small number of officers in each group would make any conclusions drawn there from subject to question.

In considering the factor of time since graduation, the responding classes, 1900-1954, were divided into the same groupings of classes used in previous analyses of results wherein *entrance* atmosphere was the discriminating criterion. The groupings included classes as follows:

- ERA I—Pre-World War I classes, 1900-April 1917
- ERA II—World War classes, August 1917-1922
- ERA III—Post-World War I to Depression classes, 1923-1933
- ERA IV—Depression to Pre-World War II classes, 1934-1944
- ERA V—World War II classes, 1945-1949
- ERA VI—Post-World War II classes, 1950-1954

Results

Eighty-six percent of the graduates responding agreed that one of the objectives of instruction and training at West Point is to "provide a broad collegiate education in the arts and sciences" Moreover, this general agreement prevailed across all eras, all branches, and among retired and resigned officers as well as those on active duty.

Of those who disagreed, over three times as many felt that it should concentrate more on a general engineering education than a broad liberal arts education.

As to the general structure of the curriculum, 84 percent of all respondents favored retention of a single prescribed curriculum. Of the remaining 16 percent, there was no outstanding preference for other curriculum structures among the graduates as a whole.

However, evaluation of the data by status, branch of service and experience reveal some definite differences. There is a general tendency on the part of older graduates to be more in favor of a single curriculum. The range is from 90 percent of those graduating in Eras I and II, to 80 percent of those in Eras V and VI. Resignees are less in favor of the single curriculum (77%) than are those on active status (84%). As expected from the results of analysis by eras, retired officers are more

in favor of the single prescribed curriculum (88%).

When the responses were examined by branch of service, graduates in the Air Force were significantly less in favor of a single curriculum (76%) than were respondents in branches of the Army (86%). No differences of any practical significance were found between branches of the Army. When specifically questioned on the desirability of introducing elective courses in lieu of different curricula, 49 percent of the respondents favored an elective course or courses during First and/or Second Class year. There is, however, a highly significant relation between "time since graduating" and the degree to which graduates are in favor of electives under the conditions stated. The range is from 28% in the first Era to 59% in the last Era.

Fifty-eight percent of resignees were in favor of electives as opposed to 51 percent of active graduates and 35 percent of retired graduates. Sixty percent of all graduates who have been or are associated with the Air Force are in favor of electives whereas 46 percent of similar Army graduates were so disposed.

In response to the question concerning accelerated or advanced work for cadets in the upper academic sections, a very high proportion (88% over-all) of the respondents were in favor of such a provision. In this respect, the more recent graduates tended to be more in favor of such a policy than were the older graduates. No differences of any practical significance were discernible between active, retired and resigned graduates. Likewise no real differences found between respondents in the various branches of the Army and graduates in the Air Force.

Responses to the three questions in which the graduates were asked to indicate their first, second and third choices of current courses for expansion and responses to the three questions in which they were asked to indicate their first, second and third choices for reduction were combined and converted into a standardized expansion-reduction value for each course. This was done in order to make it possible to compare the opinions of the various

groups studied without undue emphasis being given the opinions of any one group merely because there were a greater number of graduates in that group than in another. Thus, the opinions of one Era can be directly compared with the opinions of another, of one branch grouping with another, as well as of one status grouping with another.

The recommendations of the graduates by Eras only are presented in TABLE I. The values are directly comparable to one another. For example, in Era V, Physics was recommended for expansion just as strongly as was Military Topography recommended for reduction.

With reference to TABLE I, the following points are worthy of note:

a. Three courses, Chemistry, Mechanics, and Law did not receive a sufficiently strong recommendation for either expansion or reduction and were not included in the table.

b. Economics and International Relations was the most strongly recommended course for expansion in Eras II through VI.

c. For expansion, Economics and International Relations, History-Government and Geography, and Mathematics are the only three of which it can be said that the trend is increasing from the oldest to the more recent graduates.

d. For all other courses the expansion trend was downward although the opinion for the need for more English and Military Psychology and Leadership remained quite strong.

e. Military Hygiene and Graphics were the courses most highly recommended for reduction.

f. There was an increasing sentiment for reducing Military Topography.

g. For the other remaining courses recommended for reduction, the trend was downward.

These data were further analyzed by branch of service, and service status. Important variations from the picture as presented in TABLE I are as follows:

a. The increase in opinion favoring expansion of Mathematics in the last two Eras comes from the responses of graduates in all branches other than Armor and Infantry, with the strongest recommendation coming from officers in the Technical Services.

b. Contrary to the downward trend in recommendations for expansion of Electrical Engineering in recent years, graduates on active duty in the Artillery show a significant increase with relative values of +4.6 and +4.3 in Eras V and VI respectively. All graduates

TABLE I
RELATIVE EMPHASIS ON COURSES RECOMMENDED
FOR EXPANSION AND REDUCTION BY ERAS*

Courses	COURSES AT EXPANSION END OF SCALE					
	Eras					
	I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Economics and International Relations	-0.1	+3.0	+3.1	+3.4	+3.0	+4.0
English	+1.3	+2.7	+3.2	+2.2	+2.5	+1.7
Military Psychology and Leadership	+3.3	+2.7	+2.1	+2.3	+1.5	+1.8
History, Government and Geography	+0.7	+1.5	+1.3	+1.8	+2.2	+1.7
Electrical Engineering	+2.2	+1.3	+2.2	+1.8	+1.6	+0.9
Physics	+2.0	+2.1	+2.1	+1.8	+1.5	+1.0
Foreign Language	+1.7	+1.6	+1.4	+0.9	+0.2	+0.4
Mathematics	-0.2	+0.4	+0.3	+0.9	+1.7	+1.3

Courses	COURSES AT REDUCTION END OF SCALE					
	Eras					
	I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Graphics	-3.4	-3.4	-4.2	-6.4	-5.0	-4.7
Military Hygiene	-1.4	-2.5	-2.9	-3.1	-3.4	-5.4
Ordnance	-2.6	-2.7	-2.6	-2.0	-1.7	-0.6
Military Topography	0.0	-0.3	-1.1	-1.3	-1.5	-1.9
History of Military Art	-1.7	-2.0	-2.1	-0.3	+0.3	+0.9
Military Engineering	-1.5	-1.6	-1.4	-1.1	-0.5	+0.1

*Numbers refer to expansion-reduction value described in body of report (plus signs refer to expansion predominance, minus signs to reduction).

associated with the Air Force, currently and in the past, also maintain a strong position in favor of expanding this course.

c. The increase in emphasis on the course in History, Government and Geography in the more recent Eras primarily is due to the responses of active officers in the combat arms. Relative values of +2.8 and +3.7 are recorded for Eras V and VI respectively for this group.

d. The upward trend in recommendation for reduction of the course in Military Topography was due primarily to the opinions of graduates on active duty with the Air Force.

e. Despite the fact that the opinion for reducing the course in Ordnance decreases in Era VI, active officers in the Corps of Engineers and the Signal Corps maintained strong recommendations for reducing the course.

When the graduates were asked if there were any courses not included in the current curriculum which they felt would be of greater benefit to a military career, 77 percent responded "No". Those who responded "Yes" were asked to indicate the course which they would recommend. Their responses were largely oriented towards courses in Business Administration and the Humanities. TABLE II presents the courses in order by the number of recommendations made for each.

In response to the specific question on the advisability of incorporating in the curriculum of a course stressing analysis of lasting problems and issues facing the country and society, at the expense of some other course, only 36 percent of the graduates responded in the affirmative. There was, however, a

marked trend favoring such a course from the older to the younger graduates. The affirmative answers varied from 13 percent in Era I to 47 percent in Era VI. Within the Army, there was little variation from the trend due to branch or status of the graduates responding. However, those graduates associated with Air Force tended to be more in favor of the proposed course than did graduates in the Army. Thirty-three percent of the Army element were in favor of the course while 46 percent of the Air Force were in favor of the course.

The Jackpot Question (Q 132) was an open-end subject question inviting comments by graduates on areas or procedures at the Military Academy which graduates believed to be of paramount attention for change. The question was stated as follows: "If you could, without question, change one thing at the Military Academy, what would it be?". Responses were categorized and combined together for analysis by using the same groupings

TABLE II
Courses Recommended by Graduates
for Addition to the Curriculum
(100 or more recommendations)

Course	Number of Recommendations
1-Business Administration	306
2-Philosophy	179
3-Practical Orientation into Military Life and Duty	156
4-Logic and Problem-Solving Techniques	140
5-Political Science	130
6-Public Speaking	129
7-Personnel Management	125
8-Writing Courses	100

of USMA classes discussed under the Methodology section of this report. No attempt was made to analyze these comments according to the two criteria of branch of service and status with respect to the service as was done in the previously discussed analysis of the series of questions on the Academic Curriculum.

In all eras, the most frequent comment made on the Academic Curriculum was for placing more emphasis on or expanding one of the courses included in the present curriculum as contrasted to adding an additional course or reducing one of the present courses. Approximately one half of all comments of this nature (100 comments in all) referred to subject matter or courses taught by the Department of English. The incidence was particularly high in Eras III, IV and V. (Classes 1922-1949). In so doing, many of the respondents elaborated at some length on the high desirability of the professional officer having the ability to use the spoken and written word.

Conclusions

On questions directed at the general structure of the curriculum:

1. There was strong agreement among the graduates that

a. one of the objectives of instruction and training at West Point is to "provide a broad collegiate education in the arts and sciences", rather than have emphasis placed on either the arts or general engineering.

b. There should be a single prescribed curriculum.

c. Accelerated or advanced work should be provided for cadets in the upper academic sections.

2. About half of the graduates responding were in favor of electives in the last two years at West Point in lieu of having different curricula.

3. Recent graduates were more in favor of having other than a single prescribed curriculum and accelerated or advanced work for cadets in the upper academic sections than are the older graduates. This tendency was also discernible within the resignee population and graduates who have or who have had the bulk of their experience in the Air Force.

4. The younger graduates were more in favor of the introduction of electives than were the older graduates.

On recommendations for the expansion and reduction of current courses—

1. In the light of over-all opinion and/or increased emphasis by the more recent graduates, the courses in Economics and International Relations,

History, Government and Geography, Military Psychology and Leadership, Mathematics, and English were most recommended for expansion.

2. Likewise, courses in Graphics, Military Hygiene and Military Topography were recommended for reduction.

3. The graduates were three to one against the inclusion of additional courses at the expense of current courses. The 25 percent who were in favor of adding an additional course or courses made recommendations concentrating in the areas of Business Administration and the Humanities.

4. The majority of graduates were opposed to the introduction of a special course stressing analysis of lasting prob-

lems and issues facing the country and society at the expense of some other course. Again, the younger graduates were more in favor of this innovation than were the older graduates. Graduates in the Air Force or those who have spent the bulk of their active service with the Air Force were also more in favor of such a course than were graduates in the Army.

5. The most frequent comments in the Jackpot Question related to the Academic Curriculum were concerned with expanding or placing more emphasis on one of the courses included in the current curriculum. The courses or subject matter taught by the Department of English received the preponderant attention.

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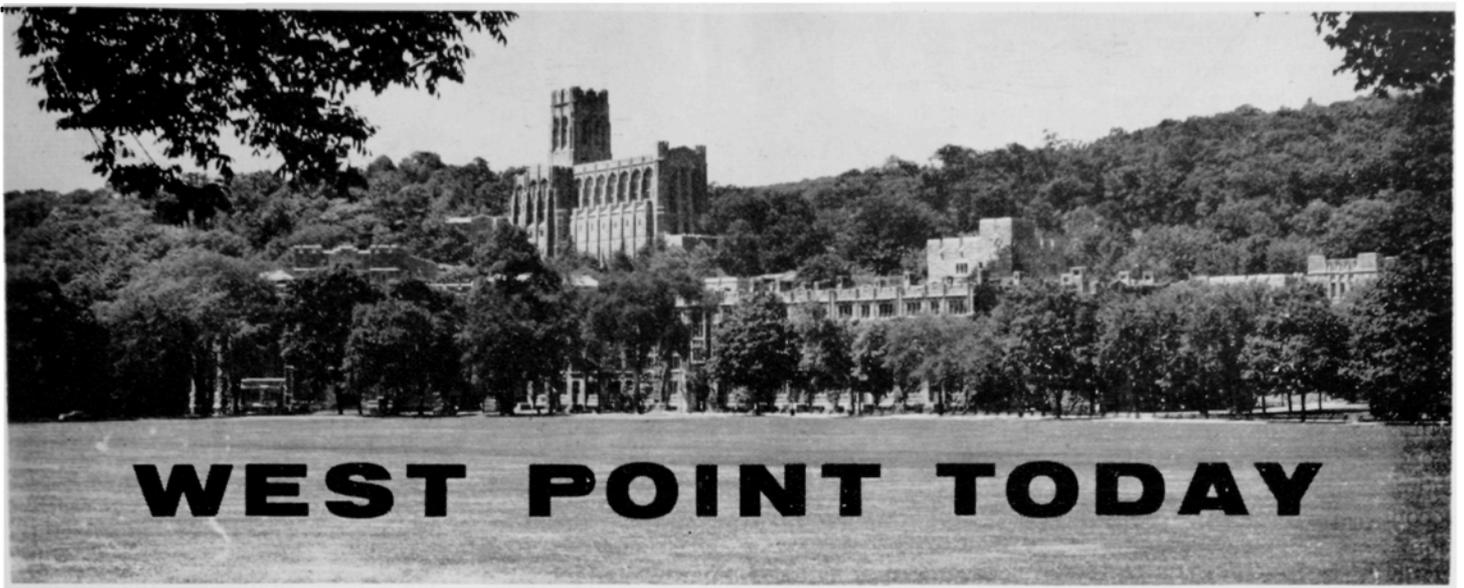
ARMED FORCES DAY, 1959

Over the past decade, Armed Forces Day, the third Saturday of May, has become an important date in the calendar of the Nation. In the annual observance of this day, it is a privilege to join my fellow citizens together with the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, their reserve components and auxiliaries.

Assisted by national, State and local civil authorities and organizations, every effort will be made to increase public understanding of the role of our Armed Forces as a defensive shield serving in partnership with friends around the world. Toward this end, I know that the members of the Armed Forces will discharge their responsibilities with pride and purposefulness.

Armed Forces Day 1959 provides an opportunity for our people to demonstrate their belief in the constructive "Power for Peace" -- to which the Armed Forces of the United States are totally committed.





WEST POINT TODAY

New Director of Athletics

Lieutenant General Garrison H. Davidson, Superintendent of the United States Military Academy, announced the appointment of Colonel Francis J. Roberts as Director of Athletics, in addition to his present duties.

Colonel Roberts has served as Graduate Manager of Athletics for the past two and a half years. He will report to the National War College this summer for duty and will be replaced then at the Academy by Colonel Emory S. Adams, Jr.

The position of Athletic Director was vacated by Earl H. (Red) Blaik on February 15th, when he simultaneously resigned as Head Coach of Football. Blaik held the dual assignment since 1948.

The Superintendent concurrently announced that Mr. Jack Riley, Hockey Coach here the past nine seasons and Coach-Elect of the 1960 Olympic Hockey Team, would assume the added duties of Assistant Director of Athletics for Personnel.

Retired Colonels Russell P. Reeder and Elliott W. Amick, both wounded veterans of World War II, will continue as Assistant Athletic Directors. Reeder handles Maintenance and Operations, while Amick is in charge of Business and Administration.

War on Dutch Elm Disease. Wooden Engineers?

A continuous quarter century battle against tree disease was intensified this winter with the uprooting of 33 elms from Military Academy grounds—including one planted by Sylvanus Thayer and a Newburgh farmer early in the 19th century.

Statuesque and long a year-round welcome sight to alumni and visitors

alike, the trees were among 47 reportedly attacked with Dutch Elm and other diseases, carried by elm bark beetles, as early as 1935. Efforts to combat their afflictions, a growing problem on the East Coast, were made shortly thereafter and are continuing to maintain 14 other slightly damaged elms and a healthy 550 remaining near and around the Parade Area.

But as the beetles breed best in weak and dying trees and in spite of careful pruning, spraying, fertilization and antibiotic injections over the years, Academy foresters were unable to prolong the 33 lives, many of which predated West Point's founding.

Foresters are launching a two pronged counter-attack, however, which will instill new vitality into the mute earth with more resilient species and permanently isolate elms from an 800 foot area circling the central cantonment. If, at your next reunion, you find a young or different tree than you remembered, don't worry but be glad of it. Among the trees removed were several Class Trees. These are being replaced by young and healthy trees which will stand probably much longer than the old ones.



Engineers remove sick trees.

BOOK REVIEW

Colonel "Red" Reeder, USMA 1926, has done it again! He has published the *West Point First Classman* (New York, Duell, Sloan & Pearce), thus completing his series of four novels, one for each of the four years of West Point life.

In form this last book is a lively action story built around Reeder's fictional hero, Clint Lane. Reeder takes Lane through all of the tribulations and pitfalls of First Class life touching upon Beast Detail, Ring Hop, academic problems, sports participation, and the crucial decision in regard to an Army career after graduation. Particularly interesting is the authentic story of the capture of the Navy goat in November 1953. Colonel Reeder personally culled this story from the participants in this widely publicized escape. In his narrative Colonel Reeder has also captured the current cadet slang.

The fictional approach is designed to appeal to young people who are also the reservoir of potential candidates for admission to the Military Academy. That Reeder has succeeded in this object is apparent from the comments of youngsters addressed to the Librarian. It will be of interest to graduates as well because he has woven into his text the practical outcomes of the current philosophy which governs the West Point training and academic program. Incidentally, Reeder's true-to-life representation of the current customs and traditions of West Point makes his book an invaluable historical document. The authenticity of his story places him among such writers as Charles King, USMA 1866, Williston Fish, USMA 1881, and P. B. Malone, USMA 1894, who wrote on the West Point scene for other generations.

USMA graduates, young and old, as well as their younger friends, will find the book rewarding.

—Dr. Sidney Forman
Librarian, USMA

Receive Awards In Physics Competition

Two officers of the United States Military Academy's Department of Physics and Chemistry, Captain William L. Lemnitzer, son of General Lyman L. Lemnitzer, Army Vice Chief of Staff, and Captain Henry A. Flertzhem, are congratulated by Lieutenant General Garrison H. Davidson, Superintendent of the Academy, for winning second prize in an apparatus competition sponsored by the American Association of Physics Teachers, as he and Colonel Edward C. Gillette, Jr., Head of the Department, look at the Certificate of Award.

The apparatus, an electromagnetic pump, was selected by the AAPT Committee on Apparatus for Educational Institutions as one most likely to advance the teaching of college physics. A device which pumps liquid metals without any moving parts by means of an electric current flowing in a magnetic field, it demonstrates Ampere's Laws.

In addition to the Certificate of Award being admired by General Davidson, Captains Lemnitzer and Flertzhem received \$200.00 in cash.

Howitzers Wanted By USMA Library

The Service Academy librarians have asked the Librarian, USMA, for *Howitzers* to fill out their collections. They offer their own yearbooks in exchange. The USMA Library would appreciate receiving *Howitzers* for this purpose, as well as to supplement its own reference collection.

Rare Book Presented to Library

USMA Library received a gift of a two-page manuscript dated September, 1860, estimating the funds required for the operation of Fort St. Philip at New Orleans, signed by Capt. P.G.T. Beauregard. He was selected as Superintendent of the Military Academy at that time. The donor was David McC. McKell, USMA 1904, who has exhibited a continuing interest in the USMA Library.

USMA Library Book Memorial Fund

"The Superintendent of the United States Military Academy has approved the establishment of a USMA Library



Practical gadgeteers receive award.

Book Memorial Fund. The object of the fund is to provide interested individuals with an agency to assist them in establishing memorials in the form of books or book collections in the USMA Library. The Fund Custodian is Dr. Sidney Forman, Librarian, USMA.

Gifts have been received in memory of Captain Donn F. Chandler, USMA 1951, and Captain John B. Gordon, Jr., USMA 1951."



New Library? This is a photograph of the model of the new Library, referred to in Plain Talk. This modern building, to be located on the site of the present Library, will provide facilities for storage, safe keeping, study and research, or just browsing. Estimated cost: \$3,250,000.

Cadet Nicholas S. H. Krawciw (Class of 1959)

Nicholas S. H. Krawciw is an amiable, quiet-spoken cadet whose East European accent betrays but a clue to his wartime escape from tyranny, struggling for a home in the United States, his achievements within the corps and his dreams for the future.

A biographical sketch of this smiling, handsome six-footer, who for 20 years felt himself a man without a country, might look as follows.

Life As An Uprooted

"Nick" was born November 28, 1935 of intellectual and freedom-loving parents in Lviv, a medium-sized Ukrainian city, then under Polish control. Bohdan Krawciw, his poet and newspaper editor father, was attacking tyranny of the Poles as 1939 clouds of war gathered. Shortly after the first German troops

overran Poland and the Ukraine transferred to Russia, the family made their harrowing escape to Germany.

They were helped to the Russian-German border by Ukrainian underground agents and Nick was nearly killed enroute by Russian soldiers. He continued overland with his mother and younger sister to Berlin where the family remained from 1941 to 1944.

While his father dug trenches in a forced labor camp rather than submit to Nazism, Allied air raiding became more intense. Nick was subsequently shipped to Bavaria with his mother, newborn brother, and sister, but his father was forced to remain in the war-torn capital.

The Krawciw family was found hiding in a farmhouse by an American patrol in 1945 and told World War II was ended. "It was my first contact with America and the Army," Nick says, "and I felt protected and dreamed of perhaps finding a Country and Home after years of wandering."

Discovering America

American G.I.s cared for the undernourished Krawciws and sparked Nick's enthusiasm. "I read American magazines, received CARE packages and exchanged letters with 'Pen Pals' as I began to feel closer and closer to the American Way of Life," he says.

After a joyous reunion with Mr. Krawciw in Bavaria, the family planned to emigrate to America. Arrangements were made through an uncle in Philadelphia and by 1949 they arrived in New York aboard an Army Transport with D.P. tags still attached to their clothing. Of his arrival, he says, "The whole sky was red over the city and I was fascinated by all those lights. And . . . the Statue of Liberty gave me the sensation that, maybe in a few years, I wouldn't feel like a man without a Country." "In the city itself, Dad gave me five cents and I bought my first comic book and I was beginning to feel like an American already."

The family settled in Philadelphia where Nick learned English while attending a Parochial School. Dreams of attending West Point and serving America led him to Bordentown Military School. "So... one day I walked into the Dean's office and in broken English told him I wanted to attend West Point, but that I had very little money. He seemed to like me, said scholarships were available and before long I was an enrolled cadet."

Hard work, determination and dreams of service paid off in 1955, when Nick became a citizen and received an honor appointment to the U.S. Military Academy from Bordentown. "When I took my Oath of Citizenship, I all of a sudden felt I belonged someplace and could do something for the world and... West Point was the means to that end," he says.

A West Point Cadet

During his four years at the Academy, Nick rose from Plebe to Regimental Commander and Second-Ranking Cadet in the Corps. A varsity soccer player and class secretary, Cadet Captain Krawciw said of his first impressions while reviewing the Corps in the absence of First-Ranking Cadet Peter Dawkins: "As I led them onto the plain and they passed in review, it was like something you see in the movies or read and dream about and somehow it had come true for me."

Nick says his greatest challenge was commanding a company of first year men this fall and transforming them into disciplined cadets. He was responsible for reforming aspects of traditional plebe formations and practices stressing individual rights and claims success was demonstrated recently when a plebe told him: "We'd go through hell with you if we had to."

He ranks 130 out of some 500 in his class and has improved his Russian, Polish, German and Ukrainian while enjoying Military History most among his academic subjects. Nick's Military Hero is Robert E. Lee.

Thoughts and Dreams

Immediate plans call for joining the Airborne Infantry because, Nick says, "It is closer to my background of being outdoors, camping and meeting physical challenges." His intellectual heritage—stemming from his father now editing a Jersey City newspaper, and still writing poetry—points him in other directions, however. Cadet Krawciw hopes to enter the international field by capitalizing on Army language and area programs to serve eventually as an Attaché or Advisor on East European Affairs.

"Ever since I was a little boy I wanted to drive the Russians out of my homeland and vowed someday I would do so. I don't have that feeling any more and now want to do something for stability in the world. Someday I will do something for furthering Democracy in all countries—and under Peace."

He is engaged to a Ukrainian girl from Passaic and plans marriage in the near future. Nick said in an interview dealing with random topics: "It's easier to work with volunteers, rather than draftees, because they want to be there... If you give juvenile delinquents leadership status and responsibility the problem can be licked... My mother once advised me never to be a politician, and always to be straightforward and truthful—order and discipline has always impressed me... I feel strongly about American Patriotism because I lost my home... I can do more for the Ukraine as an American than as a Nationalist... I feel a great debt to the United States and I intend to repay it."

—By PVT. AXEL KRAUSE (Info. Office)



Cadet Nicholas S. H. Krawciw.

Founders Day Dinner Marks 157th Anniversary

Founders Day Dinners were held in some eighty locations throughout the world. They started at Fort Amador, Canal Zone, on March 7, with most of them on March 14. Redstone Arsenal held the final Dinner on March 24. They ranged in size from several hundred graduates to only a half dozen in some of the more remote locations.

There is little uniformity among these celebrations. Some are very formal, with speeches by outstanding graduates or famous men in public life. Others take on an aspect of Homecoming, with informality and football cheering as the principal activity. But one thing they all have in common is the resurgence of feeling, the renewal of dedi-

cation to the principles of West Point, "Duty—Honor—Country."

To a new plebe, the terms "Duty, Honor, Country" mean about as much as "Now I lay me down to sleep" did when he was three years old. But his Beast Barracks indoctrination soon brings light to the abyss. By the time he graduates the needle of his moral compass has been so magnetized that his continued direction is assured.

Founders Day Celebrations provide not only the opportunity for fellowship but also again to dedicate ourselves to those principles for which our Alma Mater is famous. Many graduates have not been back to West Point since graduation. They are brought up to date on current events at USMA. Many graduates are no longer in the Army. They get a shot in the arm by talking to recent graduates and listening to inspiring speakers.

Most dinner groups asked for, but did not receive, the filmed "Football Highlights of 1958." Last Fall was a season of which Army will long be proud. Those films are provided by the Army Athletic Association for distribution to the Founders Day dinners. So many dinners on the same date precludes most of them from showing the picture. Where transportation can be arranged to succeeding dinners, a very close schedule is prepared. This year was a little better than last, but always someone does not realize the need for speed. If a film is not immediately sent on its way, all succeeding showings are effected. Priority in showing went to the larger overseas groups. That was because most of them had no opportunity to see any of the games on TV.

This year, in addition to the Superintendent, several other senior officers and two cadets attended Founders Day dinners. There is no substitute for direct word and sixteen gatherings received that word. In addition, a large number of cadets spoke to secondary schools and local organizations as part of the Cadet Public Relations Council Program during the month of March.

At West Point the plans for presentation of the Sylvanus Thayer Medal to the Honorable John Foster Dulles were cancelled due to his illness. In place of that ceremony, the local Founders Day Dinner reverted to what might be termed an organization day celebration. All of the officers (except nurses) assigned to USMA and all graduates living in the local area were invited to attend. About 300 graduates in addition to the First Class, attended. The principal speaker was Major General Gerald E. Galloway, Commanding General, The Engineer Center, Fort Belvoir.

Virginia. General Galloway, '25, is a former "Juice P."

The selection of the Secretary of State as the recipient of the 1959 Thayer Award, reportedly, met with the whole-hearted approval of President Eisenhower. To show his approval, the President had hoped to attend the presentation. Mr. Dulles' unfortunate illness required the cancellation of all plans allied to the presentation.

New Museum Dedicated

Dedication ceremonies for the U.S. Military Academy History Museum, recently modernized and considered unique among world museums, were held March 28, marking its opening to the public on a year round basis.

Renovated at a cost of \$500,000, the museum's uniqueness here and abroad is its treatment of war, military tactics and science in an international sense and the conveying of concepts central to the West Point curriculum, according to Frederick Porter Todd, Museum Director.

Four modern wings in Thayer Hall, the only area open to the public in that building, will highlight these themes in "dynamic and colorful tones," Todd said.

Visitors may view and study weapons and military tactics from primitive to 18th century times, enter a 1917 assault trench, complete with sound effects, and a 19th century frontier fort, see customs, uniforms and history of the Academy depicted and view fine arts displays in the wings.

Dismantling of the old museum, housed in the Administration Building since 1909, was begun in 1955 under the direction of Todd and his staff of curators who arranged the new galleries in Thayer Hall.



Museum Director Todd shows one display.



Lt. Gen. Garrison H. Davidson poses with (r. to l.) Cadets David H. Rogers, '59; Charles B. Fegan, '60; James D. Ruppert, '59; James F. Ray, '59, and Captain Gorman C. Smith, Dept. of Social Sciences, Officer in Charge, Debate Council, following presentation of the Heart of America Debate Tournament trophy to the first-place team of Ruppert and Fegan. Cadets Rogers and Ray were the runner-up team in the tournament, which brought together at the University of Kansas 32 top debate teams representing 29 colleges and universities from all over the United States. Seven former winners of the West Point National Debate Tournament participated. The Academy's achievement in taking both first and second place in a tournament of this calibre was the subject of a short talk by the Superintendent to the Corps.

BOOKS

Attack At Fort Lookout by Colonel Red Reeder, '26.

New York: Duell, Sloan and Pearce, 1959. 184 pages; 8 vo.; \$3.00.

Reviewed by WILLIAM J. MORTON, JR., '23, Ex-Librarian, U.S.M.A.

When Red Reeder published his "The Mackenzie Raid," a witty reviewer dubbed him "King of the Literary Frontier." This time Red has returned to the frontier, albeit a different one: that of the old Northwest, at a place near Detroit, and in the year 1811. The story is climaxed by one of the border incidents preceding the War of 1812.

As is usual in Red's books, there is a good deal of authentic background information; which is one of the reasons why his stories are such worthwhile reading for boys, and not-unworthy fare for adults who enjoy tales of adventure.

As the author's note at the end states, the story is based on the diary of Second Lieutenant Samuel P. Heintzelman, Class of 1826, who served at Fort Gratiot, Michigan Territory. Although Heintzelman served some years later than Red's hero, Lieutenant Raeburn, frontier forts in that area, and garrison life, had changed little. The

author's note also presents a list of eight sources used for background information.

The tale is of Second Lieutenant Andrew Raeburn, just out of West Point and reporting to his first post, Fort Lookout. He met a bizarre reception from Captain Bates Kenny, hard-bitten, hard-drinking, and hard-driving post commander and veteran of the Revolution. If anyone doubts that a new graduate ever received such a welcome, I have Red's word for it that Ezra B. Fuller, Class of 1873, underwent exactly that experience at a post on the western plains.

I won't give away Red's plot or supporting incidents. It is sufficient to say that sustained interest builds up to an exciting climax involving a suspenseful ordeal for the hero.

The scene of action is sufficiently identified so that a study of the locale in the home atlas will improve interest and comprehension of the story. Likewise, the plan of Fort Lookout on page 96 is helpful in visualizing the action.

Red's combat experience makes his account of the defense of the fort a good lesson in the principles of employment of a small unit in a tactical situation. One can almost visualize this lucid presentation as an exercise under the Department of Tactics.

Altogether a delightful book for boys.

Association of Graduates
United States Military Academy
West Point, New York

The Waldorf-Astoria Towers
New York, New York
March 12, 1959

I would like to be present in spirit at the celebration of the one hundred fifty-seventh anniversary of the United States Military Academy.

What can I say? America has won every one of its wars because of the distinguished leaders produced in the Military Academy.

Yours faithfully,
(signed) HERBERT HOOVER



JUNE WEEK PROGRAM 1959

SATURDAY, 30 MAY

Memorial Day Exercises, Battle Monument**	8:00 A.M.
Alumni Headquarters opens, North Sallyport of North Barracks	
Army-Navy Field Events, Shea Stadium	9:00 A.M.
Army-Navy Track Events, Shea Stadium	9:30 A.M.
Army-Navy Golf Match—Golf Course	10:00 A.M.
Band Concert, Trophy Point**	11:45 A.M.
Army-Navy Baseball Game, Doubleday Field	2:00 P.M.
Alumni Benny Havens Hour and Dance—WPAM and Cullum Hall	5:00 P.M.
Movie, Thayer Hall	7:15 P.M. & 9:15 P.M.
Graduation Supper, First Class, Washington Hall	8:00 P.M.
Upperclass Hop, Gymnasium	9:30 P.M. to 12:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, 31 MAY

Catholic Chapel Baccalaureate, First Class	8:00 A.M.
Cadet Chapel, Underclasses, Battle Monument*	8:00 A.M.
Cadet Chapel Baccalaureate, 2nd Regt***	9:00 A.M.
Catholic Chapel, Underclasses	10:30 A.M.
Jewish Chapel Baccalaureate, all classes	10:30 A.M.
Cadet Chapel Baccalaureate, 1st Regt***	11:00 A.M.
Superintendent's Reception for First Class and Their Guests*	2:30 P.M.
Alumni Open House, WPAM	4:00 P.M.
Movie, Thayer Hall	7:15 P.M. & 9:15 P.M.
Alumni Dinner Dance, Washington Hall (Superintendent's informal reception for alumni)	8:30 P.M.

MONDAY, 1 JUNE

Catholic Alumni Memorial Mass	8:00 A.M.
Cadet Chapel Alumni Memorial Services, Holy Communion and Organ Recital	9:00 A.M.
Alumni Exercises, Thayer Monument	10:00 A.M.
Alumni Review**	10:30 A.M.
Alumni Luncheon, Annual Meeting, Association of Graduates, Washington Hall	11:30 A.M.
Military and Academic Awards Review*	3:30 P.M.
Alumni Class Picnics, Round Pond-Camp Buckner Areas	5:00 P.M.
Movie, Thayer Hall	7:15 P.M. & 9:15 P.M.
First Class Hop, Cullum Hall	9:30 P.M.
Second and Third Class Hop, Gymnasium	9:30 P.M.

TUESDAY, 2 JUNE

Athletic Awards Review*	9:15 A.M.
Open House by Academic Departments	10:00 A.M. to 12:00 A.M.
Graduation Parade	4:30 P.M.
Movie, Thayer Hall	7:15 P.M. & 9:15 P.M.
Graduation Hop	9:30 P.M.
Second and Third Class Hop, Gymnasium	9:30 P.M.

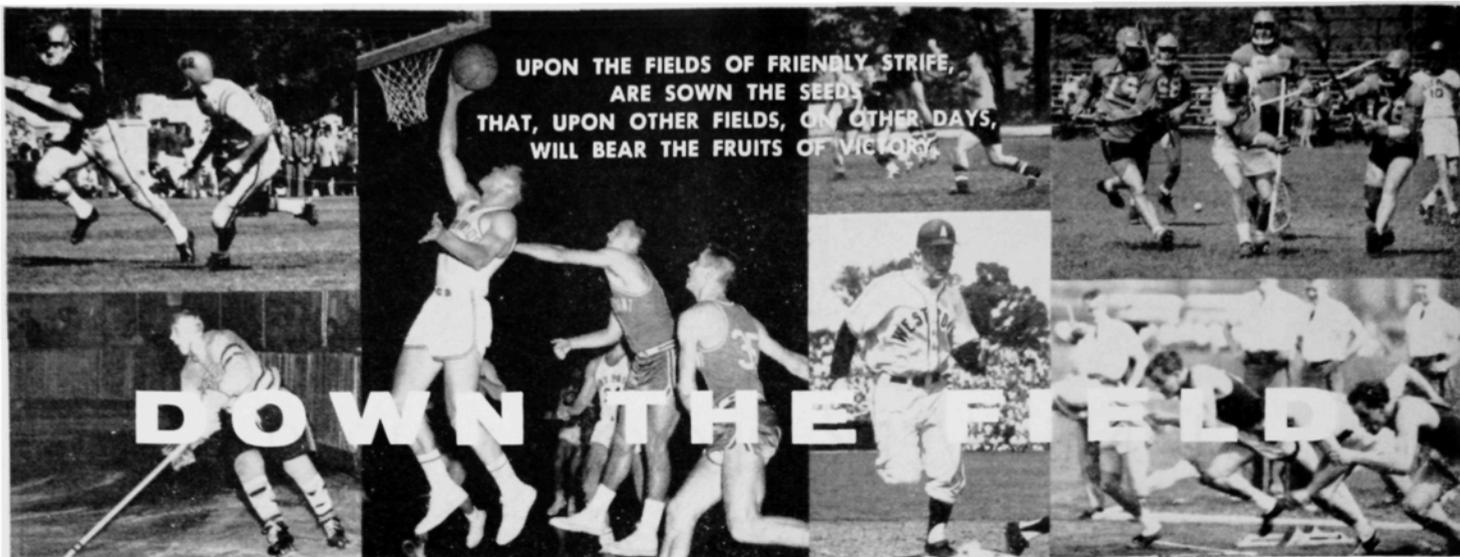
WEDNESDAY, 3 JUNE

Graduation Exercises, Field House***	10:00 A.M.
Class of 1962 Departs on Leave	12:00 A.M.
Alumni Headquarters Closes	12:00 A.M.

*To be held in the Army Theater in event of inclement weather.

**To be cancelled in event of inclement weather.

***Admission by ticket.



By JOE CAHILL

Au Revoir, Red!

An indomitable figure in football for a quarter of a century, Earl H. (Red) Blaik has severed association with the game he not only treasured but also nurtured over a wondrously successful—if, at times, stormy—career.

Vigorous, strong in spirit and bearing a stature that belies his 62 years, he now has focused his attention on the business world to which he is indeed no stranger.

Blaik's name has punctuated the sports pages of the nation as a player, coach and administrator for more than four decades. His stops along the collegiate trail include Miami of Ohio, Wisconsin, Dartmouth and the Military Academy.

He attained a full measure of success at each level. However, it was not until he returned to West Point in 1941 that his career ripened and the full impact of his personality permeated the national scene.

Few coaches remained active as long as Blaik in this physically demanding profession and not one was able to retire voluntarily on the lofty pedestal of an undefeated season. At the time he doffed his coaching flannels his record stood as the finest over the longest period of any active coach.

A gentleman of impeccable demeanor and integrity, he was esteemed by his coaching colleagues, the press and prominent citizenry both in and out of the Army.

President Eisenhower paused to pay him personal tribute: "I've never known a man in the athletic world who has been a greater inspiration to the men under his control than Earl Blaik."

Several years ago General Douglas MacArthur similarly expressed his sentiments: "Earl Blaik is about the

finest man on the faculty at the Military Academy. His value to the Academy goes far beyond his skill as a football coach. The men who pass through his hands or cross his path learn all over again that our Army became the greatest in the world because it operated on the understanding that once committed to battle it continued to fight until victory was achieved."

Speaking from the floor of the United States Senate in February, the Honorable Styles Bridges of New Hampshire is quoted, in part, from the Congressional Record: "... His coaching career was a most notable record of achievement, not only in the won and lost columns, but greater still, in molding the careers of so many fine young men of this nation. His lessons in integrity, fair play and sportsmanship will be well-remembered throughout their lifetime by the youth he coached..."

Governor J. Lindsay Almond Jr., of Virginia, recently saluted Blaik for "one of the most successful football coaching records of all time." And something the Governor thought even more important: "Earl Blaik proved to all the world a few years ago that he placed integrity and obedience to the highest code of honor far above victory on the gridiron... confronted with a heart-rending situation, he chose the path of honor without hesitation."

Glenn Davis, the famous "Mr. Outside," a three time all-America half-back, and one of the greatest of all Army players, said: "He's a combination of Knute Rockne and General MacArthur. A terrific competitor and a statesmanlike guy."

Blaik's personal philosophy was put forth at the Touchdown Club dinner at which he was honored in New York City shortly after the 1958 season.



Blaik the Coach—a familiar pose as 'The Colonel' oversees an Army practice session.

"What does this award mean to me?" Blaik asked, and then answered: "It means years of association with men like you, without whose interest in football, pleasant things like this tonight wouldn't be possible and I dare say that football itself would starve. It means years of association with sports writers, men of the press—interesting, fascinating, wonderful men. . . . It means years of association with wonderful young coaches who are dedicated to a tougher-fibered America. . . . Of course, this means years of association with wonderful young men of Dartmouth College and wonderful young Cadets of the Military Academy. They understood my philosophy of football. They understood that football, championship football, is compatible with the highest standards of education. As undergraduates, their achievements have stood the test of the most jaundiced academic eye. . . . And last and very important, they believed as I believe that the purpose of football is to win. The objective of football is to win, without question."

Blaik's tenure as a head coach was divided into two segments. He launched his career at Dartmouth College in 1934 and remained in the Hanover hills for the next seven years. He was summoned to West Point in 1941 by General Robert Eichelberger, Superintendent, to become the first civilian head coach since G. P. Dyre, Cornell, filled the void in 1896.

At Dartmouth, the Big Green won 45, lost 15 and tied four. The Indians captured the Ivy League crown in 1936 and 1937, won 21 in a row, and gained their first victory in the Yale Bowl in fifty years.

Not only was his record highly successful at the Ivy school but historians still recall the fabled "fifth down" and "twelfth man" incidents both involving Blaik teams at Dartmouth. In the first instance, the Big Green was awarded a win over Cornell on Sunday morning when the referee admitted a mistake in giving an extra down which enabled Cornell to score what appeared to be the winning touchdown.

At Palmer Stadium, an inebriated Princetonian romped on the field and lined up with the Tigers in an abortive effort to thwart Dartmouth's powerful single wing.

Blaik's tenure as head coach at West Point was not only the longest, but also the most successful reign in the history of the sport here. Under his guidance, Army won the national championship in 1944 and 1945; went undefeated six times; won the Lambert Trophy (symbolic of Eastern su-



Blaik the Player—an All America end in 1919.

premac) seven times, retiring the original trophy; and compiled winning streaks of 32 and 28 games. In averaging less than two defeats a season, his teams have won a remarkable .785 percent of their games.

He has achieved practically every distinction associated with football. As a player, Blaik was selected as an all-America end in 1919 by the immortal Walter Camp; was named Coach of the Year by his colleagues in the coaching profession in 1946; was similarly honored by the Touchdown Club of Washington in 1953; and along with Al Lopez, Manager of the Chicago White Sox, was the recipient of the New York Press Photographer's Award in 1956 as "the most congenial and cooperative figures in the world of sport." This year he added the Touchdown Club of New York Award, and was the first recipient of the Sportsmen's Club Award at Richmond, Virginia.

His influence on the game, of course, has been nation-wide. The number of head coaches developed under his guidance has mounted to an all-time high of 14, including Dale Hall, his successor. The total of all-Americans developed by Blaik reached 29. The most illustrious of this group were Doc Blanchard and Glenn Davis, the renowned "Mr. Inside and Mr. Outside," who earned the accolade three years running.

The introduction of the "lonely end" offense in 1958 is considered by historians as the first new offensive concept of a major nature to be introduced to the game in fifty years. It certainly paid off handsomely for Blaik in his Silver Anniversary season, the Black Knights finishing with 8 victories and a tie to again win the Eastern championship.

A man of controversial nature, Blaik was often the target of second-guessers. Every Army fan recalls the 1955 sea-

son when he converted all-America end Don Holleder into a quarterback. Blaik was all but burned in effigy until Holleder led Army to an upset 14 to 6 win over Navy.

Another Blaik stand stirred the sports scene in 1950 when he proclaimed in a national magazine that "The Pro Game Isn't Football." The resultant clamor, particularly within the pro ranks, was enough to unnerve anyone less stout-hearted than Blaik. There are some today, however, who firmly believe that the Blaik denouement activated the pros into a more vigorous type of football.

As an undergraduate at Miami of Ohio and subsequently as a Cadet at West Point, Blaik excelled in football, baseball and basketball. As the outstanding athlete in the Class of 1920, he received the coveted Army Athletic Association saber and was also the first Cadet ever to compete against Navy in three sports in the traditional service rivalry. It is safe to say that no one regarded a victory over Navy more highly.

Upon graduating from the Military Academy in 1920, following an abbreviated two-year course shortened by the crisis of World War I, Blaik was commissioned a second lieutenant and served with the 8th Cavalry.

He served two years when a cut-back in the strength of the armed forces encouraged the resignation of young officers. It was then that he entered the real estate and contracting business with his father in Dayton.

Throughout the years of his coaching career he maintained major commercial ties as a bank director, corporation official and more recently as President of an oil company in Oklahoma which was started by his older son, Bill. Bob, his other son, is currently on the football staff at the University of Oklahoma under Bud Wilkinson.

Blaik's coaching career began principally as a hobby under the late George Little at Wisconsin in 1926. The following season marked Blaik's first contact with the Army team in the role of an assistant Coach. He returned each fall for seven years as backfield coach, serving alternately under Biff Jones, Ralph Sasse and Gar Davidson, prior to assuming the Dartmouth portfolio.

At the urging of General Robert L. Eichelberger, Superintendent, Blaik returned to West Point in 1941 as head coach with the mission of rescuing Army's declining football fortunes which had dipped to the lowest ebb in history in 1940.

It is noteworthy that three times in 25 years as a head coach he was handed the difficult task of rebuilding decimated football squads, and he answered each challenge with a champion. When he took over at Dartmouth, the Big Green progressed from a .500 record to Ivy champions in two seasons. In 1941, he brought Army from a despairing 1-7-1 record, to national championships in both 1944 and 1945. From the brink of disaster in 1951, he returned Army to the throne as Eastern champions in the unbelievably brief span of two years.

"It is with a deep sense of personal regret," Blaik wrote in his prepared statement at the time of his resignation, "that I leave the Military Academy, the close association with the Corps, and the profession of coaching. I have concluded, however, that this is the proper time for me to withdraw from college sports, as to overstay a coaching career is unthinkable...."

Football has been important to West Point. Red Blaik has been indispensable to football.

Hall Named Head Coach

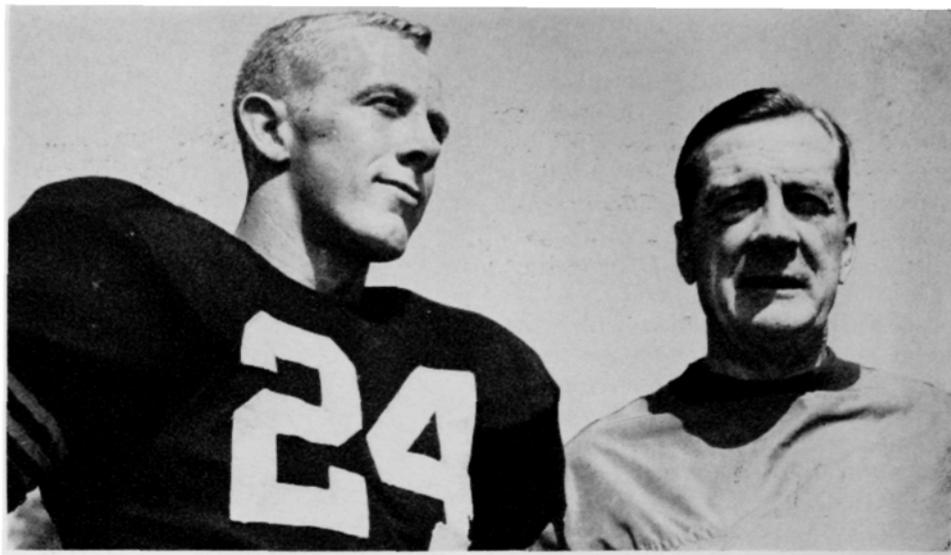
Dale Stanley Hall, a 34 year old assistant football coach from Parsons, Kansas, was elevated to the head coach's post vacated by Earl H. (Red) Blaik on February 15th.

Defensive coordinator on the Army staff the past three seasons, Hall was the unanimous choice of the five man athletic board of senior officers. The appointment was confirmed by Lieutenant General Garrison H. Davidson, Superintendent.

Hall received a three year contract at an undisclosed salary. He retained the same staff that served under Blaik—namely, Tom Harp, Bill Gunlock, Frank Lauterbur and Chuck Gottfried. Hall signed John Rauch, former all-America quarterback at Georgia, to fill the only vacancy on the staff.

"This is the realization of an ambition I have had since I was a Cadet," said Hall in a prepared statement. "Following Colonel Blaik is a tremendous challenge and probably the most difficult task in football. He established a winning tradition at West Point and it is the intention of myself, the staff, the administration and every Army man that this tradition be continued."

Hall was the unanimous choice of the Army staff including Coach Blaik. "Dale is the best man we could have picked," said Blaik at the time of the announcement. "He has a first-rate football mind. In fact, I think he is



Blaik with one of his greatest players, All-America Pete Dawkins, team captain for '58.

better prepared in many ways to be a head coach than many who have gone out from West Point." Blaik had in mind the previous thirteen members of his staff who had moved into the head coaching ranks.

A West Point graduate, Class of 1945, Hall launched his coaching career in 1949 following his separation from the service with the rank of first lieutenant. During his service tour he served with the 2nd Constabulary Regiment in Germany and at Fort Knox. While in Germany he coached the regimental team to the European championship.

He resigned his commission to enter the coaching profession breaking in

under Coach Stu Holcomb at Purdue who is now athletic director at Northwestern. Following two years at Purdue, Dale moved on to New Hampshire for a one year stay as line coach and head basketball mentor. The University of Florida beckoned in 1952 and Dale was signed by Bob Woodruff as backfield coach where he remained until returning here in 1956.

Hall's appointment follows the Academy's pattern of filling the head coaching job with a graduate. However, Hall becomes only the second civilian in the modern era to hold the post. Prior to Blaik, the last civilian to fill the job was G. P. Dyre, a Cornell alumnus, during the 1896 season.

Dale was a superlative athlete at the Military Academy during his undergraduate career. He competed in football, basketball and tennis and like Blaik received the Army Athletic Association trophy presented annually to the man who rendered "the most valuable service to athletics during his Cadet career."

He was a halfback on Army's 1944 squad, which was undefeated and won the national championship. He was named to the basketball all-America in 1945, and the same season captained one of Army's greatest quintets.

General Davidson stated that more than forty coaches throughout the country had been screened during the interim of 18 days prior to the time that Hall was selected. Among those interviewed by the Board were Bobby Dobbs, head man at Tulsa, and Jack Green, line coach at Tulane, a couple of former Army teammates of Hall's.

"It is indeed a fine tribute to Hall's ability that he was selected over such an outstanding field," the general said.

Dale has decided to continue the "lonely end" offense designed last year by Coach Blaik. "I think this attack



Hall as cadet halfback. Beside football he played basketball and tennis.

has untouched possibilities," Hall said recently. "Moreover, the coaches and the Cadets are sold on it. So we'll keep it and try to advance along the line Colonel Blaik set up."

Hall's principal problem during spring practice will be to rebuild the line where all the starters from tackle to tackle will have graduated. Bill "Lonesome George" Carpenter and Don Usry, the ends, are the only survivors of the '58 forward wall.



Dale Hall, new head coach, and Colonel Fran Roberts, new athletic director, set sights on perennial athletic objective.

Roberts Heads Athletic Dept.

While Blaik has held the dual post of Athletic Director and Head Coach, the new regime will find Colonel Fran Roberts elevated to the directorship. Roberts has been Graduate Manager of Athletics the past three years and is in the closing stages of his normal duty tour.

Colonel Emory "Hank" Adams, an end on the 1939 and 1940 football squads, succeeds Roberts sometime after July 1st.

The naming of an Athletic Director by General Davidson eliminates the position of Graduate Manager of Athletics from the Table of Organization. The Athletic Director now assumes the responsibilities of both positions.

Winter Sports Successful

Nine varsity teams competed in 112 contests during the winter season and the net result was a most satisfactory 70 percent in the win column. Both track and rifle went through undefeated and only wrestling and hockey failed to negotiate winning records.

The seven tiffs with Navy fell considerably short of the perfection mark of a year ago. As a matter of fact, we were on the short end, winning three to the Middies' four. As has been the case so often in the past, the home teams came out on top. All three contests at West Point (gymnastics, swim-



Earl Blaik hands over portfolio to Dale Hall, one of star pupils.

ming and rifle) went to Army. While, at Annapolis, the Middies held forth in all four (basketball, wrestling, squash and pistol).

Old Man Upset had his unpredictable finger in the pie in at least two events, namely; swimming and wrestling. On the season's record there seemed little doubt that the aquatic men from the Severn would all but down the supposedly inferior Cadet tank team. However, Coach Gordon Chalmers rallied the locals in his farewell appearance to post a sterling 48 to 38 victory.

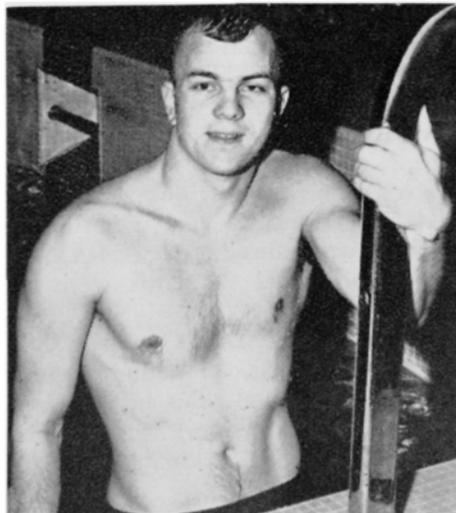
Conversely, Coach LeRoy Alitz and his gallant mat team were stunned by the aroused Middies and Army was unceremoniously toppled 17 to 9. Only

Cadet winners were Jerry Weisenseel (130 pounds), John Hyde (147 pounds), and heavyweight Bob Novogratz, the all-American football guard.

While passing out the plaudits we would be something more than delinquent if we failed to toss a bouquet to Tom Maloney and his talented tumblers. Maloney appears to "own" the Navy. Certainly the Middies must view every meeting with the little Napoleon of the gym with trepidation in light of his amazing record. The very best that Navy has been able to contrive against Maloney is a tie since 1949. The current scalping was listed at 54½ to 41½. Incidentally, the only team to take honors from the Cadets was Penn State who also copped the Eastern title.

The rifle team had an exceptionally fine year under M/Sgt. Gallman. Not only did the riflemen post a 1435-1429 win over Navy to finish undefeated, but also won the annual invitational tournament at New London.

There is no denying that the basketball quintet is victory-starved as far as the traditional service series is concerned. This time the Cadet Cagers moved front and center with an all-veteran contingent which had soundly thumped the Sailors a year ago. However, Coach Ben Carnevale did a splendid job of rejuvenating the Middies in the interim and the result was an easy win over Army (69-52) and a resultant bid to the NCAA tournament.



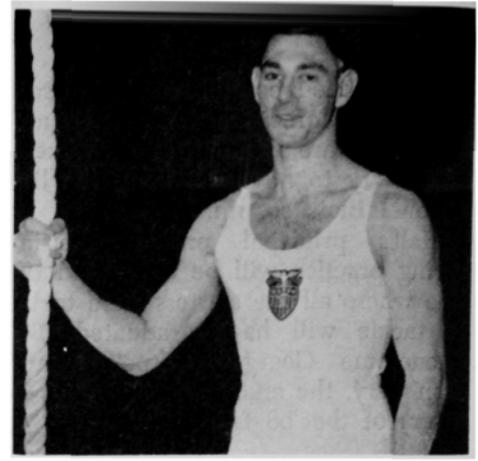
Don Kissinger, senior from Lancaster, Pa., swimming team captain, top free-styler and anchorman on both the record-holding Army relay teams.



Ted Crowley, junior from Belmont, Mass., top scorer in '59 season; a regular for past two years.



Gerry Weisenseel captained wrestling team. Won 11 of 12 matches this season (130 pounds) and in three years was most consistent winner.



Bill Cohen, first classman from Baltimore, tied Eastern Collegiate rope climb record in Navy meet with time of 3.4 seconds.

Army made it a contest for the greater part of the first half. Then the more agile and able Middies took command and actually out-classed the Cadets in the late stages.

Under Coach George Hunter who completed his first season here, the Cadets finished with an acceptable 14 and 10 mark. However, the lack of a key win over a major rival was evident.

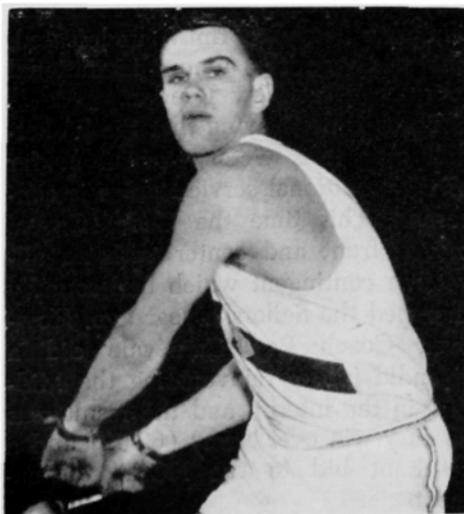
Darryle Kouns, Lee Sager and Jim Klosek were the high scorers. Kouns won top scoring honors for the second successive season with 480 points. His absence will be felt next season since he has used up his eligibility with a season at Georgia Tech.

Only Kouns and Captain Chuck Darby will be missing from this quintet when the court season comes around next winter. Navy, too, has a young, stable squad, and poses a positive and continuing threat to the Army camp at least for the immediate future.

Coach Jack Riley's hockey sextet got caught in the throes of a rebuilding campaign and the net result was the first losing season since 1952.

The overwhelming 6 to 1 defeat at

Ed Bagdonas, senior from Gardner, Mass., holds both the Cadet indoor and field house records for the 35-lb. weight. He set the former (63' 9 1/4") this season against Princeton and the latter (64' 7 1/4") in the 1958 Heptagonals.



the hands of the Royal Military College of Canada dipped the season's mark one notch below .500 at 9-10-1.

The Canadians left little doubt as to their superiority this year. Failing to win one of the previous three games, the scarlet-clad Cadets from north of the border presented their strongest team in recent years. They inserted, on the average, two good skaters to Army's one and the resultant pace proved too fast for the locals.

Leading scorers for Army during the season were Pete Dawkins, Ted Crowley and Dale Campbell. Dawkins led in goals with 16 to Crowley's 12. However, Crowley set the pace in points with 35 to Pete's 32.

Captain Larry Palmer set new Academy goalie marks for saves. He stopped 607, some 65 more than his previous high of last year. Against Northeastern the diminutive goalie saved 63 for a new game record in that department.

Though able to defeat most of the East's leading teams in dual meet competition, Coach Carl Crowell's track and field team failed to muster the necessary scoring strength to capture either of the coveted IC4-A or Heptagonal diadems. The thinclads finished a disappointing seventh in the Intercollegiates and were a distant second to Yale in the predominantly Ivy meet.

All things considered, however, the season goes down as the finest in Crowell's nine year tenure. The team beat both Manhattan and Penn State, the top two teams in the IC4-A, and several individual standards were recorded.

Ted Benz, mile, Dick Greene, 2 mile and Ed Bagdonas, 35 pound weight, garnered individual titles in the Heptagonals. Greene's effort was superlative as the second classman from Sacramento, set new meet and course records being clocked in 9:20.9.

During the course of the season Bill Hanne established a new 1,000 yard

Academy mark of 2:12.7 breaking John Hammack's record which stood eleven seasons. Hanne's hospitalization proved costly to the cause in the Heps. Keith Nance broke the oldest record in the indoor books in the shot put with a heave of 54 feet 2 inches to erase DeWitt Coulter's 1946 standard by more than a foot. Bagdonas added some four feet to the Academy's weight throw mark hurling the lead ball 64 feet, 7-3/4 inches. The other Academy mark going by the boards was the two mile relay which was clocked in 7:42.9. The quartet of Ron Salter, Dave Gray, Dick Healy and Hanne shaved nearly eight seconds off the record set in 1950.

Athletic Staff Changes

Johnny Rauch, former Georgia all-America, was named Army's defensive backfield coach, filling the position left vacant when Dale Hall moved up to replace Earl Blaik as head coach.

Rauch, 31, has been an assistant at his alma mater for the past four years. As an undergraduate, he was an outstanding passing quarterback, making the 1946 all-America team.

He has been coaching eight years, with terms at Florida (during the time Hall was there as an assistant) and Tulane prior to the return to Georgia.

Rauch, as a bonus star, played three years of professional football with the New York Bulldogs, New York Yankees and Philadelphia Eagles.

His appointment completes Hall's staff at Army. Other assistants include Tom Harp, Chuck Gottfried, Bill Gunlock and Frank Lauterbur.

For the first time in memory the Plebes will be coached by a civilian. Tom Cahill, formerly of the Manlius School and more recently of Riverdell Regional High School, was named to the position by Coach Dale Hall. During his eight year career at Manlius he coached some forty players who went on to become men of varsity caliber at West Point.

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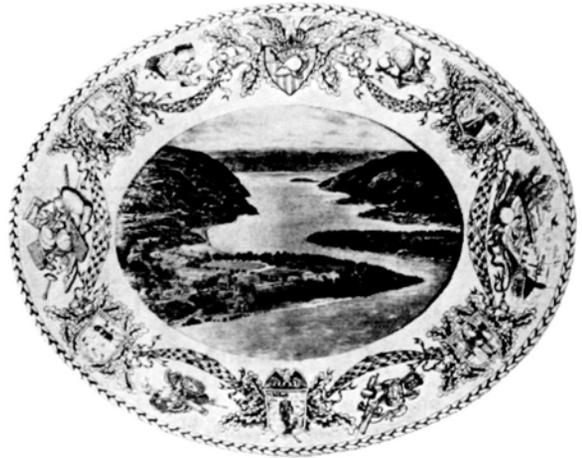


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1895

We have just learned of the deaths of two of our classmates' widows, Mrs. Herbert A. White, on December 27, 1957 and much more recently, Mrs. Louis H. Bash. Both will be remembered as cherished and fitting spouses of our able and beloved classmates. Your reporter's first knowledge of Bertha Runkle Bash antedated her marriage when he first read her romantic novel, *The Helmet of Navarre*, a popular book of yesteryear.

All 95's other widows from whom reports were received are quite well except for one with an ailment more disabling than alarming.

As a partial offset against our gloomy opening item, I am pleased to report that Joe Herron, who will in July become eligible for that especially honored group of graduates 90 years of age and over, is remarkably well and alert which I expect to verify immediately after despatching this report by a visit to his Long Beach home.

The other two members of 95's surviving triumvirate, Nuttman and Miles, try to match Joe's vim.

—Perry L. Miles
Johnstown, Ohio

1897

Mrs. Conley, the Sheriff's wife, is visiting her son in Paris. Mrs. Easton R. Gibson has changed her address to 1002 Fremont Avenue, Sunnyvale, California.

Roberts, C. D., has a grandson in the class of 1959 and hopes to be present to see him get his diploma. He is Thomas D. Roberts, II, youngest son of Heyward B. Roberts, Class of 1924. His older brother, Heyward B. Jr., is a 2d Lieutenant Air Force Reserve, in Korea.

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

1899

One of the scientists who came to Washington this past winter for their annual gathering and who had a good deal of newspaper publicity was Dr. J. C. Nichols, the son of our own Jesse. He is an authority, believe it or not, on bats, snakes, salamanders, frogs and such, all of which have peculiarities that bear upon and give them importance in scientific research. He

New Members

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says that his father, who had a broken hip last fall comes on well.

Woodruff and Kelly have been pursuing their golf game again this past winter in San Diego, but Kelly will soon be heading for home and Buffalo. Woodruff's son Jimmie, Jr., is still with Sears Roebuck and is now District Director, with headquarters in Denver, of its prosperous offshoot the Allstate Insurance Company. His sister, Margo, whose husband is of the Navy, has a son who will graduate from the Naval Academy this June. John Long who in February indulged in a mild attack of pneumonia, is again immersed in his hobby of geneology.

Schull writes that Loraine, who has been seriously ill in Letterman Hospital, comes on well and soon should be at home.

Herron, with his son-in-law, Colonel Richard W. Ripple, an instructor at the Army War College, attended the West Point dinner in March at Carlisle Barracks.

Sep. Humphrey writes that Jo Minus, with the help of her daughter Jane, continues on as one of the prominent business women of San Antonio. In February, Moseley made a trip through Texas in connection with the activities of the Texas Educational Association with which he long has been associated. Merry writes from the same state regretting that his contemporaries begin to consider themselves too old to dance! And he also writes enthusiastically and gratefully of how much we all owe to our Alma Mater for what we have had out of life. He,

Moseley, Kelly, Humphrey and Herron have said that they would be at the Point in June, D. V Woodruff thinks that he will not be there; the rest are undecided. To date, no wives are coming.

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

1901

It is sad to report the death of Clarence "SHAGGY" Sherrill in Cincinnati, February 6th. I had received a letter from his son Caldwell, saying that "SHAGGY" had been ill in bed since October 1957, and was in very poor shape, and he was sure the shock of Mrs. Sherrill's death in May 1957 hastened his deterioration. "SHAGGY" had a wonderful career: Aide to President Theodore Roosevelt, Chief of Staff of the 77th Division in France; District Commissioner and Director of Parks and Buildings. He was head of the Commission that built the Lincoln Memorial and the Arlington Memorial Bridge. He resigned from the Army in 1926 and was appointed the first City Manager of Cincinnati; resigned in 1930 and was made President of Kroger Grocery Co. He was recalled to Cincinnati as City Manager in 1937 and resigned in 1943. He was always an interested, loyal and devoted friend and classmate.

I saw Alice and George Spalding at their home in Bradenton, Florida, in December; both were fine. But a letter from Alice recently says George has had a heart attack—not severe—but very discomfoting.

A letter from the Riggs' son—Major General T. S. Riggs, says, "I thought it might be of interest to the Class of 1901 to know that another of its grandsons had joined the "Long Gray Line," my youngest son, David Kerr Riggs is now a member of the Class of 1962."

A letter from Reese Bettison tries to create the impression that he is working *very hard* moving himself and daughter Marion to a new home at 114 Anton

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DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE—JUNE 10, 1959

Road, Wynnewood, Pennsylvania. He seems to be in good shape. Ann Peek is moving from Washington to Leavenworth, Kansas, 212 South Esplanade. Had a card from Caples' son, Colonel Joseph T. Caples. He was at Verdun. I have seen the Washington Luncheon Gang—all o.k. Heard from Maguire and Tidball—Ann Peek says she is planning for 1961—Let's all of us do it—And the homecoming football game is a fine meeting date. Beck has seen Nannie Jewett in the hospital and reports that she is seriously ill.

—Beverly F. Browne
Front Royal, Virginia

1902

This is an evening of reminiscences . . . Through the haze of forty years, Dockery is recalling the old cavalry days when he helped General Pershing chase a Mexican bandit. More hickory logs on the glowing hearth as we gather round to listen!

"I was a First Lieutenant, in command of 'K' of the 10th at old Fort Huachuca" says Dockery "when we heard of Villa's raid on Columbus. At noon the officers were assembled and told we would move as soon as possible prepared for field service. We left the middle of the afternoon for Cubbison's Ranch, some miles west of Columbus, where we were joined by the 7th and a battery of field artillery. About midnight on the 16th of March, 1916, our brigade crossed the border under Colonel Dodd.

"After continual marching for seventy miles except for the usual halts we went into camp at the ruined Mormon town of Colonia Dublan. Our orders were to catch Villa, dead or alive. We found ourselves in an inhospitable country. The Mexicans instead of being our friends and allies, resented our presence and proved themselves our treacherous enemies. This was true not only in regard to civilians but to the nationalist troops we met. We were soon joined by the 13th from Columbus. After a night's rest at Dublan we had moved rapidly south, sending patrols west and east.

"Major Frank Tompkins' squadron had a brush with the Carranzistas at Parral when the Mexican commander sharply forbade him further advance.

"Other troops crossed the border and more bases were established to extend our reconnaissance. Our regular supplies came by truck train from Columbus.

"The picture that remains in my memory is of a desert country, devastated by six years of revolution, the miserable food it offered for men and horses, for truck trains were uncertain and we were generally away from our base camp; the unreliable native guides who, knowing that we had no maps preyed upon our ignorance of their country to deceive us.

"Villa had northern Mexico with him. Even the weather was in Villa's favor. It ranged vicariously from extreme heat to extreme cold. The heavy mountain winds—for we had reached a high altitude—pierced our army overcoats and regulation sweaters like a knife. All the fence posts and telegraph poles had been stolen. We could make only "scrubby" camp fires.

"Everything except what we could

carry on our saddles had been left at Cubbison's Ranch. We ate scrawny cattle and what meal or beans we could get at the poor ranches or mean adobe villages along our way. The corn for our horses was so old and hard it made their mouths sore and when we fed them hay it had to be done by hand for if we put it on the ground it would be blown away by the high winds.

"I was not with my troop at Carrizal or I would have shared the sad fate of Adair and Captain Boyd. I had been detached with a squad from each troop and sent back by truck to bring remount horses from Columbus. Many horses were either dead or too weak to stand the gruelling pace, longer.

"To keep up with his scattered command, General Pershing had to leave his horse's saddle for the seat of an automobile. His G.H.Q. consisted of three motor cars and they ranged constantly over hundreds of miles of that rough and tumble country taking more chances of capture than Villa.

"An amusing incident occurred at Carrizal. Before leaving camp the troops of Captain Boyd's command had been paid in silver. The Negro soldiers had their own method of celebrating pay day. The top pay gravitated in "crap" games to a few. The Mexicans found to their astonishment some captured saddle bags of the 10th bulging with money. It was said that they searched the mesquite about Carrizal for days, hunting for another horse with his treasure chest.

"It was in the Mexican mesquite that I unexpectedly met Sheridan. I had not seen him since we served together in the Philippines, after graduation, in the 5th. He gave up a sick leave to join his regiment in Mexico.

"Billy McCain was with Tompkins' column. He had been through that terrible night in Columbus.

"Shannon commanded the Apache scouts with the 7th. Their services on the trail were invaluable. Jim's understanding and leadership made him their ideal commander. Their movements were sometimes rather mysterious. A Mexican ranchman complained to General Pershing that the scouts had stolen some of his ponies. The general told Jim to send him Chief 'Chow Big' (whose appetite was by soldier standards unnecessarily large) for he was the patrol sergeant accused. . . . He was asked through the interpreter what he had to say. His reply was: "Ketch em in Damn Big Fight." As this was the first intimation of the fight that had reached headquarters, his explanation was not convincing.

"The Mexican was paid for his loss in hard cash, and 'Chow Big' was reconciled to this kind of dealing which he did not understand by being allowed to keep his ponies. Our tireless veteran commander, Colonel George A. Dodd was approaching his sixty-fourth birthday. We were glad time was left before he was retired to get his "B.G." star, for he certainly earned it. In this chase after rumors and phantoms, he was always in the front. The first news we got about Villa was that he was wounded at Columbus and making for the mountains in a spring wagon. Then he seems to have miraculously recovered from his wound for we heard of him at Namiquipa—the most

revolutionary town in northern Mexico—with a large force.

"Dodd, practically without supplies, marched into a cold gale. The canteens were frozen tight. He had Villa surrounded (according to rumors) and the wily bandit escaped by a mere chance. That "chance" was as usual the lack of cooperation from the Carranzistas. Villa and his band had melted into the populace. So we came home."

The back log of our evening fire appears to have burned out. It is time for bed.

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

1903

There are now 37 living members of the Class of 1903, out of 93 who graduated. Here are some recent notes.

"Trophy Bendel writes as follows: "Regards to all and a good 1959. I am confined to Letterman General Hospital with a repeat performance. I broke my other hip two weeks ago. I can be thankful I have only two legs". Does anyone remember how "Trophy" got that nickname?

Levi Brown says he is building up his strength to attend our 60th Reunion. He has taken some trips to visit the graves of his ancestors in Mississippi—and there are many of them—and to look over the room he occupied at Mississippi A&M before going to West Point. He has also used his mathematical mind to compute how many hours and miles he walked on the area at West Point. But he says he deserved all he got!

Colley writes that his voicelessness is about the same. Slow malignancy. Five years since surgery. He seems to take much interest in class notes and class-mates.

Bill Colvin reports they are living comfortably and happily in Greenwich, Connecticut. He says his house is only about a mile from the Merritt Parkway or the new Thruway, so anyone passing that way, note.

Dice writes very feelingly of his appreciation of the notes Grant and Farnum sent him about the 55th Reunion, as well as the class picture at that time. He also says that he is leaving instructions that when he is buried the 1903 arm band shall be put on his coat and that this will insure of his being admitted at the "pearly gates"

"Puss" Farnum spent four days in New York in January and met the Popes there for lunch. He is battling the coldest winter in years in Maine, and also the many civic duties they load on him.

John Franklin is still farming and doing all the civic chores which he is called on to do all the time. He is proud that his home town (Morristown, Tennessee) is placed at the top of the towns of the U.S. of its size (25,000) for cleanliness.

"Pope" Gregory thanked me for sending them some snow, of which they have had very little. He is celebrating the arrival of his third great-grandchild, with three more on the way. Levi Brown has him beat on grandchildren, but I dunno who can challenge him on the "greats".

Hinkle writes that he and Ethel (his wife) are in poor health in spite of the "famous" climate of San Diego, having

showers and gusts day and night. The only person of our contemporaries living there is Frankenberger of 1902.

Howze attended the preview of the Department of the Army movie depicting the military career of Doug MacArthur. He was with the Pope family consisting of Pope, Elvira, Pope's brother and Pope's daughter, Polly.

Jones, C. has his brother DeW.C. Jones (1905) living in Miami, Florida, so they flit back and forth from North Carolina and Florida.

"Pat" Lynch wrote a brief note from Orlando. He looked so fine at our 55th Reunion that he must have found Ponce de Leon's "Fountain of Perpetual Youth".

Lynn reports that he is always gazing around Washington, hoping to see some of the "cadets" of 1903. Hope springs eternal!

"Growler" Lyon enjoys the life in a college town, attending lectures and weekly meetings of history professors and other interesting events. Did anyone imagine when we were cadets that "Growler" would be an expert on the trends of history? "Dickie" Moore corrects me—he is living at Pebble Beach, not San Francisco. He says he realized that the only way he would see his name in the class notes was to go into a hospital. So he went there in January and had an operation for prostate. And everything seems fine. But "Dickie" don't take that means again! He is President of the local West Point Society as is "Growler" Lyon of his. Age will get you that! "Dickie" also stated that according to acts passed by Congress, active duty during a wartime period includes service as a cadet at USMA. Which apparently means that widows of 1903 may be eligible for pensions on account of the Spanish-American War.

Pope, who lives at Katonah, New York has a unique collection of works of the famous sculptor, John Rogers. These works are interesting groups of people about the time of the Civil War and they were in a drab color. But Pope, in his studio, has painted them in natural colors and they are very effective and beautiful. It is also interesting to know that Pope has kept the stable on his place with names over the stalls of his former favorite polo ponies—and his tack room, intact—watta pun! Perhaps P. Wood would call that "al-literation". Pope's daughter Polly sailed to Panama and returned on the same boat with the Schleys. Julian is a Director of that line, the Panama Line and they have some fine boats. The widow of Zona Pendleton has been visiting her daughter who lives near the Papes.

"Benny" Ristine is enthused about Bowling on the Green at Jacksonville, Florida, in which he engages several times a week.

Rozelle ("Razzle Dazzle") writes that they have given up country life (at Boerne, Texas) and have moved into the village (pop 1800). He is well and has a son and two grandchildren at Oklahoma City. The son, F. McQueen Rozelle, is a petroleum geological engineer.

The Fred Smiths went down to Randolph Air Force Base around Christmas to visit their son, Lieutenant General Frederick H. Smith, Jr. who is in charge of all Air Force training. The latter was presented with the Navy DSM while the Smiths were there. The award was made on the recommendation of Admiral Stumpf for outstanding service in command in the

Far East. A note of interest is that when Smith's grandson was born in 1935 "grandpa" said "I will be 78 years old when he graduates from West Point". And he was 78 just 2 days before the grandson graduated in 1957.

Turtle ("The Great Silurian") is well and both he and his good wife, Maida, are very active. Maida is especially prominent in women's clubs of various kinds. He reports that "Eph" Graham was in Brooks General Hospital with a slight heart attack and fell there and broke his thigh. But at last accounts he was progressing satisfactorily. Why do all hospitals have such slippery, waxed floors?

Bones Tyler writes from Bradenton, Florida, and reports that Rose's widow is well. "Sep" Winfree writes that "widower Winfree is now the head of a family again, temporarily." His daughter Marg and her four children are living with him at Golden Beach, Florida, until next July. His son-in-law, Eddie Gillivan, '38, now at the Pentagon goes to Fort McPherson, Georgia in July, which "Sep" says was his last "CP" before he was retired. Imagine "Sep" baby sitting or gamboling on the beach with four grandchildren—that would be something to see!

"Jake" Wuest says that he and Helen remained in Olean, New York until well in the winter. Helen's Mother died there on February 1 and "Jake's" sister died in California shortly after. But they expect to spend part of the winter in the West Indies and they hope to go to Europe to renew old acquaintances made when he was Military and Air Attaché in Central Europe.

Rodney has been bucking the severe winter weather in Michigan. He has always said that a certain amount of rugged weather is good for a man and it "puts iron in his soul". But he says that this winter he is "over-ironed". On one occasion he was pulled out of a snow bank by a tractor hauling a load of manure, and one of his friends exclaimed, "how low can a man get?" But a true lover of our equine friends can claim that they are always there when needed.

Jean, the widow of our own "Corporal Tom" VanNatta is now living in Chile. Her daughter and son-in-law, Colonel C. W. Bennett '24, have a farm in Chile where they moved when he was retired. She has recently visited her son, Major General T. F. VanNatta in Germany. Our Tom would be very proud of his son.

Jean is living at Casilla 37, Providence of Valparaiso, Casablanca, Chile.

"Celery" Farmer has recently been in a Veterans Hospital in North Carolina for physiotherapy for a sprained back but is OK now. He is enthusiastic about the treatment he received and the way the hospital was run.

—Dorsey R. Rodney
938 Huntington Road
East Lansing, Michigan

Pensions to Spanish War Widows
Public Law 857, 85th Congress, makes some widows of Spanish War veterans eligible for pensions. DA Pamphlet 600-1, February 1959, explains the meaning and effect of that law. Because the Association does not have the addresses of many widows of the Classes of 1899-1906, members of these classes are requested to "pass the word" to their friends in that category. Inquiry should be made to the Veterans Bureau.

Blakely, with wife and daughter, Rose, spent a most enjoyable month in Spain in November and December of 1958. He expects to attend our 55th Reunion next June.

Reports from San Antonio indicate that our classmates there, Brunzell, Edmunds and Koch, are carrying on in good condition as usual. Our sympathy goes out to Koch, however, whose wife, Kitty, died on 28 November, 1958, after being in poor health for a considerable period.

Danford went to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, to attend the celebration on 8 January, 1959, of the 90th birthday anniversary of the post. He reports a very interesting and enjoyable visit and was much impressed by the many changes in the post and the nearby town of Lawton since his retirement seventeen years ago. Katie and he expect to be on hand for the reunion.

Gimperling intends to come on from Colorado for the reunion if nothing arises to prevent. He is looking forward to seeing the classmates who will be there, and also a grandchild, now a 2d classman. Since "Runt" Ward died, Tom is the only 1904 man in or near Denver.

Hunter, in Palo Alto, has not seen a classmate for several years. He attends luncheons of one retired officer group in San Francisco and another in the Peninsula Area, but, he says, that "now-a-days most of the members are after our time".

The McKells are scheduled to take a trip to Europe in April and May, visiting London, Oxford, Cambridge and Paris. David calls it a book exploring trip, but, it is believed, that the real object of the trip is to see in Paris, Elizabeth Anne Hadly, their first great-grandchild born 9 December, 1958.

Mrs. McNair is planning to be present at our reunion luncheon.

Neal says he doesn't do much any more except walk on the beach. He has learned that Alley is recuperating satisfactorily from an operation on his eyes.

Pettis keeps busy raising flowers, working in the yard, conducting, as a Presbyterian elder, a Sunday School class of older people, acting as program chairman for Rotary, attending teas and funerals, reading, playing bridge, and performing such household duties as usually fall to a retired officer and gentleman with an energetic wife. He also writes glowingly of their children and grandchildren: a son who is an inventive, mechanical engineer, a granddaughter who had an American Field Service scholarship to Germany last summer, and several younger grandchildren who are coming along OK.

Mrs. Reynolds hopes to be at the reunion luncheon with her son, Steve, Jr., Class of 1928.

Robins has practically retired from business as a consulting engineer and stays at his home in Oswego, Oregon, most of the time. He knows of no other classmate in Oregon and Washington since "Sandy" McAndrew went east.

Thomlinson, in El Paso, has no news of classmates, but says that a year ago he completed eleven pleasant years at the museum of the local college.

Venable writes from Bowman, California, that they had five of their family with them for Christmas, including their only great-grandchild.

Wheeler finds the Vermont winters too long and severe, so he goes south to Massachusetts (!) for the cold months. There he has seen Hooper who, Wheeler says, divides his time between carving out of wood beautiful, life-like birds and ice skating.

Wright reports that he was present at West Point for the ceremonies in June, 1958, and had a grand visit with Danford and Fenton at the Association of Graduates' luncheon. The Wrights expect to be on hand for our reunion.

It is a bit early at this time for classmates to make definite commitments about attending our 55th Reunion next June but up-to-date responses are encouraging.

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

1905

All members of the Class regretted finding Freddie Manley's name listed under LAST ROLL CALL on page 105 of the winter number of ASSEMBLY. He died of a heart ailment in a Richmond, Virginia hospital on December 10, 1958. Mrs. Manley predeceased him.

It was with great regret that we learned of the death of Charles D. Daly at his home in Pacific Grove, California on February 12th. He was buried at West Point six days later. Doc and Edna Lentz and Norman and Minna Ramsey were in attendance at the service. Charlie Daly's famous record in football has always been a source of great pride to the Class of 1905. I shall never forget our 1901 Navy game when Daly dropkicked a field goal and scored a touchdown on the kickoff in the second half, making the score 11-5 in our favor. That score was sarcastically reported in the Navy Lucky Bag as: Army 0, Navy 5, Daly 11!!!

In June 1902 Titus received his Medal of Honor from President Theodore Roosevelt. That summer he visited Highland Falls in response to an invitation for a Sunday dinner at one of the hotels overlooking the river. On the porch of the hotel he saw an old gentleman sitting in one of the chairs and on his lap Titus saw him wearing a little bow of red, white and blue ribbon which indicated that the old man was the holder of the Congressional Medal of Honor. Titus who was wearing his medal with his full dress, stopped and spoke to the wearer of the medal and found that the old man was the first man ever to receive a Medal of Honor—and as we knew then Titus was the last!!! The first action for which Lieutenant Brownell was awarded a M.H., occurred at Alexandria Virginia in 1861 in connection with the death of Colonel Ellsworth who had just hauled down a rebel flag from the hotel flag pole. (See Army and Navy Legion of Valor of the U.S. of America for December 1958).

Our godson, Donald Winston Titus was retired as a Colonel in July 1958 with 50% disability and he is building a home at 530 Highland Drive, Danville, California, P.O. Box 176, near where he was last stationed at Parks Air Force Base.

Ralph Talbot, Jimmie Walker and Lester Arnold had a "stem winding session" in San Francisco last December. Jimmie

is an expert on history and is planning to go to Europe again this year.

Yank Upham's son-in-law, Dr. James Glassman has a Presbyterian Church in Seattle, Washington. He has a Ph.D. degree from the University of Edinburgh. Yank and his wife visited them last fall and returned to Dallas, Texas by way of the Yellowstone Park and the Grand Teton.

Clifford and Harriet Early left New York on January 20th for a cruise on the Cunard Line R.M.S. CARONIA'S "Great World Cruise" with many interesting side trips. They are due back in New York on May 8th when we hope to hear of some of their experiences and impressions.

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

1906

Well, Christmas is long gone, with its beautiful cards and the sweet messages, many of them from classmates. The navy is licking its wounds. As March comes in, Biscayne Bay is full of canvas backs and teals and pretty girls riding the water skis and showing off to their boy friends. The mockingbirds are singing in the bougainvilleas. Thanks for the cards and their nice things.

Remember the Sunday afternoons when a few of us rowed over to Constitution Island to listen to Anna and Susan Warner talk about the Bible and after that to feed us cake and tea. John Nickles of Canaan, New York is writing an account of the sisters and his request for my memories roused many happy ones. Have you any to add for him?

Katie Fox (Hally's wife) writes about Hally's death in May 1957 of a heart attack after a long illness and twenty years of retirement from the teaching profession. She lives at 207 Sibley Avenue Jackson, Mississippi.

Clara Lane (Bill's wife) in her Christmas letter says there were thirteen around their Thanksgiving table and as many expected for Christmas. Bill is much confined now by arthritis and arterial troubles.

Elsie Selton (Hugo's wife) wrote Jim Riley that their Christmas with the children at Atlanta was interrupted by a painful gall bladder and Hugo had to go to Fort McPherson hospital on Christmas Eve. Jim and I have written, but have no late news, which we take as good news.

Priscilla Robinson (Don's wife) has approved the obituary for Don and it has been sent to the Association of Graduates for publication. She circulated it to the family before sending it back with her compliments and appreciation.

Annelie Loving (Joe's wife) writes also, speaking happily of the class notes and the fine obituary written by Henry Finch, which was in the last ASSEMBLY.

Alice Pratt (Johnny's wife) and Mattie Coe (Johnny's sister) appreciate the article about Johnny and the family and remembrances of their old days as children at West Point.

Ann Mathews (Phil's sister) sent lovely notes to all of us concerned in helping with her affairs and the story about Phil in ASSEMBLY. Earl and Edith McFarland see her often and are nearby.

Joe King sent an account of the Dan T. Moore dedication and so did Hap Green. A bronze tablet was dedicated to Dan in the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery on a cold day, Hap Pennell making a stirring address. Hap was the Secretary of the school when Dan organized The School of Fire at Fort Sill where so many of the old field artillerymen got their learning.

Jeannette Andrews (Frank's wife) received a letter recently from the Air Force Academy asking permission to designate the annual award in history, "The Frank M. Andrews Award." The Daughters of American Colonists will sponsor the award. Johnny has accepted and the Class of 1906 is honored. Johnny is in fine health and is seen often at the Bath Club here.

Elizabeth Parker (Cort's wife) tells me in her Christmas message that Cort has been very ill in a Boston hospital for some time, having had two operations and had much arterial trouble. At Christmas time he was better and stronger. Drop him a line.

Frederika Williford (Forrest's wife), Mildred Gillespie (Alex's wife), Florence Ardery (Spike's wife), Connie Huntley (Tige's wife) and Ann Mathews (Phil's sister) sent messages, along with twenty-six cards from classmates at Christmas and Red and Christine Hoyle dared us to come within range of their snowballs. We didn't take the dare. Red liked the "Catawissa Trail." There was a meeting of the Washington contingent of 1906 when Jim Riley arrived there recently, Earl McFarland and Dick Burleson being the only members present besides Jim. No news from Tubby Loughry, on the greeting card from the party.

Max Elser (Old Krupp to us) writes a lovely story about life on Osage Creek, Arkansas, (The Diamond State), where he says the fishing is wonderful, but, in addition, he has two well stocked ponds where anytime a "Tunker" can be pulled out for breakfast. And not far away is Bull Shoals Lake, Table Rock Lake and Tennycom in case you want to look it up on the map, where the fish still bite all summer. He has real "urbs in rure" with a dial telephone, natural gas, paved roads and a grand climate. Four sons and their families spent Christmas with the Elsers at Star Route, Berryville, Arkansas.

The doings of the Jim Riley family have been in your files since Christmas, but that is not the last news. There was a big Christmas party with the Jim Shaws (Daughter Betty), The Jim, Juniors, the Bill Rileys with the new baby and Marion Howze, 1903. There were eight birthday parties and the school celebrations at one of which Jim, III, was captain of the soccer team and grandson Jeff, his brother, was captain of the 7th graders football team. The Navy Game, which turned out to be the Army game, was visited by most of that group and the DeRussy Hoyles.

Good news comes from Earl and Edith McFarland where Earl has been recovering from a weak heart condition in a downstairs bedroom at home and now and then riding out with Edith for some sunshine.

Your correspondent has resigned from the Miami Heart Institute, where he has been a volunteer secretary for the last

ten years. It has made a notable contribution to the medical story of the area and the country, and a source of much pride, but age must be pampered a bit now. What next? Well, we might start planning for that 55th reunion in 1961. How about that?

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

1907

John Logan Jenkins died at Walter Reed Hospital on the twenty-seventh of December after a prolonged illness and was buried in Arlington with full military honors. Nine classmates attended the services. A contribution in his memory was made to the Endowment Fund of the Association of Graduates on behalf of the class.

Enrique White wrote from Clearwater, Florida that he had seen Bob Glassburn who looked very well. Bob has a fine house, built for the Florida climate, with a center entrance which permits a clear sweep of air throughout. It is on the site of a former grapefruit orchard and Bob inherited several trees. Just before my arrival Bob had gone hunting for wild turkey. At other times he hunts quail. Mrs. Glassburn is a lovely hostess and our youngest class boy is beginning to grow up. All told Bob is doing very well in all respects. Bob and Enrique drove over to St. Petersburg where they saw Walter Wheeler and Clyde Eastman. Walter has not been well lately but Clyde is fit as ever and busy looking after the trees and shrubs on their place. Margaret and her daughter who was with them were as charming as ever and Enrique had a most enjoyable visit. From there he went to Birmingham where he spent a delightful week end with Sunny Jim and Thelma Martin before departing for Washington enroute to Greece to visit his son, Charles, who is Chief of Staff of the Military Assistance Group there. The trip over left much to be desired but he made it all right and found Athens and Greece most interesting. The Acropolis with the Parthenon at its top is magnificent and can be seen from all directions. He visited Piraeus, the port of Athens and the Marathon Dam. Near there are found the pines of Attica and the plane trees we used to read about under which the old Greek poets and philosophers were wont to recline in the shade and discourse to their followers. He also visited the great plain of Marathon and expected to spend week ends at Delphi, Corinth and other historical spots. He attended a large social affair at which high government officials, Army, Navy and Air Force personnel, as well as civilians were present, all Greeks, but he didn't make much headway with them as the sole Greek word in his vocabulary was Kolynos.

A note from Sunny Jim Martin's secretary told us that Sunny Jim had suffered a slight coronary occlusion back in December and a letter from Sunny Jim himself just received gave a more detailed account of his illness. He was confined to his home for seven weeks before getting out and he took the occasion to report to the class that he was still here and hoped to stay. He also wanted to retract the boast he made last May to Ben Castle that they were among the few in the

class still young enough to be actively engaged. He feels that he can still be listed as such but like Elihu Root once said, he is just as good a man as he ever was, but only for two hours a day.

The honorable William Logan Martin died 25 February 1959. No details known at press time. The Association expresses sympathy to the family and to the class. Martin was Regional Trustee of the Association for the Third Army Area.

Dick Park spent six interesting weeks in Athens with his son, Dick, and family and regretted that he could not have extended his visit long enough to have seen Enrique who was expected shortly after his departure. Dick enjoyed his trip abroad but was beginning to tire of being on the go so much and was looking forward to being home. Other travelers include the Injun Haydens on a tour of the South Pacific which will include Tahiti, Samoa, Australia and New Zealand.

Paul Larned received a letter from George Dailey who said that neither he nor Duse engaged in civic activities any more as they felt such work was for the younger generation "who do not want our Victorian advice" The Daileys have enjoyed the opera this year and attended four performances during the Los Angeles season and ten in San Francisco. The Dusenburys are planning to go abroad in May, sailing from Montreal for England and a short trip to France.

We received a post card from Jim Laubach from Port-Au-Prince, Haiti where he and Edith were on an American Express tour of the West Indies. He said that the American Express does the job well—very interesting, informative and comfortable with superior hotels and congenial people.

Lucian Booth wrote Ben Castle thanking him for the suggestion that he might be eligible to join the exclusive YEAE Business Club that he and Sunny Jim Martin had chartered but felt that he could not qualify at this time. Lucian has recovered nicely from his earlier heart attack and expects to go up to Washington before June to see a granddaughter graduate at Holton Arms.

Ray Hill wrote that they had attended the Cotton Bowl game in Dallas on New Year's day and that the game was a thriller from start to finish. He was greatly impressed by the Air Force Academy's team and thought for a first year team the Air Force was outstanding. He said they were good and he ought to know. Ray said that the trip to Dallas snapped him out of the old arm chair club that sits at home in front of the TV and goes nowhere. They are now trying to line up a trip to Hawaii.

Jumbo Watkins wrote that he is in fairly good health but lives a quiet sort of life. His new address 3610 Holly Grove Avenue does not mean that he has moved but that mail is now delivered to his home instead of to a box on the highway.

From Washington we learned that Jesse Drain has a grandson who is a plebe at Annapolis and another expects to enter West Point in June. Jimmy and Virginia Collins were in Montgomery, Alabama recently visiting their son, Michael. A recent class luncheon was attended by Castle, McNeil, Wood, Drain, Sullivan, Gutensohn and Larned.

Paul Larned received a card from Marse Henry who reported seeing the Chiltons when they passed through Carmel and

that Eddie Householder had been there but he was away at the time and did not see him.

Dan'l Boone sent us a copy of an address entitled "HOW WILL AMERICA SETTLE ITS OWN INTEGRATION 'COLD WAR'?" which he had delivered before the Norwalk Civic Club, the Darien Kiwanis Club, the New Canaan Exchange Club and has been requested to appear before several other clubs when their programs permit. It was a masterful address and coming as it did from a native born Texan and based on personal observation and experience, it was most convincing. We only wish that it could have been given more widespread publicity. Dan'l has received many favorable comments on his address.

Sandy Chilton wrote that Alex came home from Okinawa before they had expected him and was under hurry-up orders to pack up and be on his way to Quantico. Sandy and Omira had planned to visit Portland, Oregon where Alex's family were located during his overseas duty but they had to settle for a flying visit from him at Mesilla Park. They did get away a little later and visited the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs where Sandy's old friend, Buster Briggs, class of 1928, is Superintendent. Sandy was greatly impressed with the Academy, especially the classrooms which are like those in Thayer Hall—all air conditioned, no windows, solid charcoal gray blackboards for walls, a projector and screen in each and the most spacious and comfortable desks and chairs imaginable. The Cadet rooms are a far cry from the loveable old caves in which all of us struggled for the light, both mentally and physically. Sandy states that "as an educational institution, it has had a happy genesis which will go straight along as magnificent a path as that carved by the older sister". They went on to the coast after leaving Colorado Springs and while in Palo Alto tried to call Skinny MacLachlan and the Prominent Citizen but much to Sandy's regret neither was home. They spent a few days around Carmel and Monterey where they saw a host of friends and we quote from Sandy's letter: "A high light was a luncheon given for us at the Del Monte Lodge by Tom and Jeanette Spencer. Their other guests were Louisa Bane and Judge Henry and his attractive daughter, Chiquita. Tom is still our champion long distance talker. He was full of reminiscence of what he calls his "classical year" at West Point—the year he lived with a gentleman from Athens and another from Rome. The classical cities are both located in Georgia, and their classical inhabitants turn out to have been Marse Cheney and Judge Henry. When Sandy wrote, the pecan season was on and as he had a small crew coming to harvest the nuts, he had to stop to get out and supervise. Again, we quote, "an activity which I find suits me much better than manual labor. I never climb trees any more. The resemblance to a member of the Gibbon family is too pronounced to be funny."

The birthday cards from the group in Washington continue to bring much pleasure to members of the class and to elicit expressions of sincere appreciation. Those whose names appear on the cards are to be commended for keeping it up. I wish to join with Walter Wheeler, Spots Coleman, Dick Park and P. H. Jorton in

expressing our appreciation for the birthday greetings.

News of the death of Skee Santschi, our erstwhile Prominent Citizen, at Palo Alto Hospital was received just before our deadline. No other details were reported.

—Hayden W. Wagner
Balmville Road
Newburgh, New York

1908

The Annual Class Dinner, honoring the 51st anniversary of our graduation on 14 February, 1908, was held at the Army and Navy Club, Washington, D.C., Saturday evening, 14 February, 1959, at 7:00 o'clock. Present were Burns, Chaney, Edgerton, Ellis, Fletcher, Garrison, Hall, Kennedy, Schulz. Owing to the absence of the Class President, Bonesteel, because of illness, John Schulz, Vice President, presided. The meeting took place in the "Banquet Room" on the sixth floor of the Club. An enjoyable evening was had by all, marked by the recounting of reminiscences of cadet days and later periods of service.

Special greetings for the occasion were received from Coulter, Goethals, Muhlenberg, and Terry, and were noted with interest and appreciation by those present, as were also news items and greetings from a number of others—Cunningham, Dickinson, Grisell, Hester, Johnson, and Ricker. Several indicated that they had communicated with their representatives in Congress with respect to the removal of the inequity in Retired pay brought about by the pay act of 1958, with favorable replies from such legislators in a number of cases.

John Schulz stated that he had been asked by Bonesteel to call attention to the indebtedness of the Class to Bunny Goethals, who had voluntarily, at Bonesteel's request, given a great amount of time and labor to writing the members of the Class to obtain a wider coverage of Class news for publication in the 1908 news notes in ASSEMBLY. A motion was passed requesting that Bonesteel convey to Goethals the very great appreciation and thanks of those present and the Class for all he has done on this project.

The following were elected Class officers for the coming year: President, Bonesteel; Vice President, Garrison; Treasurer, Schulz. In the absence of Bonesteel, the chairmanship of the meeting for the brief remainder of the evening was turned over to Garrison. Garrison was requested by the meeting to express the great regret of those present to Bonesteel that he had been unable to be present with us at this annual occasion. Edgerton stated that he had been requested by Bonesteel to express his appreciation for the assistance given him in his work by John Schulz.

Garrison, who has two married daughters, Mrs. Martin F. (Ethel M.) Kennedy, who has seven sons and two daughters, and Mrs. Lloyd E. (Nancy Lou) Holloway, who has three sons, acquired a new grandson in December when a son was born to the Kennedys. That makes twelve grandchildren. Garrison's son Kenneth is married and just completed his tour in the Navy. He is now a student at George Washington University. Garrison has a

daughter, Patricia Lee who is six months older than his oldest grandchild.

The Bonesteels celebrated Christmas and their Golden Wedding Anniversary at Carswell Air Force Base, near Fort Worth, Texas. Except for a grandson, Bo Ohman, who is a doolie (plebe) at the Air Force Academy, the whole family was present. This includes Sis, their daughter married to Brigadier General N. O. Ohman (Swede), Class of 1937, USMA, who commands the 19th Air Division; Kippy, a grandson; and Susan, a granddaughter. Their son, Brigadier General C. H. B. III, with his wife Alice, flew out from Washington where he is now stationed. Another grandson, C. H. B. IV, flew in from Los Angeles, where he is working with North American Aviation as a Co-op student from M.I.T. The Bonesteels report a wonderful time.

John Kennedy enjoyed a long trip overseas last summer, covering Ireland, Scotland, England and northern France. In Scotland he visited the Kennedy ancestral home in County Ayr. In France he visited all the battlefields where he had been a participant in 1918, plus Cantigny. At home in Columbia, South Carolina, he devotes a lot of time to his flower-shrub gardens, which keeps him in good health and able to take many auto trips. John, a widower now many years, has a son, two daughters, and seven grandchildren. His son, Elmer B. Kennedy, is a Colonel, Regular Army, at Fort Bliss, with two boys, John and Charles. His elder daughter, Mrs. Douglas Griggsemer, lives in Atlanta, with two daughters, Kathleen (16) and Patty (15). The younger daughter, Mrs. W.F. Dibble, is in Columbia, with three daughters, Marguerite (14) Susan (11), and Kathleen (5).

John also sends us welcome news from the McIntosh family. They report being "holed up" for the winter at Santo Tomas, Arroyo de la Miel, Torremolinos, (Malaga), Spain. "Mac" reports proud possession of plenty of pigeons, pigs, parakeets, goats, burros, cats, dogs, and flies "thanks to the pigs." The household offers 2 extra bedrooms for visitors. Wonder if the Averys, also reported in Spain, have dropped in?

Tom Terry and Ruby were on the road last fall for a family reunion in Abbeville, Alabama, and later visited Washington, D.C., both reporting health in good order. Thomas A., Jr., after 8 years with a chemical concern in Pensacola, is now with another of like kind in Savannah.

From Milford, Maine, Lawrence Ricker reports tolerable state of health after November checkup, but his wife has been under care a large part of the year. To celebrate their Golden Wedding date in November, 1959, they are laying plans for a trip to Hawaii where their son now lives, and a look-in on "Goat" Miller.

"Mercury" Sneed writes cheerfully from Pinehurst. While battling the mysterious Parkinson's disease, he reported he was still able to get in some golf, besides which yard work, reading mystery yarns, bridge and bird shooting are his chief hobbies. He married Dorothy Doe Ryman in Montgomery, Alabama, December, 1942, and they have three sons: Albert L., Jr., now in second year at Christ School, Asheville; John R., whom he hopes to enter there in 1959; and Charles D., just old enough to beat his Dad bird shooting.

Last fall Bob and Lorraine Fletcher spent two months in Colorado and California visiting friends and relatives. At Colorado Springs they visited their daughter, Helena, wife of Major Wm. A. Patch (Class '48), getting there just in time to greet their third grandson, Robert Douglas Patch—also a grandson of Major General and Mrs. Joseph Dorst Patch. Major Patch graduated from the C and GSC last June and is now a "tac" at Air Force Academy, and an Army member of that institution's staff—where they also greeted Bonesteel's grandson, N. B. Ohman, a plebe there.

A long letter from "Dick" Dickinson at Southern Pines shows his fortitude, with poor sight and hearing, hands badly crippled from arthritis, but withal cheerful. He kept up giving fencing lessons until a few years ago, still weeds his garden and works as striker for his good wife, Le Roy, even if he has had to give up driving a car. "Dick" has done some writing for the local paper, "The Pilot," and for the "Charlotte Observer" on current topics, political and otherwise; but now reports, "lost all ambish." He had plenty left to turn in such a fine letter. Of the Dickinsons' three daughters, Patricia, Mrs. Sam M. Hutaff, lives in Fayetteville, North Carolina, and has two of her own, Ann and Deborah. Diane, unmarried, is a public accountant and office manager for an investment firm in Charlotte, North Carolina. Jeanne, Mrs. Robert F. Hoke Pollock (he, Judge of the Recorder's Court at Southern Pines) has two children, Stephanie and Hoke Dickinson Pollock, great-grandson of the Confederate General Hoke.

To Viola James goes our gratitude for the first real news of "Jimmy" in many a day. For several years "he has not been well—in and out of hospitals. Five years ago he broke his hip, and, while it healed very well and he can walk without crutches, he just prefers to stay in bed. . . . He reads and listens to the radio . . . comfortable and in no pain. . . . For five years, he, who loved people so much, does not want to see anyone but is very interested in what is going on and news of his friends." The loss of their only son in World War II brought full measure of grief to both. They have two daughters. The older, Mrs. Richard Wathen, lives in Washington, D.C., and has three children. The younger, Mary, is in the theatre, presently (January '59) in a very successful play, "View from the Bridge," in San Francisco. She appears in a lot of TV and goes under her own name. Viola concludes, on a welcoming note to all old friends, the assurance that "Jimmy" has been in good spirits the past two years, and "with all good wishes to you and all the classmates from us both."

The Merediths report their two sons with them over the holidays at Pebble Beach, California. Owen also says the Averys were expected home the middle of January after an auto tour through Europe.

Charlie Nulsen, just getting over a bad siege of flu and bronchitis, reports "Teke" Spencer wintering in Temple, Texas, and about to enter Fitzsimmons Hospital when able to make the trip from the Alexander Hotel in that town.

"Johnny" Johnson took in the Army-Navy football game in November and then drove to Florida, returning via Louisiana, Arkansas, Tennessee, and his birthplace, Henderson, Kentucky. Says this is

a trial run for a western trip and to break in his daughter, Anne, to the idea. New Mexico planning to give him a welcome.

—Charles H. Bonesteel

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Washington 8, D.C.

1909

The following classmates have indicated their intention of attending the Reunion; those who will probably be accompanied by wife or daughter have a (w) or (d) after their names: Baehr (d), Bluemel (w), Catron (w), Denson, Dev-ers, Eichelberger (w), Farman, Gage (w), Goetz (w), Harding (w, g.d.), Hickok, Hughes (w), Johnson (w), Krogstad, Milling, Oldfield (w), Ord (w), Partridge (w), Philoon (w), Plassmeyer, Purdon (w), Reed (w), Rossell, Rumbough (w), Schillerstrom, Stearns (w), Stokely (w), Thummel (w), Van Deusen, E. R. (w), Van Deusen, G. L. (w). Herkness and Marks are uncertain. Relatives of deceased members who expect to be present include Dorothy and Dotchi McGee, Jean Besson and Ethel Whitaker. Please notify the undersigned of any changes in your plans. And do make a special effort to be on hand.

Accommodations for the distaff contingent are being reserved at Ladycliff College and Bear Mountain Inn for four nights commencing Saturday, May 30. All concerned will be notified by mid-May of their exact assignment.

Dr. James G. Delano, only surviving son of Greason and Beckwith, has been appointed Head of the Department of Child Psychiatry at the Mayo Clinic. He has been very successful in this field in Philadelphia.—Mazie (Mrs. James L.) Walsh expresses her deep regret at being unable to attend the Reunion, "Jimmie had looked forward always to the Reunion in past years".—Madge Parker, in thanking the Class for their kind remembrance, says: "I appreciate it and Bob would have appreciated it too. I am beginning to realize that for him it was all for the best. He was failing physically and I lived in terror of a possible crippling stroke. He went as he had always hoped he would go—quickly and knowing nothing about it." "Mathy" Beere expresses his deep regret that, due to arthritis and complications, he can't make the Reunion. His address is now 5210 Blanco Avenue, El Paso, Texas. Emily Franklin wrote from St. Louis in early February: "Am still in a hospital after eight awful weeks but hope to be home next week. Tests show me to be in 'excellent condition' with a gallery of X-rays to prove it. I hope the Class will have a grand Reunion." Dorothy Nix, now Mrs. Harry W. Faucher, Jr., the fifth of "Phoebe's" fine family of six children, reports that she was married in 1956 and lives with her husband and child at 2035 Short Street, New Orleans 18, Louisiana. Her younger sister Barbara is also married and living in Puerto Rico. Ethel Wright will not be at the Reunion, as she and a "schoolgirl friend" have planned a trip by freighter to Greece and the Mediterranean. Several other '09 widows have expressed their regrets that they can't attend the Reunion. Cope Philoon writes, "It has been a darned cold winter. Hope

to get down to Washington for a lunch or two in April".

A special word of appreciation for those who have been working seriously on "Operation Equality".

Keep me posted on your June Week plans. See you then, *deo volente*.

—George L. Van Deusen

304 Fair Haven Road
Fair Haven, New Jersey

1910

We had a good newsy Christmas letter from "Ducky" Reinhardt down in San Antonio, Texas where he says the sun spends the winter and he tells of his plan to leave his City Manager job of Terrell Hills near San Antonio, on January 31, 1959, where he has been the big boss for nearly eight years and has done a good job. He and Laura are planning right now to come to our big Reunion in 1960.

It is sad to report the death of Lieutenant Colonel Alston L. Brown, son of Carey and Derryle Brown of Scottsville, New York. Young Brown was killed December 11th as his 1,400 mile-an-hour Air Force jet fighter crashed and exploded near Dayton, Ohio. He is survived by his wife and four children. Officers at Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton where young Brown was stationed said he radioed "Emergency" at 10:53 AM and then ejected himself from the plane. The ejection seat failed to disengage itself from his body and the parachute only partly opened. Alston's brother, Carey H. Jr., died in an airplane accident in England during World War II. Both boys are graduates of the Academy and lie buried in the West Point Cemetery.

Martin Ray's recent letter to Tony Frank tells interestingly of his family. He says he has thirteen grandchildren. Of his sons, John, USMA '39, after Korea and Japan, received a Master's degree in psychology from Tulane University and is now on the staff of the Commanding General of our Continental Army. Alan, USNA '41, with a lot of fighting war service is presently completing a tour of duty in Washington. Roger, West Point—June '43, wounded at Normandy, has since had twelve years in guided missile research and atomic energy. He has a Master's degree in aeronautical engineering and nuclear physics. The oldest son, Martin Jr., USNA '34, lost his life at Midway. The oldest grandson, Neal Ormond, is now a freshman at Yale.

Fred Carrithers in a good newsy letter says that he and Gertrude have been staying home at Manitou Springs, Colorado this winter, Gertrude not being in the best of health. However, last year they made two very pleasant trips, the first down the west coast of old Mexico to Guadalajara which city they had visited some years before. Their second trip took them to Glacier National Park thence to Banff, Lake Louise and the ice fields near Jasper, in Canada. The Carrithers family consists of three sons, their wives and five grandchildren. The oldest son lives in Colorado Springs. The second son, Bill, a lieutenant colonel, has a B-47 at Lake Charles, Louisiana. The youngest son, Dick, a major, is with a refueling unit in the Air Force Base at Tucson,

Arizona. As to the Reunion, Fred says he hopes to be there.

In two letters from Jane Drake, Frank's widow, we learn about her two fine sons. Rod (Colonel, L. R.), West Point '36, is military attaché to Chile. His wife, Helen, is a very fine pianist and has just given two grand concerts in South America. Their son, young Rod, entered Hotchkiss School last September. Jane's younger son, Bob (Major Robert E.) Class of '44 is with the Military Assistance Advisory Group in Paris, France. The oldest son, Frank, '37, died in 1943 as a result of the war. His beautiful daughter now lives in Little Rock, Arkansas and is about to enter college. Jane Drake is giving up her home in San Francisco and is leaving in February to be with her son in Paris. She is coming to the Reunion.

Kenneth and Rowenah Harmon in San Francisco have not travelled much since their trip to Japan in 1957. But since their grand tour of Europe and Africa 1952-1954, they have a wanderlust that won't be stilled. However, right now their main interest is a 2½ acre tract of timberland on the western slope of the Sierra Nevadas at a 3400 foot altitude. A little ancient "beat up" cabin is the center of their interest there. They are absorbed in its renovation and improvement. This they are doing with their own hands. Kenneth says that the climate at that elevation is so heavenly that they remain there as much of the summer season as possible. The Harmon's are coming to the Reunion and are looking forward to it impatiently.

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

1911

Polly and Mason Blunt, after visiting their daughter Mary, Jack Henson, and the five young Hensons, in Sacramento, flew down to the Peninsula late in January for a rendezvous with the Bay Area 1911 at luncheon south of Palo Alto—an 100% affair but for the absence of Dave Cowles who still gets about with some difficulty. After going to see him, they took off south by rented car, stopping briefly with the Baades in Santa Barbara, and testify to Paul's prowess in the planning and building by administration of their handsome home there. His pre WW II tour in the construction division of G-4, WDGS, helped. The Blunts flew back to Washington from San Diego. Sometime enroute they visited Colorado Springs; and Bluntie checked up thereabout on Camp Carson, his WW II command. He represents 1911 on the Washington committee for promoting positive legislation in behalf of us declassé (pay-wise) retired people; and, we hope, for the protection of our widows, in the ultimate passage of the Bill to ascribe the death of such as we, with thirty or twenty-five years' service, to service-connected or aggravated causes. Give him your help. In recent instances affecting classmates' widows, the VA's rulings have been intransigent in discounting the vicissitudes and effects of service since 1907, if we have survived to retirement. Those affected, our wives, have also served—notably and gallantly.

The Class effort to bring Class obits in

ASSEMBLY to date has resulted in those of Christian, Heffernan, George Hicks, and Heisington—by Blunt, Nichols, Lockwood, and Baade respectively; and Charlie Hall's by Bella Hall. She was visited recently in San Antonio by Mrs. Eisenhower enroute to Arizona. The Class is indebted to non-classmates for the stirring tributes in ASSEMBLY to Fleming and Hardigg.

The February luncheon of the S. F. Bay Area 1911, with the Nichols, was sparked by a surprize guest, "Jerry" Stanton, come west to meet her new daughter-in-law and son Lieutenant H. B. Stanton, Jr., Air Force, back from Japan and stationed at Travis AFB. Young "Hub" is the one who dropped in from Maxwell to Auburn to see Jim Crawford, who wrote "A wonderful looking fellow—looks like Jerry. So excited to see him I forgot to get his rank!" He isn't thirty yet, Jimmy, so isn't a colonel. Our "Hub" was posthumously honored recently at Cornwall-on-Hudson for his many services to the community in the dedication of an adjunct to the Central High School there in his memory. A bronze plaque on the granite base of the staff that carries the flag he served so well pays glowing tribute to the man who gave his retired life in full measure to his adopted home-town.

The Shekerjians are off again (March 10) for Around the World, via the Far East initially. Back in October, Washington 1911. Nick will handle the Class purse-strings in Haig's absence. Florence Ladd will be in Washington in May to see the young Ladds there. Karl Bradford is having eye trouble; but a quick recovery is hoped for in plenty of time for the production of our Fifty Year Book. His masterly work on the Forty Year Book, along with Tod Larned, gives him unanimous nomination for the next edition not too long hence.

Benny Lockwood's bandaged hand, evidence of recent surgery at Letterman, appeared to bother him less than his concerned classmates. His jewel-like garden may reflect his temporary inaction; but Cherry has an equally adept green thumb.

At a February dinner meeting of the Society of American Military Engineers at the Mayflower in Washington, our top engineer, "Spec" Wheeler, was the distinguished recipient of the Hoover Medal awarded annually by that Society jointly with the American Societies of Civil En-



S.F. BAY AREA 1911 PARTY FOR VISITING ART CONARD

(Left to right): Kathleen Conard Heinlein, Cherry Lockwood, Shekerjian, Nichols, Florence Ladd, Marthé Cowles, Conard, Weaver, Dorothy Bagby, Molly Weaver, Helen Shekerjian, Lockwood, Gerta Nichols, Bagby.

gineers and Mechanical Engineers, and the American Institutes of Mining, Metallurgical and Petroleum Engineers, and of Electrical Engineers. Specs inimitable rejoinder was doubtless fissionable.

Betty Smith Gray (Bobs widow) is since last November, Mrs. George Thornton Barker of Chevy Valley Road, Greenwich, Connecticut.

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

1912

Report From South-East Arca

Arch and Marg Arnold spent a good part of January in Mexico, principally around Guadalajara, having lots of game fishing, adventure and excitement. Archie reports having had a card from Bun Hobson, who has been visiting friends in San Antonio, and Helen Youngs in Ozona, Texas.

Widow section. A most interesting letter from Camille Brown, who not only enjoys



Cook: First Greatgrandfather.

life but has the distinction—this I get from an unimpeachable source—of being in her 27th year of continuous radio broadcasting in Montgomery, Alabama, having a fifteen minute program of assorted chit-chat. Olga Hyatt writes from Jacksonville, Florida that she expects to return to England about the end of April. Josephine Jernigan hopes any of the class arriving in Tampa will look her up. She promises nothing exciting but would be glad to see us. Also from Sarasota, Florida come best wishes to the class from Katherine Jackson, Chris Burlingane's widow. Lyde Henry is happily located in Lookout Mountain, Tennessee, living not far from her brothers. She finds time for work as well as play, hospital work, DAR publicity duties, with a bit of bridge on the side. Not the slightest complaint of ill health in her letter, and all of us are glad to know she is well and active.

Unhappily, not all of us are lucky as to health. Schneider is recuperating from a heart attack. He has a faithful amanuensis in Helen, who reports that their bachelor son has resigned, and is doing beauti-



John Karl Stephens, first great-grandchild of '12, with his parents, Lt. (i.g.) and Mrs. John A. Stephens, USNR (nee Patsy Cook, granddaughter of "Doc" Cook).

fully with the Scott Paper Company, and that their daughter and granddaughter live close by and are a source of much pleasure. Another amanuensis is Abigail Richmond. Frank's heart condition has shown recent improvement, but he still has to keep rather quiet. Cross word puzzles to keep his wits sharp and TV as a soporific help pass the time, and he also has enjoyed having family visitors. At long last a letter from Steve MacGregor, in his own fair hand, written while visiting his daughter Jessie Dale in Columbus, Georgia, Helene being away visiting in Florida. The high light of his visit in Columbus was his taking on the job of tutor in the three Rs for his granddaughters.

As for the Hauser family, we had a grand Christmas season, in spite of a bit of loneliness for our children, all now overseas. Bill is on detached service from his regiment doing a tour of honor guard and assorted other duties at the NCO Academy in Germany. He was permitted to discard shiny helmets for his platoon and to omit trick grassplot and rifle juggling drills, a sign that someone in Europe is awake to the need for honest soldiering for troops within gunshot of a potential foe. Chuck and Jane are in England, where Chuck is one of the editors in the London Bureau of United Press International. At home we are busy at the moment organizing a visit to our children plus some touring in Europe, and probably will be abroad when this report goes to press.

Famous People of 1912

Doc Cook recently said "I never was a first prizer until now." Well he broke the tape this time with his great-grandson—John K. Stephens, born to Lieutenant and Mrs. John A. Stephens (Patsy Cook) U.S. Navy, several months ahead of Si and Helen Sibert with a great-granddaughter and Dorothy Cramer with a great-grandson.

Lieutenant Stephens graduated from California Maritime Academy (1956). He plans to make the Navy his career.

Cece Cook is married to Major Edwin Haggard USMA 1940. They have two fine sons.

I understand that young Jack (the new great-grandson) has already announced

his desire to attend the Air Force Academy.

Doc is currently boss of the 1912 gang in La Jolla, California. Now he automatically has a new and additional assignment—creating a unified National Defense in his own household.

As to this firster business Doc—you, Jack Lewis and I made our entrance to West Point, through the East Sallyport, early in the morning of March 2, 1908. We were promptly met by a bunch of 1911 yearlings, buzzing like wasps. Had we not been so firster minded we would have had a more pleasant day.

Doc, no fooling about this firster business; as I recall you were usually first down on a punt in our football games. The official records show you with 2 D.S. Ms-CG 12th Army Corps ETO and Deputy CG Third Army. These things plus the great-grandson puts your batting average, as a firster, way over par.

1912 salutes you and your Stephens clan. May your line grow longer and longer.

—Littlejohn

1913

"Johnnie and Doris Johnson made a trip to Mexico City and spent a month there. During their stay they were fortunate enough to get in touch with Don Sutton's widow. She has remarried and her address is Senora Maria Vinda Celbe, Descartes 60, Colonia Angures, Mexico D.F., Mexico.

Joe and Dasha Viner are still in New York, having sold their home in Demarest, New Jersey, but are moving to Virginia Beach, Virginia late in March. They are planning to stop along the way South to see the Classmates that they can find.

From the Newspapers it would appear our "Crit" has gone social for I see a picture in the New York World-Telegram of him as honorary treasurer at a meeting of the committee for the New York 1890 Ball to be held February 26 for the benefit of the National Society of Crippled Children. More power to you "Crit"

Understand that "Doug" and Nora Greene are planning another trip to the West Coast the latter part of next August, object—to visit their son Lewis and his family in Van Nuys, California, and look up those classmates they can find.

Please send any news that you have because I cannot think up any.

—D T G

835 Morgan Avenue
Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania

1914

All in all, the class was very good about returning my abbreviated questionnaire. Of the greatest interest to us is the information received on attendance at our reunion. Here's how it looks at present:

To attend with wife: Brand, Brooks, Bull, Byrom, Carruth, Cress, Doc, J. A. Doe, W. W., Gill, Gross, Holcombe, Ingles, Jouett, Kerr, Monroe, Packard, Paschal, Potts, Royce, Ryan, Tack, Waddell, Weir, Whitten, and Woodberry total 25. To attend alone: Adler, Bullard, Elliott, Han-num, Harris, Herr, Hoge, Jones, Lampert, Lewis, G. F., Loomis, Stuart, and Villaret—total 13. Cannot or will not attend for various reasons: Altman, Brannon, Crawford, Davenport, Glass, Herman, Hough-

ton, Kennard, Lewis, C. W., Markoe, Matthews, Rees, Robertson, Spatz, Suddath, and Ward.

This adds up to 38 classmates and 25 wives to attend as well as several of our class widows including Evelyn Downs, Helen Hogan, Helen Cowgill, and Mrs. Joe Byron, so you see it will be quite a fine turnout. Those not listed failed to reply, but Ingles writes that several of them in Washington will attend.

Awfully sorry that Spatz will have to be in Europe on Battle Monuments Commission duties; Davenport had to give up his plans to attend because of the illness of his wife; Houghton can't because of a stroke that he recently had and of course we all knew why Kennard and Lewis can't make it. As for Ward, he simply writes "too soon to decide". Make up your mind, Pinkey!

At our class meeting during the reunion I hope to complete arrangements whereby every un-remarried widow of the class will have one or more classmates picked as "Buddies" or "Sponsors". Be thinking about this. I believe such a set-up would be good, and hope you will agree.

I hoped to pick up some fragments of news from the questionnaire, but most of us are leading such sensibly quiet and simple lives that I have little to record. Several who will not attend sent greetings to the class. Jessie Lewis reported that Cedric's progress is slow, and he still cannot walk alone; Harry Matthews takes a crack at Texas because we sometimes spend our summers in California; Suddath's new address is 315 East 64th Street, Savannah, Georgia; Ward now has eleven grandchildren; Adler had a heart attack recently, but made a fast recovery with no residual effects, and still plans to attend; Bullard got out a 5000 copy edition of "How to play shuffleboard"; Herr and Whitten attended Pat Hogan's Funeral at Cornwall-on-Hudson; Herman recently underwent an operation at Walter Reed Hospital, and is recovering OK; Gross' daughter Lucy (her husband is Colonel J. S. B. Dick, C.E.) is at West Point and they will host the class—awfully nice; Jousetts' son, Major John, is still in Taiwan; Agnes Royce was rather seriously injured in an automobile accident in January, and is in a cast, but Ralph hopes she will be fully recovered by June; Bill and Mary Ryan leave in March on a trip East which will end with our reunion; Weir and his wife are now visiting his daughter in California; Whitten has moved to 282 Hudson Street, Cornwall-on-Hudson.

There, I hope you are not as exhausted in reading all this, as I was in writing it!

The only sad feature of this correspondence job is that in almost every letter, I have to record the passing of one or more classmates, wives, or widows, and this letter is no exception. It is my duty to report four vacancies that have occurred in our group. In rapid succession, I have received the news of the passing of Helen, George Febiger's wife in Palo Alto, California, on December 10; Pat Hogan at Cornwall-on-Hudson, New York, on December 30; Duke Milliken at Johnson City, Tennessee, on January 5; and Martha Waltz, widow of Floyd, while visiting her son in El Paso, Texas, on January 7, 1959. Brand has already extended the sympathy of the class to their relatives.

It is difficult to realize that this will be my last letter before the reunion. Here's hoping that all who now plan to come will be on hand, and that some of those who don't expect to show up will surprise themselves by coming.

—John Carruth
241 Claywell Drive
San Antonio 9, Texas

1915

Well, gents, my work is really cut out for me this time. I asked for letters and by gingo! I got 'em. Besides I simply must tell you fellows, who live in the less civilized areas of the United States, about Ike's 1915 class dinner at the White House (no less) which, after all, is the high light of this report. To make the cheese more binding four grandchildren under 6 are running around the house making noises. In addition, I am supervising the building of a guest house just off my study and finally the deadline is only hours away.

Forty classmates accepted Ike's invitation to attend a stag dinner at the White House on the evening of February twenty-third. True to cadet tradition and training they not only came on time but they arrived at about the same time. This caused somewhat of a road block outside the North entrance gate while four or five cops checked identifications and looked for hidden bombs, switch knives, democrats and republicans for Truman. Finding only full and partial dentures, bifocals and hearing-aids we were allowed to enter the hallowed grounds and park near the portico.

We gathered for the customary lubrication upstairs near Ike's study which, I assure you, contains some rare, historical and interesting objects. It was pleasant to see how many had freshly shaved and washed behind their ears. Their faces were shining and friendly. The rapidity with which tongues wagged gave sound evidence that the ancient practice of throwing the bull was anything but a lost art.

Dinner was served in the large dining room and classmates were seated in alphabetical order at a beautifully decorated horse shoe shaped table. For the sake of posterity, I'll name those present.

From the District of Columbia, came the usual luncheon crowd of Boye, Bradley, Bragdon, Conklin, Davis, J. F., Ellis, Evans, Gilkeson, Gillette, Graves, Harris, J. E. (our new bridegroom), Hess, Lyon, Moale, Mueller, Swing, Wallington.

From the backward state of Maryland were Marsh, Peabody and Doughty (ex '15, now a retired Navy Captain), from Virginia (excusing Arlington) was Tompkins, from New York came Hobbs, Hyde, Leone, Meneely and from Pennsylvania were Hunt, Richards.

North Carolina, the Land of the Sky was represented by Miller, L. W., Taylor, White, Wogan and from South Carolina came McNair, Sherburne and Wehman. Stanton was down from Vermont, Van Fleet up from Florida.

Weart from Chicago, Hocker from Texas, Aurand from Hawaii and Larkin all the way from Istanbul, Turkey completed the group.

Clipped to each place card was a small envelope in which was a lovely souvenir

bone-handle pen knife. On one side of the largest blade the initials of the guest were engraved, on the other side of the same blade the initials DDE. For a guy who has the weight of the world on his shoulders this was a mighty thoughtful and generous gesture.

The dinner was delicious and served with "éclat" by twelve butlers in white ties and tails. The fare included delectable roast beef from one of Ike's own Aberdeen steers raised on his Gettysburg farm. From Ike and Gene Leone, who sat on Ike's right, I learned the proper way to broil a steak. For a small stipend I'll gladly send the recipe.

At the appropriate time our class president, Freddy Boye, clinked his glass for attention and in a well turned witty speech reminded us that forty-eight years ago we, a group of plebes, were welcomed to the Academy by one Thomas H. Barry. He surmised that not one of us dreamed that forty-eight years later we would be enjoying the hospitality of one of our classmates in a reasonably nice house, at a reasonably good dinner served reasonably well and that that classmate would be the President of the United States. Whereupon we all stood and toasted the President.

Coffee and liqueurs were served downstairs following which a movie showing the football highlights of 1958 were shown in Ike's private movie theatre. All in all it was a grand party put on by a perfect and gracious host. Wish y'all could have been there. Our sincere thanks to Ike.

Your scribe received letters from several classmates for which he expresses his thanks. They are reported here in the same chronological sequence as received.

Carl Bank's letter read like an interesting travelogue. After selling his house, "The Fruit Ranch" in Yucaipa, California in February 1958, he and Dee left for a nine month's trip to Europe and Africa. From New York City they boarded a ship to Lisbon. From there they flew to Casablanca and Dakar. At Dakar they boarded a French liner which stopped at all the interesting seaports of French West and French Equatorial Africa. Then through the Belgian Congo, Uganda, Rhodesia, Kenya, the Red Sea, Suez, Cairo, Port Said and Mallorca, topping it off with a leisurely tour of Copenhagen, London and Paris. In Paris they purchased a Renault-Dauphine, shipped it to the States and traveled in it from New York to their new home at 12736 Highview Lane, Redlands, California. Now I ask you, isn't that enough to put ants in anybody's pants. Carl says "come up and see me sometime and I'll tell you all about my trip."

I received several letters from Earl Price, the first, in November, gave news of Hubbard, the only classmate who lives near enough to Price to deserve mention. Hub is a widower and has two boys. The older is a promising journalist in Bakersfield; the younger, a West Point graduate class of '52, is an Airborne Infantry officer, married and has three children. Although in this letter Earl comments a bit about the political situation, it is not until his last letter, received in February, that he breaks the news that he has started a third party to wit: "The Green Group." He offered me the chairmanship of the Southeastern division, but I had to decline. My great age militates against my

heading up anything more strenuous than a cold schooner of beer.

Monk Richel loosened up at the suggestion of Hume Peabody and announced that he is "still breathing and warm to the touch." He takes care of his one acre and raises flowers. He had lovely things to say about his neighbor, Bob Lorch, who about two years ago retired from his job as security officer, Jeffersonville Q.M. Depot, enrolled at Purdue, took a refresher course in Math and is now a special instructor in that subject in the Louisville Public Schools. Besides he takes care of his farm during his spare hours. Not bad for a sub-goat. Nice going, Bob.

Dutch Hess and Bill Tompkins gave me an on the sport report of the Army-Navy game. They both seemed pleased with the result. Dutch, the old football scout, was enthusiastic about next year's prospects since both "Lonesome Ends" and Anderson will be back on the team. Let's all squeeze the left one.

My San Antonio reporter says that:

a. The John Leonards have their very attractive suburban home on the market. Too much gardening for John. They are looking for an apartment in the city. (A sure sign of age, John, my boy!)

b. Mike and Mary Davis are building in San Antonio.

c. A Norther in that usually balmy city froze Woody, his plants and sundry other thin blooded Southern gentlemen.

Ed Wallington has a grandson at the Academy. Golly! is *He* getting old!!

John Henry Cochran was my star reporter from Florida and gave me the following up to date news on classmates in his vicinity:

Dutch Gerhardt's only son is a captain and an instructor in the Department of Social Sciences at West Point. Dutch leads a quiet life with swimming, yard care and elbow bending evenings as his principal interests.

C. "Air" Jones is an amateur photographer and collects and repairs old clocks—no, not crocks. This must be a profitable hobby since he and Betty went on a month's trip to Europe last summer under the auspices of the "National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors."

They had a few days in England, saw the World's Fair and went to Holland, Germany, Austria and Italy. Their one daughter, Betty, is married to an ex Lieutenant Colonel M. C., a pathologist. They have two girls and a boy and live in Paducah, Kentucky.

John Robinson is a Republican ward heeler (an occupation which is not overly popular in Florida), a sun bather, a potential shuffleboard player and an elbow bender by doctor's orders (name of doctor withheld). His son, John, Jr., USMA '44, is a Major Air Force Jet pilot and currently in England as an instructor in the Royal Air Force College. His other children (didn't say how many) are girls and are quiet and unassuming like their daddy—says daddy! John reports four grandchildren that he'd like to incarcerate in a slightly used Indian Reservation.

Ned Zundel says he and his ball and chain are leading a rather prosaic life. He fishes a little, plays golf, does yard work on his one acre lot and is a firm believer in a daily nap and nip. With the nips more numerous than the naps.

John Henry swims a bit but is still a walri at heart. He golfs passably but

thinks he is probably headed for shuffleboard, crooks the elbow moderately but admits his arm can be easily twisted. He and his better half had a short coincidental sojourn in Martin Army Hospital, Fort Benning, Georgia last fall but came out with colors flying. He speaks highly of the treatment received at the hospital.

The passing of Emily Balsam on December 22 after a brief illness at the Fort Ord Hospital is regretfully announced. Alfred is bearing up nobly but is, of course, crushed. Our sympathy to you, Alfred, and our prayers for the repose of the soul of your lovely wife.

Jack Harris and Milly Lester (Jimmy's widow) were married early this winter. The class sends best wishes for much happiness to both.

Once in a while one of our strong, silent classmates breaks the sound barrier and comes forth with an epistolary gem. Such was the case when "Mike" Summers stirred his drinking arm to the point of taking pen in hand to give some up to date news of himself and family. Says the last time he saw a classmate was two years ago when "Wop" Watson made a fine speech at the annual West Point dinner in Los Angeles (stir your stumps, "Mike" and you'll see lots of 'em). He and Beryl are well and enjoying the equable climate of Santa Monica. He invites classmates to do likewise. The best news from Mike is that, God willing, he and Beryl will be at our 45th reunion in 1960.

"Shorty" Hearn feels better but his wife, Charlotte, had to be operated on for cataracts in February. Shorty says she is doing O.K. He says he talked to Sophia and found that "Doc" Waldron is progressing satisfactorily. According to "Squire" Taylor (see below), "Doc" underwent a serious lung operation. Hope all's well with the sick and ailing by the time this reaches them in the April ASSEMBLY.

A hundering of a report from "Squire" Taylor received just before this deadline, narrates in Squire's flowing style the round trip from Chapel Hill, North Carolina to Hawaii he and Hazel completed in late February. The tour included a stop at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where children and grandchildren are stationed, at Bakersfield where he dined with Earl Price and Hubbard. Both holding their own. In Palo Alto they saw the Hearn, Lucy Fox, and the Waldrons. In Hawaii they dined with the Aurands at their lovely home on Tantalus Drive. The Jack Kelihers were the other 1915 guests. Tom says, "Henry is an active columnist, a commentator, a Rotarian, a traveler and a community worker and Jack is a business man on some sort of Hawaiian project." On the way home the Taylors saw Balsam, who looked in good health in spite of his tragic loss, had dinner with Helen Finley, "the youngest great-grandmother both in years and in looks we have ever seen," saw the Haws who show little wear and tear. In Tucson they spent the night with the Strongs. Bob had no teeth at the time but that didn't seem to slow him up. In Las Cruces they had a short visit with the Tenneys. Encouraging news about Maude. They saw the Woodruffs at the Fort Sam Houston Officers Club. "Woody is young looking and very active, plays tennis, totes two deer out of the woods each year and gets his share of mountain trout and birds from places

where younger men would not venture."

While visiting our daughter, Patsy, in Greensboro, North Carolina recently, Mae and I had the pleasure of meeting John Rossell's widow. She was visiting her lovely daughter, Carter Delafield, who also lives in Greensboro with husband and two children. Mrs. Rossell lives in Greenwich Village, New York City and would love to see classmates of John's. Maybe she would come to our 45th.

From Washington correspondent:

a. James Van Fleet has been elected director of the Continental Ore Corporation, a private New York concern engaged in importing and exporting ores for the steel industry. Jim told me at the White House dinner that he is planning another safari in Africa in the near future. I hope he sends in a report.

b. Joe McNarney is a member of the top level committee of military and civilian experts appointed by the President to look into the problem of foreign aid.

c. Ike attended the regular January class luncheon at the Army and Navy Club. Just think sixteen guys entertain Ike at a luncheon, which Hume Peabody says would give anybody indigestion and in return Ike has forty at a swanky dinner at the White House. Not a bad bargain.

d. Joe Teter had quite a rough time this past year but swears he will be among those present at the 1960 reunion. We hope so.

e. Clesen Tenney's bank is now in the 12 million dollar class. Too much class for our class.

f. Louise Kahle spent the holidays in Florida with a cousin. She visited Betty Thompson, who is bearing up nobly.

g. Laura Brownell spent Christmas in Florida with her son, Alfred. Her granddaughter, Molly, was married November 26 in Charleston, South Carolina. If my abacus is not in error the class should have another great-grandchild and another great-grandma come summer.

h. Pearl Stickney is on an extended visit with her son, Alfred, in San Bruno, California.

i. Helen Howard spent two months in California and enjoyed seeing the Aurands after so many years.

j. Peg Lindner spent the winter at Fort Myers Beach, Florida.

k. Francis Mills is back from a long visit with her daughter in Portugal where her husband is stationed.

l. Virginia Henley has moved back to her home town and is now at 331 West 10th Street, Owensboro, Kentucky.

m. Det reports that the 45th reunion is coming along fine. Those who have answered "yes" so far include 75 men, 35 wives and 5 widows. About 20 have not answered. Reunion, by the time you read this, will be only thirteen months away, so you guys who have not answered, get busy, and youse guys (9) who have said "No" change your mind. A bang up time is promised.

n. New addresses:

Carl Bank—12736 Highview Lane, Redlands, California, Blackburn Hall—237 East Third Street, Jacksonville, Florida, Clifford King—31 Page Street, Asheville, North Carolina (Business address), John Robinson—1119 Mallorca Drive, Palma Sola Park, Bradenton, Florida.

Henry Saylor—231 Washington Avenue, Savannah, Georgia, Virginia Henley—see

above, Helen Howard—900 Greenwood Avenue, Evanston, Illinois, Claire Irwin—Apartment 500 G. Sheraton Park Hotel 2660 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D.C.

Francis Mills—2468 Rodman Street, Hollywood, Florida, Katherine O'Brien—P. O. Box 516, Lisbon Falls, Maine, Leonard Doughty—Winchester Road, Route #4, Annapolis, Maryland, Gabriel Thornton McKenzie—7130 S.W. 92nd Street, Kendall, Florida.

P. S. To show my gratitude to Ike for his lovely dinner I sent him the following recipe I obtained from the famous French culinary artist, Jean Perrichon. I believe if he uses it at one of his state dinners when he entertains the Democrats, he will have a sure fire success.

Take an olive, remove the seed and replace it with an anchovy. Place the olive in a lark weighing not more than 1½ oz.

Place the lark in a quail.

Place the quail in a chicken.

Place the chicken in a turkey.

Place the turkey in a pig.

Bake or roast until golden brown.

Serve only the olive!!!

Pax Domini set semper vobiscum.

—John B. Wogan

10 Cherry Lane

Asheville, North Carolina

1916

The New Year was ushered in with a letter from a classmate we have not heard from in a long while—Ed Martin. He is still keeping up with his insurance business in Peoria, Illinois. For a number of years he has been making summer trips abroad but since he had a stroke last year, he makes his vacation trips in this country. He expected to visit his son in Los Angeles and spend some time in Arizona this winter. Ben Yancy was in Newport News, Virginia, at Christmas time where his married daughter is teaching in one of the high schools. Willie Chapin has a beautiful home in South Portland, Maine, where he has been living alone since his wife's death in 1953. They really have snow when winter comes in that country and Willie said he was planning a trip to the Caribbean.

Fred Inglis, in Santa Barbara, had a phone call from Spence Merrell who was passing through on his way to Los Angeles. Fred says they spent the summer as usual at their cabin in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. He must be in perfect trim for he takes a weekly hike, sometimes 21 to 26 miles, and climbs 3000 to 4000 feet in the Tetons. "Runt" Rutherford has given up his ranch at Encinitas, California, after twenty years spent in developing improved species of subtropical fruits. He has bought a new house in the same place and says he is trying to acquire a breed of laziness that will salve his conscience while doing nothing at all. Otto Lange at Pasadena says that after ten years seeing no classmates last year both Dick Birmingham and Spence Merrell dropped in for a visit. Holland Robb also called him on the phone while passing through but Otto was then too ill to talk. He was in pretty bad shape last November but the doctor patched him up wonderfully and at Christmas he was looking

forward to a visit from his children and grandchildren.

Tom Martin is still living in Nashville but hopes that they may yet move to Tucson, Arizona and join Jack Fraser. The Johns sailed late in January from San Francisco via the Panama Canal to spend several months travelling in Europe. Tom and Constance Finley hope this year to be able to come out of the mountains of Colorado for a visit to the East Coast. Johnny Lieb who travels by trailer spent the summer in Alaska and the Yukon. At Christmas he had just returned from Mexico to San Diego, California. Horace McBride saw Craigie Krayenbuhl last fall. He does not say where but it must have been on a golf course for he says Craigie hits a ball as straight as ever.

Holland Robb, on his motor trip to the west coast, saw "Murph" Irvine at his ranch 28 miles east of Yuma, Arizona. He has 280 acres of land, 230 head of cattle, and harvests cotton and Bermuda grass. Robb says "Murph" looks wiry and fit and seems to be making a fine success of his business. His home, however, is in Coronado. Ferdie and Helen Gallagher have been motoring in Florida. They saw "Spike" Maulsby at Stuart. He had just returned from a strenuous speaking trip throughout Florida in the interests of cancer prevention education. Bill Hoge writes that Nettie had a serious operation last August but has now fully recovered. Jack Nygaard has been visiting friends all over the country since his arrival from Italy last fall.

"Bruno" and Jean Brundred passed through Washington returning home to Tulsa, Oklahoma, after their trip around the world. As many of the class in Washington as could be reached assembled at the Blisses for a supper party in their honor. Ham and Anne Maguire are leaving in March for a short trip to Europe where they plan to visit Denmark and Italy. Al Draves says he has given up competing with Joe Tully and Fay Prickett in the race for Grand-Dad of the class.

In closing, it is with sadness we announce the death of "Spider" Morehouse at the Veterans Hospital at Long Beach, California, on December 26, 1958. "Spider" had been in ill health since 1956, when he was taken seriously ill while travelling in Europe. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his family.

—"Brig" Bliss

3808 Reno Road N.W.

Washington 8, D.C.

April

1917

In late February Bill and Jule Heavey sailed for Honolulu, where they took a cottage in Hawaiian village. There they unexpectedly ran into Jack Code and Jimmy Cress ('14) and enjoyed a pleasant reunion with them. From Honolulu, Jule and Bill planned to fly on to Japan and to return home by mid-April.

Joe Collins set out in March for a trip around the world. His tour will take him through Europe, the Middle East, India, and Pakistan.

During 1958 Jim and Laddie Hayden were on the move, as usual, visiting son

Pete and family at Hastings-on-Hudson, attending the first fall Homecoming at West Point—"Great, don't miss the next one!"—spending a night with brother Fred in Bethesda, Maryland, seeing Jack and Anna Maria Nygaard in Chicago, then on to Leavenworth, Kansas to visit Buster and Bobette and their families. Buster, '45, is an instructor. He has a new daughter, born October 5. Bobette's husband, Major T. R. Watson, Jan. '43, was taking a short course before he and Bobette sailed for station in Germany. At Homecoming Laddie and Jim saw Connie and Dutch Cota, Bill Cowgill, Jesse and Clark Fales, Vivian and Fred Irving, and Hannah and Harris Jones.

Bates Compton says he is in good shape, lucky to be alive, and enjoying himself. He says he must live carefully and in slow motion, but "strangely, that seems a luxury."

There were a dozen or so classmates at the Army-Navy Game. Also, Bill Cowgill's daughter Meriwether was there with her husband, Mr. George F. Schmid. They had just returned from a vacation at Green Turtle Bay, where they had done a lot of sailing with George's sister and brother-in-law.

In December George and Dorothy Beurket wrote that they were happy to be back at their home in Pennsylvania after George's serious but successful heart operation at Walter Reed.

Ernie Harmon has established a fine reputation as the able and popular President of Norwich University in Vermont. In March he visited Washington, where he had an interview with President Eisenhower.

Fred and Vivian Irving are living quietly but contentedly in Aurora Heights in Arlington, Virginia. Fred is working for Melpar. Their son, young Captain Fred, after returning from a two-year tour on Polar Research in Greenland last fall, went on to Benning and graduated from the jump school there.

Enriette and Harry Schroeder have their three sons in this area, temporarily. Bill lives with them and Bob, '53, is at Fort Meade. However, Major Harry, Jr., June '43, now on duty in the Pentagon, is under orders and will leave shortly for a two-year tour in Saigon. Enriette is Vice Regent of the Army and Navy Chapter of the D.A.R. in Washington, D.C.

While they were visiting their son Page, June '43, and his family in St. Petersburg, Florida, at Christmas, Jeanette and Jack Jackson saw Bertha and "Doc" Johnson at their lovely home in St. Pete. Both are fine. "Doc" has a spacious workshop and is building a large and handsome sailboat. On their way back north Jeanette and Jack visited Dorothy and Lawrence Mitchell at their beautiful home on Lake Maitland in Winter Park, Florida; and there at an afternoon party they saw some old Army friends, including Alice and Bill McMahon and their daughter Alice Mary. Jeanette and Jack's son Page was recently on T.V. in St. Petersburg as lawyer of the week.

After Anna Maria returned to Italy, Jack Nygaard traveled to Wisconsin, New York, and Washington, D.C., then had a "wonderful nine-day visit at the Citadel with Wayne and Renie Clark. Both are fine." From there he moved on to San

Antonio, where he saw Arthur and Sophy Harper and John and Gracie Murray. On Feb. 21 he wrote from Mexico City that he was going on to the Pacific Coast and planned to see several classmates in the San Francisco area.

Here are the names of some of the wives which are not listed in the mimeographed "Home Addresses, Class of 1917." Many of these were sent in by Jim Hayden. Kitty Armstrong (wife of Clair), Ruth Shaw Armstrong (wife of Marvil), Mary Louise "Rhee" Bowlin, Elizabeth Foltz, Dorothy Guion, Maude Helm, Josephine Holmes, Betty Hutchings, Evelyn Irwin, Bertha Johnson, Edie Kilburn, Jean Lewis (wife of Ray), Emilie Lewis (wife of Warfield), Gladys Lewis (wife of C.D.), Helen Melasky, Peggy Nisley, Ellen Pierce, Louise Redfield, Ruth Ritchie, Gladys Sackville, Marion Steiner, Marylynn Tate, Betty Wahl, Alvira Warner, Laura Weishampel, Edna Wightman, Marjorie Young. New addresses: T. W. Kinnear, 2703 South Court, Palo Alto, California; "Count" Melasky, Martin Lane, Box 102, Carmel, California; Emily Tully, 913 South Washington St., Alexandria, Virginia. Please report any errors.

—Harold R. Jackson
814 Albany Avenue
Alexandria, Virginia

August 1917

This has been a sad winter for August '17; we have suffered heavy losses.

Pop Goode, en route with Helen to visit their daughter and admire their new grand-daughter in Lynchburg, Virginia, died of a heart attack on Saturday, January 17, in the Union Station in Washington.

Captured on the Normandy beaches, Pop attained fame for courage and skill in dealing with German officials and success in maintaining American morale. Deputy Governor of the US Soldiers Home since retirement and author of a history of the Home, he was recently awarded a special plaque by Secretary of the Army Brucker. We laid him to rest in Arlington on January the 21st.

Helen will make her home at 1605 Belfield Place in Lynchburg, Virginia.

Pat Mahoney, "Mr. America" to the Japanese people, died of heart complications Wednesday, February 4, at Tachikawa Air Base in Japan where he was employed by the Air Force.

Oldest West Pointer in the Far East, Pat Mahoney—proud soldier, faithful friend, outstanding American—lived the creed he learned 45 years ago as a West Point cadet, so say his friends in Japan; we cry, "Amen!" He was buried Wednesday, February 18, in Andover, Massachusetts, where Helen makes her home at 36 Central Street.

We mourn the passing of Charley Daly (1905), winner of "Four Straight" during our own kaydet days, three times All American, member of Football's Hall of Fame, and the man who never lost to Navy as player or as coach until a World War and the early graduation of five classes briefly wrecked Army football. He died of a heart attack at his home in Pebble Beach, California, on the

12th of February and was buried at West Point on the 18th with our own Biff Jones and Jerry Counts present to escort his remains.

And Red Blaik (1920) has resigned as Head Coach. Little did we realize when we said in the last ASSEMBLY, "Whatever Red Blaik does is all right with us," that this would happen so soon. Well, he has earned an honorable retirement if anyone ever has and so we simply say, "Good Bye, Good Luck, God Bless You, Red; may Dale Hall fill your shoes."

Social Notes: Bob and Marjorie Hasbrouck's Navy Game TV Party was the best yet, what with cocktails, a Chinese luncheon with hot mustard, a splendid victory, and a generous pool on the final score, awarded, after overruling a protest by May Heavey, to Marjorie herself with Carobel McNeill and Prentiss Huff tying for the second prize.

That Prentiss; there's a hard man. He has been teaching us bridge for the past ten years and still doesn't like the way we play. He's not so hot himself; just lucky—as lucky at cards as he is at love. We mean that, Dorothy.

In early December, Ruth and Otto Jank were hosts to the Washington group with cocktails, a delightful buffet, and memories of Hawaii. You should see their magnificent new home in Summer; we don't understand how Otto can tear himself away so often for those business trips to Texarkana.

Travel Notes: Jack and Renah Carroll are wintering in Acapulco. The Doc Fausts leave Buffalo in March for several months in France: Address, Villa Nekita, Beaulieu Sur-Mer, Alpes Maritimes, France. Dorothy and Red Warner spent two months this winter in Europe while Red Durfee maintained Bachelor's Hall on Arkendale Road.

Parry and Isabelle Lewis take off in May—without teen-agers this time—for another Volkswagen summer in Europe; they say it's cheaper than living at home. The Harry Risings relieved itching feet the past year by visiting at Fort Bragg, Fort Leavenworth, and Hersfeld, Germany, summering at Lake Keuka.

Writing from the Hot Springs, Arkansas, Hospital where he was confined with a broken hip, Harvey Kearney at Xmas was planning a late winter trip to St. Petersburg, Florida. Bunny Harding wintered in Louisville—for family reasons and *not* to escape winter in the Berkshire Hills where he really enjoys the skiing.

Bob Harloe and Virginia are back in Honolulu and looking forward to early statehood after a three months trip to the West Coast cities and New York, Boston, and Princeton, as well. Had a nice visit at the Wilson ranch with Inez; Willie was away, shopping in Carmel.

And Tracy Dickson, noting all this traveling on the part of August '17, promises himself and Betty that the Dicksons will make up for lost time, come August '61, when he retires from the People's Savings Bank of Bridgeport, Connecticut.

News Items: After three weeks TDY, arranged for the blessed event, in Heidelberg last May, Dorothe Matlack returned to ACSI and the Pentagon exactly one week before daughter Barbara presented her with a fourth grandchild,

John Hughes, who arrived in Wurzburg on the 13th of June.

Sammie and Spider Maling enjoy a pleasant life in their Santa Rosa, California, home—a few parties, lots of gardening, and an occasional showing of their place to prospective buyers in anticipation of a move to Southern California.

Kit Carson, teaching, CPA'ing, horticulturing, and doing the odd jobs that Helen thinks up, has decided that the old Pentagon and CONARC flaps were merely training for the hard times ahead; meanwhile, he wonders why no classmates ever pass through Gainesville while in Florida.

Hard working Jimmie Hea saw easy money in sight when he encountered Frankie Carr during a recent visit to the races. Extracting a reluctant "hot tip" from the great horseman, he shot the works—and Frankie's choice ran twelfth.

John Chambliss has taken the lead from George Herbert, another Southern Californian, in the Youngest Child Sweepstakes; his daughter is just three years old and she makes John feel even younger than he is.

How do the Reeders do it? Bill, an elderly gentleman of dignified presence, and Bea, rather a bouncing babe for one of his age and sober demeanor, cause others to cock an eyebrow—Bill's very words. Spring and fall, they drive together between their home in Arlington and Syracuse University. Winter, Bea stays in Arlington while Bill commutes by plane. July, she stays home again and Bill catches up with the Army. August, she joins him in the Adirondacks where he teaches. The rest of the year, they just enjoy at home.

Bob Hoffman's son, Robert J. Jr., was married last November 15th to Miss Kathleen Kinsley Chandless of Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey. An extremely pretty girl, if we may judge from the photograph in the New York Times.

Gordon Heiner, who suffered a heart attack early last November and so missed our Veterans Day Luncheon, is recovering nicely. He and Anne have taken an apartment in Washington for the winter and he is once more back in circulation.

Harry Wood, one of our two VA managers still in harness—Bob Bringham is the other—makes a great deal out of his golf game and plans soon to invade Florida to pick up some easy money in Winter Park.

Carlisle Wilson was recently transferred from Letterman in San Francisco, where he had been confined following a stroke and a subsequent operation, to Fitzsimmons Army Hospital in Denver in order to be nearer Madeline who recently was ordered to Fitzsimmons; she is in Ward C-8.

Madeline, you remember, is the one who asked for Jane Pohl's address in the last ASSEMBLY. We learn from replies received that it is Watch Hill, Rhode Island.

Modest John and Lucile Fye explain three brilliant Field Artillery sons, paratroopers all and two with Master's degrees in guided missiles, thus; "Two negatives produced three positives." The three positives have since produced ten grandchildren for their parents; six boys and four girls.

Jules Schaefer is enthused over the

new CG at McConnell AFB in Wichita, Kenny Sanborn (1937), and Mary, his wife, who is the daughter of our own Jack and Mary Knight. Jules, in case you didn't know, is a man of influence in Kansas where his 1958 "Right to Work" campaign was the only one to succeed in the eight states where it was an issue in the election. We're mighty glad to have him on our side in the great cause now at issue; you all know what we mean.

Concerning that, we ask again, Has each one done his part?

Just Under The Wire: Company for Kay Barnes: the Spider Malings have sold their Santa Rosa home and are on their way to San Clemente for a more pleasant retired life; they don't know why it is but Northern California gets colder every year.

Peggy Moore, writing from Florence, finds Italy warm and lovely and very prosperous; she returns to Maine in May. Her address, meanwhile, is Tornabuoni Beacci, Firenze, Via Tornabuoni, 3.

Final Item: Just as we were affixing our signature to these notes, who should walk in but Rudy Whitelegg? Obviously younger and more vigorous than most of us, Rudy is one of the few who still brave the weather of Philadelphia to take in Navy Games. Inspired by his visit, we may try it once more in 1959.

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

June 1918

For Christmas I had my niece, her husband, small son and cat up from Florida and her mother (my sister-in-law) down from Long Island. The latter then remained to look after my sister, now eighty years old, while I took a trip. I expected to fly to Panama to see my nephew, but I stopped by Havana, Cuba, for two nights to see a friend's electronic organ which he had told me about.

I drove down to Miami and got a plane there and got to Cuba on New Year's Eve. That night we dined at the Caribe-Hilton Hotel, and, save for seeing some of the elaborate residences next morning, that is all I saw of Havana. For we then learned of Batista's flight and the flight of numerous airplane loads of his henchmen. The streets filled with the populace and the honking automobiles raced around without regard for stoplights and there were reports of bad collisions. In their exuberance the people tore up the parking meters, attacked some of the stores, and certain homes were ransacked and shot up, as was the one across the street from my friend's apartment. Street barricades were put up and radios warned people to keep off the streets, so I read a who-dun-it and played the organ. The flight of planes was prohibited and a general strike was called so nothing could be bought. My host's larder not having been filled by his maid, we dined that night at the Attaché's home in the apartment beneath us. Next day the ferryboats took 450 of the stranded tourists home to Key West or Miami and the following

morning the Air Forces Attaché flew me to Key West and landed at the Navy Field.

I had imagined Key West to be a quaint old place, but I was driven there by some Navy men and encountered all the honky-tonks and hamburger joints lining the road and I'd had it. So I took the Greyhound bus out immediately upon arrival and came up to Miami. At Miami I had to wait until Monday morning to get a refund on my plane tickets so put up at a hotel and picked up my car that I'd parked at the Airport. I drove up Miami Beach and through the beautiful residences on the islands, then took a sight-seeing boat around the bay to look at them from the water. On this trip I glimpsed the Deering estate—a Roman Villa with beautiful gardens on the bay, so I got in my car and drove out to see it. It is now the Viscaya Museum open to the public, well worth the seeing. The Deering estate is handled by *Hal Lewis* whom I stopped by to see for a moment in his office.

Found *Andy Moore's* home after considerable hunting for the address I had was off. *Andy and Marion* live at 7100 SW 71st Ave. in a lovely home. Please change your address list. Andy is commuting daily like most of our classmates to have something to do and to make some more money.

Gave up my trip to Panama, having seen all of the Latin Americans in Cuba and in Miami that I cared to see. I drove up the Sunshine Parkway to its end and went over to Sarasota; stopped in to see *Gordon Matthews*, who took me over to see *Wayne W. Wells* who had moved to Sarasota, temporarily occupying 4020 South School Street. Wells is going to build a home in Sarasota. We did not stay long for we had run in at supper time. Matthews was going to Miami next day to see about a job he had with Raeder Engineering Corp.

From Sarasota I drove north to St. Petersburg and called up *Fenn* who was not at home so I drove on to Orlando. Next day I came on to Daytona Beach and saw *Paul Hurt*, then drove up the Beach road to St. Augustine and Jacksonville. I intended looking up *Malone and McNamee* in Jacksonville, but I didn't stop because the day was beautiful and I feared the threatened snow ahead of me in North Carolina. I pushed on toward Savannah but stopped for the night in a nice motel in Brunswick, Georgia. Next day I changed my route again and came back to route 301 and got as far as Fayetteville, North Carolina. It was raining there and it turned to icy streets and I did have to run through snow and ice later. I encountered a couple of miles of autos held up by an accident ahead so I turned back and came north on another road which ran into route 301 and eventually came to sunny and dry Virginia and thus arrived back home.

Next day I found the battery in my car wouldn't turn the starter. And I discovered that my battery, which was new recently, had been stolen (probably while in a parking lot in Miami) and an old one put in. "The love of money is the root of all evil."

Now I realize that you want to hear more of other classmates and not so much of my perambulations, but if you won't let me have news of you, you'll have to

take what you get and like it or vote me out of this job.

In my writeup for the winter number, I had to get my copy in by December 1st, which prevented an adequate account of the Navy Game, now a matter of history. An extract from Sam Sturgis's minutes of the meeting of the Class Executive Committee on December 6 has a few words about the Navy Game as follows:

"The 40th Game Reunion was attended by about twenty-five classmates and families, of whom about 35 persons made the dinner at the Engineer's Club and/or Lucius and Marjorie Clay's 'At Home' at their Hotel Ben Franklin suite immediately after the game. They also were hosts to classmates arriving Friday night before the game. Bill Barriger said that he collected \$8.00 per person for expenses not foreseen instead of the \$5.00 as advertised to the class. Sturgis, although he regretted that his physical disabilities prevented his participating in the post-game activities, expressed the hope that in future it was important, whatever the activity, that accurate estimates be planned and adhered to as far as the per person cost is concerned, even at some reasonable cost to the class fund, which in this case would have been \$90. He stated that he had received a couple of slightly snide letters and felt that they were not altogether unjustified. However, as Bill stated, the biggest "goof" was by the AAA who neatly divided the class between the 22nd and 62nd rows in spite of all the work done by Growley Gruhn. Freddie Kimble suggested that it might be that non-members of AAA were segregated, but this was proved not to be the reason, as they were in both groups. Also it was not found to be a question of whether applications bore the note "Class of June 1918" Other minor defects in plan or execution were reviewed. This was our first attempt, but it was generally agreed that the Executive Committee owe the class a considerably better performance in the future, whatever the project may be.

"Revision of Ward A.F.'s bronze plaque in Cullum Hall is going ahead satisfactorily, being one of several cases handled by the Association of Graduates. Original plaque bore the words "Class 1919". This is being changed to "June 1918."

"Harry Underwood read his notes sent to the Association of Graduates for the December 1, 1958, deadline for ASSEMBLY. As usual they were found highly amusing, particularly the description of the 40th Reunion Army and Navy Game, which had not yet occurred when he wrote about it.

"Underwood described his proposal for a 45th Reunion Book of Class Autobiographies. The uniqueness and value of such an undertaking, not alone to the Class, but to USMA, the Army, and the Association of Graduates, in bringing out frankly the assets and handicaps of a West Point career were discussed. An excellent example of what could be done was illustrated by an effort submitted by Jigger Cobb. However, it was agreed that a better response and an easier analytical task might result if a general outline was developed covering not only routine data but also fundamental points of interest and value to be helpful and suggestive to classmates, rather than rigidly followed. Underwood was requested to work up

such an outline for the next Committee meeting.

"The balance in the Class Fund after paying for Marks' coffee service was reported by Treasurer Tom Kern as \$680.00.

"The Chairman specifically stated that the Class Fund was transferred from a Savings account in the Highland Falls bank to a Checking Account in the local Riggs National Bank. Sturgis further mentioned that Marion Ross had asked him to write Tenney's obituary and he had asked several people who had served with Tenney to give him some notes. So far he had received replies from Townsley and B. L. Robinson of 1920 both of which were very appropriate. Pat Casey's comments would be especially applicable, but just when his health would permit Pat to reply could not be ascertained. Sturgis was anxious to complete Tenney's obituary for the December issue of ASSEMBLY, but the Committee agreed that it be deferred to the March 1959 issue, due to the value of additional comments."

Sam Sturgis has just gotten back from one of his innumerable trips—this time to Florida. After a quick trip to New York City, he and Fran drove down to Trion, Georgia, his sister's home; then to see friends at Tampa, Winter Park and Vero Beach, Florida; then on to Miami to play the ponies at Hialeah, and ended at Marathon Key where he took the sunshine and swam in a pool away from the maddening throng. While in Tampa, he ran down to Sarasota, where he said Pat and Dot Casey have gone to recuperate from Pat's hospitalization. He also consulted with Pat about Tenney Ross's obituary, for Casey was Tenney's boss in the Pacific. Sam is back now looking tanned and healthy from his vacation.

Bud Miley has just sold his home on the River Road and bought a new place at Kenwood Park, 7000 Marbury Road, Bethesda 14, Maryland. Please change your address list. I think Bud had expected to develop his River Road property, but couldn't find servants who'd come out as far as his property was located, or employees to farm it, so he had to move in to the suburbs of the city.

The interment of Major General Jas. B. Newman occurred at Arlington National Cemetery on February 12, 1959. Jim died in his 62nd year of a heart attack at his home in Winter Park, Florida. He served as Assistant District Engineer at Washington when the Washington Airport was being built. He was Commanding General of the 9th AF in the United Kingdom and later built operational air fields in Europe. He retired as Colonel in 1946, was recalled to active duty with the Air Force and retired as Brigadier General in 1948. After another hitch of active duty he retired for disability in 1950 as Major General. He is survived by his wife, Robbie, and his two sons, Robert W. Newman of Los Alamos, New Mexico, and Colonel Jas. B. Newman now in Naples, Italy. The class sent a floral piece in deepest sympathy for Robbie in her bereavement.

In the winter issue of ASSEMBLY I did not write up Tenney Ross's interment at Arlington National Cemetery because I thought the obituary would appear in that issue. I merely directed attention to the obituary. But it did not get in that issue. It is now definitely in the present issue. May we therefore now ex-

tend our sympathy to Marian, which, though late, is heartfelt.

Extracts from recent letters of classmates are as follows:

Lane Holman: After our West Point trip, Lita and I went to Canada and then to Fort Benning to visit one daughter and the grandchildren. In August we turned the car West and spent several weeks in California—Los Angeles, San Francisco and the National Parks. We expect to visit Mexico City and Acapulco in February-March. Retirement is much to our liking at this stage of life and we handle everything in terms of living by the calendar instead of the clock.

Max Corpening: I have accumulated some land and am going into race horses and feeder cattle. Don't expect to make any money but expect to enjoy my remaining years. Am starting this coming year. It has taken me up to now to get land and build stables.

Paul Hurt: I ran across *Geo. Andrews* of 1916 who lives in Deland. He told me that *Max Corpening* recently arrived in Deland and that he heard that Max had bought a home there. *Col Dunaway*, '25, and wife are living here. They have just returned from a sightseeing tour of Europe. *Earl Rundell* and wife have just arrived here for the winter, but I haven't seen them yet.

Cobb: Your card happened to reach me while I was in the hospital in Memphis, where I spent the first bone-dry Christmas since the time I failed to qualify for Xmas leave my yearling year. Well, I lived through both occasions. My ailment was subborrific dermatitis, a hell of a way to spell itch. I was never a prospect for the undertaker, but a good bet for the nut house.

Neilson: Sara and I spent the night with *Mildred and Jim Pichel* in beautiful Burlingame. They had just returned from the 40th Reunion of our class and they kindly brought us up to date with those members of the class who attended the reunion. In September, Sara and I visited *Jim and Mabel Marshall* at Skaneateles. We had a grand powwow and proceeded to West Point on the following morning. *Gar Davidson* held a three day conference with some 45 representatives of West Point Societies. While there, I saw *Sylvia Shattuck* and heard the sad news about *Tenney Ross*.

Hab Elliott: Our son, Bob, is now in the regular army and commands a missile battery in Germany. Recently the firing elements of his battalion were flown back to New Mexico for missile practice, and Mary and I jumped into the car and drove over to spend four wonderful days with the boy. But best of all, we were given the VIP treatment by Bob's Brigade and Battalion Commanders and permitted to watch the battalion fire. It was a great thrill to see the boy's battery make a direct hit, and I was privileged to be permitted to call him on the phone from range control and congratulate him on his performance. His battalion made the highest record that had ever been made on that range. And we revel in the light of his reflected glory! After seeing him on the plane for New York in El Paso, we swung home for La Jolla by way of Santa Fe, Grand Canyon, Las Vegas and Palm Springs.

Hodges: Sarah and I were also at the game but didn't see anyone except Mew-

shaw and Boineau. As we were sitting on the 49.9 yard line midway up the stands we couldn't understand why no classmates were around. Judging from your report it would appear that no one saw us. We were unable to go on to the party because we had just landed from Europe the day before and had other commitments.

I used to see Gene Caffey quite a bit in the Pentagon in 1955 and 1956 when he was JAG and I was Special Assistant for Man Power in OSA. He wasn't hiding behind the handsome bushes then, though. From the picture, I would say that, while there is a slight likeness to either Generals Grant or Lee, the definite impression is that of Jesus Christ. He's a great guy and his opinions *never* change. Caffey not JC, I mean.

Class Book of Autobiographies for our next Reunion.

It is suggested that we publish for our next reunion a book of autobiographies of all classmates, with numerous photos. I have already sent to half the class a feeler on this subject, but desisted because it was delicately intimated to me that I should have the backing of the Executive Committee first. The matter has now been brought to the attention of the Executive Committee with the result shown in the minutes quoted above. As you see, (and as I saw for the first time) I have another job—that of writing a general outline for such an effort. This means that I'm having to write my own autobiography and then make an outline to fit it.

This is not a sudden thought of mine. Years ago I broached the subject with classmates in Fort Belvoir, but I got from one this reaction: "I can't imagine anything more boring than to have to read the autobiography of a classmate." So I bided my time. But, having taken over this job, I went through the Howitzer and looked at each face, and as I looked at the purity (sic) of your immature face, I wondered what youthful aspirations were in the mind back of that face and how those aspirations had been met or not met at West Point, in the army and in civil life, and what changes had been effected in that face as indicating the changes in your soul.

I feel that we are closer together now than we have been since graduation, and, with the heart attacks taking numbers of us away rapidly, we ought to be willing to write an autobiography for our posterity, leaving out as much as possible our military record (which is already in the Record of Graduates) and putting in what we found wrong in our lives. So if you want to be critical of West Point, or the army—its organization, training methods, command principles and disregard of those principles, you can be just as analytically critical as your inspiration dictates, and we'll publish it. What's your reaction?

—H. M. Underwood
8 East Lenox Street
Chevy Chase 15, Maryland

November 1918

There were no November '18 Class Notes in the last Assembly. I have no excuse. The old brain never was too good. Senility, house on fire, labor trouble on

the farm, a young family, foxhunting and two bouts with flu seem to have dulled it even more.

Despite the bitter weather there was a good turnout at the 13 January (second Tuesday) Class lunch at Fort Myer. Dave Ogden took the head of the table and spoke of the unjust discrimination against all those retired prior to 1 June 1958 by the 1958 Pay Bill. He has been elected Chairman of the All Services Committee to get all retired officers and men of all the services to bestir themselves and bring the unprecedented injustice of the 1958 Pay Bill to the attention of their Senators and Representatives at the grass roots. The Retired Officers Association is working hard with the legislative leaders in Washington. It behooves us all to impress not only our Senators and Congressmen but also all persons of any political influence with the necessity for a change in the present act.

Dave's Committee will need funds for stationery, postage, telephone and other necessary administrative expenses. Classmates present each contributed a dollar at once. The Class Fund is contributing \$25. Present at the luncheon were Badger, Barnes, Hines, Conrad, G. B., Norman, Pinto, Ogden, Moss, Woods, Schow, Valentine, and Griffiths. Your amanuensis had a classic case of old fashioned "La Grippe" and missed the February meeting.

The Ogdens and Gullatts gave a delightful cocktail party at the Army-Navy Club in Washington on 20 December. Many of the Class were present among the distinguished gathering of diplomats, officers of the Association of American Railroads and distinguished Engineers.

The Fonvielles are in their new house at last, at 123 California, New Braunfels, Texas. How glad they must be.

Jim Christiansen sent me two wonderfully clear photographs of the group at The Squirrels last June, during the Reunion.

The Al Millers are home again after travelling all over the country. While in Boston Al accepted a job as West Coast representative for United Investment Counsel, so Ruth has lost her full time gardener. He reports that McReynolds has a fine citrus orchard at his very comfortable place at Carpenteria, near Santa Barbara.

The Brimmers have a new grandson. Chief hopes to make a fisherman of him. The Peckhams are back from Europe and settled at Pound Ridge, New York. Bill Wanamaker reports that the New Jersey Turnpike is still open to traffic and invites our patronage. Charlie Morrison reports that we have an artist. Chuck Gildart has completed several pictures both in black and white and in oil. However, his golf game has suffered, so Charlie fears that he and Chuck will be easy pickings for any golfer Classmates that visit Sierra Madre. Trichel, still slaving for those Capitalists in Detroit, writes of his regret at missing the reunion, and chides me about foxhunting. But I have a grand big hunter that will carry him if he will deign to visit Virginia.

Lark Gilland writes that he and Corinne continue in good health and activity—just enough of both. The Hahns write of mountains and snow from Boulder. The Pinkie Williamsons seem to visit Washington frequently now that they have a

daughter there. The O'Rourkes are at 627½ West Ottawa, Lansing 33, Michigan. V. J. Conrad from Whittier, California, writes of a party at Charlie Morrison's with the A. M. Wilsons and Gildarts. Jack Hinton claims that he is "still alive and can do quite a bit if I do it in slow motion." Good boy, Jack. That is what we are all doing. "Harry" Hillard writes that he and Marie thrive and still talk of the Army-Rice football game and the Cocke's party.

"Maude" Muller writes from 1800 Black Mountain Road, Hillsborough, California: "We are still located in our Ranch Home about 25 minutes from San Francisco. We have an unobstructed view of the green covered (timbered) bay area hills. Our daughter, wife of Captain Hudson, Infantry, is still at Stanford University near us. Their son, Billy, will be one year old on 26 December 1958. Our son, Lieutenant Walter J. Muller, Jr., USMA '56, has transferred to the Army Transportation Corps and is stationed in Ludwigsburg, near Stuttgart, West Germany with a Seventh Army Truck Unit. Their son, Walter J. Muller, III, will be 21 months old this December. With the aid of a Western Garden Book for Reference and pure 'MUCK' by the writer our place is all landscaped. It is recorded in a sketch made by the writer which shows every tree and shrub plotted to scale."

At my request Dave Griffith has written a fascinating description of his job for two years as Resident Engineer on the Derbendi Khan Irrigation and Hydro-Electric Project for the Government of Iraq. It is much too long for Class Notes but the pictures he induces of the country, the problems, the life, flora, fauna, sport, and the people are fascinating. I shall ask ASSEMBLY to try to use it as a special article. Dave, with Edith and Nancy, flew from Baghdad to Rome and spent some time in Rome and Florence before sailing from Genoa, getting back to their house at 4031 North 25th Street, Arlington 7, Virginia, for Christmas.

John Hines has joined North American Aviation. His background of combat in North Africa, Europe and Korea sandwiched in between highly technical staff positions concerning Research and Development, his wide general experience, ability, and personality will be well employed.

The Holbrooks have been off on a holiday trip to the Bahamas. Laura Belle and Bill Badger had a combined business and pleasure trip that took them as far west as Honolulu. On the way out they stopped off at Denver and had lunch with Mark Rhoads and his wife at the Brown Palace Hotel. In Colorado Springs they had lunch with Otto Praeger. Mrs. Praeger was ill with a bad cold and was unable to come to the Broadmoor. Laura Belle talked to Bill Blair on the phone and Bill tried to phone Corny Hahn but was unable to contact him. While in Sacramento they saw Count Grolinski and his wife who have a lovely home there. While in Oakland they stayed with Ike Ritchie and his wife, Class of '19, who live on Skyline Drive quite near to the Monroes and Ericsons, whom they saw quite often while there. They also saw Johnny Hughes and Allison Miller at a party given by the Ritchies. The Kendalls had to decline at the last minute. On their return to California they stayed with A. M. and Juliette Wilson at their new home in Glendora.

While there they saw Harrison Shaler and his wife, Charlie Morrison and his wife, Pop Gildart and his wife, and the Ericsons again, who were down visiting their daughter at Riverside. They phoned Bernard Shifer to see if he could attend the party but learned that his wife, Betty, had died the day before. They returned east by way of Phoenix, San Antonio and Houston. In Phoenix they enjoyed seeing Charles Bathurst and his wife and saw their lovely home near Camel Back. In San Antonio they saw Freddie Person and his wife and Duke Dunkelberg and his wife. They learned that Chris Knudsen was sick in the hospital at Fort Sam, but did not get an opportunity to go by and see him. In Houston they were entertained in the lovely apartment of the Howell Cockes and had dinner at the Petroleum Club on the top floor of the Rice Hotel. They called Corzelius. He had been in poor health for some time. His wife had a bad cold and was unable to see them, but she graciously sent her car and chauffeur the next day so they got to see a great deal of Houston.

Wilson, A. M. is teaching math at Brown Military Academy, Glendora, California, and also tutoring candidates for the West Point and Annapolis examinations.

Groves spent a few weeks in the Washington area in the early spring. In addition to business he put in some time looking over the nearby counties with the idea of picking a rural residence not too far from Washington in contemplation of retiring from his present duties in a few years.

Lawrence Bixby writes from 5989 Suffield Road, Riverside, California, "My work as Curator of the Riverside Municipal Museum has kept my nose to the grindstone, but I finished another literary opus day before yesterday. Mary and Wiley Carter dropped by at Christmas time. It turned out to be something of a wing-ding before the last dog was hung. Since then I've gotten into trouble never being able to resist staging a good practical joke when the idea comes along, so I'm now packing my things and wiring my dear old 'wife', Gerald O'Rouark, to get my room ready in his house for I'm coming to live with him until things blow over. After all, he's the one who sent me the joke-shop rubber hand that got me into the mess."

In a second letter Allison Miller writes from 12140 Tiptoe Lane, Los Altos, California; "Saw Heinie Bergman in Los Angeles this week. He is a manufacturer's representative. On a visit to Letterman to get pills I saw Fred Butler looking fine and also Gilland just as chipper as ever. While he is on a strict diet they do allow him to put the proper flavoring in his water. On Dec. 12th last the West Point Society had a dance at the Presidio. We had only four classmates there—Ericson, Monroe, Dietrick and myself—all with their CO's. Had a note from Frank Huston (a retired Col. AF lost from our class the Plebe year). He has been slowed down with ticker trouble but says he is doing well and will make the West Point party on March 13th. Monroe is top kick of the Bay Area Alumni Club now and doing a good job. I see Kendall at least once a month when he takes my money at poker—which he does regularly. Paul had a bad

case of flu about Christmas time but is back in shape again. Johnny Hughes is about to or has retired again. He has bought half a county near Clear Lake where he plans to build. Harry Rogers is still messing with real estate and knocks one off every so often. Looks fine and says he is enjoying the liquid part of his diet. Stokes has gotten to be quite a gardener. An expert on lawns and plant culture, he has done wonders with his place in Menlo Park. I missed Dean Dickey and Ericson in November. Charlie Bathurst reported that he saw Pinky Walsh at the South West Pacific Party in New York. I saw Pinky briefly in Portland last September. He is a busy man, heading up engineering for the Portland General Electric."

A most cordial letter has come from Jess Rogers, Harry's wife. Their son, Major Harry L. Rogers, married and with three children, is at Fort Sam Houston in the G-1 section, Headquarters 4th Army. The second son, Jim, is Traffic Manager of United Airlines in Chicago. Sibley, the older daughter, is a stewardess with the same airline on the Chicago-San Francisco run. Nancy, the youngest, is en route to South America with her husband who is in the export division of Brown Williamson Tobacco Company. Pa and Ma are content to stay home at 1930 Bryant Street, Palo Alto, where they see many classmates.

—G. Bryan Conrad
White Post, Virginia

1919

George Horowitz died in New York hospital on 8 February after a brief illness. The Class was represented at his funeral in New York by Bill Regan and Syd Gould and at the interment ceremonies at the Post Cemetery at West Point by Brick Bartlett. George is survived by his widow Mildred and by his son James, USMA '45.

Marion Sheehy sends a clipping from Palo Alto reporting the death of our favorite tactical officer, Eugene Santschi, Jr., in the Palo Alto Hospital in January at the age of 76. Marion comments that she saw Colonel Santschi quite frequently and that he always evinced great interest in news of our class, including keen enjoyment of Al Wedemeyer's book which he read shortly before his death.

The Portland Press Herald of 17 January carries a feature article announcing that Bill Wyman has joined the staff of the Portland Copper and Tank Works as an Assistant to the President, Morris Hugo. Mr. Hugo made the following statement: "Our company is fortunate in having the services of the general in an advisory capacity. His outstanding experience in modern warfare is synonymous with the work we are doing for the defense effort. We are happy to have a Maine man of his military distinction serving a Maine firm in civilian life."

Mike Brannon sends an editorial commenting upon Dick Owenshine's decision not to run for reelection to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. The editorial comments most favorably upon Dick's fine service to good government in Fairfax County.

Horace Speed contributes the following

notes from Washington: "Letter from Jazz Parsons—Living in Verdun—a sort of senior instructor in military science for University of Maryland in Europe—teaches military history, logistics, and military policy of U.S.—travels a great deal giving evening classes of 3 hours each—recently giving classes at Wiesbaden and Kaiserlautern in Germany—going to be in Italy for the next semester. Christmas card report from Louis Ely—Left Washington in August—visited friends in Ohio, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Camped in South Dakota Bad Lands and Black Hills—In Wyoming the Big Horn Mountains (where Gladys had spent her childhood)—Grand Tetons—Yellowstone Park—Idaho—four days in Cottonwood Canyon, Southeast of Salt Lake City—lots of bird watching in Zion Canyon—then on to Grand Canyon, Arizona—El Paso (dinner with George and Bessie Elms) then on to Monterrey, Mexico—Zaltillo—airy hotel room fine view \$2.40/day—then bird watching in tropical jungle near Valles—back to San Antonio, Texas—visited Louie's mother in Florida—spent Christmas with Gladys's mother in Orlando, Florida.

Don Shingler is back in the U.S. after two years in Japan and Korea and two years in Iraq as General Manager of the local offices of Tibbetts, Abbott, McCarthy, and Stratton, Engineers. He and Bea have bought an apartment at 4000 Cathedral Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. He says he is very glad to be back where he can hear English spoken for a change. He and Bea got out of Baghdad only last June, just before the trouble broke.

The New York Herald Tribune's "This Week" magazine for 21 December carried a featured article by Tony McAuliffe entitled "Christmas at Bastogne". Speaking of authors, Al Wedemeyer's book has been high up on the best seller list ever since its publication last fall.

Jim Phillips writes in from the West Coast that he is now settled in a development called Rancho Rio Vista, Route 3, Box 291, Carmel, California. He often sees Ed Seebree and Tom McGregor. He retired in Colorado Springs as a Major General on 1 September 1958.

Before this reaches you, you should have received our 40th reunion Bulletin No. 1. If you haven't got one, write in to the undersigned at the Department of Electrical Engineering, USMA, West Point, New York.

—B. W. (Brick) Bartlett

1920

The wedding of Lois Katherine Lemnitzer, daughter of General and Mrs. L. L. Lemnitzer of Ft. McNair, Washington, D.C., and sister of Captain William L. Lemnitzer, Department of Physics and Chemistry, West Point, New York, to Lieutenant Harry E. Simpson, Jr., USA, son of Mr. and Mrs. Simpson, Sr. of Nashville, Tennessee, took place on November 29, 1958. The marriage was performed in the Chapel at Ft. Myer, Virginia. The bride was given in marriage by her father and the groom's best man was his father. After a brief honeymoon the young couple went to Ft. Sill, Oklahoma where the groom is a student in the Artillery School. In June, Lieuten-

ant Simpson expects orders to Ft. Campbell, Kentucky.

Captain William L. ("Bill") Lemnitzer recently won distinction for himself and for his department at the U.S.M.A. by winning second prize in collaboration with another officer in a competition sponsored by the American Association of Physics Teachers. The apparatus which the two young officers constructed was an electromagnetic pump. This was selected by the AAPT Committee on Apparatus for Educational Institutions as one of the most likely to advance the teaching of college physics. In addition to a certificate of award which was presented to the two officers by the AAPT, Captain Lemnitzer and his associate received \$200 in cash.

The resignation of Colonel Earl H. ("Red") Blaik as head football coach and director of athletics at West Point came as both a shock and surprise to classmates in this area. Apparently, "Red" had been considering this move for some time and this year, at the end of one of his most successful seasons, it was agreed by all, was a favorable time for him to leave his active life as a famous coach to go into the civilian world, where he will be just as active in a different endeavor as a vice-president of AVCO. On January 22d, the Touchdown Club of New York at its 25th anniversary dinner honored Earl Blaik. Also present at this dinner were 16 classmates of 1920 to honor their famous contemporary. Those who attended were Bessell, Gillette, West, Schick, Lanahan, Smith, C. W., Felli, McCullough, Stratton, Johnston, McNulty, Sears, Poulson, Cullum, Lambert, and McDonald. This Touchdown Club dinner was highlighted by a stirring speech by the principal speaker, Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, and also one by Dr. Hopkins, President Emeritus, of Dartmouth, under whom "Red" served as head coach during the 1930's.

Claude E. ("Chesty") Haswell of El Dorado, Arkansas has been made governor of District No. 617 of Rotary International, a world-wide service club organization. As district governor, "Chesty" will visit 31 Rotary Clubs in central Arkansas during the 1958-59 fiscal year for the purpose of advising and assisting in Rotary service activities and administration. "Chesty" Haswell is general manager of McKinney Plantation in Newellton, Louisiana and also manages family interests in oil, gas, and timber properties in El Dorado.

Some shifts in the assignments of the big brass of 1920 are about to take place. Hank Hodes retires 31 March from active duty and Commanding General of the U.S. Army in Europe. Frank Farrell, who has been commanding V Corps in Germany since September 1957, becomes the Commanding General of the 7th Army in Europe on 1 April 1959. Farrell, who was formerly on duty in the joint chiefs of staff, replaces Lieutenant General Clyde D. Eddelman.

Clovis Byers, it is announced, will retire from active duty as Lieutenant General during the latter part of this year.

Colonel W. W. ("Bill") Bessell, who has been named to be Dean of the U.S. Military Academy Academic Board next July, recently paid a three-day visit to Headquarters U.S. Continental Army

Command for a briefing on its missions and functions. This was the first stop on an extended trip which "Bill" is making across the nation to receive orientations on the missions, organizations, and operations of various establishments with respect to responsibilities which will be imposed on the career officers West Point is expected to produce in the future.

On the 28th of December the Schicks, Wests, Bessells, and Gillettes attended a delightful party given by "Gloomy" and "Lou" Hasbrouck in their new home at Stone Ridge, New York. The Hasbroucks' new house is simply lovely and is located in a beautiful, as well as historic, setting. The party was attended by many relatives and friends of the Hasbroucks from surrounding communities.

On a recent visit to West Point, Clovis Byers said that his son Clay had a principal appointment for West Point and was studying hard for the March examinations.

In a letter dated the 2nd of January 1959 to the Secretary of the Association of Graduates, Alec Sand mentioned, among other things, that he is now president of A. G. Sand Associates, an engineering firm located at Rua Quirino de Andrade 155 in Sao Paulo, Brazil; that he is also a coffee farmer and the head of a household. The last paragraph of Alec's letter read: "My wife and I are planning confidently on attending 1920's 40th Reunion in 1960, at which time I must live up to my promise to give each returning classmate a sample of the coffee which I am raising."

I announce to the class with the greatest sorrow that Colonel Charles S. ("Charlie") Whitmore died at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas on the 31st of January 1959. "Charlie" was 58 years old, retired, and had been residing at 1004 Prospect Street, Columbia, Missouri. He is survived by his widow, Helene B. Whitmore, two daughters, Miss Carolyn L. Whitmore of Clayton, Missouri, and Mrs. Peter W. Almquist of Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and four grandchildren. "Charlie" was buried in the National Cemetery at Fort Leavenworth.

—E. C. G., Jr.

Dept. of Physics & Chemistry
West Point, New York

1921 and 1922

Letters and reports from which these items have been gleaned have come from such widespread sources that putting them together has been quite a lesson in geography.

The sympathy of the class is extended to our Furlough Girl whose husband, Pat McGrath, died on 27 February.

May Murphy, Bob's wife, had a heart attack before Thanksgiving and wasn't permitted even to get out of bed until after Christmas. Recovery could be a lengthy process and every Oriole wish and hope for a speedy recovery goes to her.

Cort Schuyler, after spending the last eight years or so in Europe, is planning to retire this summer. He has been a wheel-horse in SHAPE, where his cooperation and understanding have smoothed many a rugged path. For those who saw his picture in the press report of his

coming retirement, let it be said that in person he doesn't look nearly that old or tough.

Doris and Steve Lombard are enjoying life in Mexico, where they are in their second year of residence. Chapala, which is in about the latitude of Mexico City, has several retired American families, golf, good cooks, and even maids (at least that's what it says here!).

Some sailors have come home from the sea as Pat and Mary Strong have settled down ashore, Pat in the construction business with his brother and Mary riding herd on about 800 students as head of the evening branch of a junior college.

Toy Gregory's son is following in his father's footsteps and is now an attorney in South Carolina. After he finishes his military service at Fort Jackson he'll join Toy's firm in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The Crawfords were in Washington from Ciudad Trujillo for Christmas but have returned to the sunny Caribbean. They're living in an apartment there and their across-the-street neighbor, in a manorial sort of an estate, is one Batista.

A representative of Brazil pinned a medal, awarded last summer, on Barrett at West Point the other day, something about improving international understanding.

And that's the end of the vein of information for this time.

—C. J. Barrett

Department of Foreign Languages
West Point, New York

1923

You will be pleased to learn that the annual Class and Washington Group business meeting was held at Fort Myer on January 1959 in the steam-roller and somewhat disorderly fashion to which we have long been addicted. Following are the more important results. The Class Fund amounts to \$1585.00, up \$20.00 from last year. "Jim" Torrence is Treasurer and gives this fund the same tender care that he does his own. Views on a Class Book for the 40th Reunion were so diversified that it was decided to circularize to the Class and get an expression of opinion. You can expect a questionnaire shortly. The results of the elections were:

Executive Chairman—"Demon" Gunn, Treasurer (Class and Washington Group)—"Jim" Torrence, Secretary—"Baron" Kehm. In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, Gunn then appointed the following to the Executive Committee; King, J. C., "Harry" Roper, and "Stu" Beckley. If you have any beefs or bright ideas, "Fritz" Breidester and those heroes are the persons to whom you should address them. Appropriate thanks were expressed to King, J. C., Guevara, and Weikert for their past services.

The response to the suggestion that we should express our views to our Congressmen on the current retired pay situation has been gratifying. A number of you have written in to tell the action you have taken. In all cases the results seem to be favorable. The general conclusion is that now is the time to really put out on this matter. It therefore, seems appropriate to recall and heed, an expression we all heard many times in the halls of barracks; "All men who have not

done so will do so immediately! By order Sir!"

Decorated

On 30 December, D. F. Stone who is still on active duty with the Air Force, was awarded a Legion of Merit. Such awards are not easy to attain in time of peace, so we can all feel proud of "Dave" and give him our hearty congratulations.

Class Tree

During Reunion last June we adopted and dedicated a maple tree near the "Supes" quarters. Something went wrong somewhere and the first marker that was produced came out with "1926" where "1923" should have appeared. That has now been corrected and the tree is now duly labeled as ours.

Gleaned from Xmas Cards

Jane, daughter of "Duke" and Page Albrecht is with her parents in Atlanta where she is doing advertising writing. The Albrecht's son, "Mac", is now married and living in Baltimore where he is a student at Johns Hopkins.

"Budge" and Sidney Smith's daughter, Sidney II, was married to Richard C. Cayward at Sackets Harbor, New York on 28 November. The reception took place in the north parlor of Camp Manor, Sidney's ancestral home named after Elisha Camp, great, great, great, grandfather of Sidney II. This room is famous for its wall paper, imported from France, and among the oldest such paper in the United States. Eight generations of the family have lived at Camp Manor. Sidney II is of the seventh generation to have her wedding or reception take place there. She cut the wedding cake with "Budge's" sabre, the same one used by Sidney I for the same purpose in the same dining room when she and "Budge" said, "I do." The Press accounts of the wedding go into great detail as to what the ladies wore and the kinds of flowers they carried but, there is not a word about what "Budge" our pride and joy, had on or what he carried! The Caywards will make their home in Potsdam, New York while Richard is a student at Clarkson College. The Smith's son, George Hale Smith, is also a student at Clarkson. He is due to graduate this year. "Budge" is keeping very busy. In addition to being household engineer and maintenance man, he is Chairman of the Town Planning Board, member of the School Board, vestryman in the local Episcopal Church and chairman of the finance committee of a board which is to build a Marina at Sackets.

The Endertons and "Pinkie" Palmers staged a Class party before the Navy Game. According to reports from several creditable sources, it was as satisfactory as the Game.

Workman, Pierce, Gjelsteen, among others, report that extra-curricular activities keep them too occupied to note the aches and boredom that retirement is, in some circles, reputed to produce.

Call Me "Gramp"

The arrival of Richard Brayton Pierce Jr., in Germany where his parents, "Dick" and Zada (nee Taylor) Pierce are stationed, made our own "Ray" and Mary Pierce grandparents on 2 January 1959.

Address Changes

Harry Scheetz crashed through with "Pete" Leone's new address. It is: Colonel Louis P. Leone, Box 206, Cornwall, New York. According to Harry, "Pete" describes his home as "our final stop. A lovely view of Central Valley with three private acres."

Emily Leaf's new address is: Mrs. Wm. N. Leaf, 3030 University Terrace, N.W., Washington 16, D.C.

More Notes from More Biographies

"I find great difficulty in selecting my three most interesting assignments. Certainly my experience in command of the 13th Cavalry in Texas and Louisiana... in England and in combat in Normandy, Northern France, the Rhineland, and Central Europe would qualify. What more could a Colonel ask?"

"Next, I would list my experience as commander of the 1st Armored Division from October 1953 to May 1955... field testing the Army's first concerted effort to determine the changes required to meet the needs of operations on the atomic battlefield.

"Finally, I would name my period of service in 1932 as Aide de Camp to a great soldier and American, Major General Frank R. McCoy, when he was United States Member of the Far Eastern Commission of Inquiry, headed by Lord Lytton. This was an agency of the League of Nations established to investigate the situation in Manchuria... Between February and December of that year I was privileged to travel with the Commission to Japan and China (including Manchuria; and finally to Geneva... Many competent students of history feel that the failure of the League to act positively on the Commission's recommendations made World War II inevitable. Thus, though but a 1st Lieutenant, I had a rare chance to see history in the making."

—BIDDLE

Citizen Soldier

"After resigning from the Army in 1925, I worked in Chicago and New York before returning to my home in Milwaukee. I entered the insurance business in 1927 and joined the Wisconsin National Guard in the same year, continuing in both pursuits until called to Active Duty in 1940. Went out as C.O. of the 121st F.A. of the 32nd Division. When triangularization came, continued in command of the 173rd F.A. Group... Was tapped for China-Burma-India Theater... Spent the War in that Theater... (Editor's Note. I had a brief visit with Fritz in Assam during this period)... Ultimately being designated Chief of Staff of the combat forces in that area. Returned to the States in time for Christmas 1945... Knowing that my insurance clientele had not necessarily waited for me to return, I changed my vocation to that of manufacturer's representative and have been in this situation since 1947. I resumed assignment in the 32nd Division when it was reorganized and was given command of the Division Artillery of the Division. I continued in that assignment until promotion in October 1956 to Major General and command of the Division... Unfortunately, Milwaukee is off the beaten path for Classmates... and few have been

here over the years. Rom and I would be happy to see any of you in your travels.

—BREIDESTER

Early Jumper

"Looking back over the years from that July day in 1919 when I entered West Point, to the last day of December in 1945 when I was retired, I can truthfully say that those years were happy ones. The Army was a close-knit organization and the relationship between all branches was a happy one. . . My service was especially rewarding as it was there I met Felicia Chisolm. . . We were married on November 3, 1927 with "Jimmie" Bowen as my best man. Then twenty days later I was his best man when he and Aida were married. . . In 1940 I was lucky enough to join the first paratroop unit formed, the 501st Bn at Fort Benning. . . The paratroops were a brand new conception. Consequently, the next years were busy ones; training, jumping, organizing, and selling the idea to the powers-that-be. . . I was lucky enough to rise from Major to Brigadier General in less than two years. My only regret is that due to an injury to my ankle I had to sail across the Channel instead of jumping into France, during the Normandy Invasion. . . My retirement for physical disability was a blow since at age 43 I felt I had several more years of usefulness left. . . To keep busy, I entered the insurance business. . . We try to spend part of the summer on the South Carolina beaches each year."

—GEORGE HOWELL

A Scholarly Fellow

"In 1925 I was detailed as a student to Oxford University to take advantage of a Rhodes Scholarship I had won. Returning during the Christmas holidays of 1927, I was prevented from returning to Oxford by the Army Medical Corps which then began my long tour as a medical "guinea-pig" and resulted in my retirement for physical disability in October of 1929. . . I returned to Oxford to complete my work. . . for the Honours School of English Language and Literature. . . (Editor's Note. Between 1932 and 1937, F. R. completed work on a PhD at Johns Hopkins and expanded his doctoral dissertation onto a book published under the title; *Astronomical Thought in Renaissance England*) . . . I am a Professor of English at Stanford University. To carry on my research in English literature and in the history of science, my wife and I have aimed to get back to England as frequently as possible. . ."

—F. R. JOHNSON

World War I and II

"I volunteered for the Army in World War I, ending up as a corporal in the A.E.F. There I competed for entrance into the Military Academy, along with about two hundred others, of whom a dozen-odd became members of the Class of 1923. . . All my service both enlisted and commissioned was in the Signal Corps except for details as instructor at the Command and General Staff School and duty in the Military Advisory Group in China, 1946-48. . . Most interesting and rewarding of all was duty in the interna-

tional field while serving as U.S. Member of the European Military Communications Coordination Committee (EMCC) of NATO, 1951-1954. . . . I represented all U.S. armed services. . . . During that duty I was required to visit all the NATO capitols and traveled extensively for personal purposes. . . . I retired voluntarily on 31 August 1954 on the basis of World War I service"

—G. H. PALMER

As I said before, gents, the appeal and the content of this column depend upon the amount and kind of poop that I get from you. Q.E.D.

—Harold D. Kelm

1421 North Jefferson Street
Arlington 5, Virginia

1924

The Class extends its congratulations to the Eric Kuniholms on the birth of their son on August 9, 1958. The arrival of this son makes Eric the latest father of the Class, an honor previously held by Charlie Palmer.

From Tokyo, Emerson Cummings reports that at the Annual Founder's Day Dinner he was the only member of The Thundering Herd present. He also had the distinction of being the oldest, active living graduate on duty in Japan.

From San Antonio, Al Jennings reports that he is making a fine recovery after his leg operation. Al states that he expects to resume his job teaching History at San Antonio College in the fall. He also states that his son, Alan, is now assigned at the Academy teaching History, and that he and Genevieve expect to attend the 35th Reunion.

John and Muriel Elmore announce the marriage of their daughter, Jane, to Lieutenant Joseph M. Spears, Jr., on the 6th of September, 1958 in Washington. Jane and her new husband will be stationed at Fort Bragg. "Cous" Cousland has had a long bout in the hospital at Southern Pines, North Carolina and Walter Reed. The trouble is in his legs, but it appears that he is now getting along better.

Bob Miller, who is teaching Math and working on a Ph.D. at Purdue, writes that he and Madeleine became the proud grandparents of a Spanish grandson on the 14th of October. Bob goes on to say that since his grandson has Spanish nationality, he can't register him for USMA but maybe he can play left-end for Spain in some forthcoming USMA-Zaragoza series.

Tom Binford has been working for the last two years at Lake Charles, Louisiana on a job that originally was supposed to last for only six months. He expects shortly to return to his North Carolina address.

Barbara, the daughter of Peyton and Esther McLamb, was married on August 2nd to Paul E. Lindeman, a former Navy officer. The couple will reside in Forest Hills, New York.

Lydia and Carol, the daughters of Wendell and Marcella Blanchard were married on the same day, January 17, though separated by a few thousand miles. Lydia was married at Notre Dame de Laeken at Brussels, Belgium to Mr. Luke Slinkert of Rotterdam. Carol was married the same day at St. John's Episcopal Church in Washington, D.C. to Mr. Theodore M. Cochenour of Takoma Park, Maryland.

Clyde Eddleman has been named to command all United States Army forces in Europe. He will also serve as Commander of the Central Army Group in Europe, a part of NATO. With the new assignment went the fourth star.

Sam Smithers, who lives in Columbus, Georgia, with his daughter "Missy", made a grand loop through the West, visiting his home in Montana and then to the West Coast. In Palo Alto, he had a small reunion with several classmates which included Archie Stewart, Keg Stebbins, Ray Coombs and George Elliott, "Missy" graduates from the University of Georgia next spring and Sam's son, Sam, Jr., who is a Captain in the Army, expects to return from Turkey about that time.

From New Jersey, Jimmy Willis reports that Red Trew is back in the States and is working with the Federal Electric Corporation at Paramus, New Jersey. Red is in the process of buying a house and expects to settle in that area. Russell Baker



Bob Berry explains the Nike Hercules to his classmate, Charlie Stevenson. Bob Commands the First Region of the U.S. Air Defense Command. Charlie is the State Judge Advocate of the New York National Guard.

and Don Storck work for the same concern.

Following promotion to his Third Star, Gordon Rogers has been assigned command of the Seventh Corps, which is part of the Seventh Army in Germany. Gordon reports that his son, Gordon, Jr., who graduated from the Academy in 1957, is stationed with the Fourth Armored Division in Nurnberg, and his daughters—Sue and Mary Alice—visited the Brussels Worlds Fair last summer.

Douglas and Katharine Smith announce the marriage of their daughter, Mary Louise, to Mr. Harold M. Willcox on the 24th of July. The marriage took place in Briancon, France. The couple will eventually reside in Boston, Massachusetts.

From Seattle, Sam Strohecker writes that John Maher is now retired and living in Tacoma. John spends most of his time playing golf and enjoying retirement. Sam also reports that Sam Connolly, who has been Vice President of Ohio University, is moving to the Seattle area.

Paul Nelson, who retired as the Commanding Officer at Fort Lawton a year ago, has a fine job in connection with the Bomarc Missile. When Art Trudeau came through Seattle, Pete Day, Sam and Art had dinner together. Pete Sather was un-

able to attend because he was out fishing for salmon.

Cynthia, the daughter of Bob and Margaret Cullen, was chosen "Miss Colorado" in a state-wide beauty contest and was a member of the finals held in Atlantic City. Cynthia attends college at the University of Colorado and is a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

The Air Force honored George W. Smythe, Jr., with a posthumous award of the Air Medal in an impressive ceremony at Eglin Air Force Base.

Beanie Millard's new military prep school at Langlois, Oregon is a big success. The Portland, Oregon *Journal* on March 16th carried a full-page spread with several pictures showing the activities at the school.

Following the Air Force Academy-Stanford football game at Palo Alto, the Stewarts, Stebbins, Elliotts and the Frenchs got together for a wing-ding. The party was such a success that several golf dates planned for the following day were cancelled. The Sam Fishers, who moved to Carmel from Florida, are now returning to Florida and will reoccupy their home there.

From Germany, Clyde Eddleman reports that he sees Howie Ker occasionally and expected to see Itchner in November. John Hill, Jr., is a member of Clyde's staff.

From El Paso, Texas, Gus Dugan reports that he is now working with Douglas Aircraft at White Sands Missile Range on the Nike missiles. He reports that Hank Frierson has moved to Tucson, Arizona. Jim McGraw and Ernie Merkle continue to hold the Lower Valley down. The Class is distressed to hear that Harry Stadler suffered a stroke recently. Harry and Mary visited El Paso last September for the First Cavalry reunion.

Joe and Karla Burrill spent the holidays in Hawaii. From San Antonio, Marcus Stokes reports that Cy Hames has returned and resumed his residence in San Antonio. The Alamo Chapter of The Thundering Herd gave a farewell luncheon for Pete Hains just prior to his departure to be Chief of the MAAG in Thailand.

George Busbey is continuing his writing activities with respect to guns and hunting. In a letter to Frank Grailing he stated that he was going to have an article in the new 1959 edition of *Gun Digest* on the subject of "Long Range Shot Gunning." George estimated that the article would be highly controversial; however, the hunting and fishing editor of the *New York Daily News* thought the article fine and to quote his article stated that he particularly liked it because "it is entertaining as well as controversial."

Tom Forman has a fine job as a senior engineer with the Westinghouse Friendship Plant at Baltimore. He has held the job for over four years now.

Fred Keeler, who is living in Chapala, Mexico visited the United States in San Francisco for about three weeks when his wife, Billie, underwent an operation. They have now returned to Mexico and Billie is recovering nicely. Fred reports that living costs in Mexico are amazingly cheap.

Ken Strother, who is living in Santa Monica, California, passed through Washington and had luncheon with several classmates.

Dick and Betty Stephens are making a grand tour of the United States before

settling down to a permanent retirement home. The trip included some fishing in Florida, a visit with Dick and Clara Thomas at Clearwater, a game of golf with Sam Smithers at Fort Benning, winding up with goose hunting in South Dakota.

Johnny (William L.) Johnson, who is living in Miami, Florida states that investments have been a hobby of his for several years and if any members of the Class are interested, he will be willing to furnish information to anybody who is interested in settling in South Florida.

Charlie Stevenson has broken into the Congressional Record with an extension of remarks by Congressman Multer of New York. The matter concerned a letter written by Charlie which, in brief, deplores the present plans of the Defense Department to reduce the National Guard.

The entire Class was grieved and shocked by the sudden death of John McComsey, who was Vice President of the United Services Automobile Association, and living in San Antonio. Mac passed away suddenly and will be missed by all his classmates. He was buried at West Point.

Ken Strother, Clarence Rothgeb, J. G. Moore, Z. W. Moores, and Pete Shunk, all attended a conference held last fall at West Point, at which the leading representatives of West Point Societies throughout the country met together on matters of interest to the Military Academy.

Zero Wilson was genial host to a number of classmates who journeyed to Houston for the Army-Rice game. Seen were Woltersdorf, Traywick, Koch, Joe Burrill, Ben Mesick, Bob Cullen, Chick Darling, Dan Healy, Sarah Hawkins, Maria De La Rosa, Pete Shunk and McGraw. Larry Adams is now living in El Paso where he is working with the Texas Highway Department as an engineer.

Tom McCullough, who is Comptroller with the Indiana State Highway Department, is President of the Retired Officers Association of Indiana. He states he is exerting leverage to restore the traditional retired pay. Tom visited San Francisco recently to attend a convention of highway officials.

Jim Stowell sold his home in Phoenix, New York and is now building a new home in Boca Raton, Florida. Jim states he finally got sick of travelling back and forth.

The Class extends its deepest condolences to Luke Wells on the death of his wife, Nancy, at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington. Burial was at Arlington Cemetery and the funeral services at Fort Myer were attended by a large class delegation and their wives.

The monthly class luncheon for February held at the Army Navy Club in Washington was attended by 32 members of the Thundering Herd. Out-of-town guests included Dennis Mulligan, Don Storck, Val Evans, Ray Burkett and Ben Mesick. Ray and Ben both plan to move to Washington.

Tom Malin, who is prospering in the insurance business on the West Coast, writes that his daughter, Gwen, expects to marry a Marine Corps Lieutenant in June.

Mary Sexton has left the Fort Belvoir Hospital after a long period of confinement with a broken leg. She is progressing nicely but it appears she will have to use crutches for several months.

Marie Tucker, widow of George, is living at 4645 Rosewood Place, Riverside, California. Two of George's sons have graduated from the University of Loyola at Los Angeles and a third son, George, Jr., is now a student at California Polytechnic Institute.

The *New York Times* of January 29 carries a fine article on Otto Nelson, particularly concerning his activities in housing matters. The Governor of New York has recently named Otto as the chairman of a "task force" to stimulate private investment in middle income housing.

Paul Cooper and his wife have moved from the West Coast to San Antonio. On his departure, Paul turned over his Real Estate Business to "Cappy" Cureton, widow of Nat.

Virgil Miller is working at the Willow Run Laboratories at the University of Michigan. He states that both he and his wife, Ann, keep themselves busy.

His friends will be glad to know that



Mary Lou Rogers assists Clyde Eddleman in pinning the Third Star on Gordon Rogers in Germany, where he has been assigned Command of the Seventh Corps. Clyde Eddleman has recently been assigned to Command all U.S. Army Forces in Europe and promoted to four star rank.

Bill Cleary is back in business for himself. He now has the Buick Agency at Bridgeport, Connecticut.

The Class extends its deepest sympathy to Sammy Samouce on the death of his wife, Lillian. Funeral services were held at the Fort Myer Chapel and were attended by a large number of classmates and their wives.

Red Mead is Chief of the MAAG to Turkey. Working with him is Merrow Sorley who expects to be there for the next two years.

Corinne Outcalt has sold her home in Arlington and has moved to Orlando, Florida where she will live with her sister, Mrs. Theodore Straub. Corinne's address is 1625 Flamingo Drive, Orlando, Florida.

The following sons of the Class of '24 are presently cadets at the Academy: In the Class of 1959, Raymond T. Burkett, Jr., Thomas D. Roberts (son of Hayward D. Roberts); in the Class of 1960, Barry D. Alford (stepson of Carl Raguse), George T. Crosby, William T. Sexton, Jr., George E. Wrockloff, III; in the Class of 1961, Herbert T. G. Benz, James B. Royce; Class of 1962, James A. Davidson. The Class held its annual meeting and

Class Association party at the Officers Club, Fort Leslie J. McNair, on Friday evening, October 24, 1958. Seventy members of the Class, including their wives, were present. The following Class Officers were elected for the coming year:

President:

Lieutenant General Arthur G. Trudeau

First Vice President:

Brigadier General John G. Hill

Second Vice President:

Brigadier General Charles H. Royce

Secretary-Treasurer:

Colonel Francis J. Graling

To the retiring president, Frank Graling, the entire Class joins in expressing its appreciation for his untiring efforts, not only the year that he served as President, but for the many years previously where he has given unstintingly of his time and interest in Class matters. He has kept the Class informed as to where others were and has taken a leading role in keeping the Class together.

It has been reported that Czar James Dyer died suddenly of a heart attack on Wednesday 18 February 1959 at his home, 311 South Division Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan. He was buried in Arlington National Cemetery on Friday, 20 February 1959.

The Class extends its deepest sympathy to Mrs. Dyer, who we understand will continue to live at their home in Ann Arbor.

—Bill Sexton
2 Waltonway Road
Alexandria, Virginia

1925

This time the annals of 1925 are brief. Daddy Dunn's recent mimeographed class-summary for the LAST HALF OF 1958 has brought everyone up to date, so I will report here only the additional news which has come to Mike or me through the mail.

The first item is one of sad news, namely Joe McMahan's death on January 6 following a heart attack four days earlier. All classmates will recall that Joe was physically retired in 1928 and then recalled to active duty in 1942. In 1948 he reverted to the retired list as a captain. Thereafter he studied and practiced law in Tennessee.

His death occurred in Rutherford County hospital where he had been under treatment for four days following the heart attack in Murfreesboro.

In 1949 Joe was appointed State Commissioner of Welfare by Governor Gordon Browning, and was eminent in matters of public interest in Tennessee. On the occasion of his death the House of Representatives of Tennessee adopted a joint resolution as follows:

"WHEREAS, the Honorable J. O. McMahan of Manchester, Coffee County, Tennessee, passed away on Tuesday, January 6, 1959, and,

"WHEREAS, Mr. McMahan was a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, a veteran of World War I and II, a former teacher, and served with distinction as Commissioner of Public Welfare for the State of Tennessee from 1949 to 1953, and

was at the time of his death a practicing attorney in Coffee County, and,

"WHEREAS, he will be greatly missed by his many friends, and by his wife, Mrs. Cornelia Harrison McMahan of Manchester, as well as his fine children and other member of his family, now, therefore,

"BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 81ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That by this resolution we express our sympathy and sadness in the passing of this fine public servant and outstanding attorney, and,

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to his wife."

Additional news items received are matters which the class may have heard already, but which I will nevertheless mention in only a line, with sincere congratulations: (1) Jerry Galloway has taken command at Belvoir, as of last November; (2) John Willems has been appointed ACoS for Intelligence, Headquarters Department of Army.

The final story is a nice letter from Leland Kuhre, giving more information on his science of Atorgenics. This subject is deep, but if I may attempt a comment I would say that Leland's new science has much in common with the modern Theory of Groups in higher abstract algebra. In general, I believe that Leland is using the concept that all human organizational activity has certain invariant properties which—traced to their real foundations—are discovered to be properties of the structure of the human mind itself. The ultimate key to understanding organized human effort, then, is to look inwardly and make use of man's knowledge, imperfect as it still is, of his own mental processes. By using this knowledge man can see that the real cohesion of team effort is that the human members are bound together by the invisible structure common to their psyches.

I would be the first to confess that the above summary is certainly inadequate, and probably not entirely correct, for which I hope that Leland will forgive me. But in any event this is my present understanding of what he is doing, and my hat is off to him for tackling a subject which is philosophically as difficult as anything which engaged the attention of Aristotle or Plato.

The word, Atorgenics, incidentally, is a compound of the Greek words "atomos," "organon" and "genesis." The roots contain ideas not easy to express in a single English word, and the compound "atorgenics" is intended to synthesize the law from which all the principles of organization may be derived by traditional logic or mathematics.

No further news in this issue, and best wishes to all from

—Nick Nicholas

1926

News from Heidelberg (Ralph Osborne) —Herb Ehr Gott on a pleasure tour of Europe stopped by to say "hello." At the Artillery Conference in Frankfurt, Tom DeShazo and Bill Ennis showed up. Tom headed the team from Fort Sill and Bill

represented the Headquarters at Foutainebleau. At a similar Armored conference, Jack Ryan was the head man from Fort Knox.

Tom DeShazo has finally given up his "homestead" at Sill for an assignment in Headquarters Third Army. Bill Ennis returned from Europe and is the new Commandant of the Army War College. Jack Ryan has left Knox for a tour in Hawaii.

Ray Maude is the new Executive Vice President of International Electric Corporation, Paramus, New Jersey.

For the second time in three months Red Reeder walked proudly down that long aisle in the Cadet Chapel as father of the bride. Daughter Dorothy and Lieutenant Dale Eugene Hruby (USMA '58) were married on 7 February. Lieutenant Hruby is the son of Mrs. Joe W. Hruby of Stockton, California and the late Lieutenant Colonel Hruby.

Congratulations to Cadet Powell Hutton for his selection as a Rhodes Scholar. He is the first class son to attain this honor.

—Roy Herte

1 Jean Court

Cornwall-on-Hudson, New York

1927

A few timely reports helped to add substance to the material for this issue of ASSEMBLY. Please let the information items come forward; even the current address is of interest and importance to the class records.

"Chubby" Roth, by letter to Frank Ostenberg, gave some California news to meld with other Golden Bear items. He is teaching math at a high school at Milbrae, near Burlingame, after taking a training course last year at San Francisco State College, along with Carlock and Wrean. Carlock is still at the college for further study; and Woodson Hocker is taking the basic course this year. "Chubby's" son, Arthur, Jr., is "all wound up" for admission to the Point, and any tips that may lead to appointment possibilities will be sincerely appreciated.

Ostenberg also had a letter from "Felix" Holst, now a student at Purdue University, working for a master's degree in science, with math teaching just over the horizon (Shades of "P" Schroeder!). His is the same type of course that "Si" Peirce and "Al" Lepping took last year, and "Felix" reports, "It is tough."

"Al" and Mabel Lepping are now at home at 1712 South Lynn Street, Arlington, Virginia, while "Al" is working with the Army Logistic Research Project at George Washington University.

"Bix" and Evalyn Bixel have purchased a house in D.C. at 1901 Upshur Street, N.W., with a long, hospitable latchstring. Also, "Mac" and Jean Miller have bought at 4121 Aspen, Chevy Chase 15, Maryland, and reported that "Ham" and Belle Hunter were "by" around Navy Game time.

"Woody" and Jean Burgess of 5939 Brooke Drive, Falls Church, Virginia informed that: (1) son, A/3c Woodberry, II, is now for duty at Fairbanks, Alaska; and (2) daughter, Anne Floyd, is to be married in late March to Burt Hilliard Rowe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Burt H. Rowe, Sikeston, Missouri. Mr. Rowe attended the University of Missouri, but is now in the agricultural and land development business with his father. Anne, daughter of

Woodberry and the late Marianna Floyd Burgess, was graduated from Stephens College, Columbia, Missouri, and is now an artist for the Hallmark Company in Kansas City. Best wishes of the Class to the young couple!

"Bob" White is ruffling through the maps and twirling the globes, we surmise, as Map and Geographic Librarian, University Library, University of Illinois, with home address 1201 McDonald Drive, Champaign, Illinois. He and "Peggy," reported last year at Michigan University, are apparently "settlin' down" in the Land of Lincoln.

Paul Berrigan took time off from his duties as chairman of a Board of Consultants for California—"the work is unsteady enough to be pleasant"—to give a welcomed round-up on the Bay area. Paul accounted for some fifteen classmates, including two ex's to whom we extend a rousing welcome. Paul's roster reads:

Berrigan, 2366 Leavenworth Street, SF
Butler, 2368 Walnut Grove, San Jose
Carlock, 355 Serrano Drive, SF
H. G. Douglas, 410 North Street, Sausalito
Hocker, 512 Arballo Drive, SF
McLamb, 1505 Sutter, SF
McManus 2959 Piedmont Avenue, Berkeley

Pachynski, 423 Pixie Trail, Mill Valley
Roth, 467 Live Oak Drive, Mill Valley
Sinclair, 368 University, Box 633, Los Altos
Stone, 2210 Jackson, SF
Whittle, 8 Edgewood Way, SF
Wrean, 2067 35th Avenue, SF
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C. S. Howe, 39 Mercury Avenue, Mill Valley

James P. Jennings. 329 Hyacinth Way, San Rafael

"Mary is building a garden to end all gardens; when it gets done we will have," Paul offers, "all the class that will come to some sort of a party." (Planning should start at once for westward movement, by jet or jitney, to take advantage of this Gold-rush opportunity.)

The Army-Navy game of splendid memory was well attended by the class. Reports indicate the following were at Philadelphia: Hutchinsons, Bell, Stober, Perrine, Bixel, Ostbergs, Ginder, "Jack" West, Hopper, Davidsons, Crumes, Collinses, Peggs, Burgesses, "Ham" Hunters, Hollands, Quinn, Levings, Schwabs, Hopper, Rose, and Harding.

From the Navy Game report, we also gained the fact that "Jack" Stober is a resident of Topeka, Kansas, that both his sons are in the Air Force, and his daughter is attending the University of Nebraska.

Two more members of our class have moved up to join the Long Grey Line. "Ben" Gray, whose death was reported in the last ASSEMBLY, died of a heart attack, December 11, 1958, while at his work for a research project at George Washington University. He is survived by his wife, Muriel, 849 Rose Lane, Falls Church, Virginia, and by a daughter, Dr. Jane Gray Jacobson, Tucson, Arizona. Burial was in Arlington.

Our second death was that of Francis C. Foster, who died in Honolulu, where he had lived for several years, on January 16, 1959. "Frank" had one child, a son, Caxton C. Foster, 2835 Whitewood Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan, the son of "Frank" and his former wife, Nedra Brown Foster.

It is entirely probable that it is not too late, with this issue, for you and friends to agitate by letter and telegram to congressmen for the correction of Public Law 85-422. If this prognosis be correct, make much of the opportunity; *c'est l'heure!* This is the session in which correction should be effected. The class has joined actively here with others, and all other uniformed services, by letter, cash contribution, and "Jack" Hine's devoted physical efforts at meetings, and Bixel's letter addressing—all in effort to do our share toward removing the illogical "career" feature of that law and restoring the time-honored, equitable relationship of retired to active pay.

—Jerry Lillard
4543 North 40th Street
Arlington 7, Virginia

1928

Ten gift boxes still await presentation to graduated sons. How about helping us out? If you plan to be in any of the following areas let me know: Westover Field, Massachusetts; Quincy, Massachusetts; Fort Lewis, Washington; Conally AFB, Texas; Bartmo AFB, Florida; Holloman AFB, New Mexico; March AFB, California; Hawaii or Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Boxes have been ordered for the four members of the Class of '59: Fuller, Ludlam, Mansfield and Schepps. \$3440.00 has been contributed to Class Gift Fund by 109 members.

Paul Gavan is now commanding Southern Area Command in Europe; P. D. Adams is slated to take over a Corps with an added star, "Sam" Anderson has been appointed C. G. of Air Materiel Command and also adds a star. "Sam" Myers visited West Point in early March as a member of General Staff Team. Report has it that "Jim" Lockett has married and settled down at 6802 Lake Grove Avenue, Tacoma 99, Washington.

Received a set of colored slides taken at the 30th from "Stu" McLennan. These will be added to our class archives and will be available for future gatherings. Although this is not our reunion year, I would appreciate word from any returning classmates in order that plans can be made for a get-together.

—John D. Billingsley
West Point, New York



PRESENTATION OF 1928 GIFT, HEADQUARTERS, FORT GREELY, ALASKA (left to right): Thomas H. Beck, Brigadier General, USA, Class of 1933; Richard R. Middlebrooks, Colonel, Infantry, Class of 1928; Thomas F. Van Natta, 1st Lt., Artillery, Class of 1954.

This is the last reunion bulletin aside from anything that you hear from Kai Rasmussen. If you have not filled out (a) the reply to him on your attendance at the reunion and (b) your reply to him on the 30 year book, please have at them with a pencil within the next few minutes.

As of 21 January, Kai's tabulation showed that 150 classmates have replied to date; 62 are coming to the reunion; 33 have better than even probability and only 55 have given a firm "no". About three-quarters or better appear to be bringing wives and a certain number are asking for accommodation for other ladies. The Association of Graduates informs me that daughters over 15 and mothers of classmates may stay with classmate's wives in the Association of Graduates accommodations. These accommodations will be the old hospital, Ladycliff, and (if finished on time) the spaces in the West (once) Academic Building now being converted to barracks.

Classmates who want accommodations in barracks should so indicate on the



W. F. McKee (right), Vice Commander of the Air Materiel Command, receiving a cheerful classmate, F. H. Smith, CG of the Air Training Command.

card they return to the Association of Graduates. Classmates who want accommodations for their ladies must so indicate on their reply to Kai Rasmussen since the reunion class is responsible for the ladies.

The Washington contingent indicate a tentative approval of the Association of Graduates' proposal for social activities which will be catered by the West Point Army Mess for all reunion classes. This proposal is for a cocktail party and buffet on Saturday night following the athletic contest with Navy, Alumni dinner-dance in the Mess Hall on Sunday night and a picnic on Monday night. As to any question about what might happen on Tuesday night, there seems to be an agreement we ought to leave this open with the understanding that there will always



Svensson ('29) and Freeman ('29) on active operations.

be something liquid for classmates and associates at the Lincoln household.

As to financing, we will persuade a couple of sturdy and arithmetically inclined classmates to collect as you arrive.

Thanks to the classmates who have written we have some notes. Paul Freeman, Commandant of the Infantry School, reports that Swede Svensson is CG of the Anti-Aircraft and Tank Training Center at Fort Stewart, Georgia. I am trying to persuade ASSEMBLY to print a picture of the talkative Swede and the taciturn Paul in battle positions. Paul reports George Lynch retired, in the vicinity and classifying himself as a "professional investor."

Mish Roth regrets he can't come to the reunion because of his youngest son graduating from college on the same date.

As some know, each 5-year reunion class of the senior types gets a chance to nominate a vice president for the Association of Graduates. This political mission was handed to our Washington contingent who proposed Jupe Lindsay for the job with Army Armstrong as alternate. Your presence is urged at the Alumni luncheon to support our candidate.

Looking over some notes on the Pacific from Phil Draper it strikes me we have had more news on that area in our column this year than any other part of the world. Ben Wimer is retired in Honolulu and is working for a contracting firm. Hunt Bassett has returned from Taipei to Scott Air Force Base. A note from John Phillips says he is returning from Korea for daughter Margaret's wedding and for assignment to Fort Hood.

Lefty Mace is Commander of the Northern Area Command in Germany with Headquarters in Heidelberg.

A picture arrived showing 3-star Bozo McKee looking solicitous as he greets 3-star Freddy Smith on the latter's arrival at Wright-Patterson. Fred is Commanding

the Air Training Center at Randolph and is in fine fettle. Bozo expresses joy over the progress of son, Christopher, at Andover and also the acceptance of his younger son Billy at the same place. This puts at least three Class of '29 sons at Andover since your editor's youngster is struggling to make the grade there. Bozo urges the writer who is still tangling with the President's Committee on Military Assistance to come out to Wright-Patterson and get the word from the working level on how the whole program should be run.

I'll see you on Saturday, May 30th. Have you sent in your replies to Kai Rasmussen? His address is: Special Operations Research Office, The American University, 4501 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W. Washington 16, D.C.

—Abe Lincoln

Department of Social Sciences
West Point, New York

1930

Here in Washington, in early March, there is in the air the promise of an early spring. I hope it isn't a false promise.

The past three months brought a telephone call from New York, three letters, and a few words with Art Fuller. Art was on his way to Ft. Bliss from Puerto Rico where he was serving as commanding officer. He looks just fine.

The telephone call was from Wall, T. F. who was about to embark on a three month cruise of the South Pacific and the Orient. He was checking on the names and addresses of classmates who might be along his tour route. As this is being written the Walls are in Bangkok. I must admit I was a bit envious.

The letters came from Bob Ports, Roy Lindquist and Bill Whipple. Roy was reporting that Alice and he are settled in Iran and that young Roy was married last November at Benning.

Bill Whipple, who is running the Engineer Division, Southwestern, had been on a trip to Ft. Sill where Wehle, Morrow and Goodwin are holding forth. I hadn't heard that Ace was at Sill, but it is now duly recorded.

Bob Ports, the West Coast coagulator is a faithful correspondent. The Ports had had the class group together for a drink before going to the West Point Society hop in December. Must have been fun because the treatment is being repeated before the Founders' Day Dinner.

On Tuesday 3 March, 17 members of the clan gathered in one of the Pentagon's private dining rooms, had a merry bull session, and talked some more about the Big One in 1960. Present were Ted Bogart, Ray Brisach, Jack Dudley, George Duehring, Guy Emery, John Guthrie, Bill Harris (W. H.), Bob Lancefield, Pappy Lewis, Chief Moore, Ned Moore, Pie Nyquist, Bob Porter, Tom Stoughton, Archie Stuart, Ralph Swofford, and Bob Wood.

Principal topic of conversation was preliminary plans for June Week 1960. Recent intelligence from the Association of Graduates indicates that efforts are being made to coordinate the numerous activities going on the three days prior to Graduation Day. Therefore a suggested program was offered, as follows:

Sunday, 29 May 1960

Cocktails and buffet at W. P. Army Mess or Cullum Hall.

Monday, 30 May

a. Benny Havens Hours, general alumni, W. P. Army Mess.

b. Alumni Dinner Dance, Class Tables, Washington Hall (The Cadet Mess).

Tuesday, 31 May

Class picnic, Round Pond/Buckner area.

Wednesday, 1 June

Graduation Day.

At the aforementioned luncheon, it was unanimously agreed the program looked good in all respects. You may thus consider it adopted. Actions are under way to reserve a large room in the W.P. Army Mess for the Sunday party, and one of the lodges for the Tuesday party.

The matter of a 30 year Reunion Book was also discussed. It is expected you will hear from Sandy Stone by separate communication on that subject.

Word has just been received that we have reservations for 50 wives in the Visiting Team Quarters, in or near the White Studio building behind Central (old South) Barracks, from noon Sunday 29 May to noon Wednesday 1 June. Get your bids in to Sandy Stone if you want a berth for a female. Note well that children of either sex under 15 cannot be accommodated, in barracks or the Visiting Team quarters.

Watch this column for further notes on the reunion. Next items will probably be from Sandy Stone.

In the name of the Class, Congressman Kowalski received a basket of flowers at the opening of the 86th Congress. Frank sent me a nice note thanking all of us. I trundled over to the Capitol to hear the President's State of the Union message and spotted Frank seated there amongst his colleagues, with all the aplomb of a twenty year congressional veteran. He didn't clap at all the proper places, however.

The other day I read of the nominations of Chris Clarke to be Maj. Gen., and Wing and Harris, W. W. to be B. G's. Congratulations to you three and may you have still another one.

And now changes of station: Beauchamp has left Washington bound for Korea and the Command of a division. Address: Hq. Eighth U. S. Army, APO 310, San Francisco. Fred Ammerman to the 35th Arty Brig, Ft. Meade, Md. in June. Bob Lancefield from Washington to Ft. Mason, California for duty as the port lawyer, in mid April. Jimmy Wilson from Europe to Hq. Third U. S. Army, Ft. McPherson, Georgia, in March. Archie Stuart has settled in the Washington area, home address: 4504 Frazier Lane, Westmont, McLean, Virginia. He has been appointed manager of the Washington District of Hamilton Management Corp. Paul Ruestow has moved from Hq. AMC to become the Commander, Middletown Air Materiel Area, Middletown, Pennsylvania. Percy Brown is at Hq. IV U. S. Army Corps (Res), Birmingham, Alabama. Carl Hutton has been assigned to the Federal Aviation Administration, Washington 25, D.C.

Cayce Odom retired 31 January. His address: 417 Mandalay Drive East, San

Antonio, Texas. The same day the "Cisco Kid" Kilborn stacked arms (or whatever the Air Force equivalent is). Address: 107 W. Hathaway, Apt. 51, San Antonio 9, Texas. Happy retirement, boys, and there are more of us joining you all the time.

—George Duehring
Fort. L. J. McNair
Washington 25, D.C.

1931

There is not too much news—What there is, is mostly sort of sad. "Bob" Cheal's son is seriously ill in Walter Reed. "Bob" is retired from the Army and is living in New York City. "Charlie" Hoy retired on 28 February with one hundred percent disability. "Charlie" is making progress slowly but surely. He is now contemplating a trip to Florida. "Pat" Hunter had a heart attack early in January. He is up and about again in a limited way. He has not returned to work.

John Inskeep was married at Camp Wolters on 14 February. The new Mrs. Inskeep is the former Erma Knight.

"Ernie" Easterbrook, the President of Washington Class of '31 group left the Pentagon on 15 February to take command of Fort Rucker. The untimely death of "Bugs" Cairns in a chopper accident was the reason for "Ernie's" sudden orders. We extend to the Class of '32 our sympathy for their loss of such a fine classmate and gallant officer. "Jake" Smart has taken on the duties and burden of the Presidency. For better or for worse, he is now the captain of our fate and the guardian of our souls.

"Curly" Wilson paid Washington a visit and was able to attend the midwinter class cocktail fight on 27 February. I was unable to attend so I cannot give a first hand account. However, from what I have been able to learn from other sources, i.e., waiters, sightseers, hangers-on, police blotters and accident insurance reports, it was not too exciting from a spectator point of view. Everyone was quiet, sedate and partially comotose. I understand that Warren Hoover put tranquilizers in the hors d'oeuvres. About twenty couples showed so there was sufficient for everyone to have two finger sandwiches and one drink at least. This is an improvement over previous parties managed by "Louie" Guenther when the first twenty arrivals obtained a half of a finger sandwich and only the first ten received a drink. Some of the members of the class remonstrated with "Louie" but to no avail—"Louie" said he needed the money. His wife and family were just getting too expensive. Well, you can't argue too much against such basic facts so we forgave him, but with the proviso that hereafter the finger sandwiches be cut crosswise instead of lengthwise. Who ever heard of neatly splitting a sardine? We certainly hope that "Nona" realizes that we are doing this for the wife and kiddies.

"Charlie" Densford wrote to someone, not me, complaining slightly about getting in touch with the person that writes these notes for the ASSEMBLY. He recommended that some classmates stationed at West Point undertake the task. I am for his suggestion one hundred percent. Since "Curly" Wilson is the only classmate at West Point, the solution is easy. On be-

ing approached Wilson informed me with a hauteur attitude that he was the Editor of these notes and I was the reporter, the scrivener, the lowly scribe so to speak—. He would not budge from his safe, easy and exalted position—he would not even consent to an election. Now a free democratic election is welcomed by all free men. Not Wilson though. He said "You don't elect a guy to sweep the floor. Get on with your work, boy"—So, with Wilson so unreasonable, it looks like the class is stuck.

(Ed. note: I am being misquoted, but the sentiment is correct.)

"Jack" Gordon dropped a card this way with a copy of his brewery magazine. He called attention to page 3 which upon examination revealed a picture of "Don" Yates. One can only surmise that "Don" was trying to be the first man in space, had the unfortunate experience of selecting a misguided missile, and ended up in a Texas brewery. It all goes to prove that you cannot tell where you are going to end up these days.

"Sally" Duff not only will not give me any information but won't even speak to me now. She sent one of those horrid cards and then called "Kel" to tell her that it was the worst one she could find but it still wasn't bad enough. "Kel" agreed with her. My own wife!!

I saw "Bill" Hall wandering through the ivy (genus Toxicodendron both radicans and pubescens) covered halls of the Pentagon. He was on a visit from the 49th State. I don't know what the Alaskans have against Texas but they keep referring to it as "Oklahoma Baja".

"Swede" Carlson, now a BG in Ordnance, has reported to the Pentagon for duty. He was recently in Vietnam.

I wish somebody would send me some news that is fit and fresh enough to print. I guess that I had better get out of this business. After reading this over, it doesn't sound funny or informative. One last thought—arrangements for the 30th reunion had better get under way. I'll have more about this next time.

Sincerely,
—J. B. Corbett
Colonel, USA
Joint Programs Office
Joint Chiefs of Staff
Pentagon
Washington 25, D.C.

1932

This is a tough one to write and perhaps it is too long after the act anyway. The last issue had just gone to press when Bugs Cairns had his fatal helicopter crash, but since it is just about the last chance, at least in this column, to recognize his considerable accomplishments, it seems worthwhile. Certainly there was plenty of coverage, from the first bleak shocker on the front page of the Washington Post to the box on the cover of the ANAF Journal, "Gen. Cairns' Legacy: A Hope for Improved Army Mobility—Soon".

He was buried near his father in Arlington and a few notes on the last services might serve as well as anything to show how Bugs stood. The chapel was too crowded to see everyone, but judging by the actual ones Pat and I saw, just about every classmate, active or re-

tired, who was in the city at the time, attended. All U. S. military services and a few foreign ones were represented. The ranks ranged from private to Lieutenant General.

There were also two rather curious phenomena. For one thing, it is a natural tendency—almost a reflex action it seems to me, for two friends to smile when they meet each other, no matter how serious the occasion. Of some 30 or 40 we spoke to however, and many more pairs we saw greet each other, none showed the semblance of a smile.

The other item was that insofar as I could see, no one seated in the congregation even spoke to each other before the services began. We arrived a half hour early but even so, almost all the pews were filled and I stood along the wall near the front of the chapel from where I could see most of the group. For 25 minutes at least, no one chatted nor even seemed to look at each other; Benny Webster, Tom Darcy, and Bob Terrill sitting together in a row, the Brittons and other husband/wife combinations, all looked straight ahead in silence.

Acting on behalf of the Class, George and Frenchy Kumpe did a superb job. Insofar as anyone can be of any help at a time like this, they certainly were; all members were notified within an hour or so, George met the incoming train at 6:30 a.m., and they both saw Doris off after the funeral. This June, incidentally, Doris and son Scott, their youngest, plan to move to Alexandria. As soon as they get established, you can get the address from Tuffy Horner.

In addition to all the intangibles that Bugs left behind in over 26 years' service, there will always be some physical reminders, too. The Army Airfield at Rucker has been designated Cairns Army Airfield and the Southeast Alabama Chapter of the Assn. of the U. S. Army has been renamed the Bogardus S. Cairns Chapter. Appropriately enough, the same page that announced the latter included notices of chapters named for Leonard Wood and John J. Pershing. A man's man and soldier's soldier to the end, there is no position in the Army—or Dept. of Defense, that he might not have gone to.

On the credit side, the Juniors are doing their best to see that the tribe increases. A sprightly note from Fort Campbell announced the arrival of Helen Marie Valence, the granddaughter of Dick and Helen Hunt. Her dad, Lieutenant Edward Valence, Jr. (USMA '56) is an Infantry paratrooper in the 101st Infantry and appropriately enough was born in 1932. And from his new permanent home at 1301 Hamlin Drive, Clearwater, Florida, Bob Glassburn, Sr. writes that Bob's daughter (married to an Annapolis '58 with the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean) is about to have her first.

Also a flurry of them have recently committed marriage. In Abilene, Texas, 1st Lieutenant Richard H. Head (USMA '56) married the former Marilyn Miller. Landon is now retired incidentally and in residence at 14 Baskin Road, Lexington, Massachusetts. In January, pretty Joan Elizabeth Descheneaux married Mr. Thomas P. Ormsby, a Brown University graduate and Boston businessman. The engagement of 2nd Lieutenant John R. Sutherland, Jr., another paratrooper with

the 101st Airborne Division, to Miss Beatrice Naugle has been announced with a June wedding planned. Miss Naugle attended the Institution Chateau Mont Chaisi, Lausanne, Switzerland, and is currently a student at Stephens College.

Speaking of higher education, Charlie and Rose D'Orsa have informed us that their daughter, Catherine Diane, who just graduated from the Dependents School at Naples, is now attending St. Joseph's College, Emmittsburg, Maryland, where she is majoring in mathematics. It's just as well that Charlie isn't available to help with the homework on that one.

To round out the news of our unusual and talented Juniors, Joe Golden reports that his daughter is the first girl Forester in the United States, and employed at the First Regional Forest Headquarters in Missoula, Montana. He also stated that by the time this is in print, he and Jeannette will have joined the grandparents club, via their second daughter, aged 20.

Most of the news of active members this time seems to involve overseas areas. We continue to hear regularly from the Thinnes' who divide their writing duties very logically and fairly. Wally writes checks and Annemarie writes long, newsy letters about the considerable number of classmates who either live in or pass through Formosa. Included in a recent one was a menu of a dinner given by Chih Wang which featured among other things, "soup de lotus seeds". Quite a dish to set before a dish like Annemarie and if the party was all it seemed, I am sure that Wally used some of his famous after-drinking lotion the next day. From various means we learned that Hunter Harris has left Hawaii to become the Deputy Commander of the Eighth Air Force, SAC, at Westover; and that Johnny Pugh has gone from Berlin to the Office of the Army Comptroller here in Washington. Jack Welborn, Lazy Lazar and Joe Stearns are all on the way to Korea. Lazy, on leaving Fort Sheridan, reported that he is going to leave the family in Chicago, which has always been home base for him. Joe's family will remain in Chicago until school is over, after which they expect to move to Texas. Del Pryor is going to Okinawa instead of Korea as previously stated and Marv Isley is in Saudi Arabia for a one year tour.

Continuing his tour of exotica, Danny Campbell has moved from Baghdad, Iraq, to Ankara, Turkey, where he will be head of the U.S. Air Force Group in the Joint Mission.

I don't know why people send me things I can't read but I have just received a press release from Cambodia describing a ceremony involving Eddie Hartshorn and their Chief of Staff. The item was written entirely in pure Cambodian, but there was no mistaking the accompanying pictures. Using both hands, a microphone and plenty of good old American ham, Eddie was addressing a guy, who as far as I am concerned, was Lou Coutts in a Cambodian uniform. The occasion was the presentation of 50 MAP motorcycles and from appearances, the ceremony would have done credit to a new City Hall. As Eddie's succinct note said, "Anything he says, I can say louder."

The retired roster showed a couple of

changes with two new members availing themselves of the well-earned privilege. Bill Smith retired at the end of February and after spending two months in Louisiana, he and Marelle will move into the house they own at 233 Bellehaven Road, Alexandria, Virginia. Al Stoltz also went out in style by receiving the Distinguished Service Medal from General LeMay in a ceremony at the new home of the Air Force Academy which Al did so much to bring into being. Al had been in charge of construction since the very beginning and the same paper which told of his retirement ceremonies stated that the Academy construction is now 92% complete. And from his home in retirement at Meriden, New Hampshire, Buck Thielen shown how retirement from the service can be the beginning of a new career. His first novel, a mystery entitled "Open Season", has already been published and has been selected by the Detective Book Club for March release.

We regret to announce however, that we lost one of our retired members during the last quarter. Just as this letter was about to be mailed, Tuffy Horner received a telegram from George Power to the effect that Arnold Sommer had just died in El Paso. No details were included, but Arnold retired a few years ago for physical disability and has not been at all well since. The Class, of course, sent messages of condolence and flowers.

To close with some brief items in CONUS which have not been published too often, we continue to be well represented at the Air Materiel Command. Don Hardy was named the Director of Personnel and Support Operations (replacing a major general) and John McCawley moved into Don's former spot. From that same command, Stan Wray visited Washington to be the principal speaker at the monthly Armed Forces Communication-Electronics Association meeting. His subject "The Air Force Satellite Program"

And if there's any doubt in your mind as to how long the rocky road has been, just think of the days when you were assigned as baseball coach, mess officer, defense counsel, etc., in orders that always ended with the cheery phrase, "in addition to his other duties". Then consider Chuck Anderson's new assignment. A tersely worded set of orders which wasted no verbiage stated that Major General C. H. Anderson, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Atomic Energy, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, is assigned as Commanding General of Joint Task Force Seven, "as additional duty"

-Ken Zitzman

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Washington 25, D.C.

1933

Since the last report the Class has suffered two losses, one a classmate and the other a true friend. Shinny Shinberger, distinguished soldier turned Episcopal minister, who failed to return from his last trip to the hospital, was buried at West Point on Friday, 13 February. Services were conducted by Bishop Gibson of the Episcopal Church. General Davidson, Superintendent, USMA, his principal staff officers, and 14 classmates attended the

services. We will all miss Shinny's earthy humor and appropriate words of wisdom frequently displayed at Class functions. Shortly before his death Shinny realized a lifelong ambition when he preached in the Cadet Chapel. It is understood the microphone was not needed on this occasion. Lisa and the children are residing in Richmond, Virginia.

Colonel Paul R. "Pop" Goode suffered a fatal heart attack in the Union Station, Washington, D.C., while enroute to visit his grandchildren during the Christmas holidays. He was buried in Arlington with appropriate honors. Among the several hundred who attended the services were many of '33.

Just received word that Congressman Hays of Ohio has selected Cy Letzelter, Jr., a principal appointee for the Academy this year. Cy is currently attending the West Point Prep School at Fort Belvoir. One of his classmates in the school, Gary Hoebeke (youngest son of Al and Madeline) reports that Cy is a fine student.

Congratulations to Bus Evans on his second star and to Gray Essman on his first.

Bing and Bimby Downing left the Washington area for assignment in Puerto Rico where they will join Spic Gandia to take care of Army affairs there. The children are remaining in the States.

Jim and Pat Boswell have returned to the Pentagon where Jim is assigned to JCS.

Bill and Bebe Fuller and family are located in Raleigh, North Carolina, where Bill is instructing the National Guard. Larry Merriam is also in North Carolina where he is PMS&T at North Carolina State.

John Brindley, formerly G2, Third Army, has retired in Florida. It is reported he has bought a 50 ft. auxiliary sloop and expects to spend his time sailing. His permanent crew will consist of his two lovely daughters. He claims he will charge a substantial amount per week for passengers, but classmates will be charged expenses only. Good luck, John.

Bob and Ann Turner and their three children have arrived in the Washington area where Bob is assigned to G2. Bill "Wolf" Thompson, our only remaining bachelor, is retired and living on a farm in Pearisburg, Virginia. When he gets tired of farming he visits with classmates in Washington and manages to attend most Class activities.

Bill and Helen Ely and family have joined the Washington group after assignment in Europe. Bill will replace Ted Conway in R&D. Ted leaves the end of March for Korea. Eleanor and the children expect to remain in the Washington Area.

Billie Olson reports that Harlow and Pete Miles are retired and living at 300 Surf Street, Ocean City, New Jersey.

-Ed Ashworth

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1934

Our Class Secretary, Tom Crystal, has come through with many interesting letters from classmates everywhere and he has kindly loaned these valuable items to me for use in this column. Before I get to them, however, may I extend the congratulations of the Class to Bill Cunning-

ham, Horace Sanders and Bert Spivy on their promotions to Brigadier General. Bill and Bert are in Korea and Sandy is at Fort Sill.

Paul Hanley writes from Maxwell AFB that "Curt Sluman is IG of Air University here. Jack Stark is on Air War College faculty. Vincent Lamb is an Attorney in Montgomery. Dick Moorman's name was mentioned in connection with Huntsville, Alabama, in a recent news report. Both our daughters are in school in California. Heather (the older) at Stanford and Sheila at the University of California at Berkeley. Saw Jack Shuck last fall at Lockheed Aircraft, Sunnyvale, California, where he is a wheel. Saw Bill Gross passing thru here a couple of months ago."

Gantt Hickman, who was a recent visitor in Washington, says, "We are fine! Our oldest boy Eddie is 16 and a sophomore at Christ School near Asheville, North Carolina. Our youngest, Bill (12) goes to school at the Training School here on the campus. This is a nice town and



Lt. Col. Frank C. Norvell, Jr. (2nd. from right), stands with Under Secretary of the Army Hugh M. Milton, II (2nd from left), his father, Col. Frank C. Norvell, and his mother, after he was sworn in by Mr. Milton in the Regular Army at a ceremony in the Asst. Sec. of the Army's Office in the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

pleasant assignment and we like it." Gantt is PMS&T at Eastern Kentucky State College, Richmond, Kentucky.

From Tony Hills came the following news: "Ellie and the two youngest are finishing high school at B.-C.C. this winter. Two oldest are sophomores in college(s). Expect all to join on here in June, if I stay at Pitt (very likely), or to join at Maxwell if I go there (very unlikely)."

Another letter from Pittsburgh is from Bill Himes who reports "We are in Pittsburgh with Tony Hills and Yale Wolff. They are due to continue on while I am scheduled to leave here in June. What gives on June Week. For once I believe I am in a good position to make it though I may have to duck out early for the Pitt Commencement where I am currently employed with Tony."

Dave Hollingsworth will retire on 30 June of this year. He is with Headquarters, Sixth U.S. Army at the Presidio of San Francisco. Harry Hubbard, who retired last year, writes from Texas that "Charlotte and I enjoy retired life, although we certainly miss our Army friends. Charlotte will depart for El Paso and Bliss with the slightest excuse. I am not yet actively engaged in the cattle business, nevertheless, I am very busy. My mother's prolonged illness, and finally

her passing resulted in neglect to the ranch property. My time is fully devoted to maintenance and conservation work."

Dale Huber is living in Palos Verdes Estates, California and reports that his family of seven will become eight in June. To quote Dale, "We are now in Killian class, or will be, and one to go to equal Dany."

From Denver comes this word from Vic Huffsmith. "We are living in Denver during the week where I am Associate Director, Denver Research Institute, University of Denver. Our children are both married. We have four grandchildren. Nancy is married to 2nd Lieutenant Richard Herter, NSA, Fort Meade. Richard is a Chemical Engineer at DRI."

From Bob MacDonnell in California, where he is the Division Engineer, USA Engineer Division, South Pacific, 630 Sansome Street, San Francisco, comes this word: "The above is my new office address. We live in Burlingame and are enjoying both the living conditions and the job. The latter involves construction for the Army, Air Force, flood control and navigation in an area consisting of California, Nevada, Utah and Arizona. We hope to be here for two more years." And from Johnny Stevens at Fort Bliss we learn that, "We are now grandparents of David Stevens Sozio, born October 27, 1958. We are still fortunate in having one daughter left, aged 15, who is rapidly becoming a young lady. Here at Bliss we have a very busy but interesting life and are fortunate in seeing many classmates and old friends who come this way for various missile firings, demonstrations, symposiums, requirements conferences, etc. We are, of course, glad to see any classmates passing through. Will look you up whenever I get to Washington. Best wishes."

There are many more letters and items of personal interest but they will have to wait for next time. Space problem, you know—and anyway I want to include the letter I received the other day from Leo Shaughnessey. Here it is: "Arrived here in Eniwetok in November and it's high time I forwarded my new address. My job is as Commander of the Army Element (7.2) of Joint Task Force Seven. It's a year tour in this womanless Pacific paradise. Enroute here I had a couple of days TDY in D.C. Saw Edson, Weber, Revie and DeGuire. Everything is going along fine and I'd be happy to see anyone who is heading out this way. That's not too likely, however, as this is just about the end of the line. My family is remaining in Albuquerque, New Mexico, my last station. That is, Nadine and our two younger boys, Peter and Michael are there. Our oldest lad, Philip, is a corporal in the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg and our daughter, Ann, is a sophomore at Marymount College, Tarrytown, New York. Recent news from Albuquerque is that Pete just received a principal appointment to USMA from Senator Chavez of New Mexico. All the best to you, Freddy and regards to our friends around Washington."

The Washington group, with wives, gathered at Kermit Davis' Club, Patton Hall, Fort Myer for an evening of dinner and dancing on Saturday, 28 February. All forty of us had a good time—I think—so much so that we'll probably have a similar get-together next year.

Now a word about the 25th Reunion,

which we hope will be the best ever. Tentative planning suggests the following as a program:

Saturday evening, 30 May: Class cocktail-supper at Officer's Club.

Sunday evening, 31 May: Join other classes in a big dinner-dance in Washington Hall, with our own tables, of course.

Monday evening, 1 June: Class picnic at Round Pond or Lake Popolopen, Officer's Club to cater.

Tuesday evening, 2 June: Buffet supper at Renfro's quarters (dutch treat, of course).

This is just an outline, more details will be circulated in a letter now being written to go to everyone whose address we have in our current class listing. Ideas are always welcome, naturally. Rather than form a special committee to handle this exercise, the Class Executive Committee (made up of the Class Officers and Chairman of the standing committees) will act as the Reunion Committee.

Three sons of the class are expected to graduate and we would hope to be able to make a little ceremony out of presenting silver cigarette boxes to each of them. William J. Mullen, III, James E. Walsh, Jr., and Theodore D. Wells are the sons in question.

With this, the first notice of our twenty-fifth reunion, I'll say that's all for this time.

—F. W. Barnes

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Arlington 7, Virginia

1935

At the January luncheon meeting of the class, the Washington group elected(?) a new slate of officers, sometimes known as the Executive Committee. "Elected" is a poor choice of words—"detailed" seems more nearly to describe this questionably democratic process. At any rate, the nominating committee—"Bud" Russ, "Brick" Reybold, "Jim" Walsh, and "Rube" Tucker—selected "Eddie" Ferris as Chairman, "Kim" Brown, Vice-Chairman, Carmen Rogers, Secretary-Treasurer, "Pat" Mente, Class Historian, and Ralph Haines and Hugh Exton, Committeemen. The nominees were elected by acclamation, a device not too much unlike the system the Romans used to determine which Christian was next to be tossed to the lions. No one had the opportunity nor time to vote "no"

For the coming year "Joe" Anderson accepted the Chairmanship of the Luncheon Committee, which was so capably handled these past two years by "Stu" Fries. "Les" Wheeler was prevailed upon to accept another term as Activities (Program) Committee Chairman, and George Eckhardt has his Reunion Committee hard at work organizing plans for the 25th Reunion. "Johnny" Throckmorton will continue as Presentation Committee Chairman until June, when Somers Dick will probably replace him.

That gives you a general idea of the organization of the Washington contingent. As we still have approximately 53 members hereabouts, we look forward longingly to hearing more of the remainder of the class. So, if you can find time, your new reporter would certainly like to "get the word" on your activities, as well as your families' stories. Any help

you can give us will be gratefully received.

This June Week will see our second complement of sons graduate. They are Miner and Simpson. "Johnny" Throckmorton is arranging a presentation ceremony and will present the class gift—the seven inch silver tray with the '35 and '59 class crests mounted thereon—to these young men. Should any members of the class, and their wives, be on hand for June Week, their presence at this ceremony most certainly would be fitting. A good turn-out would add color to a memorable day for sons and parents alike.

While on this matter of June Week, George Eckhardt and his committee will be writing all members of the class on the subject of the 25th Reunion. In the meantime, however, it appears that an excellent turn-out is anticipated, and everyone should be making plans to be there. In the correspondence received by "Mike" Mitchell, in which the class dues were enclosed, a great preponderance voiced their high hopes of attending the 25th.

Just to illustrate how slowly our wheels turn, the above picture was taken on October 17, 1958. The occasion was a class reunion at the 8th Army Officers Club in Seoul, Korea. It was really a warm-up for the 25th and deserves your scrutiny.

Now for some class news. "Baldy" Bare, who recently arrived in Korea, and his wife, Nelle, had a daughter on October 16th at Governors Island. This proves something or other. "Sammy" Griffin, now at the U.S. Army Armor Board of Fort Knox, solemnly promises to be at the 25th Reunion. "Harry" Harden is heavily occupied with combat developments at Fort Huachuca. Armogido is deeply involved with the operation of the Brooklyn Army Base. "Ducky" Farnsworth, presently G-4 of the Army Caribbean Command, is going to have to give up his skin-diving and report soon to the University of Oregon as PMS&T. "Johnny" and Jean Wright are improving their golf, when Johnny is not busy being Chief-of-Staff, U.S. Army, Caribbean.

"Joe" Stancock, DCS/Comptroller Caribbean Air Command, and his lovely wife, Marge, after twenty years of marriage have a son, Joseph Anthony. Joe's eldest daughter, Marjorie, age 19, is a junior at the University of Connecticut. Eleanor, age 17, attends junior college in the Canal Zone, while Barbara, age 7, is learning her three R's. "Dave" Stone is now safely ensconced at his desk as J-1 Caribbean Command, Quarry Heights.

"Rube" Tucker reports that the "Gib" Sherrards, "Tom" Clarkins, and "Norm" Edwards held a rally for visiting "35ers" at the Edwards' quarters during the Infantry Conference, at Fort Benning, in December. Visitors included "Milt" Taylor (Fort Devens), Autry Maroon (USAEUR), "Bud" Russ, "Les" Wheeler, T. Tucker (all Pentagon escapees), "Tiger" Beall (Fort Monroe), and George Jones (Fort Bragg). It was a wonderful gathering, to quote "Rube".

"Bill" Patterson is now CO of the U.S. Army Transportation Aviation Field Office at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. "Yobbie" and Mary Morris entertained this reporter most royally at the same air base in early January. We earnestly recommend this treatment to any Air Force transients. "Yobbie" advises that

Dan Daly visited him last fall. Dan, it seems, is an official of Grand Central Aviation Company.

A classmate, who for personal security reasons wishes to remain anonymous, writes that the class was singularly honored when—of all the Generals in Europe—"Jim" Alger was chosen to meet Elvis Presley upon his arrival in Germany. "Nice going, Jimmy!" "Sandy" Horstman, Headquarters Commander-in-Chief, expresses sympathy with those classmates located at the Pentagon, between quick rounds of golf or a couple of sets of tennis. Earl Barr is busy practicing patent law at the Halliburton Oil Well Cementing Company and writes that he will see all of us in '60. Noel Cox, recuperating at Albuquerque, New Mexico, is slowly regaining his health and is looking forward to obtaining a civilian position. The whole class wishes Noel well. George O'Connor has left his luxurious home in Fort Walton Beach, Florida, for Headquarters Pacific Air Force. George, unfortunately, will miss still another reunion in '60. "Bob" VanRoo is now with Thiokol Chemical Corporation and is located at 616 Vance Road, Huntsville, Alabama. Bob's son, Jim, is a plebe at the Air Force Academy and apparently doing fairly well. "Stumpy" Haug is busy keeping the Ordnance Missile Command amply "engineered". "Joe" Wiechmann is intently auditing the Army's books at the U.S. Army Audit Agency, 290 Broadway, New York City 7, New York. Joe refuses to divulge his home address, feeling, perhaps, that too many classmates might descend on him. Incidentally, the New York papers ran an article on "Ed" Kraus, who is G-2 at Headquarters, First Army. Ed is going to Columbia, evenings, in pursuit of either a Masters' or Doctors' degree. "Duke" McEntee, now a banker at the Citizens Fidelity and Trust Company at Fort Knox, Kentucky, writes that "Bill" Martz is now stationed there.

Some fairly late developments which might be of interest are: Glen Cole has departed for Ethiopia, where he will be Deputy Commander, MAAG; J. J. Davis is now, or will be shortly, in Lima, Peru,

as Army Attaché; Hugh Exton departs shortly for Hawaii, as does "Ed" Harris for Turkey, and "Stu" Fries and "Ray" Firehock for Korea. John Gloriod, it has been rumored, is now Army Attaché in Pakistan. "Benny" Heckemeyer, we understand, is to be in G-2 at CONARC. "Nat" Martin and family are located in Darien, Connecticut. Nat is head of construction at I.B.M. and apparently most happy with the job. "Milt" Rosen is now doing nicely with the W. L. Maxon Corporation. Incidentally, Milt and his lovely bride entertained several of the class in Philadelphia after the Army-Navy Game.

There seems to be a scarcity of news on the distaff side. This situation, we hope, will be corrected in future issues. We have, after much flattery, obtained a promise of help in this direction. The feminine portion of the class certainly like to hear more of what's going on, so please, gals, let's make fond husbands include more news of the wife and children when they write. The more we hear in the way of news, the more we will get into print.

In conclusion, assuming you are still reading, may I mention that the dates to be circled are June 3-8, 1960, and that class social events will likely occur on the 5th, 6th, and 7th of June. In the meantime please plan accordingly.

-Pat Mentz

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Bethesda 14, Maryland

1936

Our luck continues to hold and it is again possible to announce two more promotions in this column: Congratulations to Frank Gillespie and Freddie Terrell for earning their stars.

It seems indicative of your kindness that I received so many Christmas greetings (over fifty) from my classmates and I want you all to know I deeply appreciate same. Certain of you have written long, newsy and even heartwarming letters for which I am also grateful but which time will not permit me to answer.



(Left to right): Col. Ivan C. Rumsey, Detachment R, KMAG; Col. John Alfrey, Executive Officer, KAC; Col. Russell Hawkins, G4 and Detachment A, KMAG; Col. Ellery W. Niles, District Engineer; Col. Richard H. Agnew, Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff, G3, 814 US Army; Col. Joseph W. Keating, Chief, Organization and Training, G4, 8th US Army, and Col. Lawrence R. St. John, 2nd Engineer Group (Construction)

The class response to the dues notice and your requests for subscriptions to ASSEMBLY seem to have been larger than at this time last year. In regard to ASSEMBLY, be advised that the commencement date of the subscription is in the fall, therefore, in most cases you have "bought" ASSEMBLY for over six months in advance.

Again I should like to turn the spotlight on the Class sons attending the Government Academies: Gil Dorland will be the only son graduating this June from West Point. As many of you did, he will be tying a "marital" knot soon after donning his "shoulder" knot. Young Bill Sievers re-entered the yearling class of 1961 in January of this year, after having apparently that age-old battle with the English Department (I speak from personal experience). We all wish little Bill the best of luck from here on out.

Sons Kieffer, Crawford, and Covington are at Annapolis. We shall give you more information about them later.

The Class is most proud of Brad Hosmer who not only makes our Class pride soar by virtue of being in the first class to graduate from the Air Force Academy, but who has also distinguished himself scholastically at that Academy and to the extent that he has been the only Rhodes Scholar selected from that School and from among the sons of our Class.

The Arnolds wrote at Christmas from 805 Lothian Drive, Tallahassee, Florida. Gordie Austin has written from Ladd AFB, Alaska on several occasions. He has been exploring the possibility of the Class putting out a 25-Yearbook in 1961. Any of you interested should write to him at Headquarters 11th A Division, AAC, APO 731, Seattle. The eight Beards are still at Rucker, Alabama. The baby walked in October so I presume she will be flying before Skip leaves the Army Aviation Center. Don Bodine still teaches Communications at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. His only daughter will be at Bucknell U next year. The Bothwells sold their home in Garden City, Long Island in December and sailed for Switzerland. Bobby Breaks likes Monroe and was taking golf lessons from Haneke. Daddy Broyles (National Guard advisor) "has him a house," 2132 Buckingham Road, Raleigh, North Carolina. Congratulations to Grampa Herb and Grandma Del Cady. Nancy Cady had her baby in February. Cairnes is commander of the 17th Air Force at Wheeler AB, Tripoli, Libya, and is fortunate to have his wife and four children with him. Louis and Marge Chapplear proudly announced the marriage of their daughter Katherine to Robert Bergstrom at Hermosa Beach, California. "Chick" Childs bought a 300 acre farm near Culpepper, Virginia. He farms and works for the Virginia State Highway Department. His oldest of three daughters graduated from Stephens and now works in the Pentagon. "Bub" Clark indicates there is good Class representation in Saudi Arabia. Fred Walker was in the Army Section and Jimbilly Leer is taking his place. Shuler is doing all the construction work in the area. "Bub" returns to the States soon after four overseas-years. Bill Connor has written several times concerning many trips to the East. He saw Albro in Bangkok. Tom Cooke is with Headquarters KMAG Det M. Ordnance Section, APO 102 c/o San Francisco. He and

Dave Edwards are roommates in Korea. About the latest Class news as this goes to press concerns the quarterly Class party given by the Atlanta Cordes. If Cliff and Maxine were not so well known to the Class I would feel more embarrassed about having spelled their name with a "T" in the last issue. The occasion for the party was the visit from Redstone Arsenal, Alabama of Bob, Maggie, and the three other Kesslers. There was the usual fine "hosting" delivered by Maxine. Cozart is Deputy Commander at Letterkenny Depot, Pennsylvania. He lives in a large farmhouse on the post and enjoys nearby hunting. Two of his boys are at Ohio State and Penn State. Claude Crawford says that son Robert is the second youngest in the plebe class at Annapolis. The Crawfords return to the States from Denmark in July. Curran said he was with TR Davis, Bothwell, and Griffith last fall. Bob said he is on his way to Formosa. Talked with Jack Daly in February who had flown back to California on the passing of his father who was not only one of the greatest football players who has ever lived, but who was also one of the finest men I have ever known. Colonel Daly was truly a great man. TR Davis was East in New York in late 1958 and also attended a course at Belvoir. He said Nick Grothaus made an impressive speech. TR is in Omaha and has plans to get in touch with Willy Hendrickson. Several notes from Bill Davis in nearby Birmingham. He was looking for a home and was missing Northern winters (Gosh! and I thought it was cold down here already). Dawalts enjoy Paris; are halfway through their tour; spent New Year's with the Len Sheas, in Germany. "Dead-eye" Dickson is director of R&D, USAF and received an OLC to his Legion of Merit for his job there. Son Jack hopes for Annapolis in 1960. Gil Dorland said that little Gil was home last summer and worked in the Nashville Bridge Company learning things that West Point doesn't teach. Gill marries Betty Stephens this coming June Week. John Dorland is a freshman at Lehigh. Gil played host to Kitsy and Westy in Nashville last January. Jess Drain who is at George Meade returns to Camp Perry in the summer to run the National Matches. Eddie Dunn finally left Leavenworth and reported to the 6th Armd Cavalry Regiment, Fort Knox. Dave Edwards is the Eighth Army Comptroller, Korea. APO 301, San Francisco. Ellert commands 4228 Combat Support Group (SAC), Columbus AFB, Mississippi. He said Desdernier was in Columbus not so long ago.

The Class party thrown by Estes was a highlight of the year. Tyler and Layne organized the party. Gaston and Estes were vice-presidents in charge of beverages. The Michaelis' took care of food. Kay Palmer, Helen Nazzaro, Nan Estes, Elsie Holderness, Jane Twaddell, Lucy Chiles, Nonce Gaston, and Mary Michaelis worked like Trojans. Randy Dickens and Ted Clifton provided excellent entertainment. Out-of-town visitors were Nick and Dorothy Grothaus and Ed and Rachael Thompson. Ben Evans reported to HQ Iceland Defense Force, Keflavik.

George Finley is director of training at Belvoir. Bob Fisher visited in Atlanta a couple of days in January investigating the possibilities of opening a distributor-

ship for certain athletic goods. Bob retired in June of '56 and has been running a successful sporting goods store under his own name in Warwick, Virginia; address Box 1338 Warwick Branch, Post Office, Newport News, Virginia. Rudy Ganns became the CO of the Artillery Training Command, Fort Chaffee, Arkansas. The day his furniture arrived from Savannah he said the Pentagon decided to close Fort Chaffee. Bob Gapin has built a house in Islamorada, Florida. Son Dick is at Purdue. He sees Bee Kelly often. He claims to be a "realtor" for Keys Property. Jim Goodwin's current address is 502 First Division Road Fort Benning, but he will be leaving for the Army War College later this year. Grothaus attended Harvard Business Course February to May. His daughter Jane is a freshman at Colorado College, and son John is at Staunton Military Academy. Gunn is base CO at Ent AFB, Colorado Springs.

Haneke at Monroe says there are five classmates with him. Tommy Hayes is



Cadet Bradley C. Hosmer, US Air Force Academy 1959.

Corps Engineer, I Corps, Korea. The Hess' have two grandchildren—the last a boy in 1958. Peggy, one of their daughters, was also planning matrimony but decided to go back to college instead. Hiatt recently changed jobs. Now Managing Engineer for Atlantic-Gulf Division of the Asphalt Institute. He will direct activities in twenty coastal states from Maine to Louisiana. His home address is the same: 35 Ellison Avenue, Bronxville, New York. The Hiesters visited with the Lawlors and Rip Smith at Knox. Daughter Darrell and granddaughter Darcy came back from Germany for medical treatment for the latter. The Holdernesses were with son Steve at West Point during Christmas Holidays. He is now assigned to the Federal Aviation Agency, Washington. Holtermans have a home in St. Germain near the Steeles. The Hughes have a job with International Tel&Tel in Puerto Rico, conveniently Sonya's home. Dale Jacoby said there was snow in Little Rock and very good schools. Florence Jakee gave me a new address: 307 Cloverleaf, San Antonio. Bill Jones is buying a permanent home Lido Isle, Newport Beach, California near Los Angeles. His heart is still in Alaska. His oil company is doing well. He says he appreciates the Class' decision to recognize Air Force and Annapolis sons and thinks we acted wisely. Hear from the Kallmans in Naples and

the Katzs in Poitiers, France. Bob Kessler is at Headquarters AOMC, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. Kimballs still at Mitchell. His older son goes to Columbian Prep, Washington, trying for Annapolis. Dette rides all the time. Bill does a good deal of flying.

Lampert says everything is fine in Viet Nam except he misses two sons who are in school in the States. Nearest classmate has been Lee at Clark AFB. Landrum commands 8th Cavalry in Korea. Left family in Lanikai, Hawaii. He asked if I could indicate how many of the Class have retired. He is sure there are a great number. Laurion said his wife, Peg, has completely recovered from surgery which a few months ago was considered a most serious condition. Garnett Lee is finishing his tour in the Philippines and hopes to return to Washington this year. His son graduates from VMI this June. Lind is retired, living at 2107 Court Street, Muskogee, Oklahoma. Bill Longley has a daughter, a senior at Rice.

McCabes in Naples over a year. Has seen Lynchs, Kallmans. Noakes, Holdernesses, Inch Williamses, and Turnaes. McCormick reported doing a fine job as Comptroller Fourth Army at Fort Sam Houston. Al said Ned Norris has arrived in Houston, McElhenys enjoying the "Zone" notwithstanding Panamanian rumpuses. McManus is G-2 Seventh Army, APO 46, New York. Meany is in his fourth year at Fifth Army. Should be leaving soon. Bill's nephew, Joe, (and I believe his closest relative) was the only American coming over on the *Mayflower (II)*. Little Joe is now a sophomore at Notre Dame. Mikkelsen is the head of the Physics Department at Pueblo College. He is obtaining his Master's Degree at Colorado University. The dry climate agrees with his wife's arthritis. The Millers are renting a big house near UCLA. They left Bud, sixteen, in school at Rome. Ace is a design engineer in the missile division at Douglas Aircraft in Santa Monica.

Norris has finished his course at Imperial Defense College in London. Going to Fort Sam Houston. He said he saw many classmates in England. O'Brien is PMS&T at New Mexico Military Institute. Oswald is coming back to the US this summer. He has a daughter who is a freshman at Georgetown Nursing School.

Pack has new assignment to USA Elm Headquarters Pac Command, Camp H. M. Smith, T. H. Page going to National War College from Seattle next year. Palmer submitted much poop for this column; reported on ESTES' party and on visit to 101st Division and Canal Zone. He praised Westy and Bob Safford highly. The Partridges have a freshman son at Princeton. Pepple has been enjoying Florida weather. He also has a daughter in high school at Lima, Ohio. At the end of February, Pep passed through Atlanta to attend the funeral of his mother who had been accidentally killed the previous day. The Class regrets deeply the loss to the Pepple family. Towards the end of last year the Quinns were at West Point and ran into J. P. Stone and family. Bob said J. P.'s daughter was a living doll. I think Juana expected to lose a husband. I did not hear what little Bob and J. P.'s comments were at this time. Juana said that she was a teletype operator and didn't mind being snowed in at Griffiss AFB. Little Bob has an appoint-

ment to West Point if he can pass the exams.

The Ripples leave Army War College faculty this summer. They have been at Carlisle for a number of years. Ike Smith is still teaching. Mohlere and Kinard are students there. As indicated earlier, Bob Safford is reported doing a fine job as Division Artillery Commander at Campbell. He is president of the Sky-Divers Club. (It's remarkable what old men can do these days!) Bob's "wife", Red Holton, visited him in December. The Holtons by the way, were missed at the Cordes' February party in Atlanta. (I'm sure they couldn't have had as good a time at Benning.) Segrist is Director of Logistics at Hanscom Field, Massachusetts. Tetley is also at that base. Shuler's new job takes in the construction work for nine countries from Morocco to Pakistan. Sievers leaves the Finance School where he has been commandant for three years to attend the Industrial College—sometime in July. Singletary is mathematics professor and Assistant Commandant at Fishburn Military School, Virginia. It is regretted that Mrs. Singletary has been suffering from a heart ailment. Ike Smith started on his teaching job this year having returned from a tour in Korea. Steve Smith is having his first tour in Washington. He was present at Estes' party and said that he had not been surrounded by and enjoyed being with so many classmates since graduation. He ran into Smoak in the first time for twenty-five years. Steve is currently with Civil Works in the Chief of Engineers Office. He has three daughters, one of whom is a sophomore at Northwestern. Spann, back from Norway after several years, has a home at 3113 Elba Road, Alexandria, Virginia. He is in the DC/S Personnel. Swain still G-3, Air Defense Command, Colorado Springs. He is in contact with Gunn and Mikkelsen. Holderness visited him not so long ago. Oren said his son is doing well at the Academy. I can imagine how tickled and surprised Freddie and A. Lee Terrell were when he received his star way out there in the Newfoundland wastes. He says the family enjoys the weather notwithstanding eighty inches of snow. They look forward to fishing in the summertime. Torrey is on faculty at AFSC, his wife has been going to school, daughter graduates from Dickinson College in June, and John III attends Riverside Military Academy. Obviously the Torreys are majoring in education. True is at Kelly AFB. Has seen Grohs, Necrason, Austin, and Walker. He is hoping to get his son, "Tat" into the Air Force Academy. Heard from Turnage in Italy. Twaddell is a professor and in second year at National War College. Fortunately, he has lived in the same house for five years, in Arlington. Wagner is Deputy Chief of Staff for Communications of the Alaskan Command at Elmendorf. Walker left Saudi Arabia in March and went to CDEC Fort Ord, California. His son is back at West Point. Warfield is at the Air Defense School Fort Bliss, Texas. Until recently a neighbor of Bob Kessler. Ben was at same Management School at Belvoir with T. R. Davis earlier this year. Waters goes to AWC as a student in next year's class. Whipple is secretary of ESSO Export Executive Committee. His oldest, Sandra, graduated from Wellesley and is a secre-

tary at the Harvard Medical School. Marcia is a sophomore at Russell Sage. Mimi (wife) takes art lessons in New York City and has a home address—913 Laurel Road, Charleston, West Virginia. One of the younger-looking members of the Class submitted a photograph of his four boys and a girl, ranging from ages twelve to five. I am referring to Dr. Phil Whitehead. Got a note from the Wildricks at Wright Field. Willis teaches high-school algebra at Kinkaid in Houston, Texas. Sees teacher Longley whose subject is physics in the same city. The Willisies were with Gillespie, Gunn, and True at the Rice game. Yarborough's address is USAREUR, Liaison Group, APO 154, New York. Son Lee is at Borden-town Military Institute, New Jersey, trying for USMA. Yost's tour in Turkey ends soon and he will be coming back to Fort Bragg. Orth is nearby at Shaw AFB, South Carolina. He is Chief of Staff of the Ninth Air Force. He saw a good bit of Wally and Dorrie Barrett in Okinawa. Says they are coming home next fall. Received a full and interesting letter from Chuck Redman who is a very successful Civil Engineer. One daughter is a freshman at the University of Missouri; the older, Patti, was married last August to Bruce Lewis who is working for his new father-in-law. For the record, Chuck was commissioned in 1935 and received his eagles in 1946 before leaving active duty. He now commands a reserve unit in Kennett, Missouri. Heard from Tony Lamont, contractor in Florida. Not so long ago received a cute colored picture of another family group of five which truly looked more like the members of the Class of '46. This was the Kling family. Perhaps civilian life has accomplished more preservative effects on my old classmates!

Late news: the Cordes expect to be leaving Atlanta this summer. Goodings leave for Hawaii in August; so do the Pecks sometime this summer.

—P. S. Gage, Jr.

1937

It is customary to open these reports with a statement about the difficulty involved in obtaining news of the members of the Class. These statements are true.

Marshall "Sunny" Gray is manipulating masses of data with the greatest of ease as a "wheel" in the Management "mill" of USAF headquarters. Jim Skeldon is commanding an Infantry Battle Group, "The Rock of Chickamauga" overseas. Sounds like real fine duty. Fred Resigieu is a "top" type with Bechtel Corporation in San Francisco. Johnnie Zierdt is Chief of Staff of the Army Ordnance Missile Command, (it says in my notes). Looks good for our boy John. Milt Clark is the deputy commander of the Army Ballistic Missile Agency. Nothing but the best for Milt. Eric Dougan is in the 132nd USAF Special Activity Squadron doing "special activities", whatever they are. Phil Brant, Bud Major, and Luke Hoska are all keeping Fort Meade, Maryland together. Dick Barden is maneuvering Maintenance in USAF Headquarters in the Pentagon.

"Choppy" Brett is a successful investment counselor in Washington. Anybody

need good investment advice? (Adv.) Everyone knows Fred Campbell has a fine looking Star. Joe Chabot is getting full of "lamin" at the National War College. Mo Preston is running Air Force operations in USAF Headquarters and young Tommy Preston is a Cadet at the Air Force Academy. John Cromelin is passing out knowledge as a teacher at McDonough School in Maryland. Jack Donahue is the new President of the Washington Chapter, succeeding Dick Fellows. "Trapper" Drum is a big executive type (thick rug on the floor) with Willys in Washington. Don Ostrander is in Paris keeping the peace, I think.

The following are in and around Washington doing various odd jobs: "Bud" Zehener, Wilhoit, Teeter, Ben Taylor, Bob Strumpf, Hank Spengler. Bob Seedlock, "Pony" Scherrer, Kelsie Reaves, Gus Prentiss, Jimmie Peale, Dave Parker, George Murray, Jimmie Mitchell, Bill McDonald, Joe Hodges, Bud Hines, Chuck Harrison, "Tank" Hardaway, Scottie Hall, Eph Graham, "Chief" Evans, Fred Diercks, Conrad Diehl, "Poopy" Connor, Bill Clingerman, Cherubin, and Bill Chase. The Pentagon is in good hands.

Fat civilian types noted in the area are John Frazer, Paul Whittemore, and yours truly. A. J. Lynch is working in the office of Senator Gore.

Eddie Broadhurst and Wesly Westover are in SAC keeping alert. Bud Underwood was the "honcho" of an AAA Brigade at Fort Niagara, now he is on the way to the University of Wisconsin as a graduate student. Finn Unger is in a Paris "foxhole" working for General Norstad. Bill Stanberg is at Fort Belvoir. With full sized youngsters, he and his good wife are "expecting" Also the Hallecks have one "on the way". (At our age this IS news.) Chenoweth is reported living it up in Saltillo, Mexico. Walt Conway is going to the University of Texas—nothing like a good education. Donnelly is reported "in oil" in Louisiana. (Bet it beats ranching.) Van Leuven is helping to run Convair, Fort Worth. Leigh Fairbank is passing the word as PMS&T at Rice. Bill Horrigan is "keeping them flying" as Deputy C.O. at Randolph. Dubb Haltom is with a Stock Company in Austin. FLASH Poopy Conner has five (count 'em, five) kids. Harry Wilson is playing polo in Buenos Aires and I guess he gets paid, too. That's work? "Ollie" Connor is Deputy Commandant of Cadets at the "trade school". Routh terminated my brief retirement by putting me in the Routh Robbins Insurance Agency, but if you'll send me the news, I'll spell your name right next time.

—"At Ease".
Robbie

1938

Along with the season of the vernal equinox, the amount of Class of 1938 news seems to be increasing.

Ken Wickam will give up being Executive Officer to The Adjutant General in May to become the Commandant of the Adjutant General's School at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana.

Jim Lynch, who was G-3 of the Joint U.S. Military Mission at Ankara, Turkey, now commands the 2d Battle Group, 30th Infantry, at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Jack Brownlow left the guided missiles business in DCSOPS, Department of Army, Washington, in January, for the 2d Armored Division Artillery Headquarters, Fort Hood, Texas.

Jim Taylor returned from Germany in December to work for Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, in Washington.

Vince Elmore, once of Fort Sill, is now in Korea. Bobbie and the children will remain at Lawton, Oklahoma.

Wally Ford, now USAF Retired, is military advisor to North American Aviation, Inc., Columbus, Ohio. Wally is a frequent visitor at the Pentagon on his company's affairs.

The Class set up a party at the Army-Navy Country Club for 20 March. You'll have to read the next volume of ASSEMBLY to find out how it came out. Johnson, L. E., seems to be running it.

Bob Works leaves command of the 506th Infantry, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, for staff and faculty, C&GSC, Fort Leavenworth, in April.

Dixie Gillivan leaves the Pentagon in July for Headquarters, Third Army, at Fort McPherson, Georgia.

Howie Michelet leaves the JCS in July to become Executive Officer of the 35th Artillery Brigade (Air Defense) at Fort Meade, Maryland.

Leo Harman is chief of the Logistic Planning Division, Air Force Air Defense Command, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Bill Sundlof is Executive Officer, the Engineer School, at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

Dallas Haynes, Jr., now in the Navy, is in the Mediterranean on the USS INTREPID. Fredia and Mel Russell's son, Mike, is with the Air Force in Iceland.

Jean Hawes drove her son, Philip, back to Dartmouth College after New Year's Day. Incidentally, Betsy and Hal Moorman are resident at Dartmouth, Hal being Army PMS&T. While there, Jean broke her leg skiing and had to spend three weeks in a hospital in Syracuse. Her hard luck continued, for when enroute back to Washington with her son, they had an automobile accident near Troy, New York, in which she sustained some more injuries. The car was a complete wreck. Jean is recovering nicely. She is going to get a new car and stop skiing, we hope.

Jo and John Boyt commenced their long journey to Iran by sailing some time in March.

For the school year 1959-60, John Finn goes to the National War College and George Rhyne to the Army War College. Mac McHaney and Swede Swenson go to the Naval War College.

Lucille Lahti flew to Honolulu 5 February to meet Ed upon his return from Saigon, Viet Nam. Ed goes to Fort Monroe for station.

There is proof that the Class of 1938 still has some vigor. At least some of us do, for Dottie and Jack English announce the arrival of a daughter, Dorothy Pell English, on 16 January 1959, at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. And Peggy and Kent Schmidt announce the arrival of a son, John Philip Schmidt, on 28 January 1959, at Stockholm, Sweden.

—Jeff Irvin

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Time marches on—here it is March already and June is just around the curve! Despite the moans and groans—let's face up to it, lads, we are soon to be over the 20th barrier. Reports still come in that musty trunks are being opened and check books are being checked. With all of these come the assurances that the turnout come June 1959 will be the biggest and gayest ever. You just can't miss it—so, if you haven't agreed that "Mother-in-Law" will sit and that finally you'll hock the "Sam Browne" and sabre—time is getting short—be firm—be there!

Among the reliable "associate editors" we have a report finally from Senor Carlos Buechner presently of Guatemala City. Like all good '39'ers, Carlos reports that he'll be at the reunion. He has visited Benny Glawe in Mexico. Carlos reports that his grapevine reads that Sam Kail is supposed to be in Havana as Army Attaché. While on the Army, Bob "Nippy" Matter is scheduled to be Chief of Army Mission in El Salvador. On recent trips to the Panama Canal Zone, Carlos contacted both Jaime and Eloy Alfaro. They are both in Panama City and their Mother is now living there with them. In December last, the Class of '39 had a "two-man" reunion—practice type—in Guatemala with Senor Buechner and Dan Tatum sharing honors.

Again from the "fourth estate" we have had an edition from Jack Samuel. Jack uses the TWX style of the USAF—brief and to the point—but nonetheless very much appreciated. Jack commands the 816th Air Division, Altus AFB, Oklahoma. He reports that "Jovial Jim" Knapp is still at SAC Headquarters, Offutt AFB, Omaha, Nebraska, and that John McDavid is also there as Chief of the Communications-Electronics Division. George Jumper is Commander, 40th Bomb Wing, Schilling AFB, Kansas, while Jim Reardon is now Base CO at Walker AFB, New Mexico. Bob Whipple is Commander, 820 Air Division, Hunter AFB, Georgia. Jack corrects the last report from Chanut sent in by Jack Kinney. Samuels reports that George Howard was up at Chanut from Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona, for a "Course for Clumsy Colonels"—this just couldn't be so—but then there's the report. On page two Samuels reports Mac McFarland was at The Army Air Defense School at Fort Bliss, Texas, as senior USAF representative. Carl, "Hapsburg," Lentz was D/Director, C&S Department, Army Air Defense School. Joel Walker seems to have left AADS for Hawaii—reasons not clear. Finally, Jack ends his report with a note that Joe Reynolds is now retired and teaching at Ontario, California, and that Bill Atwell is Professor of Air Science, University of Nebraska.

Soon the next mail arrived and it seems that Bill McCaffrey has finally reported from Paris where he is in DCS/Plans and Policy, SHAPE. Bill reports: Phil Davidson leads the list alphabetically. The Davidsons have three boys, Phil 17, John 14, and Tom 7. Phil is at EUCOM. E. J. Gallagher, is with the U.S. Construction Agency in Paris. They have a son aged 12. Bob Studer is at EUCOM. They have four children, Eugene 11, Rita 10, Mark 7, and Marcia 3. "S. B." Hardwick is at AIRCENT at Fontainebleau. We hope he

will come up to Paris to attend the West Point dinner in March 1959. P. J. Long, wife and four girls, are at SHAPE. The girls are at even ages now, Dayle 12, Doreen 10, Renee 8, Patty Jo 6. Bull Davis is in Paris with USORO. Tom and Jinny have one girl, Tracy. Pete and Helen Vandevanter are finishing up their fourth year at SHAPE. Pete's daughter Karen, 18, is a senior in the Paris American High School. Sally, 10, Peter, 8, Brooks not quite 2, round out the family. Pete is due to leave this summer, destination unknown as yet. Ken Yarnell is assigned to EUCOM. His eldest daughter Sally is 18, and is a student at the Sorbonne. Ken and his all girl family live in a Chateau on the Seine. Howard St. Clair is still househunting. He expects to move his office from Paris to Camp des Loges, and is hoping somebody will vacate a good home shortly that he can move into. The Plogers eldest son Wayne is following in his father's footsteps at West Point. Wayne is now a yearling. Bob III, 17, is a senior in High School. The family includes Daniel B, 12, Mij, 7, Mary Ann 5, and Gregory 3. Eddy Smith and Dick Reeves are at AFSOUTH in Naples, and Jack Dobson is in Copenhagen. Walter Grant came through from the Pentagon bringing news of the class and the big problems pressing on the Washington contingent. Bill and Mary McCaffrey have a daughter, a college freshman, and a son, a junior at the Paris American High School. We recall the daughter, Patty, from Panama when we lived next to the McCaffrey's and Patty was the "apple of everyone's eye"

From other sources we hear that Looie Kunzig sent Louis III forth last December as one of two undergraduates representing Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, at the Student Conference on U.S. Affairs, West Point, New York.

Bill and Florence Henry have left the Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Virginia, where Bill graduated in January. Dick Morrison has left Washington for Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. Dick reports that the '39ers there had lunch last February—Knapp, Kingsley, Jacoby, McCoy and others were present. Dick is the new IG for WADC at Wright-Pat and for this job he has the correct hat and pipe! Somewhere—probably out-of-date—we have a note that Stan Dziriban is leaving New England for the Army War College next year. On top of all this Curly Edwards reports from Malmstrom AFB, Montana, that along with eight other classmates (all mentioned above in various ways) he had seen Bob Curtin—now isn't that a flash!

Bill Bailey mentioned that anyone calling Jack Bestic should use K4-BMR—Bill uses K4-YCJ, of all things! John Carpenter has gone to Edwards AFB California, as Commander. Recently Andy Good-P has let out a few gems concerning "his recent short trip to Mexico"—Andy only felt qualified to report on the water skiing—"magnifico"! While we have Bill Bailey in focus it is well to report that on 28 February the Washington echelon of the Class of '39 will have a dinner-dance at Bolling AFB. Reports are that of 75 classmates in the area, over 40, along with wives, will be present. That's a fine turn-out and if June is as good,

we won't have to worry about making the 30th!

Right here it seems that the "mail bag" is empty. I'm sure more will be coming along with "postage due" and if it's not too late, it'll follow on. Just before June please do send us in all the news—get it in early to—

—Bob Curtin

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Alexandria, Virginia

1940

This is the season of literary famine and the voice of the turtle is NOT heard in this land. Orman, who once was my chief newsgatherer, is now wool gathering in Korea and so a major prop has been pulled out from under. Packets of mail have been slim and should this continue I shall be forced to introduce reprints of the poems of Gushurst or the prose of Wermuth from the 1940 Pointer in order to keep the column "accurate, timely, and interesting" as prescribed by the Association of Graduates in their quarterly note to the Assembly news representative.

The paragraph above is merely to suggest that any reader may send me some information for the next issue which has to be ready by 1 June.

Hank Adams has been ordered to West Point as Graduate Manager of Athletics and it is fitting and proper that the class president be present at the 20th reunion in 1960. You may open any and all letters from me without hesitation for I will not be asking you for money, biography, picture, etc., for the next class book is still ten years off on the 30th reunion. Then everyone will have SOMETHING to report.

Word from Sullivan in Europe says that Jules Yates is in Frankfort still speaking Russian, Chandler MB in Nurnberg, Bill Farthing in Giessen and Stanton Smith in Chaumont, France. Ray Downey is in Weisbaden where he has encountered Wright, HT, and Roy Nelson. Emery is also in the locality. Willie Buck and Lester Hess are with the Training Command at Randolph Field, Texas.

"Skip" Fowler, Red Gideon and Larry Klar have visited Puerto Rico with the latest lemming-like move of the "snow-bunnies" and all seem to be carrying their age gracefully. Walt Gunster sends greetings from Alaska and states that he and Bob Fate are stationed at Fort Greely testing equipment in the cold. As I understand Fort Greely is north of Puerto Rico.

Willis Lewis is still at Little Rock Air Force Base at Jacksonville, Arkansas with Dave Dalziel. Abbey is in the Pentagon and Ahmajan is with US Army Map Service in Tokyo. Luther Arnold is with G-3 Section in CONARC at Ft. Monroe. Aubrey in Washington with Joint Staff. Charlie Banks on Faculty of the Army War College and Art Barry is at Fort Meade. Ray Bates coming to Washington first of 1959. Jack Beiser at Meade. Bell in the Pentagon. Bill Bennett with G-1 Section at CONARC, Ft. Monroe. Dean Benson is PMS&T at University of Minnesota. Budge Bingham in Office of Secy Defense. Bob Brewer at Air War College at Maxwell Field. Brown HC

with Atomic Energy Commission. Burfening also with AEC. Budz and Bunze in the Pentagon.

Cassibry in Korea and Bill Clark in Plans and Policy Div. of SHAPE. Collins in Washington on TDY before duty in Cambodia in May. George England with Headquarters, 1st Army. Fisher in the Pentagon. Bill Francisco with MAAG, Iran. Ford Fuller in the Pentagon. Haesly, our last bonafide bachelor, moving from Fort Bliss to Washington where the ratio and the law of averages is against him. Hargis still in Arizona? No word for a long time. Vic Hobson on staff at Leavenworth. Marvin Jacobs still at Pearl Harbor. Klunk to Meade after course at Leavenworth. Legere a political adviser in Paris. Joe McCreskey is CO of Austin Air Reserve Center in Austin Texas. Malone at the Presidio of San Francisco. Mandell at Meade. Marsten in the Pentagon. Noble from Benning to Louisville, Ohio. O'Donnell at CONARC, Ft. Monroe. Rauk at Scott AFB in Ohio. Smelley at Chitose AFB in Japan. Strauss soon to Italy as Military Attaché.

Mail accepted from wives, teen-age children, mother-in-law, or even classmates. The Address: 2167 Cacique Street, Santurce, Puerto Rico.

—Hank Brewerton

1941

As the grass starts to turn green and the birds head north from Dyess AFB, in the second largest state of the union, it seems hardly the time to be digging up Christmas cards. However, since these contain many bits of news from the class, I will dust them off and record here what they have to say of Grey '41.

Joe and Bob Kramer report that they are the only 41'ers in Spain and look forward to seeing anyone in the class who happens to be passing through Madrid. Potter and Bettv Campbell sent one of the wonderful Lichty cards saying that they will be moving next summer, destination unknown. Charlotte and Ray White sent a card with a beautiful picture of their lovely daughter, Catherine, looking wide-eyed at her first Christmas tree. Dick and Beanie Aldridge sent a card marked Mele Kalikimaka saying that they are enjoying getting acquainted with their new Poi baby, Beth, Blair's new sister who arrived last fall. A nice note from Fran and Joe Myers said that the crowd there consists of Tuck Brown, Charlie Busby (with a brand new baby), Baron Von Schritlz. Biz Moore, Butch Rising, and Jim Cox, who is Deputy Commander of Pope AFB. They all got together up at Busby's recently and everyone was there except Butch Rising who was field officer for the day and Charlie Busby who is in the hospital with pneumonia. All eight of the Myers are enjoying life at Bragg in their third year, however. Joe leaves for Fort Leavenworth on 4 January to attend a short course at C.G.S.C. He finishes about 1 May and has been alerted by Career Management to expect one of those short overseas tours next summer. Fran and the kids will move into Fayetteville if "we can find a house big enough."

Ralph and Betty Upton sent a card from West Point saying they saw Jack Murray at the Army-Navy game and

were looking forward to the 1961 reunion. Betty and George McIntyre sent a nautical message from the Naval War College saying, "Life here is quite a change from Gay Paree. George is enjoying the school more every day, he's turning into a mighty fine Navy man. The Mike Greens live behind us and the Vaughns are in Brinton Village." John, Dotty and Joannie Henschke reported that everything is still like Omaha in Omaha. Senior Rod O'Conner and Gabby wrote from Walker AFB to say that they enjoyed their time in California while Rod was going to B-52 school. They are now settled at Walker, where he is Director of Operations of the 47th Air Division. Marcie and Paul Ramee wrote that this was their last Christmas in Hawaii and Paul will return to a district engineer assignment in June.

Patty and John Locke wrote from Colorado Springs urging us to come up and see the new Air Force Academy. From Wright-Patterson came a card signed the Cochran's, Mike, Anne, Michael, Steven, Terry, Nancy and Sharon. A very nice Christmas letter came from Vandenberg AFB, California from the John Eastons. They moved from Nebraska last June and John took command of the 576th Strategic Missile Squadron, the first operational Atlas unit in the Air Force. Mickey and Greg McKee sent a card, but no gold, from Fort Knox. Chick and Horace Brown reported in from Fort Leavenworth with a poop sheet on a party held just before Christmas. The group includes George Adjemian, Mort Birdseye, Bob Borman, Horace Brown, Bob Clark, Howie Felchlin, Bob Barrett, Jim Graham, Merrit Hewett, Willie Hoge, Steve Kosiorek and Jim McElroy. Bill and Marge Hershenow wrote to say everything is fine with their new life with industry in California. Bill and Marie Clifford and the kids, Bill, Jr., Paul, Mark and Jane, are preparing to depart Fort Devens to go to Norfolk to the Armed Forces Staff College, from which Bill will be assigned to the Pentagon. Willis and Tom Corbin are enjoying Lincoln, Nebraska, where he commands the Air Division.

A card signed the Ascanis, Kay and Fred and still eight, says "we have a wonderful set of quarters at Patterson, 7 bedrooms, 5 baths and a steam heated garage." A card with the crest of the 9th Infantry, Manchu Regiment, arrived, signed John, Ruth, and Teddy Adams. Barbara and Jack Bentley are still holding down the fort at Maxwell AFB. George and Skip Brown sent a picture card showing their country estate in Washington. Curt and Terry Chapman sent a very newsy Christmas letter centered mostly around their new son, Bruce. From beautiful Verona, Italy, Walt, Midge and the Mather family sent a Merry Christmas in three languages. With them are Jack and Marion Camp. The Clendenings, Bobby, Herb, Bill, Paul, Candy, Jane and Laurie, sent their best from Kansas City and urged any classmates passing through to give them a call. The Brierpatch has moved back to Omaha with their five atomic powered boys. Jack and Lucy Millikin reported in from Hawaii to say that besides the Ramees, the Jim Carrolls are also there.

The Washington contingent as usual was well represented. Tom and Alice

Fisher from J-2, JCS, Stan and Buddy Ramey who spend much time chasing their year old twins who arrived last New Year's Eve. Cheyney and Jack Norton sent greetings from the National War College; Judy and Bill Seawell sent the longest card we've ever seen; also the Arnie Phillipases who are going to the Industrial War College; Joyce and Ben Mayo, Murrel, Jack and Jack Christensen, The Troups, Kay, Roy, Linda, Gina, Skip and Ricky Kelley, Harry and Nancy Harvey, Jan, John, Betty, Johnnie, and Carolyn Brooks, Doris and Wallie Lauterbach, whose tour in Japan was cut short.

Marge and Ben McCaffrey sent a long letter reporting on the Fort Bliss troops, Steve Kosiorek is on orders for Peru after Leavenworth. Bob Detwiler, Birdseye, Buttery, Theisen, Reilly, Stanford, and Stigers are all living near El Paso. Mac saw Al Jensen on a recent visit to the Pentagon and Lynn Lee who is in the next office, Whitaker just passed through and now has an AA Battalion at San Francisco. Redmon is at White Sands. From Panama comes word from Carmen and Wendy Knowles. Wendy has an artillery battalion, Katherine has a horse, and Carmen is looking for someone to tend the garden. Dunc and Milly Brown are there. Dunc is chief of the engineering division. The Daniel Salinases sent a nice card from San Salvador saying that they will be leaving the sunny and happy land next July. Dave and Pat Cooper will have to give up having breakfast in bed when they leave Bogota next June. Harry Ellis sent a nice long account of all the folks in the Far East. Ripper Collins is in the Army Logistics Depot. Gelderman is with Army Procurement Agency. Layfield and Danforth are both with Petroleum in Japan, supplying all services with gas and jet fuel. George Stalnaker is in Korea with 5th Air Force. Tidmarsh has gone back to the States. Al Dalby has just left for Intelligence School at Holabird. Paul Pigue left recently for the Pentagon. Bob Tarbox has an engineer command in Korea. Frank Linnell has a battle group in the First Cavalry Division. Bill Starr recently back from Europe, is at Fort Lee. Elmer Yates goes to the office of the Army Chief of Research and Development. Mills Hatfield to Tuslog, Detachment 27, APO 259, New York. Paul Grey to Armed Forces Staff College, Bob Elsberry to Turkey, Jim King to the Pentagon, Pete Tanous to France, J. D. Fowler is in Taiwan, Tuck Brown to R&D, Washington, Wire Cokley is editor of the Army Information Digest. Orders to the Army War College next fall: Purdy, Boatright, Canella, DeSaussure, Gauvreau, Stanford, Smith, C. L., Roy, Read, Panke and Kuzell.

Local orders from the 819th Air Division effective 1 March 1959 show: Commander, 96th Bombardment Wing—B. C. Andrus, Jr.; Vice Commander, John E. Atkinson.

There are 822 days until the 20th reunion.

Best,

—Burt Andrus
112 Washington Street
Dyess AFB
Abilene, Texas

The annual beer and pizza fiesta has, and as a result, at least two of the victims for the forthcoming year have had proved to them the merits of faithful attendance at that function above all others! Harv Shelton is new Chief Delegate; George Rehkopf, #1 Assistant; J. Reid, Chief Spendthrift; Will Zimmerman, Secretary and your aghast correspondent, Historian. With such a slate, 1959 should set a new high—or low!

On the local level, the Sheltons volunteered their handsome establishment for the December 26th Class Party—even provided a parking attendant in the person of their #1 son—and an excellent evening it was. Sixty-three of us, including two temporary widows, enjoyed drinks, a catered dinner, drinks, the best of company and drinks. Barbara reports that the food was equally good! The price provided enough of a kitty to pay for help to clean up the debris the following day although Harv reports that he is still waiting for Cissie to cross his palm. New Year's Eve found a crowd of the braver element searching for the solution to many problems amid the carefree gaiety to be found at the Army-Navy Country Club. That the search was futile may be inferred from the fact that for some the search continued until dawn at the Offleys' hideway. Recent arrivals here include, the Jim Whites, Jack Barneses, Wes Hydes and Dick Mileses. We ran into the latter on Route #40 north of Baltimore at Thanksgiving time; they were on their way here to spend the holiday with Dick's dad and we were going to join the Duffies. When I congratulated Dick on his brand-new orders to Leavenworth, little did I realize that change #2 would have them joining the locals! Orders noted for Pezda to Wright-Pat, Jerry Snow to the Norfolk Engineer District, Otis to Germany, Vogel to Leonard Wood, Rubenstein to France (after 8 weeks at Fort Lee starting about now), Jess Miles, Beeson, Mizell and Bill Pashley (ex-'42) to Germany and Jess Lewis to France after he'd practically been installed in the Pentagon. Now comes a phone call from Jess telling me that he suffered a coronary last fall, has had to spend three months of inactivity and may well be retired. That is a blow to all of us—and perhaps a reminder that we are 17 years older! We certainly do wish Jess a complete recovery and a job and location (we hope it's nearby Maryland) to his liking if he does have to join the ranks of us old fuds. The official poop was scanty indeed but did advise that Thurman Brandon has fled the confines of Walter Reed and been assigned to the 2nd Training Regiment at Fort Dix and that Bunny (Birdman) Bonasso has completed his flight training at Camp Gary and is assigned to the 101st. Sincere congratulations to Crit, Sam Koster (bring your money, Sam), Fran Roberts and Bud Roecker for their selection to attend the National War College, to Hennessy, O'Neal and Wachendorf who go to the ICAF and to Koisch, Bolton, Hottenroth and Shedd who'll be at the AWC, Army. that is! Will miss Fran's largess with the AAA's medicinal supplies, but where can you go up there after you've been Director of Athletics?!?! On my wanderings I have had the pleasure of lunching with

Al Wilder at Fort Lee where he teaches at the ALMC and is enjoying the tour, if not the isolation. He and Gene Weeks have since received orders for the 1959-60 gentleman's course at the AFSC. Wined and dined with the Crossons and Charbonneaus at Fort Sill. Doc has the Visitors Bureau tuned to a fine point of disorganization but retains his faculty for 100% performance at the key words, "Wot'll it be?" Bill Crosson is presently heading the OCS there but will leave this summer for Monterey and eventual assignment as a Bwana Sahib MA to Ethiopia. At Carlisle in December the Wymans gathered the Pete Russells, Watkins (then expecting another little W), Geigers and Buchanans (who were foolish enough to accept Nancy and Al Hunter's invitation to come down here for our Xmas party). The Spilmans had baby-sitter problems and couldn't join in—which undoubtedly contributed to better health the next day! While at Monmouth last month I studied the rogues gallery in our office and found therein the beaming countenance of Colonel John Atwood, honored for his tour as head of the Enlisted Department there several years ago. Just returned from Usmay College where Barbara and I assisted the gymnastics and swimming teams to whomp Navy. Too bad the teams at Crabtown didn't get an equal amount of assistance! Saw Dopey, Doug Murray, Fran Roberts and Lu Flanagan but missed Lee Cage who's still overwhelmed at the news of his orders to a Missile Bn in Rhode Island—only 20-30 miles from the summer home they're busy rounding into shape! Lu advised of a change in June Week arrangements. On the Saturday before Graduation, Cullum and the WP Army Mess will be set up for meals and drinks. On Sunday they'll be set up for imbibing while Washington Hall (honest!) will be the scene of one huge dinner-dance. Monday is picnic day at Round Pond, Buckner, etc. A Class need only advise the number expected to attend; all details will then be handled through the Mess. Any plans conflicting with the above must be handled individually. SO, the WP Representative of the Class of 1942 (Flanagan) and the DC Rep of the same (me) elected Lee Cage (Congratulations, in case this is your first notification, Lee) to receive your reservations for the above functions!

Chet Ladd has been out at Walter Reed for surgery, from which he was recovering in fine style, with favorable results indicated by the doctors, indeed good news. Marian was able to leave the kids in Jersey and be here with Chet. Jim Cockrell was recently saved the cost of a new Blitz Cloth. By leaving the gold leaves tarnished, he'll also save the cost of new silver ones so his financial rating is in the ascendancy. John Anderson, Wally Frank and Jack Ryan noted on the AF list for forthcoming elevation to the ranks of the heavy Colonels. Three cheers! Ali and Bob Clagett continue their relentless pursuit of the front runners with the addition of a daughter on 15 January. Helen Kraft is as giddy as a schoolgirl these days at the prospects of a 10-day reunion with Bill in Rome in the near future. Bill has been in Saudi Arabia since July. Anyone have an old guide book to send her so she'll know where she's been? We've had the pleasure of seeing Shirley and John Sheffey during

their brief sojourn here prior to his departure for Viet Nam. Bill Gernert is just back from a 17-day tour of the Pacific looking suspiciously like he'd spent the entire time on the beach in Hawaii. Reports seeing J. Murphy who is in Tokyo with the 5th AF and looking well contented. J. B. Newman was back briefly from Italy following the recent death of his father. Deepest sympathy from us all, J. B. My greatest source of information, the Journal, contributes the word that Bill Garland moved to the 98th Bomb Wing at Lincoln, Nebraska, in December; showed Jim Hayes greeting Generals Moore and Trudeau at the Infantry Commanders Conference at Benning, his project to nursemaid; showed Charlie Hill as CO of the 3rd Missile Bn at Fort MacArthur pinning on some silver-type bars and advised that Rip Young has advanced from Assistant to THE District Engineer at Seattle. It also gave some good publicity at reasonable rates to yours truly and his source of revenue by publishing an article which many have admitted seeing but none have yet confessed to understanding! Harv Shelton has demonstrated his firm hand by starting plans for that 20-year book. The Kusters report themselves as having vacationed at Berchtesgaden, and Dick Horridge reports himself madly gaining flying time. I have a suspicion that he's merely trying to build it up in advance so that he can thoroughly enjoy that year's extension in Paris which we hear he's asked for. If any of the above is inaccurate, next time WRITE! Class luncheons are held in the Pentagon approximately monthly so contact someone before you plan to come this way and see if you can't coordinate. Please test the increased efficiency of the Postal Service before 1 June!!!!

—Kenneth F. Hanst, Jr.
Major, USA Retired
1050 South 26th Road
Arlington 2, Virginia

January 1943

As we approach June Week for the Class of 1959, our famous Class will bid farewell to several who have served the Academy with honor and distinction. Their new assignments will carry them all over the world. They take with them the best wishes from all of us. Here on the Plain it was our privilege and honor to have served with them. When the photo below was taken, a vote among the officers was three to one in favor of an outside photo *with caps*. Guess who has all the hair.

J. J. Cobb will take over the reins from Mike. The "Cobbo" has been a Tactical Officer of Company M-1 for the past year as well as being a Battalion Tac. His recent additional duties include: Member of the Board of Governors, Recorder on a Superintendent's Board, Officer in Charge of Ice Hockey Carnival, and President of the Patio Club. The Cobb's are expecting in July.

Rex Minckler, who has served as the Assistant Professor in the Art of War for the past three years, will assume the duty and responsibilities of Post Signal Officer after Joe Benson leaves. Rex is an avid hunter and a fisherman. He is the President of our "One-Shot" Club. "Boots"

and the children are fine. Rex is pursuing his Masters Degree in Economics at Columbia.

Jim Kelleher, our President, will assume the duties as Executive Officer of the Second Regiment, this summer. He has just recently completed a study for the Superintendent. The Kellehers are expecting in June.

Les Heltzel will join the Tactical Department in early summer. As you can see our strength here is decreasing as time goes by. The "Cobbo" and "Les" may someday find themselves all alone.

Once again the "June in January" Class had a reunion at Leone's in New York. A wonderful dinner was had by all—thanks to the arrangements made by Louisa and Tom Mesereau. We were represented by:

Joan and Jack Shaffer, Louisa and Tom Mesereau, Bob and Marjorie Lawrence, The Andrepons, Jack and Jackie Armstrong, Gerry and Ruth Cosgrove, Jim and



Les Harding, Academic Department, assignment yet unknown. Jack Armstrong, S-3, USCC, to possibly Army Aviation or Germany. Joe Benson, Signal Officer, USMA, to the Far East. Michaels, S-4, USCC, to Viet Nam.

Pat Changaris, Jack and Barb Upchurch, The Nygards, Jim and Mary Jo Kelleher, Joe and Nancy Benson, Jim and Eileen Michael, Bill and Marion Hahn, Bob and Virginia Fiss, George and Jeanne Rebb, Tom and Florence Flatley, Rabbit Brook, and Les Harding.

Rabbit Brook writes us that he recently had an extended visit to Redstone. Lee James, Myron Dakin and Bill Hahn are stationed there. Rabbit's address is 85 East Central Avenue, Maywood, New Jersey. Thanks Rabbit!

Congratulations to Bill and Marion Hahn—they are going to the Armed Forces Staff College. "Andy" Anderson, J. W. has just recently graduated from the Armed Forces Staff. Congratulations, old boy!

Clarke Hain says that with an assist from the Naval Academy, he held a successful Army-Navy Game Rally in Glenn Cove on November 22. It was a father-and-son affair and it turned out to be a very good public relations move.

Judy and Brenning Waters were unable to attend the Reunion. Brenning is still in the hospital but gets home every weekend. He is still in the process of trying to strengthen his muscles to enable him to walk without crutches. A nerve test on his left leg indicates no change. The best wishes for a speedy recovery from all of us, Brenning!

Bob and Babette Watson visited Ralph and Sally Hofmann here on 25 January. They are on their way to the 3rd Armored Division in Fulda, Germany. They sailed aboard the USS United States on the 3rd of February.

Jake Shultz is commanding a Nike Battalion in Connecticut. He arrived there in November.

Sorry to hear that Danny Moore's son, Jimmy, was so very ill recently. Jimmy had measles initially, however, pneumonia had set in and he was not expected to live. We are happy to announce that Jimmy has now recovered.

Hugh Mease is working for GE in Syracuse, New York. He heads the Product Planning Group and is happy about it.

Walt Cook is leaving Fort Carson, Colorado in May for Italy.

Bill and Dolly Neale had an all-expenses paid trip to London and Paris over New Year's. At 2 P.M. on 20 December she received a call from Eddie Gallaher (Disc Jockey—CBS) that she was the winner of a guessing contest sponsored by St. Joseph Aspirin. They had quite a trip. Moreover, they have both entered other contests.

Bart Mallory has orders to San Francisco to take command of a Nike Battalion in that area. He is leaving a high level assignment in the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

Rumor has it that Harry Prichett is leaving Leavenworth for Korea. Pat may wait him out in Hawaii.

Marv Berenzweig recently attended the world-wide Infantry Conference at Fort Benning. The B-weig's are fine.

Charlie Wirt got himself transferred directly from Korea to Europe as Commandant of the 7th Army Aviation Training Center. He was subsequently assigned as Assistant Commandant of the 7th Army NCO Academy. Charlie will be heading stateside in September. Charlie is a Senior Army Aviator. Hope you get what you desire when you return, Charlie!

Bob and Ruthie Cook are in Heidelberg, Germany. They like it very much. "Cookie" has been working rather long hours and the weekends are much too short for all the things they would like to do. "Cookie" is with G-3, USAREUR.

Through the years many have wondered if we would ever advance beyond our present status. The recent list for promotion to temporary Lieutenant Colonel has just been announced by Department of Army. This list includes:

Croonquist, Faust, Grace, Buell, Bennett, Raaen Hughes.

Congratulations to you and may your next promotion come sooner.

As your Secretary I, again, should like to make this request, *please drop me a line!* Without your response I am unable to give you the mention which you so rightfully deserve.

—Major V. L. Antonioni
Department of Tactics
USMA

June 1943

As I near completion of my fourth year of steering my clinker between home and the Pentagon, I note the rising number of our classmates making similar

jaunts. In February there were at least 85 in the area who can still recall having to get Lee Hogan's permission to leave the Mess Hall early.

All of us were shocked to learn of Al Brown's death on 11 December at Wright-Patterson AF Base in a F-104 crash. As one of the best liked members of our class and one of the Air Force's hot pilots, there is no way to fill the void created by Al's loss. He was squadron commander of the 56th FIS at the time. A memorial service was held at Wright-Patterson on 13 December and Tony Durante, Dan Shea, Bud Rundell, Dunc Randall, Lou Nesselbush and Dave Galas were on hand. Al was buried at West Point on 17 December and a large group of classmates and friends who had flown up from Wright-Patterson, Washington, DC, and elsewhere were present. Honorary pallbearers at the funeral were Marty Martin, Deke Childs, Tim Ireland, Norm Pehrson, Bud Bolling, Karl Wolf, Jim Phillips and Ralph Young. Among those who flew in for the funeral were Charlie Pence, Jim Keck, Jim Bowers, Ed Burdett, Dick Stoddard, Robin Olds, Dale Sweat and Rog Kullman. Of course the other classmates stationed at West Point were present: Mark Boatner, Caleb Cole, Ted Tansey, George Moe, Jim Betts, Don Spiece, George Alexander and Bill Falck. With sincerity and genuine affection we all salute Jean Brown for her courageous conduct in readjusting to her new life in Washington, D.C. We are very glad she chose to settle down near classmates and we hope we can be of service to such a plucky girl. Jean and her four daughters, oldest age 9, have bought a home at 5739 Moreland St., NW.

The outstanding performances of four of our Army classmates was rewarded by their selection to attend the 1959-60 class at the Army War College. Those so honored were Bill Greenwalt, now with the 1st Inf. Div. at Ft. Riley, Kansas; Clare Farley, now 24th Div. Engr. Battalion Cmdr. in Germany; Sam Pinnell, presently the Engineer instructor at the QM School at Ft. Lee, Virginia; and Bernie Rogers, senior aide to the Army Chief of Staff. No doubt about it, they're all hot shots who have earned and deserve the honor. Congratulations!

Allen Burdett and Bob Mathe are in the current Army War College class. Allen will take Army Aviation training after he finishes the War College. Antionette and the youngsters will probably live in Asheville, North Carolina, while Allen earns his wings. Bob Mathe will take a "skoshi" tour in Korea after graduation. My bet is that Elinor and the kids will go back to her home in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, while Bob is overseas.

Jim and Helen Phillips at West Point are receiving congratulations for Jim's selection to attend the August Armed Forces Staff College.

Les Hardy gave me an excellent picture of our activities at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. On the Staff and Faculty are Q. C. and Acey Atkinson, Mike and Andy Davis, Frank and June Dirkes, Les and Betty Hardy, Harvey and Skippy Short, Wen and Sue Van Auken, Pinkey and Phoebe Winfield. Attending the Regular Course are Jock and Terry Barickman, Quellen and Barbara Boller, Rog and Anna May Conarty, Lou and Frankie

Francisco, Tony and Grace Grice, Bob and Jane Holmes, Art and Jan Lacouture, Jock and Harriet Loughman, Bill and Nancy Malone, Ed and Jean Rumpf. At the Fall Associate Course were Joe Boyle, George and Jane Bugg, Dave Conard, Bill Linton, Hank Morgan, Jim and Bea Nash, Charlie Reed, Dusty and Irene Rhodes and Frank Wood. At the current Associate course are Rip Collins, Hal and Helen Gingrich, Dick Meyer, and Gordie and Lee Smith. In November and December, Jim Glendening and Harold Saine attended the nuclear weapons course at Leavenworth. Jim came from the 82d Abn. at Ft. Bragg just prior to gyroing to Europe, and Harold was on TDY from the ASA School at Ft. Devens, Massachusetts, where he teaches Infantry tactics.

Three class parties have been held so far at Leavenworth. Early in September Frank Dirkes, Pinky Winfield and Les Hardy honchoed the affair; in November a "Beat Navy" theme was run by the members of the Fall Associate Course aided and abetted by Q.C. and Acey Atkinson. In February the group went swanky and gathered at the Golden Ox in Kansas City with Jock Brickman, Quellen Boller, Rog Conarty and Mike Davis supervising activities and struggling to see that the bill was paid.

George Newman, Officers Assignment Division in the Pentagon, is the true friend in need of the doughboys. He has poured through a mile high stack of poop sheets to furnish me the status of most of our Infantry classmates: Gabby Ivan is SGS, I Corps Group in Korea; Alan and Lynn Jones, SGS with the 25th Inf. Div. in Hawaii. Jim Greene after returning from Camp Zama, Japan, in December, is now at Ft. Lewis, Washington, with the 4th Inf. Div. John Blair Beach is training the troops at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina. R. C. Grady is still taking Spic at Army Language School prior to shaking up the Venezuela Military Academy in May when he becomes the U.S. Advisor. Bill DeBrocke continues with the G-3 Section, 3rd Inf. Div. in Germany. Fred Herres is winding up his tour in Viet Nam and will probably come to the Pentagon. Marie Herres is now living in Falls Church, Virginia, which would indicate neat prior planning on their part. Del Perkins completed the Strategic Intelligence Course in DC in February and is now taking Spanish language training in the Washington area prior to being assigned to Caracas, Venezuela where Del will be the Army attaché. Westy Westfall, now at 2d Army Hq. at Ft. Meade, Maryland, is on orders to Germany to arrive in Sept. 1959. Bob McCanna comes home from Japan in June for an assignment with the 4th Inf. Div. at Ft. Lewis, Washington. After he finishes the Regular Course at Leavenworth, Rog Conarty will stay on as an instructor. Hal Gingrich goes to ACSI in the Pentagon after Leavenworth. Rip Collins becomes a school boy in July after he finishes the Associate Course at Leavenworth. It's the Comptroller course at Syracuse University for him.

After graduating from Armed Forces Staff College this summer Bob Davenport heads for the 4th Inf. Div. Al and Betty Metts continue to live it up with the 25th Div. in Hawaii—lovely home,

orchids, tropical atmosphere and the rest. In December Bill Calnan received an Army Commandation Ribbon for his fine work with the office of Research and Development in the Pentagon. Then he began a graduate course in International Relations at Georgetown University. Art Rasper is on the way for attaché duty in Indonesia. Bill Ray is on the Staff and Faculty at the Infantry School at Ft. Benning, Georgia. Bob Sonsteli gets his Masters Degree in Personnel Administration from the University of Alabama this summer, then it's Iran for him. Jim Darden comes home from USAREUR in July. George Bugg is now in DC taking the Strategic Intelligence Course prior to language training and an assignment in early 1960 in Portugal as assistant Army attaché. Hal Aaron is slaving at the books at Georgetown working for a masters in International Relations. In June, Jim and Elaine Cain leave quarters on the Post at Ft. Myer where Jim is with the 3rd Infantry to go to Syracuse where Jim will work for a Masters in Comptrollership. Earle Johnson is with Hq. 8th Army in Korea. Charlie Puckett is instructing at the Chemical School at Ft. McClellan, Alabama. After a get-rich-quick course in Spic, Harry Reeder goes to Panama this summer.

Jack Kidder is due back from MAAG Viet Nam in time to begin Army Aviation training in March 1959. This summer Mark Boatner leaves West Point for an assignment with SHAPE Hqtrs. Hal Head is engrossed in the Japanese language fast program in Monterey, California, prior to Tokyo this summer. Roule Mozingo is enjoying the fishing with JTF-7 at Eniwetok. Warren Hecker is still PMS&T of Hofstra College, Long Island. Bill Bibby continues to work for the Comptroller of the Army in the Pentagon. Fletch Veach goes to Iran this summer from Armed Forces Staff College. Fox Fredericks (APO 231, Box E, c/o PM, New York—he's out of touch with the world so drop him a line) is a real Arabic hive on attaché duty in Cairo, Egypt. Ed Cleary, another linguist, goes to Turkey this summer. Hank Morgan is back from the Associate course at Leavenworth to his job with the Chief of Military History, Washington, D.C. Hawaii still claims Bethel Edrington, G4 Section, USAFPAC, and Stu Giffin, J5 Section, CINCPAC. Al Shipstead continues as asst. PMS&T at Eastern Michigan College, Ypsilanti, Michigan. You must agree Newman did nobly in locating all these files. Of course I had to go to Barbara to learn that George is leaving for Korea in June. She and the youngsters will face Confederate wrath as Yankee Barbara lives in George's home town in Alabama. While George plays soldier, Yankee sympathizers can reach Barbara at 1009 Dunlap Avenue, Guntersville, Alabama.

On a DA briefing trip to Europe in January, Lorry Thomas, DCSOPS, DA, found the G3 Section of Seventh Army loaded with Dale McGee, Hal Dunwoody and Jim Darden. He heard stories of Military John Brier with the 2d Armd. Cav. Regt. Bill DeBrocke with the 3rd Div. in Kitzingen and Jesse Jishback who is CO of the 4th Armd. Div. Engr. Bn. In Verona, Italy, Wick Wickert met Lorry with palette and pallet for a two night stand in his bachelor apartment. Bob

McDowell and John Schatz are also in Italy.

Jim Christy wrote a newsy letter from Dalat, Viet Nam, where Stan Staszak and Jim are among six USMA grads who are advisors to the Vietnamese Military Academy. Elsewhere in Viet Nam are Jack Kidder, office of the chief of staff, MAAG, in Saigon; Johnny Cobb at Cap St. Jacques; Stan Ott at the Command and General Staff School at Saigon, and Fred Herres at Kontum. Only Stan and Jim are fortunate enough to have their families with them. The Staszak clan includes Eileen, a boy 5 and a boy 2; the Christy's include Marge and two boys, 9 and 5. Stan, Jack and Fred were all able to come to Dalat to join in a round of festivities for this year's Army-Navy game. Jim notes that with the time difference and the low cost of liquor in that part of the world, the Army victory was suitably toasted at 0500 Sunday morning.

Jack Morris in the Office of the Chief of Engineers passes on this poop concerning Engineer classmates: Rolo Brandt is now with the Alaska Engineer District. Hank and Betsy Romanek were in the States recently for a month's leave from his job in Goose Bay, Labrador. Florida played a prominent part in their leave plans. Bill Glasgow will head for Iran after he completes his course at the Industrial College of the Armed Services this summer. Warren Rogers is with the 34th Engineer Group, Ft. Ord, California. Bill McKenzie is finishing up his French language training enroute to Cambodia. We learn he has snookered quarters and has foregone the opportunity for a nondependent tour.

Art Surkamp is in Tehran supervising construction work for the Iranian Army while Jean remains in Arlington, Virginia. Hi Fuller and Howie Coffman completed Armed Forces Staff College in January. Hi now commands the 54th Engr. Bn. at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, and will gyro with the unit to Europe in the fall of 1959. Howie is now in the Troops Ops. Div. in the Office Chief of Engineers where he works with Bob Burrows. Bill Roos is attending the current AFSC course. Dick Meyer, now at the Associate Course at Leavenworth, returns to the DC area for leave with Lucianne in May. Then off they go to Europe. Upon returning from Korea in November, Dutch Ingwersen was assigned to Construction Div., DCSLOG. He and Pat live at 5919 10th Road, Arlington, Virginia. Duane Tenney is now with the Doctrines Branch, Staff Engineer, Hq. USCONARC, at Ft. Monroe, Virginia. Art Van Schoick will leave Chicago and assume command of the 19th Engineers at Ft. Meade, Maryland this summer. Bernie Rogers saw Doug Parham New Year's Eve at a hotel in San Juan, Puerto Rico where Doug is the Area Engineer.

Jim and Bea Nash have arrived in the DC area from Ft. Totten, New York. Jim is taking a quickie course in Turkish prior to leaving in April for Izmir, Turkey, for duty with Allied Land Forces Southeastern Europe. Bob de Camp, DA SGS, informs me that Johnny Lucas, now at SETAF, Italy, will return this fall to study Guided Missiles for two years at the University of Arizona. Also, Nick Parker, also with DA SGS, will begin civilian

schooling in Guided Missiles at the University of Michigan this fall.

Charlie and Dee Jones are enjoying Texas where Charlie is with the 66th Medium Tank Bn. at Ft. Hood. They have a nice home in Temple and Bee has a new Brownie Troop. After those years in Bogota, Columbia, Charlie can spin wonderful yarns, such as winning most of the money for one vacation at the roulette table in Cartagena, or his experiences as a member of the Cricket Club.

Phil and Virginia Eastmas appear to thrive as civilians. They live at 521 Janss Way, Anaheim, California. Phil is a vice president with his company. Dutch Umlauf, DCSPER DA, keeps in touch with Charlie Crane and John Lloyd. Both work for General Electric in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. Katie Crane came through with youngster number 5, Suzie, this past July. John and Mary Lou Lloyd have just moved into a new home they had built on Wellesley Street in Pittsfield. Incidentally John is secretary-treasurer of the Pontoosuc Sailing Club so there may yet be a commodore in the class.

Frank and Bea Wood are also new in the DC area. After a tour with Army Security Agency in Germany—two years as a Kaserne Commander north of Munich, plus a year in Frankfurt—Frank attended the Associate Course at Leavenworth and now he is doing R&D work with ASA Hqtrs. They make 820 South Oakland Street, Arlington, Virginia, home for their three youngsters. After completing Armed Forces Staff College, Bill Brabson is back in the DC area. This time he is on duty with the Office, Secretary of Defense in Aeronautics work. Charlie Dickinson has had an interesting job with DOD's Weapons Systems Evaluation Group for about a year. Charlie and Marion live at 5901 Irving Street, Springfield, Virginia. They have an adopted son, age 18, who is presently in the Army at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia.

Jim Miller is leaving DA Research and Development Office in March. After attending the Military Assistance Institute in Arlington, Virginia, he is going to Maag London. Our own Judge Jep Tanksley of Atlanta is gaining national prominence as a jurist. The 2 Feb 59 issue of Newsweek carried an article about Jep and rulings he had handed down.

Dick McCord decided to leave Frigidaire to Betty Furness and in February he joined the DC office of Page Communications Engineers Inc. During a six weeks business trip in February visiting Hawaii and other Pacific Islands, he announced by mail to Marion that they will move to Honolulu on 24 March for duty with the Hawaiian office of the firm. Of course it is a fine opportunity and they are thrilled. How flexible can you get! Incidentally this has been a rough year on presidents of the DC June '43 Wives Club. First, the prexy was Betty Johnston and when Tom resigned and moved to New Jersey to become a Systems Engineer with RCA (home address: 59 East 2d Street; Moorestown, New York), Marion McCord took over. Now she leaves and Colby Hurley gathers in the reins.

I received an amazing letter in February from Bill and Cecile Cover which was like something out of Arabian Nights.

They've seen and done more in a year than most get around to in a lifetime. While Bill was studying Arabic at Monterey his destination was scheduled to be Damascus. Formation of the United Arab Republic raised doubts whether they would actually go there. Bill, Cec and the three boys sailed in April—destination "somewhere in the Middle East." What a cruise—stops ashore in Spain, France, Italy. In the middle of May as they eased into Beirut, Lebanon they arrived in the midst of the disorder and confusion of a dock strike. A convoy of U.S. embassy cars and Lebanese soldiers whisked them to a hotel under armed escort. A week later Bill received orders to move on to Amman, Jordan to be assistant Army attaché. So to Jordan they flew right in the middle of the ill-starred events of the short-lived Arab Union of Iraq and Jordan. Then followed wild days which included a duty trip to Jerusalem for Bill. The July 14th revolution flamed through Baghdad and the sky over the Cover's house in Amman was full of British planes delivering a UK Parachute Brigade at King Hussein's request. Space limitations precludes my going further, but it gets deeper and woolier. Cec and the kids were sent to Haifa, Israel, and then on to Rome for "safe-haven." The family got together for Christmas in Rome and returned as a group to Jordan in January. I know they are eating up the excitement. Hal Neil who is assistant attaché in Baghdad flew to Amman last summer with State Department's Robert Murphy, which enabled Bill and Hal to have a short session together.

On 18 February, three blue suit types donned silver leaves: Al Gullion, T. K. Oliver and Jim Pugh.

A new list of individuals in the Wild Blue set reveals the following will be promoted to full bull: Hank Fletcher, Cab Brannon, Happy Chandler, Tom Love, Tom McCabe, Noddy Oswald and Jack Whitson. Stars in the offing next.

Pat Hurley has my sincere thanks for locating a large number of our AF comrades. In the Washington area we find Mike Beckett in DCS Development; Lemon Blank in DCS/Materiel; Leo Brooks in DCS/Operations and outbound this summer for SAC; Ed Burdett in DCS/Operations in the Command Post; Deke Childs in DCS/Operations as Exec to the boss; Ernie Cragg and Cab Brannon are with the Director of Plans; Bill Scott in Intelligence; Marty (M. L.) Martin in DCS/Development—going to National War College in August; Robin Olds in DCS/Operations in the air defense business; Hank Fletcher in DCS/Materiel and outbound to the Army War College this summer; Dick Stoddard in Intelligence at Fort Meade; Al Shiely also in air defense in the Pentagon; Jim Harrold is on the eve of departing with Dar and the family for Air Attaché to Sweden; Larry Watson is with Joint Task Force #7 in DC; Jim Bower, Tid Watkins, Tim Ireland and Pat Hurley are all in AF Personnel and striving mightily that the whole class might join them in this puzzle palace; Dick Shaefer with J-5, JCS; Paul Atkinson is with the AF Office of Scientific Research; Charlie Waller, Andy Boreski, Tom Love and Frank McMullen are with Headquarters ARDC at Andrews AF Base; Jim Keck is at the end of his tour with the Office of the Assistant Secretary

of Defense for Manpower and Personnel since he is going to National War College, too, this summer; Bud Holderness in DCS/Development.

Jim and Irma Bower visited Paul and Ruth Steinle in February at Scott AFB, Illinois, where Paul is Executive to General Tunner. I gather from the description of Paul's quarters they are not in the low rent district. Jack and Jean Neuer came to the DC area recently from the AF Academy and now make 5909 Beech Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland home for their three youngsters. Jack's duty is with the 1007th Air Intelligence Service Group in DC.

Around the world in ten minutes with the Air Force: Al Bowley in Air War College; Ben Cassidy contemplating a change from the AF Academy to somewhere in Air Defense Command; Buck Coursey in the 66th Tac Recon Wing, Laon, France; Ralph Hallenbeck is traveling widely, but makes his Headquarters at Wheeler Field, Hawaii; Bucky Harris also is fighting the battle of Waikiki Beach; Bob Hoffman at Vandenberg AFB in the missile business after a year's space study; Lee Logan leaving the AF Academy for the National War College this summer; John B. Hudson is leaving Inglewood, California, where he has been Deputy Commander for Resources for the Ballistic Missiles Division, to become one of the highly selected to attend the National War College; Bill Kilpatrick in SAC at Forbes AFB, Kansas; Gayle Madison in SAC at Hunter AFB, Georgia; Chris Munch with the AF Academy; Ed O'Connor in Air War College; Bill More still out in Hawaii; John Chandler at Ballistic Missile Division, Inglewood, and Bill Snavely is on the Air Materiel Command side of the same operation; Buzz Bucher also in Inglewood in SAC Mike; Tom McCabe is at McGuire AFB, New Jersey, in a C118 outfit; R. H. Clark is at Moody AFB, Georgia, and goes to Air War College next summer; Nobby Oswald has just graduated from Armed Forces Staff College and will enjoy a tour on the staff of this same school; Jack Whitson, Jack Davis, Chuck Speith and "Cousin Joe" Walsh are all in Headquarters SAC at Offutt AFB, Nebraska.

L. B. Smith is in ARDC, Wright Air Development Center at Wright-Patt AFB, Ohio; Verne Turner is in SAC at Vandenberg AFB, California; Dale Sweat and Rog Kullman are the "fastest men" in the class, both having F-102 Groups, Dale at Youngstown, Ohio, and Rog at Burlington, Vermont; Jim Walker still test hopping Bomarc's at a new base at Hurlburt AFB, Florida; Jim Pugh at Edwards AFB, Harry Heintzelman is out at Norton AFB, but expecting a move; Mo Anderson is at Luke AFB, Arizona, devouring a bunch of hours in the F-100; Al Gullion at Headquarters, Tactical Air Command, Langley AFB, Virginia; Hank Rosness at McConnell AFB, Kansas, flying F-47's; Al Tucker at Langley AFB in a Tac Ferry unit; Jamie Philpott still in SAC at MacDill AFB in Florida.

Dutch Umlauf showed me a newspaper item recently which was amusing. The article noted that one AF officer was not popular with Hollywood bit players. The officer was Frank Ball who is the technical director for the "Steve Canyon" TV series. It appears that Frank insists that the actors look like airmen and this means a

GI haircut. On one of the Steve Canyon TV programs I noted that the pilot who was a Jap prisoner in the story had a familiar ring to his serial number. I checked up and found it to be Frank's old Army serial number he got when we graduated.

The Washington contingent of the class held a very successful Valentine formal dinner dance at the Army-Navy Club. Betty Ann Childs was the chairman and her committee included Fran Ireland, Irma Bower and Jean Perkins. Bless 'em all for a wonderful job. Sam and Elsie Pinnell came up from Fort Lee for the party. Elsie is still the 3.0 max she was back at those gym hops, and Sam, having recently been selected for the Army War College, is positive that this ole world is a fine place. Harry Schroeder who had just completed Armed Forces Staff College came minus Ann who unfortunately was in the hospital at Fort Belvoir with a fractured skull. Apparently she is progressing satisfactorily. Harry is taking a French refresher course in DC and then leave for Viet Nam in April. Ann and the kids will await Harry's return at Apartment 7, 700 South Arlington Mill Drive, Arlington, Virginia. Chris and Sandy Sembach toured up from the University of Virginia where Sandy continues to bone genius in nuclear physics for another 18 months. Mail sent to them at 1210 Greenway Road, Charlottesville, Virginia will receive prompt reply. They were the houseguests of Bob and Vivian Mattox. Ralph Hallenbeck who was on a short Tdy from Hawaii was on hand to gloat. Among the other sparkling guests were the following: Bob and Vivian Mattox, Bill and Harriet Scott, Dutch and Ginny Umlauf, Lemon and Kathy Blank, Deke and Betty Ann Childs, Charlie and Betty Benson, Charlie and Marion Dickinson, Jack and Jerry Morris, Al and Edie Shiely, Keith and Pat Pigg, Dick and Caroline Shaefer; Dave and Nancy Conard, Jim and Erma Bower, Jim and Bobbie Keck, Bill and Beenie Peak, Art and Mary Rasper, Bud and Jan Holderness, Pat and Colby Hurley, Frank and Bea Wood, Bob and Carol deCamp, Del and Jean Perkins, Tim and Fran Ireland, Nick and Cynthia Parker, Jim and Dar Harrold, Bernie and Ann Rogers, Jean Surkamp, Bob and Sarah Jane Burrows, and Arch and Rundy Hamblen.

The latest Junior June '43 models off the production line continue to have the same refined features one would expect from good breeding. Jocko and Harriet Loughman proudly display their fourth child, a son Brian, born at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, the last week in January 1959. Kay and Dave Galas evened the score at two each when son Stephen Christopher was born on 6 December 1958. They will welcome congratulations at 524 Hillridge Drive, Fairborn, Ohio. Jim and Elaine Cain welcomed Mary Melinda at Walter Reed Hospital on 22 November 1958. Dorothy and Ed Geaney are smiling for two reasons; first, son Richard Michael joined them on 10 December 1958 in Alexandria, Virginia, and second, Ed is going to leave DCSPER, DA, this summer to go to West Point as a tac. Caroline Shaefer has heard from Johnny and Pay Buyers, 5009 Royene Drive, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Johnny, who retired for physical disability in 1957, is working with the Sandia Corporation.

They have a brand new "chosen" baby, a little girl named Ann to keep big sister Kathleen company. One faux pas in the Winter 1958 class column of ASSEMBLY I must correct. While I was happy to announce the birth of the 7th addition to Wally and Peggy Magathan's family, Peggy might object to the fact that I gave her credit for 5 boys and 2 girls. In reality, the score is 2 boys and 5 girls. I might suggest Peggy that you can make an honest man out of me by having 3 more boys. NOW HEAR THIS: Kay Boyle gave Joe a real graduation present from the Associate Course at Fort Leavenworth. In mid-December 1958 she presented Joe with child NUMBER TEN, I say again, NUMBER TEN. Joe is now on a "hardship" tour in Korea. The question in my mind is, who is on the hardship tour, Kay or Joe?

Rundy will eagerly join me in looking to see who signs the summer 1959 class column. The Hamblens don't know where they are being assigned, but one thing is certain it will be away from the Pentagon. I hope I can fling the torch as smoothly to someone like Bob deCamp, Dick Shaefer or George Campbell as ole Wick slipped it to me in the summer of 1956. Thanks for your interest and support.

—Arch Hamblen
492 Latham Street
Alexandria, Virginia

1944

If you haven't replied to the group at West Point concerning attendance at our 15th reunion please do so right away. Write to Jack Pollin at Box #44. Plans are all set for a real occasion but Jack and his group need to know how many to plan for and further determine activities to be undertaken. If you can possibly make the affair please try to do so as this promises to be even better than the ten year reunion and carry a larger attendance with it. You have received plans and other details so come on along.

Jim and Jeannie Douglas are at The Citadel in Charleston along with Bill and Peggy Tuttle and Buck and Ann Boyles. The fourth Douglas child, daughter Patricia, picked a most auspicious date to arrive from a tax standpoint, the last day of '58. Jim is heading for Leavenworth this late summer. Buck is also leaving Charleston this summer but doesn't know where he's going as yet. Think the Tuttle have another year of the academic way of life.

Jim Monihan, Chuck Mullin and Ed Gregory are all working for General Electric in Cincinnati. Chuck is president of the Cincinnati society and they had General Davidson speak at the Founders Day banquet. In that general vicinity are Roger Hempleman at Bunker Hill AFB in Indiana and Ted Gervais, Bob Armstrong Nick Creed and Dave Blake at Wright-Patterson. Greg had heard from Ken Cooper at Leavenworth and Bill Bradley with Thompson Products in Los Angeles and also that Ivan Nealon was in Seattle with Boeing but Ivan had neglected to answer Greg's letter.

The good news, as always, seems to go along with the bad. I heard that Lou Gamble has been very sick at Walter Reed for some time. Nothing further have I heard so hope he's well by now.

A list of promotions is always nice to

hear and these are the latest I have: March and April Air Force promotions to Lieutenant Colonel include Algermissen, Boning, Brotherton, Cheadle, DelaMater, Dennen, Geltz, Hanley, Merritt, Micklewait, Wally Moore, Ed Murphy, Morrison, Myslinski and Salzer. Also, by this time promotion of George Blanchard to full Colonel should be official. I'm not jumping the gun on this because I got it from two or three different sources. Congratulations to all and especially to George. During the winter George and a few others had to leave the mild North Carolina climate for three weeks of training at the Army's cold weather school up in Alaska. I expect Fort Bragg looked pretty good after that.

Joe Hale is going back to school this summer for his PhD in Aeronautical Engineering but I do not know where. Bill Milnor is headed for Mississippi State in May. Bob Ginsburg now on the Washington scene, with office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense. Other newcomers around the Pentagon are Dusty Rivers with Air Force Intelligence, joining forces there with Bob Brotherton. Bill Fullilove, Bob Algermissen, Jack Cushman and Bridewell are all in the Washington area now. Fullilove is with the Joint Staff, our first classmate in such a position, but his duties are unknown to me. Bill Bingham now at Armed Forces Staff College and then on to London for a new assignment.

Jim Weathers is commander of 2nd Infantry of the 1st Division at Fort Riley. A good job. Fred Smith and Howie Richards completed the course at Armed Forces Staff College in January. Fred is now with Department of Research and Development in the Pentagon and Howie is with First Army Headquarters, at Fort Jay.

Quite a crowd down at Maxwell Field in Montgomery. John and Dottie Moore and Steve and Jean Farris I assume are on the staff or teaching there since they are not students. Of course Dottie and Jean are in their usual occupation of housewife, not teaching. Others now students are Bob Brundin, Curly Walters, Corbie Truman, Tom Mahoney, Hal DeArment, Mike Nelson, Cliff Coble, Bass Hanley and Pat Sullivan. All have families with them except old bachelor Mahoney. Would have had a picture of this group at one of their parties for you but someone forgot to load the camera. Whoever forgot shouldn't feel bad about it though for I did the same thing at last year's Army-Navy game. This crew will be scattering in early summer and I'll let you know to where then.

Steve Mulkey is heading for Manila in March after some sort of schooling in Washington. He has warned they might stop in Memphis on the way so I'll have to get the good silver and china out of the way. The Bill Stegers are way out in Cheyenne, Wyoming but I can't imagine why or for how long and Bill forgot to tell me. Red and Sugar Aldrich still in Rochester, Michigan with GM. Red says Jack Combs is building a shopping center in Ann Arbor. That's a long way from home for Jack but I do recall now that Michigan is having financial difficulties so perhaps Jack can make them a loan. Kern Pitts is at Leavenworth, too stingy to subscribe to ASSEMBLY so I have to send him the news direct at a cost of four cents per. Bob and Nancy

Flynn and the three young ones are in their second year in Italy; address is Headquarters 76th Artillery, APO 221. Ollie and Ann Patton also in their second year in Germany but left in February to join 50th Infantry of the 4th Armored Division. If you know where the 4th Armored is let me know. George Hayman is studying at Harvard for his master's degree in Business Administration after leaving Staff School at Maxwell. Address is 14 Fairview Avenue, in Arlington, Massachusetts. Dave and B. J. Silver have joined the California group for a while as Dave is now doing work at Southern California. Also in California but farther north are John and Annette Sullivan at the Presidio, San Francisco.

Other newcomers to the Washington area are Doc Hayward in from Fort Rucker and Tom Tarpley just in from Korea.

Keep the news flowing and make plans for the reunion in June.

—Buford Norman

1748 Vinton Avenue
Memphis 4, Tennessee

A letter from Jack Irvine at Leavenworth contained news of Norm Shepard's recent promotion to Lieutenant Colonel and in addition word on three class parties held during the academic year—all well attended. Thirty-two members of the Class are at Leavenworth now, and from the sound of his letter most of them seem to be golfers. Jack also reported the recent birth of a son to the Jim Bartleys.

All of us in the Class were saddened by our loss of Maudie Moore at Fort Bliss in January. We extend our deepest sympathy to Tommy and the children.

Gleaned from the Army-Navy Journal are the coming assignments of J. J. Hennessey and Charlie Daniel to the Army War College and Doniphan Carter to the Armed Forces Staff College. Also seen in the March 9th issue of U.S. News and World Report was a picture of Bob and Mae Brotherton in conversation with the Air Attaché from Russia.

All for now. See you in June.

—Pollin

1945

Jerry Briscoe from down D.C. way has come through with a few well-chosen words on the Class organization among our compatriots in the Washington area. We originally queried him about it when agreement was reached to keep the '45 organization at West Point. The Washington group unquestionably our largest single contingent, is still an important voice because of its size, and was much in need of a more active program.

But to quote Jerry directly: "We decided to organize the Class in some form early in the fall. Jim Munson, Tony Parrish, Steve Olds, Cliff White and I just named ourselves. Tony organized a luncheon here in the Pentagon to bring up the business, and Cliff White sent out the poop sheets. I sat down and wrote up a poop sheet describing the proposed class organization. At the luncheon we railroaded this plan through and a slate of officers was elected. Since Cliff and I leave this year we were the nominating committee.

"To make a long story short, things are working out fine. The executive com-

mittee gives the word to party committees, etc., and the work is apportioned among the Class and no arguments. We have had two Class parties so far—one at the Army-Navy Club in November with about 100 in attendance, and the other New Year's Eve with about 90 out. The girls have been designated to form a similar committee, have come up with a modus operandi, and things seem to be going along smoothly for the first time. That is about all there is to it. Oh, one other point—Tony Parrish was named by the Executive Committee to be the Washington Area Veep for this year."

Thus, this new deal follows closely the Class set-up here at West Point. The first slate in Washington consists of Steve Olds, Tony Parrish, Jim Patchell, Tom Maertens, and Jim Munson. Classmates in Washington total 81 at this writing, but naturally the inevitable summer transfers will bring some change.

GLEANED FROM THE SERVICE JOURNALS: While probably incomplete, the following Classmates are slated for the Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, for the period November 59 to May '60. Those so selected include Bill Barnes, Roy Farley, Jim Herbert, Bill Zook, and J. J. Powers. Our congratulations to them.

Doubtless also incomplete is the slate of 25 scheduled for Leavenworth come September. Remembering that all are headed for CGSC, the following is a list of names and where they are from: Briscoe, D. C.; Sargeant, Knox; Christiansen, West Point; Dolan, D. C.; Fitzpatrick, Bliss; Griffith, Bliss; Haley, D. C.; Holcombe, Bliss; Kohler, Redstone; Lozano, Eugene; Mann, Redstone; Maris, Sill; Marriott, Bliss; Rivers, Bliss; Salter, Redstone; Spann and McCulloch, West Point; Adkins, Bragg; Kerr, D. C.; Limpus, Fort Sam; MacKinnon, Bragg; Tierno, Leavenworth; Tolar, Raleigh; Wolaver, Fort Ord; and Frank Smith, Sacramento. It is certainly clear that '45 will continue to be well represented out Kansas way.

Bob Dingeman comes in loud and clear from all the way out in California (Los Angeles to be exact) and allows about as follows: "First of all I finish up in June after two years here at USC. New station unknown at this time. Two members of the Class moved into the area this year—Jim and Joan Tanner, Infantry, to take the Guided Missile course at USC; also Hugh and Terry Oppenheimer to take his PhD in Motion Picture Production. Hugh had previously been awarded his MS from University of Southern California in 1950.

"John and Pat Fitzpatrick had a class get together at their home in Lancaster, but we could not attend. (more on this later). Fitz is still a test pilot for Convair and I hear Virgil Givens is also located in the Palmdale area as a civilian test pilot for Lockheed.

"A number of classmates are located in the Ballistic Missile Division of the Air Force here in Inglewood, California. They include John Richards, Ward Protsman, Bill Manlove, and B. L. Marlow. Jim Wayne left recently and is assigned to SAC Headquarters at Offutt. Earl Thompson left and is located at Vandenberg AFB, California. Fritz Hartwig and Cole Bacon, both civilians, are in Los Angeles. Dick Peres is in SAC MIKE."

Our thanks to Bob for those "pearls". We have a bit more on that party held

at John Fitzpatrick's home. Alex Froede was the contributor, and identified, besides himself and wife Sally, those in attendance: Fitz and Pat Fitzpatrick of course; Virg and Jan Givens; Hal and Eunice Hogan; Butch and Pat Foley; Walt and Billie Carter.

"Fitz and Pat have a lovely house, complete with swimming pool. We all had fun, swimming (a little), and drinking (a lot), and just being together talking over old times. Hal Hogan is a civilian selling air conditioners in Covina, California, while Butch Foley, Walt Carter and myself are still bucking the Air Force at March AFB."

George Eyster came through in grand style with some Benning news: His letter was dated 27 February 59, and read about as follows: "Don and Ginny Gross left yesterday for the Quartermaster School at Fort Lee, enroute to Europe this summer.

"We had a delightful Class party last month which included cocktails at Dodie and Bill (AB) Green's followed by dinner and dancing at the club. Milt Stone and his lovely wife came over from Montgomery to stay with Camilla and Ralph Hinman to attend the party. We used the occasion to celebrate Dale Hall's selection inasmuch as Harriet and I heard it on the radio just as we left home. Hope he received our telegram of congratulations.

"Joe Hill is Vice President of the West Point Examining Board and this month will be looking over potential 'Ducrots'. Our West Point Dinner is planned for 20 March but I will miss it this year. I have two tickets for the NCAA Basketball Tournament Finals at Louisville that weekend. Bob Hall and Buster Hayden will no doubt remember how we handled(?) this same conflict at CGSC last year!

"My brother-in-law, Laurent LaRoche, Ex-45 (gift of the Math Department) is now Medical Director, Pan American Missile Range Division at Cape Canaveral, Florida. He was recently elected to the American College of Industrial Medicine. Pretty good for one who couldn't agree with the Math Department!

"Nick Chase is also at Cape Canaveral where he is one of Lockheed's wheels. He and Fan live in Cocoa (Florida) where we had a drink with them last Christmas. All join me in best regards."

Here at West Point things are pretty well on the upswing for the Class. Of course the news was Dale Hall's selection as Head Coach, an action which delighted us all. The group here numbers 19 at present, four of whom will leave come June. These include Christiansen, Spann, and McCulloch to Leavenworth; Russ McGovern to University of Miami (Florida) to study Psychology. Oh how we pity him! He can stay there only two years, or some such fantastic thing.

At this writing nine classmates are known to be slated for duty here. These include George Benson to the Battle Group, along with Ben Wier and Bob McAlister. George Dexter and Ed Gudgel will grace the Tactical Department, assisted by Jim Dallman and Don Henderson. Bob Parr and Phil Lansing will round out the group of newcomers, both going to the Department of Military Art and Engineering. This increase of five over our current strength here will really make



West Coast Bunch at Party

(Left to right): Front row, Mimi Hartwig, Pat Foley, Eunice Hogan, Fritz Hartwig, Jan and Virg Givens. Rear, Pat and John Fitzpatrick, Butch Foley, Hal Hogan and Joan Cordova.

'45 a going concern in getting ready for the '60 reunion.

The group here has pretty well established a practice of having at least one get-together each month. The latest hosts were Dick and Harriet Hartline, who put on a marvelous affair just this past Saturday night. Previous "meets" had been with the Steve Days, the Loch Caffey's, and the Walt Gelinis.

Tom McNeil checks in from Dallas, and as usual is most active in support of West Point. As Vice Chairman for the Admissions Committee, West Point Society in that area, Tom works hard at the business of helping promising young candidates. He writes as follows:

"We are still spending all the time we can spare recruiting the boys. I believe we have some 58 young men in the Corps now whom we have sponsored and helped in one way or the other—any way from really answering an inquiry and monitoring their competing, to going out and finding the young men that we want. I talked with Dale Hall and of course told him how delighted we in '45 were that he is now the Major Domo in the Athletic Department.

"Burt Hause is doing a good job down in Beeville, Texas. I saw Burt and had cocktails with him at the Houston Petroleum Club the night after the Rice Game. Burt is in the banking and haberdashery business in Beeville, and is acting as our alumni representative in that area and doing a good job for the Alma Mater. We stayed the weekend of the Rice Game with Jack and Annis Bowen in Houston. Jack and Annis are expecting



'45 Class Party at West Point

Group includes (left to right): Front row, Betsy Napier, Martha Christiansen, Martha Spann, Joan and George Forssell, Jim Christiansen. 2nd row, Herm Napier, Walt and Jean Gelin, Marilyn Day, Charlie Spann, Melba Boiler, Jack and Izzy Fehrs. Standing, rear, Steve Day and Bill Boiler.

their fourth child in July as are Maura and I. I guess it is the same old subconscious competition of room-mates. Bowen is doing a splendid job as the President of the Coastal Transmission Corporation. He worked five years putting the thing together, and now finds himself head of a multi-million dollar corporation. Not bad for a guy who got slugged as many times as he did when he was a Cadet.

"At the Rice game we saw Doug Lott, Fort Worth, who is doing well in the construction business. Also saw Fred Robinson, who certainly must be doing well as an attorney in Houston. He recently got a whopping divorce settlement for his client, Hedy Lamarr. I have seen Charlie Limpus several times in San Antonio. He is the SGS at Fourth Army. Bob Pine, in the home building business in Houston, had a lot to do with arranging the West Point Society of Houston party after the game. We also saw Davy Crockett there.

"The weekend of the Army-Navy game, Maura and I went to Mineral Wells to attend their television party at Camp Walters and to attend a delightful cocktail party given by Duncan and Nicole Gault. John and Sonny Reuler continue to do well in the home building business here in Dallas. Arch Kimbrough is getting a lot of municipal contracts around the state in his road and bridge company. Perry Catts, Tulsa, gets through here every so often. Perry used to coach me in mechanics when he was number two man in the Class and I was about number 824, as I remember it. I now coach him in how to borrow money. Basil Brockles continues as one of the bright lights in the engineering department of Chance Vought Aircraft. Elmer Haslett ran for the State Legislature on the Republican ticket here last fall and lost in this Democratic stronghold.

"I was glad to hear that George Benson is reporting in. I trust the Supe has been told, very kindly, that with Benson on the job the Supe will simply no longer run the place."

Ted Wagner, always dependable as a stronghold in Kingston, Tennessee, giving out with the following information:

"While at the University of Georgia a few weeks ago, I contacted John Reynolds, who was in C-2. John had resigned his commission, but then requested reinstatement which was granted. He has been at Georgia since June '57, and is doing a three year tour with the ROTC. He and his wife have two boys and a girl, and John is studying law in his spare time. Hopes to progress far enough so the Army will permit him to stay on with the ROTC to complete his law degree. (dreamer—Ed).

"Orville Post is in the Journalism School at Georgia. He has been there since September '58, and is working toward an M.A. I later went down to the University of Florida (Gainesville) where I ran into Jim Howe. He is also doing an ROTC stint, which began in August '58. He had been in Cambodia with MAAG for a year while wife Nancy and daughter, Lise Courtney, stayed in Lynchburg, Virginia.

"Now that Founders Day time draws near, I received notification of the dinner to be held at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. The following classmates were reported as being stationed there: J. P. O'Hanlon,

Dick Jett, George Jones, W. C. Wood, and F. L. Worthington. Sorry I have no further dope as to their particular assignments."

A recent news release concerns two classmates, Bill Glynn and Palmer S. (Maggie) McGee. Both have been elected to partnership in the Hartford, Connecticut law firm of Day, Berry, and Howard. Glynn, a graduate of Harvard Law School, Class of '53, is a commissioner of the Hartford Housing Authority and is married with two youngsters. McGee is a graduate of Yale's Law School, and recently was elected to the Connecticut State Legislature. He is married and has three children.

Frank Marvin reports direct from the Air Force from the Academy at Colorado Springs. He says the gloom period is the same all over, and seems to have invaded even the lair of the falcon. But to quote Frank:

"Since Buzz and Nancy Stebbins left in December, our local membership has remained static. At the present time I have little information on classmates coming in this summer. I know that Ray and Dee Basham are scheduled to report late this summer to the E. E. Department. Have heard rumors that Bill Lilley will come to USAFA from the Command and Staff School.

"We have two new Majors—John Ludlow and Chuck Seeger. John Coffey, who went to BMD from here last summer, made it too. I guess personnel hasn't lost everybody's records after all.

"Our Class social activities have come to a standstill until we can all get moved down to the Academy—housing is still a problem."

We have tried including a couple of pictures this time. Certainly the occasions were informal in both cases, but at least a receding hairline or expanding waistline may prove good for a chuckle. If you like pictorial coverage, send us the pictures. We're most happy to use them.

The column closes on a sad note as we send the deepest sympathy of the entire Class to Jim (Gil) Gilland. The death of his wife Louise on 15 January is sorrowfully noted by all of us. Louise, aged 34, died at Hartford, Connecticut. Besides Gil, she is survived by her parents, two sisters and a brother. There were no children. Burial was at Farmington, Connecticut.

Enough for now.

—W. F. Boiler

Maj. Info Office

West Point, New York

1946

It is not often that I now have the opportunity to announce a classmate's marriage. Therefore, it is with pleasure that I announce the wedding of Miss Maribel Ferrell to Eugene G. Sharkoff, on January 17, 1959, in Scarsdale, New York. Best man was Charley Jaco and the bride's sister, Patricia, was maid of honor. Glad to have you join the Long Grey Line, Maribel.

I had held up typing this report until after the Army-Navy basketball game in hopes I could report a sweep over the boys from Annapolis, alas no luck! Therefore, I shall go back to a more festive occasion. Charlie Baker has reported that

the fourth cocktail party after the A-N football game was a huge success. He and Charlie Waters acted as hosts for the party which was held at the Mask and Wig Club. A total of 110 people attended, which included most everyone who saw the game and a large contingent from among those stationed at West Point. This will be the first announcement that a cocktail party will again be held this coming year, at the same place and the same time. All classmates and their guests are urged to attend.

Al Ash and Kay are still stationed at LSU in Baton Rouge. They really enjoyed the past football season, what with the top team in the nation to watch. Will Joffrion and Steve Henry, who are both civilians, are also living in Baton Rouge.

John and Kathy Armstrong along with John L. Jr. (2) and Lee Anne (1) are living at 54 Meadow Drive, Mill Valley, California. This puts them near their folks



1946 USMA Co. A-2 group now at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas.

and the opportunity for excellent hunting and fishing. John is missile officer for the San Francisco defense (30th Artillery Group (AD), Fort Barry. Just before Christmas, John was at Fort Bliss where he saw Throckmorton, Finnegan, Bacon, Mendenhall, Ed Jones, Hamilton, Saddler, Dettrey (GM Staff Of. Course). Andy Dodd is with 6th Rgn ARADCOM. Phil Haisley is with the 47th Brigade at Fort McArthur and Gunnar Anderson is with the 31st Brigade at McChord AFB near Seattle. All are Missile Officers in the appropriate 3 sections.

David and Joan Peters (Major) presently reside at 13 Heintzelman Court, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Dave is among the 53 classmates now attending the 58-59 C&GS College. Along with their children, David Jr. (1) and Lauren (3), they expect to go overseas come this June. There follows a list of classmates at Leavenworth and the asterisk beside certain names indicates that a baby was born during the months said person has been stationed at the college. Anderson, Ferd; Baker, David; Berry, Robert; Boake, Corwin; Brown, David; Clifford, Garcia; Colaw, David; Crizer, Pat; Daniel, Robert; Dayton, John; *Douthitt, Robert; Dumas, Walter; *Fair, Stanley; Fitzgerald, Charles; Freed, Debow; Fuller, Howard; Grady, John; *Graham, D. O.; Hobson, James; Hough, Granville; Huddleston, Tom; Jansen, Joe; *Jordan, Clarence; Joy, Al; Kamaras, John; Kane, Bob; LaRock, Ralph; Lenzner, Bob; Lochrie, Art; Lobdell, Harrison; Mattox, Stan; *McChristian, Clarence; Meerbott, Joe; Montgomery, Bob; Ochs, Ray; Parmly Lea; Pendergrass, Billy; Peters, Dave; Pomerantz, Reuben; Richards, Bill; Sanger, Marshall; Shoemaker, Bob; *Shultz, John; *Simpson, Charles; *Simpson, Bill;

Sinclair, Kit; Skemp, Sam; Torgerson, Allen; Tully, Bob; Wallis, Matthew; Wallace, Josiah; Watkins, Norm; Whittington, Jere. Earl Dye, Dick Bresnahan and Bob Lamb are also stationed at Fort Leavenworth with the CGSC faculty.

Enclosed with this report is a picture, taken 24 January 59, of all the '46 USMA Co. A-2 files and their wives now stationed at Leavenworth. The occasion was a Saturday night party. In the front row are: Bettelou McChristian, Phyllis Fair; Joan Peters, Margaret Dye, Odile Huddleston, Ruth Graham and Allison Douthitt. In the back row are: "Bud" McChristian, Dave Peters, Earl Dye, Tom Huddleston, Danny Graham, Bob Douthitt and Stan Fair.

Received Guy Troy's annual report and will include same as is.

Beckner, Donna, G-3 section V Crops APO 79 Frankfurt, due home 59.

Blum, Winelda, Jo Jo, Adrienne, S. D. Jr., and daughter born 30 June 58. Stan is in Europe and due home in 59.

Burn, Mary, Van, Keith, Nancy, Dennis, still in Las Cruces, but finally into their new house. Russ still a big contractor.

Burney, Mary, Loren, Dana, Armor Instructor at USA & GM School at Fort Sill.

Cassidy, still with ACF in New York City.

Conant, Jay, Marcia, Susan, Donna, Frank is a Special Weapons Inst. at Oberammergau, due home in 59.

Day, Peg, Bruce, Kevin, son. Jim is in Korea.

Duncan, Lucy, Johnny, Bobby, Lucy, Susan, still at Citadel (as of the last word).

Edwards, Mary Clare, Tim, and S.O.E. Jr. Steve is S-3 1st MTB, 32nd Armor APO 39 and due home in 59.

Elder, Sally, Bonnie, Andy, Candy, Gary, Sherrie, still in California.

Frantz, Suzanne, Chris, Bob, Civilian now but whereabouts unknown.

Fuller, Sue, Tippie, Page, Son, at Leavenworth.

Hansen, Toni, Ben, Jackie, with Headquarters CCB 3rd Armd at Gelnhausen.

Hardin, Janie, Doug, Susan, 324 North 3rd Street, Monmouth, Illinois.

Joffrion, Beebo, David, Marion, 5058 Woodside Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Gilham, Ann, Connie, Gail at 716 Park Street, Charlottesville, Virginia. Jack is attending University of Virginia studying Nuclear Physics. They look forward to being back on an Army Post again.

Knapp, Sue, Robbie, 124 Pekelo Place, Wahlaw, Oahu T. H. with Tk Bn, 25th Infantry.

Lochrie, Karma, Jane, Karma, Jimmy at Leavenworth.

Martin still single and presumed to be at TUS AF JUSMMAT APO 254 (Turkey).

McMasters, Polly, Mark, joined the ranks of the civilians last June.

Miller, Nancy, Roy, Ed, S-3 2nd MTB 13th Cavalry APO 39, 3rd Armd Division.

Musser, Jan, Alan, Lynn, Glenn now at 2074 Brown Road RR #1 Pontiac 1, Michigan with Bendix Research.

Nye is S-3, 2d Recon. Sqdn. 9th Cavalry APO 112.

Otte, Betty, Buzzy, Lois, at 5521 55th Street, Arlington 4, Virginia.

Persons, Chris, Charlotte, Alice, Willy III, now in Germany, where Willy is SJA 8th Infantry Division APO 111.

Rogers, Dodo, last heard from Phil was that they were due home in May 58 from Greece, but nothing since then.

Roxbury, Lucy, Susan, Mark, Laura—he is in Korea.

Rumney, Mary, Mason, John, Susan, Mason has joined the Korea group as of last October. Mary and family will remain in El Paso. The Troys visited with the Rumneys last June 58.

Schram, Jane, Happy, Jim, Patricia, Elizabeth Ann in Hartsdale, New York.

Simmons, Joanne, Leslie, Charlie is on an "undesirable" tour in Korea.

Stanfield, Anne, Norman, Jim at Hood in III Corps G-3 Section.

Streiff, Marion, Ricky, J. D., S-3 2nd MTB, 66th Armd Regiment APO 35, 4th Armd Division Leipzig, Germany.

Traber, Peggy, Biff, Robbie, Meg, Assistant S-2 and Border Officer 14 A/C APO 26 at Fulda, to be home in 59.

Treadwell, Connie, Bonnie, Debbie; with John in Korea.

Wallis still single and at Leavenworth.

Webb, Lynn, G. S. III, Heather, Jim, Matthew, George was due home from Korea last summer but do not know where he is now.

Landis, Biquet with Ben with MAAG in Paris and hoping to stay another year.

Sinclair, Ginna, Bryant, Chris, and Steve. Ginna had a serious operation shortly after arriving at Leavenworth, but has now completely recovered.

Wheeler, Percy, Rickie, and Carol Ann at West Point with French Department. They arrived at the Point after a year of studying French in Paris.

Smythe, Marie, Donna, Douglas, due home last summer from Korea, whereabouts now unknown.

Gannon, Vinny, Mark, Kevin at Fort Meade, Headquarters 2nd Army. "Vin" married Jo Held.

Patton, Joanne, Margaret, G. S. Jr. in Europe where George is aide to General Eddleman, CG, 7th Army, APO 46.

Tixier, Phyllis, Mike, at West Point teaching Military History.

Koch, Dottie, Donnie, in San Antonio where Harlan is aide to General Meloy, CG, 4th Army. Dottie has a five bedroom, 2 bath house to keep up.

Wolf, wife, two sons and daughter at University of Virginia.

Lamar, Jule, Andy, Julie, Bill still with MAAG, Brussels, Belgium.

Berry, Bob and family at Leavenworth.

Troys are still isolated in the wilds of New Mexico (3 Aspen Place, Roswell) with 2½ years of ROTC behind them and longing to rejoin the Army. Young Thaddeus Walter joined Wynne, Pam and Kent on 28 September 58.

That wraps it up for this issue. This reporter has now spent three years under one roof, the longest in one place since graduation, and I am willing to remain here as long as possible. So let's hear from all you guys or gals on the doings of '46. Many of you have thanked me for this column, but rare is the chance I get to thank you for the letters. To those who write I want you to know I do appreciate your doing so, for without your letters, this column is dead! With regards to all, I remain, Samuel E. H. France, 3 Spruce Lane, Verona, New Jersey.



Fort Leavenworth, Army-Navy Game Get-Together.

1947

This column's reporter is again being changed with the Spring issue. It is still a mystery to me how selection was made for the job; at the monthly men's luncheon, Jay suggested that authorship should be changed. I happened to glance up from my ice cream and apparently my face appeared receptive. Somewhere in between my scooping the last of the ice cream and rushing back for afternoon classes, it was motioned and seconded that I take over the column because I had a typewriter and a wife who could type. Voting is always unanimous if the person concerned is not present.

Seriously, many thanks are due Jay for his services the past year.

A letter from Jack and Lannie Dunham arrived with info and a photo which was too late to be placed in the last issue. The Balls, Brennans and Haldanes sponsored a party at the Fort Leavenworth Officers' Club for our group attending the course there, in celebration of the Army-Navy game. From the looks of the photo, everyone apparently had a jolly time. In order that some of our classmates who have lost their youthful figures or their hair or both, may be recognized, a list of the people in the photo is given here. Read from left to right starting from the top left:

1st row, Haldane, Mattern, Miller, Hoover, Rogers, Schuder, Sullivan, Gerrity, King, Ball, Ball, King, Rogers; *2nd row,* Egger, Egger, Haugan, Mattern, Miller, Haugan, Dunham, Boerger, Boerger, Schuder, Rosen, Hoover, Rosen, Haldane, Dunham, Sullivan, Brennan, Gerrity.

The Montagues, Sullivans, W., McNeils, Gaddies, Jacobsens were not in attendance. . . Hearsay has it that Norm (Bob) Rosen was still playing golf at Christmas time on the Fort Leavenworth course, presumably using red balls in the snow. Were you on skis or snowshoes, Norm; . . . Other EEI from Leavenworth: The Schuders, Haugans, Sullivans and P. T. Boergers had a party for the 21 members



Round Pond skating party.

of the class there at Hunt's Lodge on 6 March '59.

For those of you that did not see the orders listing the people going to C&GS next Fall: departing from West Point are Merle Anderson, Frank Boerger, Dan Hering, Hal Tavzell; from parts unknown, George Bland, Willie Clark, Jack Faith, Lou Rachmeler, Kerm Reel, Todd Mallett who was married last Fall (lucky one unknown), and Wally Veaudry. . . Other future movements include Al Haig going to the Navy Staff College; and in July coming to the USMA are Pete Boerger to Mechanics, John Culin to Math, Julius Ickler to Ordnance and Bob King to TAC. Welcome aboard!

LOCAL NEWS: On 5-6 February, the Community Players here at West Point put on an excellent presentation of "Harvey". The group had a large representation of '47—mostly distaff—with Meg Sargent, outstanding as "Veta" and Bobbie Geraci as "Mrs. Chauvenet" in the cast; Ginny Fraser as make-up supervisor with Mesdames Haskin, Perry, and Steinborn helping her. Jay Bleiman, *bachelor*, was the lone representative on the male side performing well in the part of the taxi driver. No further comment . . . except that this reporter was contemplating trying out for the part of Harvey but finally had to stay at home to baby-sit as did the rest of the men. . . On 15 February, at the third Concert presented by the USMA Band, Bunny Nairn sang selections from "Oklahoma" and "Porgy and Bess". The old USMA theatre was jam-packed. Eleanor Steber could not have had a larger crowd. . . On 23 February in Bonneville Cabin at Round Pond, the crowd stationed here had a skating party and a "pot-luck" supper. The skating wasn't very good as just as last year we had a snowstorm that offered a challenge to the cars going up little "Big Horn". The Washington Day party should become traditional; I hope the snowstorm doesn't. Judging from the "pot-luck", the girls of '47 have surely learned how to cook in the last 12 years! Those that arrived and left in good shape were: Herings, Boergers, Nairns, Sergeants, Webbs, Haskins, Frasers, Baers, Congers, Duquemin. Geracis, Lynns, Gardners, and Steinborns (see photo); those who were "chicken" and did not arrive were: Bleiman, Tavzell, Andersons, Dexters, Kochs, DeGils, Perrys and Robinsons. . . Bill Webb received his MA in English from the University of Pennsylvania this February; in the early part of March Duke and Pat Duquemin took off on leave for Mexico City (the Tacs can do this) leaving the rest of us to cope with the snow and the cold, which has been consistently below freezing since Thanksgiving and the A-N game (we've yet to thaw out).

Reported here and there: Ralph and Mary Beuhler are living in their second red colonial house. This one is in Birmingham, Michigan, 270 Chesterfield Road. Ralph is with Sylvania in civilian life. . . Bob Kennedy has been in Korea since July while Jeannie is staying in Virginia. . . The LeBlancs had a baby girl Michele Carmen, on 27 December, '58. Peggy and the three children are in New Orleans while Mel is in Viet Nam. . . Norm Salisbury is also in Viet Nam while Lois and the three children remain in Logan, Utah sporting a new Cadillac which he bought because *she* didn't like the shift in their

Jaguar. . . Willie Clark has just returned from Viet Nam—29 January, '59. His present assignment is unknown until C&GS in September '59. . . Meade and Anne Wildrick are still in Honolulu where Meade is with CinCPAC. They have two children, Lindsay 7 and Meade 3, and three dogs (ages and names forwarded on request). His job takes him all over the Far East. . . The Mahlums now boast of a family of 6 with Susan, 10, Stephen, 8, Barbara, 4, and Elizabeth Ann born last June. Bill has his own business in Cooperstown, New York. . . Bill McGee is now with the U.S. Transportation Center in Frankfurt, Germany. Dottie, with the three children, Cathleen, Connie, and Bill, joined him in June. . . Mike Maloney, working for IBM, has received a promotion and has changed jobs from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Summit, New Jersey. . . Wally Griffith has been assigned to the USAF Academy as an instructor. . . Bob Peckham may come to Law Department, USMA. . . John Lowry, 15104 SE 42nd Place, Bellevue, Washington, is working for a civilian aviation firm and has been sent to Los Angeles for approximately a year. He now has 4 boys. . . George Bland is returning from Okinawa. . . Al Beckleman is working with a toy factory in Yardley, Pennsylvania. . . The Shorts are still living in White Plains, New York while Bob is at Fordham University ROTC. . . Dick Dunlap is with the University of Missouri ROTC in Columbia, Missouri. . . "J. J." and Jane Murphy visited USMA on 29 December for a party at the Officers Club. They are now living in Irvington, New York but building a new home in Ossining, New York for April occupancy. All classmates interested in wallpapering are invited. "J. J." has taken up the game of squash at the Ardsley Country Club. (It's a great sport; more should try it.)

A few have written. A long letter arrived from Jim Smith. He says that he is with the AF ROTC at Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois. Jim and Donna enjoy living there very much and Jim seems to be very active in putting Wheaton College on the map. They have seen G. G. Kent still at Fort Sheridan. Jim and Mary Lou Edington write that Jim is going to Monterey, California to study Persian and then will be off for Iran. Mary Lou and the 4 children will either accompany him or live in New Jersey. Willie and Mary Munroe at Green Harbor Village on the ocean at West Yarmouth, Massachusetts say they work harder during the winter months than during the summer months painting and repairing their resort units which are open from mid-May to mid-September. Susie 5, "Chip" 3 and David 1 swing a mean brush too. All classmates are invited to visit for a wonderful vacation.

I appreciate the efforts of all assistant reporters this issue. Let's hear from all former official column reporters: Danny Tate, John Hoover, etc. . . All others: write, write anything. A good starting point is Founder's Day get-togethers. At least send your address (permanent and temporary) to Howie Sargent or me.

Bob Koch has graciously accepted handling the many arrangements for our class June Week activities. Anyone who anticipates visiting here, please contact him. And let's have a big crowd. . . Bob and Lenore Curtis who have been with the ROTC at Seattle University, Seattle,

Washington are going on a real hardship tour in June to the University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona. Bob will take Nuclear Engineering. (After spending 1½ years there in Tucson ourselves, we really envy you) . . . John Gerrity is going to Europe from Leavenworth. . . Jim and Nancy Mattern to Formosa. Let's hear from all of you.

—Al Geraci

Department of Mathematics
West Point, New York

1948

Well, Boys and Girls, this is a somewhat sentimental moment for ye olde correspondent as I take pen in hand to spread glad tidings for the last time. Time and the D/A have collaborated to order the Egberts on to new adventures in 1959. Claron Robertson has been duly elected by his "friends" here to keep all the loose ends tied together!

Spring seems remote at the moment, but the 100th Night Show, Navy weekend, and an occasional warm breeze are already raising spirits! The local crew kept things lively with the annual '48 skating party in January. Aply managed by John Wadsworth and Walt Meinzen, it lived up to the old class standards. All hands survived the broom hockey with only minor bruises which is a remarkable feat in itself! As usual, winter visitors were nonexistent, but we have had the experience of welcoming Phylis and Bob Hallahan to the West Point contingent. Bob is assigned to the T. D. so he can tell the cadets all about Europe!

I received a welcome letter from my faithful Washington correspondent, Sonny Schoenberg, so without ado I'll pass on his gems of information. Jim and Tammy Richardson left Washington in January



'48ers whoop it up at Bowen-Hoffman party—
Ft. Leavenworth

Present in pictures: Horns, Packards, Jones, Cancellieres, Hoyts, McEnerys, Whiteheads, Miltons, Sylvesters, Callahans, Forresters, Adams, McWens, McCrays, Swarensens, Dotys, Pabsts, Wilhides, Jardy Cushing, Jim Dingman, Tom Bowen and Tom Hoffman.



and are now settled in Bogalusa, Louisiana where Jim is in law practice and thinking of politics on the side! The farewell parties included one given by Patsy Fry and one given by the Schoenbergs and Faffy Whitley. Christmas festivities were gay as usual with Bill and Rachel Thomas having their annual class get-together and Ben and Barbara Jacobellis entertaining the local '48ers. Sonny also reported glad tidings from several of the Air Force crew. "Majorities" are breaking out all over the place! Incidentally, Irv reports that Ann graduates from George Washington University in February as a Phi Beta Kappa! No question about who is the smartest one in the family! Irv also noted seeing Dick Skinner in Zaragoza, Spain, last December. He also saw Bob Pomeroy and Ken Barber during a visit to the Air Force Academy. Last but by no means least, Irv reported (and backed it up by clippings lest I not believe!) that Oscar Kochtitzky, another of the "vanishing race" has finally forsaken the carefree ways of bachelorhood! Oscar and Dorothy Jean McCoy were married on 31 December in Little Rock. They are presently living in the Louisiana Terrace Apartments in Little Rock. I know everyone joins me in welcoming Dorothy as a member of the '48 family.

Speaking of recently departed bachelors, Lyle Walter was kind enough to pass on the address of the first Walter Inc. home. Helen and Lyle have the welcome sign out at 15 Paulus Boulevard, Raritan Gardens, New Brunswick, New Jersey (junction US 1 and NJ 18!) I note that Joe Huey lists nearby Fort Lee, New Jersey, as his address 3020-4F Edwin Avenue, but assignment unknown—a situation which must be rectified, Joe! Bill Buckner wrote about another of those wonderful Arkansas duck shoots with Oscar Kochtitzky—Oscar was apparently getting in his last blows before capitulation. Joanne Davis wrote that the Davis household is now 5624 Northeast Boulevard, Spokane, Washington. Bob is flying B-52's out of Fairchild AFB. Another letter from W. W. Scott reports the family well housed and happy under Dusty's expert care and father fully engaged at U.S.C. Current address is 1154 West 30th Street, Los Angeles 7, California. Ah yes, "Scottie" says Wally Hubbard is in the same program. I now have Bud and Jane Wagoner's new home address. As previously reported, Bud is instructing at Fort Sill and home is 4318 Williams, Lawton, Oklahoma. Also located Harwell and Louise Smith via a letter from Harwell in which he reports civilian status and a job with Union Carbide Nuclear Company. The Smith welcome sign is 78 Outer Drive, Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Another ten year book payment—this time coming from Floyd Johnston gives his address as the 392 AB Group, Vanderberg AFB, California. Located Bob Pater, another Air Force lad, previously reported at England AFB, Louisiana. Military address is still the same with the home fires burning at 3916 Schilling Drive, Route 29, Alexandria, Louisiana.

Well, I'm out of gems from Hank Perry and sundry classmates so while my "staff" searches for more, I'm reduced to rummaging through Christmas cards! A nice note from Norm and Carolyn Lovejoy verifies my previous information. The family is together at 1 Brookdale Road,

Natick, Massachusetts, so visitors, take heed! A note from Ginnie and Joe Meyers reports Phil Whitney as the second '48er at Fort Campbell—progress! Joan and Tom Cormack report a year without any great mishap and departure from Ethiopia this summer. Les and Ginny Carter still call Bragg headquarters and report the arrival of the Buckley's so the local contingent has grown to three! R. O. and Anne Barton have alighted at last. Home is in Augusta so all Georgia travelers must stop in. Bill and Pat Burrows are still in Bitburg but are due back next summer for a school assignment at the Navy Command and Staff School at Newport, Rhode Island. My last needle to Jay Josephs did the trick. Jay explains he's on a year's tour with Aeronautical Division of Honeywell—industry training. He will probably go to Dayton (Air Material Command) at the end of the present tour. Gloria and Dick Skinner report they are still holding the '48 fort in Spain. They verified my report that Stu and Tilda Young are in Bent Waters, England. Dave and Sarah Mallett noted a visit from Ginny and Les Carter (Fort Bragg) and a visit to the AF Academy for Todd Mallett's ('47) wedding. Letty and Don Starry report the Dick Steins' latest arrival, Suzanne Louise, born on the day of the Army victory over Navy—what timing! Rog and Bobbie Conover now call Allentown, Pennsylvania home. The welcoming committee awaits Pennsylvania travelers at 902 7th Avenue. Rog is still with Bell Telephone. Jordy Cushing writes that Cush is working hard and keeping things lively in Saigon. His return is scheduled for September. Bill and Maria Smith are leading a busy life at Maxwell where Maria is doing some teaching and Willie is trying to keep the Air University straightened out!

Numerous comments from '48ers at Leavenworth indicate it is hard work and hard play. Evidence is presented herewith! Tom Hoffman was kind enough to send the two pictures of a '48 gathering—guess this is the hard work! I was hoping to have many of next summer's assignments for this issue, but so far I have been able in close cooperation with the Army-Navy Journal to come up with school assignments. The '48 contingent at Leavenworth will be strong again next year. Again with apologies for any omissions, '59 will see the following group undergoing the rigors of Leavenworth life: Casy and Willie Burns, Elaine and Bugs Beinke, Barbara and Tom Clark, Barbara and Al Cerow, Sug and Stub Clarke, Alice and Sam Cockerham, Joan and Tom Cormack, Johnsie and Lee Doyle, Terese and Jack Kean, Norm and Carol Robinson, Letty and Donn Starry, Mary Ella and Jack Waggener, Ann and Tom Ware, and Charlotte and Ken Webber. Mary Lou and Gene Forrester head for England where Gene is to soak up more schooling. As I noted previously, the Rosencrans and Wursters head for Maxwell to follow the Smiths. The Egberts will join the Burrows at Newport, Rhode Island, for a look at Navy Schooling and Kitty and Jim Allen will add the Air Force touch to the Leavenworth Group.

Hold everything! Novella Whitehead just came through with some gems from Leavenworth. Orders were not out but expected momentarily so she kindly

passed on what was available (school assignments) so here we go: the Pabsts to Monterey Language School then to Columbia as part of Russian language training, McCrays destined for school, probably Tucson. Bowens to Vanderbilt University and then to West Point, Wilhides to Columbia University, Jim Dingman to Syracuse, and the McCuens to Princeton. I also heard Tom and Jerry Jones will be at West Point next year. That's a healthy start and faithful correspondent Novella deserves thanks!

Ah yes, '48ers keep the population increasing so let's take a look at new family members! Jo and Don Packard now have a boy, David Flint, born November 24th at Leavenworth. Jack and Mary Ella Waggoner squeezed in a third income tax exemption, born 19 December, named Robert Donnell. Locally we hit the jackpot. John Wilson Hatch arrived on December 17 so Lois and Jay received a Christmas dividend; Fran and Nancy Schless got a belated new year's present, James Michael, born 4 January. Tudy and Bill Caldwell were not outdone because Teresa Lee arrived on 19 January, Robert E. Lee's birthday! To cap off a busy quarter, Anne and Steve Griffith matched the Schlesses' four boys with Benjamin Perry, born February 20.

More from Leavenworth! Whitehead airmail just arrived with following additional tidbits: Larry and Joan Hoyt to remain at Leavenworth, Chloe and Imogene Swearngen to USMA, Ed and Ann Callanan to Washington, D. C., the John Miltons to Fort Benning, Frank and Jean Cancelliere to Washington, D. C., the Charlie Horns to Fort Washington, New York, and Ennis Whitehead, John McEnery, Don Packard, and Howie Adams to Korea. Details next time, I guess!

Just talked to Al Alfanso passing through on his way home from Europe. The Alfanso household is moving to Fort Bragg so that makes four '48ers! Also just found out that Steve and Anne Griffith spend a fourth year here.

That's it, kiddies. The inflexible deadline has been bent but must not be broken. Thank you, one and all, for every card, call, and letter. Remember Claron Robertson will do the honors starting in June!
—Johnny Egbert

1949

Apparently the holiday season resulted in a series of "Lost Weekends" judging from the amount of news received for this issue. In any event the news for the current issue is minimal at best. I know that my English tutors will shudder at seeing an apology at the start of an article but information cannot be created. I want to thank all of those who did write and to request that the remainder take a few minutes and the cost of a post card and share the wealth.

Enough chastising! A few words concerning the Tenth Reunion are in order. Bob Kemble mailed information concerning housing, planned activities and the ten-year book to everyone in the class. In the event you have not received your letter please don't be miffed. Just drop Bob a line, c/o Department of English and he will get the information to you. With regard to the ten-year book, John Costa reports that some of the pictures

he has received have been in color. John says that the pictures for the book *must* be glossy, black and white prints.

John Hodes reports that he has received letters inquiring about housing assignments. John says that everyone requesting housing will be taken care of but he will not have specific assignments available until May. Patience, please.

As I mentioned earlier, news is brief but here are the notes I have received. From Sandia Base, the Knapps, Wes and Kathy in a letter via Bob Rose supplied a good bit of information. With them at Sandia are Ginna and Carl Fitz. At Kirkland are George Chamberlin, Sam Moss and Bob Orem. Ed and Janet Townsley, currently stationed at Vicksburg, were in Sandia at a conference. Dick Bundy was through and reported that John and Betty McArdle passed through El Paso on their way to a visit in California. Craig and Fran Betts were at Bliss for part of the fall. Craig is stationed outside Boston. Priscilla and Walt Millikan were down from the Air Force Academy.

From various sources, reports from the scholastic front. Don Gower is assigned to Georgia Tech for a course in electronics. Don reports seeing Jerry Lauer and Phil Feir there. Also there are Joe Yeats and wife. Joe is to receive his MS in EE in June. An earlier award to their family was Katherine Luce Yeats, their second, on 4 January. John and Ailene Walter returned in July after three years in Naples (how do you get assigned there?) and John is now working on his MS in Business at Syracuse. John says that anyone passing through should call at 109 Stevens Avenue. John saw Ed Triner, now at the Air Force Academy, at Andrews Field. Dave Colgan is at Mather Field preparing for a USAF Academy assignment.

Jack and Arden Madison sent greetings from Heidelberg, Bill and Jane Moore from Geissen. Bill reports for duty at USMA this June. Don Woods and family are at an Air Base in Spain, 3970 INSTROLN, APO 283, Box 1982, New York, New York.

Ray Klemmer recently changed the uniform for mufti and is now working for General Precision Instruments in Pleasantville, New York. Andy Lay is in the leather business in Belleville, New Jersey. Bod Stender is in Indianapolis working for Union Carbide. Charley Cheever visits West Point occasionally in connection with his business at the Broadway National Bank. A press release from Consolidated Electrodynamics informs us that Bill Bumpus has been appointed manager of their government liaison office in Washington. Jim Spry has a similar position in the Dayton office of the same company. Joe Gilbreth is still with Bell Labs at Whippany, New Jersey.

A few more locations here in the States. Bob and Sue Pfeiffer at McClellan AFB, California. Charles and Ruth Smith at Sill, John Rasmussen and family with the 101st at Campbell. Frank Wolak is on his way to Fort Greely, wife and family staying in Albuquerque until quarters are available.

Well, that about wraps it up for this issue. A good turnout is expected for the reunion. Be sure to send in the information requested concerning attendance, quarters desired and the information for the ten-year book.

In a moment of weakness I volunteered

to write the notes for the next issue. The notes can't be any better than the information received so let's have the poop. Just send it to Captain Gilbert Kirby, Department of MT&G. See you in June.

-G. W. K.

1950

Once or twice in the past, I've had a pretty good response after publishing a few errors. The following were unintentional in last issue therefore my apologies to Bob and Joan Leary for listing their newborn *daughter* in the Boys' column; to Jim Lee for omitting his name from the list of "outstanding" Captains promoted to Major last summer. Better that I omitted it than the Department of the Army—right Jim?

Now the final omission is a real boner. It seems as though five years ago Chuck Newcomb wrote me in response to my quarterly plea for news and the data which he sent never appeared in our column. Chuck advised me of this on his recent visit to West Point enroute to Germany. He, wife Betty, and three children (2 girls and a boy) recently left Fort Riley gyro-ing to Baumholder with the 16th Infantry in which he commands Comapny "D" This is his second tour to Europe after one in Korea, so he must be leading in overseas tours. I'm sorry for the slip-up Chuck—hope it doesn't discourage you from writing in the future.

A short note from Jack Magee, which reached me two days after the last column was submitted, informs us that he's now at the Air Force Academy. With him are Buz Baxter, Paul Ingram, Pete Nibley, Bob Hoover, Ty Tandler, Mal Ryan, Bob Weber (Ent AFB), Bill Clements, Charlie Gabriel, Joe Anderson, Ray Bonanno, Don Smith, and Clark Allison. Most of those above attended a party at Ent AFB last November 15th after the USAFA—Wyoming game. Others present were Mike DeArmond from Vance AFB, Oklahoma, and John McCormick and Pat McGill from Moody AFB, Georgia. Pat is due to arrive this spring at the AF Academy for duty as an AOC (TAC in our language). Jack has heard from Don Novak stationed at McConnell AFB, Kansas; and Bob Wilson—more from him below.

Robin DeCraf keeps us posted wherever she is. Seems as though the group in and around the Heidelberg area used the Navy game as an excuse for a party. Appearing for the event were Ben and Malvene Lewis, Al and Betty Griebing, Jim and Ann Tormey, Burke and Lish Lee, Bob and Lee Werner, Dick and Marilyn Hunt, Ray and Gladys Maladowitz, Chuck and Fae Watters, Jim and Patti Kelly, Dave and Carolyn Cameron, Bill and Mary Ann Read, Dick and Mary Lunger, Lou and Elaine Dixon, George and Beverly Shaffer, Jim Boylan, Jim Trayers, "Jake" Jacobson, and Bill Tuttle. Except for Ben Lewis, sounds like a pretty good lineup Robin!! Hello, Benno!

A newsletter from Marion Talbott touches the highlights of 1958 for them: Baby girl in March; Marshall is now completing his two year schooling assignment—graduate School of Physics at the University of Virginia; much travel between Marshall's home in West Virginia

and Marion's in New York; now anticipating an assignment to Los Alamos.

Bob Wilson, now advising the Chief of Engineers on policy matters, (Aide, that is), wrote his first letter for ASSEMBLY publication. You can uncover your castle now Bob—thanks though! He recently returned from a long trip to Europe and the Middle East with General Itschner and here's his report on Engineer classmates some of whom are mentioned elsewhere in this issue: Charlie Eshelman at Harmon AFB, Newfoundland; Emmett Lee at Chinon Depot, France; Jim Tormey, USAREUR Headquarters, Heidelberg; Jim Kelly, Ding Price, and Al Griebing at Hanau; John Rutledge and George Shaffer at Kaiserslautern; Ed West and Jack Maxwell at Paris; Gerry Kelley and Burke Lee at . . . a party . . . some duty station, Bob; and Jack Parish at Cairo, Egypt. Here's a special note from Bob to Leo Romaneski—"I saw Colonel Haq (Classmate??) at Risalpur, Pakistan. He's now a full Colonel and commands the Pakistani Engineer Center there. He sends his best regards, Leo". Now that was interesting! Bob added that Tom Loper and Lou Prentiss have returned from Korea and are now at Fort Belvoir. Lou and Peggy stopped here at West Point enroute to Belvoir. Jim Donovan is now in his third year at the Engineer Center.

Christmas Cards from: Pat and Elaine Wilson—see baby section below—Pat is at the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey and completes his Nuclear Engineering course with a Masters Degree this June. Bill Crist is with Pat at Monterey; Bob Shade completed the course last year and is now at the Army Chemical Center, Edgewood, Maryland; Ed Pierce is at the language school studying the Yugoslav language for an attaché's assignment.

Bob and Sue O'Connell—Bob is at Fort Belvoir in the Nuclear Power office and is enjoying it very much.

Chipper and Marie Kaseman—still at Maxwell AFB, Alabama. Ralph Ritteman is there also as an instructor.

Irene and Al Flynn at Fort Campbell, Kentucky with the 101st Airborne Division. There also are Bill Mastoris, Dean Schnoor, Garrett Buckner, and Joe Gappa who is scheduled to report to Georgia Tech to study Aeronautical Engineering. The Flynn's had a visit from Hunt and Turie Passmore who were returning to Austin, Texas.

Here's a Christmas card and note from Andy Pick—see baby column below. Andy is Assistant S-3 of the 540th Engineer Group and will rotate in June.

Terry Parsons is at Picatinny Arsenal in New Jersey as Adjutant for the Arsenal and the Ordnance Special Weapons Command. Abe Allan is there also as Chief of the Atomic Engineering Branch, Industrial Engineering Division. He is due for the Ordnance Advanced Course in July. Terry had a visit from Jack Kuehler before Christmas—Jack's with the Artillery Board.

Marv and June Rees—Marv still has "B" Company of the 79th Engineers. He participated in the Lebanon Expedition having spent considerable time at a supply depot in Turkey. He ran into Bill Bloss, Assistant-3 for the Log Command on the Expedition.

Bill and Bettie Curry—who are now at Dyess AFB, Texas. Bill Miller, Bill

Stewart and Don Novak were visitors of the Curry's. Bill Stewart is a civilian now working for Boeing in the State of Washington.

Art and Lorette McGee—Art is now Project Officer for the Titan missile at the USAF Ballistic Missile Center, Inglewood, California.

A note from Chuck Hayward reminded me, as others did, of my omission regarding Jim Lee (see above). Chuck is now in his second year of a three year utilization tour with the Second Army Comptroller Section at Fort Meade. Good working hours and a 36 hole golf course make life pretty miserable, so says our friend. Jim Fette is at Meade also with a highly classified Signal Corps project.

Other Christmas cards from Bert and Ellie Brady, Lima, Ohio; Vic and Carolyn Cuneo, returning from Italy in June; and Jack and Mary Wheatley, Palo Alto, California.

Note from Lloyd Darland in Falls Church, Virginia. He's with the Armed Forces Special Weapons Project and does some financial and investment counseling as a sideline. Or is it vice-versa, Lloyd? Bob Kubby is in the Washington area and Bob Cheney left for Fort Monmouth.

C-1 Newsletter by Ken Ebner contained the following notes: Tom Austin returning to Iceland from a leave, stopped by to see Joe McCrane—this was last October—when last seen, Joe and Tom were heading for the races at Garden State Park; Bill Dougherty is in Arizona after finishing the Artillery Advanced course; Gus and Donna Hergert will be returning from Hawaii in July; D. B. King expects to leave Starkville, Mississippi in July to return to Fort Rucker, Alabama; Bob and Nancy Shaffer are in an ROTC assignment at Georgia Tech; Pete Schira is now back at Fort Bliss; Bob Reed is on ROTC duty at Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania; Bill Steinberg is back at Benning; George Vlisides is in Holland and is enjoying his tour in Europe; Jim and Bobbie Wallace from Dayton, Ohio visited the Ebners last fall during the weekend the Big Rabble took the Irish; and Stu and Pat Wood are in Alaska and by this time should be settled in quarters at Fort Richards. Thanks for the rundown on C-1 Ken.

A couple of news releases—Jack Mackmull recently completed the 19-week air tactics course at the Army Aviation Center, Fort Rucker, Alabama; Don Bohn has been assigned to the G-3 section of the First Regional Army Air Defense Command at Fort Totten, New York; Howard Johns has been appointed a sales engineer for military and sub-contract activities by the Bell & Howell Company in Chicago.

The Leavenworth list for Army Times dated 28 February carries the names of the following classmates: Armor—Jack Crittenberger; Engineers—Jim Donovan and Bob Hughes; Infantry—Joe Love, Boyd Bashore, Vern Quarstein, Jack Scandling, Sam Smithers, and Sid Steele—who did we leave out?

June Week plans are beginning to take shape. John Wickham and Howie Kessinger are setting up a picnic for Monday, 1 June—place unknown as of now. Manley Rogers and George Patterson are arranging a dinner dance, tentatively set for Tuesday, 2 June—place unknown. The Post has an Alumni dinner dance set up for Sunday, 31 May at Washington Hall.

Class tables will be available and all details will be issued through the Association of Graduates' annual cards and invitations.

Tenth Reunion planning has been limited to an investigation into class Blazers by Les Holcomb and Bob Peltz. They have quite a bit of data that has been sent to Jack Murphy for his sanction. More details will be furnished as they develop.

I have begun some initial work on a Ten Year Book which seems to be an established memento for previous ten year classes. I've asked Leo Romaneski, Chuck Graham, and Ken Ebner to assist with the basic work which we hope will spread to several other classmates here at West Point. A quantity of data will have to be gathered and we hope to have our initial questionnaires out by this June Week with periodic follow ups. More in future issues.

Just a miscellaneous item—your old West Academic Building is now well on its way to becoming a cadet barracks. We're ahead of schedule now and expect to be completed in June. 147-2-man rooms and 14-3-man rooms. Stop by and I'll give you the 50 cent tour through it.

Babies: Boys to Andy and Fran Pick, and Jack and Mary Wheatley (last July). *Girls* to Pat and Elaine Wilson, Art and Lorette McGee, Chuck and Barbara Hayward, Bill and Lu Ann Dougherty (last August), Les and Carmen Holcomb, and John and Rita Saalberg.

What's new with the Hansens????

Any omissions, errors, or inaccuracies are strictly my fault. Please write—it's difficult without your letters. See you June Week.

This card from Joe Griffin at C&GSC is a day late but maybe I can still get it in. Those at Leavenworth now are being reassigned as follows: "Tug" Greer to Civil Schooling, University of Illinois and then to USMA; Paul Mueller to Korea; Roswell Round to ROTC at the Citadel; Joe Griffin to the Pentagon to sharpen pencils.

In addition, Leo Wegner is leaving Fort Benning (Adv. course) to go to the Pentagon to help Joe with the pencils.

Thanks Joe.

—Lou Genuario
Quarters 518-D
West Point, New York

1951

All set to go to press again, but the letters are all too few this time. Let me open with a resounding thank you to those who did write, and a fervent plea to the rest of you to *please* let me know where you are, what your family is like, what you are doing, and whom you have seen recently. Just a postcard will do nicely, but if we are to continue to produce this column in any worthwhile form I really do need your cooperation, please. Enough of my wailings, and on to the news of those of our far flung classmates and families whom I have been able to track down.

Just missing last time's deadline, and therefore heading up this issue, is our civilian type Paul Summers, who informs me of the arrival of young Mr. William Summers on 2 December 1958. He and Jill are now living in Charlottesville, Vir-

ginia, where Paul is practicing law to feed Jill, William, and Tad, William's brother. (See what I mean about being short of news? I bet William holds the all time record for having his name mentioned in a class column. But I'm not through yet, so don't get your hopes too high, William. Oops; there he is again.) Paul tells us that "Pat" Pattille is also in Charlottesville (how I love those long names) studying for a Masters Degree in Nuclear Physics at the University of Virginia. Paul also asked that his name be added to the growing list of classmates who have so kindly extended their hospitality to any of us who may happen by their homesteads. From the same source comes news that "Russ" Walthour is a realtor in Jacksonville, Florida, and a single one at that. Maybe this gives us a contact when we retire?

Now we jump from Virginia to England (the lack of organization makes the column seem longer) where we would find, should we be lucky enough to go there, Susan and "Ernie" Rose who, when we heard from them in December, were at Hatch End, "Middx.", if that helps any of you. I sort of suspect that it is near London; at any rate is quite near South Ruislip, where "Ernie" is stationed with Headquarters Third Air Force as Chief of Personnel movements, which involves getting people to and from the good old US of A. Susan and "Ernie" have had a grand time on their tour, and ask that anyone passing through London call them at Hatch End 4587. They also have a spare bedroom and a big welcome waiting for anyone who will claim it.

Jack Martin, whom we heard from indirectly last time, finally gave us the up to date information on himself in another close call behind last issue's deadline. Jack and Evelyn were pleased to announce on November 19th last the third boy, David. His brothers are John, three years, and Richard, one year. Jack is finishing a tour as ROTC instructor at Alabama Polytechnic Institute in Auburn, and gets to Ft. Benning from time to time, where he saw "Moon" Mullens and "Chuck" Canham, who were attending the Infantry School Advanced Course. Yes, I know; what did I think they were attending at Ft. Benning, the Arthur Murray Dance Course? But be that as it may, Jack also reports having seen Frank Bashore and family at Benning. Thank you for the tips; Benning is one of the least informative places—in terms of information on classmates, that is—we have not encountered in some time.

We managed to get from our great and good friend John Hinton a welcome second hand Christmas card from John and Midge Des Islets (maybe if I failed to spell it right they will write to right the not right spelling) who tell us that 25 February, 1958, was the birthday of Michelle, who with "Johnno", five, and "Stevie", three, helps complete the composition of the Des Islets clan. John is instructing AFROTC Cadets at Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana. This is their second year and they expect one more there.

From another second hand card we learn that Tom and Darlene James are in Dulat, Viet Nam, of all places, where Tom is an advisor to the national military academy. Darlene and the children (?)

joined him after some months' wait, and are apparently enjoying the visit quite a lot. Tom and Darlene visited Hong Kong, and report that its wonders are not exaggerated.

Still to the West, but not quite so much so, comes word from "Sam" Samotis who is doing his share to increase the fly boy portion of our coverage. "Sam", "Al" Norton, and Ted Long attended the University of Washington from March 1957 through June of 1958, where they learned to be meterologists. "Al" is at Peterson AFB, Colorado Springs, Ted is at MacDill, Tampa, Florida, and "Sam" is pining away at 1st Weather Wing Pacific Forecast Center in Hawaii. Just thinking about Hawaii while pounding out this column amid the gloom and doom of the Rock makes one wonder if there really is any justice, after all. Or, what it really makes one wonder is, how does one go about getting assigned to Hawaii? But enough. "Sam" goes on to say that "Al" and Jean had a girl and a boy when he last heard, and that Ted and Mary had one girl. "Sam" and Corinn have not yet joined the race. Lew and Rog Robinson had their second boy in January, '59. Lew is a Vice President for sales for a business located somewhere here in the New York area; exactly which concern or exactly where they are we don't know. The Samotis can be reached at Honolulu 426 566, and extend another welcome to all. Their address is 1303 Ofua Street, Honolulu 18, Hawaii, and I am all for going to see them right now.

Dolly Bailey was nice enough to let us know that she and Bruce are the delighted parents of Melody Ann, born on Valentine's Day. Bruce is an ROTC instructor at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute at Troy, New York, but they are expecting orders this summer. Dolly also notes that the Lee Dukes are at RPI, where Lee is completing work on his Masters degree. Lee is scheduled for assignment here at West Point when he finishes this summer.

My old fishing buddy John Lewis sends in the up to date word on the class representation at the Artillery School. The class there is divided into two groups for its work at Sill and Bliss. Going to Bliss this fall, then back to Sill for the remainder of the course were John (Lewis), Joe Knittle, Wally Miller, Dick Ryan, and Jack Ross. Reversing this procedure were Joe Fant, Otto Doerflinger, Jim Barron, Kye Doty, Dean Mulder, and Bob Bauers. All these are now attending the Artillery Advanced Course. Stationed at Sill are Bill Malouche and Bill DePew. Malouche recently received his orders to France to study for a year, then back here to teach French. We feel almost as sorry for him as we do "Suntan" Samotis, but not quite. Lou Casbon is in the Command and Staff Department at Ft. Bliss, where Frank Hamilton and Lane Holman are both in the High Altitude Missile Department. At adjacent Biggs AFB is John Ward, who has gone Air Force and is now flying B-57's. John Lewis tells us that several of the Artillery files have been notified that they will be available for civilian schooling on completing the Advanced Course. John is to get Electrical Engineering, Wally Miller and Otto Doerflinger get Nuclear Physics, Jim Barron

is slated for Mechanical Engineering, and Dean Mulder for Guided Missiles. Ah, yes; the space age is upon us. And speaking of space, write me some letters so I can fill up some. Not that I have a one track mind, or anything like that, but you know what I mean. Oh, yes; Joe and Virginia Knittle had their third child, David, in December.

Winging in from Los Angeles is word from Bruce Robertson that an ex-classmate of ours, Don Sanfagna, quarterback of our plebe team, had a very successful display of his paintings at a Los Angeles gallery. Don studied at Michigan after leaving here at the end of plebe year, and is now working on a Masters at Southern California. Bruce reports on a wonderful shindig at the Picado's house the night before the Navy game. Ted and Sue Picado had Bruce and Sue, Stan and Ruth Sheridan, Stan and Penelope Scott (Stan-Scott, that is -is ROTC instructor in Pasadena) Gerry Boruski (another ex-classmate), Charlie Gildart, Bob Jansen, and George Shibata. The party is reported as highly successful. George Shibata is taking his bar exams in March; and, as if this were not enough to keep him busy, hopes to get in a new TV series. Bruce also reports about fourth hand that Jim Phillips was married recently at Ft. Knox. If this be true, congratulations and huzzahs.

Now we turn, for want of someplace better to turn, to tidbits garnered tediously from the crew here at Woo Poo. The reliability of the following items is subject to change without notice. "Stu" Miller is supposed to have been met by someone who tore his name off the notice we circulated. At any rate this meeting is purported to have taken place at Redstone Arsenal, where "Stu", now an Ordnance type, is Adjutant for Army Ballistic Missile Agency. Dick Schwarz has gotten orders to the Army Reactors Group in Germantown, Maryland, with TDY on the way to the Associate Advanced Course at Belvoir. Bruce Elmsblad was seen at the Touchdown Club dinner honoring Colonel Blaik. "Bunker" is a sales engineer for the Whiting Corporation. Gerald Dickson is now serving somewhere in France, we are told. Walt and Ann Steidl living in Englewood, New Jersey, while Walt is on ROTC duty at City College of New York. Frank and Louise Wilson at Ft. Benning where Frank flies Army airplanes for a living. Bob and Nancy Prehn in Syracuse, New York, where Bob is attending Syracuse University. Kay and Jim Boatner at Harvard, where Jim is finishing up his schooling and is coming here to our very own Social Sciences Department. Word reaches us that Arlie and Paula Sherman are out of the Army and located in Minnesota. I came across a number of addresses in my travels, but rather than listing them in detail will simply give the towns, and I will of course be glad to send to anyone who wants it the detailed address. Lewis C. Buffington in Springfield, Massachusetts; A.M.R. Deans in Fort Sam Houston, Texas; the Brooks Martins at the Presidio of San Francisco until June, when they go to Bonn, Germany; the Philip Reeds at a New York APO 28—exactly where they are I know not; and the Joe Rices at Benning.

Another civilian appears in our midst: Barney Zwerling, out since 1954 and a

haberdasher in New York City, and planning to get married this summer to Frances Miller, also of New York. Back to the crew here, Bob Johnson deserts the Math. Dept. for a course in Space Physics at Arizona University this summer. Bill Lackman from Social Sciences is slated to go to the Associate Advanced Course at Benning from April to August this year, then go to the Air Force Academy to teach International Relations and Defense Policy. Bill and Ann are also understandably proud of the birth last August of Billy, their first boy, for a family of two girls and a boy.

Getting away from W P again, Bob Orlikoff has transferred to Ordnance and is now aide to the Commanding General of Pickatinny Ordnance Depot. Herb Albritton is with the Fourth Armored Division in Germany.

Another school type, this one in Geodesy, whatever that might be, is Hank Otten, a last year's departure from the MT&G Dept. One we overlooked last time was the birth to Ray Teague and wife, of Evan, now aged seven months. Also hear that Herman and Alice Vetort had their first, a girl, in Germany where Herman is with the Fourth Armored Div.

That appears to be the extent of the available information this time, friends. You will notice the decline in the amount of news from last time. But after all, even with my infamous ability to say nothing in 10,000 words or more there comes a point at which even I must run out. So how about a leetle more news from you kiddies next time? My next deadline is June first, which means I really need to receive the material by May 15th in order to have two weeks to mess it up into a jumble. So why not send me a card or letter today with whatever you have on it? Save your old letters, birthday cards, etc., from classmates and send them along too, if you would. Thanks for your help; I can only repeat what I hear from you.

—Captain Gorman C. Smith
Department of Social Sciences
West Point, New York

1952

Gloom period seems to be on the way out. Everyone is too busy having parties.

Here are a few new addresses for you. Jim Paris is at 100 Old York Road, Jenkintown, Pennsylvania; Al Bracy is with OARMA Joint Projects Sec. Box 31, Navy FPO 150, San Francisco; the Balkners at 5538 Gross Drive, Dayton, Ohio; the Raifords at 5810 Surrey Street, Chevy Chase 15 Maryland; Lon and Jane Davis at 408A Wakefield in Charlotte, North Carolina (there is a standing invitation to classmates passing through); Hank and Laura Meyer are at 8 Brunswick Park Drive, Troy, New York till June then USMA; Dick Weyhrich is at 2187 Carlmont Drive, Belmont, California; Jack Gibney is at Arlington Towers in Arlington, Virginia; and Jagers is at 16 Lennox Drive, Columbus, Georgia.

There is an apparent effect of the promotion to Captain evidenced by a new surge of births. The class congratulates the Tronsrues for Karen Louise born on 1 February at West Point; Tom and Judy Hill for Robert (they are now at 189 Harris Drive, Fort Rucker); Art and Elaine Taylor for Camille Anne on

14 December, their first, at Benning; and the Obachs for Philip born on 18 November (Ron is at the tough Harvard Business School).

A few notes from PIO tell me Ed Eckert has finished flight school at Camp Gary, Texas; and Ken Keating has graduated from the Redstone Guided Missile School.

The big picture you see with the column was taken at the QM Depot in Philadelphia after the Army-Navy game. Those present are (you match names and faces) across the front (l to r) the DeAngelises, the Ralphs, the Crows, the Paul Browns, the Brewers and the Deisses. In the second row the Riddlehoovers, Lou Arnold, Lynn and Carl Broadhart, the Vogels, Bob Vining and date, Ed Panchisin. In the (sort of) third row are Denny and Kay Mullane, Ann Arnold, Nadia Lasher, Dianne Roosma, Sally and John Shy. The last row includes Dave Lyon, the Nelsons, the Gorbys, Don Lasher, the Deverills and John Roosma.

Tom and Ruth Fiala at 110 Prior Drive,



Class of 1952 at U. of Mich.

Standing (left to right): Dick Moore, George Rutter ('48), Clint Winnie, Carolyn Erdle, Phil Erdle, Ed White.

Sitting (left to right): Shirley Moore, Tom Moore, Ginny Veireck (half head only), Mary Fran Moore, (T. Moore), Pat White, Pat Bulger, Claire Winnie, Ellie Knaggs, John Knaggs, Joe Bulger, and Bonnie White.

Cammillus, New York, brought us up to date on their family again. Tom is still with ESSO and attending Syracuse University at night. Their children now number 3; that is Gail 4, Stephen 2 and Carol 1. Tom is in the Syracuse phone book and invites callers.

The Raifords reported on a get-together at their new place for the D.C. crowd in February. Those present were Bob and Dottie Burke, Bill and Peg Reilly, Tom and Mary Ann Nelson, Lon and Ann Arnold, Ivan and Evelyn Mechtly, Don and Claire Sells, Warren and Mary Lon Hayford, Pete and Dolly Selleck, John and Marianna Cooke, Ed and Ann Gilbert, Larry and Mary Russell, Bill and Chase Raiford, Metz Seebach, Al Griffin, Jim Lee, Joe Austin and Don (ex-52) and Doty Senich. Unable to attend but in the Washington area Scott Shipe, Jim Maloney, Jack Biddle, Gerry Ruff and Jack Gibney.

Had several Christmas messages from classmates around the world. Bill and Donna Geatches teaching at Annapolis, Don and Nadia Lasher at 53 Rose Court, Eatontown, New Jersey; Ken and Bet Semonit in Charleston, South Carolina; Jim and Ginny Campbell at Benning; the Raifords in Washington, Jeep and Dee Rollston in Honolulu at 4320 Keaka Drive

(ADC to C of S PACAF); the Rehms at 129A Wherry, Fort Campbell; the Espeys at Fort Campbell who belatedly announce Sharon Lynn born on 25 May 58; and the Hayfords at 1208 Oak Craft Drive, Lutherville, Maryland, including a picture of their 4 shining children.

The Espeys informed me that also at Campbell are Mike and Joan Boos, John and Jane Claybrook, Bill and Joan Schroeder (after one year out of service) and Bob and Nancy Coleman.

Harry and Val Dutchyshyn, in Heidelberg with USAREUR Engineer reported on others in Germany. Welch and Drake Wilson at Pirmasens with USA Const. Agency, Gilky at Stuttgart with USACAG. Williams is ADE 24th Division in Augsburg, Pickett at the Engineer Depot in Kaiserslautern, Stokes in Maint and Supply Group, McKnight with USACAG and McGarry with Western Area Engineer Section. All in post engineers jobs are Nelson at Nuremberg, Cannon at Munich, Horn at Berchtesgaden, Winters at Garmisch, O'Sullivan at Stuttgart and Relyea and Foley present but unaccounted for.

Glenn Palmer and Maggie are still in Peoria. They saw the Boettchers last summer in Minneapolis. John W. Sadler Jr. was born to Bill and Evelyn in November. Glenn reports promotion in National Guard slower than RA. Rabbit is Project Engineer for Caterpillar Tractor Company.

Sandy Earle, the new Mrs. M. P. Earle reported in from Fort Sill where Marsden is at the Advanced Course. They were married 27 December. Fred Stevens gave the bride away.

After 5 years with SAC Bob Woodward is now at AFIT for Graduate Schooling at Wright-Patterson. The Dayton address is 219 Orinico Street.

Ed White, going to University of Michigan, living at 1420 Hatcher Crescent, Ann Arbor, reported in for those in the mid-west. At the Army-Notre Dame game were Gil Scott, Joe Paluh, Harvey Peritt, Biddle, Tipton, Baldner, Cline, Bovard, Raiford, the Winnies, Erdles, Kendalls, Leggetts and the Ed Whites. Ed tells us Biddle is working on the air traffic problem in Washington. Dick Moore is going to Michigan pending assignment to USMA. Bob Vining (bachelor) is Assistant P of Air Sci at East Carolina College and working on his MA in Math. Hank and Hanny West (2 children) are back from North Africa and stationed at Fairchild AFB Washington. Jack and Bonnie Kleberg (2 children) are in Farmington, Michigan; Jack is with

Delco, very happy with his two block long pink cadillac. Orin and Kathy Hilmo are enroute to an assignment with SAGE at Battle Creek.

Ed Niblack wrote in for the Colorado Springs group. In the area are Jim and June Cain stationed at Carson, the Niblack, Keilts, Roundings, Wingers, Rule and Carlones all teaching at USAFA. Terry Allen is at Ent AFB, Aide to the Army rep on NORAD.

Bill Snyder is one of my correspondents at Benning; where he is in the Advanced Course; Wensvel, the Fitzpatricks, Holts, Bremers, Lichtwnwalters, Tows, Snyders, Thiemes, Peltons, Wasiahs, Quinns, Holdens, Wetzels, the Dick Moores, MacGarrigles, Lowders, Yarbroughs and Lon Bryan. Those teaching at Benning are Erickson, Durie, Dunn, Barkley, Ross, Condina, and Campbell; enroute to Saudi Arabia are John Garnes and Gene Lane; Moran is off to flight school; Larry Mickel is at Georgia Tech; John Bart is writing for Infantry Quarterly; Bob Wheeler is at Lawson Airfield.

Steve Nichols passed along the following info on M-1 files. Don Sells at Engineer Advanced School. Jim Turner at Benning, Lope Rimando with 11th Division, Bethea to Brazil to study Portuguese for USMA, with their newborn twins, Cordell to study EE for USMA.

Till June, best wishes to you all.

—Dave Lyon
Dept. of Elec. Engr.
USMA

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The many notes, letters, and cards are scattered before me, and the ASSEMBLY deadline is less than one week away. I wish Bill Jefferson were here to give me his formula for ordering all this information! I speak for all of us when I say, "Thanks, Jeff, for a superb five and one-half years of reporting." We'll have to work very hard to fill your shoes.

First, a bit of "official" class business: Bob Barton is organizing a study of our Class Constitution. The purpose of the study is to formulate amendments to the Constitution that will provide for smoother, more efficient administration and organization. Proposed changes will be distributed by mail to the class for consideration and voting. Therefore, be sure the Association of Graduates has your current address!

Searching through the mail, your reporter finds little reason to believe the "Baby Boom" in the U. S. really has passed its peak. (At least we '53ers haven't let the Recession interfere with family growth.)

The following births were reported in this batch of mail: Girl to Max and Priscilla Noah on 3 Sept. 58. Girl to Charlie and Bobbie Cheves also on 3 Sept. 58. Girl to Joan and Frank Mleko on 13 Dec. 58. Boy to Don and Fran Ramsay on 30 Jan. 59. Girl to Betty and Spike Flertzheim in Nov. 58. Boy to Butch and Curt Brewer on 19 Nov. 58. Boy to Ken and Lois Heitzke on 18 Sept. 58. Boy to Shirley and Jim Bamberly on 14 Aug. 58. Boy to Martha and Spike Holman on 14 Aug. 58. Boy to Polly and Roy Fowler in Oct. 58. Girls to both the Ehlers and the Petersons in Oct. and Nov., respectively. Girl to Van and Eddy van den Berg in Dec. 58. Boy to Dorothy and George Dimtsios on 13 Nov. 58. And, finally, the Bart Filasetas' fourth (count 'em) son was born last fall! Congrats to all the proud parents.

Now let's look at some news of '53 by dateline. Fort Benning, thanks to Dan Rickard, Gertrude Glauner, and Joyce Friedersdorff, was the best source for this issue. You other posts get hot!

A group of classmates completed the Infantry Advanced Course in December. Additionally, there are two advanced classes composed of members of USMA '53 that are due to graduate in May.

Here's the poop on some of those classmates who graduated in December: The Agathers, Arnhym, Colonnas, Lowrys, Neuberger, Rumboughs, Tompkins, and Dan Richard are stationed at Benning. The Brewbakers are at Language School (German). The Brophys are at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. Jim Burkland is at Fort Devens, Massachusetts. The Crerars are at Fort Hood. Hank Davisson is with 101st. Abn. at Campbell. Bob Fernandez is either on Formosa or studying Arabic at the Language School (conflicting reports on Bob and don't know which to believe!) The Fullers are at Bragg. Hal Myrah is taking (or has completed) airborne training and is Korea-bound. The Lucks also finished up in December, but I have no information on where Pat and Gail are now stationed. John Jamison resigned last November, and I have no news on his present whereabouts. Conflicting reports on the Renners, too—Bill is either instructing with Commo Dept. at Benning or on his way to Korea. Which is the case, Bill? The Satchalls are at Language School (Russian). The Glauners and Tomlingsons are with the Combat Development Experimentation Center at Ord.

The following classmates are due to finish the Infantry Advanced Course in May. Their probable assignments, where known, are given in parenthesis following the name: Bob Blastos (Ft. Dix), the Bob Carters (Univ. of Arizona to study physics), the J. O. Coopers (Ft. Hood), Jim Dare (Korea again!), Don and Claire Davis (RPI to study math), Larry and Vi Davis (Ft. Ord), John Ceglowski (Ft. Lewis) Bob Day (ROTC, Wooster, Massachusetts), Tony and Kathy DeLuca (Bragg), the Dierdorffs (Benning), the Glascows (ROTC at neighboring NYMA), the Hugh Halls (ROTC, Univ. of Rhode Island), the Duffy Martins (ROTC, Na-



Class 1952 after Army-Navy game.

vier, Ohio), the Don Myers (ROTC Univ. of Wisconsin), the Jack Mortons (Benning), the Chuck Neals (ROTC, Univ. of Santa Clara), Tom Nesbit (ROTC, S. Dakota), Corky Nordgren (Riley, 1st Div.), the Walt Parkers (ROTC, somewhere in New Jersey?), the Bob Scofields (ROTC, Colorado State), the Sark Semerjians (ROTC, Univ. of Pennsylvania), the Doc Stensons (Benning), Pat and Stan Touchstone (Department of Physical Education, USMA, after one year at University of Pennsylvania), the Van Deusens (ROTC, University of California), Monty and Joan Walters (Language School, Turkish), the Wardlaws (Benning), Dave and Mary Wells (Language School, Portuguese), and Joe and Pat Wilson (MAAG, Taiwan).

Here are some "bits and pieces." Bob and Sal Thomas are at Montana State College on ROTC duty. Herman and Helen Gilster are at March AFB, California. Herman's flying with SAC. The Craig Gridleys are at the Air Force Academy where Craig is teaching physics. (Strange, but I thought they majored in football and Steve Canyon at USAFA?) Bob Englehardt is also at the "Colorado Country Club."

Mort and Bets O'Connor are at the University of Pennsylvania. Mort will join the English Department, USMA next year. Bets, according to Dan Rickard, is expecting the fourth little O'Connor "any day now".

Ray Conder and Graham Vernon are ROTC instructors at the University of Wisconsin and Eastern Michigan College, respectively. Both are still bachelors.

Bill and Jacky Burkhardt are at Georgia Tech where Bill is "boning up" for a USMA tour in the "Juice" Department. Sam and Betty Barrett are at Seward AFB, Tennessee. Pat Alexander is waiting out Bob's Korean tour at Benning. Art and Jerry Brown are at Florence State Teachers College in Alabama—ROTC, I trust? Jim and Lucille Jackson are with 101st Abn at Campbell. Doug Kimball is an aide in Viet Nam. Finally, the Tom McGregors are on interim assignment at Benning pending the start of an Advanced Course.

News from "here and there" about class-

mates: Don and Sarah Shaw (and three youngsters) are with the 31st Artillery Brigade (Air Defense) at McChord AFB, Washington. Jim and Shirley Bamberly are at Sill. Spike and Martha Holman are in New Bloomfield, Pennsylvania. Spike is now a civilian and teaching school. Pat and Bill Sifford are in Olean, New York—ROTC duty at St. Bonaventure. Bill and Pat Harris are at Fort Lewis. Also at Lewis are Jack and Arvelia Hayes. Joan and Sam Fisher are in Germany with the 1st Missile Bn., 38th Artillery. Dale Peloquin returned from Korea in January. Pat and Helen Morrison are due back from Germany in July and expect to go to Fort Sill.

Kemp Dozier writes that he, John Haskell, Jack Johnson, and Bob Dean are working on Wall Street. Kemp is with J. P. Morgan & Company. Ross Kenzie is with Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner, and Smith in Boston. Pete Bistrup will graduate from Harvard's Business School this June. Mort Saffer writes that he's now an engineer with the St. Regis Paper Company in Richmond, Indiana. The Saffers are residing in their new home at 115 South 24th Street, Richmond, Indiana.

A nice, long letter from Bob Boxell accounts for one of the so-called "lost classmates." (How about the rest of you characters?) Bob is aide-de-camp to the Deputy Commanding General of the Missile Command, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. Bob married a local girl, Sue Watson, on 25 October, 1958. Congratulations, Bob, and welcome to the class, Sue. Let's keep hearing from you. Bob passes the following along about other members of '53 associated with Redstone: Pete Conzelman, though part of the Command, is at Canaveral and took part in the successful launching of Juno II on 6 December. Jack Welson, spouse, and child are now at Redstone. Jack transferred to Ordnance from Infantry. Likewise, Jerry Nicks, his wife, and their two children are at Redstone. Jerry, too, made the switch from Infantry to Ordnance. (As a confirmed doughfoot, your reporter will refrain from commenting on transfers away from the Queen of Battle... Editorial impartiality, you know.) Seriously, good luck to all at Redstone, and keep

us posted on all non-classified developments!

The following news about classmates at Fort Knox and elsewhere is largely the result of a note from Margaret Anne Zipp. Charlie Zipp and Ray Fowler are company commanders in the 6th Cavalry. Jack Temp also with the 6th Cavalry, is on TDY in Iran as an adviser on M47 tank training. He'll be back in late Spring.

Margaret supplied the following news about this year's Armored Advanced Class. Students include: Glenn Otis (due for RPI, then the Math Department, USMA), Dick Lawrence, Bob Butler, Neal Creighton (Neal was recently married, but I have no details. Congratulations and best wishes to groom and bride (respectively), Bob Zargan, Bart Filaseta, Mike Consland (still a bachelor), Whitey Miller, Jim Pigg, Dink Whelan, Rich Vandermeer, and John Seigle (due for Harvard to prepare for assignment with Social Sciences, USMA.)

Finally, Margaret supplies the following miscellaneous news: Dale and Barbara Davis are living in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania. Though out of the service, Dale is active in the Reserves. Ed Dinges is now in Korea. Glenn Schweitzer (State Department) and wife are stationed in Belgrade, Yugoslavia. Thanks for all the news, Margaret.

News of the Engineers at Belvoir was supplied by Frances Ramsay. Wayne Alch, Bernie Hughes, and Larry Crevoiserat are with the Engineer School. Those attending the Advanced Course include: Lou Manfre, Sparky Jones, Jim Sibley, Early Rush and Roger Peterson. Rod and Pauli Smith left Belvoir for Germany in January. With the "Engineer Reactor Group" are Vald Heiberg, Kirk Ehlers, Al Grum, Chuck Fiala, and Don Ramsay. Dave Pistenna and Mike Kallman are with the A.E.C. Hope to hear more about you "bridge-builders" by next issue!

In addition to Mort O'Connor, who was mentioned earlier, these classmates are due to report to USMA this summer: Ralph Koch (coming from Purdue to Department of Electrical Engineering), Ed Daggitt (coming from RPI to Math Department). Roger Ellman and Tom Brain will report to the "Juice" and Ordnance Departments, respectively. Finally, Art Cates (Yale), Paul Suplizio (Harvard), and Ed Davis (Penn) will all join yours truly in Social Sciences. There probably are others coming to USMA, but I haven't received "the word" on them yet.

Congratulations to Captains Bob Carter, Larry Davis, Spike Flertzheim, Norm Delbridge, and Don Ramsay. Also, congrats to all you "Boys in Blue" upon your elevation to captain. (Be patient, fellow earth-trodders, we'll make it yet!)

Ed Davis sends along a picture of classmates who dropped by the QM Club in Philly after the Big Victory over the Sailors. Here's the information supplied by Ed on classmates he saw at the game or the QM Club:

Bob and Barbara Rogers, married the previous week, were up from Washington. Welcome to the class, Barbara, and congratulations, Bob. The Rogers are leaving soon for duty in Brazzaville, French West Africa. Bob is with the Foreign Service of the State Department. Congratulations and best wishes also go to Bob and Lillian Beveridge, respectively. They were married four weeks prior to



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the Navy game and are currently stationed in Dover, Delaware.

The West Point contingent to the A/N game included: Bob and Donna Segal (due for the Advanced Course at Belvoir this summer), Ken Heitzke, Al Hayes, and Curt Brewer. Others in attendance were Fred Smith, the Bob Bartletts, Kemp Dozier, Graham Vernon and date, Bertie Hughes, Don Becker, Dick Hoyt, Vince Araskog, Jim Hogg, the Roy Sullivans, Bob Dean, the Ed Reeds (now at Language School studying Russian), Bob Karns, and "Skiddy" Skidmore.

A sign-up sheet supplied Ed with locational data on other classmates attending the game. They were John & Maureen Meglen from Picatinny Arsenal, New Jersey; Rich Gilmartin from Long Island; Jerry Lorchli from Manhattan; Ray Colvin & date, Carolyn Roberts,—Ray from Arlington Hall Station; Charlie Lavender from Craig AFB, Alabama; John and Edie Oblinger, Btry D, 1st Missile Bn, Tolchester, Maryland; Jack and Lois Hughes from Lancaster, Pennsylvania; Fred Siebert from 3rd Infantry, Fort Myer, Virginia; Charlie Bishop and date, Mary Lu Brown—Charlie from 1001st OPS, Andrews AFB, Maryland; Art and Judy Cates from Yale; Norm & Margi Delbridge from Michigan State; Russ Baker from Wilmington, Delaware; Bob and Barbara Tumperi from Roanoke, Virginia; Ed and Jan Andrews from MIT; Jack and Dot Johnson from East Orange, New Jersey; Art and Laura Arduna from North Arlington, New Jersey; Chuck and Edy Fiala from Army Reactor Group, Washington, D. C.; Rod and Pauli Smith enroute to Frankfurt, Germany; Larry and Nancy Crevoiserat and Vald and Kitty Heiberg from Fort Belvoir, Virginia; Spike and Martha Holman from New Bloomfield, Pennsylvania; Wally and Muriel Leland from Tacoma, Washington; Frank Kincaid and date, Sue Garey, (Frank's going to Pakistan in March); and Ed and Bet Davis from University of Pennsylvania. Thanks for all the dope on '53 at the Big Game, Ed.

I am also submitting to ASSEMBLY group pictures taken at Benning and West Point respectively, last fall. If they won't print three from '53, I'll try to get the others in a latter issue.

Let me finish up with "odds and ends." Lee Friesen supplies the following: Craig and Joan Coverdale, Ann and Bob Blum, and the Bill Rawlingsons are all stationed at Campbell. The Coverdales now have three daughters, and the Blums have one

of each sex and "one on the road". Bill Rawlinsong recently transferred from infantry to artillery. Ed and Bobbie Talley are living in Gastonia, North Carolina, Ed is working for Southern Bell and likes his job very much. Bill and Jean Jollin are in Syracuse where Bill is working for G.E. Ed and Dianne Smith are in Chelsea, Massachusetts. Ed presently has a Nike site. Bob Kaplan, still the happy bachelor, is going to MIT. He'll finish his work in August.

Scattered reports give us the following information: Lynn Davis writes that Tom is back on active duty. He's attending the Advanced Course at Knox and is planning to rejoin the Regular Army. Welcome back to the Green Suit, Tom, and good luck from all of us. Pat Glenn writes that John returned from the Far East in October and is now stationed



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at McChord AFB, Washington. The Glens reside in Tacoma. A press release states that Wally Noll recently completed airborne training at Benning.

Evelyn and Steve Belgan, now in Lincoln, Nebraska, ask, "Where's Jim Landreth?" Speak up Jim! Greg Vigilar is working on his civil engineering degree at the University of the Philippines. Charlie and Bobbie Cheves are on ROTC duty in Moscow (Idaho, that is). Among the civilians we find the Mel Laundrys in Berwyn, Illinois, the Jack Halls in Chicago, and the Walt Stepaneks in Omaha.

The Cliff Neilsons are with the 3rd Armd Division in Germany. Pete and Vivian Clements are residing in Eau Gallie, Florida—right handy to Patrick Air Base. Dorothy and George Dimtsios are at White Sands, New Mexico. Finally, the Ed O'Hairs are at Purdue University.



Class of 1953 after the Navy game, 1958.

That wraps it up for this time. Once again, let me thank Bill Jefferson on behalf of all of us for his excellent coverage of class news over the past five and one-half years. Also a personal word of thanks from me, Bill, because without your assistance in forwarding all pertinent mail to me the class column for this issue would not have exceeded a few hundred words.

To one and all, I have a final word: WRITE!

—Si Nerone
Social Sciences, USMA

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Many have already learned of the tragic death of John and Portia Tilley. The Class of '54 extends heartfelt sympathies to their families.

John and Portia were killed in an auto crash near Worcester, New York, on November 22 while going home for Thanksgiving from Iowa State College. Their six-month-old son, John Thayer Tilley, suffered only a broken leg in the same accident.

John's father, Mr. Clifford W. Tilley, writes that young John was released from the hospital in January, and "We hope to bring him up to be as fine a man as his Dad." Mr. Tilley's address is 33 Brookes Avenue, Burlington, Vermont.

Babies: Charles Robert to Bob and Nancy Keener, June 4, St. Louis; Kyle Anne to Norm and Joan Mattmuller, June 30, Williamsburg, Virginia; Carmen Virginia to Ramon and Victoria Aguilar, August 16, Caracas, Venezuela; William Hastings to Will and Liz Buckheit, September 9, Chanute AFB, Illinois; Kevin George to Cliff and Jo Flanigan, November 4, Urbana, Illinois; Julia to Dick and Jo Renfro, December 2, Worthington, Ohio; Anthony Lamm to Bill and Sissy Haskell, December 4, Fort Meade; a son to Tom and Sue Mayberry, January 2, Fort Benning; Twins—Deborah Lucille and Barbara Elaine—to Don and Elaine Newnham, January 7, Lafayette, Indiana; Karen Lynn to Jody and Ann Rude, February 2, Otis AFB, Massachusetts; and a daughter to the John Woodyards, February 17, Fort Benning.

Married: Joe Palastra and Ann Rich at Fort Campbell, December 20; Moe Blume and Gracy Lee Sparks at Fort Worth, Texas, November 30.

Overseas: Tex McVeigh and John Zartman are enjoying life in sunny France with 302 Tac Recon Sqdn (APO 17). They are planning a Fifth Reunion for all the troops in Europe at the Patrick Henry Village in Heidelberg on May 29 and 30. In his cross country trips in the RF-84F, Tex has visited with Jay and Pat Edwards based in Sidi Slimane, North Africa; Ken Bell, who is flying the F-86D at Zaragoza, Spain; and John Wintrose, flying the F-100 at Toul, France.

Jack Porter, after a transfer to Corps of Engineers, hopes to leave 6th Infantry (APO 742) in Berlin for West Germany where he'll get some engineering experience. Jack expects to return to Fort Belvoir in summer of 1960 for the advanced course. Others in Berlin are Mark Reese and Harry Ruhf. Price Darling is executive of an armored recon company in Mannheim.

Glenn Matsumoto is in Okinawa as a

political analyst with the Liaison Office of USCAR (APO 331, San Francisco). This assignment gives Glenn and Eva an opportunity to meet many Okinawans and "enjoy quite a social life." Eva is also studying Japanese, and they expect their son to pick up some of it.

Ted and Elvie Sanchez, with son and daughter, are still at Philippine Military Academy, Fort Del Pilar, Baguio City.

Stateside: Most of the large '54 representation at Fort Campbell appear in the accompanying photo taken at a party in December. Of the Campbell crowd, Dunc Beaumont and John Bard have companies in 327th Infantry. Frank Hart is aide to the CG, 101st Abn, but expected to return to being a rifle company executive in the 506th Infantry. Jerry Anderson is aide to the Assistant Division Commander. And Joe Palastra recently left the 101st for flight school at San Marcos, Texas.

Thirteen engineers are attending University of Illinois for master of science degrees. To graduate June 1959 in civil engineering—Fritz and Bee Anklam and three children; Norm and Dot Bedell and daughter; and Bob and Marietta Riese. To graduate June 1959 in mechanical engineering—John and Betty Purdy. To graduate June 1960 in nuclear engineering—Andy and Meg Anderson and two daughters; Dave and Nancy Dimick and two children; and Paul Driscoll, still the bachelor. To graduate June 1960 in civil engineering—Will and Liz Buckheit and son; Cliff and Jo Flanigan and two sons; Jim and Lee Hays and two sons; and bachelor Max Janairo. To graduate August 1960 in electrical engineering—Loren and Kathie Hart and two children; and Seb and Sandy Lasher and son.

Glen Stout expects to start school at Columbia or Pennsylvania this summer, prior to returning to West Point as an instructor in 1960. Norm and Joan Mattmuller, after taking the Transportation Officers Course at Fort Eustis, are at Georgia Tech for two years of aeronautical engineering. And Len and Virginia Griggs are at USAF Institute of Technology for a degree in aeronautical engineering.

Many '54'ers have moved into Fort Benning, mostly from overseas assignments. To kick off the social season, a big party was held at the Patton House in January. Present at the celebration were: Ranger Department—Jan and Jane LeCroy, John Klingberg, Chnck and Joanne Storrs, and Bob Short; Weapons Department—Don and Sandy Bradbury, George Kourakos, Joe and Gretchen Peisinger, Dick and Cay Kavanaugh, Bill Cory, Woody and Rosalie Woodbury, and George and Lyn Guy; OCS—Dan and Judy Tobin, Bill and Eddice Jesse, and Fletch Ware; 2nd Division—Tom and Gale Watlington, Pete Leone, Tex Bacon, John and Vivian Rogers, Cary and Jan Peyton, Beale and Betty Minturn, and Ron and Helen Button; Bob Gross, in the advanced course; John and Mariann Woodyard, 820th Ordnance; and Dale and Pat Jemie, instructor in Infantry Officers Leaders Course. Also at Benning now are: Don Nowak, Jim Bradel, Joe Masuck, Fred Qualls, Charles Miller, Jim Spruill, Jack Kincaid, Dick Griffenhagen, Andre Lucas, Jack Logan, John Gilboux, and John Pappageorge.

At Fort Sill for a nine-month Field Artillery Battery Officers Course are Bill and Marie Weaver, Al and Chris Richards,

Sandy and Judy Samouce, and bachelors Jim Johnson and George Perrin.

Bob and Bee Fromm are at Lowry AFB for a missile course. Bob and Nancy Keener are in St. Louis where Bob is aide to Major General Canham, CG of XI Corps. Fred Lindsey is with 503d Infantry at Fort Bragg. Cliff Berry is in 3d Infantry at Fort Myer. Di and Jenni Johnson are in Alaska with 9th Infantry.

Civilians: Rog and Suzanne Kolker and two children have settled down in Waterloo, Iowa. Rog is an agency supervisor for the Loyal Protective Life Insurance Company; address is 301 Sunset Road. Rog says they have a big home and would welcome any travelers to stop off and visit for a night.

George Olmstead is working for Collins Radio in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Joe and Marilyn Feiler and son are in Mount Vernon, Iowa, where Joe is in the insurance business. Mark McDermott received a graduate degree in nuclear en-



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Fort Campbell, Ky., Dec. 6, 1958

Front row: Dick Baughman, Bailey Harper, Marion Burris, Jane Albro.

Second row: Nancy Rodgers (Hart's date), Nancy Busted (Baughman's date), Nancy Callaway, Sherry Bennett, Joan Lieber, Liz Morris, Ann Palastra, Donna Passmore.

Rear row: Bill Harper, Frank Hart, Luke Callaway, Dunc Beaumont, George Bennett, Jim Burris, John Bard (behind Jim), Bob Morris, Hap Lieber (behind glass), Ames Albro, Jerry Anderson, Joe Palastra, and Bus Passmore. (Read right to left.)

engineering from Iowa State College in November.

Jerry Curtis expects to get his degree in electrical engineering from Georgia Tech this year. Doug O'Connor, recently married to an Atlanta girl, is also a civilian in Georgia. In New York City, Ed Berko is with the John Hancock Life Insurance Company.

Barbara and Lenny Lundberg, and son and daughter, are living at 23 Vincent Street, West Hartford, Connecticut, where he is a claims examiner in the insurance business. The Lundbergs would like news of the Minturns, Lochners, and Derrol Dennises.

Our fifth reunion will be very near by the time you receive this. Our two-man committee at West Point—Dick Benfer and Fred Bolling—have arranged a full schedule of get-togethers. If you have any last-minute questions or requests for accommodations, you can get in touch with them at West Point.

Let's hear from you by June 1st. Same address: James G. Plunkett, Tompkins Avenue, Upper Nyack, New York.

Best regards to all. —Jim

The time lag from when an event has happened, been reported to me second-hand, been added to reports of other events and sent (four times a year) to the editors of this magazine, until it subsequently gets to you, third-hand, is necessarily enormous. Although such are the hard facts of life which the writer of this and similar columns must accept, we reporters are a sensitive lot, and frequently may be seen brooding and mumbling to ourselves for weeks after an issue about the antiquated nature of the copy we have foisted upon our readers. Therefore, on those rare occasions when we are allowed to project into the future with a bit of news, our dour and weary little hearts are revitalized, and we report with a new enthusiasm. Allow me to at least get off to an enthusiastic start, then, and report that in September of 1959 (not 1958, mind you) Bill and Mary Ellen Wix will be returning stateside from Bad Kreuznach, Germany, where they are presently stationed.

Returning Stateside: Also returning stateside are Fred and Gennie Woerner, who arrive this Spring after three years in Hawaii.

Fred Bliss was due back from Ahwaz, Iran, in February of 1959, with a probable destination of Fort Benning.

Steve and Vi Matuszak, while happy to admit Alaska into the Union, don't mind saying that they will be pleased to get back to someplace just a bit warmer. Appropriately, they sent their Christmas cards this year from North Pole, Alaska. They are due back in the temperate zone this Spring.

Jack and Joani Matteson were due to leave Germany in February for Fort Bliss.

Going or recently arrived overseas: Walt and Nancy McCrillis are packing for Alaska, after a tour at Bunker Hill AFB, Indiana. Perry Boyd and Al Cini are due for an overseas assignment in July upon completion of the Air Defense Course at Fort Bliss. Jerry Denman is now with Field Training Team Number Six at Meshead, Iran. Mike Gallup is at Teheran, Iran, as Engineer Advisor to Team Number One. Sam Lowry is now a General's Aide in Hawaii.

Born: As far as I know, Bill and Dorenda Burrus can claim the distinction of being parents of the first set of twins born to the class! Carl Wade and Craig Carter Burrus were born 13 January 1959.

Margaret Noelle Hodges was born to Russ and Irene the day before Christmas in San Antonio. Margaret is their first child.

Anne Frances Vanden Bosch (their first) was born to Jon and Virginia Anne, 4 December 1958, in Madison, Wisconsin. Jon is teaching ROTC cadets at the University here.

James Edward Schuh, born November 1958, is the first child born to Charlie and Elaine Schuh.

Sid and Pat Mason, returning stateside in March of 1959 after three years on Okinawa, had their second child, Linda, last August.

Bob and Rosanne Wray now have three sons. William Keeley Wray was born

November 14, 1959. The Wrays are still at Plattsburg, New York.

Married: Bill Bottoms, stubborn to the end, broke the news of his marriage by simply sending me a Christmas card with a picture of him and his bride cutting a wedding cake, so I can't tell you the date of the wedding. His wife's name is Mary Fran.

Bob Meisenheimer, stationed at Craig AFB, Alabama, was married in November of 1958.

Engaged: John Hamilton is engaged to be married to Miss Adria Holmes, whom John met while studying at Oxford. Plans are for a June wedding in Maine.

Graduate Schooling: Roland and Ginny Nordlie, who were married June 7, 1958 in Denver, are currently at the University of Colorado at Boulder, where Roland is working towards a Masters degree in aeronautical engineering. He hopes to obtain this degree in June of 1960, when he will be assigned either to Air Force Research and Development or the Air Force Academy.

Bill and Betty Goodwin are coming to Madison in June where Bill will study at the University of Wisconsin for a Masters degree in Physics in preparation to an instructorship at the Air Force Academy.

Dale and Eddie Ward are also at the University of Colorado, as are the Dick Praters. Dale is working for a Masters degree in aeronautical engineering, Dick for one in Physics.

Eck and Kitty Hayes are tentatively scheduled, upon completion of the Air Defense Course at Fort Bliss in July, to report to Madrid, Spain, where Eck will study Spanish in preparation for an assignment to USMA to teach.

Air Force, Stateside: Stan and Anna Harvill, who were married in September of last year, are at Castle AFB, California, where Stan is flying the F-102. Tom and Sue Weaver, with the 68th Air Refueling Squadron at Bunker Hill AFB, Indiana, have a new son. Will and Ronnie McWilliams and Norb and Joyce Glidden are at Reese AFB, Texas. Fred and Jean Phillips are at Craig AFB, Alabama. Lew and Betty Olive and their daughter are in Lincoln, Nebraska. Jerry and Mary Lou Gilpin are at Webb AFB, Texas.

Air Force, Abroad: Tom Phillips is now stationed in Iceland. On Guam, John and Betty McDonald presented their two daughters with a baby brother in November.

Army, Stateside: Dick and Sally Bean, still with the Ranger School at Fort Benning, added their first addition to the family the eve of the Army-Navy football game. The Jim Napiers are also with the Ranger Department now as are Ed and Anne Nidever (married March, 1958). With the Second Infantry Division at Benning are Ron Vitty, Bill and Natalie Wilcox, Dave and Marce Young, Bud and Bonnie DeMaris, Billy Arthur, and Ted Livesay. Also at Benning are Bill Cummings and Tom Auger. Wayne Smith was there in November for Pathfinder School.

At Fort Hood, Don and Peg Poorman threw a party in January which accounted for all the class there except Bill and Dorenda Burrus, who were occupied having twins that night, as mentioned above; Kim Soper, Bob's wife; and Harvey Garn. At the party were the following: Bud and

Elaine Coyle, transferred from Armor to Ordnance and now with the 124th Ordnance Battalion; Charlie and Sally Gersitz, with the 35th Armor; Bob Soper, with the 35th Armor; Jim and Lynne Bergen, with the 37th Armor; Charlie and Elaine Schuh, with the 58th Infantry; Bob and Pat Strati, with the 58th Infantry; John Passafiume, with the 66th Armor; Don Olvey, with the 67th Armor; and of course the Poormans. Don Poorman has been Aide to Major General W. S. Biddle, Commanding General of III Corps, since July of 1958. Of the above, the Bergens and the Stratis were expecting new arrivals by the time of this issue.

Bob Newton is now at Fort Lewis, Washington, with Army Aviation. Leo and Pauleen Hergenroeder are due to go to Pittsburgh, Herb and Maureen Finger to St. Louis, upon completion of their schooling at Fort Bliss in July.

Army, abroad: In Germany, Ron and Marian Cairnes and Bob and Nena Stanley are neighbors. Ron and Marian have two children, Lisa and Kathy, and are expecting a third. Bob and Nena have two children, Forrest, the class godson, and Tina, who is one and a half. Dave and Barbara Hufnagel and their two sons are in Kaiserslautern. With the Third Infantry Division are Warren Jones; Jim and Mary Devereaux and daughters, Mary Rose and Joanie; the Bob Wiegands and their son, Scottie; Roy and Ann Dunaway and their daughter; and Wiley Steakley. Marty and Cleo McNamee and their son, Greg, are now with the artillery, having branch transferred from infantry. Bill and Jackie Street and children are due to leave Germany soon; Bill will enter graduate school in preparation to teaching MT&G at West Point. Bill is now in Ordnance. In Munich are Myron and Darrell Minich, Bill and Laura Hass, and Bill and Carol Norvell. The Haas', incidently, have a dog named "Mox Nix."

Five Year Reunion: In closing, let me remind you that you have until 31 May of this year to indicate to me your preference of time for our five-year reunion, i.e. June Week or Homecoming, 1960, or some other time. Also indicate your thoughts on a memorial plaque or memorial fund. See this column in the Winter 1959 issue of ASSEMBLY for details on these questions.

We shall postpone final decision on any kind of memorialization program until the reunion is actually held, when we can talk the matter over together. However, it would be useful if any of you who think you might not be able to attend the reunion would send to me or Fred Bliss, Class President (Fred is currently in transit; I will try to have his address for next issue) your ideas and preferences on this and other matters you wish action taken on by the class.

One additional matter which the class will want to consider when we next get together is that of an educational fund. This matter has been brought to the attention of each of the Officers of the Class of 1955 by Jim Plunkett of the Class of 1954. The Class of 1954 has established an educational fund, the primary purpose of which is to assure the college education of children of deceased members. The fund is a charitable, nontaxable trust fund. Details of the fund will be

available for your consideration at the reunion.

Please do not hesitate to send me ideas you want discussed at the reunion, or beforehand in this column.

A brief policy note in closing: When you write (and let's hear from you) please try to include in reference to each classmate mentioned, his wife's name, and the number and names of his children. I keep a roster of these facts; but it bears frequent checking and bringing up to date. As for photographs, they are always interesting to the class, so any time you have a party or get-together, get out the camera and send us a shot. But please send a print large enough that will reproduce clearly in the magazine; also, please notice that shots simply of a bride-to-be, man and wife, or children are not carried in ASSEMBLY.

Regards to all.

—John Lovell
Eagle Heights Apt 205D
Eagle Heights Drive
Madison, Wisconsin

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It is my unhappy duty to report that Bill Keefe (former E-1) died as a result of injuries sustained when his car skidded on an icy road in Germany on the 5th of December. Bill's body was returned to his family's home in Virginia on the 15th of December. Carl Coulter, who reported his death, also mentioned that Mrs. Keefe, his mother, was a real friend to about twenty members of our class. His death is shocking and almost incomprehensible to me. Those of you who knew him as well as I did must also realize what a loss to all of us this is.

Carl Coulter is now a platoon leader with the 1st Battle Group, 20th Infantry in the Canal Zone. I understand that he has applied for a transfer to the engineers. Mike Cavanaugh wrote a factual letter to mention he is still Aide-de-Camp to the Deputy Commanding General, Headquarters USARCARIB. He wants "Spoony" Sloan to write him and reveal his latest resting place. Jack, send your letter to Headquarters USARCARIB, Fort Amador, Canal Zone. Mike also says that Maury and Penny Cralle have a little girl, Catherine Louise, born 1 November. When not changing diapers, Maury finds sufficient time to indulge in his favorite hobby, skin diving. Jon Porter works in the same office with Mike as Aide-de-Camp to the C. G., Headquarters USARCARIB. Apparently, little Jon E. Jr., their 17 month old son, is doing fine.

The only letter sent from Japan was mailed by Gene and Martha Ann Eastburn. Even though Gene and Martha Ann weren't married until September, 1956, they now boast of a son, Gene Jr., a daughter, Beth, and one more for good measure due in July. I agree, Gene, there should be a cup for the "Mostest" as well as for the "Fustest". The Eastburn clan expect to make the 25th Division at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii home until May, 1960 when Gene will return to the Z.I. for more schooling. He has recently transferred his allegiances to the Engineers. While at Camp Drake with the 1st Cavalry Division, Gene saw Ernie Wilson, Bob

Randall, Mark Sisinyak, Georgie Ward, Jerry Hermann, Bob Kramer and many others.

Mike Conrad reports that he was one of the first into Lebanon and one of the last to return to his wife and new son, Thomas Allen, in Germany. For the benefit of those of you who would care to contact our Class President for any reason, Mike's present address is: Headquarters, 24th Infantry Division, APO 112, New York, New York. John Foss, Jack Nicholson, Arv West, Dave Corderman and Bob Hammond all returned to Germany after a stint in Lebanon also. Most of the above mentioned men were blessed with offspring, but these events were mentioned in the last issue. Mike saw John Stevenson and his wife while they were on their way to Oberammergau where John will attend a Combat Intelligence School. Bill Crites, George Stapleton and Stan Diez stayed a few days with the 24th Infantry Division to keep their "Jump Pay" alive. These three are with the 504th Infantry formerly of Fort Bragg, but now of Mainz. Charley Sirkis also calls Mainz home. Jack Woodmansee of the 4th Armored Division recently visited the 24th to umpire the platoons taking their training tests. Recently seen in Munich were Bob Hull, Bob Scully, Zeb Bradford and Tom Griffin.

German Christmas Cards were sent by Dick Parker, Marlene and Bob Schuler, and the Bill Hookers. Bill is with the 3rd Recon, 12th Cavalry in Germany; whereas, Dick is back with the 7th Cavalry after spending some time with the NCO Academy in Germany. Bob Schuler is presently with the 84th Artillery in Germany. Bob mentioned that he thought it a shame that '56 hasn't as yet established a memorial to those of our class who have passed away since our graduation. It would be interesting to hear from all of you out there who have any feelings at all on this subject. Before I leave Germany, I must mention that a son, Steven Michael, was, I am certain, a very fine present to the Roger Roots. Steven arrived 21 December. Father Roger, presently with the 124th Signal Company (Missile Command) is doing well. Also, Tom Winter welcomed his wife, June, and new son, Thomas III, back from the States. While mother and child were waiting to return to Europe, Tom got some terrific skiing accomplished in the Alps.

The word from the South is that Bob and Carolyn Nicholson have presented their son, Bobby, with a brother, born 26 January at Fort Polk, Louisiana, Ken and Myra Withers sent me a newsy Christmas Card from Fort Campbell bringing me up on the "lastest" in that vicinity. Ken, Dick Curl, and Sam Gates leave for Korea this March. Don Little, who now possesses a 2nd daughter, Tracy Ellen, born December 10th, departed for Europe this past February. Ken has had the rare fortune of being a Company CO for four months with the 326th Airborne Engineer Bn. Sam, a frequent visitor with the Withers Clan is Bn. Assistant S-3 with the same outfit. Don Little was Executive Officer of Headquarters Company, and Dick Curl is the Commo Officer of the battalion. Ward, Judy and little Sally LeHardy arrived last summer from Korea.

John and Carol Oakes expect a brother or a sister for their daughter, Caroline, this summer. Berry and Fran Bynell are also waiting on the stork. Heath and Peggy Twitchell were looking forward to their second when the Withers wrote in December. Mark Sisinyak and Scott Smith joined the 326th fresh from Korea. Mark is now an Executive Officer with B Company, and Scott is on loan to the jump school as an instructor. George and Natalie Wein have orders to Paris in January, 1959, and are expecting a second stork visit soon. Ward LeHardy dropped me a note to say that he and Ernie Wilson have again joined forces with the Command and Control Battalion at Fort Campbell. Ward and Ernie were also together in Korea. Some of Ward's neighbors are the George Woods, and the Ted Jaspers, to name just a few.

Bill, Barb and Little Scott McPeck send their regards from Keesler AFB, Mississippi. Since his graduation, Bill has spent all of his time in school, but he hopes to be able to settle down with a B-52 sometime in 1960. "Rollo" Chase dropped in on Bill one evening when his "Gooney Bird" developed engine trouble. Russ Mericle visited Keesler to attend the TAC Air-Ground Operations School. He plans to marry Bob Ferris' sister in Montgomery this coming June. Bill hears that the Harbolds are living high in Bitburg, Germany and that the Strofes are busy promoting good relations out Japan way.

Ken, Rita and Danny Knowles sent their Christmas greetings from Norfolk, Virginia, while Norm and Sandy Levy proudly announced baby number two, Jeffrey Alan, born 2 January 1959 in Randallstown, Maryland. Bob and Sue Flory announced the arrival of their son, David Bruce, 13 January at Fort Sill. Papa Flory has spent two entire years at Fort Sill, but expects to attend the Fort Bliss Battery Officers' course this summer. Sorry I won't be in that vicinity to welcome you, Bob. Faithful Dex Shaler wrote from Sill that he and his Marcia are fine and that he arranged to present the Class Cup to James Bolin, Jr. on the 8th of February, James' second birthday. We hope to publish a picture of this event in the next issue. By the way, Jim Bolin, Sr. has been "elected" to the decoration committee for the Founders Day Dinner to be held at Sill. Dex also mentioned that Jerry Werbel is flying KC-97's out of Columbus, Ohio and that Bill Narus is now at Fort Bragg.

Ken and Judy Lang wrote from Stewart AFB to inform me that the now world famous Richard Mackin was under the custody of the East Germans after having parachuted safely into the Russian zone when his plane ran low on gas. I'm certainly glad that you're back with us now, Dick. I'll bet you'll have a good story to tell your grandchildren now! Judy Lang presented their first son, Kenny, with a brother, James Edward, born at West Point in June 1958. Jimmy may be the first class child to have the distinction of being born at the Point. Ken Sr. is flying F-86's in New York and hopes to remain at Stewart AFB for at least 1½ years. From cold Bangor, Maine, Neale, Bonnie, little Austin and Ruth Marie Luft send greetings.

Jack and Marianne Polickoski gave me

the complete low-down on the latest in the Northeastern U.S. area. First, they announced a daughter, Patricia Ann, born 8 November. Presently, Jack is with the Army Liaison Team at Headquarters, New York Air Defense Sector located at McGuire AFB. Other men in approximately the same racket around the countryside are: Bill Cody, Stewart AFB; Walt Liska, Fort Wadsworth, Staten Island; and "Supe" Saferstein, Detroit. Walt Liska, by this time, should be the father of two children. Hope it's another girl, Walt. Dave Scales has a Nike Battery of his own in the New Jersey area. Gene Fox is on site near Orangeburg, New Jersey. Gerry Goldberg was seen at the Missile Master (whatever that is) at Fort Meade, Maryland. Flying the overseas flights for MATS are "Buc" Loggins and Hugh Filbey. "Buc" and Carole expect their second soon, and both they and Hugh have established homes in Levittown, Pennsylvania. Tony Benish is fighting the "Battle of New York" from his Fort Hancock outpost. Steve Boylan is still on site near Boston. This about wraps up the Nike scene for the Eastern area.

In the Southwest, I was in more or less constant touch with Greg Wold, Steve Beebe, Dave Larr, Jerry Richardson and Bob Danek. As a matter of fact, I even allowed Bob to sell me some insurance during my days in El Paso. It appears that he will resign in June and make this his steady occupation. Steve Beebe wants it known that he traditionally has a small blast at his Washington D.C. house on the 29th of December. He sent pictures of the beer and the gals, so it must have been good, fellas. Since he is now attending the Graduate School of New Mexico A&M, he plans to have at least two more such parties during the next two years. All '56ers and E-1 files of all years are invited. Jack Sloan, Mike and Sidney West (plus their daughter, Wendy), and Jack Sloan managed to make this year's celebration. While returning to New Mexico following the holiday season, Steve stopped at Big Springs, Texas to visit with Porter and Gail Medley, his godson, "Chip" Medley, Don Ernst and Mike Alexander.

During my many conversations with Greg Wold, the following gossip was revealed. While attending the Army-Rice game, Greg saw Dick Head, Jim Stroope and his family, Bob Beyer, Les McChristian, Marv Crews and his wife, Dick Lowry, Tony Jezior, Bill Crum, Bob Nicholson, and Jim Blewster. He also got word that Walt Sager's F-100D crashed near Clovis AFB, but, much to our relief, Walt was reported safe. Greg also said that Doug Williams was recently seen returning to the scene of his old crimes, West Point.

Ed Redline wrote from the Presidio in San Francisco that he now has two sons. Daniel Charles joined Mike Edward on 12 November. Ed has a Training Battery designed to train all Basics coming into the area, and George Lee is the training officer for the school organization. Marty Zimmerman was seen between classes at Stanford in the Presidio P.X. The Zimmermans are expecting in April, I think. Don Anderson is flying the Tokyo run for MATS out of Travis AFB and Wyn Frank flies out of Crissy Field in the Presidio.

Jack and Joan Dunn hit the jackpot

when their first baby, Gerald Adair, arrived on Christmas Day at Camp Wolters, Texas. Jack is now attending "Whirly Bird" school as did Ed VanDervort, Larry Wange and Herb Wagenheim some time ago. All intend to join forces again at Fort Eustis, eventually. Jack said that he thinks Art Harris, Dave Berry, and Sam Lemmon are on their way from Fort Carson to Europe. Jerry Raymond did not leave a forwarding address when he left Carson.

Betty and I would like to thank all of you for your well wishes for our happy married life together and to extend to all of you an open invitation to visit us at our new home in the Los Angeles area.

—Stan Wilker
22439 Marlin Place
Canoga Park, California

1958

It is with much regret that I must begin this series with the tragic note of the first death in our class. George Walker was killed in a light plane crash in Fountain Inn, South Carolina on January 31. Having just completed Airborne and Ranger training, he was on his way home to Brooklyn with Cary Martin and Tom Carpenter. Cary's condition was termed critical. The class's condolences have been sent to George's parents, but I ask that anyone who knew him well, personally express their sympathy to his folks if ever in the New York area.

Our best wishes are extended for Tom and Cary's speedy recovery—as well as for the convalescence of Paul Wagner, who was badly injured in an automobile accident several days after our graduation. The accident at that time postponed Paul's planned marriage to Joan Jessmore, but I am happy to report they were married on December 27, 1958. "Bin" Barta was married to Judy Fairgrieve in Lakewood, Ohio on October 4. "Buddy" Moentmann married Jane Harahan in Levittown, Long Island, New York on November 22.

The Christmas season tolled wedding bells for a good number of classmates. What nice Christmas presents! Barrie Williams took Margaret Irwin Whelan for his wife on December 22 at Christ Episcopal Church, Georgetown, Washington, D.C. Tom Looney married Peggy Speight Daniel on December 27 at Rocky Mount, North Carolina. Dave Powers married Marianne Berwind at Stamford, Connecticut on December 27 also. John Evans was Dave's best while "Dusty" Rhodes, John Reilly, Ed Ofgant and Bob Donovan ushered. I'm told Stan Slater, Walt Barnes, Mike Harvey and Joe Lupi saw Dave and Marianne off.

Bob Higgins tells me Jack Eliot and Gary Durkee are also married. Jack married Jacqueline Rae Yoakam on December 27 at the First Congregational Church in Mansfield, Ohio and Gary took Thomasina Muriel Higgins for his wife on that same date at St. Francis Xavier R. C. Church in Brooklyn, New York. Loren Reid writes that Tom Claffey and Nancy Gerhart were married that same day in Bay Village, Ohio.

Tony Smith took Carole Elaine Rowan for his wife (again December 27) at the Presbyterian Church in Chestnut Hill, Pennsylvania. "Butch" Saint, Bob Julian, Lon

Spurlock, "J" Stanton and Hal Lyon were ushers. The Smiths are on their way to Munich, Germany now, I understand.

Frank Bowen married Mary Louise Fields on December 29 at the Post Chapel, Fort McPherson, Georgia. Bill Gillette was Frank's best man. The Bowens are now at San Marcos, Texas.

On February 7, Dan Brookhart married Mary Elizabeth Livingston at the Advent Lutheran Church, York, Pennsylvania. They will soon be living in Bad Hersfeld, Germany where Dan will serve with the 14th Armored Cavalry Regiment. Dale Hruby and Dorothea Williford Reeder married on the same day at the Cadet Chapel, West Point with George Michael serving as best man. In June they will make their home in Germany where Dale will be stationed with the Seventh Army.

The class welcomes all these young ladies into the service with the hope we'll all meet soon.

In addition, the following engagements were announced during the past eight months. Larry Bullis to Judith Ellen Taggart; Ed Ofgant to Faith Keohane; Glenn Grown to Catharine Allen Crosby; Dick Reidy to Carol-Helene Kowalski; Kevin Brown to Gabrielle Yvonne Bathon; Stew Willis to Evelyn Miller; Ed Downing to Margaret Ann Fertig and John Sutherland to Beatrice Naugle.

I am not unhappy to quote from a recent letter which affects us all as god-parents to the first male baby. Karl Oelke writes, "Sue and I were blessed rather prematurely with a son—he weighed 3 lbs. 12 oz. at birth and so far is doing fine. He's in an incubator at present but

should come out within the next week. . . . We named him Karl E. Oelke III." Karl's letter has the date January 3—do we have anyone else in the race? As far as I know, Karl, you and Sue are leading contenders. (Sue is Dan Brookhart's sister.)

Item for the Class Officers: It is proposed that an appropriately engraved silver cup be purchased from the Class Fund and awarded as a token in the tradition of Army Blue to our first-born godson. Your comments would be much appreciated.

By the way, Bob Higgins, who supplied much valuable information, arrives in Zweibrucken, Germany on April 5 and he and Jan issue a hearty welcome to anyone in or around that area. Bob will be with the 40th Artillery 2nd Missile Bn. Also in Germany are Pete and Kitty Bahnsen who sailed on February 10 for Butzbach. Phil DiMauro recently arrived in Hawaii and is assistant operations and training officer in the 125th Signal Battalion's Headquarters Company.

That seems to be it for our first installment. By the law of vital statistics I understand I only have another fifty years to cover—but won't even manage that unless you write. So please do! Lynne and I will always be happy to hear from you or to have you stop in at the address below. Lynne will be there while I'm at Benning; then in April the stork and I will have a race home from Ranger and Airborne School.

—Frank Waskowicz
Hitherfield Farm
Merlin Road—M.R.
Phoenixville, Pennsylvania



For thirty years Mrs. Blanche O. Kingsley commuted through snow, rain, sun, or fog from her home in Newburgh. If the buses could run, she was on the first one. She has devoted her life to the Association, moved into the present offices in Cullum Hall in 1930, and now has three assistants of her own. At a recent meeting of the Board of Trustees, General A. C. McAuliffe, President of the Association of Graduates, presented to Mrs. Kingsley a scroll "in grateful acknowledgment of 30 years' devoted service." The scroll was signed by 30 members of the Board present at that meeting.

“Be Thou At Peace”

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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Michael Joseph Lenihan

NO. 3230 CLASS OF 1887

Died August 13, 1958, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, aged 93 years.

MICHAEL JOSEPH LENIHAN's family had often predicted that he would live to be one hundred years old and take his place as the oldest living graduate at the head of the line on the march from Cullum Hall.

That he did not achieve this goal, though he came very close, is our loss—a family's, West Point's, and the country's. Brigadier General Lenihan, last of the class of 1887, was a selfless officer who gave a lifetime of service to God and to country and set a continued example of West Point's traditions. He was a fine blend of great ability and spiritual simplicity.

Michael Lenihan's entire life, from the small Massachusetts town of Hopkinton, through West Point, forty-two years of service, and twenty-nine years of retired life, was an inspiration to all who knew him. His lifetime, from his birth on May 2, 1865, to his death on August 13, 1958, spanned the years from the Civil War to the Space Age—and he recalled the aftermath of one as keenly as he recognized the potential of the other.

During his Army career, Mike Lenihan served his country in many "far away" places in a variety of capacities. A recitation of assignments and stations reads like a basic history of the growing United States. Upon graduation from the USMA, Lieutenant Lenihan went out to Fort Assiniboine, Montana, then Indian territory; thence to Cuba and the Philippine Islands during the Spanish-American War; to the Hawaiian Department; and in 1917 to France as a Brigadier General with the 83rd Infantry Brigade, 42nd Infantry Division. While in France with the "Rainbow" Division, General Lenihan participated in the Aisne-Marne, St. Mihiel, Champagne and Meuse-Argonne campaigns.

For his brilliant leadership and exemplary command abilities in the World War campaigns, General Lenihan was decorated by the French Government with the Order of the Legion of Honor, grade of Commander, and the Croix de Guerre, with three palms. Marshal Pétain commended him as an excellent brigade commander "whose clever dispositions and whose fine conduct under fire have contributed to the victory..." General Pershing cited him for "exceptionally meritorious and conspicuous service" and his division commander noted his "conspicuous service to the cause of the Allies."

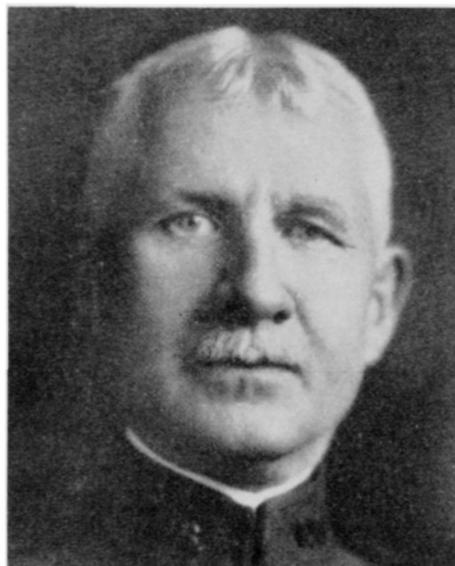
When he returned to the United States, Brigadier General Lenihan, then commanding the 153rd Infantry Brigade, 77th Division, rode at the head of his command in a "ticker-tape" parade up New York's Fifth Avenue.

In subsequent years, Rainbow Division veterans remembered "General Mike" affectionately and continually sent him their greetings and dropped in for visits. On May 2, 1955, the Philadelphia Chapter of the "Rainbow" Division Veterans

gave a party, complete with 90-candle cake, to celebrate the General's birthday. Just a few weeks before his death, Michael Lenihan sent a taped message of greetings to the Division's annual convention meeting in Columbus, Ohio, wishing them all well and expressing his regrets at not being able to be with them.

In 1906, when the War Department General Staff was established, Captain Lenihan was one of its first members. Following this assignment, he went to Fort Leavenworth in 1911 where, among other things, he organized and trained the "pickle" class—57 second lieutenants fresh from colleges all over the country. (Of this group, one eventually became a full general, seven major generals, and six brigadier generals.)

In 1917, Lieutenant Colonel Lenihan graduated from the Army War College and, after the war, in 1921, he graduated from the Naval War College—taking full advantage of the highest level military schooling. In addition, he served on the



staff of the President, Naval War College, for three years.

A superb, effortless raconteur, General Lenihan vividly recalled the campaigns in France and his other assignments by lively anecdotes, in which "his Irish humor rippled through." The general's two children, ten grandchildren and twenty great-grandchildren were avid listeners to his countless stories.

Michael Lenihan delighted in relating these tales—he loved "the Old Army" and his life in it. In the months preceding his death, he was busy making a tape recording of his recollections of days gone by. These memoirs begin "I remember, I remember..." and, in them, he remembers Generals Sheridan and Grant, President Theodore Roosevelt, Elihu Root, Charles Dawes and scores of others who were intimately connected with expanding America.

Religion played a pervasive, active part in Michael Lenihan's life and career. Many a Catholic chaplain was surprised at morning Mass to look around and see the general as his altar boy. His devotion to and practice of his religion won him recognition, too. In 1925, he received an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree from Holy Cross College in Worcester, Mass-

achusetts; in 1926, while commanding the 6th Corps Area, in Chicago, he was a canopy bearer at the International Eucharistic Congress, and subsequently was awarded a Papal Medal as a token of the Church's appreciation of his services.

After retirement in 1929, and the death of his wife, the former Miss Mathilde O'Toole of Washington, D.C., in 1934, Michael Lenihan travelled extensively in Europe, especially in Italy, made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, and sailed to Samoa and back.

In 1938, he married Miss Mina Ward in England, and travelled to her home in New Zealand. Early in 1941, General and Mrs. Lenihan returned to the United States to be at West Point for the graduation of two grandsons—fifty-four years after his own graduation. (In 1950, he attended the graduation from the USMA of a third grandson.) With the outbreak of World War II, the Lenihans settled in Philadelphia, where they lived for the remainder of his life. These were years filled with interest in the comings and goings of two sons-in-law and seven grandsons in the service.

Returning to West Point in 1952 for his 65th Reunion, Michael Joseph Lenihan, the patriarch of a service family, marched proudly near the head of the Long Gray Line. He took the salute of the Corps with pride—pride in his own adherence to the West Point code he had learned many years before. Although advancing years and illness prevented his returning for other reunions, it did not prevent his mind from projecting him periodically to the "rock-bound highland home" that had done so much to mold him and set the pattern for his long and useful life.

In all respects his was a task well done and has merited for him an everlasting peace. He was a fine soldier, a dignified gentleman, a warm human being, and a charitable Christian.

—Michael Joseph Lenihan Greene
Class of 1941

Hanson Edward Ely

NO. 3447 CLASS OF 1891

Died April 28, 1958, at Atlantic Beach, Florida, aged 90 years.

An outstanding military leader, whose soldierly character was accompanied by an innate love and trust of his fellow man, has passed from among us.

Hanson Edward Ely was born and raised in eastern Iowa. When only seventeen years old he taught a country school which included a number of twenty year old pupils. These lads, accustomed to ruling their teacher, became quite docile when Hanson added boxing instruction to the curriculum.

The sternness and honesty which Hanson Ely had within the essence of his character were traits which fitted him well for life at West Point. He found a deep satisfaction in the devotion to duty, the respect for honor and the love of country which are so much a part of the

Academy. And during the remaining seventy years of his life he appreciated the greatness of our Alma Mater in its molding of the character of the graduate officers who were his contemporaries or subordinates during his active service, and his companions during his retirement.

Shortly after graduation he married Mary Elizabeth Barber, of Iowa City, Iowa. Then followed a decade in small far-western posts where, in addition to military routine well done, he developed himself by hunting and by robust athletic activities, supplemented by sound military reading. He earned the rating of distinguished marksman with the rifle.

In the Philippine insurrection as a rifle company commander his forceful leadership brought him to the attention of General Funston who appointed him commander of the Funston Scouts. Courage in action brought him a silver star citation in this war.

He constantly sought to further his military education in the period between the two wars in which he participated. He attended the school at Leavenworth



from 1905 to 1907, supplementing this schooling by observing, at his own expense, the maneuvers of the German Army in 1906. At the time of the Vera Cruz expedition in 1914 he was a very junior major, but nevertheless held command of the Seventh Infantry during the entire operation.

In 1907 his wife Mary died. In 1911 he married Eleanor Ashton Boyle, who was his steadfast companion for the remaining years of his life.

The First World War brought out to their fullest his great military potentialities. After serving as chief of staff of the First Division during much of the early training and initial front-line indoctrination of that organization, he sought and obtained command duty. His regiment, the Twenty-eighth Infantry, was selected to make the initial American attack against the German forces. In May of 1918 the regiment assaulted and captured Cantigny, then repelled six successive strong counterattacks. This action raised the morale of all the American troops in France, and greatly increased that of the Allied forces.

Promoted to Brigadier General, he

took command of the the Third Brigade in the Second Division just prior to its participation in the Soissons offensive. The Brigade distinguished itself highly in this attack, and again in the Thiaucourt offensive some two months later. In these two actions the Brigade captured some 5,500 prisoners.

The hardest fought battle of the Brigade came early in October of 1918. The French Fourth Army had been repeatedly repulsed, and its failure to advance endangered the flank of the American First Army. The Second Division was designated to seize the key portion of the German position on the Fourth Army front, the heavily fortified Mt. Blanc massif. On General Ely's recommendation, the Third Brigade made the main attack, moving against the flank of the position in column of battalions, and breaking through the fortified area in spite of extremely heavy losses. This action enabled the French forces to advance.

Scarcely had the Brigade completed its task when its commander left to take over the Fifth Division. The new organization, infused with his high morale and his combative determination, soon began a series of victories which ended only with the end of the war. The assault across the Meuse, during this period, was described by General Pershing as "one of the most brilliant military feats in the history of the American Army in France." At the time of the Armistice the Fifth Division was vigorously pursuing the beaten and retreating Germans on a wide front, well ahead of the organizations on its right and left.

During this war Hanson Ely was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in action in the Soissons offensive, and the Distinguished Medal for his leadership in successive command of the Twenty-eighth Infantry, the Third Brigade and the Fifth Division. By the Republic of France he was awarded the Croix de Guerre with palm on five occasions, and decorated as an officer and later as a Commander of the Legion of Honor. General Pershing said of him, shortly after the war: "A strong, virile character; very soldierly . . . has a clear mind. . . Well fitted for staff duty, but essentially a fighting man."

In the final thirteen years of his service, Hanson Ely played a major role in infusing into the American Army the sound military principles of which he was so thoroughly a master. The doctrines which he particularly emphasized as Commandant of the Command and General Staff College were applied with outstanding success against both the German and the Japanese forces in the varied and often complicated problems with which the American forces were so often confronted during the Second World War. Under his direction, also, the Army War College tended to fill the place of the then missing National War College.

For Hanson Ely retirement was a time of rest, recreation, and seeing old friends. One of the thoughts which increasingly occupied his mind during his advancing years was his great love and respect for West Point. He was most highly gratified in his sons who graduated from the

Academy in 1919, 1924 and 1942, and in his grandson, Dwight Fuller, in the Class of 1959.

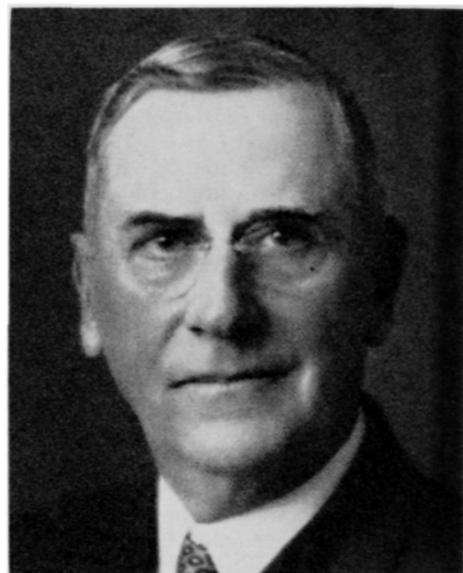
Upon his passing, after some twenty-seven years of retirement, many of his former subordinates recalled his great qualities of military leadership. A number of those who later had attained very high rank, including the President, paid him their sincere tribute.

In addition to the brilliant military leadership and the sternness in battle which characterized Hanson Ely the soldier, his close personal friends and particularly his wife and children, knew him as a man of great kindness, a loving husband and father. To all of his family he was a man greatly respected and loved.

George Woodbury Bunnell, Jr.

NO. 3876 CLASS OF 1899

Died August 14, 1958, at Norwell, Massachusetts, aged 83 years.



COLONEL GEORGE WOODBURY BUNNELL lived intensely. His life right up to the days of his last illness was a continuing drive the better and the quicker to accomplish whatever his activity of the moment might be. Whether that was as Colonel of the 101st. U. S. Engineers during World War I, or as construction engineer in charge of the building of a large sugar plantation out of a wilderness area in Santo Domingo, he worked with an intensity of purpose that brooked no delay, no shirking of responsibility, and for himself utter disregard of time clock or of social activities that might interfere. And woe betide a subordinate who loafed on the job, or who erred through incompetence or lack of diligence. He was a demanding task-master, but an extremely fair one. Nor did he hesitate to admit his own error when he made one. Witness an instance during the St. Mihiel offensive during World War I. It took place down in a German dug-out, when an officer reported back from a mission. Colonel Bunnell thought that an important detail had been overlooked, and an explanation

by the reporting officer that it was not a part of his mission was to no avail. The very walls of the dug-out shook with the dressing down that was handed out. A few other officers were present, and the offender finally had a chance to say "Very good, sir" and withdraw. Some little time later he received an order brought by the Colonel's orderly to report back. There, in the dug-out, he waited, and one by one the officers who had been present when he had been called down came drifting in. Finally the Sergeant Major said quietly, "They are all here, sir". Hardly looking up from the rough box that served as a desk the Colonel said "Gentlemen, Captain so and so was right, I was wrong. get to hell out of here."

The writer has hunted, fished, played cards, or just plain socialized with George Bunnell, not only frequently but almost constantly since World War I. And the same intensity of purpose has always been present during his activities of a lighter nature—with a smile, yes,—without any semblance of authority and with only friendly competition, most assuredly, but the basic force of the man would always be there.

During his latter years, when having retired with his attractive wife to a charming country place at Norwell, Massachusetts, his love of this home and his family brought with it a softening of that eternal drive, and a comparative relaxation he had not known before.

His faults? Of course he had some, for who is there in a lifetime of activity who does not have them. But they are already forgotten by his friends, or rather perhaps dimly remembered with fondness.

And as a friend? Lucky the man who has been able to say that he was a close friend of the "Colonel's". There the human fallacies, of which we all have our share, counted as nothing. To George Bunnell, once a friend, and that was that. There was nothing he wouldn't do, no lengths to which he would not go, to help the man to whom he had extended the hand of friendship.

—George G. Tarbell

Oscar Foley

NO. 4098 CLASS OF 1902

Died April 25, 1958, at Tacoma, Washington, aged 79 years.

OSCAR FOLEY, known to all his friends as "PAT", came of English-Irish stock, his forebears coming to America prior to the Revolution and travelling westward as the country developed. His immediate family eventually settled in northwestern Missouri in the pre-Civil War period. Pat was born near Gallatin, Daviess County in that state on September 28, 1878.

He spent his childhood and youth on the family farm, receiving his early education in the schools of that vicinity. At that time, game abounded in that area and it was then that he acquired his liking for hunting which he retained until the end of his life. Among his neighbors were Civil War veterans of both sides

and their tales of Army experiences together with his fondness for outdoor life largely determined him to seek and obtain an appointment to West Point. He was appointed by his local Congressman and entered the Military Academy June 18, 1898.

Upon graduation in 1902, he chose the Cavalry for which he was eminently fitted by reason of his superb horsemanship. His first assignment was to the SIXTH CAVALRY which was then occupying a series of native villages from Manila to Batangas on the Island of Luzon, Philippine Islands.

In 1903 Pat returned to the United States with the regiment and was stationed at Fort Meade, South Dakota until 1907. That year the regiment returned to the Philippines and this time was stationed in Mindinao and Jolo where they were constantly in close contact with the Moro tribes.

Upon completing this tour of duty during the winter of 1909-1910, the regiment was ordered to Fort Des Moines.



Iowa for station. Pat remained with the Sixth Cavalry until 1913 when he was detailed as PMS&T at South Dakota State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts. While on duty there, he met Miss Louise Huhlein of Louisville, Kentucky who was visiting a Wellesley College classmate in Brookings. They were married in Boston, Mass. November 6, 1916.

When World War I broke out, Pat was commanding the Machine Gun Troop of the Sixteenth Cavalry and by reason of his machine gun experience he was assigned to a machine gun battalion of the 80th Division. He later became Division Machine Gun Officer and served in that capacity through the St. Mihiel, Meuse-Argonne and other engagements. During this period he was awarded the PURPLE HEART.

After World War I, Pat attended the Service Schools, graduating from the School of the Line in '22, the General Staff School in '23 and the War College in 1925. After graduation from the War College, he was assigned to Camp Lewis, Washington, later to become Fort Lewis. While there he assisted in the planning

and development of that post and incidentally learned of the wonderful opportunities for hunting and fishing in northwestern United States and adjacent Canada.

Pat returned to Fort Lewis later as Chief of Staff during the period 1935-1940. In 1940 he was sent to Florida on Recruiting Duty and later put the WAC program in operation in that state. He was retired for age on June 30, 1942 but was retained on active duty until 1944 when he was retired for physical disability. Knowing from experience, the beauties and advantages of the northwest the Foleys purchased a lakeside home near the Fort Lewis reservation.

In addition to his passion for hunting and fishing, Pat was an enthusiastic bridge player—both duplicate and contract—and a member of the American Contract Bridge League (Junior Master).

He felt keenly the obligation of service and voluntarily gave much of his time and energy to local CIVIL DEFENSE work. He was physically and mentally active until his death. His heart wore out; his spirit did not! He died at his home April 25, 1958.

Pat was quiet, modest and unassuming but he had strong opinions and was not easily swerved from them. He rarely expressed an opinion or advised a course of action, unasked, but when such was solicited he was direct and decisive. His common sense and practicality pointed straight to the proper procedure.

Loyalty, a very high sense of duty and honesty in the sense of highmindedness to his standards were his outstanding characteristics.

Funeral services with appropriate military honors were held at Mountain View Memorial Chapel, Tacoma, Washington April 29, 1958.

—Frederick D. Griffith, Jr.
Class of 1902.

Donald Allister Robinson

NO. 4515 CLASS OF 1906

Died October 30, 1958, at American Lake Veterans Administration Hospital, Washington, aged 77 years.

Throughout that first hard plebe year of 1902-1903, our class called Don Robinson, "Sir", but in spite of his dignity, all of us admired his big sound-off, his straight back and his kind but piercing eye, and especially his corporal's chevrons. When the orders were read after graduation parade and Don became a sergeant, he turned around and shook hands with all of us in the rear rank. From that moment, we were happy to count him as a friend, but some of the yearling corps who had beaten out our tail feathers so harshly were quite a long time winning our social recognition.

For some reason not explained to us, Don came to join 1906 in the Spring of 1904. Almost at once he became an effective addition. We learned that he had served in the cavalry of the U.S.A. during the Spanish-American war and had good tales to tell of his experiences in old troop B, Third Cavalry. Also, he

played for us a sweet violin that he kept in his locker. We heard him sing a neat baritone in the chapel choir, and, finally, at our Hundredth Night Show, in the Spring of 1906, he not only helped to write the libretto, but he conducted the whole performance from start to finish from his podium in the orchestra pit. The Tactical Department made him an acting First Sergeant and a Lieutenant in the Corps and our class made him a hop manager and a member of the polo squad. How we needed his help! And we surely appreciated it.

Don was born in Wisconsin to Mary Patton Robinson and Herbert Fisk Robinson, March 27, 1881. His family soon moved west to Seattle, where Don attended the grade and the High schools until he was seventeen years old, when, out of his youthful enthusiasm, he enlisted, two years before graduation, in the regiment that was about to leave for the war. It was a short war and he was soon returned to his family. By that time, they had moved to Juneau, Alaska, where his father was Superintendent of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company. There an army officer took an interest in the young soldier and tutored him for the entrance examination at West Point. Don received his principal appointment and passed the examination, entering the Academy with the class of 1905. That is where he became our special friend.

Unfortunately, upon graduation he did not acquire enough rank to get an assignment to his beloved Cavalry, but accepted his commission in the 6th Infantry, which was then at Fort Douglas, Utah. Before he could get acquainted with the regiment or the community, the whole outfit was on the train to Cuba for the Army of Pacification. He was stationed at Pinar del Rio for three years during which time he managed to get a transfer to his horses. He returned with the Cavalry regiment to Fort Oglethorpe in the Tennessee Valley, staying until 1911, when he took his turn at the Fort Riley Cavalry School. Shortly after his return to Fort Oglethorpe in 1913, he was promoted to First Lieutenant and commanded his troop for the most part of the next two years. With the regiment he went to Border duty at El Paso, Texas in 1915, but was soon off again to the Philippines, this time, stationed at Fort McKinley, P.I. He joined the group of Lieutenants out in the Philippine bosque and helped to produce those maps that were so useful in 1941 and 1942, to his classmate, General "Skinny" Wainwright.

At Fort McKinley, he met, courted and won Priscilla Carleton Poore, daughter of General B.A. Poore. They were married at the Post chapel on July 24, 1917. When the Japanese situation was indicated to be favorable to our side, Don's regiment went back to the States to join the U.S. Forces for World War I. By March 1918, he was en route to France as a Major in command of the First Squadron of the 15th Cavalry. General Harbord soon found him and brought him to the G-4 section of the S.O.S. at Tours, where he served most effectively. He was in the Meuse-Argonne offensive as a Lieutenant-Colonel, being awarded

the Distinguished Service Medal, "for exceptional meritorious and distinguished service in a position of great responsibility." After the Armistice, he went to Brest, supervising and coordinating all the activities during the embarkation for home of the American troops.

When he was about to embark himself for home, General Haskell asked for him to serve on the American Relief Administration. He went with the General to the Near East and commanded the Alexandropol District in Russia for nine months. In 1920, he went back to Coblenz to join the American Forces in Germany, serving there as G-4 to General Allen, until 1921. For six years he was kept almost continuously on the move.

As soon as he returned to the States, he was assigned as G-4 of the Eighth Corps Area, but General Dawes had heard of him and had him brought back to Washington to help him with that new and effective finance organization of the nation, the First Bureau of the Budget.



The fine work of his assistants brought Gen. Dawes into political prominence to be nominated and elected as Vice President of the U.S.A. along with President Coolidge.

Finally, Don got back to normal duty, going to Fort Riley to take the advanced course in preparation for the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth. Graduating there, he was held over as an instructor for awhile, but, under the Manchu law of those days, he had to get back to troop duty with his Cavalry, this time with the Eighth Regiment. In 1932, properly troop trained, he went to the Army War College, graduating with merit and with an assignment to the War Department General Staff. Due again for foreign service he took his family with him to Manila, serving as G-3 of the Philippine Department in Fort Santiago, Manila from 1935 to 1937. On the way home, he and Priscilla went on leave to Peking, China and were caught there by the Japanese during the Chinese-Japanese war, taking the last train out of the captured city for Taku to get on the transport for home—and were they scared!

By this time, Don had been promoted to Colonel and, at home, was given command of the 12th Cavalry, remaining with it until the new organization began to get ready for the Louisiana maneuvers. Then, he became Chief of Staff, First Cavalry Division, in 1939 and the next two years went with the new army into the Maneuvers, finally serving as Chief of Staff of the IX Army Corps. In January 1941, he was made a Brigadier General and assigned to duty as Chief of Staff of the Second Army. For his superior service in these last offices, he was awarded another Distinguished Service Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster).

By this time, the United States was getting into World War II in both the Pacific and Atlantic areas. Don took over the Cavalry Replacement Training Center at Fort Riley and saw the beloved horse regiments turning over into armored commands. There the new law, that required his retirement at the age of 62, relieved him from duty to return to his old Seattle home town. He went on leave to spend a while with his family from which he had been separated too long and too often. In 1951, after eight years of happy home life, Don was stricken with a serious arterial condition that necessitated his hospitalization in the Veterans Administration hospital at American Lake, from which he was never able to return except for short intervals, until the day of his death.

The following quotation from a letter written by his daughter, Priscilla gives a splendid picture of his family life during Don's last years and at his death: "The beautiful flowers from the Class of 1906 were a great comfort to us all. Mother was very touched by such a nice tribute. She has been marvelous all through the tragedy of Daddy's illness and death. She was faithful in her visits to the hospital (for seven years) and even when Daddy no longer knew her, she went every visiting day to sit beside him. We will never know how terrible it was for her. She is an inspiration to her children and grandchildren. Daddy and I shared a wonderful daughter-father relationship, sharing the same interests and spending many happy hours together. He left us a legacy of rich memories and was an example of truth, honor and courage to influence our lives."

Priscilla, Don's wife survives and four of their children; Don Allister, Jr.; Carleton Fisk; Priscilla Poore, (Mrs. Raymond H. Piehl); and Cynthia Patton, (Mrs. Richard M. Lackman). There are now sixteen grandchildren in the Robinson family.

The following quotation is from a letter written by Dr. Charles E. Stafford at the hospital; "Your letter . . . did more good than anything I know of to the staff and personnel of this hospital, who knew and, over the past seven years, learned to love General Robinson. It has been read by everyone from the kitchen personnel . . . to the clinical director. Each of us feels that from your letter we received a bit of warmth and a deep sense of gratitude." The doctor remarks also of the faithful visiting of Priscilla, Don's wife, saying "She made of herself an example none of us shall ever forget."

We, of Don's Class, may only add that both Priscilla Robinson by her devotion and Don himself by his superior service and devoted life have given inspiration to thousands of officers and men and women who came in contact with them. We echo the fine tribute of Don's daughter that we too have received from them a rich legacy of duty, honor and courage that we shall prize in our memories till we find him again across the river.

—Charles G. Mettler

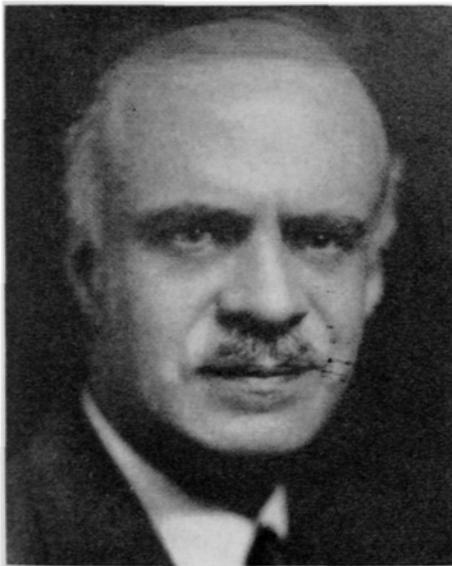
Basil M. Stevens

EX-CADET OF 1913

Died November 7, 1957, at Montclair, New Jersey, aged 68 years.

Few men are privileged to serve their country and their fellowmen in a distinguished way in two distinctive careers. Colonel Basil M. Stevens did this.

Basil was born at Castle Point, Hobo-



ken. New Jersey on December 28, 1888. He was the son of Colonel Edwin A. Stevens and Mrs. Emily Lewis Stevens of Virginia. His grandfather, Colonel Edwin Augustus Stevens founded the great scientific school—Stevens Institute. His great-great grandfather, Colonel John Stevens of No. 7 Broadway on Bowling Green, New York City, bought Castle Point in 1784. It was then known as the "Island of Hoboken" where Colonel John Stevens made his home and workshop to carry on his experiments in shipbuilding and, later, railroading.

Basil Stevens had another distinction in that he was a direct descendant of both Martha Washington and of Elizabeth Washington Lewis, sister of George Washington.

"Steve" as we called him, chose his ancestral vocation of Army Service and joined us, of the Class of 1913, in March 1909. We all recall "Steve" as a valued classmate and a most interesting plebe as all of us know of the Stevens family and of Stevens Institute. Since the early days of our country, there had always

been a Stevens in New Jersey history, in education, politics and Army service, so Basil had all these elements in his nature.

Most of our plebe studies were easy for Basil, but mathematics was difficult for him so on July 1st, 1910, "Steve" left the Corps to go to Europe and later to take up the study of law.

Colonel Stevens graduated from the New York Law School and was admitted to the bar in New Jersey in 1914. He became a counsellor of law in 1920 and went on to other higher legal posts in after years.

Even so, his military yen remained with him and he joined the famous Essex Troop of New Jersey; saw service on the Mexican Border in 1915 and served as an infantry officer in World War I.

Some of his further military efforts were used to help organize the Officer's Reserve Corps of New Jersey. He became President of the Montclair Chapter. He also served as a Captain on the New Jersey State Judge Advocate General's staff and was a Lieutenant Colonel of the National Guard, on the staff of Governor Harry A. Moore of the State of New Jersey.

His legal career had many special facets, and among these services were: Special Master of the Court of Chancery of New Jersey, and as a United States Commissioner for the District of New Jersey in that state's Supreme Court.

The legal and military nature of Basil Stevens was mixed with service to his fellowman—so he was active in numerous organizations. He was a member of the Washington Bi-centennial Commission of 1932; Past Vice Commander of the American Legion of Montclair; Past President of the Founders and Patriots of America; member of the Military Order of The World Wars; Chancellor of the Society of Colonial Wars of New Jersey and New York; member of the Sons of the American Revolution; also, the Sons of the Revolution; and, of the St. Nicholas Society of New York; of the American Friends of Lafayette; of the Huguenot Society of America; a member of the Order of Colonial Lords of Manors in America; a member of the Military Order of Foreign Wars of the United States; and also, was a vice commander of the Loyal Legion.

Basil Stevens died of a heart attack at the Montclair Golf Club, while attending a trustee's meeting of the Stevens Academy of Hoboken, founded by his family. An easy and quick way to go for Basil but a harsh and unanticipated blow to his family and friends.

Surviving are his wife, Helen Clendenin Ward Stevens; a son, Edwin A. Stevens; a daughter, Miss Emily C. L. Stevens; a brother, Lawrence Lewis Stevens; a sister, Miss Emily L. Stevens and two grandchildren.

Memory is one of the Supreme Creator's great creations! We all recall Basil as a cheerful and genial classmate with a mellow personality. Those of us who were privileged to meet him in later life, know of his deep devotion to West Point, to his Country, and, to his ideals of "Duty, Honor, Country."

—Joe Viner, 1913

Earl Ewart Gesler

NO. 5323 CLASS OF 1915

Died August 11, 1958, at Walter Reed General Hospital, aged 65 years.

EARL EWART GESLER—officer, gentleman, friend—came to us from Illinois, the son of Leonard A. and Carolyn Gesler. He was a studious sort, destined for scholastic honors, but undeniably shy and self-effacing. Yet beneath his uniform was a friendliness, a geniality, a kindness, tempered with an unselfish helpfulness to others which early manifested itself in unpublicized assistance to many of us who coasted too perilously at times to the academic brink. Because of a somewhat serious mien, and a friendly "bedside manner", he early acquired the nickname "Doc" and "Doc" he will always be in the hearts of his classmates. In deference to his maturity and professional stature, however, we here see fit to call him affectionately "Earl"

Earl was always an Engineer, from his



earliest cadet days to his retirement and subsequent employment in 1952. He served in many capacities in the Corps of Engineers—with the Fifth Division in Europe in WW I and as military observer in Italy; later as District Engineer, New York; probably his outstanding achievement, one for which he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, was as Division Engineer, Middle Atlantic Division; he was later Chief of the Engineer Section, Eighth Army, Japan; and, at the time of his retirement, President of the Beach Erosion Board, Washington, D.C. He was a recognized authority on beach erosion and coastal protection, and directed the preparation of the Board's report on "Shore Protection", considered the most comprehensive publication extant on coastal engineering. He was also a charter member of the American Society of Military Engineers; and a member of the Professional Engineers for the District of Columbia and subsequent to his retirement served as a director of the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association, a Rockefeller Foundation; and as consult-

ant to the Green Engineering Company of Baltimore.

In 1925 he was married to Miss Jessica Mathews of Texas, thereby joining the world's greatest fraternity. Two children survive him: a son, Earl Jr. of Wilmington, Delaware, who is a graduate of MIT and now associated with the DuPont Company in Wilmington, Delaware; and a daughter, Mrs. Royce Hanson of Washington, D.C.

No recital of Earl's accomplishments would be complete without giving cognizance to the spirit, the essential verity, of the man himself. We early recognized that here indeed was a dedicated individual who could at once inspire and fulfill our image of the highest ideals and tradition of West Point, an image whose eloquence must always succeed where mere words palpably fail. Here was a man with whom we could dwell in a community of fellowship; a man tolerant and passive, yet overtly aware of his surroundings and sensitive of the companionship of his fellows. We loved him for his manliness, his kindness, his helpfulness to others—and we loved him equally for his high-mindedness, his vision, his firm adherence to the right, and for his decisiveness. There was always a ring of conviction to his words, however softly they might be spoken, always a cadenced phrase or a succinct thought to reflect the experience of a creative mind. Too often the abiding weakness of self is the lack of constructive purpose, too often we suffer from the tyranny of conformity which festoons our words with the mummeries of a bygone past.

With Earl, the opposite was refreshingly true. With him, life ever took on new flavor and he met each challenge with an alert and detached attitude, an attitude so disassociated from self that he never lost the power to wonder nor ever dulled his instinct to explore. It is rare to find a man in whom the practical and the idealistic were so happily combined. For, as in his case, realism and idealism are not essentially incompatible. Realism is merely an objective appraisal of the present, idealism a subjective plan for the future. In an orderly mind each facet of thought is reflected harmoniously with the others. We must first learn to tolerate, then to understand, then to cooperate—both as entities and as members of the team. Thus we attain our competence—So with Earl. For he possessed a simplicity of insight, an ability to separate and evaluate disparate factors, which permitted him readily to articulate the needs of the moment and project the requirements of the future. We are saddened that this great soul, this keen intellect, should have been called from our midst while still so relatively young. We do not grow old by living a given span of years—we grow old from inaction and idleness and frustration. For a life colored by the concomitants of mental alertness and constructive purpose, there is always an infinite prospect of the years.

In the hearts and minds of all of us there was once a zest for living, an unsatiated curiosity for the world around us, an adventurous spirit rising to the challenge of life. We then knew an intel-

lectual and social discipline; we had a lively awareness of the responsibilities and fundamentals upon which society depends. We believed in ourselves and in our fellows. Most of us can still conjure some bright though unfulfilled dream of our childhood, some uninhibited expression of the youthful mind which enhanced the freshness and sparkle of life. Though these dreams may have faded as we sought the wider fields of life and adventure, they have haunted us through the years; and in a world of disintegrating integrities they must ever remain one of the noblest embodiments of our lives. So to one who was essentially a realist but who harbored dreams of beauty and truth, to one of youthful spirit and kindly heart, we say farewell. He has finally earned full measure of return from the obscene confusion of wars and turmoil, and his problems have at last reached the equation of peace. In the attainment of human dignity and honor, and in the love of his classmates, he will live long in memory.

The day is done and quiet lies the world

As voices mute and flags are gently furled.

The birds are hushed that praised the morning's charms,
And darkness folds us gently in her arms.

The brook is stilled where once the eddies flowed.

The meadow stretches peacefully afar
Beyond the fence with tell-tale gates ajar—

The traveler has sought the open road!
A valiant soul! he still will live and share

The dear-remembered yesterdays, and lend

Us strength anew. For life indeed were bare

That sees in death an ignominious end.
The dawn lights up the everlasting hills
And lo! each day a newer life fulfills!

—John E. Harris

Colonel, USAF (Retired)
USMA 1915

James Cornelius Ruddell

NO. 5565 CLASS OF 1916

Died June 13, at Washington, D.C.,
aged 65 years.

JAMES CORNELIUS RUDDELL was born in Parkersburg, West Virginia on 9 March 1893. His appointment to West Point from the 4th District of his home state sent him to the Academy in 1912, and from that June onward he was devoted to his Class of 1916, and his classmates were devoted to him for his benevolent good humor, his adherence to the USMA tradition, and his integrity throughout his cadet service and his military career.

"Jimmie" was among the most highly educated of his Class. The list of schools from which he graduated represents a cross section of those schools to which only the highest caliber officers are assigned: M.S. degree, Massachusetts In-

stitute of Technology, 1923, Battery Officers School 1922, Command and General Staff School 1932, Army Industrial College 1939, Army War College 1940. In addition to service in Panama and the Philippines he held the following important assignments: Instructor Coast Artillery School 1923-25, Associate Professor M.S. & T., Massachusetts Institute of Technology 1935-39, Treasurer United States Military Academy and Army Athletic Association 1940-42.

In World War II Jimmie Ruddell served with distinction on the Army & Navy Joint Board, Amphibious Landing at Salerno, Italy. He was C.O. at Augsburg, Germany, Deputy C.O., Munich, Germany, and President of Dachau War Crimes Court. While serving at West Point, 1940-42 his ability was utilized by the First National Bank of Highland Falls of which he was a member of the Board of Directors. His last and to quote his own thoughtful words, his most sat-



isfying assignment, was as C.O., Fort Hamilton, New York, where he served from June 1949 til his retirement on 31 March, 1953. Jim felt that the experience and knowledge gained during his long prior service culminated in making his final assignment a fitting climax to his career.

Included among his decorations is the Legion of Merit, awarded for outstanding service in positions of great responsibility.

In France Jim renewed acquaintance with Blanche who was with the Red Cross Canteen and they were married at St. Nazaire on July 16, 1919. Their daughter Mary is the wife of Lieutenant Colonel David G. Gouvreau, Artillery, Class of 1941, USMA. They have three children, Anne, Nancy and James. Jim and Blanche's son Captain James C. Ruddell, Jr. Class of 1948, USMA, died of injuries and pneumonia in a prisoners of war camp in Korea, 28 February 1951. He was the recipient of three purple hearts and the Distinguished Service Cross for Gallantry in action, also the Korean Campaign Medal with Star. Captain Ruddell is survived by his widow and by his son James C. Ruddell III.

Jimmy was highly esteemed by all who knew him, his seniors, his contemporaries and by the youngsters. He was never too busy to calmly listen with interest and understanding to all who approached him. He valued friendships with sincerity and tolerance and tenacity, and forthwith, we of Sixteen join in saying 'Hail and Farewell' to a true friend.
 -F. F. G.

Henry Parke Blanks

NO. 5600 CLASS OF 1916

Died March 18, 1958, Berkeley, California, aged 66 years.

HENRY PARKE BLANKS, whom most of us knew more simply as "Hank," died at his home in Berkeley, California on March 18, 1958. Hank was one of our more philosophic classmates, and well he should have been, for he graduated with us as the "true" goat of our class. He would



have been the last on our list to graduate but for the fact that the graduation of Honey James was delayed two weeks for reasons best known to the Com.

Hank was born at Monroe, Louisiana on July 2, 1891, one of three sons of Robert Beverly and Eugenia Faulkner Blanks. His two brothers, Robert and Anthony, pre-deceased him. He attended public schools in Monroe and became a student at the Ohio Wesleyan University before joining our class on June 14, 1912. He was described in our Howitzer write-up as:

"A Goat without woodenness, ability without energy, a disposition without malice, a Freeland-like love of sleep, a dispenser of ideals, our one and only Hank."

His list of activities, however, belie some of the less favorable characteristics mentioned there. While always a Clean Sleeve, he participated fully in many Corps activities. These included the Cullum Hall Squad, Hundredth Night, Camp Illumination Committee, Furlough Book Board, Howitzer Board, and Secretary of the Dialectic Society—many more activities than most of us can claim.

On July 5, 1916, while on Graduation Leave, Hank and Margaret Lorimer In-

man were married, at the home of Margaret's grandfather, John Charles Smathers, at Turnpike, North Carolina, near Asheville. Two sons were born of their marriage, Henry Parke Jr. and Robert Anthony. Henry survived his father by only a few weeks. Robert is Midwest Regional Manager for Flying Tigers Airline, and his children, three sons and one daughter, are Hank's and Margaret's beloved grandchildren.

After Graduation Leave, Hank reported for duty with the 7th Infantry at Fort Bliss, Texas, where he remained until May of 1917 when he was transferred to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, to the 61st Infantry. He commanded a Battalion for several months, and was made Regimental Adjutant before sailing for France with the regiment on April 16, 1918. He served with the 61st Infantry in France, and participated in operations in the Vosges, and at St. Mihiel. During this period, also, he graduated from the Army School of the Line at Langres, France. He was promoted to Major, 61st Infantry, USA, October 31, 1918. He commanded a Battalion, 61st Infantry, 5th Division, 3rd Army, in Luxembourg from January 1, 1919 until he returned to the United States with his regiment in May, 1919 and went with it to Camp Gordon, Georgia, and later to Camp Jackson, South Carolina, still with the 61st Infantry.

Hank was assigned to ROTC duty at Memphis, Tennessee in 1922, took the Advanced Course, Infantry School 1925-1926, graduated from the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth in 1927, and his name was placed on the General Staff Corps Eligible List. Having been returned to the grade of Captain in 1920, he was again promoted to Major in September, 1927, and transferred to Hawaii where he was Department National Guard Officer, Headquarters Hawaiian Department for three years, his entire tour of duty in the Islands. Upon returning to the mainland, he was assigned to duty with the Minnesota National Guard at Minneapolis, Minnesota until 1934 when he became the Executive Officer, 14th Brigade, at Fort Douglas, Utah.

Late in 1936, Hank suffered a coronary thrombosis at Fort Douglas and entered Letterman Army Hospital at San Francisco, California. He remained in the hospital for six months, and was retired as a Major on April 30, 1937, disability in line of duty.

Hank and Margaret made their home in Berkeley, California after his retirement, where they lived happily and quietly in the interest of protecting Hank's health. That they were eminently successful is evidenced by the fact that Hank remained with us more than twenty years after suffering his heart attack and being retired. During this time Hank participated in business in building and loan and real estate activities.

Hank had several hobbies to help him in his years of retirement. Among them were his home, his garden and flowers, furniture making, and painting. He was an artist and painter of real ability, and enjoyed painting. Margaret proudly shows

his paintings to their friends. They will always be a comfort to her.

As for those of us who knew him, I can only say we wish we could have known him better. He was a fine and admirable person.

-D. F. J.

H. Norman Schwarzkopf

NO. 5689 CLASS OF APRIL, 1917

Died November 25, 1958, at West Orange, New Jersey, aged 63 years.

Few people have been privileged to know the real Norman Schwarzkopf under the defensive shell of the strict disciplinarian. Hardly anyone who knew how often as a cadet he walked the area would have believed he would become so strict with himself and those under him. Few knew of his deep affection for his real friends and relatives, and not many of his loving solicitude for his mother



and invalid father. He was, too, a devoted husband and a proud and affectionate father. Seeing his son, Norman, Jr., graduate from the Academy in the Class of 1956 was one of the happiest moments of his life, and his pride in his daughters was boundless.

Schwarzie achieved national fame as head of the New Jersey State Police, which he organized after his appointment in 1921. Shortly thereafter he spent considerable time with each of the similar existing organizations, the Texas Rangers, the Pennsylvania Highway Patrol, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. He studied their methods and problems and came back to incorporate the best features of each into his organization. His was a political appointment, but he refused to "play politics." The only man recommended by Governor Edwards, who had appointed Schwarzie, failed to pass the test for the troopers, and was not accepted. Influence failed to register with the New Jersey State Police. Many friends and acquaintances of mine who had the opportunity to come into contact with various police organizations throughout the country have rated New Jersey State Police the best.

Since Schwarzie's appointment had been

political. I would not have resented Governor Harold G. Hoffman's failure to reappoint him after fifteen years of faithful and noteworthy service, had this refusal been for purely political reasons. But Hoffman had a personal animosity towards Schwarzie. He tried in every way possible to discredit him, hoping to find some excuse to dismiss him under a cloud. He used the opinion held by some people that the true solution of the Lindbergh kidnapping case had not been reached, to imply that Schwarzie was inefficient. Failing in that, he had the State Police accounts for its full fifteen years audited, without finding anything remiss. It is pleasing to note that Colonel Lindbergh expressed his complete confidence in Schwarzie, and his full satisfaction with the conduct of the investigation. It is ironical that, later, Schwarzie was assigned to head the investigation into Hoffman's own crooked record, the exposure of which caused him to die suddenly—I have met many New Jersey State Troopers, and have always felt a glow of pride at the tone of affectionate respect in their voices as they spoke of "The Colonel"

Schwarzie's later achievements are military history. His knowledge and ability were well used in his assignment to head the military mission to Iran, where he organized a national military police force. Many letters of sincere appreciation for his work testify to his success there, and the flood of letters of sympathy written by Iranians to his wife, Ruth show plainly how widespread are the warm personal friendships he made.

His final command was as Major General in command of the 78th Infantry Division in New Jersey's Reserve Organization; and here, too, his work as an administrator was outstanding.

The nation has lost a fine soldier in General Schwarzkopf, and the State of New Jersey a most honorable servant. For me, there are no words to express my sense of loss at "Schwarzie's" passing.

—"Parson" Parks

Class of April 1917

Lewis Tenney Ross

NO. 5906 CLASS OF JUNE 1918

Died September 3, 1958 at Webster Groves, Missouri, aged 62 years.

LEWIS TENNEY ROSS was born in Washington, D.C., the son of a splendid and highly respected soldier, Colonel Tenney Ross, and Katherine Lamborn Ross. Like other Army boys, he received a roving education, as his father moved from station to station, and again, like most of them, he early acquired a strong ambition to enter West Point.

He entered the Military Academy in June, 1915, as a member of the original Class of 1919 (graduated June 12, 1918). As a cadet he was immensely popular in his Class because of his sincerity, his keen wit, and his constant regard for others. Because of the need of officers for World War I, his Class graduated a year early, and Tenney, ranking 15, was commissioned a temporary Captain in the Corps of Engineers.

On October 16, 1920, while stationed at (then) Camp A. A. Humphreys, Virginia, he married Marian Elizabeth Kutz, the daughter of the Engineer Commissioner of the District of Columbia, Brigadier General Charles W. Kutz. Those of us attending the wedding always remembered the joy and tenderness that began there and lasted unabated between them through the years. Three children were born to the couple: two daughters, Marian, and Katherine Randolph Ross; and a son, Lieutenant Tenney Kutz Ross.

Following his marriage and graduation from The Engineer School, Tenney was assigned the usual duties required of an engineer officer of the company grades until, after 22 years' service, he received the field rank of Major, just prior to World War II.

Such duties comprised duty with troops in Panama and this country from the Mexican border to Delaware, at various "old" Army Posts; National Guard Instructor; ROTC at Oregon State Agricultural College; Company Commander of the CCC;



and assignments to the Savannah District and the North Pacific Division Offices of the Civil Works of the Corps of Engineers.

During these years, Tenney, who was a Distinguished Rifleman, displayed his quick, cool, and precise mind and his superb leadership, first as a member of the Engineer Rifle Team, and later as its Captain and Coach.

Two of his assignments were particularly important in preparing this Nation for World War II. The first was in the Honolulu District of the Corps of Engineers where he supervised hired labor construction of military fortifications and facilities for the defense of the Hawaiian Islands and Midway Island, in the important pre-war years of 1937-1939.

The second position of importance was his staff assignment in OCE on return from Hawaii, in charge of Military Railway planning and training, in which he worked closely with Mr. Carl Gray (President of the Union Pacific Railroad and later Major General and Director of Military Railways, ETO), and other railroad leaders. Although shortly after Pearl Harbor, military railways were transferred from the Corps of Engineers to the newly organized Transportation Corps, the high

degree of preparedness and training of the railroad "affiliated" units was primarily due to the skill and perfection of (then) Major Ross.

While on this important OCE staff assignment, Ross was early appointed Lieutenant Colonel in June 1941 followed rapidly by promotion to Colonel in February 1942.

After Commanding a Provisional Training Brigade of some 5,000 engineer troops at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, in the fall of 1942 Tenney was ordered Overseas, to Australia, to become Deputy to Major General H. J. ("Pat") Casey, who had accompanied General Douglas MacArthur there from Bataan in the Philippines as the latter's Chief Engineer.

Shortly after arrival in Brisbane, in January, 1943, Ross was assigned as Chief Engineer, USAFE (United States Army Forces, Far East), which for Supply, Administrative and Training purposes, commanded all Army and Army-Air Force Troops in the Southwest Pacific, except those assigned to Task Forces in the New Guinea Combat Zone.

I arrived in Australia about a month later with the Advanced Echelon, Headquarters Sixth Army, and when Pat Casey first got us together, I shall never forget the look of sheer ecstasy on Tenney's face at his great opportunity to serve his country overseas and "in the field" in such a responsible post. The new Chief Engineer of USAFE believed in, and practiced the business of personal reconnaissance, and later, time and again, in our forward areas, bucked the jungle and the rough coral "washboards" in a jeep, to see things for himself. When Tenney came up, which he frequently did, and saw what was needed by the combat troops, we could be sure that it would arrive in short order on his return to USASOS Headquarters.

Under a Theatre reorganization late in 1943, USAFE's responsibilities were split between GHQ and a newly organized U.S. Army Service of Supply, headed by Major General James L. Frink, whose Chief Engineer Ross became. The mission of USASOS was formidable indeed at the far end of an 8,000 mile supply line to support simultaneously a dozen or more Task Forces over an area 4,000 X 1,500 miles of jungle and mountain from Australia to the Philippines. Reflection on the fact that ETO was at the end of a 3,000 mile supply line with less than 100 miles between Normandy and the Channel ports and in the most highly developed area in the world, will give some grasp of the problem; but probably only those who were there can appreciate the enormity of the task, and the tremendous challenge of Port, Base, and Airdrome construction involved.

For his superb achievements, Ross later in 1944 was promoted to Brigadier General, and awarded the Distinguished Service Medal. In his own words, let us here quote General Frink's appraisal of his Chief Engineer:

"Tenney was one of the finest characters I have ever known, and a distinguished officer of the Corps of Engineers. One of his greatest accomplishments as Chief Engineer, USASOS, WW II, was the building of the huge tempo-

ary ports in New Guinea—two of them capable of handling a half million tons of cargo each per month. Added to this the building of hundreds of miles of road through the jungle with their innumerable bridges which had to be carved out of the forest, will give you some idea of the magnitude of his work. All of this was accomplished on scheduled time in a quiet efficient way—in itself a silent tribute to the outstanding ability of the responsible officer, Tenney Ross.”

In the Fall of 1945, after the establishment of the great Military Port of Manila, and other bases in the Philippines essential to the planned invasion of the Japanese Empire, USASOS was dissolved and replaced by a larger organization with a first, instead of a last priority supply status in the Pentagon. After more than two and one-half years of conducting highly successful engineer-logistical struggle in the tropical archipelagoes of the Southwest Pacific, Ross returned home and, not long after, retired after 28 years' service.

But Tenney was far from through with his labors. His still youthful, quick and accurate mind refused to be limited by retirement, and he entered the employ of Sverdrup and Parcel, a leading firm of engineers, with offices in St. Louis, Missouri. General Sverdrup, as Deputy Chief Engineer to General Casey, on GHQ, had come to know Ross well in SWPA, and did not hesitate to place him in responsible charge of work amounting to over \$100,000,000, the firm was doing at the USAF's Arnold Engineering Development Center, essential to the development of the jet and missile engines. He also supervised all preliminary and the greater part of the final design of the Joint Service long range missile proving ground in Florida—the now famous installation at Cape Canaveral. Thus, his great engineering skill, foresight and leadership were projected into the foundation of the Space Age.

Tenney died with a heart attack on September 3, 1958. He leaves his wife, Marian, and his two daughters, Mrs. Samuel N. Karrick, Jr., of Alexandria, Virginia, and Mrs. Charles Crichton, of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Also surviving is his distinguished father, Colonel Tenney Ross of Washington, D.C. His son, First Lieutenant Tenney K. Ross, Infantry, (USMA 1945) was killed in combat in Korea on November 6, 1950. Few men could have loved their sons more than did Tenney. The immensity of the blow upon him was therefore staggering. His pride and hopes for the boy were shot from under him. Yet those Classmates who knew the greatness of his grief felt that his courage, combined with his sadness, was not unlike that of Abraham Lincoln.

So much for the career of our esteemed and beloved Classmate. But aside from being a successful engineer officer and distinguished soldier, it is the man himself that all his friends will most remember. No one has quite expressed the spirit of Tenney's character more accurately or eloquently than Colonel Elmer E. Barnes, USMA November 1918.

“Just to have met and talked with Tenney Ross, even briefly, was an unforgettable experience. To have enjoyed his

intimate friendship over a span of forty years, as so many did, was a great privilege. Somehow, one always felt lifted after being with Tenney. An aura of true companionship seemed to surround him wherever he went. What were the special traits in his character that caused this unusual impact? Four decades of adult life bring to all of us close associations with many individuals, but few produce that tie of closeness one felt with Tenney. Probably, the simple answer lies in his unfailing kindness—his genuine and immediate interest in you and yours. One knew instantly that here was a true friend. That was the kernel of the tie that bound him so closely to his associates, subordinates and superiors alike.

“But Tenney had much more than this to give, and give he did, always. He was ever ready to draw on his wide professional knowledge to help others. His brilliant conversation, and matchless wit, enlivened every gathering he attended. He rarely forgot a name, a face or anything he read, making it a joy for others to rely on his memory. One talent, in particular, he possessed to a marked degree, and none who knew him failed to share and enjoy it. That was his ability, little short of genius, to write verse. He could, and literally did, dash off an ode on any subject with ease. He enjoyed this talent hugely and used it to amuse his friends. In fact, one of his last acts was to send a set of these verses to a reunion gathering of his classmates in Washington, hilariously lampooning them, as his contribution to the affair.

“Yes, we all relied on, and loved, Tenney Ross. His passing has left a vacancy in the hearts of each of us who knew him. We have lost a great man, a real leader and a gifted and true friend.”

In conclusion, Brigadier General Clarence P. Townsley, a classmate and close friend, pays a most fitting tribute, which is highly expressive of the feelings of those who knew him.

“In my estimation, Tenney was the personification of the ideals we all strive to achieve and maintain. If I could choose my brother, (having none), Tenney would be my No. 1 candidate.”

—Samuel D. Sturgis, Jr.
Lieutenant General, USA (Ret.)
USMA, June, 1918

Paul Andrew Donnally

NO. 6331 CLASS OF 1919

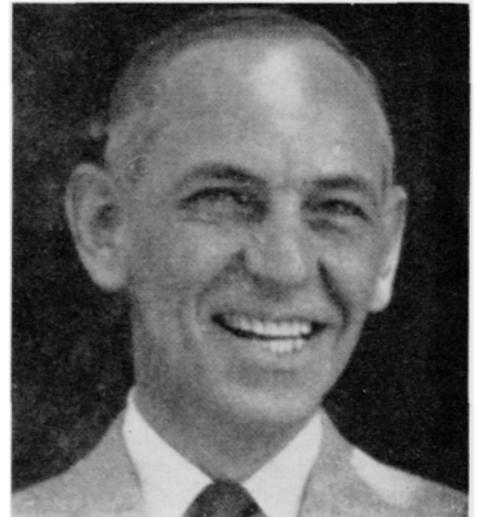
Died October 6, 1958, at Madison,
Connecticut, aged 59 years.

Paul was never a general. When he was a cadet, his classmates almost to a man would have said he was the most likely to become one. The Tactical Department thought so too, as he received the highest rank that an S.O. ever attained as a cadet—First Corporal. As an officer on duty, he was the victim of a vicious accident, in which both his legs received compound fractures, one above and one below the knee. He spent two years in army hospitals, and was never far from a hospital thereafter, as he contracted that bane of such fractures, oste-

omyelitis. After extensive surgery he was two inches shorter than his normal height. He loved the Army with a fervor few men possess, but that Army, in its impersonal way, retired him as a young man. So he lived and died as a First Lieutenant, U.S. Army, retired.

After his retirement, he spent the years from 1922 to 1926 with a banking firm in Spain and retained a fondness for that country ever afterward. He also served at West Point as Assistant Graduate Manager of Athletics. The depression years were a bit difficult, but in 1941 he joined Wilcox-Crittenden of Middletown, Connecticut. With them his remaining years were spent.

After his death his widow was to learn that within a month he was to have been made a vice-president of North & Judd, the parent company of Wilcox-Crittenden, who in one of those corporate combinations, so common today, had taken over his firm. His company received a large sheaf of letters of condolences from Paul's business acquaint-



ances from all over the country. The company said that they had never had anything like it happen before. Almost with unanimity, the letters cited his noticeable fairness and unusual integrity, and also what a fine gentleman he was. They found the quality that men admire the most—character. It was deep-graven into the rock of the man. So much, so, that his classmates, long ago in the Howitzer, likened him to the “Rock of Gibraltar.”

He showed no envy for his many classmates who became famous in a war in which he was denied a part. On the contrary, he was pleased and proud of them. He was given to helping people in their troubles, giving of his time and small stock of energy. Only his wife knew that he lived always in pain, as he never complained. He hoped that after each operation the pain would cease, but it never did.

He and Sis worked tirelessly to make an old Connecticut farmhouse in Madison a thing of beauty. In twenty minutes a fire destroyed most of the work of years. Faced by a new misfortune, he once more doggedly set to work to bring it back to be a measure of his dreams.

Some of his dreams were realized in his two girls, both graduates of Con-

necticut College for Women. Joan, the elder, married David McCullough, who was born in Australia but is now a New York advertising executive. They have two children, David Andrew (a son) and Robin Donnally (a daughter). Cynthia has been recently married to Lieutenant Stephen Anderson, a top Navy pilot in a squadron whose job is in the field of electronic countermeasures. Paul was happy to know that part of his family was returning to the Services.

Paul's wife Cécile (Sis, to all her friends) still lives in the charming restored farmhouse which was their joint creation.

In my book, he was a true success. He was in its finest sense a gentleman—a proper epitaph for any man.

—S. W. G. (1919)

Norman Holmes Smith

NO. 7752 CLASS OF 1925

Died December 2, 1958, at Saint Albans Naval Hospital, Long Island, New York, aged 57 years.

NORMAN HOLMES SMITH, (Norm, Smithy) came to West Point from Belleville, New Jersey, arriving near the end of the period of new cadet training on August 25, 1921. He had no previous service, or knowledge of military life, but a natural ability to learn quickly and the moral stimulus provided by his father's parting words of "Don't let 'em throw you," soon put him on a par with the other new cadets.

As a cadet Norm was a little older and more mature than most of his classmates, and while not a top player on any Corps squad, had natural athletic ability, particularly in basketball which marked him definitely as an above average athlete. He had a certain cheerfulness and optimistic outlook on life particularly when the going got rough that buoyed up the spirits of his roommates, particularly myself.

Norm also had an adventurous spirit and the same willingness to take a chance that the men who visited Benny Haven's Tavern in years gone by displayed. This led him to go on an unauthorized weekend leave from Yearling summer camp which was a highlight of his four years at West Point. This violation of the regulations did not go undetected, and he had to serve two hundred punishment tours and be confined to the area of barracks for nine months. Norm's good humor and high spirits never deserted him during this long period.

Norm's service upon graduation was all spent in the Field Artillery, much of it with horse-drawn units. His first assignment was at Fort Lewis, Washington.

On March 1, 1927, at Fort Lawton, Washington, Norm married Olivia (Ollie) Neumann, the niece of Mrs. John W. Llufrío, wife of Captain John W. Llufrío, Q.M.C. She was his devoted helpmate throughout the rest of his life. They have two sons, Ralph and Carl, and a daughter, Donna Mae.

Norm and Ollie left Fort Lewis in the summer of 1927 for a tour in the Phil-

ippines. The Battery Officer's Course at Fort Sill, 1929-30, followed. The then Lieutenant Colonel Leslie J. McNair was Assistant Commandant of the Field Artillery School at this time, and Norm had the good fortune, as did many others, to receive his inspirational guidance.

The Field Artillery School was followed by two tours at Fort Sill, a tour at Fort Knox, Kentucky and by the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

It was early in 1941 that the unfortunate illness that resulted in Norm's retirement first manifested itself. He was placed on limited service and assigned to the University of Oklahoma in the summer of 1942. This resulted in the greatest disappointment of his life, as it meant of course that he would never see action in the war. He said to me years later that the only real regret that he had in his life was that he served for over twenty years in the Army, without ever hearing a hostile shot.

Norm's illness became progressively



worse, and he was retired from active service January 31, 1945. He and Ollie settled in Verona, New Jersey, and he subsequently recovered sufficiently to accept the position as Senior Accountant for New Jersey State Veterans' Housing which he held until the summer of 1958 or for about twelve years.

In the fall of 1958 Norm became ill and was hospitalized at St. Albans Hospital, New York. He died December 2, 1958.

Kindness, consideration for others, an optimistic outlook and loyalty to his family, his friends and his country were the qualities which made Norman Smith beloved by many people.

—Hubert M. Cole

Gaulden McIntosh Watkins

NO. 8446 CLASS OF 1928

Died February 25, 1958 at Woodside, California, aged 52 years.

Mac has left us but he has left with us cherished memories of a great and courageous friend and companion. Those of us who were fortunate enough to know him well and claim him as a friend were

enriched by his lusty love of life. Soldier-sportsman—wanderer! These are the words which best describe Mac's eager quest for every adventure life offered. First and foremost Mac was a SOLDIER spekt with capital letters and underscored by the proud name of INFANTRYMAN. Of all his decorations for heroism and gallantry in action, he prized most his Combat Infantryman's Badge. But soldiering was only one facet of his boundless love for the great outdoors and for the people who inhabited his world. He loved all men and one woman. His unswerving loyalty to family and friends drew people to him like a magnet to share with him his intense enthusiasm for adventure and the sheer joy of living. His days were filled with laughter that came from the belly and argument that sprung from need of conflict to sharpen mind and senses. Practical joker, ever ready to spring a trap on unsuspecting friend, he sought fun without malice. He frequently maneuvered his companions into ticklish situations from which he might extricate them. With all such gay horsing around the underlying generosity and loyalty of his nature created a warm atmosphere of companionship. This he brought to his troops in the deadly serious adventure of battle, to his devoted wife in the joyous adventure of life, and to himself in the tragic adventure of living for fourteen years in his wheel chair with the ever present pains of his wounds.

What were the factors that created Mac's wonderful gifts of courage, fortitude, loyalty and gay enthusiasm. Mac's life and character were molded by two environments and by two people. His boyhood life in Brooks County, Georgia and his four years at West Point set the stage. His older brother Elliott and his wonderful wife Betty set the tempo.

Born in Brooks County, Georgia on a farm with a family dedicated to the finest concept of living, Mac learned to love the outdoors—camping, hunting and fishing. His parents died when he was but 12 years old and he went to live with his older brother Elliott at Fort Francis E. Warren in Wyoming. Elliott Watkins (Class of 1917) was then a Lieutenant of Infantry home from World War I. He gave Mac a soldier's companionship while acting as father. Throughout his high school years Mac learned the meaning of Duty, Honor, Country and the excitement of an infantryman's life. Elliott was his hero and the infantry his goal.

While striving for his appointment to West Point he detoured to his other love—the great outdoors. For six months he rode pack mules and camped in the rugged canyons and mountains of northern Nevada as member of a State survey party establishing the State's boundaries. This experience instilled in his character a deep appreciation of the comradeship of men around the evening camp fire.

At West Point from 1924 to 1928 he added the polish of a soldier to the ruggedness of a mountain man. Typically, the Howitzer records Mac's activities as "A.B. rifle-pistol-machine gun". Fun and Guns—that was Mac. He had played with guns since he was four years old—the A.B. was new—the practical joker combining with an adventurous spirit to get into scrapes.

Graduating as a Second Lieutenant of

Infantry in 1928 he spent the next eight years as a gay bachelor, learning his profession, having fun and growing into a handsome and competent officer. Platoon commands, the Infantry school and then to Panama for a three year tour from 1932 to 1935. During this tour he earned the high honor of a Commendation from the President of the Republic of Panama for his outstanding service in command of the Military Police Company.

Then as Aide to General Woodruff he was transferred to Fort Mason, California in April 1935. Here in San Francisco Mac found the happiest adventure of his life. He married Betty Shipp, daughter of Captain Earl Roop Shipp U.S.N. in 1936 and a few months later in January of 1937 took his bride with him to follow General Woodruff to Hawaii.

After two happy years at Schofield Barracks, Mac and his Betty moved back for a second tour in Panama. 1939 in Panama was a more serious time. World War II in Europe lent meaning to the training in jungle warfare and the techniques of infantry combat. After the United States



entered the war in 1941, Mac was in an uproar for fear he would be left to guard the Panama Canal. It took him six months of begging senior officers he knew to get an assignment to the 104th Infantry Division at Camp Adair, Oregon. The era from June 1942 to February 1944 was one of frustrating days of training, training, training for the war that seemed far away. Finally on February 25, 1944 Mac left the 104th Division and sailed for Italy and the ETO.

Thus, late in the war began the deadly serious adventure which was to bring tragedy. On Mac's arrival in Italy he was assigned to the 36th Division and after a brief period as a staff officer was given command of the 2nd Battalion, 143rd Infantry Regiment. Lucky Battalion! It got a commander who was all soldier—a real leader with courage, imagination, professional skill and loyalty to his men. Those men of the 2nd Battalion soon learned that they had no desk soldier to lead them but a real man who shared every hardship and danger. Mac's Battalion on May 30, 1944 staged a brilliant passage through the German lines south of Rome, encircled the town of Velletri and established positions on a razorback

ridge in rear of the enemy. This maneuver trapped a large German force and resulted in reducing the enemy position with many prisoners. Two weeks later on June 15, 1944, Mac and his Battalion were officially commended for courageous action in the attack and capture of Mt. Peschio. And so went the story of Mac Watkins and his Battalion throughout the action in Italy. Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart—these were the awards of a fine soldier until the invasion of Southern France. On August 15, 1944 the 7th Army landed on the shores of Southern France. The 36th Division and the 143rd Infantry Regiment were in the van. Mac leading his 2nd Battalion stormed ashore and drove inland. Eight hours later while leading his forward Company, Mac was cut down by enemy machine guns. Near death, Mac fought for life and won.

There followed four years of Army hospitals where Mac's courage and will to live combined with the Doctor's skills brought him from complete paralysis to the condition of a wheel chair paraplegic for the remaining years. Mac was retired from the Active Army on May 14, 1948 at Letterman General Hospital with all the honors his war service richly deserved.

Retiring to Woodside, California, Mac lived ten wonderful years with his devoted Betty and the never ending stream of friends who sought him out in his hillside retreat. God rest the soul of a great soldier and a classmate who gave his loyalty and friendship to all.

—F. H. Falkner

Henry Gordon Sheen

EX-CADET OF 1931

Died June 21, 1958, at San Antonio, Texas, aged 50 years.

GORDON SHEEN came to the Class of 1931 from an Army family. He was born at Fort Totten, New York on April 14, 1908, the son of Colonel Harry Sheen who served in the Army with distinction in peace and war for many years. For generations, on both sides of his family, Gordon's forebearers had been in the military service, and he was imbued with the same spirit of loyalty and patriotism, serving his country in the Army practically all his life.

He left West Point in 1928 and shortly thereafter he was again in the service of his country having volunteered for service with the Civilian Conservation Corps at its inception. He stayed with the C.C.C. until in 1940 it was clear that war was imminent. He was then in the Reserve and he volunteered for active duty.

In that year, having been called to active duty, he was assigned to duty in G-2 Washington. His speciality became counter-intelligence and he became the Chief of the Army's Counter-Intelligence Corps. From Washington he was sent to London where he served on General Eisenhower's staff as his counter-intelligence officer. He went to North Africa with Eisenhower and then back to England to join the Supreme Headquarters and serve with it through the European

campaign and on to Berlin where he was assigned as the United States Counter Intelligence Officer in the G-2 Division of the U.S. Group Control Council, Germany.

Gordon returned from Berlin in 1947 and stayed on active duty. He served as an instructor at the Command and General Staff School and then at the War College. Later, he served overseas in Okinawa, Japan and Korea and then returned to the Armored Force School where he was assigned as the head of the General Subjects Department.

In 1957 Gordon retired to make his home in San Antonio, Texas, where he died on June 21st, 1958.

For his service in World War II, Gordon received the Legion of Merit and the Purple Heart from his own Country, and the Order of the British Empire from Great Britain. He was also made an Officer of the Legion of Honor by France and received the Croix de Guerre with Palm from that country. Belgium awarded him its Croix de Guerre and its Order of Leopold.

To those who knew him, Gordon's out-



standing characteristic was his great patriotism and love of his Country. Second only to this was his devotion to West Point and to the Army and all they stood for in terms of Duty, Honor and Country. He had the ability to choose deputies of proven ability, delegate to them authority, and then place his trust in them. Those who served as his subordinates remember him as an understanding and helpful mentor and one who held their interests close to his heart and carried their battles as his own. To those under whom he served, he was an energetic, intelligent, willing member of the team utterly loyal to its objectives. All who knew him recognized him as an admirable man, with a dynamic personality, who was a courageous advocate of his fine ideals and objectives. To his high sense of duty and steadfast courage were joined energy and verve, and to his unswerving loyalty was added the capacity for cooperation, friendship and sympathetic understanding of others.

With the passing of Gordon Sheen, West Point has lost a devoted son, the Army a loyal member, his friends a warm, inspiring and loyal companion, and America a dedicated patriot.

Bogardus Snowden Cairns

NO. 9468 CLASS OF 1932

Died December 9, 1958 in a helicopter crash at Ft. Rucker, Alabama, aged 48 years.

MAJOR GENERAL Bogardus Snowden Cairns, Commanding General of the Army Aviation Center and Commandant of the Army Aviation School was killed instantly December 9, 1958, when his H-13 helicopter crashed into a wooded area of the Fort Rucker, Alabama, reservation.

"Bugs" had progressed naturally from horse cavalry to armor and, in 1957, to Army Aviation, finding each rewarding and happy. As a fellow officer and long-time friend wrote: "Bugs was to me the spirit of the Cavalry, the audacity, aggressiveness, and joie de vivre of the Armor. You must know the countless numbers who loved him and who took the greatest delight in his successes. He was a pioneer in his selected field and much that he has started will live after him." Of one of his developments in Army Aviation, the armed helicopter, his beloved "Sky Cavalry", the Chief of Research and Development, Dept. of the Army, wrote: "His latest contributions in the new field of Army Aviation will leave a lasting effect on the future of the Army."

To his family, Bugs was a loving, generous, always reasonable son, brother, husband, and father. He left three children, Douglas age 20, Patricia 19, and Scott 7, Douglas (Class 1961, US Air Force Academy), after returning from ceremonies renaming the air field at Fort Rucker "Cairns Army Air Field" and dedicating it to his father, said: "I knew my father was a great man, but I didn't know so many other people knew it."

He was a regular attendant at Church and served as vestrymen at the time of his death. A plaque to his memory has been installed in the Church of the Epiphany, Enterprise, Alabama.

To quote letters from two of his old friends: "I know of no officer in the Division who had more friends, who commanded more respect, or who remained more loyal to his associates than he." "He was the finest gentleman, best officer, and gayest companion I'll ever know. The world and the Army will be so much poorer without his gallant example and ready smile."

The mayor of a neighboring city wrote: "... An irreplaceable friend of this area. His many unselfish contributions to our way of life and his influence have been permanently etched in our minds and hearts." A civilian employed at Fort Rucker wrote of the gracious way General Cairns had received him on a personal matter: "There was no reason for him to have done this except the quality of greatness—being concerned about others and being kind to them."

His qualities of leadership were evident in the attitude of the officers and men who worked for him. His former chief of staff wrote: "All of us who worked under Bugs at Rucker considered him the ideal commander. We all considered ourselves fortunate in having such a capable com-

manding officer who was able to cause so many great achievements."

A former division commander wrote: "As you must know, I have always had the highest regard for Bugs, and looked for him to go far in the Service of his Country. In his assignment at Rucker I knew he had opportunity to develop his ideas and he has contributed far more than his share to our Army. We shall miss him for his many outstanding qualities as well as his accomplishments." A now retired officer, once his Commanding General, wrote: "I often told Bugs if I ever had a son I would like to have one like him." At the dedication of Cairns Army Air Field, his Army Commander said in his address to the assembled audience: "I thank God for letting us know him, and for letting us have him as long as He did."

The feeling of thousands who knew and



loved Bugs is well expressed in the following lines written by his father-in-law:

BOGARDUS, MY SON!

by

WM. E. BROUGHER

Brigadier General, US Army, Ret.

We hold the memory now of one God made completely good—
Of one who did all things well—
Of one who truly loved his neighbor as himself—
Gallant soldier, thoughtful husband, devoted father, faithful friend—
Bogardus, my Son!

Rare blend he was of gentle spirit with iron will; tender parent and tough disciplinarian; exacting commander and jolly companion; wise planner and active doer; thoughtful scholar and skilled technician—

We hold the memory of him who left us at the peak of his perfection—
Bogardus, my Son!

He's gone to join his father now,
The good old Dad who gave him his ideals;
Who shaped his tender years, and blessed him with a legacy of love—
Bogardus, my Son!

And so we say farewell to all but memories—

Memories that will grow brighter with the years of that future
Which he once held so surely in the hollow of his hand—
Years that will teach us how rare is the combination
Of strength and beauty that was his—
Bogardus, my Son!

I believe these quotations from friends and family tell the story better than any one person could write it.

—Doris Brougher Cairns
(Mrs. Bogardus S. Cairns)

William Dawes McKinley

NO. 10979 CLASS OF 1937

Died June 22, 1957, in Seoul, Korea, aged 41 years.

BILL MCKINLEY was born January 18, 1916 at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, the son of Captain (later Major General) James Fuller McKinley (a nephew of President McKinley) and Margaret Disosway McKinley of Atlanta, Georgia. The early years of his life were spent at army posts in the Southwest and the Canal Zone where, with his brother and sister, he led the carefree, happy life of an Army child of that period roaming the posts at will and riding his father's cavalry horses. During that time he became steeped in Army tradition and developed a love for the Army that was to serve the Army and the Nation well in later and more troubled times.

Moving to Washington with his family in 1929, Bill attended Western High School and in 1933 entered the Academy straight from Western at the age of 17. His high spirits, unending good humor, love of gaiety and ease in making friends endeared him more to his classmates than to the Tactical Department and Academic Board but he graduated well in 1937 and was commissioned in the Infantry, a branch of service to which he was ever afterward devoted.

Bill served first in Hawaii in the 19th Infantry, a regiment that later in life he was again to join and to command. From Hawaii he moved to the 9th Infantry, Second Division at Fort Sam Houston. There he met his wife Anne McAlpin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roderick McAlpin of San Antonio. They were married in September of 1940.

In 1941 Bill became Aide-de-Camp to General Walter Krueger, Commanding General of the Third Army, but in 1942 left that assignment to join once again the 2d Infantry Division which had been ordered to Camp McCoy, Wisconsin for intensive winter training prior to sailing abroad in the early fall of 1943. Unexpected orders sending Bill to the American School Center at Shrivenham, England as Assistant Commandant in the spring of 1943 precluded Bill's going abroad with his regiment, but as soon as the 2d Division arrived in Europe, Bill made every effort to join his old unit and was successful, being assigned as Ex-

ective Officer of his old regiment, the 9th Infantry.

In that capacity Bill landed on the Normandy beaches on D+2, June 8, 1944 and two days later, while personally leading an attack of a platoon of men in an effort to flank the enemy positions he was critically wounded by machine gun fire. Evacuated to England, he had hardly begun his convalescence when he started to do all in his power to return to his regiment. In August, over his doctor's protests, he returned to France and assumed command of the 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry, a post he held until February. He fought through all the fall and winter campaigns with his regiment, his battalion particularly distinguishing itself in the Battle of the Bulge, where it held for days alone against overwhelming odds. The battalion was awarded the Presidential Distinguished Unit Citation for this engagement. Bill was again wounded in this battle. Finally, in February he was sent home for a long overdue and much-deserved rest.

This period of time was spent in fruitless attempts to join General Krueger in the Pacific Theatre, but once again unexpected orders intervened and Bill was assigned in early August 1945 to the Tactical Department at West Point. During that tour he established, under General Maxwell D. Taylor, the course in Military Psychology and Leadership of which he became the first director, thus leaving his lasting stamp on the Academy.

Later assignments included tours in England and at the Army War College, first as a student and then as a member of the faculty.

In August of 1956, Bill was assigned to Korea and served first on the staff of KMAC. In the spring of 1957, to his great



delight, Bill was assigned to command the 19th Infantry of the 24th Division, his first regiment which he had joined as a second lieutenant nearly twenty years before. His pride in his regiment and his pleasure in commanding it were unbounded. Unfortunately, Bill was tired and ill, but his humor, pride, enthusiasm and his great unyielding devotion to his profession and to his country kept that from being

known. He would not admit his illness nor would he compromise with it. This was typical of him. His standards of duty were always almost impossibly high. In Korea his physique could not cope with the demands he placed upon it. He died as he always believed a soldier should die—in faith with himself and with his ideals—with his regiment in the hills of Korea on June 22nd, 1957. His officers and his men acknowledged their admiration and devotion to Bill in a simple but heartfelt memorial service held in Korea in his honor on June 26, 1957. He is buried at West Point, a place dear to his heart, the standards and traditions of which he fulfilled above and beyond the call of duty.

Besides his widow, Bill left three lovely daughters who are a joy to all who know them and who are a constant reminder of Bill. He is also survived by his mother, his sister, Mrs. John C. Oakes, and his brother Jim McKinley, Class of 1941.

In addition to his family, Bill left as great a number of devoted friends as any officer I have known. They will always remember him for his courage, gallantry, gaiety and kindness, and for his outstanding performance of duty attested to throughout his career by all his commanders.

Bill's decorations included the Silver Star with cluster, the Bronze Star with cluster, the Purple Heart with cluster, the French Croix de Guerre with palm, and the Belgian Order of Leopold and Croix de Guerre, both with palm.

The Academy has lost a great alumnus and the Army a great soldier.

—John C. Oakes

Francis Woodworth Jenkins

NO. 11065 CLASS OF 1935

Died September 27, 1955, at Fort Riley, Kansas, aged 43 years.

FRANCIS W. (FRANK) JENKINS, Colonel of Artillery, was born in Boston, Massachusetts, April 25, 1915. He died September 27, 1955, at his duty station, Fort Riley, Kansas.

This memorial will be short because that is the way Frank would have wanted it. He believed in speaking his mind briefly and to the point. From the day of his graduation from the Military Academy in 1938 he was destined to make his mark as an individual, rather than as one of the group.

Frank Jenkins had an Irishman's charm and an Irishman's courtesy, but those qualities never prevented him from speaking his mind with dignity and a deep sense of duty. I think he would have liked the epitaph spoken by a grizzled old sergeant at Fort Riley.

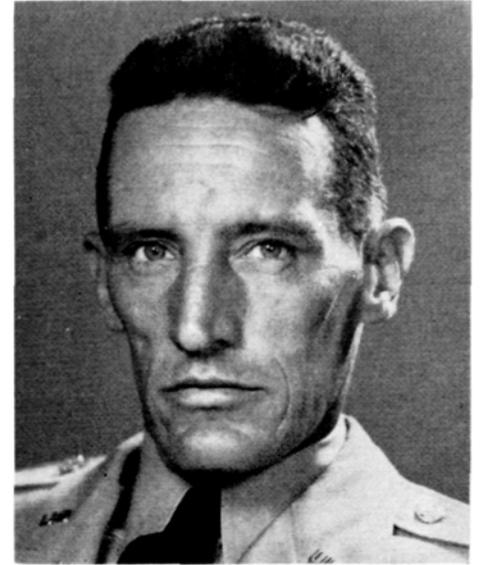
"We'll miss him," the old soldier told me. "We always knew where we stood with the Colonel."

Frank had no time for "yes men" and his dislike for "pussyfooters" who totter on the fence of indecision was monumental.

A Field Artilleryman first, Frank's assignments were many and varied. He advanced from battery executive officer to battalion commanding officer of the 362nd

Field Artillery during the Leyte and Ryukyus campaigns of World War II. After the war he held several staff assignments and was assistant professor of mathematics at the Military Academy from 1949 to 1952.

He served for a year with the U.S. Military Mission to Turkey, but returned to the Artillery, serving in various assignments at the Artillery and Guided Missile Center, Fort Sill, before being transferred



to Fort Riley in 1956, where he remained until his sudden death.

A great deal more could be written about Colonel Frank Jenkins, but when he "departed this station" to join the others of the Long Grey Line who preceded him in death, perhaps the old sergeant said it best:

"We always knew where we stood with the Colonel."

—Lester C. Brown

Thomas David Blazina

NO. 15390 CLASS OF 1946

Died November 5, 1957, in an aircraft accident at Landstuhl A.F.B., Germany, aged 32 years.

On November 5, 1957, at Landstuhl AFB, Germany, Tom met his untimely and instant death when his F-86D, all-weather fighter interceptor developed mechanical trouble and crashed on take-off during a test flight.

Father Mailloux (Chaplain at Landstuhl) wrote to Tom's parents a month after the fatal accident, he said, "As in the case with all fliers who love flying as Tom did, and who combine it with devotion to God and country, it is as if he still continues his flight. Those whom he leaves behind mourn his leaving, but in reality there could be no more glorious a summons to appear before God's throne. When we look upon God's Will in this light, I am sure we can all be consoled." A year later, Father Mailloux wrote again, saying, "Although I am, comparatively speaking a 'youngster' in service, I will say that never in my six years' duty have I known anyone who has had more in-

fluence on others, especially in a spiritual and moral way, than Tom. This has been most noticeable since God took him, his name is mentioned so often and in a way that conveys the impression that he has not gone but merely transferred to another station. I felt this last year, and it has worked out so, and I feel it will go on. Tom's work continues and it seems to be the most important assignment he ever had, because it's working in the hearts of those who knew him."

From a very early age, Tom knew he wanted a military career, his high school days were spent at Morgan Park Military Academy in Chicago, where he established a scholastic record, which has never been broken in the long history of the academy, maintaining an 98.8 average during his four year course. Tom received appointments to both West Point and Annapolis. Prior to his appointment to West Point, Tom spent 60 days attending Officers Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia. Tom entered West Point in June 1943. As a cadet, he main-



tained a high scholastic standard and also distinguished himself as a gymnast. As a member of the Gymnastic Team, he was never defeated in intercollegiate competition in his speciality, tumbling and he was also a Cheer Leader during his last year. While at West Point, Tom acquired the nickname of "Sleepy", due to the fact he was so closely connected to his "Red Boy" during Beast Barracks. Upon graduation in June, 1946 fighter transition was taken at Williams AFB, then two years were spent at March AFB, California with the 94th F.I.S. In 1948 Tom took Post Graduate work at the California Institute of Technology in Aeronautical Engineering. The next two years were spent at Eglin AFB, Florida, where he was project officer on various jet-aircrafts. From there back to West Point as an instructor, his last year there serving as Assistant Professor in the Department of Mechanics. Tom's proud moment in life occurred on July 20, 1953, when he accompanied his Dad to a White House Reunion with his Dad's Old Lieutenant of the Mexican Border Days of 1916, now President Eisenhower. At the time of his death,

Tom was Operations Officer and Assistant Commander of the 526th F.I.S., based at Landstuhl. His tour of duty was to have ended in April of 1958, and he had been selected to attend the Naval War College.

While stationed at March, Tom met his wife, Marylyn Louise Hunter, who was working in nearby Riverside. It seemed those 8½ years spent together were so short, yet so full of complete understanding and happiness, they were unfortunate in only one respect, they were not blessed with any children.

On November 7th, Memorial Services with a Requiem Mass were held at the Landstuhl Base Chapel, where hundreds of Tom's friends paid their final respects to an outstanding officer. Tom's final wishes were granted when burial services with military honors were held at West Point on November 14th, followed by interment at the Post Cemetery.

In June 1958, a perpetual trophy was initiated by the Officers and Men of the 526th F.I.S. It is known as the Major Thomas D. Blazina Memorial Trophy. The large silver punch bowl, mounted on an ebony stand, will be presented annually to the outstanding pilot and aircraft crew chief in the squadron based on individual performance at rocketry training, and in future years, for mission training in the squadron. The trophy is the most highly prized award in the squadron and the Blazina family is very pleased and proud that it bears Tom's name.

In losing Tom, the Air Force lost an exceptional and brilliant officer and a potentially great leader, his parents lost a devoted son, his sister a wonderful brother his friends a true and dependable friend, and his wife lost a wonderful and loving husband and partner in marriage.

—his wife

Vernley Fred Thomas

NO. 15432 CLASS OF 1946

Died March 27, 1958, at St. Albans Naval Hospital, Long Island, New York, aged 34 years.

CAPTAIN VERNLEY FRED THOMAS, U. S. Army, while stationed at the Pentagon, Washington, D. C., was highly esteemed by the pastor and members of Forestville Baptist Church, Forestville, Maryland, for his genuine Christian experience as well as his active service as a member of this church.

Fred was a man of high principle, of unswerving character, faithful and dependable in every task assigned to him. He willingly and joyfully accepted opportunities to serve God, his church, and his fellow-men. He was a devoted husband and father to his wife and three sons and was highly respected as a Christian gentleman by all who knew him. Not a person at the church to this day has ever pointed a finger of criticism in his direction. He worked well with others and was able to enlist workers when he was in a position of administrative leadership.

He was during his stay here, among

other things, the superintendent of the Sunday School, the chairman of the survey and planning committee whose duty it was to lay the ground work for a new church building, a member of the pastor's cabinet, and a teacher of a boy's Sunday School class. Everyone, from the youngest to the oldest, hold him in high esteem to this day.

It is the hope of our church that we shall be able in our new building, which he helped us plan, to have a church library, which we will call the VERNLEY FRED THOMAS MEMORIAL LIBRARY, in his blessed memory.

—Rev. Richard J. Sweetman, pastor

I had the wonderful privilege of sharing almost ten happy years with Fred. Even our last great adventure together, a most unusual month in Heidelberg, with illness, separation from each other, our families and friends, the excitement and adjustments to a foreign land, separate return flights, three small boys to care for, and later as strangers in a hospital in a large city, simply meant challenges



to be met and resolved. I was confident from the peace and security surrounding us that all would soon be in order again, that Fred's health would surely be restored. As complications developed one after another, Fred's faith, courage, patience and trust never faltered, but were magnified tremendously. My pride in him knew no bounds. I know now that God's love and peace were telling us that He was able and ready to care for each of us whatever His will for us would be. He is able to keep that which is committed to Him. In God's own time we will understand why a life so promising, capable and full should end its earthly venture so soon.

I am ever thankful for our three sons of whom Fred was so proud. I pray that the Lord will definitely lead me as I guide them, and with their father's example for inspiration, that they will be ready to take their place among men such as he. That they might one day say, as could he, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course. I have kept the faith." (2 Timothy 4:7.)

—His loving wife,
Ramola "Rae" Thomas



Reports of deaths of graduates and former cadets received
since the publication of the Winter 1959 ASSEMBLY

Name	Class	Date	Place
Archibald Campbell	1889	February 15, 1959	Alexandria, Virginia
William Lassiter	1889	March 29, 1959	Santa Barbara, California
William Tutherly	Ex-1891	July 28, 1958	Veterans Hospital, Dublin, Ga.
Joseph F. Gohn	1898	February 27, 1959	Daly City, California
George W. Bunnell, Jr.	1899	August 14, 1958	Norwell, Massachusetts
Clarence O. Sherrill	1901	February 6, 1959	Cincinnati, Ohio
Joseph H. Earle	1904	January 4, 1959	Greenville, South Carolina
Christopher Jensvold	1904	March 20, 1959	Sterling, New York
Charles D. Daly	1905	February 12, 1959	Pacific Grove, California
John L. Jenkins	1907	December 27, 1958	Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, D.C.
William L. Martin, Jr.	1907	February 25, 1959	Birmingham, Alabama
Eugene Santschi, Jr.	1907	January 29, 1959	Palo Alto, California
Charles K. Nulsen	1908	March 12, 1959	Brooke Army Hospital, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas
John H. Hinemon, Jr.	1912	March 4, 1959	Little Silver, New Jersey
Alfred E. Larabee	1914	February 20, 1959	The Dalles, Oregon
Charles M. Milliken	1914	January 5, 1959	Johnson City, Tennessee
William E. Morehouse	1916	December 26, 1958	Long Beach, California
Hugh A. Ramsey	1916	February 25, 1959	Lisbon, Ohio
Paul R. Goode	August 1917	January 17, 1959	Washington, D.C.
Charles A. Mahoney	August 1917	February 4, 1959	Tokyo, Japan
James B. Newman, Jr.	June 1918	February 7, 1959	Orlando, Florida
Louis G. Horowitz	1919	February 8, 1959	New York, New York
Charles S. Whitmore	1920	January 31, 1959	Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas
Henry L. McGrath	Ex-1922	February 27, 1959	Washington, D.C.
Czar J. Dyer	1924	February 18, 1959	Ann Arbor, Michigan
Joe O. McMahan	1925	January 6, 1959	Rutherford County Hospital, Tennessee
Charles B. Brown	1927	March 12, 1959	New York, New York
John R. Crume, Jr.	1927	March 7, 1959	Medford Lakes, New Jersey
Francis C. Foster	1927	January 17, 1959	Hawaii
Harold G. Hayes	1929	March 6, 1959	Washington, D.C.
Bruce D. Rindlaub	1929	March 11, 1959	Lockbourne AFB Hospital, near Columbus, Ohio.
F. Clay Bridgewater	1933	March 3, 1959	St. Petersburg, Florida
John B. Shinberger	1933	February 10, 1959	Staunton, Virginia
Leroy H. Watson, Jr.	1941	March 10, 1959	Williams AFB, Arizona
Donn F. Chandler	1951	July 8, 1958	Air crash at Spangdahlem, Germany
John W. Keefe, Jr.	1956	December 5, 1958	Automobile accident in Germany
Roy D. Varner	Ex-1957	March 18, 1959	Plane crash at Alameda Naval Air Station, California
George W. Walker	1958	January 31, 1959	Plane crash near Fountain Inn, South Carolina



