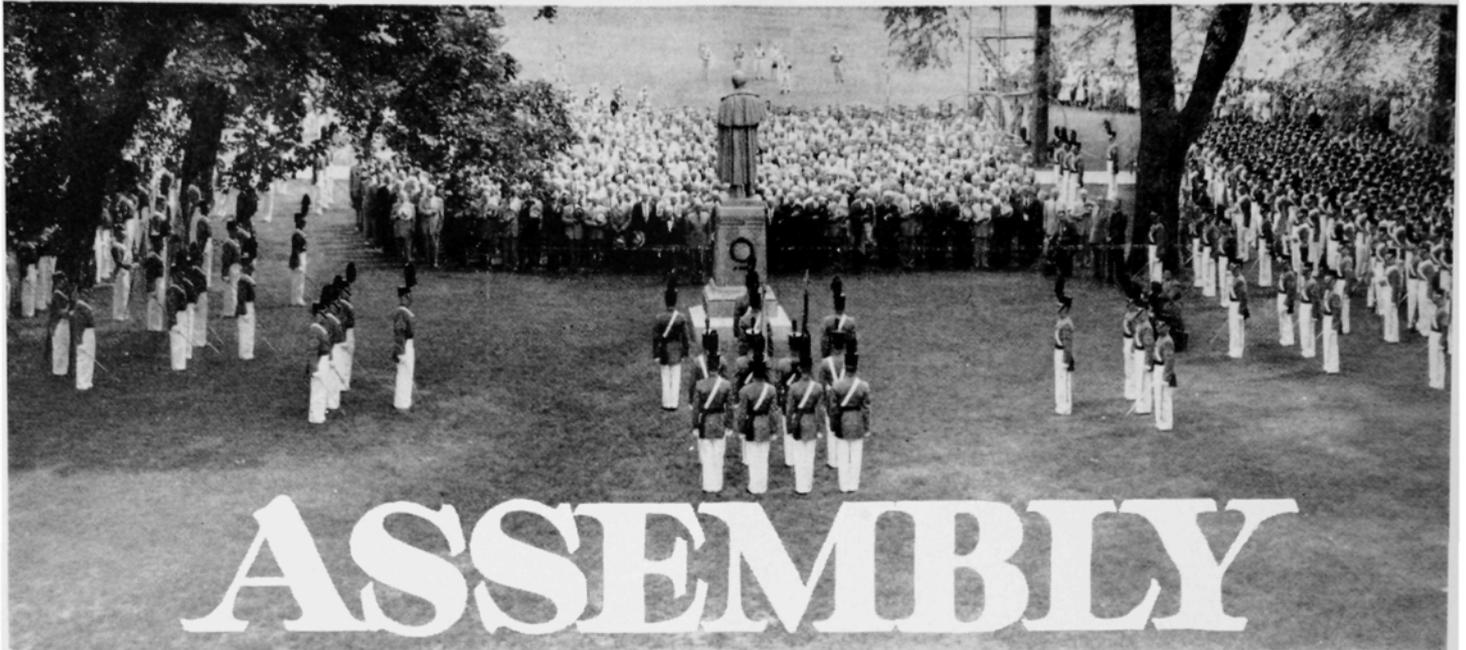




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# PLAIN TALK



## Fellow Graduates:

On the Saturday preceding June Week, Navy came, saw and conquered. They won all three athletic contests at West Point, nosing us out by inches in the anchor lap of the mile relay, the final and deciding event in the track meet, winning the crucial golf match on the 18th green, and, in baseball, winning a 4-3 twelve-inning heartbreaker. At Annapolis we fared a little better, winning lacrosse 11 to 6 but losing tennis. This means in athletic contests this past academic year we broke even . 8 for Army—8 for Navy.

Only one incident marred an otherwise pleasant June Week: it poured torrents the evening of Graduation Parade. The formation was held in dress gray 50/50 and went off perfectly. The underclasses could not have performed better than they did in the rain and mud. It demonstrated their respect for the leadership the graduating class had provided them the past year and was a splendid tribute to the Class of 1959.

The ever-increasing number of returning graduates and our large graduating classes have complicated June Week procedures. Last year a major portion of the graduating class and their parents were unable to get through the receiving line at the Supe's Reception. This year we asked our graduates to the party but requested that they not come through the receiving line. As a result we were successful in greeting all the graduates and their families during the two and a half hours allotted and with two minutes to spare.

A dinner-dance held in Washington Hall the evening of the reception gave us an opportunity to greet our graduates. We had sold 850 tickets before the dinner but planned for 1250 actually attending. We were embarrassed when this generous estimate proved to be about 250 short of the number who actually came. Nevertheless, the reaction to the affair seemed favorable and it is hoped to make it an annual event.

One thing I intended to mention at the Association of Graduates Luncheon but forgot. Next Fall, we plan to repeat the meeting at the Academy of the representatives of all of our West Point Societies. The briefings and discussions proved very interesting to all concerned last year. We plan to schedule the conclave for the weekend of the Homecoming Football Game and hope as many of our graduates as are interested will come to West Point and sit in on the meetings. I am certain you will have an enjoyable time and find the discussions illuminating and rewarding.

We regret that George Bean's tour as Chaplain ends this September, but we are delighted that the President has approved our selection of Doctor Theodore C. Speers as his successor. Dr. Speers is one of the Nation's leading Presbyterian clergymen and is at present minister of the Central Presbyterian Church in New York City. We consider ourselves fortunate in obtaining his services for the Military Academy.

Every ten years an evaluation of educational institutions is made to determine whether they should continue to be accorded the privilege of awarding academic degrees. Last winter eight well-qualified, unbiased, civilian educators headed by the Vice President of Swarthmore College conducted the accreditation survey of the Military Academy. In May the Chairman of the organization responsible for the survey wrote a very flattering two-page letter. He said in part:

*"The privilege of being Chairman of the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education is accompanied once in a while by the keenest of pleasures, namely, the opportunity to reflect in a communication of this kind the Commission's high regard for an institution whose dedication to excellence is matched in so many ways by its performance."*

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*"The Commission appreciates the opportunity it and others have had to examine the purposes and affairs of an outstanding institution and takes this means to commend the United States Military Academy for setting and revealing, in this additional way, standards and procedures for distinguished work, thereby performing a service to the whole community of higher education. Even in an Association devoted to the pursuit and interpretation of educational excellence, there is only so much room at the top; this space is reserved for a few, including, in the Commission's judgement, the United States Military Academy."*

The various factors essential to the maintenance of high standards were a matter of prime concern at the second annual Superintendents' (Military, Naval, Air Force, and Coast Guard) conference held last month here at West Point. Perhaps the most important conclusion of a very productive meeting was expressed in our joint statement that:

*"The quality of the future officers that can be provided the Armed Forces from the Service Academies is predetermined to a considerable extent by the quality of the candidates received. The Service Academies cannot hope to meet the demands on them unless they attract and are able to admit the most promising of American youth. The missions of the Nation's Service Academies would be served best by appointment legislation which insures that no talented applicant for appointment will be turned away in favor of a less promising candidate. Any change in appointment laws which approaches that optimum is hopefully encouraged." We are going to do our best to obtain an appropriate change.*

We have been unhappy for some time about the appearance of our summer uniforms. You will see elsewhere in this issue pictures showing the modifications we have made. I hope you like them and agree that they give our cadets a more military appearance.

Last month we completed our self-evaluation study which started with your responses to the graduate questionnaire two and a half years ago. The objective of our study has been to insure that what we are now doing at the Academy is designed to best prepare our graduates for the probable demands of the foreseeable future. Time is not permitted me to present our conclusions in this issue of ASSEMBLY, but I intend to summarize our conclusions and recommendations in the fall issue.

Sincerely,

GARRISON H. DAVIDSON  
Lieutenant General, USA  
Superintendent

# BULLETIN BOARD

## Thayer Award Presented by President Eisenhower

Presentation of the Sylvanus Thayer Award to The Honorable John Foster Dulles could not be made as planned because of his illness. His rapid decline precluded any subsequent ceremony.

In lieu of personal award, President Eisenhower presented to Mrs. Dulles the Medal and certificate. In a letter dated 15 May to General A. C. McAuliffe, '19, President of the Association of Graduates, Mrs. Dulles said, "I took them to him this morning, and he was deeply touched. He and I express to you and your associates our great appreciation of the high honor you have done him."

The Association of Graduates is privileged to join the multitude of the late Secretary's admirers in paying tribute to his lifetime of service to the Nation and to the cause of freedom. As a non-graduate of the Military Academy, a person more devoted to the principles expressed in our motto would be difficult to find. His life was spent demonstrating to the world service above self for Duty, Honor, Country.

## News of

### West Point Societies

As a result of the National Public Relations Committee meeting at West Point during June Week, a quarterly news column presenting worthwhile ideas used by West Point Societies will be presented.

The Societies, long active in assisting outstanding prospective candidates to seek admission to the Military Academy joined in a coordinated effort last September after representatives from each Society attended a three-day meeting at West Point.

Since that time their individual contributions have varied. Some of them simply continued programs which had been started in the past, others became effective in their local areas, and still others went through the organizational period.

The material presented here and in future issues is not intended to praise groups or individuals. Rather, it will point out ideas which have been utilized by Societies and might be used by other groups.

New York has asked members to con-

tact the secondary schools in the area in which they live, offering assistance in guidance and information to prospective candidates. A committee has been named to contact Congressmen in the greater New York area to explain the merits of the Congressional Competitive method of nomination.

Maryland offers similar guidance assistance to all secondary schools in the state. Outstanding juniors are named by their school officials for a weekend visit to the Military Academy.

Washington, D.C., and Western Pennsylvania of Pittsburgh both present scholastic and leadership awards to the outstanding high school senior in their area as selected by school officials. Pittsburgh presented the award during the city's bicentennial celebration with the West Point Glee Club participating in the affair. Washington also presents a second award annually to the most outstanding high school football player.

Tennessee has assigned a member to each Congressional district and has offered guidance assistance to the high schools.

Atlanta is establishing scholarship awards for outstanding students along with its guidance service.

North Texas, long active in admissions activities, is effecting coordination in the program among the three Societies located in eastern Texas.

Mid-Gulf in New Orleans offers associate membership to parents of cadets and invites them to participate in social activities. An Army-Navy football game party was the first event for parents.

El Paso is active in local youth science activities, aiding in visits to Army research installations for talented youngsters.

Detroit invited top high school ROTC cadets to view Army's appearance in the Motor City Basketball Tournament.

Kansas City sponsored a trip on the survey boat, "Sgt. Floyd", for top ROTC cadets and obtained Congressional use of the Civil Service validating examination for all candidates.

Bay Area of San Francisco is contacting Congressmen in connection with Congressional Competitive nominations.

Phoenix supplied speakers for Service Academy Orientation Week in all local high schools.

Tucson assured state-wide coverage

by coordinating activities of PMS&Ts, WPIOs, Alumni, and AUSA Chapters.

The most commendable combined effort of the year occurred in March when Societies throughout the country assisted in the Spring Leave appearances of West Point cadets in all six Army areas.

If you have "news" or ideas, please send them to Admissions Division, USMA, West Point, N.Y.

## Distribution of the Class of 1959

Army .....	442
Armor .....	53
Artillery .....	159
Engineers .....	56
Infantry .....	131
Signal .....	43
Air Force .....	43
Marine Corps .....	7
Not commissioned .....	1
Foreign Cadets .....	2
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Total Class .....	495

## Resignees May Apply for Recommission

Occasionally graduates who have resigned find that the grass across the fence was actually not as green as it appeared. Sometimes they write to the Superintendent inquiring in regard to possible recommissioning.

Headquarters USMA is happy to be of help to alumni, but this is not the primary source of such information. Query to the Department of the Army reveals that DA is interested in receiving applications for active duty from USMA graduates. Application should be made to The Adjutant General.

Two programs exist whereby qualified persons may enter active service. Graduates who do not hold a commission may apply for either a Regular Army commission or a Reserve commission with concurrent call to active duty. Those who hold reserve commissions may apply for active duty or may apply for Regular Army appointment. Requirements for both programs are the same as those applicable to commissions granted upon graduation from USMA.

It is the policy of the Association of Graduates to discourage resignations from the Army among our members. A corollary naturally follows: to encourage members to stay in the Army or to return to active duty whenever practicable. For information write to The Adjutant General, DA, Attn: ACPB-R

# Homecoming Activities

## Saturday, October 24th

**FROM 10 A.M. TO 6 P.M.**

Alumni Headquarters at Smith Rink.  
Bar Service and box lunches available.

**1 P.M.**

Corps of Cadets will parade in Michie Stadium.

**2 P.M.**

Kickoff time—Army vs. Colorado State University.

**8-12 P.M.**

Informal Dinner Dance in Washington Hall. \$6.00 per couple.

*Reservations are required.*

**Information for Your Guidance**

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS**—Alumni requests for reservations at Hotel Thayer for the period 23-25 October will receive priority on a first come—first served basis. *Make reservations through Association of Graduates.* Reservations not claimed by 2 P.M., Saturday, will be cancelled unless covered by deposit.

**PARKING**—Special Homecoming parking cards for alumni cars will be mailed by the Army Athletic Association with the tickets for the game.

**TICKETS FOR THE GAME**—Use AAA application form.

**BOX LUNCHESES**—Available at Smith Rink, \$1.50 each.

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SECRETARY, ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES

West Point, N.Y.

I will return for Homecoming. Please reserve room for \_\_\_\_\_ at Hotel Thayer. Inclosed is \$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ tickets to the Alumni Dinner Dance.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

# JUNE WEEK 1959

June Week was crowded this year, as always, with people and activities. Over 1,000 Alumni and their guests returned for reunions, and uncounted hundreds of Cadet families, girls, and friends swarmed all over the place.

The classes ending in 4 and 9 held their reunions with the Class of 1899 having six (6) members present. The Classes of '19 and '24 were especially active with unusually large turnouts and well-organized programs.

This is the second year of the now standardized five (5) day June Week. Since all of the Academies now graduate on the 40th Wednesday after Labor Day, and the Athletic contests with Navy always occur on the preceding Saturday, the schedule is a full one for both Cadets and graduates. This year the reunion classes followed generally similar schedules as far as their class activities were concerned. Saturday

was devoted to informal get-togethers. On Sunday, the traditional Superintendent's Reception was open to all visitors but it was requested that Alumni not go through the receiving line in order to give Cadets and their guests an opportunity to do so. On Sunday night, the Alumni Dinner Dance was held in Washington Hall, during which an informal reception was held for those Alumni and guests who wished to greet the Superintendent, the Commandant, and the Dean and their ladies.

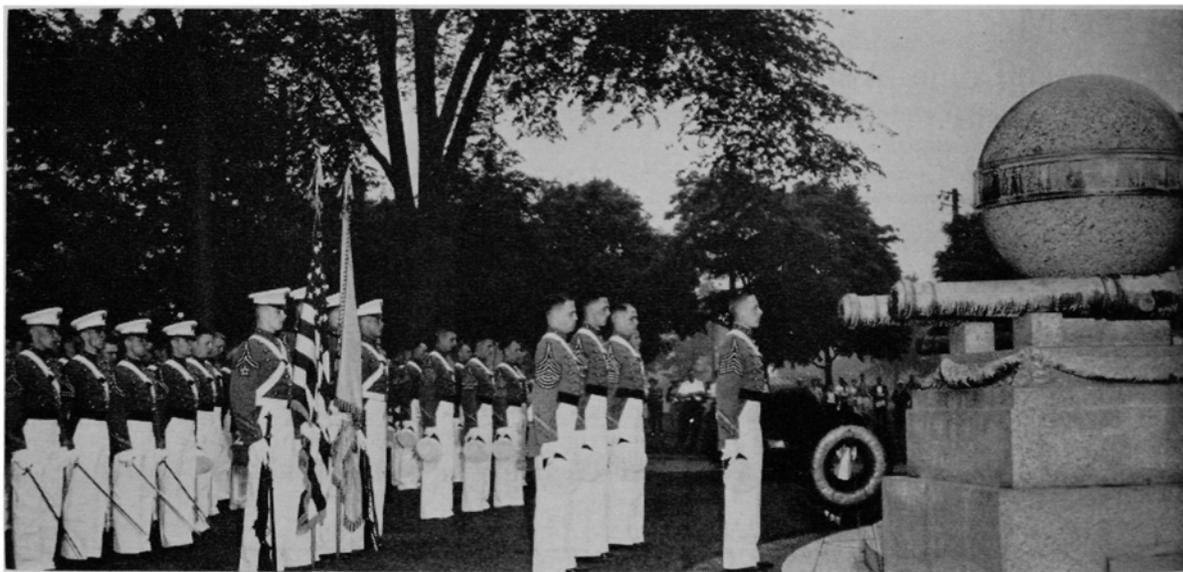
The traditional Alumni Day was held on Monday, 1 June. An estimated 1200-plus Alumni participated in those exercises and the review following. Major General Henry C. Hodges, Jr., '81, the Oldest Living Graduate, was present and led the Alumni in the traditional march.

"Happy is the bride the sun shines on." The brides should all be ecstatic

because Graduation Day and the rest of the week was beautiful. However, their grooms and the rest of the Cadets and the spectators were thoroughly soaked at Graduation Parade. A search of the archives indicates that Graduation Parade has never been cancelled because of rain. This year, the Corps was in dress gray over white with cap covers. Starting shortly after the Athletic Review, the skies opened and the rain descended in torrents. But tradition was served and Graduation Parade was held as scheduled.

At the Graduation ceremony, the Honorable Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., delivered the principal address. He paid tribute to the Military Academy and its long tradition of producing leaders for our nation but he urged the graduating class to remember in this day of mechanization and missiles that hardware can never replace the human element.

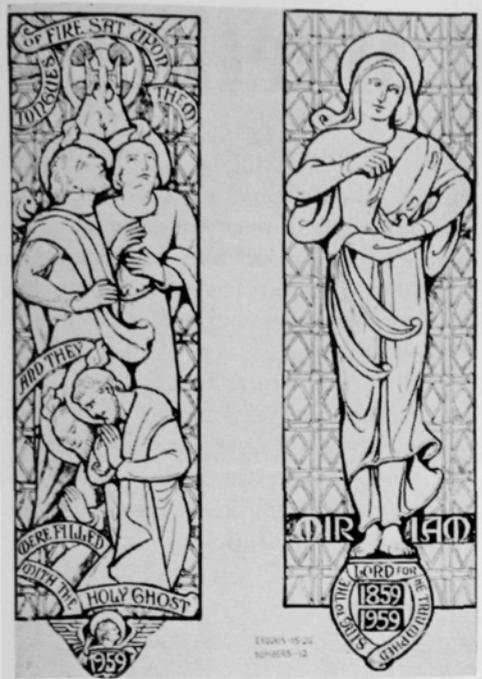
The Corps of Cadets held their annual Memorial Day services at Battle Monument, 30 May.



The Class of '99 held its 60th reunion. Six (6) vigorous members attended.



Memorial Day Services.



Class of '59 window dedicated at Baccalaureate Services.

The receiving line at the Superintendent's Reception was restricted to First Classmen and their guests. The garden was never more beautiful.



General Maxwell D. Taylor, '22, reviewed the Corps on Sunday, 31 May.



The portrait of Lt. General John C. H. Lee, '09, was unveiled by General Devers in the presence of his classmates, his son, and a group of friends.



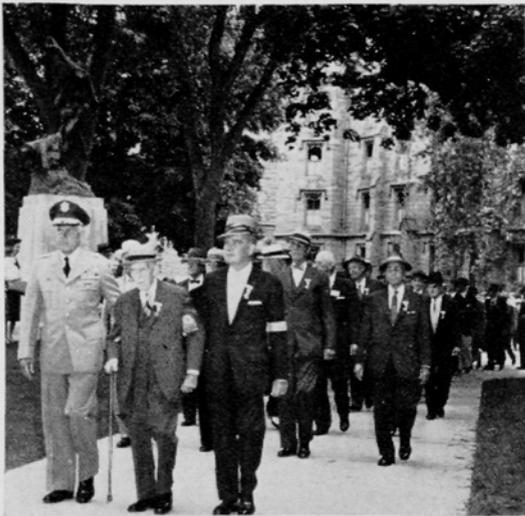
Daily parade provided glamor for the occasion.

# Alumni Luncheon and Meeting

The annual Alumni Luncheon and meeting of the Association of Graduates was held in Washington Hall following the Alumni Review. The graduates were honored with, and enthusiastically received, a short concert by the Cadet Glee Club. The Superintendent, Lt. General Garrison H. Davidson, '27, discussed some of the current problems and future plans of the Military Academy. He reported progress in the constant battle to interest outstanding young men to apply for appointment as Cadets and in the

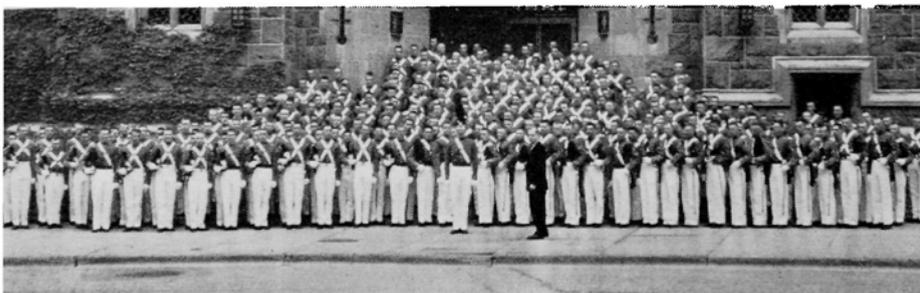
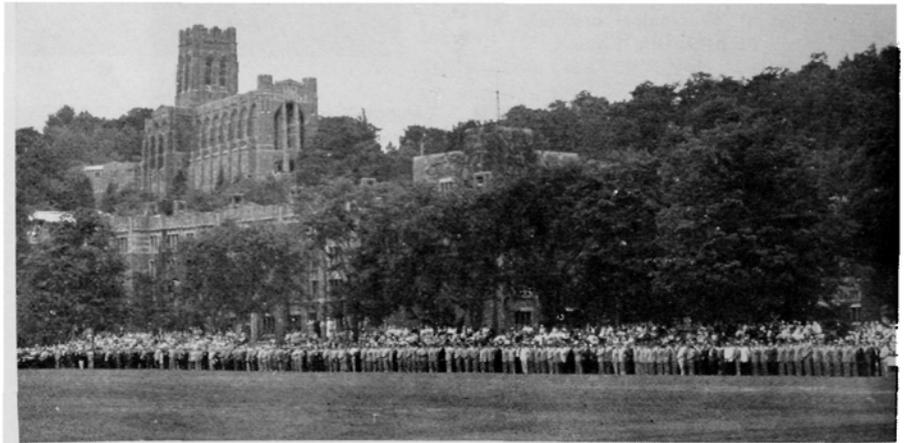
effort to encourage Congressmen to utilize the services of the Congressional System of Appointment. He also indicated that, as a result of the very detailed study of the curriculum which has been conducted over the past two years, certain minor revisions will result in increasing emphasis on the science and engineering subjects with corresponding reductions in the vocational subjects. There simply is no more time available to the Cadets for additional instruction. Something must give.

General Maxwell D. Taylor, '22, delivered the principal address and called for a reevaluation of the strategic concepts of the respective and combined services. General Taylor revealed that a very searching study had been prepared some years ago by the Department of the Army but had not been assisted or accepted by the other services. He called upon the Joint Chiefs of Staff to prepare such a study involving all of the known weapons for the foreseeable future.



At 99 years of age, General Hodges insisted on walking at the head of the Long Grey Line during Alumni exercises.

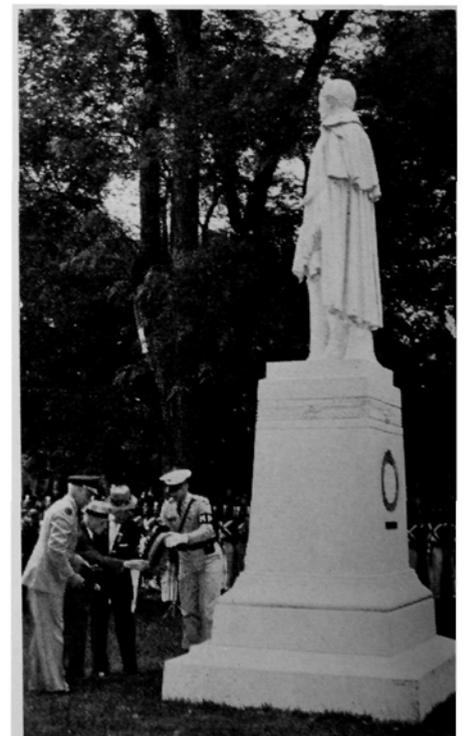
Alumni Review. Over 1200 Alumni reviewed the Corps on 1 June.



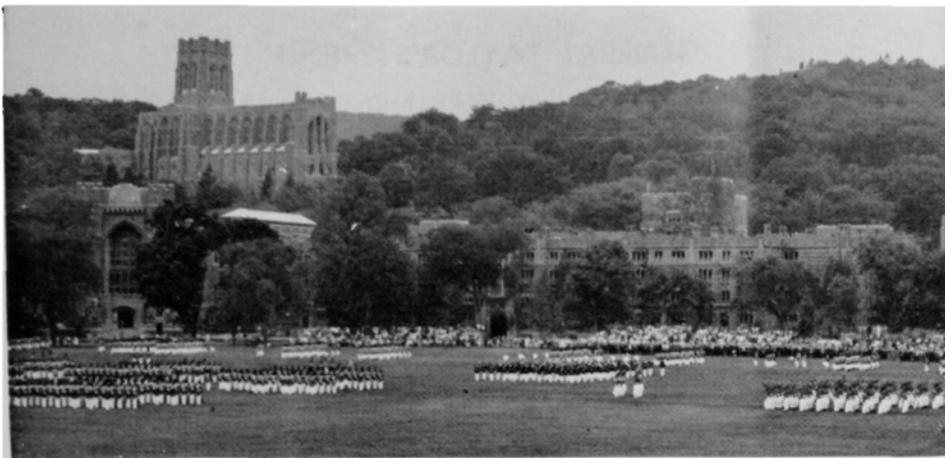
The combined choirs of the three (3) Chapels sang at the Alumni exercises.



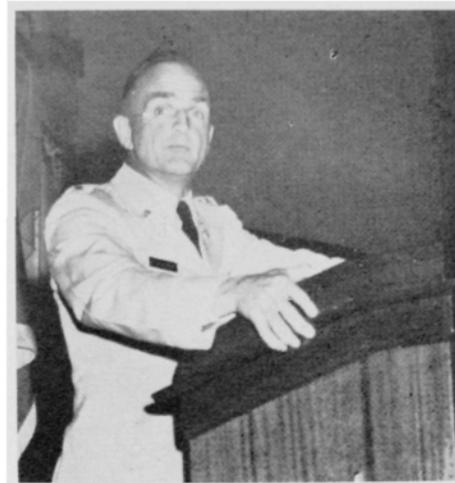
Alumni exercises, 1 June '59.



Major General Henry C. Hodges, Jr., placed the wreath at the base of Thayer Monument during Alumni exercises.



The Awards Review



Colonel Harvey V. Fraser, '39, represented the Board of Trustees in presenting nominations for officers for the ensuing year.



Class 1914



Class 1919



Class 1929



The highest honor. Cadet Dawkins with the Pershing Sword.



Gen. Taylor

## GENERAL TAYLOR'S SPEECH

"I could summarize what seemed to me to have been the accomplishments of the Army in recent years in very few words. The Army has developed a clearer vision of its mission as a result of the cold analytical studies which have been made by the Army staff. We became convinced that a new factor was entering into our national strategy. It was not difficult to foresee a period which we refer to frequently as one of mutual deterrents. But the threat and the potentialities of conflict short of general war seemed to us to rise in importance. That was the beginning of the Army's deliberate, conscious drive to overcome the impression that we could police the world and maintain our security by sole dependence on massive retaliation. That was the beginning of a heresy which gradually has spread until now it is approaching the respectability of a counter dogma.

"Now having improved our budget techniques, then I would say we have been reasonably successful in proving the combat readiness of our Army forces.

None of us had the impression that we had something extraordinary in the so-called Pentomic line but rather that it seemed to fit the requirements of both conventional and atomic conflict as we could anticipate them. At the same time our research and development forces of the Army, and our logisticians, have been busy in developing and procuring that kind of modern equipment which we feel essential for our troops."

The Chief of Staff listed the requirements for the future defense of our country:

1. Reappraisal of strategic concepts, with realistic budgeting.

2. Joint planning and training, including designation of air and sea lifts. Carried to its ultimate, this could include a unified command under a unified commander charged with preparations for limited war and the rapid outward movement of all forces contributing to it.

3. Early solution of the air defense argument. Since the Army has the only existing weapons against the immediate threat, and the only weapon under development capable of coping with ballistic missiles, "there is a national requirement for immediate decision to press home this program which offers our only hope of having a weapon in a reasonable period of time which can shoot down the incoming missile."

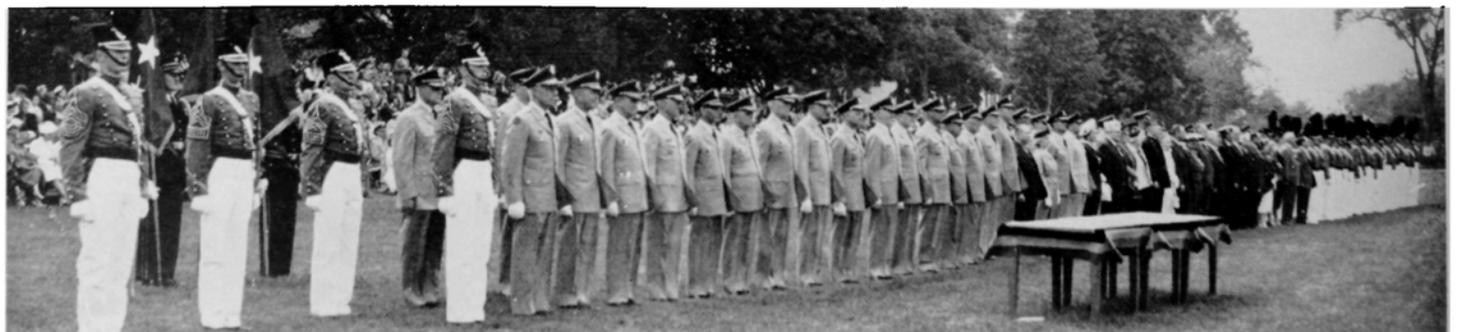
4. Improvement of Army leadership. This is an old problem but with increased meaning.



Class 1949



At a ceremony held on the poopdeck, Cadet Mess, 1 June, General McAuliffe presented the Association of Graduates awards to the cadets ranking number one (1) in efficiency in the underclasses. Left to right: General McAuliffe, Brown, '62, Hannon, '61, and Otstott, '60.



At the Military and Academic Awards Review awards were presented.



The Honorable Henry Cabot Lodge, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, addressed the graduating class.

The Dean bids farewell to five (5) Rhodes Scholars. Left to right: Cadets Gillette, Dowkins, Ray, Kanarowski, and Hutton.

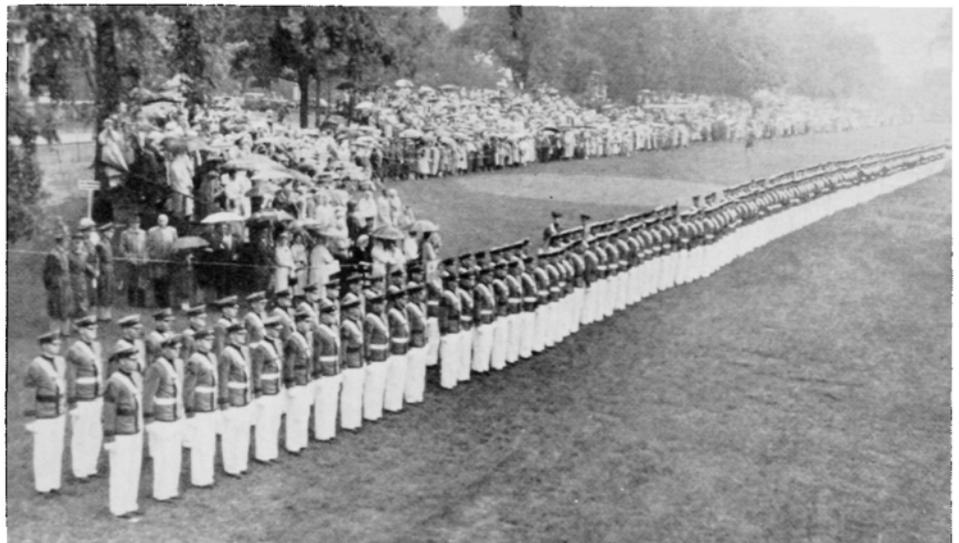


### LODGE'S SPEECH

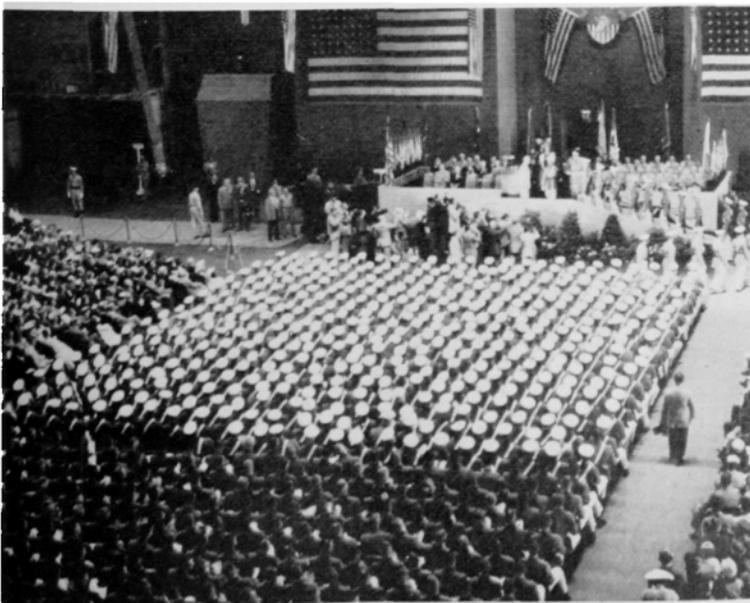
West Point's motto—"Duty, Honor, Country"—inspires its graduates, to be sure. But it is a noble watchword for all Americans because implicit in it is the idea of selflessness, of striving in behalf of something bigger than yourself. What the world admires about America is not the angle player or the corner cutter or the smart aleck, but the man with a code by which he lives.

We all strive so that no war, large or small, shall occur anywhere. Your military readiness is vital to that striving and to all our hopes for freedom.

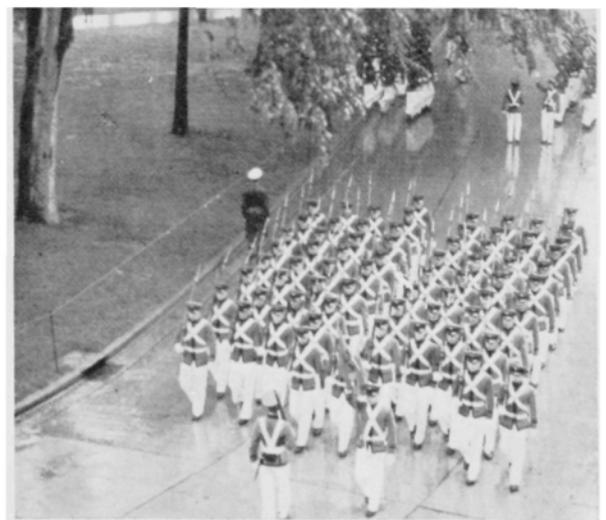
And if, in spite of all our efforts, the worst violence should happen, we look to West Pointers to stand up amid the wreckage—even before the fumes of war have cleared away or the wounded have been tended or the dead have been buried—to take command and save our nation. We count on you for the hard, steely resolve which will never yield.



"The same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up and the windows of Heaven were opened—and the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth." Gen.: 7.



Graduation Exercises



Recognition follows Graduation Parade. It is always a trying moment for the Plebes but was doubly so this year.



The First Class at Graduation Exercises.



Cadets entering the service of the United States are sworn in.



Graduates sworn into Marine Corps. For the first time in history seven cadets were commissioned directly into the Marine Corps.

# CHARACTER!

By CADET GORDON LIVINGSTON, 2nd Class, Co. K-2

*The Association of Graduates offered three prizes to cadets for the best character sketches of graduates. The first prize was won by Cadet Gordon Livingston, '60. Not entirely coincidentally, he was Number 1 in English his Yearling year.*

In the annals of professional soldiery there has traditionally existed a single characteristic desire or goal which represents the ultimate aim of each of the members of that profession and the basic reason for their existence. This is victory in battle. Success on the field of combat has, throughout history, remained the criterion which has established the stature of military leaders and the standard by which they are judged. To this general rule there are few notable exceptions. One of these is General Jonathan Mayhew Wainwright—a victor in defeat.

A soldier of the Old Army, Wainwright, after his graduation from West Point in 1906, began his career as a Cavalry officer in the West of his boyhood. In the trials of his later years he often thought back to his days as a troop commander chasing

bandits on border patrol—considering this the greatest freedom he had ever enjoyed. In a day when the Army sought versatility from its officers—men who could act as businessmen, diplomats or showmen, "Skinny" Wainwright was simply a soldier. His claim to distinction was a competence in his chosen profession with an ability to inspire men to the limit of human endurance and beyond.

After a succession of combat staff jobs in World War I, he went through a series of peacetime assignments and schools until September 1940, when he was promoted to Major General and sent to Manila to take command of the Philippine Division and keep his rendezvous with the "defeat" which would immortalize his name. On December 7, 1941, he was the senior field commander in the Pacific under General

Douglas MacArthur. Together they prepared to face the overwhelming advance of about 250,000 Japanese troops with a meager force of 19,000 U.S. Regulars and about 70,000 assorted Filipino personnel. On MacArthur's removal to Australia, Wainwright assumed command of all forces in the Philippines and continued the fight that comprises one of the great pages in American military history. Paying the price of his country's unpreparedness, he was faced with the prospect of fighting a slow, retrograde action along the Bataan peninsula to buy the necessary time for MacArthur to get help from the U.S. and start the counter-offensive which would relieve Wainwright's beleaguered troops. This relief was not to come. One of the officers in his command spoke of the General's conduct in this extremity: "Near the end Wainwright was suffering from beriberi. Undernourishment had affected him so badly that he could barely use his right leg. Despite this, dragging himself along and leaning on a cane, he walked along the roads all the time, inspecting the final defenses. He was the only general I have ever seen actually cheered by his men on the field of battle." For five long

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Essay Winner. On 27 April 1959, the Superintendent, acting on behalf of the Board of Trustees, presented a check for \$100 to Cadet G. S. Livingston, '60. His essay on the character of Wainwright, '06, was judged the best in a contest sponsored by the Association of Graduates.

# Bachman Feeds the Corps

A veteran West Point civilian whose influence has been felt by cadets over the past 23 years is the Manager of the Cadet Mess, Mr. William H. Bachman. Born 14 May 1894 of German-Irish parents in Westfield, New Jersey, he inherited his German perseverance and tenacity and Irish spontaneity and sense of humor, characteristics so dominant in his personality today. He received his high school education in Westfield, where he became President of the Student Council his senior year and lettered in football, basketball and baseball.

From graduation in 1912 until 1939, Mr. Bachman worked in the textile business, except during WWI when he served in France with the United States Army. But in the depression years of the thirties Mr. Bachman's fortunes and finances had so declined that by 1939 he was without a job.

On 11 May 1939 Mr. Bachman became a waiter in the Cadet Mess at \$50.00 a month. Despite this unimpressive job title and poor salary he considered it "an honor" to work at West Point, "no matter how menial the task." From his start in 1939 until 1942, Mr. Bachman advanced rapidly until in 1942 he was promoted to Assistant Manager of the Cadet Mess. This phenomenally-rapid rise Mr. Bachman attributes largely to the good fortune of being in the right place at the right time. He fails to mention that the right man in this case required certain special qualifications which he manifestly fulfilled. This fortunate combination of events certainly would never have occurred without a fierce, proud determination to accomplish the job in the most efficient manner.

Back in 1939, when Mr. Bachman first went to work at the Cadet Mess, things were much different then they are today. Then a waiter worked seven days a week. Three weeks after he started he was finally given a night off. But even this was only because his cadets, who were traveling by air, had been stranded away from West Point by bad weather. Five months later Bill received his first promotion and began his rapid climb.

After Bill became the assistant manager in 1942, his first job was to open the first Cadet Mess operated at Camp Buckner. He had a number of difficulties in accomplishing this opening because facilities were so limited and outdated. Cooking was done on coal stoves, dishes were tediously hand



Mr. William H. Bachman stands on the "poop-deck" next to the OC's table. From there he can check every table in the Mess Hall.

washed, and no means of refrigeration was available except block ice, which had to be transported three times weekly to Camp Buckner from the ice house at West Point.

It was during the years from 1942 to 1946 that Mr. Bachman inaugurated many of the systems and services that are now employed in Washington Hall and in the Camp Buckner Cadet Mess. It was also during these years that he made his first attempt to improve and add variety to the Cadet menu. This he did in a number of ways. But he found, at least on the occasions when he switched steak and ice cream from the Wednesday night menu, that variety was not appreciated by the Corps of Cadets. In order to keep peace and retain his job, he decided to stop tampering with the Wednesday night meals. To this day, however, he is constantly looking for ways and means to improve and vary the foods served in the Cadet Mess.

In 1946, after only seven years, Mr. Bachman was promoted to his present position of Manager of the Cadet Mess. Needless to say, the possibility of this advancement never entered his mind in those first days in 1939. Since his promotion, he has continued his search for new foods and new methods of food

preparation. One way he does this is by inviting various food concerns and food experts to present demonstrations in the Cadet Mess. The new ideas and techniques that are presented to the Mess staff are then studied for possible adaptation and inclusion in the Cadet Mess procedures. Regardless of the many changes in equipment recipes and procedures, several foods have endured as favorites, including such items as beef, apple-pie, and ice cream. Not all old favorite foods have stood the test of time, however. For instance, the Spanish omelet, in previous years a must for the Sunday breakfast, is no longer popular. Why such a change should occur Mr. Bachman is at a loss to explain, since the food served now is superior to that of years past.

This unpredictable mass change of appetite sometimes leads to difficulties. When Mr. Bachman introduced soft-shelled crabs as a delicacy, he was soon dismayed to learn that the cadets had named them overgrown spiders or tarantulas. On the other hand, a less expensive food such as pizza pie or ravioli will be served, and the Corps will eat all that is put on the tables.

Mr. Bachman's job entails much more than the food preparation phase

of operations, however. He also supervises and coordinates all sections of the Cadet Mess and the Cadet Restaurants, and he resolves major personnel problems. As the coordinator, Mr. Bachman handles inter-departmental functions within the Cadet Mess itself, as well as with other Post Agencies. This is no easy task, considering there are 347 employees, with the facility operating sixteen hours a day, seven days a week. He also must keep in daily contact with the AAA, Special Activities Officer, Cadet Hostess, Post Chaplain, Public Information Officer and General's aides.

In addition, Mr. Bachman reviews requisitions for supplies and equipment, and advises on utilizing funds for new equipment. He is also responsible for budgeting expenditures, cost accounting, and the submission of

various reports. He attends Post Staff meetings as a food consultant and as a representative of the Officer in Charge of the Cadet Mess.

These many details just described draw only a rough picture of the variety of organizational and administrative skills which Mr. Bachman commands. A prime example of how he works occurred during the 1956-57 change-over from soldier to civilian waiters. During this year and a half operation many problems ensued. There were complications from a lack of fund allocation plus several other difficulties. With official approval for out of state recruiting, Mr. Bachman journeyed to the Shamokin, Pa., area and personally selected 31 men in one day from the rolls of the unemployed coal miners to speed up the replacement program. Many of the waiters

selected that day are still working in the Cadet Mess and are doing exemplary jobs.

For his fine service and many accomplishments at the Cadet Mess, Mr. Bachman was presented the Superintendent's Outstanding Employee's Award last year upon the recommendation of the Officer-in-Charge of the Cadet Mess, Major H. P. Clift. Major Clift thinks that, "the Cadet Mess just wouldn't run the same without Bill."

Bill is married, has one daughter, and lives in Highland Falls. He feels a great respect and admiration for the Military Academy which has grown and continues to grow with each additional year of service. He says plainly he is "proud as hell" to have spent over 20 years at West Point.

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months they fought their desperate delaying action until at last what remained of the General's command retreated to the offshore island of Corregidor from whence they gave the world, more particularly the rudely awakened and remorseful United States, a picture of human fortitude and tenacity with few parallels in modern warfare and reminiscent of the Spartans at Thermopylae and the Texans at the Alamo. One correspondent on the scene wrote only half in jest:

We're the battling bastards of Bataan  
No momma, no poppa, no Uncle Sam,  
No aunts, no uncles, no nephews, no  
nieces,  
And nobody gives a damn.

Subjected to a merciless artillery and air bombardment (which at one point placed one 500-pound 240-mm. shell on the two-square-mile island every five seconds for five continuous hours), decimated by disease and malnutrition, the gallant defenders held out for twenty-seven days of hell until the Japs had landed and pushed to within a hundred yards of the Malinta tunnel where Wainwright and the pitiful remnants of his army had at last been forced. Only then, in an effort to spare the sick and wounded men under his command, did the weary general surrender, after a last message to President Roosevelt:

"With broken heart and head bowed in sadness but not in shame I report to Your Excellency that today I must arrange terms for the surrender of the fortified islands of Manila Bay. . . .

There is a limit of human endurance and that limit has long since been past. Without prospect of relief I feel it is my duty to my country and to my gallant troops to end this useless effusion of blood and human sacrifice.

"If you agree, Mr. President, please say to the nation that my troops and I have accomplished all that is humanly possible and that we have upheld the best traditions of the United States and its Army."

On May 6, 1942, the white flag of defeat flew over the battered island and the ordeal of 39 months of brutal captivity had begun for the men who had already drunk so deeply of the cup of suffering, many of whom would never again see the homeland for which they had so heroically fought. During this trying and seemingly interminable time Wainwright was again forced to call on all his reserves of courage and perseverance, this time in a different fight—the fight for life. During his imprisonment he lost some fifty pounds and at the time of the Jap surrender carried only one hundred twenty pounds on his six-foot, two-inch frame. Constantly maltreated by his captors and suffering from dysentery and assorted other ailments, he yet lived to "witness the greater misfortune of my enemy" on September 2, 1945. And so the message written in the blood of her sons had not been lost upon America, and from the ruins of Corregidor had sprung the resolve which found its culmination on the deck of the U.S.S. Missouri in Tokyo Bay three long years later.

If this was a triumph of victory, it

was also a triumph of defeat, more especially the defeat of a man whose ideals of military devotion sustained and inspired his nation in its darkest hour. The medals (CMH, DSM, DSC, and many others) awarded him by a grateful people are incidental to the real magnificence of his own victory—a soldier's victory, which all the white flags, surrender articles, or personal indignities could not dim.

He returned to receive the adulation of the American public which he so richly merited and so modestly accepted. At last, permanently weakened from the long ordeal he had borne with such fortitude, his frail body died on September 2, 1953, eight years to the day after the Japanese surrender. He was laid to rest in the tradition of the Cavalry he loved, with an orderly leading a riderless horse behind the coffin, boots reversed in the stirrups. And now perhaps at last he could take his place in the old cavalryman's paradise of which he had often sung:

Half-way down the trail to hell,  
In a shady meadow green,  
Are the souls of all dead troopers  
Camped near a good old-time canteen,  
And this eternal resting place  
Is known as Fiddlers Green.

The motto on the West Point shield today shines with a little more luster from the sacrifice of her loyal son. In the words of one of his classmates, "He did his duty with honor for his country." One can ask no more from any man and can perhaps only add, with grateful heart, "Be thou at peace."

# Who's Who and What's What

That the Military Academy is a collegiate institution is sometimes forgotten by even its graduates. But like all colleges, USMA fields teams in most sports, and has a vocal alumni body. Unlike many colleges, there is no direct tie between the alumni and the athletic association except that everybody wants better seats.

In order to administer properly these brisk activities there are two staff sections in Headquarters USMA that exist on no other Army staff: Director of Athletics and Alumni Secretary. Director of Athletics used to be confused with Graduate Manager of Athletics but was a different activity. The two jobs are now combined and the term GMA has been retired. The Alumni Secretary, in addition to his other duties, is Secretary and Treasurer of the Association of Graduates, Editor of ASSEMBLY, Secretary of the Cullum Committee, and Secretary of the National Public Relations Committee of the West Point Societies.

There are several associations, groups or councils at West Point whose titles and purposes seem to confuse many people. A great number of members are not sure of, or just don't know, what they have joined.

The oldest group, and the one with the largest membership, is The Association of Graduates of the United States Military Academy. Under the motivating spirit of General Robert Anderson of Fort Sumter fame, and with the wholehearted concurrence of General Sylvanus Thayer, five graduates met at City College of New York on 22 May 1869 and formed the Association of Graduates. Unfortunately, ill health prevented both Anderson and Thayer from attending that first meeting. Starting in 1870, the Association has met annually at West Point during June Week.

Originally, and for many years thereafter, the object of the Association shown in the Constitution was "to cherish the memories of the Military Academy at West Point, to promote its welfare and that of its graduates, and to foster social intercourse and

fraternal fellowship." In 1949 the Constitution was amended to show the present objects:

## ARTICLE II OBJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION

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

The Association is a voluntary membership organization which has grown from five members at the first meeting to just under 15,000 now. Graduates are automatically eligible for membership and non-graduates are eligible for associate membership provided they served at least one full semester and were discharged under honorable circumstances. There are two types of membership: Life and Annual. Life membership costs \$25, except that the graduating class is accepted for \$15. Annual memberships cost \$5 for initiation fee and \$2. per year. Elementary arithmetic indicates that maintenance of the annual membership soon becomes economically unfeasible, and the number is quite small.

In accordance with its objects, the Association has a number of projects which it actively pursues. These, of course, vary from time to time, but they are all designed to enhance the prestige of the Military Academy and its graduates. The Association has always enjoyed the support of the Superintendent and cooperates with him within its field of activity.

In 1890 the Association of Graduates was incorporated under the laws of New York. There have been several amendments to the Constitution and to the Articles of Incorporation, but for many years the Association has been recognized as an educational and historical organization within the purview of the Department of Social Welfare of the State of New York. In 1948

the Bureau of Internal Revenue recognized the Association of Graduates as an educational and historical society. We always have been exempt from taxes ourselves, and since 1948 all contributions, donations, bequests, and other gifts to us have been exempt from taxation.

The Cullum Committee consists of certain members of the Academic Board, named in his will, who administer the various activities and trust funds set up by General George Washington Cullum. These consist primarily of the Cullum Statue and Portrait Trust Fund and the Cullum Biographical Register Trust Fund.

In 1950 in an effort better to coordinate the public relations activities of the West Point Societies, the Superintendent's Public Relations Advisory Council recommended that an organization be formed consisting of all interested agencies. This organization, known as the National Public Relations Committee of the West Point Societies (NPRC) now consists of one delegate from each Society, the President of the Association of Graduates, the Editor of ASSEMBLY, the Editor of the Register of Graduates, the Information Officer, the chief of the Admissions Division, and the monitor of the Cadet Public Relations Council. The society delegates normally consist of members of classes who are coming back to West Point for reunion.

NPRC is organically not a part of either USMA or the Association of Graduates although both are sponsors and active supporters. The Committee's purpose is to guide and facilitate the efforts of the West Point Societies in disseminating correct public information about USMA. It also assists in organizing new societies.

From 1870 to 1941, the Association published an Annual Report. This publication contained a report of the annual meeting, a treasurer's report and a necrology. With a burgeoning membership, the Association started, in April 1942 ASSEMBLY as a quarterly alumni magazine. The first editor was Lt. Col. Harry P. Storke, '26, now Major General Storke, Chief of Infor-

mation, Department of the Army, who was Secretary and Treasurer of the Association of Graduates at that time.

The job of Editor of ASSEMBLY has stayed with the Secretary. His titles and duties have increased with the years, but ASSEMBLY represents the Association and is the principal means by which alumni are kept informed of current events, plans, and history of USMA. ASSEMBLY is primarily a news magazine. It is not a "professional" magazine as were the former branch journals. However, we like to think that it is a professional job of editing and printing, and is, we believe, a good representative of West Point.

The older graduates (pre WWII) will remember the Army List and Directory, published annually by The Adjutant General. The war, of course, stopped that and it was not started thereafter.

VJ Day found the graduates scattered all over the world. Only the Naval Academy, among the colleges of the United States, could compare the dispersion of its graduates to ours. There was a real need for a directory and a register of the accomplishments of our alumni. It just happened that at that time the Congress was investigating the Service Journals and inserted in the appropriations acts for several years a clause prohibiting the payment of salaries to officers or employees on active duty who worked on publications which accepted paid advertising from companies doing business with the Army. That provision has since been incorporated into Army Regulations. Naturally, that ended the branch magazines.

Under the stimuli of (then) Colonel Chauncey L. Fenton and Major General Robert M. Danford, both '04, the West Point Alumni Foundation, Incorporated, was formed for the purpose of publishing an Annual Register of Graduates and Former Cadets.

In 1947 ASSEMBLY and the *Register* were combined as activities of the West Point Alumni Foundation. Subscriptions to both publications plus the income from advertising carried in the Register provide the only income of the West Point Alumni Foundation.

Because of the restriction noted above with regard to publications carrying advertising, there has never been an attempt to carry advertising in ASSEMBLY. In that way, the services of the Secretary are also utilized in editing ASSEMBLY. To all intents and purposes the two publications are separate but both are paid for by the Foundation.

As stated in the Register, "The West Point Alumni Foundation, Incorporated, is a non-profit corporation. It publishes ASSEMBLY and the *Register of Graduates and Former Cadets* for the Association of Graduates, USMA, doing so without expense to the Government and without official connection with, or sponsorship by, the Department of the Army or the United States Military Academy." The Foundation is governed by a Board of Managers consisting of nine (9) Graduates. Its business is conducted by the executive manager who, in addition, is also treasurer of the Foundation and editor of the *Register of Graduates*. A very close co-ordination exists between the Association of Graduates and the West Point Alumni Foundation, but there is no direct connection.

The second oldest quasi-official activity at the Military Academy is the Army Athletic Association. Not infrequently the Alumni Secretary receives \$1 checks made out to the Athletic Association for the annual subscriptions. These are promptly forwarded to the Director of Athletics.

On 21 November 1892, 34 officers met in the Officers Mess and formally organized the Army Officers Athletic Association. The Superintendent, Col. John M. Wilson, presided at the meeting and was elected the first President. With the approval of succeeding Superintendents, the Association assumed complete management of and responsibility for all sports participated in by the Corps of Cadets. Through its officers and committees, it raised funds, prescribed rules, trained players and scheduled games in all intercollegiate sports.

In 1903 the name was changed to Army Athletic Association. With the passage of time and the increase of cadet participation in intercollegiate activities, the Superintendent deemed it advisable and in the best interests of the Association to remove the control of Athletics from an unofficial organization and place it in the hands of appointed officials. Accordingly, in 1908, there was appointed an "officers council" to arrange for contests, distribute tickets and all other activities in connection with athletics. That council is now known as the Athletic Board and still follows the original principle of control of athletics being in the hands of officials appointed by the Superintendent and directly responsible to him.

The AAA still exists, although it is not a real association. It remains an official organization whose members

contribute to the support of athletics through the Association. In 1954 the Secretary of the Army defined the status of the AAA as "an unincorporated, non-profit, membership organization which is an activity of the Department of the Army."

The objectives of the AAA, as defined by the Secretary of the Army are "(1) to further an athletic program that entails participation in intercollegiate events by the members of the Corps of Cadets; (2) to aid in the promotion of intramural sports and assist in the furthering of the physical education program."

The position of Graduate Manager of Athletics, now known as Director of Athletics, has been occupied successively by graduates who later rose to great distinction. The first Graduate Manager of Athletics, appointed on 1 June 1922, was Captain Matthew B. Ridgway.

Although this article is designed to distinguish among the unofficial organizations active at West Point, it is well to include a statement regarding the distinction between the Director of Athletics and the Director of Physical Education. The old position of "Master of the Sword" passed into limbo and became the Director of Physical Education in 1947. The offices of the Director of Athletics and the Director of Physical Education are located in opposite ends of the gymnasium and sometimes the facilities of the Army Athletic Association are utilized by cadets in intramural sports. Otherwise, there is no connection.

USMA has the largest intercollegiate athletic program in the country. The USMA physical education program is the outstanding example upon which the President's Council on Youth Fitness has based its program for the improvement of physical fitness in the United States.

Upon graduation, a cadet is eligible for membership in the Army Athletic Association and the Association of Graduates. Such membership requires a voluntary act on his part and no graduate is automatically a member of either unless he formally joins and pays dues. Both organizations enjoy outstanding participation of the graduates. All organizations at West Point exist for the enhancement of the Military Academy within the specialized fields of each organization. If any graduates have questions regarding the organization or activity of the groups named herein, they are urged to inquire at the offices concerned. The interest of the graduates is evidence of their continued interest in our Alma Mater.

# Thayer Hall-Function, Education

COLONEL L. F. SCHICK

Professor, Military Topography and Graphics



North entrance (from level of plain).

*On 9 May 1959, the Middle Atlantic Section, American Society for Engineering Education, held its annual meeting at West Point. Colonel Schick, as chairman of the conference committee delivered a talk on USMA, Thayer, and their relationship with engineering education. This article is an extract from that address.*

This building, known as Thayer Hall, is a school house, but it has not always been such in the commonly understood meaning of the term. You are now sitting in a position which was formerly at an elevation of about 45 feet above the tanbark of the largest riding hall in the world. Indeed there are some, whose noses are es-

pecially attuned, who declare that the aroma of tanbark still permeates our presently air conditioned space. This is not surprising when you consider that this spot was the horse center of West Point for nearly 100 years.

In 1855, 104 years ago, on this site, West Point's first Riding Hall was finished. It was a modest, barn-like stone building. But, I imagine, a veritable wonder for its time. In those good old days, the horse was a vital part of the Army team. He was dearly beloved by many and royally hated by the few who saw him merely as a diabolical creation designed for man's discomfort and terror. Association with him was considered to be a character-

building experience. Horse mastery was an attribute of manhood excelling other virtues. Those who belonged to the Cavalry never doubted that they were members of the corps d'elite and were not backward about saying so. It is instructive to observe the historical record. In 1855 (the year our first Riding Hall was finished), Captain (Bvt. Col.) Robert E. Lee was relieved as Superintendent of the United States Military Academy by virtue of his having been "promoted from the Corps of Engineers to the Cavalry" and was therefore no longer to be condemned to the menial task of heading this institution. During Lee's three year incumbency, he ac-

complished two significant things. He placed the curriculum on a five year basis and built the Riding Hall. The five year curriculum lasted six years. The Riding Hall lasted sixty.

In 1909 the old hall was replaced by a larger structure within whose walls we are now sitting. It was a most impressive element of the large building program which established West Point's architectural character. It was part of the great expansion which gave us our Chapel, administration building, an academic building, stables, quarters, gymnasium and so forth. Believe it or not, the Riding Hall was the most expensive of all, costing then the fabulous sum of \$630,000.

The horse with his character-and-manhood-building influence remained in aristocratic ascendancy until 1946 when he was officially retired as having no more usefulness on the modern battlefield. With his passing, such colorful activities as Cavalry tactics, mounted reviews, horse shows, hunts and polo disappeared. It was a sad day when the final auctions were held and about 300 gallant four-footed veterans turned their noses forever away from the West Point stables and tank.

The great horse-auction left us with a gigantic hollow shell of a building which had been transformed by that event from a horse gymnasium to a white elephant.

During World War II, West Point got its usual war-time expansion. In 1942, by Congressional decree, the size of the United States Corps of Cadets was raised from 1680 to 2500. The additional 800 cadets were not too hard to get, but there was no money for additional plant. There was no increase in barracks or academic facility. Needless to say, living and working conditions were not exactly ideal. When it became apparent that the increment was permanent, a drive was launched to procure the required expansion in plant.

Above all else, additional and more modern academic space was needed and eyes were cast on our spacious white elephant which stood on some of our most desirable and expensive real estate. If an Army building no longer serves its original purpose, it must be converted to other uses. Tear it down? Never! Thus we are forced into procedures which may seem strange to some. For instance a fort may become a prison, a laundry a photo lab, a boiler room an Officers' Club. Here we convert a stable into a museum and a museum into a recreation room, an academic building,



"Horse plaque." (In new Museum vestibule—presented by the daughters of the late Major General Charles G. Treat, '82.)

into a barracks and a riding hall into an academic building.

In this instance, architects and others agreed that the structure could be transformed into an academic building and that it could be done in such a way as not to destroy its very desirable domination of the architectural scene. The imposing aspect of the river facade must be preserved. Structurally the Riding Hall could not support the conversion. So, at once the design problem was posed. Remove the old steel arches. Build a four story structure inside the existing walls and then fasten the walls to it. The resultant structure would look the same as it had looked for forty years.

Our first problem was to determine how many "cubic yards of academics" could be squeezed into the granite shell. This certainly is not the usual way to plan a new structure. The period of planning was long and full of complexities. The patience and understanding of the architects were amazing and laudatory. It finally became apparent that the building should house the Departments of English, Foreign Languages, Law, Mathematics, Military Art and Engineering, Military Psychology and Leadership, Ordnance and Social Sciences, as well as the West Point Museum with suitable areas for display, storage and shops.

This structure is 569 feet long and 156 feet wide. The Washington Monument would have rested comfortably in the prone position within the old

riding arena. Some of the requirements which were actually achieved in the final structure were the following:

Our established ratio between instructors and cadets is 1 to 15 for the First Class, 1 to 14 for the Second Class, 1 to 13 for the Third Class and 1 to 12 for the Fourth Class. For the years following World War II this ratio had not been achieved. But it was to be restored by the space in Thayer Hall. The building is primarily a huge block of section rooms. However the classroom space on the lower two floors is filled with departmental offices. These are arranged with movable partitions so as to meet varying requirements. The space is convertible to classrooms with little trouble. The classrooms on the upper two floors are sufficient for current needs and provide a restoration of our standard ratios.

There are two lecture halls with capacities of 800 and 1500 each. These received much attention with respect to acoustics, lighting, projection facilities, etc.

Other special requirements were:

Two map problem rooms—auditorium type, capacity 200 each.

Two writ or examination rooms, each with 200-man capacity, in contrast with the daily small section.

A Foreign Language laboratory.

A concrete testing lab for civil engineering.

Numerous display areas in foyers and hallways.

Great attention was paid to access and circulation. Obviously there can be no entrances on the river side or north end of the building. Previous entrances were on the ground floor. The classrooms were to be on the third and fourth floors close to the level of approaches, thus reducing to the minimum the vertical circulation of students.

These approaches constitute the principal changes in the external appearance of the building. They are of adequate proportions and permit the evacuation of the building from peak classroom occupancy of 1200 cadets in 3½ minutes.

New equipment was provided throughout. To move any old pet office chairs even was prohibited. Indeed it has been reported that the only old building equipment to be found in Thayer Hall are some of the buckets used by the chalkboard washers. Of course, we can't speak regarding the stuff to be found in the professor's desk drawers.

Wherever applicable, these criteria governed the Museum as well. Our

Museum had acquired national importance, having gained in its old quarters a public patronage of over 300,000 visitors per year. The Museum display areas in the new facility are twice those previously enjoyed.

To assist us with the interiors and equipment, the services of Walter Darwin Teague Associates were retained. The fertile imagination and good taste of these gentlemen are evident at most every turn. Plugging for the new structure began in 1945. We moved in in 1958. Thus a span of 13 years transpired from idea to reality to effect the transition "from tannery to college." During this period one other large scale enterprise was finished, viz., the Post Laundry. This also took 13 years from idea to reality which seems to have become the gestation period for the production of West Point buildings in the current era.

Now we come to the delicate task of naming our structure. This calls for a short essay on "Naming Things At West Point." For example, 22 years ago, a rash of patriotic fervor inspired the administrators then at the helm to apply the names of Presidents of the United States to our more prominent structures. Up to then they had such mundane titles as Mess Hall, East Academic Building, West Academic

Building and so forth. So, the names of four Presidents descended officially upon four of our structures. It was ordered that henceforth they would be referred to by the distinguished names of Washington, Adams, Jefferson and Madison Halls. But, after a year of no compliance whatever to the decree, a Board was appointed to study this frustrating phenomenon. The Board said: "Cut out the names. Use natural, functional titles for buildings. Then people will know what you are talking about and where it is." Well and good; the names were officially detached. But, one of them, apparently stimulated by the challenge of prohibition, stuck anyway, and Washington Hall enjoys its title more by popular usage than by official decree.

Another incident illustrates the capriciousness of local "name calling." The government and the Army Athletic Association chipped in together to build a combination Armory and Field House. Since the government furnished funds on the Armory basis, it was politically expedient to show our appreciation by its name. Therefore it was officially dubbed The Armory. Henceforth it was known by all as the Field House. I dare say there isn't a person or even an MP who today could direct you to the Armory here at West Point.

So the name of Thayer was applied to the structure long before it was finished. A determined effort, in large measure successful, was made to use the new title at all times. Our cause was helped by the fact that no cadets present had ever been put through the character building experience of slow-trotting and going blindfolded over the jumps without stirrups. They had not been impressed by the still-valid proverb that the outside of a horse is good for the inside of man. They were the products of molding processes considered by many as being softer and less earthy. We also took the trouble to emblazon the name Thayer Hall in stone over all main entrances. The name stuck for these reasons, I suppose, and also because of its propriety and the respect it already enjoyed here.

Our new schoolhouse helps us with our teaching job. One objective of educational management is to create an atmosphere and environment for learning, to remove obstacles and distractions, to create an atmosphere of receptivity around and within the student so that his inclination is to learn the things it is intended that he shall learn at the time the teaching effort is applied. There is always the possibility of "overdoing" the facility, i.e., to devise such ingenious teaching devices and novel surroundings that the student is filled with awe for their cleverness and misses the point of the effort. We believe we have not succumbed to this error, at least in so far as the design of the fixed installation of Thayer Hall is concerned.

Our structure has been transformed from a physical to a mental arena. Whereas it was once dedicated to the equestrian arts, it is now devoted to exercising the brain. The point of impact has risen from the base of the spine to its pinnacle.

Thayer considered it a sobering responsibility to be engaged in education. Of course, we still consider it so today. At West Point there is a special demand for humility amongst the faculty because our student body is committed to serve the Nation. We are responsible not only to the cadets but to the United States as well, not only for the stimulation of learning but for the molding of attitudes. These men will carry unique and often unexpected military responsibilities. The citizens of the United States have the right to hope that they will be equal to their tasks. We sincerely pray that our stewardship here at West Point is properly discharged.



Bridge across Cullum Road to south entrance.

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF

# Brevet Major General George W. Cullum

## UNITED STATES ARMY

*by Major General Robert M. Danford, U.S. Army, Retired, Class 1904*

Probably no graduate of the United States Military Academy has ever held a deeper affection for the institution, or a greater pride in the records and achievements of the men it has produced, than Brevet Major General George W. Cullum.

Even a casual study of General Cullum's life and works easily reveals why such a statement seems appropriate and merited.

Though a voluminous writer and a most thorough, careful and accurate biographer, General Cullum has left us nothing in writing about himself save only the brief official record as published in his own Biographical Register. To learn about this man therefore it is necessary to examine his writings and his works.

General Cullum was born in New York City on February 25, 1809, the son of Arthur and Harriet Sturges Cullum. While still very young he moved with his parents to Meadville, Pennsylvania, where he received a good elementary schooling and from where he was appointed to the Military Academy, entering in July 1829. His four years as a cadet thus coincided with the final four years of the superintendency of Colonel Sylvanus Thayer, for whom he formed a profound respect and admiration which later developed into a strong, cordial and devoted friendship.

Graduating third in his class of 1833, Cullum was commissioned in the Corps of Engineers, in which service he enjoyed a broad and extensive professional experience involving specialized construction and fortification duties in the harbors of Boston, Newport, Annapolis, Charleston and New York.

From 1846 to 1850 he was on duty at West Point where he was a superintending engineer in the construction of cadet barracks and served as an instructor in Military Engineering.

In 1850 he published what was the forerunner of his Biographical Register. This was a "*Register of the Officers and Graduates of the U. S. Military Academy from 1802 to January 1, 1850.*" This Register gave for each

graduate a very brief official record.

That same year his health failed to an extent that endangered his life. He was granted sick leave of absence and for two years he traveled in Europe, Asia, Africa and the West Indies. He particularly enjoyed the land of Egypt and its salubrious climate. Fortunately he returned to his duties fully restored to health. For two and one half years he was again on duty at West Point.

From 1855 to 1858 he was on duty connected with the improvement of Charleston Harbor and the defenses thereof. At the outbreak of the Civil War he served from April to November as Aide-de-Camp to General Winfield Scott. Upon being appointed a Brigadier General of Volunteers in November 1861 he became Chief of Staff and Chief Engineer for Major General Henry W. Halleck. For the next three years he was with General Halleck in St. Louis, in the field during Halleck's advance upon and siege of Corinth, and then in Washington when Halleck became General-in-Chief of the Army. General Cullum's Civil War career was thus intimately associated with that of General Halleck, and during that critical and anxious period these two brother graduates of West Point developed for each other a strong, loyal and devoted friendship.

No doubt it was largely due to General Halleck that Cullum was appointed Superintendent of the Military Academy. He served on this duty from September 1864 until August 1866. His administration at the Academy was thus too short to credit him with any particular measures advancing its welfare. He was at West Point before the days of formal reports by its Superintendents, but the Secretary of War in his report of November 1866 stated,

"During the past session of Congress important measures were adopted respecting the Military Academy, raising the standard of qualifications for admission and requiring that appointments be hereafter made one year in advance of the date of admission. The Inspector from personal observation, reports the authorities of the institution

as most assiduous in their efforts to advance the interests of the Academy and its cadets. Its administration is characterized by economy, and the habits of frugality are inculcated. Excellent discipline is maintained and judiciously enforced."

After leaving the Academy in 1866 General Cullum had important engineering assignments and duties pertaining particularly to the modernization of coast defenses of the eastern seaboard. He was on duty in the New York area when retired from active duty on January 13, 1874.

General Cullum was a scholarly man and accomplished gentleman. He was well versed in the classics and was a deep student of the Art of War as applied by the great masters. He supervised and edited a translation of Duparcq's "*Art of War*" and he assisted General Halleck in editing Jomini's "*Life of Napoleon.*" He wrote many professional articles and papers.

General Cullum's greatest work however, and that for which he will always be esteemed, is his "*Biographical Register of the Officers and Graduates of the U. S. Military Academy.*" When the first edition of this work appeared in 1867 the *New York Times* said of it, "We know of no single contribution to the military history of the Nation so rich in invaluable data and so essential to the future historian or student of American history as the volumes with the above title." His dedication of this work was phrased as follows:

"To my brother graduates of the U. S. Military Academy, I respectfully dedicate this record of their past services, as a future stimulus to still higher military achievements and civil usefulness in the service of the Nation, which has established for their education a cherished Alma Mater, many of whose distinguished sons have worthily written their names in their Country's history."

Of the tremendous task involved in compiling this work General Cullum gives us a glimpse when he states in the preface, "After many years of per-



GEORGE W. CULLUM

1804-1866

severing toil I present to my brother Graduates of the Military Academy, this record of their services, honorable to themselves, giving world renown to their Alma Mater and claiming for their Country a place in the first rank of military nations. Every source of information official and private has been exhausted to make this work accurate and complete. Archives have been ransacked, tons of manuscripts examined, letters by thousands written, and interrogatories almost countless put wherever a hope of gleaning any information at all reliable existed."

General Cullum's great love for the Academy could not fail to develop and increase as he continued to dig deeply and thoroughly into the careers of its graduates. His biographies, not always in his own phraseology, but carefully compiled and edited by him, are fascinating reading. A few extracts are here presented to illustrate their general character:

Henry J. Hunt, Graduate No. 1004. "It would be beyond the limits of this biographical sketch to detail all of Hunt's varied achievements in the Civil War, the most noted of which were at Malvern Hill, where he brought every battery into successful action; at Antietam, where he won the highest encomiums from his commanding general; at Fredericksburg where by his concentration of fire he so skillfully covered the crossing of the Rappahannock; and at Gettysburg where his watchful eye compassed the entire field of battle, divined the intentions of the enemy, and at the critical moment of Pickett's desperate charge hurled his thunderbolt of eighty guns against that devoted forlorn column, ending the bloody tragedy by the signal triumph of our arms."

Nathaniel Lyon, Graduate No. 1069. "It is unnecessary to describe the bloody conflict of Wilson's Creek. Wherever the contest was hottest, there was Lyon, on his iron-gray charger, encouraging his men to new efforts, and inspiring all with his own dauntless purpose. Though severely wounded, and his horse killed under him, he mounted another, swung his hat in the air, called upon his men to follow him, dashed into the thickest of the fray, and fell, shot through the breast. Thus fell a hero possessing the tenacity of Grant, the valor of Hancock, the intrepidity of Kearney, the patriotic zeal of Halleck, and no little of the organizing faculty of McClellan. Had he lived he would have become one of the brightest stars in the galaxy of the Great Rebellion."

George Crook, Graduate No. 1573.

"The secret of his success was his integrity. George Crook never lied to mortal man. The Indians soon learned this trait and believed in his word as they believed in the stars."\*\* No soldiers loved him so deeply as those who had been with him longest—no man ever had friends more devoted or loyal; he bound them to him with hooks of steel."

James B. McPherson, Graduate No. 1579. "Turning quickly, he was fired upon, and the noble McPherson fell to rise no more. The brief, brave, and brilliant career of a true hero was thus ended after a service of only eleven years, in which, by his sole merits, he rose from Cadet to be a Major General, and at the early age of thirty-five died in command of an Army."

The foregoing extracts serve also to disclose General Cullum's very evident pride in the graduates about whom he wrote.

After his retirement in 1874, General Cullum took up his residence at 261 Fifth Avenue, New York City, and gave over his tremendous energies to his two great interests—West Point and the American Geographical Society.

Before retirement he had been the moving spirit in the organization of the Association of Graduates which occurred in the office of Dr. Horace Webster, West Point Class of 1818, then President of the College of the City of New York. This was in May of 1869, and the first reunion and annual meeting of the Association was held at West Point June 17, 1870. General Thayer was made the first President of the Association and remained in that office until his death which occurred in 1872.

In accordance with the Association's constitution of the time, the Presidency was vested in the oldest graduate belonging to the Association. It so remained until 1897. As the Presidency was thus entirely honorary, the affairs of the Association were handled entirely by the Executive Committee, of which General Cullum became a member in 1871. In 1878 he was made Chairman of this Committee, remaining as such until his death. It is thus seen that for some fourteen years General Cullum was in reality the active President and executive manager of the Association, and to it he gave his most devoted and enthusiastic efforts.

It was General Cullum who "after five years of continuous effort accomplished his heart's desire of securing the consent of the surviving relatives to the removal to West Point, of the body of General Thayer, which was

here re-interred November 8, 1877, with the most solemn and imposing military honors."

It was he who headed the committee of the Association to secure the necessary contributions to erect the Thayer statue now standing between the diagonal walk and Washington Hall at West Point. It was he who, on June 11, 1883, delivered the unveiling oration at the dedication of this statue. His scholarly and inspiring address on this occasion, indicating as it does General Cullum's careful and thorough research, is perhaps the most valuable source material extant on the superintendency of General Sylvanus Thayer.

It was General Cullum who most supported the "Necrology" feature of the Annual Report of the Association of Graduates, thus insuring what amounts to a biography for every graduate at the time of his decease. In 1892 the Secretary of the Association, Lieutenant Charles Braden, declared that General Cullum had written for the Association more obituaries (55 in all) than any twenty-five other graduates.

In 1874, shortly after his retirement, General Cullum became a Vice President of the American Geographical Society of New York, and he held that position until his death. The Society at that time was housed at 11 West 29th Street, scarcely a block from General Cullum's residence at 29th Street and Fifth Avenue. The records of the Society indicate that hardly a day passed but what the General dropped in to busy himself with details of the Society's administration and work.

In 1872 General Cullum's devoted friend Major General Henry W. Halleck died, he being at the time in command of the Division of the South with headquarters at Louisville, Kentucky. Cullum wrote his obituary for the Association of Graduates, ending it with these words:

"His last hours closed with sweet remembrances of cherished friends, among whom the writer of this, is happy to be remembered, for he well knew his departed comrade's great worth and truly loved him."

Upon General Halleck's death, his widow Elizabeth Hamilton Halleck, with her sixteen-year-old son, an only child, returned to her native New York City to make her home amongst her brothers and sisters. She lived a few doors below General Cullum on Fifth Avenue. It seems not surprising therefore that these two old friends who had so much in common should sooner or later be married, and this occurred

on September 23, 1875. In the New York archives this marriage is recorded as his "first," her "second."

Remaining today in the files of the American Geographical Society is an interesting letter from Elizabeth Cullum because it reveals traits of her husband's personality, and the considerate and tender regard which she held for him. This letter, doubtless never seen by General Cullum, was addressed "My dear Friend." This "friend" must have been the President of the Society. It read,

"You can hardly be aware of the effect your proposition to supplant 'Egypt' by 'The Gulf Stream' in January could have upon a delicate sensitive nature where much labor and study have already been, and is daily bestowed to make the lecture a credit to the Society in Europe as well as America. As the step I do not doubt was taken without due deliberation, and your own heart would regret, I am sure, to wound a valued friend, I write these very confidential words to you and am, Most sincerely yours, Elizabeth Cullum."

Elizabeth Cullum carried her point, for in the next January issue of the Society's Journal appeared General Cullum's scholarly lecture on Egypt.

The marriage of General Cullum and Elizabeth Hamilton Halleck merged three estates into one considerable fortune, the greater part of which no doubt had been accumulated by General Halleck, who, while in California before the Civil War had headed a most successful law firm and had acquired extensive mining interests.

Over the next four years General Cullum's restless energy was devoted largely to bringing out the second edition of his *Biographical Register*, which appeared in 1879. The preface to this edition brings to the reader a point in his character later described by the American Geographical Society in these words,

"Quiet and undemonstrative in manner, he held decided opinions, and was always ready to maintain them with a firmness that marked also his uprightness and his devotion to duty."

In his first edition of the *Register* he abruptly closed the record of every graduate who had joined the Confederate Army with the words, "Joined in the Rebellion of 1861-66 against the United States."

Of this remark, he writes in the preface to his second edition, "Strenuous efforts have been made to induce me to omit the use of the word 'Rebellion' in terminating the records of those who joined the Confederate cause against

the United States. The term is not of my invention, but in the language of the law, of the acts of the various departments of the government, of thousands of brevets to officers of the Regular Army and Volunteers and is still the customary phraseology of a large proportion of our people. Applications have also been made to me to give the details of the military services of those fighting against the Union with the same particularity with which I have recorded those of its loyal supporters. Of course such a thing would be impossible without destroying this stereotyped edition, and to prepare an entire new work would be an herculean labor far beyond my present strength, even had I the full official returns, muster rolls, orders, reports, etc., of the Confederate Army. But independently of these considerations and without the least unkind feeling toward those whose views of their duty differed from mine. I could not by such act give even the semblance of my approval of their taking up arms against the flag under which they were educated."

General Cullum wrote while he was still too close to the great struggle to forget. His fierce devotion to the Union cause and his strong feelings in this matter are further revealed in his fine obituary of Lieutenant General Richard S. Ewell which he wrote for the Association of Graduates, and of which the following is an extract:

"After the close of the Civil War, Ewell honestly accepted its results as irrevocable facts, and in his retirement from public affairs devoted himself to the cultivation of his farm and the improvement of his stock. Previous to his death the feeling of his first and natural allegiance returned strongly upon him. When he had made his will and was informed that his race was almost run, he remarked with the calm simplicity characteristic of him, 'I don't want any monument raised over me; only plain head and foot stones like those over the graves of my father and mother in Virginia. My rank of Lieutenant General might be inscribed upon one of the stones, but I wish nothing in the inscription which will cast any reflection upon the Government of the United States.' Thus peacefully passed to his final rest the bold, blunt, honest soldier, who had so often faced death on the battlefield, and with his last breath dared to acknowledge the great error of his life, which for a time severed him from the flag under which he was reared and had been so generously educated. This last act was worthy of one so con-

spicuous for his sincerity and integrity of character, of the gallant officer who ever possessed the esteem and affection of his comrades, and of a true man under whose plain exterior beat a warm and noble heart."

In this obituary of the Confederate General Ewell, General Cullum clearly reveals that strong bond of comradeship about which he was thinking when he wrote in his early history of West Point his approval of Congressional decision to have but *one* Military Academy thereby "producing uniformity of instruction for the Army, a common chord of sympathy in the whole service, and that strong bond of comradeship which even the rude shock of Civil War could not sunder."

In May 1882, while living on a farm in North Carolina, Henry W. Halleck Jr., passed away. His death meant that both Cullum and his wife were without blood descendants. Two years later, on September 15, 1884, Elizabeth Hamilton Cullum died leaving substantially her entire estate to General Cullum. But the terms of her will when considered in connection with his, indicate conclusively that the final disposition of their fortune was a matter that they had carefully planned together.

After his wife's death General Cullum seems to have thrown himself still harder into the work of the Association of Graduates and of the Geographical Society, and also more particularly, into the preparation of the third edition of his *Biographical Register*, which appeared in 1890. Though some eleven years older than when he prepared the second edition, he destroyed the old plates and prepared a completely new edition to which he added 107 of his intensely interesting biographies. In the preface to this edition he states,

"Though over fourscore years of age, I have ventured upon the herculean task of preparing this Third Edition of my *Biographical Register* of the Officers and Graduates of the U. S. Military Academy, hoping that this last legacy to Alma Mater and her numerous sons may further prove the usefulness of that noble institution." It should be noted that in this edition he continued the civil history of graduates who had served in the Confederacy.

From 1885 to 1891, every June week almost without exception found General Cullum at West Point officiating at the annual meetings of the Association of Graduates, which under his leadership were constantly growing in popularity.

It was in November 1891 that he signed his last will and testament. Less than four months later, on February 28, 1892, he succumbed to pneumonia at his residence 261 Fifth Avenue. His friend, General Montgomery C. Meigs had died only two months earlier, and Cullum wrote his obituary for the Association of Graduates. Thus it is seen that his restless and busy pen was active almost to the very moment when it fell from his hand in death.

General Cullum's will was admitted to probate soon after his death and was settled without challenge or contest within a period of about four years. It is a remarkable document. It is long, clear, specific and complete to the minutest detail. It is unique in the number of legatees involved. Unquestionably no living brother, sister, nephew or niece of General Halleck, Elizabeth Hamilton, or General Cullum was forgotten. These totaled 32 in number, and to each was left a legacy of \$5,000.00 or more. Various Army widows and friends were remembered. Bequests were left to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, to hospitals, libraries, to church, and to various philanthropies. Servants and nurses were not overlooked; and illustrative of the kindly, generous, and friendly nature of the man, he directed his executors to give his personal effects such as photographs, paintings, engravings, silver, furnishings, objects of art, horses, harness, carriages, etc., to his friends. His cottage at Newport, where he was accustomed to spend his summers, was left to his "favorite niece" in Meadville, Pennsylvania.

The largest bequests however, were \$300,000.00 to the Military Academy and \$105,000.00 to the American Geographical Society. For the Military Academy, \$250,000.00 was allotted for a Memorial Hall; \$20,000.00 for a perpetual fund the income from which was directed to be used for the purchase of "statues, busts, mural tablets and painted portraits of distinguished deceased officers and graduates" for the Memorial Hall; \$20,000.00 as a perpetual fund the income from which was directed to be used in the decennial publication of the *Biographical Register*; and \$10,000.00 as a perpetual fund for the Association of Graduates, the income from which was directed to be used for current and necessary expenses of the Association.

The paragraph of General Cullum's will relating to the Memorial Hall is as follows:

"Thirty-third. I give and bequeath to the Government of the United States the sum of Two hundred and

fifty thousand dollars upon the following terms and conditions: viz., that during the life of Major General James B. Fry and Peter S. Michie, hereinafter named, and at farthest within five years after my death, it will authorize to be built, and will build and maintain upon the public grounds at West Point, N.Y., a fire-proof stone Memorial Hall, under the direction of the Superintendent of the Military Academy, three other members of the Academic Board thereof, and my military executor Major General James B. Fry, or, he not surviving at the time, another member of the Academic Board, all of whom I desire should be graduates of the Military Academy. This Memorial Hall I wish to be a receptacle of statues, busts, mural tablets, and portraits of distinguished deceased officers and graduates of the Military Academy, of paintings of battle scenes, trophies of war, and such other objects as may tend to give elevation to the military profession; and, to prevent the introduction of unworthy subjects into this Hall, I desire that the selection of each shall be made by not less than two thirds of the members of the entire Academic Board, the vote being taken by Ayes and Nays, and to be so recorded. It is also my desire that this Hall should be adapted for use on any ceremonial occasion taking place at West Point, N.Y., and for the Assemblage and Dinners of the Association of Graduates of the United States Military Academy, and if practicable, I wish that lodging accommodations should be provided in some part of it for the members of that Association while attending its annual reunions."

The interesting dates in connection with this bequest are: July 23, 1892, approval of the Act of Congress accepting the bequest; April 15, 1896, laying of the corner stone; December 21, 1898, building completed; and June 12, 1900, dedication of the building with appropriate ceremonies.

Over and above all costs of settling

General Cullum's estate, his total bequests amounted to \$809,590.

General Cullum's will presents also a touching epilogue to the life story of this good man. It would seem strange that the man who loved West Point with such zealous devotion; the man who had given so lavishly of his talents and energies to immortalizing the deeds of West Pointers; the man who as cadet, instructor, and Superintendent had spent so many years at the Academy; the man who had persisted that West Point was the only appropriate final resting place for the mortal remains of Sylvanus Thayer; the man who was privileged to bestow upon the Academy greater material gifts than any other graduate over the period of nearly a century and a half; yes it would seem strange that this man would not choose as his final resting place, the spot which he termed the Mecca of his heart.

On peaceful and shady Aspen Avenue in the beautiful Greenwood Cemetery, which lies in the heart of Brooklyn, is a burial plot with five graves. These graves were occupied in the following order: Major General Henry W. Halleck in 1872; Henry W. Halleck Jr., in 1882; Thomas Tuckson, a devoted family servant, in 1883; Elizabeth Hamilton Cullum, in 1884; and Brevet Major General George W. Cullum in 1892. And by a provision of General Cullum's will and his bequest to the Cemetery, no other grave may ever be placed in this plot. Here then is the end of the road! Here sleep two devoted friends whose comradeship as brother graduates of the Military Academy was fused during the tremendous stress of common effort in the great Civil War, and, as if to join them together throughout eternity, the woman, who to each was an only wife, rests between them.

The modest granite shaft which marks General Cullum's grave, bears the simple epitaph, "Soldier, Historian, Scholar."

*Reprinted from 1947 Register*

## REMINDER

**Homecoming, 24 October 1959**

Reservations for Hotel Thayer and for the Alumni Dinner Dance must be made through the Secretary, Association of Graduates, USMA.

# Report of the 90th Annual Meeting

of the

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

Held in Washington Hall, West Point, New York, June 1, 1959

1. The meeting was called to order by the President, McAuliffe, '19, at 1245 hours. Approximately 1100 members were present.

2. The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was waived because they had been published in the Summer 1958 ASSEMBLY.

3. The President introduced the oldest living graduate, Hodges, '51, who

was celebrating his 75th reunion. He received a standing ovation.

4. The President introduced some of the older graduates present and commented that the Class of '99 had six members at their 60th Reunion. They stood for an ovation.

5. The Secretary-Treasurer reported that the Association in the past year had accepted applications from 55 graduates and 12 non-graduates, in addition to 431 members of the Class of '59. The Association now totals 14,462 members and 307 Associate Members.

6. The Secretary urged all members to contribute information concerning themselves and their families to the Association in order to build up the present files of the members. He suggested that those distinguished graduates who have accumulated considerable personal files contribute them to the Military Academy in order that the USMA Library may build up its military files and that the Association may build up its personal files.

7. The Secretary-Treasurer reported that the estate of Frederick E. Johnston, '96, had been received and placed in the Endowment Fund which now has a book value of \$538,000. He reported total contributions of \$17,204 from 1252 contributors. He reported that the net worth of the Association had increased \$125,766 in the last year.

8. The President stated that the activities of the Association had been covered in ASSEMBLY and there was no need for further report. He noted that the Dean of the Academic Board, Brigadier General Gerald A. Counts, August '17, will retire on 30 September 1959. In the name of the Association, and of all graduates, the President wished Counts the best of health and fortune and thanked him for his support of the Association during his tenure as Dean.

9. The Superintendent discussed some of the current programs and projects at the Military Academy. He disclosed minor modifications of the cur-

riculum to be inaugurated as soon as possible.

10. The President introduced General Maxwell D. Taylor, '22, Chief of Staff of the Army, who addressed the graduates on the subject of the Army's position in the defense establishment. His remarks are extracted elsewhere in this issue of ASSEMBLY.

11. Representing the Board of Trustees, Fraser, '39, assumed the chair and announced nominees for the office of President, Vice Presidents and Trustees for the ensuing period:

### President

Anthony C. McAuliffe, '19

### Vice Presidents

George L. Van Deusen, '09

Rudolph G. Whitten, '14

Nathan F. Twining, '19

Charles G. Stevenson, '24

Julian B. Lindsey, '29

Trustees to serve from July 1, 1959 to June 30, 1962

Howard P. Richardson, June '18  
(Regional Trustee)

Robert W. Berry, '24

Charles E. Saltzman, '25

Garrison H. Davidson, '27

Thomas J. Wells, '28

Gerald J. Forney, '37

Charles H. Schilling, '41

Kern P. Pitts, '44

Bernard W. Abrams, '47 (Regional Trustee)

Phillip T. Boerger, '47

William T. Moore, '49

Frederick M. Galloway, '54

It was moved and seconded from the floor that the nominations submitted be elected which was done by acclaim.

12. McAuliffe resumed the chair. There being no further business, he called upon the Rt. Reverend Monsignor Joseph P. Moore to pronounce the benediction.

13. The meeting was adjourned at 1346 hours.

—N. B. Wilson, '31  
Colonel, Artillery  
Secretary



General Anthony C. McAuliffe, '19, President of the Association of Graduates, presided at the annual meeting, 1 June.



At the annual Alumni Luncheon, the Superintendent discussed some of his programs and plans for the future.

# REPORT OF THE TREASURER

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

31 MARCH 1959

EXHIBIT A—Balance Sheet as of 31 March 1959.

EXHIBIT B—Changes in General Fund during the year ended 31 March 1959.

EXHIBIT C—Changes in Endowment Fund during the year ended 31 March 1959.

EXHIBIT D—Changes in Cullum Fund during the year ended 31 March 1959.

EXHIBIT E—Changes in Frederick E. Johnston Cosmic Fund during year ended 31 March 1959. (Building Fund)

### EXHIBIT A BALANCE SHEET, 31 MARCH 1959

ASSETS	
SECURITIES (See Schedule I) N. Y. Trust Company .....	\$511,665.40
CASH ON HAND .....	30.59
CASH IN BANKS	
First National Bank in Highland Falls, N. Y. ....	\$ 11,335.26
New York Trust Company .....	35,846.02
Newburgh Savings Bank .....	3,693.98
Bowery Savings Bank .....	9,346.09
Harlem Savings Bank .....	9,346.92
Highland Falls Federal Savings & Loan Ass'n .....	1,431.65
	70,999.92
INVENTORY .....	12,503.93
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES .....	9,603.53
Total .....	\$604,803.37

LIABILITIES	
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	
Balance 1 April 1958 .....	\$ 46,476.21
Less: Decrease (See Exhibit "B") .....	2,787.45
	\$ 43,688.76
<b>ENDOWMENT FUND</b>	
Balance 1 April 1958 .....	\$399,097.80
Add: Increase (See Exhibit "C") .....	138,913.62
	538,011.42
<b>CULLUM FUND</b>	
Balance 1 April 1958 .....	\$ 11,485.16
Add: Increase (See Exhibit "D") .....	287.85
	11,773.01
<b>BUILDING FUND</b>	
Increase (See Exhibit "E") .....	1,431.65
<b>EMPLOYMENT TAXES</b> .....	
	295.00
<b>FURNITURE AND FIXTURES</b> .....	
	9,603.53
Total .....	\$604,803.37

### EXHIBIT B CHANGES IN GENERAL FUND DURING THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 1958 TO 31 MARCH 1959

INCOME	
Dues and Memberships .....	\$ 9,536.00
Gain on West Point Plates and Glassware .....	5,698.14
Gain on West Point Chairs .....	1,362.26
Interest on Bank Deposits .....	837.07
Contributions .....	17,204.24
Sale of Paintings .....	5,710.00
Royalties .....	60.00
June Week Reception Committee .....	2,152.88
Korean Plaque .....	575.53
General Lee Memorial Fund .....	1,270.00
Rosettes and Other Income .....	123.82
	\$ 44,529.94

EXPENDITURES	
Salaries and Services .....	\$ 17,623.08
Freight, Express and Postage .....	2,020.92
Printing .....	3,540.43
Awards .....	890.00
Luncheons, Meetings, Conferences and Dues .....	3,077.72
Fund Raising Study .....	6,000.00
Newspapers, Books and Periodicals .....	195.46
Telephone and Telegraph .....	1,084.89
Thayer Birthplace Committee .....	413.50
Insurance and Employment Taxes .....	586.66
Flowers .....	53.25
Office Equipment and Supplies .....	3,051.44
Pattern Design for West Point Plates .....	1,887.30
Transfer to Building Fund .....	1,005.00
Transfer to Endowment Fund .....	5,710.00
Other Expenses .....	177.74
	47,317.39
Net Change (Decrease) .....	\$ 2,787.45

### EXHIBIT C CHANGES IN ENDOWMENT FUND DURING THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 1958 TO 31 MARCH 1959

PRINCIPAL	
Contributions and Bequests .....	\$123,483.15
Sale of Paintings .....	5,710.00
Transfer from Frederick E. Johnston Cosmic Fund .....	5,000.00
	\$134,193.15
Less: Loss on Sale of Securities .....	\$ 1,642.61
Revaluation of Securities .....	7,735.56
	9,378.17
	124,814.98

INCOME	
Dividends and Interest .....	\$ 15,304.74

EXPENDITURES	
Commissions for Review Services .....	\$ 1,202.40
Transfer Expenses .....	3.70
	1,206.10
Net Change (Increase) .....	\$138,913.62

### EXHIBIT D CHANGES IN CULLUM FUND DURING THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 1958 TO 31 MARCH 1959

INCOME	
Interest from Securities .....	\$ 237.50
Interest on Savings Account .....	50.35
Net Change (Increase) .....	\$ 287.85

### EXHIBIT E CHANGES IN FREDERICK E. JOHNSTON COSMIC FUND\* DURING THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 1958 TO 31 MARCH 1959

INCOME	
Interest on Savings Account .....	\$ 172.14
Transfer from General Fund .....	1,005.00
	\$ 1,777.14

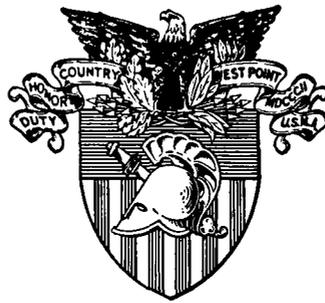
EXPENDITURES	
Transfer to Endowment Fund .....	5,000.00
Net Change (Decrease) .....	\$ 3,822.86

RECONCILIATION	
Balance 1 April 1958 .....	\$ 5,254.51
Less: Decrease (from above) .....	3,822.86
Balance 31 March 1959 .....	\$ 1,431.65

\*During February 1959, the Frederick E. Johnston Cosmic Fund was redesignated "Building Fund" and the balance of \$1,431.65 is shown in the Balance Sheet as "Building Fund."

Examined and found correct:  
T. V. POLIZZI, Auditor  
Office of the Comptroller, USMA

NORTON B. WILSON, Colonel, Artillery  
Secretary-Treasurer



# TENTH ANNUAL MEETING

*of the*

# National Public Relations Committee

*of the*

# West Point Societies

The Tenth Meeting of the National Public Relations Committee of West Point Societies was held at the West Point Army Mess on 2 June 1959. The meeting was outstanding in that twenty-five representatives from 19 Societies attended. The following attended this meeting:

From the West Point Societies—Los Angeles, Strother, '24; San Francisco Bay Area, Hayden, Apr., '17; Pikes Peak, Van De Graaf, '19; District of Columbia, Graling, '24; Miami, Royce, '14; Atlanta, Sutton, '39 and Abrams, '47; Chicago, Halligan, '24, Beier, '39, and Batson, '39; Louisville, Heiberg, '46; Maryland, Webb, '28; New England, Sturman, '20 and Chambers, '23; Michigan, Mc Nerney, '29; New York, Maloney, '47; Western North Carolina, Eichelberger, '09; Cincinnati, Kimball, '49; Philadelphia, Davis, Ex-'24 and Edelman, '10; Western Pennsylvania, McCulla, '29; Tennessee, Evans, '39 and Columbus, Lombard, '50.

From agencies at West Point—Wilson, Editor ASSEMBLY; Branham, '22, Editor Register of Graduates; Bolling, June '43, Admissions Officer; Fredericks, '39, Cadet Public Relations Council; Stephens, '42, Information Officer, USMA.

In the absence of McAuliffe, President of the Association of Graduates, Wilson was designated to act as Chairman. He called upon Lt. Colonel Alexander R. Bolling, Jr., Chief of Admissions Division, USMA to discuss the Candidate Program. Colonel Bol-

1. To encourage outstanding potential leaders among the young men of our country to seek admission to the United States Military Academy.

2. To support, during the year 1959-1960, the effort of the Association of Graduates to effect the admission of Sylvanus Thayer to the New York University Hall of Fame.

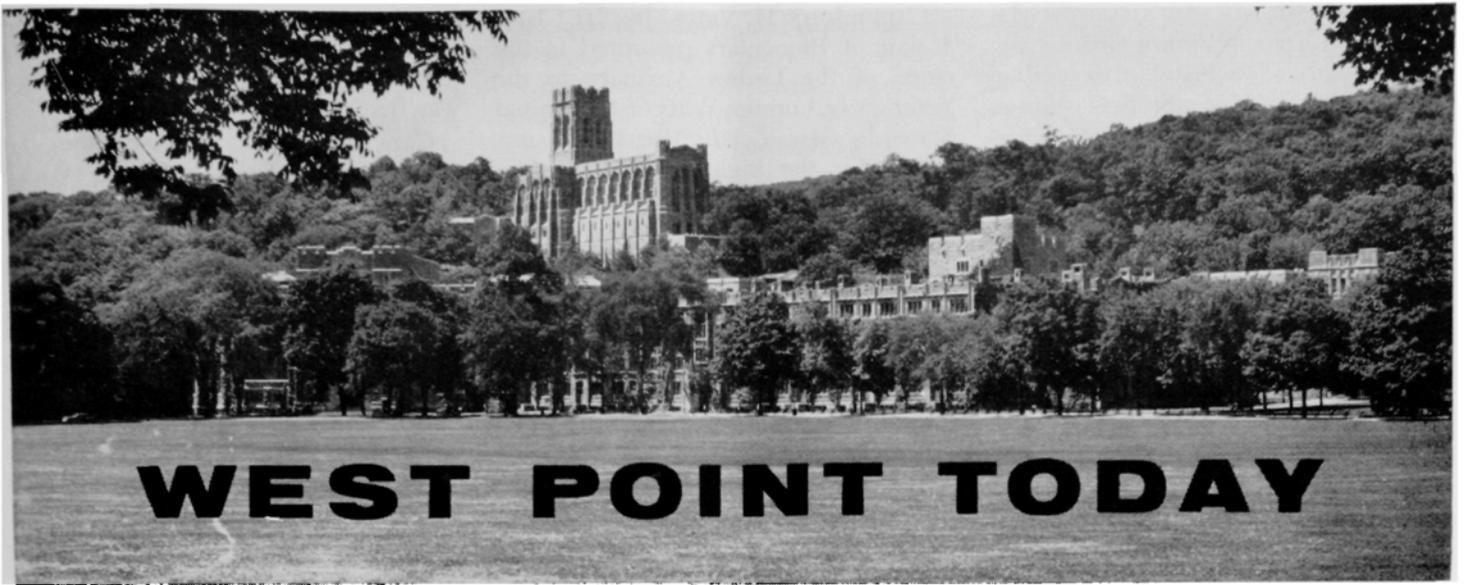
ling told in detail the efforts of his agency to locate and encourage outstanding potential candidates to become interested in the Military Academy. He discussed the programs followed in some of the more successful West Point Societies and offered to assist those societies who wished such assistance. The Chairman called upon Lt. Colonel Joel B. Stephens, Information Officer, USMA to discuss his program as it affects NPRC. Colonel Stephens pointed out that his office has been materially assisted in its program by the presence of two outstanding individuals, the Superintendent and Cadet Dawkins, First Captain. National interest in the Military Academy and its outstanding personalities has made it possible for the Military Academy to be the subject of several radio, TV, magazine and newspaper items of mass dissemination.

There was considerable discussion

with regard to ways and means followed by some of the more successful societies in prosecuting their Candidate Information Programs and of the difficulties encountered by others. It was pointed out that the successful programs have reached their present high state only after a period of some years. Those societies which have not achieved spectacular success during the past year were advised to continue their program as the best means of increasing public awareness of them and their purpose.

The Chairman discussed at some length the project assumed by the Association of Graduates to achieve election to the Hall of Fame of Sylvanus Thayer. The Big Picture film on "Thayer of West Point" and the brochures distributed by the West Point Society of New England are considered as outstanding means of educating the public. The Chairman suggested that the societies assist the Thayer Hall of Fame Committee in such manner as may be suggested by General Crittenberger as Chairman. Individual uncoordinated action is considered as possibly detrimental to the effort whereas coordinated action should achieve success.

At the head of this page is a block containing the two projects which were formally accepted by the delegates at this meeting. It is hoped that all West Point Societies will accept these two projects and will establish procedures for their prosecution.



## New Chaplain Named

Dr. Theodore Cuyler Speers, a leading New York clergyman, has been appointed Chaplain of the Corps of Cadets by The President, it was announced by Lt. Gen. Garrison H. Davidson, U. S. Military Academy Superintendent.

Dr. Speers, pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church, Park Ave., New York, since 1936, will assume his duties at West Point at the start of the academic term in September. He succeeds Chaplain George M. Bean, who has been here since September, 1954.

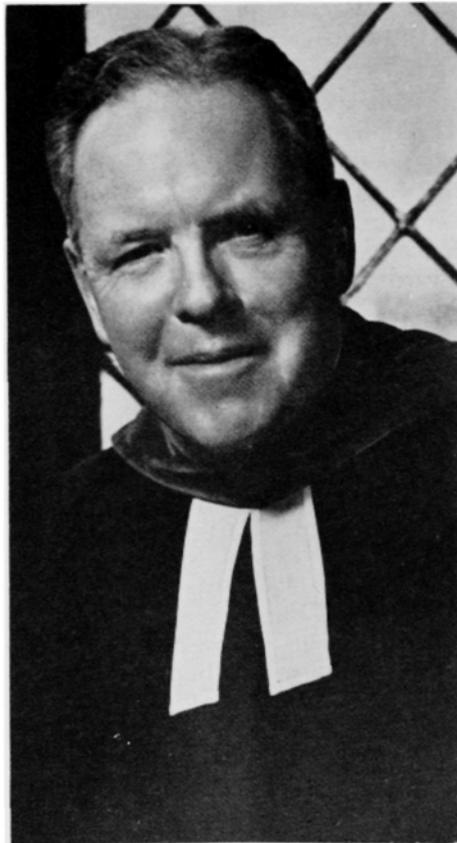
A member of the Board of Directors at Union and Auburn Theological Seminaries, Dr. Speers served as Moderator of the Presbytery of New York from 1944 to 1945 and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

He is a 1921 graduate of Princeton University, received a B.D. (magna cum laude) from Union Theological Seminary in 1925 and was awarded honorary doctorate degrees from Hamilton College and Princeton in 1937 and 1955.

Ordained in 1925, Dr. Speers was pastor of Bethlehem Chapel in New York from 1924 to 1928 and minister of the First Presbyterian Church in Utica, N.Y., from 1928 to 1936. He served as an artillery corporal during World War I.

A contributor to the "Interpreters Bible" and author of a volume of sermons, the noted churchman is chairman of the Protestant Board of Chaplains at Cornell Medical Center, honorary vice president of the Travelers Aid Society in New York and a member of the advisory board of the Episcopal Actors Guild.

Dr. Speers resides in New York City



Dr. Theodore Cuyler Speers

with his wife, the former Margaret Stoddart of Maywood, N.J. They have two daughters, Mrs. David Blackshear of Hudson Falls, N.Y., and Catherine Speers, a Wheaton College sophomore. Their son, Theodore Speers, Jr., was killed in action during the Battle of the Bulge in 1945.

## Tom The Barber Honored

Mr. Thomas Impellittiere (Tom Impell) was honored at West Point April 26, 1959 on the occasion of his Golden Wedding Anniversary by approxi-

mately 250 friends from the Military Academy and the surrounding community.

"Tom", as he is affectionately known to West Pointers everywhere, has been barbering for officers at West Point for over 40 years. He is now 75.

Several of those attending were Lt. General Blackshear M. Bryan, Lt. General Garrison H. Davidson and Colonel Earl (Red) Blaik. "Tom" also received personal congratulatory messages during the reception from Generals Alfred Gruenther, Robert Eichelberger and Maxwell D. Taylor.

## Military and Academic Awards

The military and academic awards, donated annually by patriotic societies and prominent personages, as rewards to cadets for outstanding qualifications in military and academic work, were presented to the cadets indicated below on the Plain at 1530, DST, Monday, 1 June 1959.

CADET PETER M. DAWKINS, 1st Class: A Cup presented in the name of the Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York to the U.S. Corps of Cadets by Mr. Gilbert Rogers Byrne, to CADET DAWKINS, as a trophy on which is inscribed each year the name of the cadet having the highest Military Efficiency. This award was first presented on 8 October 1910.

CADET PETER M. DAWKINS, 1st Class: The Pershing Sword presented in the name of the late General Charles G. Dawes by the Superintendent, to CADET DAWKINS, the Graduating Cadet Captain and Brigade Commander, in commemoration of the fact that General Pershing was the First Captain of the Corps of Cadets in 1886. This award was first presented in 1929.

CADET JAMES L. ABRAHAMSON, 1st Class: The Francis Vinton Greene Memorial Caliber .45 Pistol presented in the name of Mrs. Francis Vinton Greene by *Mrs. George Potter*, to CADET ABRAHAMSON as a memorial to the late Major General Francis Vinton Greene, Class of 1870, U.S. Military Academy for standing No. 1 in General Order of Merit for four years. This award was first presented in 1929.

CADET JAMES L. ABRAHAMSON, 1st Class: The Eisenhower Award. A Silver Tray presented in the name of Mr. Charles P. McCormick by the *Superintendent*, to CADET ABRAHAMSON, for excellence in Military Psychology and Leadership. This award was first presented in 1951.

CADET JAMES L. ABRAHAMSON, 1st Class: A Wrist Watch presented in the name of the National Commandery, Military Order of Foreign Wars of the United States by *Colonel Fred Bennett*, to CADET ABRAHAMSON, for the highest average in First Class Course in Social Sciences. This award was first presented in 1929.

CADET JAMES L. ABRAHAMSON, 1st Class: A Set of Books presented in the name of Mrs. William A. Mitchell by the *Superintendent*, to CADET ABRAHAMSON as a memorial to the late Brigadier General William A. Mitchell for the highest rating in Military Engineering and Military History. This award was first presented in 1942.

CADET JAMES L. ABRAHAMSON, 1st Class: The Class of 1930 Award. A Silver Bowl presented in the name of the late Edgar Bromberger by *Colonel George A. Lincoln*, to CADET ABRAHAMSON, for the highest average in Second Class Course in Social Sciences. This award was first presented in 1954.

CADET JAMES W. VAN LOBEN SELS, 1st Class: A Set of Books presented in the name of the American Bar Association by *Colonel Harold J. Sullivan*, to CADET VAN LOBEN SELS for the highest rating in Law. This award was first presented in 1941.

CADET JOHN H. VEIDT, JR., 1st Class: A Portable Typewriter presented in the name of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution by *Mrs. Harold E. Erb*, to CADET VEIDT for the highest rating in Mechanics of Fluids. This award was first presented in 1930.

CADET JOHN H. VEIDT, JR., 1st Class: A Camera presented in the name of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States by *Judge Frank G. Hahn* to CADET VEIDT, for the highest rating in Physics. This award was first presented in 1937.

CADET JOHN H. VEIDT, JR., 1st Class: A pair of Binoculars presented in the name of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States by *Mrs. Leedy Myers* to CADET VEIDT, for the highest rating in Mechanics of Solids. This award was first presented in 1939.

CADET JEROME B. HILMES, 1st Class: A Wrist Watch presented in the name of the Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War by *Miss Inez B. Farmer*, to CADET HILMES, for the highest rating in Military Topography. This award was first presented in 1958.

CADET JACK M. WARREN, 1st Class: A Life Membership in the National Geographic Society presented in the name of the National Organization of the American Legion by *The Right Reverend Monsignor John J. Twiss*, to CADET WARREN, for the highest rating in Chemistry. This award was first presented in 1935.

CADET JACK M. WARREN, 1st Class: The Robert E. Lee Saber presented in the name of the United Daughters of the Confederacy by *Mrs. John Pryor Cowan*, to CADET WARREN, for the highest rating in Mathematics. This award was first presented in 1931.

CADET ARTHUR S. KUBO, 1st Class: A Portable Radio presented in the name of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association by Rear *Admiral Frederick R. Furth*, to CADET KUBO, for the highest average in Electrical Engineering. This award was first presented in 1948.

CADET ARTHUR S. KUBO, 1st Class: The U.S. Grant Award, A Wrist Watch presented in the name of the National Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic by *Mrs. Bessie K. Coughlin*, to CADET KUBO, for the highest rating in Military Topography and Graphics. This award was first presented in 1932.

CADET DONALD S. KENDALL, 1st Class: The Leslie R. Groves Award. A Silver Tray, presented by *Lieutenant General Leslie R. Groves*, to CADET KENDALL, for the highest rating in Nuclear Physics. This award was first presented in 1957.

CADET NICHOLAS S. H. KRAWCIW, 1st Class: A Wrist Watch presented in the name of the Steuben Society of America by *Mr. Otto Heerlein* to CADET KRAWCIW, for the highest rating in Foreign Languages. This award was first presented in 1936.

CADET NICHOLAS S. H. KRAWCIW, 1st Class: The General Douglas MacArthur Award. A Pistol presented in the name of the Army and Navy Union, USA, Department of New York by *Com-*

*mander Myron Housman*, to CADET KRAWCIW, Cadet Officer Commanding the First Regiment, USCC. This award was first presented in 1952.

CADET DONALD R. REINHARD, 1st Class: The Colonel James L. Walsh Memorial Award, a Rifle presented in the name of The American Ordnance Association by *Colonel J.C. Raaen*, to CADET REINHARD for the highest rating in Ordnance Engineering. This award was first presented in 1956.

CADET THOMAS B. RUSSELL, 1st Class: The General John J. Pershing Award, A Wrist Watch presented in the name of the Army and Navy Union, USA as a memorial to the late General Pershing by *Commander Lawrence N. Fariello*, to CADET RUSSELL for the highest rating in Tactics. This award was first presented in 1948.

CADETS JAMES F. RAY, and EDWIN A. NETZLOFF, 1st Class: Wrist Watches presented by *Mr. Rudolph M. Neeser*, the Vice Consul of Switzerland, to CADETS RAY and NETZLOFF for excellence in Intercollegiate Debating. This award was first presented in 1947.

CADET ROBERT W. RIORDAN, JR., 1st Class: A Pistol presented in the name of the Ladies Auxiliary, Army and Navy Union, USA, Department of New York by *Mrs. Evelyn McCormick*, to CADET RIORDAN, Cadet Officer Commanding the Second Regiment, USCC. This award was first presented in 1952.

CADET PETER L. STROMBERG, 1st Class: A Set of Books presented in the name of the National Society, Colonial Daughters of the Seventeenth Century by *Mrs. Albert F. Koehler*, to CADET STROMBERG, for the highest rating in English. This award was first presented in 1934.

CADET ARLEIGH T. BELL, JR., 1st Class: A Wrist Watch presented in the name of the National Society, Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America by *Mrs. James Garfield Runyon*, to CADET BELL, for the highest rating in Military Hygiene. This award was first presented in 1942.

CADET WILLIAM W. BREEN, 1st Class: A Wrist Watch presented in the name of the Military Order of the World Wars by the *Superintendent* to CADET BREEN, the Graduating Cadet who has made the greatest improvement during his course. This award was first presented in 1942.

CADET GERALD P. STADLER, 1st Class: The Howitzer Memorial Award. A Set of Books presented by *Colonel Arthur M. Apmann*, in Memory of his son, the late Lieutenant Arthur M. Apmann, Jr., Class of 1950, to CADET STADLER, the Editor-in-Chief of the CADET HOW-

ITZER for 1959. This award was first presented in 1952.

CADET ROBERT W. DE MONT, 1st Class: The 36th Infantry Award. A Wrist Watch made available by the late Walter B. Tunick by the *Superintendent*, to CADET DEMONT, who achieved excellence in Physical Education over the four year course. This award was first presented in 1954.

CADET ROGER B. SCHLEMMER, 1st Class: A Wrist Watch presented in the name of the Army Times by *Colonel S. F. Tillman*, to CADET SCHLEMMER, the Editor of the *Pointer* for 1959. This award was first presented in 1956.

CADET FREDERICK D. ANDERSON, 1st Class: The Class of 1927 Award, a Wrist Watch presented in the name of Mr. H. E. Corr by the *Superintendent* to CADET ANDERSON, the Outstanding Cadet Company Commander. This award was first presented in 1957.

CADET JOSEPH H. CORETH, 1st Class: Commanding Company A, 1st Regiment and to CADET FREDERICK D. ANDERSON, Commanding Company B, 2d Regiment the Superintendent's Awards presented to the best company in each regiment for outstanding performance in all areas of cadet endeavor. Presented for the first time in 1958.

## BOOKS

### Brave Men and Great Captains

by R. Ernest Dupuy and Trevor N. Dupuy, '38.

New York: Harper & Brothers, 1959. 378 pages; 22cm [8 vo.]; \$5.95.

Reviewed by Major Mark M. Boatner III, June '43, Dept. of Military Art & Engineering.

This is the third collaboration between the prolific Dupuy *père* and the literate Dupuy *filis*. Taking all U.S. wars except the lamentable affair of 1898, they have analysed our military leadership from Bunker Hill, Mass., to Bunker Hill, Korea.

They first establish a "yardstick of leadership" and a "thesis." Then, by selected highlights in the careers of certain leaders they set out to prove their thesis and evaluate American leadership against their yardstick.

The thesis is that "military leadership in these United States does face certain problems and does have certain characteristics peculiar to the American people." "The essential measures" on their yardstick are these: professional military skill or competence; knowledge of the capabilities and limitations of one's men; insistence on high

standards of training and discipline; inherent or acquired inspirational ability; personal courage, perseverance and determination in adversity; ability "in peace and war, to understand the relationship between military strategy and national policy."

Washington, "Mad Anthony" Wayne, Dan Morgan and Baron Von Steuben represent the Revolution. Andrew Jackson, "Old Rough and Ready" Taylor and "Fuss and Feathers" Scott are then analysed. The Civil War gets five of the book's 19 chapters, from "The Seed and the Ground," which shows the influence of West Point's Thayer and Mahan; through some of their products who proved barren ground: McClellan, Pope, Burnside and Hooker ("Bumblers in Blue"); to Grant, Lee, Stonewall Jackson, Sherman, Sheridan, Stuart, James H. Wilson, Adelbert Ames and the non-graduate Forrest. (Ames, incidentally, won the Medal of Honor at First Bull Run six weeks after graduation and died in 1933.) Then through the years come George Crook and O. O. Howard of the Indian fighting army; Pershing and Summerall; MacArthur, Stilwell, Eisenhower, Patton and Bill Dean of Korea.

In an interesting and fresh look at future leadership, the authors flash a few danger signals. "Is there the possibility that 'organization men' are becoming as prevalent in our armed forces as in our society in general? Should we in the future, expect no more Anthony Waynes, no more Nathan Bedford Forrests, no more Douglas MacArthurs?" They view with an alarm shared by this reviewer "the trend toward command by consensus. We believe it to be extremely dangerous; threatening to self-reliant, decisive, prompt leadership."

The nature of our profession is such that few readers above the grade of corporal will agree completely with the Dupuys on their selection of leaders, their treatment of them, or their conclusions. But this is not a book to be dismissed with the supercilious attitude that it is of value only to ROTC students and newly-commissioned officers. This is a book every thinking professional should look at, even at the expense of golf, TV and washing the car this weekend.

### Ike at West Point

The Wayne Company 35¢  
Poughkeepsie, New York 16 pages

For a hasty sketch of Cadet Eisenhower's days at the United States Military Academy read *Ike at West Point*.

In sixteen quick pages David R. Hughes gives the reader an insight into our President's cadet days. From Ike's first impressions of West Point to the prophetic words spoken at his graduation, incidents are recounted which show the tenor in which Ike lived his cadet life. His plebe year record, sense of humor, classmates' attitudes toward him, and his famous football injury are all aptly described. The Misogynist's Club's short tenure and Ike's cadet philosophy "to succeed but to remain relaxed enough to succeed in good spirits, without enervating strain" are also revealed to the reader.

A generous sprinkling of illustrations, two of which are assertedly original publications, add flavor to this very readable short account.

### Anti-Communist Handbook

*A Guide to Anti-Communist Action*

by Anthony Trawick Bouscaren

Reviewed by COLONEL JAMES N. PEALE, JR., Infantry, Chief of the Psychological Operations Branch, Special Warfare Division, Plans Directorate, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Military Operations, Department of the Army.

When Deputy Premier Anastas Mikoyan returned to Russia this January he reported that the Americans were favorably disposed towards "peaceful coexistence" and tired of the cold war and he concluded that acts must follow words. For the next several months Americans will hear the communists and their fellow travelers in America clamoring for a summit conference; trade and exchanges of visits; relaxation of vigilance by the Free World; and end of nuclear tests; abandonment of US bases overseas; dissolution of the Free World alliances; recognition of Red China; neutralization of Germany, Japan, Korea, and Viet Nam; discontinuance of the message of hope to the people behind the iron curtain, and prudent retreat from the inevitable advance of communist influence and power. Recommended measures to prevent the progress of "Socialism" will be labeled as dangerous and contrary to the spirit of peaceful coexistence. The agenda for word discussion will be announced by the enemies of the United States.

The citizen who is alarmed by this turn of affairs usually feels frustrated and helpless to stem the tide of opinion which flows contrary to the national interest. Anthony T. Bouscaren offers a way to overcome this frustration. He explains how to recognize communist

propaganda, communists, and their front organizations and what a patriotic American can do in his own community to thwart the operations of this formidable conspiracy.

Bouscaren is well qualified on the subject. He is an associate professor of political science at Marquette University, now on leave of absence while serving on the faculty of the National War College. He was a bomber pilot in the Marine Corps during World War II and has visited many parts of Europe and Asia, written six books and numerous articles, lectured often, and conducted a citizens' seminar on communism.

Bouscaren explains peaceful coexistence as a strategem intended to lull the Free World into a state of passivity until the Soviet empire is again ready to resume the offensive—as a means to “obtain at the conference table what they would otherwise have to obtain by force.” He cites Stalin as saying of peaceful coexistence: “We are speaking of temporary agreements with the capitalist governments in the sphere of industry, trade, and perhaps diplomatic relations.... A series of frightful clashes between the Soviet Republic and the bourgeois is inevitable.”

Bouscaren recommends that the United States “adopt liberation from communism as our long-range objective and convince the enslaved that we mean it.” He feels that the US government “should energetically sell anti-communism to its own people and to its allies.” “Ours is the choice,” he says, “to continue to lose ‘World War III,’ in which we have lost 8 million square miles of territory and 800 million people to Soviet expansion, not to mention 150,000 American casualties in Korea, through the defeatist co-existence policy; or to stir ourselves out of our lethargy immediately and take these effective steps, which alone can lead to ultimate victory and general peace.”

The reliance of the United States on the deterrent power of nuclear weapons and the diminution of the armies of Western Europe have created, he considers, a trend that is morally and politically to the advantage of the Soviet Union. Bouscaren recommends military establishment capable of fighting either nuclear wars or “brush fire wars,” emphasis on research and development, and personnel reforms. He states regarding missile warfare, “The time in history is past when this nation can afford to let the enemy deliver the first blow.”

The influence of communists in the United States is multiplied by front or-

ganizations, which are sustained by glib intellectual. These fellow travelers are often in a position to influence government, publishing houses, radio and television companies, industry, and schools and colleges where overt communist propaganda would be rejected. Mr. J. Edgar Hoover numbered these more than ten times the party membership. The Alien Registration Act of 1940 (Smith Act), the McCarran Internal Security Act of 1954, the Communist Control Act of 1954, and the Immunity Act of 1954 formed the legal basis of the Security Program, designed to curb communist influence.

No less valuable than the book itself is the appendix. This contains a checklist for individual anti-communist action, a list of 55 American anti-communist organizations, and an extensive bibliography of books, government publications, and periodicals which deserve attention and support.

Those, who have sworn to bear true faith and allegiance to the United States of America and to serve them honestly and faithfully against all their enemies whomsoever, will find that *A Guide to Anti-Communist Action* is an indispensable handbook.

## Thirteenth National Debate Tournament

by Capt. Herbert Y. Schandler  
Dept. of Social Sciences

From April 22 to April 25, the West Point Debate Council served as host to the Thirteenth National Debate Tournament at West Point. Each year over six hundred colleges and universities are invited to compete, in eight District Tournaments throughout the United States, for the thirty-five invitations to this National Debate Tournament. A prominent speech professor in each of these districts generously volunteers to serve as chairman of his District Nominating Committee. These Committees have complete freedom in selecting the teams who will represent their districts. Because of this universality of appeal, because of the intense competition for invitations and the consequently superior calibre of the participating teams, and because it takes place near the end of the school year, this West Point Tournament has come to represent the inter-collegiate debating championship. Thus, the Sigurd S. Larmon Trophy, donated by Mr. Larmon, chairman of Young and Rubicam, Incorporated and annually presented to the winning team, has become symbolic of the national championship of debating.

The debate topic this year was both timely and interesting. This topic was selected in September by prominent speech associations, and was debated and researched throughout the school year. This year's topic was: Resolved, that the further development of nuclear weapons should be prohibited by international agreement.

From the viewpoint of the Military Academy, serving as host for this annual event has resulted in an immense amount of favorable publicity among an articulate and important segment of the American academic community. Over one hundred fifty (15) different colleges and universities have competed in this National Tournament since its inception. The flood of letters received each year from debaters, coaches, and guest judges attests to the favorable impression created by West Point and its cadets and to the increased understanding of our mission, goals, methods, and curriculum which their visit has afforded these educators.

Although only two cadets debate for the Military Academy during the course of the Tournament, more than seventy (70) other cadets are deeply involved in the myriad details which



Cadet James Ray, winner of outstanding speaker award, the Lt. George W. P. Walker Memorial Wrist Watch.

constitute the. Tournament administration. For many, their duties directly involve them in contacts with visiting debaters and faculty advisors.

Highlight of the Tournament banquet, held each year on the eve of the final rounds of debate, was an address by Mr. Frank Pace, Jr. Mr. Pace stated that the mantle of leadership, whether it be civilian or military, would come to those who learn to articulate. He also stated the importance of the capacity to communicate the doctrine of freedom throughout the world.

Also at the Tournament banquet, Cadet James Ray was presented with a Hamilton Electric Wrist Watch as the Tournament's outstanding speaker. This watch, annually presented to the top speaker through the courtesy of the Hamilton Watch Company, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, has been designated the Lt. George W. P. Walker (USMA '58) Memorial Award, in memory of the former West Point debater and Tournament winner.

For the second consecutive year, the team from Northwestern University won the championship and retained possession of the Larmon trophy for another year.

Cadet Richard D. Welch, Jr. of Leesburg, Florida, served as Cadet Tournament Chairman. Capt. Herbert Y. Schandler was the Tournament Director. He was assisted by Capt. Theodore C. Williams.

### Graduation Opinion of USMA Curriculum

In the Spring ASSEMBLY there appeared an article tabulating the opinions of graduates in regard to the curriculum. In that tabulation, the courses were graded according to the predominance of opinion concerning expansion or reduction.

Since the publication of that article, more recent studies of the same subjects as expressed by the classes of 1957 and 1958 have been made. Comparison of those classes with the opinions expressed by older graduates shows rather wide variations in many cases. The cause of such variations is still being studied, but two appear paramount:

1. The opinion of a cadet as to what is best for him probably will be entirely different from that held by an officer after several years of service.

2. The influence of individual instructors is strong on the cadet. After several years he forgets the instructor but considers the subject in the light of his later experience.

Shown below are the responses of the classes of 1957 and 1958 in the same indices as shown in the previous article.

Courses	+ favors expansion    - favors reduction	
	1957	1958
1. History of Military Art....	+3.48	+3.20
2. English .....	+2.84	+2.65
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13. Chemistry .....	- .63	- .93
14. Ordnance .....	- .71	-1.10
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### New Commandant of Cadets Named



Brig. Gen. Charles Wythe G. Rich

West Point, N.Y. . . . Brigadier General Charles Wythe G. Rich, Assistant Division Commander of the 101st Airborne Division, has been named to succeed Brigadier General John L. Throckmorton as Commandant of Cadets at the U.S. Military Academy. General Throckmorton, who has been Commandant since April 1956, will assume the position being left by General Rich in the 101st Airborne Division. The changeover will take place in August.

A graduate of the Military Academy, Class of 1935, General Rich served on the Army General Staff in the Pentagon before his assignment to the 101st at Ft. Campbell, Ky., in May 1958.

During World War II he served in

the 19th Infantry at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, where his assignments included that of Commanding Officer of the 2d Battalion from September 1942 to March 1943. Until October, 1944, he served at The Infantry School where he attended the Basic Airborne Course and commanded the 2d Parachute Training Regiment at Fort Benning. From October 1944 to July 1947 he served in the European Theater with assignments as Airborne Advisor, G-3 Section, 6th Army Group; Deputy Chief of Staff, XXI Corps; G-1 and Chief of Staff of OISE Base Section; Chief of Staff, Western Base Section, and Assistant to Deputy Chief of Staff, EUCOM.

Following his return to the United States he was assigned to the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk, Virginia, from August 1947 to July 1950 as Student Officer, instructor and Secretary of the College. In July 1950 he was assigned to the 82d Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N.C., where he served as Regimental Executive Officer, G-3, and Division Chief of Staff. He attended the Army War College in 1952-1953.

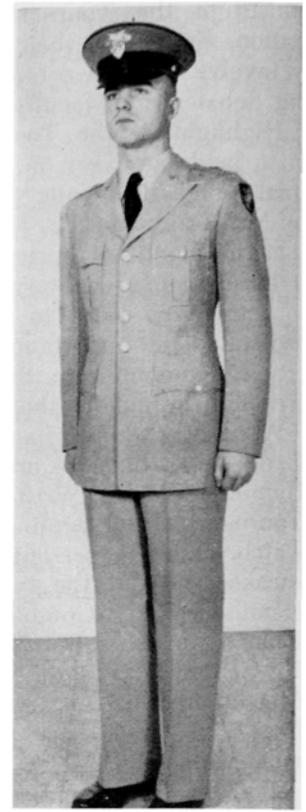
His next overseas tour was in Korea from September 1953 to September 1954 where he served as Commanding Officer, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3d Infantry Division, and Deputy Chief of Staff, Headquarters, IX Corps. From October 1954 to April 1958 he was assigned to duty in Washington, D.C.

He is a graduate of the Infantry School, Armed Forces Staff College and Army War College.

He has been awarded the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star, and the Army Commendation Ribbon. Foreign decorations include the French Legion of Honor, the French Croix de Guerre with Palm, the Polish Order of Polonia Restituta IV Class, and the Belgian Croix Militaire Pre Classe.



Memorial plaque erected on the "Professors Wall" in Pershing Room, Cullum Hall.



### NEW TW UNIFORM

The purpose of the uniform is to provide the cadet with a more suitable basic uniform for summer wear in an effort to improve the standard of appearance of the Corps of Cadets during the period when the summer uniform is worn. Primarily it will be used as an additional uniform when the cadet is away from West Point. The photograph is not complete in that it does not have the insignia included. The U.S. insignia will be worn on the upper lapels, class shields on the lower lapels, rank indication on the shoulder loops, and individual awards as prescribed. There will be no officer grade on the coat sleeve.

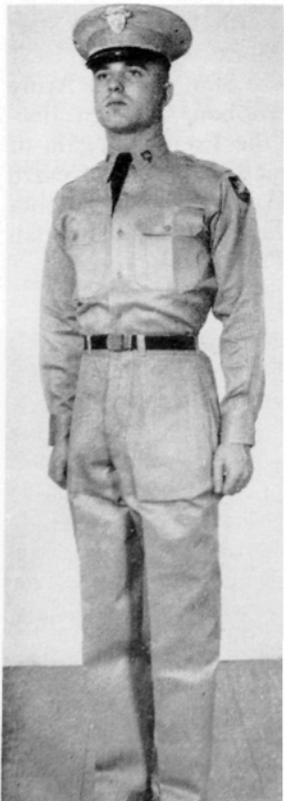
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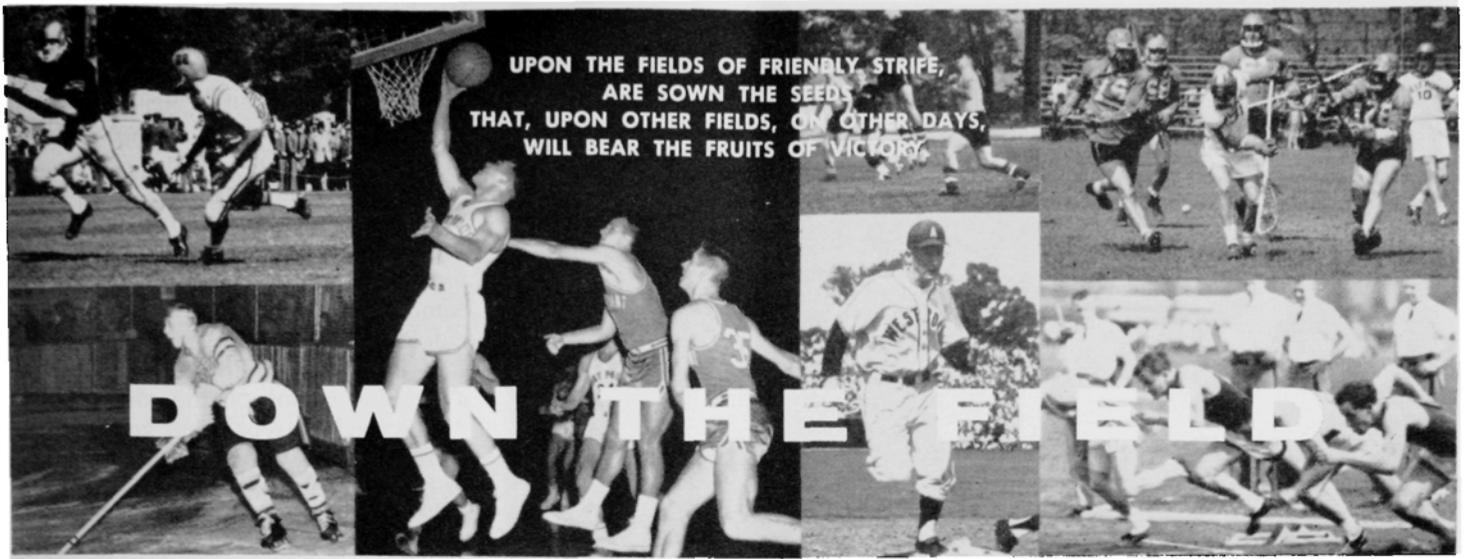
issued on the basis, initially, of one per cadet. However, as wear factors are developed, it may be necessary to issue two per cadet over a four-year period.

### WHITE SUMMER UNIFORM

The improved white summer uniform features an officer's type white cap, and a longer blouse with a single vent in the back instead of the sides. Although the cadet may be in a relaxed position, the blouse still presents a well-fitting appearance.

In these pictures, the new uniform is at the top; the old one at the bottom.





The curtain closed on a memorable year in intercollegiate athletics on the Plain. Major championships were returned in varsity and 150 pound football, cross-country and possibly lacrosse. The lacrosse team tied with Maryland and Johns Hopkins for the National title and the announcement of the awarding of the championship was not determined at this writing.

Though other sports fell considerably short of championship caliber, nothing was lost in a prestige sense. Using the traditional series with Navy as the barometer, the Cadets broke even with the Middies. Each Academy was able to salvage eight victories. In over-all competitions the Cadets participated in 207 contests in 17 sports. They won 133, lost 67 and tied 7 for a tidy .643 average.

Other highlights of the sports year included the retirement of Earl H. (Red) Blaik; the hiring of Dale Hall as head football coach; the promotion of Colonel Fran Roberts as Athletic Director; and, the graduation of Pete Dawkins.

To even suppose that Dawkins was the greatest athlete in modern times at West Point would, of course, be unfair to many of the sterling players of the past. However, it is safe to say that Pete's combined accomplishments—on and off the field—were unprecedented.

This fact was underlined again at the traditional athletic review staged in conjunction with colorful June Week festivities. Here this brilliant student and exciting athlete moved into the spotlight. He was the recipient of three major awards: the coveted Army Athletic Association trophy presented annually to the First Classman who has rendered the most valuable service to athletics; the Edgerton Award as the outgoing football captain; and, the Eastern College Athletic Conference

## DOWN the FIELD

By JOE CAHILL

Merit Medal for excelling in athletics and scholarship.

Moving front and center was not new to Dawkins. On the football field he was a unanimous choice as an all-America halfback. In light of his great contribution to Army's undefeated Eastern championship team he was signally honored by virtually every major football organization in the country. Though too numerous to list here—a total of 20—he was singled out for both

the Heisman and Maxwell trophies, probably football's most prized trophies.

Pete's athletic career did not simply begin and end with football. As a matter of fact he arrived, in an athletic sense, in hockey two years before he was destined to move onto the football scene. Though he never played the game before, his desire to participate and his love for contact sports put a gleam in Coach Jack Riley's eye almost at the outset. In his last two ice campaigns, Pete was among the top scoring defensemen in the country.



Dawkins looks at AAA Award.



First and fiftieth winners of Edgerton Saber. Philoon, '09, was first recipient, Dawkins, '59, was latest.

Off the field Dawkins stood out like a beacon. He wore gold stars virtually since he was a plebe. The Department of Tactics placed their confidence in his leadership by naming him the First Captain and Brigade Commander. Dawkins is now a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford, one of five cadets of the Class of 1959 to be so honored.

What captivated the minds and hearts of the American sports public, however, can neither be attributed to Dawkins' brilliance in athletics, his scholarship, nor his leadership. Rather, it was the rare combination of all three facets of his personality.

Frank Merriwell of Yale? I'll take Pete Dawkins of Army.

Others who received special awards during the athletic awards ceremony included: Bob Novogratz, Hughes Award, most valuable player on the football squad; Jim Hill, Pierce Currier Foster Memorial Award, best all-around gymnast; Don Kissinger, Class of 1923 Award, outstanding swimmer; Larry Palmer, Hal Beukema Award, outstanding hockey player; Dick Seward, General Bell Award, outstanding tumbler. Approximately 800 cadet athletes who competed in the 17 sport

intercollegiate program were also honored.

### In the Spring

In terms of success the Spring sports story must begin and end with lacrosse. Using the magic formula concocted by Coach Jim Adams, Army has secured a position for itself among the powers of the Nation in this sport.

In 1958, Adams surprised the lacrosse world by carrying Army to the National and Open championships in his first season. This year the pressure was on. Was it a fluke, the experts wondered? Certainly not. Big Jim—or "Ace" as he is affectionately known in the trade—defended his National title admirably. Losing only to Maryland by the slim margin of a single goal (17-16), he was denied outright possession to the trophy for a second year in a row. A vote will be cast during the summer months to determine the champion. The voters will be asked to decide whether Army, Maryland or Johns Hopkins should be accorded the title, or whether a tie among the big three would be appropriate.

The Cadet stickmen lost the Open title by a defeat at the hands of Mount

Washington Club in the season's opener. In the climactic tussle with Navy, the locals not only toppled the Middies 11 to 6, but in so doing saved Army the ignominy of a Navy sweep in the Spring sports tests.

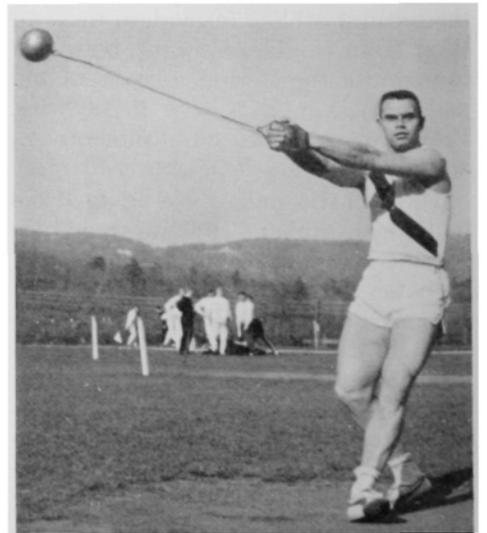
The Middies rolled rampant over the Cadet track, baseball, golf and tennis aggregations. The tennis match added insult to injury. Army has failed to come out on top since 1949 which incidentally marks the last time that the Cadets have been able to manufacture a winning season on the courts.

The track, baseball and golf contests were held at West Point which failed to help out the home cause. The track and field team managed to push the favored Middle thinclads all the way to the climactic mile relay test before succumbing.

Trailing 69 to 66 going into the final event, Army was desperately in need of a win in the baton trading event. In a thrilling race in which the lead exchanged hands as often as the baton, Navy Captain Fred March breasted the tape only inches ahead of the Cadet anchor man to secure the meet 74 to 66.

In addition to being closely contested throughout, the meet produced three new records. A three way tie among Army's Gene LaBorne and Bill Fay, and Navy's Lewis Hilder, moved the Academy, meet and track high jump mark to 6 feet  $3\frac{3}{4}$  inches. Bill Hanne, Army, and March, Navy, finished in a dead heat in the 880 both being clocked in 1:51.7, a new Academy and stadium mark. Dick Greene, Army's star distance runner, closed out the record making performances being clocked in 9:21.9 for the double mile which went into the books as a new meet standard.

Unable to demonstrate his wares to full advantage in the Navy meet, Ed Bagdonas, nevertheless, achieved a full measure of success with the hammer throw. A regular tackle on the unde-



Cadet Ed Bagdonas

feated football squad, Bagdonas came into his own as a weight man in the indoor competitions with the 35 pound weight. He copped the Heptagonal Indoor diadems in both 1958 and 1959.

This Spring he took up where he left off indoors. Adding to his Academy and Field House indoor records, he set a new Cadet and Shea Stadium mark of 203 feet in the hammer throw during the Spring campaign. Navy failed to enter hammer throwers and consequently Big Ed just went through the motions. It is doubtful, however, that a Middie could have come close to the powerful Cadet in any event.

The defeat gave Coach Carl Crowell's team a poor mark of two wins and 6 defeats for the campaign. However, in fairness to the team a considerable number of key injuries weakened the squad throughout the campaign.

A standing room only crowd numbering in excess of 5,000 jammed Double-day Field for the baseball contest. Everything pointed to a Navy victory. Chuck Davis, Big Navy left hander, had compiled the finest record (9-0) in Eastern collegiate circles. The Middies had lost only one league test, were certain to be invited to the NCAA tournament, and were on the threshold of capturing the Eastern College diadem.

By the fourth inning Army was in complete command. Jon Rindfleish, a stylish right hander who twirled a no hitter as a yearling, was superb. The Cadets chased Davis from the mound, were coasting nicely behind a three run lead going into the seventh, and had the stage set for an upset.

With two out and the bases loaded, Joe Bellino, Navy halfback and hard-



Left to right: Gil Roesler, Bill Rowe, Bob Novogratz, Chuck Darby, Steve Fertig.

hitting catcher, lofted a towering fly out near the fence in left field. Bob Anderson apparently in complete control of the situation, circled under the ball, gloved it momentarily and then bobbled it. All three runners scored evening the scoreboard at 3 to 3.

The teams battled courageously to the twelfth with neither able to rally. Then with Rindfleish tiring somewhat after a tremendous all-out hurling effort, the Middies nicked the Cadet hurler for three successive singles with two out to produce the winning marker in the top of the twelfth.

The score of the golf match was tied at 3-all when Navy's Phil Catlett and Harry White teed off in the climatic match. In a typical tense, all-out Army-Navy dual, the two linksmen battled with raw courage for the deciding point. Catlett finally crumbled the Cadet entry, 2-up, and the Middies completed their three sport sweep of events at West Point.

Coach Walter Browne's squad, nevertheless, had a respectable season winning 8 and losing 2. Al Yancey's win over Mike Hornsby in the Navy match, marked a clean slate for the Cadet in match play this season.

### Sports Leaders

New Spring sports captains were named after the season. Bill Hanne, Kansas City, track and field; Bob Miser, Baltimore, lacrosse; Ned Loscuito, New

York City, baseball; Rand Edelstein, Gainesville, Fla., golf; Don Hubbard, Haddonfield, N.J., tennis.

### Athletic Board

A reorganization of the Athletic Board was announced by Lieutenant General Garrison H. Davidson. Colonels E. R. Heiberg and J. R. Jannarone join Colonel B. W. Bartlett, the only remaining member from the previous Board. Colonel Emory Adams, new Athletic Director and the Commandant of Cadets will round out the five man group.



Cadet Rand Edlestein



Cadet Robert Novogratz  
The Hughes Award presented by Gen. Devers.

# West Point Societies

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

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## 1890

The class now has only three survivors—Todd, Ferguson and Rowell, who are all over ninety years of age. They unite to extend affectionate greetings and good wishes to the surviving widows and sons and daughters of their departed classmates.

Ferguson still drives his car in city traffic. Mel Rowell has just completed a study of Rowell genealogy and reports that the six Rowells who are graduates or former cadets of the Academy, and also the late Maj. Gen. Frank Wheaton Rowell, are all of the same stock, descended from a Thomas Rowell, an English immigrant, who came to Mass. Bay Colony during the great immigration of 1630-1642.

Frank Wheaton is the son of Charles Walter, class of 1874, who was killed at the siege of Santiago, Cuba, during the Spanish American War.

—M.W.R.

## 1895

Joe Herron has entertained recently in his own Long Beach home, Los Angeles, Disney Land and elsewhere his classmate Miles and long-time Cincinnati friends, Professor and Mrs. Charles B. Hoffman, "nationally famous philanthropists, world travelers, inventors and geniuses" Joe's attractive and efficient niece, Frances, helps in his entertainment and in keeping at a distance any apparent disability from a near approach of his ninetieth birthday anniversary.

In his California visit Miles also saw several times in Berkeley, Katrina Schulz, Nellie Richardson and Ora Hunt, Class of '94 with whom he renewed their ante Spanish-American War service together in the 14th Infantry.

In May, Miles attended the reunion of the officers' associaton of his World War I regiment near Greensboro, N.C.

All's well with every member of 95's remnant: Nuttman, Herron and Miles.

—Perry L. Miles  
Johnstown, Ohio

## 1897

The five '97 men in Washington—Conklin, Connor, Ferguson, Pope and Roberts—or at least a majority of them, have been having lunch together on Saturdays at the Army and Navy Club.

The Connors will leave early in June

### New Members

**OVER 93% OF OUR LIVING GRADUATES ARE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

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

for their summer home in Gloucester.

As General Hodges, who laid the wreath on the Thayer Monument June 1st at West Point, was unable to walk in the procession of old grads, this left Conklin and Roberts of '97 at the head of the column.

Sep Humphrey, whom we claim as a member of '97, was at West Point for June Week with the Class of '99.

Roberts, C. D., saw his grandson, Thomas D., II., receive his diploma and be sworn in as a 2d Lieutenant of Infantry, the fourth generation in the Doughboys.

Miller, C. H., writes from Lynchburg, that he is still "in circulation" and expects to attend our reunion in 1962. He has been President of the local Spanish War Veterans. He says that Capt. Robert A. Abernethy, U.S. Navy, Retired, a cousin of Abernethy of '97, lives in Lynchburg.

Milliken writes under date of 4 June, that he still goes to his office twice a week and plays golf every weekend. His address is now 1045 6th., New York, 18.

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

## 1899

Six showed up for the June reunion. Yates from the Coast and Moseley came by rail; Merry and Humphrey flew in

from Texas and Herron and Kelly drove their cars from home. No canes, no crutches and no gripes—well, hardly any! All marched to the Thayer Monument exercises and all sat in at the annual Association of Graduates luncheon, but it should be admitted that they did not hear too much of the fine addresses of Generals Taylor and Davidson! Humphrey, the optimist, looking fit and strong as a bull calf plans for the 65th reunion; Merry, more conservative, speaks for next year; the rest keep their fingers crossed. We especially regret the inability of Kromer, Clark, C. B., Kerr and Nichols to come on account of ill-health and wish them all speedy recoveries. And we send warm sympathy to the Schulls, who were unable to come on account of her illness.

The weather was fine, except for one day when it was atrocious. The arrangements by the Post and Association of Graduates authorities were superb and we are grateful to them. Such reunions may not be merry, but they are rewarding and stimulating. From them we come away with renewed elation that we are graduates of so noble an institution and members of the goodly fellowship of its graduates. Also, with deep gratitude for the peculiar brand of warm friendship that the institution seems to engender.

—C. D. Herron  
7611 Fairfax Road,  
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## 1902

During the Spring, the Grim Reaper took from our midst two more of our slender company—Dollie Longley and "Beef" Miller.

Dollie came from the Cavalry and she, as Frank Longley's devoted companion over the world, exemplified for many long years all the fine traditions of the Old Army.

"Beef" has left a varied and remark-

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able military record of which we, his surviving classmates, feel proud.

As an Infantry Lieutenant, he fought four battles in Mindanao against the Philippine Moros. He became Assistant to the Quartermaster General for the development of the Motor Transport. He commanded the 7th Regiment of Field Artillery and retired for age as Chief of Staff of the 1st Corps Area.

To Frank Longley and Lois Miller "1902" sends deepest sympathy.

We treasure the memory of the departed ones and shall miss them mightily.

At Harvard University, a Hall has been dedicated to Jim Shannon, who commanded the military unit of that college before World War I.

It is a fitting tribute to a noble character—a man whom everybody revered.

There has also been the dedication of another Hall, this one for Warren Hannum in Sacramento, California.

On his retirement from the army, Warren was appointed, by Governor Warren of California, the State Director of Natural Resources. He held that post until September, 1953 when—ten years after his army retirement—he retired from civil service. Upon his death, in August, 1956, a Resolution of deep regret, attesting his later public service, was unanimously adopted by the California Park Commission.

From the coast towns of Maine most of the boys went seafaring. Many of them became captains of ships.

One stayed ashore and went to West Point, graduating in 1902 and eventually becoming a Colonel in the army. His name was Frederick F. Black. The town he hailed from: Searsport, Maine. "Chauncey" Black spent many years of research on the adventures of the Searsport sea captains and the data he collected was about as complete as it could be made. He got together before he died 283 photographs of his town's sea captains, which are now displayed in the Penobscot Museum in Searsport.

If you go to Maine this Summer you must be sure to go there.

The Museum is now planning to publish a book by Fred Black covering these many adventurous lives.

It will not only be a memorial to them, but also to the author, who was a worthy disciple of the best New England has to offer.

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

## 1903

One more of the old warriors has gone to join The Long Gray Line. W. J. HAWKINS ("DAD") died at Brunswick, Maine, on April 10, 1959 and was buried there. "Dad", as the name implies, was the oldest member of the class and one of the grandest. He was in poor health for the last years of his life but he was still his old heroic self. Not many people remember that "Dad" was largely instrumental in working out a system for determining from what rifle a particular bullet had been fired. This has been of great assistance in criminal investigations. His widow, Julia, lives with a widowed daughter at 82 Federal St., Brunswick, Maine.

"Pope" Gregory writes from Reno, Nevada, "Gateway to the 1960 Winter Olympics" that if any members of the class are thinking of attending the games they should make their reservations now. He is celebrating the arrival of another great grandson—Gee whiz! I have forgotten the count! "Pope", as is usual with many "retirees" is engaged in gardening. Kate and "Rube" Taylor, living in University City, Missouri, write that they have no news, because they are "so dull" That, in itself, is news because they are always cheerful and I know they are now.

"Dick" Moore has completely recovered from his recent surgery. He has done the class and widows a great service by calling attention to the act of Congress which declares members of our class veterans of the Spanish-American War inasmuch as we were cadets during part of that conflict.

Ulysses Grant has been as busy as usual with patriotic and community work. The committee in charge of the 65th Anniversary dinner of the Columbian Historical Society, of which he is President, turned the affair into a testimonial for him. It was really quite an affair with representatives from many other organizations present to fill the Press Club Ball Room in Washington. Hon. Hugh M. Milton II, Under Secretary of the Army spoke eloquently in praise of Ulysses for his military and official services, The Archivist of the United States paid tribute to his leadership in planning and development of the National Capitol and the President of the National Trust for Historic Preservation praised his contributions to the preservation of historic buildings and sites throughout the country. There were many other tributes and resolutions in praise of our old classmate. One of the most important duties undertaken by him at present is the Chairmanship of the Civil War Centennial Commission which involves much travel and speechmaking. Ulysses was too modest to furnish this information unsolicited but following a rumor, it was ferreted out.

"Sep" Dice writes a short note. He seems to be O.K. and likes to talk about our cadet days.

Marion Howze writes that he is well and is debating with himself whether he will go to West Point in June. Being so near, I bet he will not be able to resist it. The Popes (Allan and Elvira) made a trip to Panama in May. They travelled on one of the two vessels of the Panama Line of which Julian Schley is a Director. The line has two beautiful ships, "The Ancon" and "The Christobal" which Pope praises very highly. "Puss" Farnum is busy up in Augusta, Maine as usual. He is so gol-darned efficient and popular that just now he is engrossed as Chairman of a committee to raise funds and build a parish house for his church.

Julian Schley ("Baldy") was presented with a beautiful silver tray in February for 40 years service as Director of the Panama Steamship Line. He gets a trip to the West Indies each year, too! This Summer, he and his good wife Denise are invited to be present at the opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway, along with Queen Elizabeth, President Eisenhower and other celebrities. A visit to the Schleys at their beautiful home in Georgetown shows them happily passing the days

with their two attractive French poodles. Their garden is out of this world and Denise is a recognized expert in flowers and gardens. They are visiting the Popes at Katonah on June 3 and 4.

Farmer ("Celery") wrote a short note from North Carolina. He did not mention his health which must mean he is thriving. Most of us old crocks think that is all-important. Fred Smith announces that Graduation at West Point this year is on his birthday—which birthday is unimportant.

"Growler" Lyon, for one person, is not complaining about the past winter. He says since he first went to the "Evergreen Empire" (Oregon) he has never wanted to live anywhere else. He attended Founders Day dinner in Portland where the only other person of our time as cadets was Tom Robins 1904. Growler speaks feelingly of the members of 1904 with whom he has served and he regrets that he will not be present at West Point this June to greet them on their 55th Reunion. He says that retired life creates no problems for him, with his gardening, lectures and reading.

Colley reports no change in his condition and surroundings. Not too many of us can report that.

The Wuests have a rather full schedule. They took a two and a half week trip to Southern California, travelling by air and stopping at New Orleans. "Sorta" treasonable for a resident of Florida to be going to California—and telling about it! What! They report a visit from the Ellery Farmers who dropped in from Hendersonville, N.C. for a drink of Florida's liquid sunshine, and they had great sport rehearsing old West Point grinds. "Jake" also answered the question as to how "Trophy" Bendel got his nickname—said it was from the trade name used by his (Trophy's) father for a brand in his canned fruit industry. The Wuests are getting ready to go to Oleans, New York until the sailing on July 9 of the steamship "Hanseatic" for Germany, where they will spend two months of "nostalgic" sight seeing.

"Pat" Lynch dropped a note telling how he is nicely surrounded in Florida by his offspring and relatives.

The Tylers ("Bones" and wife—I don't dare call her "Mrs. Bones") were in Washington about May 18 for his physical checkup at Walter Reed Hospital. They had to dine with them at the Officers Club of the hospital, the Schleys and Rodney and his daughter, Mrs. A. F. Kleitz. The Tylers looked well and "Bones" his usual handsome and youthful self.

Lewis and Maida Turtle left San Antonio, Texas on May 5 to go to the Big Bend National Park of Texas. They spent one night at old Fort Clark which is now a thriving dude ranch, having commodious accommodations in the old bachelor officers building. They also visited his first commanding officer, Colonel Edward Kimmel who lives in El Paso. On June 16 they plan to go to the Pacific northwest to spend two months, thus escaping (they hope) the heat of San Antonio, which Lewis states is too, too much. He says that last summer brought him to the last inch of his endurance. Turtle sends me the following note which is of interest to all members of our class and widows of members of the class.

"A mimeograph of April 14 has been sent to all members (all of whom are now classed as Spanish-American War veterans) and to the widows of Friske, Rose, Adams, Patterson, Hawkins, Van Natta, Bunker, Montgomery, McClellan, Graber, Ahrends, Severson, Grier, Boyers, Phillips, Howard, Gaston, Brown, E. A. Grieves, Murphy, J. J., and Nelson. All of those are eligible for Spanish-American War pensions. However, those ladies drawing compensation, which is greater than the pension, will not apply for the latter. Although the pension is free of Federal Income Tax, men drawing it will reap no financial advantage unless it exceeds that portion of their retired pay not subject to the tax. All are urged to promptly send the addresses of other widows to Turtle in order that the mimeograph may be mailed to them."

Turtle certainly deserves the thanks of the class for his efforts and interest in this matter. He dislikes the "Limelight" but he merits this tribute.

"Eph" Graham is back at home in San Antonio and he is in the devoted care of his wife, Fanny.

Rodney visited, in May, his daughter, Mrs. A. F. Kleitz in Arlington, Va. and they motored up to homecoming at his old home at New Castle, Delaware.

A telephone call to the "Box" Prestons in Washington was answered by a nurse who stated that neither "Box" nor his wife was able at that time to answer the phone.

A very ornate and beautiful testimonial has just come to hand, dated September 3, 1958 commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the initial flight of Orville Wright at Fort Myer, Va. in 1908. On the final flight on September 17, 1908 Wright was accompanied by our classmate "Sep" Selfridge, then detailed in the Aeronautical Section of the Signal Corps. The plane crashed, Wright was injured and Selfridge died from injuries sustained in the crash. It was the first airplane accident on a military base and "Sep" was the first military casualty in an airplane.

The Selfridge Air Base in Michigan and Selfridge Field in California were named for him.

Jane and Levi Brown wrote a short note from Mississippi reminding me that it was 47 years ago that I stood up as best man at their wedding.

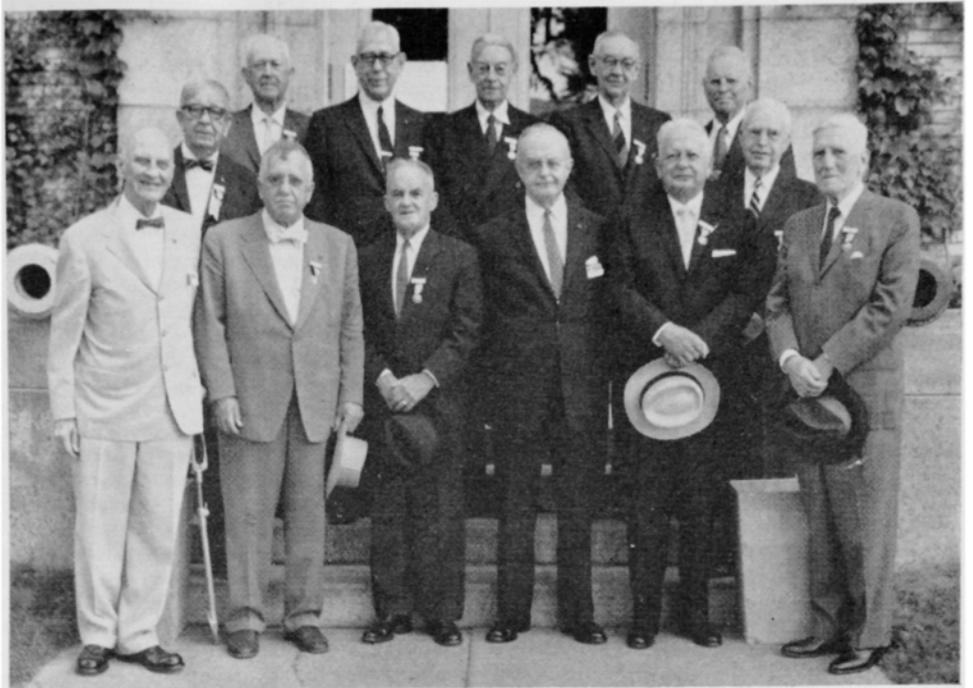
—Dorsey R. Rodney  
938 Huntington Road  
East Lansing, Michigan

## 1904

It is especially sad to have to record at Reunion time the death of two more classmates:

Earle died on 4 January 1959, at Greenville, S.C., which had been his home for many years. Burial was at Christ Church Cemetery. Mrs. Earle's address is 112 Mountvista Ave., Greenville, S.C.

Jensvold died on 20 March, 1959. His ashes were strewn at one of the places that he loved most—among the birches—on his farm at Sterling Station, N.Y. His daughter, Mrs. James C. Fannin, has recently sailed for Augsburg, Germany with her lieutenant-husband for a tour of duty in the Army.



Class of '04 at 55th Reunion. Left to right, front row: McKell, Budd, Moody, Crystal, Gregory, Singles; rear: Corbin, McAndrew, Danford, Pratt, Dryden, Fenton, Blakely.

We have just learned of two new addresses:

Mrs. G. R. Allin, 278 Homestead Road, Stafford-Wayne, Pa.

Mrs. R. P. Harbold, 4706 Harford Road, Baltimore 14, Md.

Under the provisions of a law passed in 1958, members of 1904 and widows of classmates are qualifying for benefits to which Spanish-American War Veterans are entitled. Notes on this subject, prepared by Pratt and Moody, were sent to classmates and widows of classmates recently.

Dickinson has submitted an unsatisfactory excuse for not attending our reunion: the arrival of a fourth great-grandchild. Congratulations just the same.

We are indebted to Blakely for the following notes on our 55th Reunion.

—Wm. Bryden  
Old Black Point  
Niantic, Conn.

Of the forty-one members of the Class available for duty, thirteen answered "Bill" Bryden's assembly call in time to "fall in" for the march to the Thayer Monument exercises.

In strong contrast was the cordial reception we received at the north sally

port this June 1959, to that we received in June 1900 from 1903 when, grips in hand, we first entered the east sally port as matriculated candidates.

It was a pleasure to rank separate rooms in Cullam Hall, with a floor to ourselves, to begin our fifty-fifth reunion. Every conceivable detail looking to the comfort of the Class had been taken care of by Chauncey Fenton. Those of us arriving Saturday afternoon, (the Moodys, McAndrew, Pratts, Crystals, McKells, Danfords, Brydens and, sans wives, Gregory, Corbin and Blakely), were motored by Chauncey and son John to the Fentons' delightful home at Cornwall on the Hudson as dinner guests.

Greeted by sunshine Sunday morning, some attended the morning Baccalaureate Service, while others wandered or motored over the post reliving the memories of yesteryear. Many had the pleasure of being greeted by General Hodges, 1882, at breakfast.

At noon, Singles joined us for the Class picture, following which we assembled, for the Class luncheon, where, in addition to those who enjoyed the Fentons' hospitality on Saturday evening we were joined by Mrs. Phillipson, Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. McNair. This was a gala occa-



'04 Luncheon: Members, wives, children, grandchildren.

sion, youth predominated, for here were the Class children: John Fenton; Col. and Mrs. J. B. Richardson, Jr.; Walter Singles; Col. and Mrs. Wells (Danford's daughter); Mr. and Mrs. Burrows (McDonald's daughter); Wright's daughter, Mrs. Conway; and Moody's daughter, Mrs. Allen. And yes, grandchildren: Cadets Stilwell, J.B. Richardson III, Wells (grandson of Danford), Easterbrook (grandson of Stilwell), and Singles (grandson of Gimperling and Singles). Also, Mr. and Mrs. Ruffio (granddaughter of Moody); Donald Burrows (grandson of McDonald); and Wright's grandchildren: Ruth, John, and Laura Conway. The Class was further honored by the presence of Danford's nephew and niece, Captain and Mrs. Howard Danford.

Preparatory to the Class dinner, Sunday evening, John Danford had distributed to those of us who would be present the letters and telegrams received from Classmates who would be unable to attend. The reading of these "salutes" from the absent members of the Class served as introductions to the timed yarns (Moody holding the watch) spun by those present. After adjournment the Class, belatedly we fear, attended the Superintendent's delightful reception.

Monday morning, under a glorious sun, as the alumni formed to attend the Thayer Monument ceremonies, which so feelingly epitomize the cadet life of every graduate, it was no longer difficult for 1904 to find its place in column.

As we stood bareheaded listening to the Cadet Choir, in each mind was the thought of how nigh three score years had bound us together since first we heard reveille's call on Hudson's shore.

—Charles S. Blakely  
4709 Brownsboro Road  
Louisville 7, Kentucky

## 1905

William Alanson Howard, Major, U.S.M.C., Retired, passed away early in April after a long illness. A floral tribute was sent by the Class. Mrs. Howard predeceased him about one year. Josephine, his daughter, is the only survivor.

Daddy Gibson and Art Lane were two of the pallbearers at the Arlington services of Hugo D. Selton (Schultz), a former classmate.

In 1955 Ralph Talbot Jr.'s attendance at his 50th reunion was prevented by the precipitate marriage of Ralph Talbot IV at 18 years of age upon completion of his basic training at Fort Ord. His action caused the relinquishing of a Congressional appointment to West Point but also split his son's family wide open. Ralph Talbot IV is now a snappy lieutenant of Armor at Fort Knox and in a fair way to be integrated into the Regular Army. He spent three and one-half years in the ranks, developed into an excellent soldier, became a distinguished pistol shot and member of the Infantry Team and was finally selected for OCS. This was from a lad whose grandfather and father thought would never amount to much. His little wife seems to have been good medicine for him. Congratulations to you Ralph II, III and IV. We are all proud of you and congratulate you on Ralph IV's success.

Clifford and Harriet Early returned to New York on May 8th after a four months cruise on the R.M.S. Caronia. They report a very interesting trip and they met many delightful people.

Mrs. Daly has expressed her deep appreciation to Charlie's classmates for their donation in his memory to the Cancer Society.

Burns reports the arrival on April 6th of an eighth grandchild, a boy, Roy Murray Magruder.

In a note from Ridley he says he and his wife are thinking of the 55th Reunion in 1960 but it is doubtful if their hopes will materialize.

Corbin and Ramsey were the sole representatives of the Class of 1905 at Alumni Day. Clifford left before the meeting of the Association of Graduates. Your scribe gave a deep salaam to the painting of Francois Wilby which is now hung in the Mess Hall with other former Superintendents.

The 1905 Class Tree in front of the 6th Division has survived the War on Dutch Elm Disease and still stands.

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

## 1906

Greetings to the new Spanish-American War veterans, the June members of this class! Thanks to Lewis Turtle, '03; Lucian Moody, '04; Norman Ramsey, '05; Earl McFarland and Jim Riley of 1906, all of whom spread the joyful news; and special thanks to Earl McFarland for his decisive interpretation and to Jim Riley, Sr. & Jr. for the distribution. Classmates and widows concerned have now been notified.

Believe it or not, the accompanying picture shows A.L.P. Sands, ex 1906, over the Mexican Border talking to Pancho Villa during the Pershing expedition



A. L. P. Sands.

1915. Kiltie lives in Ventnor, just below Atlantic City and is quite eager to praise his choice of home.

McKew Parr has just been decorated by the Portuguese government with the Military Order of Christ in the rank of Commander, in recognition of his excellent book on the life and adventures of Magellan, called "So Noble a Captain". Earl and Edith McFarland attended the impressive ceremony and the reception that followed at the Ambassador's home. McKew has lately returned from a long inspection trip to the west coast looking over libraries for the benefit of his Connecticut Library organization. Nice Work!

Fred Alstaetter, '97, made an important correction of the note in the last ASSEMBLY, reminding me that Susan Warner died in 1885 and only Anna taught us and fed us on Sunday afternoons on Constitution Island. Thanks!

Our honorary classmate and ex-lieutenant, Josephine Hammer on April 17, presented Joe and Charlotte King with their first granddaughter, named Karen Margaret. Father & mother are doing nicely, and grandfather is passing the cigars.

Mick Daley is also handing out stogies in celebration of the first great-granddaughter, Rose Mary Daley, (granddaughter of Koehler & Betty), born at Bamberg, Germany.

Joe King, Plupy Shute, and John Merrill yelled for 1906 at Founders Day, Fort Sam Houston, last March. Dick Jacob, Hap Green are often seen at the bridge tables at the post club, and Pot Lewis, on the golf course, but Skinny De Armond is busy spoiling his grandchildren at Dallas, Texas.

Invitations to the marriage of Beatrice Daley to Joseph F. Keller, Jr. at St. Ann's church in Arlington and to a reception afterward at the Fort Leslie McNair club sent out by mother Betty Daley, (Koehler's wife) were received in time for Mick Daley and Jim Riley to help with the pretty affair. Our heartiest congratulations.

Bill Akin has been filling in during the absence of the pastor of his Sonoma, Calif. church and will continue on the job till July. On Good Friday, Bill offered the morning prayer, made the first address, read St. Mark's version of the Lord's Passion and performed the penitential service. Nice work. They are quite pleased over the transfer of son, Steve, from the G.E. Works at Schenectady to Livermore, Calif, not so far from Sonoma.

Big things may continue to be expected from that Oklahoma football team. Rene, (grandson of RED & Christine) Hoyle, six feet three inches, weight 200 pounds, reports next fall as a freshman. By 1961, that team will be back in the Orange Bowl, where they have defeated everything that has been offered.

Yale may have a similar boost, for grandson of George and Christine Morrow, height six foot, three inches and weight 190 pounds at sixteen, will enter as a freshman in 1960. Is no one looking after the army needs?

George & Christine were over in Birmingham last Spring watching a 25 ton electric furnace pour its first heat in George's old plant, where he got me to hand out an "E" award in war times and where they gave Elizabeth and me a merry time. The plant has since grown

immensely. George and Christine are slanting all the way across the USA to Olympia peninsula, Wash. That's the longest distance one can make within the former boundaries, before Alaska and Hawaii put their stars on the flag. George is still casting upon the waters of the St. John and its nearby lakes.

The constant flow of mail between Jim Riley, Earl McFarland and me has been a great source of joy and news, but also a delightful experience; some of it about things in Washington, presentations, receptions, weddings, class meetings and Earl & Edith arranging to move to an apartment; some of it about Gene and Jim, visiting daughter Nanie and her family of Andersons in Washington; visiting Jim's home in Orangeburg, S.C.; Jim's school town, Charleston, S.C. for a stay at the Fort Sumter hotel; attending the marriage of Jim's niece in Florence, S.C.; some about plans for the Rileys and the Mettlers to meet in S.C. but didn't when my ticker went off a bit; some about Earl's attendance at the Carabao dinner, (at which our cousin, Kil Gordon was author and actor); about Earl & Edith watching McKew Parr being decorated: and some about nothing in particular, just to keep the letters traveling. Of course, the Spanish-American War veterans took a lot of postage and now the Hoyles are having the Rileys to Hamden for a weekend and the Rileys are having the Hoyles for a stay and a trip to graduation and alumni exercises at the Old Rock Bound, and then, we'll be writing between Maine and Waynesville, N.C., where Elizabeth and I hope to be for a couple months. It's a lot of fun.

On April 18, we were all saddened by telegrams from Elsie Selton, that Hugo had not recovered from his gall bladder operation and had finally passed away at the home at Forest Hills Inn, L.I. Immediately, Jim telephoned Earl McFarland to make the funeral arrangements at Arlington and ordered flowers for the class, telephoned Elsie and helped her all he could. Mick Daley from Albany put the Veterans Bureau of the state and nation on the job at once to arrange her veteran affairs. Earl assembled pall bearers, Tubby Loughry, Jesse Drain, Dick Burleson and himself, 1906, Lane and Gibson, 1905, Scott and Moody, 1904 to serve in honorary capacity. Their son Robert was flown home from the Marshall Islands in the Pacific. Earl McFarland reports an impressive ceremony at the chapel and at the graveside. The love and devotion of the class were expressed to Elsie and Robert, an obituary has been written and sent to the Association of Grads. Elsie's appreciative letters and card express her thanks and form a part of the sad but beautiful class record.

Katharine Ladd MacMillan, (Wife of William T.) passed away on May 9 in Boston Mass. She was buried at Arlington cemetery alongside her husband. The son, Ladd MacMillan is at St. Mark's school in Southboro and their daughter, Mrs. George E. Bates lives with her children and husband at East Point, Gloucester, Mass.

Josephine Johnson reports that Johnny has recovered from a long siege of virus trouble in their home in Biltmore Forest, N.C. The son, William A. Jr. an officer of the Chemical Warfare service has just sent in a picture of the two grandchildren

and Johnny and Josephine are bragging.

Hap Pennell has been in S.C. this last winter and will be back this summer. Maybe this time we may meet in the mountains.

From time to time, I have sent out a poorly printed little booklet called the "Catawissa Trail", covering a few intimate details of life on a Pennsylvania farm in the horse and buggy days. It has stirred up a fine controversy among the farm lads and has resulted in much news for this letter. It's one way to get news,—the hard way.

—Col. Charles Mettler  
4501 Prairie Ave  
Miami Beach 40, Fla.

## 1907

Four members of the class returned to West Point for Alumni Day. Dan'l Boone came over from Darien; Dick Park came to see his grandson graduate; Sandy Chilton hitched a ride on an Air Force cargo plane and the local contingent drove down from Newburgh. Dick has another grandson who is about to enter with the incoming class. Sandy's son, Alex, a Major in the Marine Corps, all six feet five inches of him, came up from Quantico to give 1907 moral support and to see his former classmates of the Class of 1943.

Ben Castle has been getting about quite a bit recently. He was reported at Palm Springs, Calif. and came up to West Point the week before graduation with one of his daughters and a group of six boys from eight to ten years of age from the Kent School in Morristown, N.J. One of them was his grandson. Ben attended the commencement ceremonies at the United States Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs as a guest of General Briggs. A dedication ceremony honoring the late Lieut. General Hubert Reilly Harmon, the first Superintendent of the Academy, was held in the Administration Building which was officially dedicated as Harmon Hall. General Harmon was a brother of Mrs. Andy Lang who was present with her daughter, Miss Edith Lang. The cadet social center was named Arnold Hall in honor of our own Hap Arnold, World War II Commander of the Army Air Force. Bea Arnold, Mildred Yount and Barton K. Yount, Jr., now a Colonel in the Air Force, were also present for these ceremonies. At the Academic awards ceremony Cadet Garver was presented with a Paul Revere silver bowl by the Colonial Daughters of the 17th Century in memory of Freddie Castle for standing No. 1 in strategic warfare. The Class of 1907 was thus ably represented at this the first graduation ceremonies of the fledgling Air Force Academy. Ben was greatly impressed by the quality of the cadets and by the physical layout of the Academy. Through the courtesy of the Air Force he was flown to Colorado Springs and back to Washington in Air Force planes.

Dan'l and Grace Boone are contemplating moving to a smaller place in Darien to minimize housekeeping and maintenance chores. They have a beautiful place but it takes a lot of time and effort to keep it up so don't be surprised to hear of a change of address. Enrique White recently stopped with them over night on his customary trek to Cape Cod for the

Summer. Dan'l reported that Enrique was full of Greek lore, both ancient and modern, and they enjoyed his brief visit very much. Dan'l is contemplating condensing his article on the integration problem, having it printed and a copy sent to all southern governors, senators and congressmen.

We are most grateful to the Editor of ASSEMBLY for inserting in the previous number notice of Logan Martin's death, news of which was received after our class notes had been filed. Contributions to the Endowment Fund of the Association of Graduates was made on behalf of the class in memory of both Sunny Jim and Skee Santschi. In his will Sunny Jim also made a substantial bequest to the Association. Thelma Martin is most appreciative of the tributes which she has received from Sunny Jim's many friends and Amanda Santschi wrote Paul Larned expressing her appreciation of the messages of sympathy and of the memorial to Skee which pleased her and met with her approval.

Paul and Cecilia Larned made a trip to St. Petersburg, Florida and enjoyed delightful visits with the Glassburns and the Eastmans. Bill Ganoë was reported busy with civic affairs. Paul saw Bill's daughter, Honore, who is happily married and lives not far from Clyde and Margaret Eastman. Rutherford has been on an extended trip by air with his daughter and son-in-law visiting South American countries. The Sullivans have been in California and the Dusenburys are about to take off for three or four months in Europe. They sail from Montreal and will spend most of their time in Great Britain, Ireland, France and the Scandinavian countries.

A class luncheon recently held in Washington was attended by Castle, Rutherford, Harris, Drain, White and Larned.

Paul wrote that he had seen Andy Lang a short time ago and that Andy is holding up remarkably well in spite of his infirmities and has not lost any of his old sense of humor.

Walter Wheeler was at Walter Reed Hospital for an operation a short time back but has since returned to St. Petersburg greatly improved. Lucian Booth had a slight recurrence of his coronary trouble but is now much better and was expected to return home soon.

Roger Alexander came east to visit his daughter, Ruth, wife of Col. Bradish J. Smith, class of 1941, who is stationed at Ft. Benning, Ga.

While there Roger spent a couple of weeks in the hospital getting a complete physical checkup and some beneficial treatment. After leaving Ft. Benning he expected to visit his sister in Paris, Mo., his old home town, and to return to Calif. shortly after the Fourth of July.

The Haydens have returned from their trip to Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific. Injun reported he had been sent there to make an investigation of the economic situation in that area. They were gone for about three months and had a most enjoyable time. They motored the length and breadth of New Zealand and in Australia. Injun played golf a couple of times on beautiful golf courses in New Zealand but he gave it as his opinion that Australia was not an English speaking country.

Paul and Cecilia Larned planned to spend the month of June with their daughter at Plandome, L.I. and we had hoped that they might have found time to come up to West Point and Newburgh while there.

—Hayden W. Wagner  
Balmville Road  
Newburgh, N.Y.

## 1908

To "Brownie" Nulsen, her son Charles K., Jr., and the grandchildren go our full understanding in their bereavement and sympathy over the loss of our classmate, "Charlie." He had had several operations over the past few years, with good recovery, but entered Brooks Hospital on March 3rd with an acute condition, and died 10 days later. The funeral was on the 16th at Fort Sam Houston. Somewhere along the trail, he was dubbed "Sunny," which aptly reflected his personality and bearing all the way from Beast Barracks to his last Taps; and so in our hearts he will stay. We understand "Brownie" intends to remain in their San Antonio home.

A welcome message from "Spec" Pendleton was brought by Alice Kramer, driving to San Antonio with Anne Hodgson, widows respectively of 1918 and 1915. We welcomed them for an evening at "Las Lilas" to catch up on news of many contemporaries. "Spec" still dabbles in real estate a little and wished he might be going along to chaperone these two ladies. After reaching San Antonio, Anne, an old friend of "Brownie," gathered the details of "Charlie" Nulsen's death, for which Alice acted as transmitting amanuensis. Our thanks to both for these news assists.

Out of the long ago comes a voice which could arouse no warmer a welcome—that of Davis, R. H., of our plebe memories. From 345 "B" Avenue, Coronado 18, California, "Dave" writes: "You mention 'Boney' Bonesteel and 'Bob' Fletcher. Fletcher and Jennings were my roommates and I have choice recollections of them as well as of many other excellent men of the class. I would like any information on the class and those who are still alive and kicking." (Duly sent.) He has been retired for some time after 30 years active service in the USMC, mostly as a QM. He adds: "I have been ill for a year following pneumonia. Coming back slowly now and have hopes of playing golf again. I have been in Life and General Insurance for 17 years but shall give that up shortly and really be retired... I am particularly pleased in hearing from you and it has done a lot for my morale"—And ours too. "Dave's" first wife, Gertrude G. Davis died in 1938. In 1942 he married Edith Truit. There are 4 children, 6 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Of the first, Elizabeth B. Stillman resides in Coronado, works in the Navy Civil Service and has 2 daughters. Russell Haven Davis, Jr., major in USMCR, is now Deputy Director of International Cooperation Administration in Karachi, Pakistan, and has one son and a stepson. Isabel is married to Alexander A. Veech, Naval Engineer, and is now in Honolulu and office manager for Honolulu Realty Board; has one son at Cornell. Margaret is mar-

ried to Colonel Robert L. Cooper, USMCR, serving as Warrant Officer for Western NORAD Region Air Defense Command, Everett, Washington; has one daughter... Remember when some of us candidates back in 1903 made it from Washington to Philadelphia to watch "Dave" help build up that 40-5 score against Navy with touchdowns and his long field goals? Maybe it's debatable, but how many fullbacks of that calibre have we had between "Dave" and "Doc" Blanchard? And those boodle feasts plebe winter up in First Div., 4th floor, left-hand plain, with "Dave" ushering in "Dutch" Kinzig on condition the latter behave like a plebe himself just for the evening. It's fine to hear from you again, "Dave," and all thanks to "Geoff" Bartlett for your address.

"Spigot" Ayres agreeably surprised us with a quick recovery from his '58 lay-up. A postcard from Cannes, France, in early February details an exciting adventure. Driving S.E. from Grenoble a few days before, he and "Liz" found themselves stuck in snow above 5700 feet, and got turned around "by a voiture de la Compagnie de France Electrique, who bawled them out good for trying to cross the Grandes Alpes in February." The man simply failed to check his history first. Take Hannibal. He did it, not on four wheels, but on elephants. Even Napoleon waited 'till right after the middle of May. After the lapse of a month, "Spigot" reports in to three cronies, speaking very broken English, beginning thusly: "Nous avons been knocking around mit Alemands, Senores, unt Frances altogether from Den Hag et vamousing to Spain, so dabeza mia is mixen muche pour sprechen English at all quand nous sommes backgotten to Vermont maison." Query: In what country did they stay longest? Quel homme! Que hombre! What's more, he writes he did succeed "in establishing a source of supply for my syrup 'hydrotherm' in Germany." Anybody who does not know what that gadget is, ask "Colonel" Chaney.

George Goethals is the first of the Class to enter the Golden Circle of 50 year membership in the Army and Navy Club (Washington). He now ranks a reading-room chair next the fireplace whence he can gaze over the top of his glasses and grunt "Disapproved," as all the AGs come trooping by.

Jack Curry reports two recent trips: One to San Francisco Bay Area to see Joan during the past holidays, when he spent a night with "Spec" Pendleton; and one in April to Las Vegas to attend the World Congress of Flight. He and "Monty" Marks joined up "and we're seeing the town together," according to a gorgeous picture postcard showing the "Garden of Allah."

"Senor" and "Teeny" Cullum drove to Lake Chapala, Mexico, in January, but soon had to return to treat the former at Sandia Base Hospital for a lung condition. He now reports "holding my own," we are glad to say. They had to cancel a proposed San Antonio visit. "Teeny" is the family chauffeur, says the "Senor," who claims himself "grounded as of now."

Welcome news from "Spike" Daugherty. Lately retired from a distinguished research career of over 35 years with Bethlehem Steel Corporation, he writes: "I am enjoying the best of health and

walk miles every day—literally miles, 4 to 8." He reports Edna in excellent health, too. Of their children, Robert, in turn, has three of his own: Another Robert (21), Toomy (13), and Sharon (11). Nancy has four sons: Charles (25), now with a Philadelphia stockbroker; Eugene (21), now in the Army in Germany; Brewster (18), now at Colorado College, Colorado Springs, plans to take a sabbatical at the Sorbonne in Paris next year; and Michael (16), about to graduate from Prep school, likewise headed for Brewster's college; all a promising crew to be proud of. He continues, "I enjoyed the reunion at West Point more than anything that has happened to me in many years. It simply amazes me the way West Pointers graduate, scatter to the four winds, then reassemble some 50 years later at a Class reunion, and continue the conversations they started some 50 years previously. The one thing that I regret is that these reunions fail to bring contact with the other classes at West Point while we were there." So many of us heartily echo the same sentiment!

Fitzmaurice reports a new address: 1632 N. Louis Lane, Tucson, Arizona.

John and Ettie Schulz left Washington by air on 17 May for a month and a half visit to the Near East. On the return trip they expect to visit Greece, Spain and Portugal, getting home about the last of June.

The Bonesteel's son, Charles H. III, received a second star in March, making the second 1908 son to wear two stars. Dick Coiner, Jr., got his in October, 1956.

Word has been received that Mrs. Jimmie Lyon has sold her San Francisco home and has moved to an apartment with address as follows: 2610 Lake Street, San Francisco, 21, California.

For several months Garrison has had an infected foot which has kept him off the golf course, but am glad to say that it is much better and he should be playing again soon.

Ann and Jimmy Cunningham returned home on April 13th from a two months cruise to the Mediterranean. They made the trip on the Oslofjord of the Norwegian-American line, covering some twenty thousand miles while visiting twenty-one ports. Their grandson, James H. Cunningham, III, has received an appointment to the Naval Academy and will enter in July.

Hall and his wife, Eleanor, went south in February. They drove, with many stops, to Naples, Florida, by the western route through Charlotte and Tallahassee. They returned by the eastern route through Jacksonville, Savannah and Charleston. Hall says he did nothing noteworthy and saw no members of the Class.

The Class and her many friends will be saddened to hear of the death of Marguerite Lyons Donovan, wife of Dick Donovan, at Dallas, Texas, in February of this year. She was born and reared in Savannah, Georgia, and married Dick there in 1910. She was well known for fine work in women's organizations during the last war. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Mary Lee Sharpe, and a son, Richard Donovan, both of Dallas, Texas.

—George R. Goethals and  
Charles H. Bonesteel  
3133 Connecticut Ave., N.W.  
Washington 8, D.C.

The 50th Anniversary Reunion of 1909 has passed into history. 31 classmates were present and the distaff contingent was nearly as large. Following is a list of those who arrived during June Week: Carl and Miss Betty Baehr; Cliff and Elsie Bluemel; Tom and Marjorie Catron; Eley Denson; Jake Devers; Franz Doniat; Bob and Emmeline Eichelberger; Bert Farman; Phil Gage; Bill and Tony Goetz; Red Gee; Forrest and Eleanor Harding, with two granddaughters; Johnny and Camille Johnson; Arnold Krogstad; Tom Milling; Soph and Lilian Mountford; Barney and Bertha Oldfield; Sunny and Irene Ord; Cope and Mary Philoan; Admiral Plassmeyer; Bill and Dorothy Reed; Rodney Roberts; Stanley and Elizabeth Rumbough; Merl Schillerstrom; Bill and Jean Simpson and Miss Ruth-Jean Simpson; Cuthbert and Jessie Stearns; Carlin and Annabelle Stokely; Claude Thummel; E. R. and Kay Van Deusen, daughter—Mrs. Wm. C. (Kitsy) Westmoreland, and two sons—Edwin & Frederick (USMA '46 and '53); Geo. and Effie Van Deusen; Ying Wen and son Alfred; Mrs. Hugh H. (Dorothy) McGee and Miss "Dotchi" McGee; Mrs. Frank S. (Jean) Besson; Mrs. Wm. C. (Ethel) Whitaker.

A few members of the class stayed in Cullum but the rugged majority shared the tumult of Cadet Barracks. The ladies were in general quartered either at Ladycliff College or at Bear Mountain Inn. There were two distinctive class gatherings,—a mixed luncheon at the West Point Army Mess on Sunday and the traditional stag dinner at the Bird and Bottle Inn on Monday evening. Special dinner guests at the class dinner were Chauncey Fenton, '04, and Mick Daley, '06. The regular June Week program also included an Alumni Hour and Dance on Saturday and an Alumni Dinner Dance (combined with the Superintendent's reception) on Sunday evening. All these special affairs, which involved a tremendous effort on the part of the "permanent party" at the Academy, were most efficiently handled.

Following the class luncheon on Sunday, members of the class attended the unveiling of the portrait of John C. H. Lee in the new Museum in Thayer Hall. The presentation address was made by Jake Devers.

Following this ceremony and prior to the Alumni Dinner Dance, Bill and Tony Goetz entertained the 1909 ensemble at

a very enjoyable cocktail party at the West Point Army Mess.

Letters and postcards were received from several classmates and widows who were unable to attend the Reunion. The Purdons and Monte Hickok were obliged to change their plans at the last moment. Mick Ahern, Slew Beardslee and Ted Chase were prevented from coming by ill health. Ray Smith, Delos Emmons, Roger Williams and others sent their best wishes. Ed and Jo Marks were compelled to drop out due to the effects of Jo's two attacks of flu. Very nice notes were received from several of the class widows, including Eleanor Erlenkotter, Helen Hunter, Dorothy North, Margaret Parker and Ethel Wright.

At the class dinner a communication from the President, Association of Graduates, requesting a donation for the enlargement and rehabilitation of the West Point Army Mess, was discussed at length. It was voted to appropriate \$1,000 from the Class Fund for this project, provided that in the opinion of the Class President, after further study, this action seems justified.

Further dope on the status of our Class Fund will be forthcoming within a few months. A revision of our Class Directory is also planned. And don't forget to send news items to the undersigned to arrive not later than the first day of September, December, March and June.

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

## 1910

Sam Edelman and Snakey Dunlop represented the Class at June Week this year at West Point. The program was most impressive as always and beautiful weather prevailed throughout except for the pouring rain at the time of Graduation Parade. We pray for good weather during our big celebration just one year hence. Basic arrangements were made for our 50th Golden Reunion next year. Our ladies will be housed in comfortable double rooms at Ladycliff College in Highland Falls, New York, just outside the South Gate of the Military Academy Reservation. Interspersed with the regular events of June Week, 1910 will stage two big affairs of its own, a cocktail party at Cullum Hall to which all our ladies and friends will be invited and the Class Banquet for the men in the Green Room of the West Point Army Mess

(Club). And then Major and Mrs. E. R. Brigham have invited us for cocktails at their quarters on the post. Major Brigham is Hortense Chapman's son and Mrs. Brigham was Phyllis Cocroft. The men will live in the Cadet Barracks, not above the second floor. Details as to date, time and place for all events will be published to the Class later. It is urged that 1910, their wives, widows and friends make plans right now to come to our 50th Reunion. The more present the better time we will all have.

This is the time of the year for college and school graduations and for weddings. For 1910's grandchildren, it is no exception. "Johnny" Kengla (Charles A. Jr.), grandson of Durward and Olive Wilson, and son of Austin and Olive Kengla, graduates from M.I.T. and enters the scientific world of industry at Pomona, Calif. On June 17th he will marry Miss Patricia Lou Anderson, daughter of Colonel and Mrs. John H. de Russy of the Air Force. On June 12th, Miss Anne Kella Byars, daughter of Dave and Shirley Byars and granddaughter of "Daddy" and Frances Byars, graduates from the Francis C. Hammond High School in Alexandria, Va.

It was good to see the Bootons at West Point. Although graduating in 1911, John and his wife like to play around with 1910 and we like to have them. An interesting and welcome letter came not long ago from "Jo Jo" Carberry, PO Box 150, South Pasadena, Calif. He has been doing good work in the interest of the Retired Pay Equalization Bills. We also had a good letter from Jack Heard. He will be leaving San Antonio soon for Silver Lake, N.H. Jack and Ella expect a visit from "Pappy" and Gertrude Selbeck who will again be at Lake Dunmore, Vt. for the Summer. Joe and Gwladys Leonard will spend the Summer at West Winfield, N.Y. (near Utica). They have a nice old house there and would welcome a visit from any of 1910 passing that way.

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

## 1911

Karl Bradford, emeritus president of the Georgetown Citizens Association and honorary "Mayor of Georgetown", was recently acclaimed by that body as "The Man of the Year", in recognition of his services through the years toward civic improvement of this distinguished hometown of the nation's Capitol. Not born in D.C. as was Bradford, Ray Wheeler leaves it more frequently:—In May he was in Cairo, in a huddle with his boss the President of the World Bank, and the Economy Minister of the United Arab Republics, before subsequent conference with President Nasser of U.A.R. on his project to enlarge the Suez to accommodate vessels of 45-foot draft. "Spec" remained in Cairo a week in discussion of the engineering phase of this gigantic job, entailing \$270,000,000 prospectively from the World Bank. What say, General, about getting your bank to underwrite the new Alumni Building at West Point?

The May fixture for the S.F. Bay Area 1911 and distaff was with the Cowles for preliminaries and off to the countryside for luncheon. The affair was glad-



The 50th Reunion.

dened by Dave's complete participation, marking material recovery from his protracted disability. Earlier in the month the group were the guests of a 1911 junior, Marian Weaver, in San Francisco.

Bill Hardigg's spirit smiles benignly on his alter ego, W.B., Jr. who graduated in May from Shawe High School, Madison, Wisconsin, as valedictorian, with seven awards from his community and state. He passed his mental and physical examinations for USMA, at Ft. Knox in March; but will not enter this year. He will matriculate at Notre Dame to major in chemical engineering until he dons cadet gray. If it hadn't been for a certain restricting discrimination against 1911, allotting only five engineer slots, his father, No. 6 would have worn castles. Jack, the younger son, is off in July as his area representative to the Boy Scouts Tenth World Jamboree in the Philippines. Thereafter he will continue on around the world, as did Bill after the Ninth World Jamboree in England.

The May edition of The San Antonio Optimist gives high coverage to our John Hatch, speaker of the month at the Gunter on the subject "Traffic Safety", to which he has devoted so many fruitful years—some as executive vice president of the city's Safety Council. He is acclaimed as "a great leader in Optimism, a tireless civic worker". The accompanying photo shows John little changed from our salad days. Could be an old likeness. All our surviving disciples of Honest John are a modest bunch, staying well under their camouflage nets. Curt Nance, for instance, wrote the fine obit for Charlie Hall, mistakenly otherwise credited in Spring ASSEMBLY; because with characteristic reserve he did not disclose his authorship. Beatty and Batson are pretty reticent too. And all you others, unsung and unsinging, whatever your tenure with 1911, know your delinquency. B-ache it before next deadline, 25 August. On the skin-list as uncommunicative are ten who finished with us, and eighteen who started but went to other fields.

The sympathy of the Class goes in full measure to Jack Homer in the loss of Olive on the 15th of April. She was interred at West Point. 1911 laments with 1912 the passing of Jones, B.Q., 30 March. He was with us first; and now joins in the empyrean of their Far Blue Yonder the other pioneer air men who had their beginnings with 1911. Evelyn Jones preceded Byron just eight and a half months ago.

When last heard from the Shekerjians were making a May-time transit of the Red Sea, in their leisurely progress around the world with the sun. Their next mail pick-up: c/o U.S. Consul General, Marseilles, France.

Our annual vital statistics résumé shows that of the 151 in the Class, 1907 sound-off, 38 of the 82 graduated in 1911 and four of the fifteen graduated with 1912, survive; as do 26 out of the 54 non-graduates of whom four are unreported: Olson, E. M., Smith, C. K. P. Bronson, A. J., McDowell. F. M. Bagby and Conard still vie as Class Grandfather. The title of Class Great-Grandfather has not been won.

None of 1911 seems to have made it back to the Academy for June Week this year to check on our tree and our window in the Cadet Chapel, with its

companion window contributed by us to our comrades of 1811. One of these was Lieutenant George Rowan, the first graduate to be killed in action—on 15 August, 1812, by Indians, near what is now Chicago. Where does he lie now, and how memorialized? Or is he lost, as are so many of the 161 graduates, 1903—1941, victims as prisoners of an equally savage enemy in the Far East in WWII?

To end on a lighter note, some optimist suggests that we folk retired before June 1958 should remember that cadet pay was raised to \$30 per month 10 years ago; that it was \$80 when we were cadets fifty-odd years ago; that our first raise was to \$141.67 as new lieutenants! But we didn't have to buy shoulder bars or cars.

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

## 1912

It is sad to report the deaths of four of our Classmates: John H. Hinemon Jr., Byrom Q. Jones, John Pulford and Joseph Frank Richmond. To the bereaved families of each, The Class extends its deepest sympathy.

Hinie was a silent sufferer for many years from Parkinson's Disease. His courageous fight ended at his home in Little Silver, N.J. on March 4th last. Burial was at West Point. We will miss his cheery smile and ready wit at Class gatherings.

B. Q. passed away at Walter Reed Hospital on March 30th last following a heart attack. He now rests in Arlington beside his beloved wife, Evelyn. Grave-side services were held. Although he had been ailing for the past few years from a heart condition, the loss of his wife, to whom he was greatly devoted, hastened his death. His Classmates at graveside who acted as Honorary Pallbearers were Crawford, R.C., Drake, Haislip, Hobson, Littlejohn, Malony, Mooney, Maxwell, Spalding, S. P., and Hayes.

John Pulford passed away at the Veterans Hospital in Saginaw, Michigan on February 16th last. He had been ailing from a nerve condition for quite some while. He was a staunch Class supporter and West Point was his true love.

Frank Richmond passed away in Nashville, Tenn. on May 4th last. No further details are available at this writing.

You should be advised that Phil Faymonville has been confined in Letterman Hospital, San Francisco following a very severe stroke. He is in Ward L1 (one) at this writing. Drop him a line; it would cheer him up immensely. Slats Morrissey was in Letterman for throat surgery. He is home now and doing nicely according to reports. John and Patricia Lindt flew on East recently from their home in Riverside, Calif. to visit with friends and attend the annual 1912-Day-Class-Luncheon in Washington. Johnny caught pneumonia on the trip and was taken to Walter Reed. The medicos kept him in bed for two weeks. He is up and around again and rarin' to go. You can't keep a good man down.

Helen, beloved wife of Franklin Sibert, died at Walter Reed Hospital on May 18th, following an unsuccessful operation for the removal of a brain tumor. Burial was in Arlington. Classmates of Si's at the

funeral services were Drake, Haislip and Sid Spalding. Mary Littlejohn and Dorothy Malony also attended. 1912 extend to Si and his family their heartfelt condolences.

Report From The Southwest Region:

The visit of Bun Hobson and his lovely daughter Mary to San Antonio in January was a real treat for 1912ers. They were welcomed with open arms—especially Mary. At the West Point Dinner in San Antonio on March 12th the Class was represented by Ike Spalding, Greenwald and Kelly.

The Bill Weavers generally seek a cooler spot each Summer. This year they have stuck close to home so far. Young Bill Jr. with wife and their two children—Judy 9 and Bill 2—are in Stuttgart, Germany. Old Bill has had some interesting correspondence with Chynoweth. He is greatly impressed with the fine patriotic and educational work Chen is doing—as we all should be.

The Ike Spaldings have been summering in Colorado since '47. They put up a few blocks from Cornelia and Jack Lewis. Ike keeps busy at landscape painting. Son-in-law, Brig. Gen. Francis Hill, and daughter Ansley are at Fort Lewis, Wash. He is Chief of Artillery of the 4th Infantry Division while she is busy with Red Cross, Blood Bank and other civic matters. They were at The Presidio of San Francisco last year while he was Chief-of-Staff of the Army-Navy Exercise "Rocky Shoals". They saw many 1912 families while there.

Joe Greenwald says he never thinks about the months—just three years hence when he hopes to see 1912 assembled. He also asserts vehemently that the theory about his health is a figment of Bodine's imagination. However, he still looks mighty healthy to this scribe.

Rachel Delameter is well on her way to recovery from her recent operation. Ben Jr.—Class of '40—is PMS&T at Ripon College, Ripon, Wis. He has three boys: Ben the fourth 9, John 8 and Tom 6. Colonel James H. Keller (Class of '39 and on duty in the Pentagon) and Mrs. Keller (daughter Rachel) now reside in Arlington, Va. They have three children: James 12, Rachel 10 and Mabel 4.

Amy Browne is in Dallas temporarily. She is babysitting for daughter Barbara. Her husband, Bruce Martindale, is with Braniff Airways. They are on a trip around the World. The Martindales stopped off at Tokyo for a short visit with Amy's other daughter, Jean, and her husband, Colonel Rumsey, USAF. Both daughters have three girls apiece. Amy has now six grand-daughters and one grandson.

Kuldell says the entire family are well. The Clan now numbers fifteen. The big party they gave for the Army-Rice Game last year was a grand affair. They are known far and wide for their wonderful hospitality.

The Thorne Deuels had their son, Bill—now a third classman—home for two weeks last Christmas. They report a charming visit over a week end from Lorene Robertson who came in by bus from Carmi after much persuasion on their part to make the trip.

The Nall Bodine's daughter Anne with her husband, Brig. Gen. "Ted" Clifton—Deputy Chief of Information, Department of the Army—made a trip to the West

Coast recently. On their way back they stopped off at Denver for a short visit with Robert Nall Jr. and his wife Gloria. He is a scientist with the Chemical Corps at Rocky Mount Arsenal. Anne also spent several weeks in San Antonio with Nall and Mary.

Martha Kelly is recovering nicely from a removal of her gall bladder. "John" is in a dither looking for lost "Chain Letters Class of 1912". He is wondering why he has been given the "silent treatment" by certain members of the Class. Names will not be mentioned. There is an even dozen of them. Shame on you guys.

The Terry Allen's son, Terry Jr., Class of '52 and in the infantry, took the "Jump Course" and "Ranger Course" while he was with the 82nd Airborne for a year. Mary Frances reported Terry still quite active in his daily pursuits. More power to him.

Later Notes from the Southwest Region:

Thorne Deuel—busy man that he is—never fails to come across for 1912. He is heavily occupied with legislative and administrative matters of the Illinois State Museum, and in efforts to preserve remaining Indian sites from destruction. Nora is interested in her church, her club and her lawn. As usual they extend cordial invitations to classmates, wives and widows to drop in and see them.

Myrta Sawyer says she always reads the 1912 news in ASSEMBLY. In expressing sympathy for Betty Hinemon she wrote; they were together in New Haven (Yale) around 1920. Myrta's daughter Katherine and the Hinemon's daughter Betty are about the same age. The Sawyers also lived in Chicago for a few years while the Deuels were there. They still correspond. Myrta says she's "O.K.". Her only complaint is; she can't do more of the things she used to do. We're all in the same boat, Myrta.

Helen Youngs says she gets "chain letters" from Littlejohn. Recently she got a HUGE one forwarded by Rachel Delameter who received it from Amy Browne. "Big John" take note—some of your material is getting through. Helen says she is waiting for one Robbins to graduate from the "Point" and the other to get an appointment. She adds; "The four females in this harem are all well." A check on that may be in the offing.

An enjoyable letter from Lorene Robertson was appreciated. That goes for all the other Class widows who have co-operated so well. Lorene is having her troubles in getting her father's estate settled. Her mother died a year ago. Her letter sounded as if she were not in the best of health. But like a good soldier she says she is "O.K." Her sister from Los Angeles has been with her since last February. Lorene plans to return with her in June.

Birdie and H. B. Allen's reply was deeply appreciated also. They wrote: "It is good to know that a member of the old class still survives and 'Howdy' to them all and 'God Speed.'" Both are doing well physically. Their annual bout with poison ivy, at this time of the year, from which they are just recovering, was not so pleasant. John Moore, their stepson, plans to visit them in May. He is with an oil company in Linsum, California.

The Annual 1912 Class Luncheon was

held at the Army and Navy Club Washington, D.C. on May 13th. All declared it the best ever. It has now become an established event to look forward to. Those present—in the beautiful Sea Room on the top floor of the club—were The Roscoe Crawfords, Chauncey Devores, Drakes, Haislips, Littlejohns, Malonys, Maxwells, Nalles, Snows and Thomases. "Bunny" Hobson brought his lovely daughter Mary. The following stags showed up: Gatchell, Hauser, Mooney and Sid. Spalding. On the distaff side were: Dot Cramer, Edna Hobbs, Pattie Lindt, Ruth McLane, Dorothy Secker (Ralph and Marguerite Holliday's daughter) and Caroline Walker. Connie Larrabee dropped around for cocktails. A number who had planned to come sent in their regrets at the last minute. Of these: Bill Wilbur is in Europe and Dave Crawford—back from a Caribbean cruise with Annye—took to his bed with Pneumonia so they couldn't make it. Dave writes he is now back on his feet but weak as a kitten.

"Bunny" Hobson's safari across the continent and back is without precedence. His experiences would fill a volume of interesting anecdotes rivalling "Culliver's Travels". If he missed seeing any of his Classmates and Class widows it wasn't his fault.

Ed Boykin has written another interesting sea tale. It is named the "Sea Devil of the Confederacy"—the story of the Florida and her Captain, John Newland Maffitt. It is published by Funk and Wagnall and is now on the book stands. All Ed's books make excellent reading. He is rated high on the list of our nationally known writers, in his particular field.

Snow and Drake journeyed up to West Point for June Week. Jim and Marie Mooney with their delightful daughter "Patsy" were also there. No other 1912'ers put in an appearance. As usual your Alma Mater was at her loveliest. No other school in the Country can put on such a pageantry. The "Colonel" and Charlie visited with Marty Maher in the Post Hospital and found him keen of mind and delighted to see them. Both of Marty's legs are now amputated to just above the knees. He sends his best greetings to all. They also visited with Cadets Bill Deuel and Chandler Robbins—both fine lads. Had a brief but delightful chat with Mary Youngs Robbins. In the end, they did not forget to visit the graves of their departed Classmates now buried at West Point.

—Charlie Drake  
7045 Wilson Lane  
Bethesda, Maryland

—John D. Kelly  
533 Lamont Avenue  
San Antonio, Texas

## 1914

This account of our Forty-fifth Reunion is really written for the benefit of our classmates and their wives who because of illness or for other reasons were unable to enjoy it with us. I am sure that I am expressing the feelings of all who attended when I say that it was the happiest, the most memorable, and the most eventful of all our reunions. Our

attendance was remarkably large for such a small class—thirty-three classmates and twenty-two wives. Their names you can read on the caption of the photograph of 1914 in this issue of ASSEMBLY. As you can see, the Washington contingent, as was expected, was a large one, but a large group came from California, and others from such distant points as France, The Virgin Islands, Texas, and Florida.

The Reunion Committee, consisting of Ingles (chairman), Brand, and Whitten deserves great credit for the enjoyable program of class events, and to the excellent arrangements for each one.

Practically all of us arrived on Saturday and were on hand at the Officer's Club that evening for the class cocktail supper. This, our first meeting together was a very noisy and exuberant affair, a delightful prelude to the three never-to-be forgotten days that were to follow.

On Sunday, most of us grasped the opportunity to attend the Baccalaureate services at the Cadet Chapel or the Catholic Chapel. The beautiful and moving sermon "Be Filled with Gladness" by the Cadet Chaplain, and the singing of "The Corps" by the Cadet choir to the strains of that great organ, orally and musically painted on the background of the interior of the chapel, so full of medieval and patriotic significance, were things to thrill our hearts with hope for the future, and gratitude for the past.

Of course, Monday was the big day of June week as far as the old "grads" were concerned. As the long column of graduates marched from Cullum Hall to the Alumni Exercises at Thayer Monument we passed our old friend "Marty" Maher, sitting in a wheel chair. Poor "Marty" has lost both of his legs, and has wasted away to about seventy-five pounds. Many old grads broke from the ranks as we passed and rushed over to grasp his hand.

Nothing I could write would describe adequately the beauty and solemnity of the Alumni Exercises. You will remember the program: "Alma Mater"—a brief prayer by the Cadet Chaplain (so beautiful, so simple)—"Taps"—Laying the wreath by the oldest living graduate, Maj. Gen. Hodges (bless him)—and "The Corps." Each was a perfect jewel in a perfect crown.

Then came the Alumni Review—the last military ceremony to be executed by the entire Corps of Cadets. Due to the long succession of large graduating classes, the line of alumni now extends across the entire "Plain," and the southern end of the line has to bend east, paralleling the front of South Barracks. The Corps of today is a massive formation of faultless precision. Gone are the days of our time when our parade formation was the inspiration of the expression "the long gray line". Now the formation is in mass, and can be described as a line of two regiments, in line of three battalions, in column of four companies, in column of platoons, each in line. This comprises twenty four companies. Even in this formation in depth the brigade front extended the length of the "Plain". As the platoons passed in review the men in ranks were at "eyes right" to the entire length of the line of graduates.

Immediately after the luncheon of the Association of Graduates, a meeting of



The 1914 Contingent. Left to right, first row: Bill and Mary Ryan, Paul and Helen Paschal, Willis and Dollye Tack, Bruz and Vera Waddell, Francis and Marion Kerr, John Carruth; second row: Ben and Ruth Weir, Ralph and Agnes Royce, Tom and Clara Monroe, Ike and Lillian Gill, Fred Herr, Jim and Louise Byrom; third row: Jens Doe, Hal and Grace Ingals, John Henry and Marguerite Woodberry, John and Irma Brooks, Weldon and Frances Doe; fourth row: Harold Loomis, Fenn Lewis, Arthur Harris, Reiff Hannum, Empie Potts, Lester Lampert, Tom and Mary Lanphier, Harrison and Helen Brand, Jack and Gus Jovett; back row: Cliff Matthews, Rudolph and Winifred Whitten, Charlie and Ella Gross, their daughter, Lucy (Mrs. J. S. B. Dick), Ben Hoge, Jim and Eleanor Cress, Harold and Betty Bull, Henry Holcombe. Also present but not in picture: Dorothy Holcombe and Earll Carruth.

the Class was held. The following actions were taken by the class:

(1) Re-elected the slate of Class officers with minor changes necessitated by the passage of time. The officers now are: Cress, President; Brand and Potts, Vice-Presidents; G. F. Lewis, Secretary-Treasurer; Herman, Historian; Markoe, Chaplain. In addition to these officers, Gross and Villaret are Class Representatives in Europe, and Carruth is Class Representative for ASSEMBLY.

(2) Decided that 1914 will dedicate two trees on the "Plain": an old existing tree for the class of 1814, and a new tree for the Class of 1914. Whitten will make all arrangements, and both trees will be suitably identified by bronze markers.

(3) Decided that a member of the class will be appointed, with her consent, as a sponsor, or classmate of each widow of a departed classmate. His aim will be to keep in touch with her, to help her to keep in touch with the class, and to give her any advice or assistance that she may desire. Tentative selections of sponsors were made from volunteers at the meeting. Carruth was authorized to put this new plan in effect, and to furnish each class widow a copy of this issue of ASSEMBLY and a copy of our Forty-Fifth Reunion Dinner program, containing a complete Class Roster, with addresses of all living members.

Our Class Dinner was held at the Officers Club on Monday evening, in the large dining room at the south end of the main floor. No speeches, just a grand time together. During the dinner, the following telegram was sent to Packard, Kennard, Lewis, C. W., Stanford, Harrison, and Houghton, all on "sick report": "We send our affectionate greetings. Wish you could be here. Your classmates". Better luck next time, fellows!

Through Monday we had beautiful weather, but our luck changed on Tuesday. It drizzled all morning, but most of us attended the Open House of all Academic Departments from 10:00 to 12:00 A.M. and saw the impressive array of classrooms and assembly halls in Thayer Hall, the recently remodeled old Riding Hall. It was gratifying to observe that the

time-tested system of small classes, with a daily recitation on every subject by every cadet, is still in effect.

When the time for the Graduation Parade drew near it was raining hard, and since most of us had neither raincoats or umbrellas we were reluctantly forced to stay indoors. However, the downpour was a very practical means of separating the men from the boys, and I think it only fair to them to report that the following braved the elements and saw the parade: Fenn Lewis, Jim and Eleanor Cress, Clara Monroe, John Henry and Marguerite Woodberry, Harold and Betty Bull, Tom Lamphier, Charley Gross, and Jack Jouett. From them, I learned the following details about the parade. It was held in blouses with cross-belts and gleaming brass breast plates. After all this was Graduation Parade with all that it means to those leaving the Corps, to those taking over, and those coming into the sunlight of upperclassdom at last! So the parade went on, in spite of Jupiter Pluvius, and in full regalia and pomp, not in drab and sodden raincoats.

A new departure was this: after the review was over the Superintendent, General Davidson, who was standing in the center of the reviewing line, marched ten paces to the front, faced about and saluted the Graduating Class. After returning his salute, the members of the class faced to the rear and waved to their mothers, sweethearts, friends, and of course, dads. What a happy and natural way to end this traditional ceremony.

We were sorry that none of the class widows could attend this reunion. Helen Hogan did attend for a short time the cocktail buffet for the class given by Charlie and Ella Gross (more about this later) and a number of the Class saw Helen at her home in Cornwall during June Week. We hope that some of the Class widows will grace our Fiftieth Reunion with their presence. We were very happy to have Colonel and Mrs. "Johnny" Brooks, Jr., and Colonel and Mrs. J.S.B. Dick as guests of the class at a number of our events; and this now leads me up to the last and the most enjoyable event we attended as a Class. I refer to the cocktail supper we attended Tuesday

evening at the Quarters of Colonel and Mrs. J.S.B. Dick (she's Lucy Gross, you know) as the guests of Charlie and Ella Gross. It was still raining, but we were warm and happy inside the Dicks' beautiful quarters, on the top of the ridge extending southward from the Chapel, and overlooking, through picture windows, an old-fashioned garden, the much-quartered slope of the post, the Hudson River, and even the countryside and towns on its far bank. When the time came to say the goodbyes they seemed to be interminable, because no one wanted to leave. Our warmest thanks to you, Charlie and Ella, and to you, John and Lucy Dick, for such a fine party—a fitting climax and ending to our reunion.

Here is one more news item on the Graduation Parade which must be treated separately. Jimmy Cress has established an annual award at the Academy in his name and in memory of his father, Brig. Gen. George O. Cress, Class of 1884. The award is known as the Superintendent's Award and is to be "awarded annually by the superintendent to the company of the First (Second) Regiment USCC for outstanding performance in all areas of cadet endeavor." I am quoting from the two handsome bronze rectangular plaques, posted on each side of the doorway of the tactical office building in the area of South Barracks. One, applying to the First Regiment, bears Jim's name, the other, for the Second Regiment, bears the name of Jim's father. Annual award plates will be affixed to these plaques. At this year's graduation parade, for the first time, the winning companies, (Co. "A" of the First Regiment and Co. "B" of the Second Regiment) carried broad award streamers, black with gold edges on their guidon staffs, as they marched past.

Well, I guess that about ends my account of our Forty-fifth. Before closing, I must pay a simple tribute to the majestic beauty of our Alma Mater—its harmonious blending of the old buildings that we knew so well, with the new and more modern structures that are contributing, each in its own way, to the end product of the Academy—worthy sons of today to go out into the world and exemplify the same basic principles of "Duty—Honor—Country" that we have tried to exemplify. To me, and I'm sure to all of us privileged to revisit West Point, "Earth hath not anything to show more fair." And, what is more important than mere pride in the beauty and material equipment of West Point, I feel, from conversation with classmates, that we have left the Reunion realizing that the Academy is carrying out its mission and meeting the challenge of this new world in a wise and efficient manner. We return the salutes of our young brothers-in-arms, and wish them Godspeed.

—John Carruth  
241 Claywell Drive  
San Antonio 9, Texas

## 1915

The first bit of news received since last writing was "Dutch" Aurand's late blooming Christmas card. His explanation for this tardiness: "The old man lost the

coordination in the use of his hands and feet. The result: seven weeks in Tripler Army Hospital. The outlook: as the doctor said, he will either get well in six months or be so used to the disease he won't know he has it." We sincerely pray that the doc's first prognosis obtains. Best luck to you, "Dutch."

You'd hardly think there would be any connection between a prison uprising and a Catholic priest, now, would you? Well, according to an authentic newspaper account, six convicts in a Massachusetts' prison near Boston attempted to escape. They seized and bound six state prison officials including the Catholic chaplain, Rev. Edward F. Hartigan, with electric wire, doused them with gasoline and threatened to kill them. Fortunately, the hostages were rescued by a squad of troops and prison guards. The Saints be praised!

On her trip to Arizona last March, Mamie stopped in San Antonio. My correspondent reports that, "She had a couple of afternoon parties for friends and was her usual charming self."

Hume Peabody and Eddie Lyon were at Kelly A.F.B. in April to attend the annual meeting of the Daedalians, an exclusive association composed of those who held pilot's rating when the 1918 Armistice was signed. Hume insulted my intelligence by insinuating that I didn't know who Daedalus was. All of us educated folks know that Daedalus was that Greek fly-boy who incurred the displeasure of Minos and fashioned wings for himself and his son, Icarus, with which they flew from Crete and escaped to Sicily. The picture of Daedalus in the encyclopedia looks very much like Hume, except for the long white beard. I think it was the droopy tail feathers instead of the beard which reminded me of George—excuse me—Hume, I mean. By the way, that versatile "D" Co. runt is now a recognized cartoonist and is supplying an obscure Maryland "Weekly" newspaper with one cartoon per week. I thought it would be nice for you gents to know that you know a celebrity!

Jimmy Van Fleet was guest of honor at a buffet given by the Korean Embassy in Washington. It was announced at the party that a statue of Van will be unveiled in Korea this summer. Congratulations, Van, old boy, I sure do hope that the Korean pigeons are more respectful than those in our National Capital.

The Bill Covells are on a six month tour of Europe—should be back home in August or September. That guy sure gets around. The Reinold Melbergs are planning a European trip this fall returning home in time to attend our 45th reunion. I am told they have a daughter whose husband is stationed at some A.F.B. in Germany. Lucky stiffs.

Laura and Det Ellis spent almost two months in Florida this spring. They saw the Hanleys, Gibsons, MacKenzies, Zundels, Robinsons, Jones, Wehmans, Tommy Taylors, Peg Lindner and Laura Brownell. All are in the pink.

Three sons of 1915 attended a recent class luncheon at the A & N club in D.C. They are Lt. Col. James B. Ord, Marine Corps; Major Calvert P. Benedict, Inf.; and Capt. Davis, son of the Jack Davises.

The American Institute of Architects

has conferred an honorary membership on Maj. Gen. J. S. (Poopy) Bragdon. Nice going, Stuart.

The following is a word for word copy of a letter to the Editor of the Washington Post of May 27, 1959:

"The day before your May 21 Editorial ran, complimenting Gen. Omar Bradley for his broad-gauged thinking revealed by the statement that a retired general should turn in his tongue along with his uniform, and moth ball his opinions, I had an accidental and revealing encounter with the man. He and I were waiting in line for our cars at a downtown parking garage. We were both in a hurry. The attendant snatched the general's receipt and started away. Gen. Bradley called him back and nodding to me as he took back his ticket, he said, "That gentleman was here first." Proving again that even in small ways, big men prove their bigness." Hells bells we knew that about Brad years ago.

The following classmates were at West Point for June week and attended Gene Leone's usual sumptuous party Sunday afternoon and evening: Boye, Hess, Richards, Laura and Dot Ellis, Marguerite and "Gilly" Gilkeson, Lucy and Leland Hobbs, Dorothea and Harold James, Dora and Harold Small, Mary and Clifford Tate, Mason Young and May and Gene Leone. There was the usual amount of soft drinks consumed, quantities of delectable food eaten and gay banter exchanged. A most delightful time was had by all.

"Venus" Small sent a clipping from the May 30 New York Times announcing the sale of Gene Leone's restaurant. Headlines said: "Leone Sells Cafe but Stays as Host. Restaurant, Long Mecca of Theatre Greats, Bought by Chain Concern." The sale was consummated in April by Gene and the Restaurant Associates, Inc. It was a multi-million dollar deal. At the Sunday 1915 party, Gene, who will remain as host, emphatically stated that there will be the usual class party at his farm next June and again for our 50th reunion. Bless your generous heart, Gene.

"Gibby" Gibson had intended joining the 1915 gang and being with 1914 for their 45th, but was prevented from attending by his wife's ill health and the fact that his oldest brother was buried in Miami June 1. Our sincere sympathy, Gibby.

Mason Young has completed his work in Labrador or New Foundland and is now working in Boston. He is living in his old home in Londonderry and commuting.

At the Supe's reception for the graduating class, Laura and Det ran across "Lev" Williams' daughter, wife of Capt. Patterson who is now stationed at West Point. They learned that "Lev" had suffered a slight stroke recently but was doing fine. Keep your tail over the dash board, old timer, we're expecting you at our 45th next June. With a berth on the post you have no excuse for running an absence.

The reunion committee will most probably send out its "second call" for the 45th reunion before you receive this copy of ASSEMBLY. All you procrastinators are urged not to file this notice in "file 13" but to answer promptly and furnish the committee with the desired information

Act as though your wife were on the committee and demanded to know something pronto.

While on the subject of procrastinators it has come to my attention that a goodly number of 1915 have not sent in changes of business occupation, home address, etc., etc., to the "Register of Graduates and Former Cadets." Deadline for this information to be included in the 1959 Register is June 30. Please get ON your big fat fanny and send this information to Sec. Assn. Grads. before the deadline June 30. The whole world is waiting for this information, gents. No foolin'.

Our class statistician has uncovered the information (Probably with a slip stick) that only 88% of 1915 are members of the Association of Graduates. Those of you who are members should put the heat on those delinquent classmates and point out that they are missing a super-colossal package consisting of:

1. Four issues of ASSEMBLY.

2. The Annual Issue of the Register, an invaluable asset and complete address book which can be used when sending Christmas cards, Wedding invitations, soliciting for funds, or running sales promotion for gold mines, pecan orchards, atomic secrets and strontium 90.

And 3—the now famous notes about a famous class by a famous but modest author. Golly Moses, you just can't miss, fellows.

And now, in case you don't know, I want to inform youse guys that writing these notes has its problems. By this, I mean I am forever writing in the present about the future which is generally read in the past. For example, when I write on June 6 that my wife, Mac, and I shall be in Colorado Springs from June 19 to July 2, you read about it in July or August as it pleases the publisher's fancy. Perhaps we can chalk this up to vagaries. Don't you know what vagaries are? Well, newspaper men use that word to apologize for the weather. For instance you read in the paper that tomorrow will be sunny and mild with a high of 78%. So you plan a picnic and while devouring your second stuffed egg the heavens open up and pour buckets on your little gathering and the temp. drops to 58°. Next day the weather man ascribes this inopportune occurrence to the vagaries of the weather. He says that "a cold front moving east faster than anticipated met a warm front moving north, etc., etc., etc."

Well, I guess at my age one can expect vagaries. Only the very young know what's what. For example, my grandson Jack, age 6, always prefaces his remark with "Granddaddy, you know what?" Since I seldom know what, he tells me. Sometimes he says "Granddaddy, you want to know the truth?" Oh, boy, do I want to know the truth. I want to know the truth about Russia, about sputniks, about life itself and its purpose and about a lot of other things. But in spite of the deep knowledge of my grandson, even he has not been too successful in enlightening me. So I am becoming more and more convinced that we won't know the truth until we are face to face with our Supreme Judge and I hope that we won't find the truth too devastating or condemning.

I think I'll start my next notes with "Dear Classmates, you know what?" and

then because I won't be able to tell you too well "what," you all will just shake your heads and say, "Poor old Wog is having another one of his vagaries."

Dominus robiscum

Wog

—John B. Wogan  
12 Cherry Lane  
Asheville, N.C.

## 1916

June Week brought back to West Point an unusually large group of 1916 for a year with no formal reunion. Maulsby, who comes from Florida every year, was there and Prickett, Moses, Bliss, DeWitt, Walsh, Scott and Mumma; also Nygaard and Swanton who started with us but graduated in April 1917. It was a great get-together.

On his way to West Point "Spike" Maulsby stopped in Washington to see the local 1916 group. Knox and Susan Cockrell had a delightful class buffet supper in his honor and then "Spike" gave his annual lobster dinner for all classmates and wives in the Washington area. Before dinner the Pricketts and the Blisses entertained with a cocktail party. Bob McCullough came down from Philadelphia and we had hoped the Hoges might visit Washington in time for the party, but Nettie had recently undergone a serious operation and it was too soon for her to travel from Cleveland.

This Class certainly gets around. Harlan Mumma has just returned from Florida where he saw Bob Neyland in Sarasota and Paul Parker in Brooksville. Harlan has retired from business and is moving from Indianapolis to Florida. His address after September 1st will be 808 Mandalay Avenue, Clearwater Beach. The Robbs, reported in our last issue as motoring in the Southwest, are now back home in Chapel Hill, N.C. after several months in Mexico. Coming home they passed through San Antonio where the Millers organized a class party for them at the Fort Sam Houston Club. The Wales also had them in for a cocktail party. Rinearson has been having a pretty tough time with the medicos but Robb visited with him at his home. Detouring through Florida they also saw Paul Parker and Andrew. Notley DuHamel was in San Antonio this Spring while his wife, Mab, was in Europe.

"Bruno" Brundred and Jean had hardly returned to Tulsa, Okla., after their trip around the world last Winter before they were planning a trip to the Pacific Coast this Spring and another to Washington, D.C. in the late Summer. Tom and Dolly Martin sold their home in Nashville and moved to Tucson, Arizona in April. Jack Fraser says that increases the permanent 1916 population of the city 100%. Tom plans to build but until the house is completed he is living with his oldest son who is Dean of Engineering at the University of Arizona. "Red" and Bobbie O'Hare returned to Washington in April from their Winter visit to Tucson. The Parker Kuhns were also there for a short visit in February. Bill and "Boots" Spence spent a month in Panama last Winter visiting their married daughter. Bill has sold his store in San Antonio, but we are told that he still maintains some business interests.

Dwight and Laura Johns, who have

been travelling in Europe, wrote that they were leaving Rotterdam early in June to return to the States via transport from Bremerhaven. "Mike" Mitchell says that his brother-in-law, Louie Hibbs, after a long stay in Europe, is back in this country at Mirror Lake, New Hampshire where Mike and his wife will also spend the Summer. The Maurice Millers spent the latter part of May with their son who is G-1 of the Third Army in Atlanta. "Fat" Styers annual letter arrived a few days ago. He says Joe Grant and his wife were in Coronado for a visit and were entertained at a party by the Irvines. "Fat" appears to be going strong—plays golf three or four days a week. Eddie Shaifer, who underwent a serious operation at Brooke Army Hospital, San Antonio, last December, went back home to Laredo, Texas, in April. "Red" O'Hare was unable to be with the Washington group at West Point for June Week as he was in Walter Reed Hospital preparing for an operation.

"Babe" Weyand, after putting the finishing touches on his second book, "The Cavalcade of Basketball", spent six weeks at Southern Pines, North Carolina. His son was then stationed nearby at Fort Bragg. "Babe's" book has now been accepted for publication next year. He and Marie sailed in May for Europe. They were last heard from in Madrid about to leave for Malaga. He says he does not know when they will return. Ferdie and Helen Gallagher's daughter, Laurie, will be married on July 11th to Homer Hackett of Washington, D.C.

The sad news of the death of Hugh Allen Ramsay reached us too late for this column in the Spring issue. He died on February 25, 1959, in Lisbon, Ohio. For thirty-five years he had been an official of a business founded by his father. "Dukes" health had been failing for some time prior to his death. He was a loyal classmate and we will miss him.

—"Brig" Bliss

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## April

## 1917

Notes from the San Francisco Bay area collected and sent by Jim Hayden include a report on the Founders Day Dinner, another on the April 21st class reunion, and brief greetings from the seven classmates who got together on May 1st. Here they are:

The West Point Society, San Francisco Bay Area, had its Founders Day Dinner on Friday March 13th at The Presidio of San Francisco. It was unique in that for the first time in its history it was co-ed. The following classmates attended: Paul and Ida Brown, Alex and Jeannie Campbell, Jack and Isabelle Code, Jim and Laddie Hayden, Spec and Evelyn Irwin, Pete and Edie Kilburn, Louis and Elf Martin, and Doug Wahl.

The 42nd anniversary of our graduation falling on a Monday, with many places closed, the San Francisco reunion was held on Tuesday 21st of April at Moffett Field. Present: Brown, Campbell, Code, Hayden, Keiser, Martin, Wahl. There were toasts to the Oldest Living Graduate, Major General H. C. Hodges,

99 years old 20th April 1959, to the members of the Class of 1917, and to the gals who married into the class of 1917, thereby doing so much to contribute to the success of that class. In response to a wire sent to General Hodges, commenting that we graduated on his 57th birthday, he wrote from his home in Stamford, Conn. "Your birthday wire gave me the greatest pleasure, and I especially appreciate being associated in any way with the distinguished graduates of the Class of April 1917. Two of them, in addition to yourself, sent greetings on their own—General Irving and General Jones, with whom I had the pleasantest relations while they were stationed at West Point. Indeed, I shall look forward to seeing any and all of your class who may be at West Point during June Week."

Notes from some of the West Coast members follow:

Paul Brown—Glad to be aboard at Moffett Field, Calif., with six other April 17ers to celebrate our 42nd anniversary. Hope that all of us get together at West Point for our 45th. Greetings to all classmates and their families from Ida and me.

Jack Code—Isabelle and Jack went to Honolulu with Jim Cress of '14 and Bill and Jule Heavey on vacation. Jack is very busy incorporating a laboratory in Berkeley while still living in Palo Alto.

Jim Hayden—Keeping the home fires burning prevents the Haydens from tripping east this year together. Laddie visits Pete in New York April 25th-May 12th and Jim takes a quickie 24th of May to June 13 to see brother Fred in Washington, son Pete in New York, and attend June week.

Dutch Keiser—This bunch of old crocks looks pretty good to me. At least, the wine is quite heady and perhaps that—plus Jack Code paying the luncheon bill—makes it appear so. Our very best regards to all.

Louis Martin—Wife and son and daughter still bossing me around. Daughter married in Army. Son, Stuart, is class of '49.

Doug Wahl—It's hard to realize that we are 42 years older than—then! From my present viewpoint it seems a shame to waste the vitality of youth on people as young as we were—then! Here's hoping we will be all together for our 52nd.

Jack Nygaard—Here with Jim Hayden for a fine dinner and a splendid evening. In 15 minutes we will see the TV program of Ed Murrow with Pete Dawkins at West Point on "Person to Person". In San Antonio last February attended two swell dinner parties given by Arthur Harper and John Trot Murray and their wives.

And from the East Coast comes this interesting note. Jule and Willis Slaughter became grandparents of twin girls on March 17th, Julia and Janet Bullitt, both just under seven pounds. The mother is Jule and Willis's daughter, Jean, who is the wife of S. A. Davis, a former Naval officer, who is now with U.S. Steel at Morrisville, Pa. All hands are doing well.

Kewp Yuill received a note from Marvil Armstrong, sent from Torremolinos, Malaga, on the southern coast of Spain. Marvil wrote that he had been over there since the first of the year and planned to be home about June 1st.

Seventeeners in the Washington area had a pleasant and interesting luncheon and get-together at Ft. McNair March 25th with our opposites of the Navy, members of the class of 1917, U.S. Naval Academy. The Navy class was represented by K. M. Hoeffel, Frank H. Dean, G. W. Gregory, W. E. Kelly, C. Campbell, Allen Price, and J. G. Stone. Members of our class present were Collins, Crump, Eagles, Eley, Erler, Jackson, Maccon, Noce, Olmstead, Ransom, Schroeder, Slaughter, Cowper Smith, Sam Smith, Vanderhyden, Wooley, Young, and Yuill.

Bill and Jule Heavey, who recently returned, full of enthusiasm, from a two-month vacation in Honolulu and Japan, are dashing off again, this time to Europe. They plan to spend a large part of the time in Italy and Spain and are making a bus tour from Sweden to Italy. They expect to come home in July.

Helen Brown from San Antonio, has been having a wonderful time visiting friends in the Washington area. There have been many parties given in her honor, including one given by Dot and Birdie Eagles at their home in Spring Valley and a luncheon given by Gladys Collins in the Gold Room at Ft. McNair.

"Spec" Nisley sent in an interesting copy of a family newspaper titled "Weemsana," which includes a memorial article to our classmate, "Daddy" Weems, a description of the G. H. Weems Educational Fund, and an account of the presentation of the Weems-Slayden Exhibit to the State of Tennessee for the Tennessee Museum. The Education Foundation was made possible largely through the generosity of "Daddy" Weems, and was named for him. It was established in 1939 as an instrumentality for helping young men and women to obtain the benefits of an education. The Weems-Slayden Exhibit includes "Daddy" Weems's case of medals and his collection of old weapons and other trophies. Among his medals is the Distinguished Service Cross, which was awarded "For extraordinary heroism in action at Vaux, France, July 1 and 2, 1918. . . ."

On January 29 "Pasha" Sullivan retired as Administrative Dean of The Citadel, the position he had held since February, 1954. According to the Citadel's newspaper, "The Brigadier," Sully plans to devote time to his many hobbies, which include people, current events, history, education, travel, and golf.

Chuck Gerhardt writes that Alice, daughter of the Bill McMahaons, has been elected the only Democrat woman delegate to the Convention.

Chuck and Nina "will be knee-deep in kids by 24 May," when Nina, Jr., will arrive from Berlin with her three children for a five-weeks visit.

—Harold R. Jackson  
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Alexandria, Va.

## August 1917

Just back from a trip to Rhode Island. our second in a year, we've fallen in love with Newport. There, for a whole week, we fished Narragansett Bay, did the antique shops, and visited our daughter, Eileen Greene, and Molly, Becky, Michael, and Katy—oh, yes—and Mike ('41) too; he's a student at the Naval War College.

Eileen, with Miriam's backing, is promoting our buying a house up there which we can occupy every Summer and rent to War College students the rest of the year. It's a wonderful idea—much better than Texas, with all deference to Bob Bacon, or than Florida either, for that matter.

Timberlake and Meade wouldn't agree about Florida, we know; they work valiantly to keep Naples healthy and attractive, politick a little where it will do the most good, and otherwise enjoy life with gardening, golf, fishing, and the many visitors who come their way. Tim writes that, following a tour of the colleges, including West Point, with Alice last Summer, daughter Lissa now wishes she were a man; as it is, she will settle for Duke this fall.

Back now to Bob Bacon; as Helen was in Europe, he seized the opportunity to get away from Texas, took off for the West Coast, stopped in Las Cruces to call Delly Delehanty, and then drove on to Carmel where Ynez and Willie Wilson had him out at Rancho Chupinos, along with Anne Williamson and Toodles and Bill Chapman.

Delly and Mildred enjoyed a Mexican trip last Summer. Starting at Juarez—ah, what memories!—they drove through Chihuahua, Durango, Aguascaliente, and on to Guadalajara. Stopping for a few days in Guanajuato, they called Jack Johnson, only to learn that there were no phones. The lovely senorita at the desk, however, knew El Coronel well and promptly prepared a map that "would have done credit to an Engineer," so Jack commented. He has a beautiful home, Mexican style, with two greenhouses and he makes a hobby of collecting orchids from the Mexican mountains. Delly suspects that he does some hunting too; he noticed a number of fine rifles.

The Spider Malings are settled, as of June 1st, in their new home at 147 West Cadiz, San Clemente, Calif., and they love Southern California—swell, year-round climate, wonderful beach, and fine swimming. They have seen quite a bit of Kay Barnes, enjoying especially one night when she had them over for cocktails and dinner with Gretl and Frank Bertholet who had driven down from Arcadia.

*Sad News:* Henry Bobrink died suddenly on the 16th of April at his home in Menlo Park. "He had not been ill at all," wrote Mary Louise, "he was in fine shape, and we had had a wonderful day . . . he was standing changing his clothes and I was right by him, when he just suddenly went. Not a sound or a moment of pain."

Bo's funeral was simple; services at Palo Alto and burial at The Presidio of San Francisco with Mikey Kernan, Jack Mallory, and Ken More present to represent August 1917. Pablo and Laura Cole were in the act of sailing for the Far East and were unable to come.

Isabelle and Parry Lewis have taken off on their annual Volkswagen prowl of Europe. No fixed itinerary this time, they say, and no teen-agers either; they just want to enjoy the Swiss, Bavarian, Tyrolean, and Italian Alps until next October.

With farms and cattle almost paid for, Mac Graham plans to travel too; he wants to look over Mexico, Australia, and Argentina and he asks, "Where in Argen-

tina is the best cattle country, outside the Pampas?" Mac is trying to look out for the future; he worries about inflation; Georgie won't listen when he tells her how to protect herself by staying away from bonds and buying land, commodities, and good common stocks; and the politicians, who aren't economists, only try to butter up the fools who want something for nothing.

May Heavey proudly announces that her grandson—whose name she thinks best to withhold for the time being—will join the Corps of Cadets this Summer as a member of the Class of 1963, the first of August '17's grandsons, she believes, to follow in his grandfather's footsteps.

Jules Schaefer is a proud man too. Not given to boasting in spite of a few things like the B-29, the B-47, and the trans-Atlantic jet airliner of which he well might boast, you should hear him now. He recently became a grandfather for the sixth time but this time was different. "It is my first grandson with the name of Schaefer," he says.

Henry Gantt keeps very busy on his Gloucester Point water front farm; what with classes at William and Mary, gardening (half an acre), spraying, pruning, and gathering fruit (40 trees), farming (10 acres), working as carpenter, plumber, and electrician on his home, garage, apartment, and other buildings and as an auto, boat, and tractor mechanic, and putting four brilliant daughters through four separate colleges, he has little time for his hobbies of golf, tennis, hunting, and bridge.

Here's another busy man. Jack Knight, in addition to all his business activities—much heavier now that business isn't so good—is Chairman of the Mayor's (New Orleans) Committee for the Coordination of all Building Codes and Laws and an Engineering Society's Delegate on the Greater New Orleans Code Committee.

A man who shuns publicity, Louie Snell has done something we always used to plan on doing and we must tell of it. He found a Vermont—where people live quietly among the finest scenery in the world—farm of 160 acres with a century old brick house in fine condition at a price he could afford and he bought it.

Just west of Mount Mansfield, it's three miles from the village and 20 from Fort Ethan Allen. He has felt at home with the New Englanders from the day of his arrival and he likes their way of life; it's just his speed. In fact, what with the new ski developments and trying to keep up with other states in industry, tourist trade, and super highways, their speed is becoming just a little too much for him.

*Washington Social Notes:* Spring Class Parties included May Heavey's Luncheon for the Ladies at the Army and Navy Country Club, Emily Bingham's Cocktail Party in her Connecticut Avenue apartment, Biff and Elizabeth Jones' Annual Brawl for all Washington in honor of daughter Barbara O'Grady and family (now en route to duty in Venezuela), and Louise and Al Paca's Class Dinner at their South River home near Annapolis.

A feature of this latter was the exercise in Map Reading which preceded it. We ourself did beautifully, what with Miriam, Marguerite Eyster, and Alice O'Keefe all assisting; we never missed a turn until that very last one where some

joker had turned the road signs around. Even that we corrected after only a few miles, then rescued Red Durfee and the Warners who had taken the same wrong turn, and still arrived among the very first to complete the course successfully.

The monthly Class Luncheons at the Army and Navy Club on the second Monday of each month are a never failing joy to those of us fortunate enough to live in or be in Washington at the right time. The Class of 1915 has its table alongside ours—except when the President is present—and we enjoy that too.

Carl Hocker, head of our Beast Detail, was present at a recent one and he left his own Class to join us. How he knew us after all these years, we'll never know, but he did; we guess he had left his mark upon us. It was wonderful, enjoying such intimacy with the man who had given us our start.

The ladies of the Class, we hasten to note, enjoy their monthly luncheons too, but neither the place nor the date is fixed. Ladies visiting in Washington should make their presence known.

And all classmates and their ladies are urged to time their Washington visit so that they may join us at our Veterans (or Armistice) Day Luncheon, held each year at the Army and Navy Club on the 11th of November. With never less than 40 present, it is a highlight of the year and we hope that you can arrange to be present.

—Leo B. Conner  
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Washington 6, D.C.

## June 1918

I just received a letter from *Jim Pichel*. Jim had written me about *Grupe* who was in the VA Hospital at Menlo Park for a great many years. I sent some back numbers of ASSEMBLY to Grupe, only to have them returned with the remark "unknown" on them, so I wrote Jim asking him to find out if Grupe had died, and he wrote back that Grupe had died in the hospital April 27, 1953. So please add underscoring to his name on the Class Address List. The 10 year book shows him to have married in 1921 and to have had a daughter in 1927. If anyone has the address of his wife, please furnish it to me.

I'm going to tell you about numerous classmates with ailments which are serious. *Pat Tansey* has recently been operated on for perforated ulcers at Fort Belvoir and now he is getting along fine.

*Spike Lorence* had a lot of himself cut out, including half his tongue—and now is talking again and doing fine.

*Sam Sturgis* is another who is suffering from a rare disease—Parkinson's Disease. I'm told that Sam can look forward to paralysis if he lets it go, so he has set a date in October when he'll go to a surgeon in Boston and have an operation. The surgeon will do something to his brain in the expectation of halting his ailment. Sam is withal just as jolly as he was when a cadet.

At the Executive Committee meeting 18 April, 1959, six members were absent, five present. *Bill Barriger* moved

the following procedure for floral tribute to deceased classmates, which was seconded and approved:

"Any classmate who gains knowledge of the death of another classmate, his wife or widow, or of any serious crisis occurring in a classmate's family, is requested to wire the information collect to Lt. Gen. S. D. Sturgis, 3025 Cleveland Ave, NW, Washington 8, DC.

"Where the funeral services for any classmate, his wife or widow, are held outside Washington, and where interment is outside the Washington area, any classmate in the vicinity is requested to send an appropriate floral tribute in the name of the class. Cost should be reported to the Class Treasurer, Col. T. F. Kern, 8000 W Beach Drive, NW, Washington 12, DC."

The Association of Graduates reports that the following classmates are not members of the Assn of Grads and not subscribers to its publications (ASSEMBLY and Register of Grads): Alexander, Bagby, Bell, Catte, Fenn, Gillespie. The following are members of the Assn but are not subscribers: Cruse, Gerhard, Hales-ton, Hurt, Hoffman, Irish, Knight, Lamar, Leeper, Malone, McKee CE, McKee RC, NcNamee, Neilson, Nixon, Oliphant, Paterson, Smith, Stenzel, Timothy, Weeks, Whitaker. So these remarks in Class Notes are lost on thirty percent of the class. Will those who live in the same vicinity as classmates in the list above send them the latest ASSEMBLY for their perusal? And also talk up their joining the list of subscribers?

At the Executive Meeting, *Sam Sturgis* was urged to get in touch with *Pat Casey* and have him transfer the Class bond to the new Treasurer. The bond or bonds were purchased by *Dean* for the class from funds which accrued from his sale of our Howitzers to the plebes of successive classes. It is a \$1000.00 bond or perhaps more. Now is the time to have it transferred definitely so that our class fund should be nearer \$1680.00 instead of \$680.00.

*Bill Barriger* received word from Colonel Schick at West Point that Ward's plaque had been completed and placed, that the expense would be borne by the Cullum Fund and that Kern need not expect any bill from them.

*Barriger* saw *Matty Matthews* at the Army Navy Club one day and they had a drink at the bar where they met *Hewitt*, who was here defending a Budget request. *Matty* spent the night with *Barriger* and they and *Bob and Louise Bishop* went out and had dinner together. On that occasion *Bishop*, who was up the pole for Lent, broke down and drank sherry or a champagne cocktail. *Hewitt* is still Boundary Commissioner and says he still likes the job. *Bill Barriger* made a speech in New York at the Gold Medal Award Dinner, Metropolitan Association, Amateur Athletic Union. He saw the *Davidsons* and *Counts*, down from West Point, and had the report that *Ollie Oliphant* was doing well. *Bill* and *Mickey* celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary on June 5th at the Army Navy Club—cocktails and buffet.

*Bud Miley* and *Finie* gave a Cocktail Party and Buffet at the Club during the first part of May. Then *Finie* went to visit her people in Mississippi.

EXTRACTS from recent letters are as follows:

*Dot Casey to Elsie Townsley*: "You would never know *Pat*. He looks better than he has in years, brown and full of good spirits. I can't say full of pep because we have both gotten so lazy that we are going to find it hard to get back in harness... *Matty* didn't find the job in Jamaica to his liking and returned last week. He was with us five days and then left for the north to see what he could find there."

*Jim Pichel*: I just returned from a month in the Hawaiian Islands. Mildred and I enjoyed every minute out there even if it has changed from sleepy polynesian to brisk bustling modernity with freeways and traffic. Enjoyed a little gathering with *Bart* and *Virginia Harloe* at their lovely home on a slope of Diamond Head. *Bart* runs the summer course for executives at University of Hawaii in addition to his other professorial duties and is doing quite a good job. We visited many relatives from old times; found them just as hospitable and gracious as ever.

*Ed Grupe* was a patient at VA Hospital, Willow Road, Menlo Park, Calif., for almost twenty years. It is some years since I saw him but I thought he was still there. He got a brain condition quite suddenly (thought to have been induced by a badly infected tooth) and had to end a brilliant career as an actuary for a big insurance concern. Every time I saw him he had some lucid moments and recognized me—but as a fellow cadet. His memory didn't go any further toward the present. One time he was re-living his 2nd Lt. days on the Mexican border in 1918-1919. He looked very well but it was tough carrying on conversation with him, and the authorities didn't encourage visitors. He died there April 27, 1953.

Had lunch with *Pierre Agnew* the other day. In spite of our being working folks we both threw discretion to the wind and had Martinis before lunch, so you know we are both in good shape. *Pierre* looks well but says he would like to lose a few pounds. Also saw *Paterson* at the Army-Navy game meeting at The Presidio and *Pat* says he himself has lost a few pounds (but I couldn't realize it). Inspecting San Francisco's restaurants for the Health Dept. gives *Pat* lots of temptation for tasty food.

Sorry to hear of *Jim Newman's* death. *Alice Kramer* phoned to tell us. Sure hope *Robbie* will keep up class contacts. We enjoyed her at the reunion last June.

*Robbie Newman*: I am going to Europe for three weeks with friends in the hope that the trip and the time element will help me. I do wish you would thank the Class of 1918 for the beautiful flowers, in behalf of Jim's two sons and myself.

The first Distinguished Service Citation ever awarded by the Cleveland Chapter was presented to *Maj Gen Leo M. Kreber*, Adj. Gen. of Ohio. It read: "To Major General Leo M. Kreber—in recognition of his distinguished service to the United States, both in and out of his country's wars and as Adj. Gen. of Ohio. This citation is designed to reflect the esteem in which he is held by his many friends and admirers, both in the military and civilian populations."

*Robbie Robinson*: *Barbara* and I got

up to see two football games and saw the *Gruhns*, *Bellingers*, *Wards* and several others of the football viewers. In early January we took a month's vacation and drove my youngest son's new Olds out to Los Angeles, going through Mobile, New Orleans and San Antonio, visiting first my oldest daughter's family at Carlisle Barracks. We saw the *Holmans* in San Antonio and had a very pleasant trip driving 4300 miles in ten days. At Los Angeles we visited with two of my sons (both engineers with aviation companies). The oldest, Michel (W.P. 1943) resigned from the Air Force in 1957. It was my first long vacation in four years and we saw 8 of our 12 grandchildren.

This summer I plan to get up to my camp in the woods back of Plymouth, Mass., and loll around for a few weeks. Last summer, had my three daughters (all married in the army) up there, but this year they will be moving to Germany, Belvoir and California. What a life!

**Clarry Townsley:** Tomorrow Els and I take off for Charleston to visit Mrs. Stuart. Hope to see *Eddie Sibert* and *Red Alexander* while there. The painters left yesterday. Now we are trying to find everything that got moved in the process. Els chose this chaotic time to have a fine case of flu, but she is OK (?) now.

**Breezy Hudson:** Autobiographies are for the noted only. However, will try to get one together. We see the Hewitts often. Also keep in touch with *Caffey*, *Cruse* and *Delahenty* ('17). *Henderson* ('16) and *Jones* ('16) also live here. *Bob Horr* stops by. We are expecting him momentarily.

**Bit Barth:** I will try to do my part with an autobiography for the 45 year book. Such a small presentation will probably be expensive but you can count on me for financial support unless I hit the poor house before then. This refers to the fact that we have just build a house here in Leavenworth. Believe it or not, I was my own architect and it turned out very well. The old drawing academy course really paid off.

**Flash! Flash!** Here's some hot news. *Gene Caffey* has come out from behind the bush, but still sports one of those handle-bar mustachios. No, I'm wrong. It is said to be a short cropped mustache. I heard a rumor that he'd cut off the beard and wrote Savvy Cruse to get the latest authentic dope. Savvy's reply follows:

**Savvy Cruse:** I finally made a trip over to Gene Caffey's office. Gene says to tell you that since the Democrats won the last election, he thought it was safe to come out from behind the ambush so he cut off the beard but retained a short cropped mustache.

Gene has been a partner in the law firm of Darden & Caffey, which was joined recently by ex-Governor Mechem, and the name is now Darden, Caffey & Mechem. It's one of our best law firms and I guess Gene is doing very well. We visit each other every once in a while downtown here over a cup of coffee.

Most of my time since retirement has been taken up being Secretary of the Masonic Lodge, which has considerable property and business affairs. Makes a good retired job as I don't have to punch any time clocks, and still have all the work I can find time to do. I do an engineering job occasionally for several con-



Savvy Cruse and Sons: Philip M. Cruse (largest), Robert B. Cruse. Two grandsons belong to Philip. Both sons Electronic Engrs.—Philip in Santa Barbara, Robert in Los Angeles.

tractors around here when they get hard pressed. Have also donated a couple of tours as Chairman of the City Planning Commission, and a Member of the Zoning Board and a few other odds and ends but found that I was getting swamped with more than I could do, so had to quit some of them. So, all around, I'm doing about what I please, having lots of fun at it, and never seem to have any surplus time.

**Carrol Tye:** Thanks for your card. The C. in C. of the Tye menage is named Anne.

As for an autobiography of myself... I will only brief you on what has happened in the past few years.

About five years ago I decided that I had had enough of the "rat race" and retired from all business activities. Anne and I settled down on a little knoll overlooking the San Fernando Valley and endeavor to enjoy our "sunset years" My only regret is that I didn't come to this decision many years ago...

Anne and I did expect and planned to go back to the 40th reunion, but unfortunately just prior to that time Anne had a very serious operation and we couldn't make it. But, God willing, we will be there for the 50th.

See very few of our classmates out here. At the Annual West Point Dinner Johnny Haleston and I usually uphold the honors for June 1918.

**Red Alexander:** My wife (Ruth) says for me to tell you that she is very far from both "death" and "divorce". She seems to get younger instead of older. I am enjoying very good health after some years of very poor health. My son, Robert, graduated at the College of Charleston with a BS in Chemistry; my daughter, Patricia Anne, married (retired Navy) and has two children; my son, Henry, is now employed at the US Navy Yard in Charleston.

**John Haleston:** I am still a bachelor and no prospects in sight. I intended to make the last class reunion but my bad leg was in such shape that I remained as the No. 1 beachcomber in California.

**Harry Sherman:** Same wife, very much alive. My two daughters are also very much alive and have presented me with three grandchildren each—3 boys and 3 girls. Am still in good health.

**Bob Horr:** Present wife's name is Marjorie—much water having gone over the dam since the Ten Year Book.

**Daddy Leeper:** Tell the boys Hello for me when you see them.

**Paul Malone:** Hope to get together with my classmates at one of the reunions.

**Irish:** I have lost contact with West Point living way out here in the West, but I hope to take a renewed interest. I lost my wife and my father this past year but I am remarried and I want Mary Elizabeth (Betsy) to know of West Point and meet my classmates. We will be at the next reunion if all goes well.

**Growley Gruhn:** Tom is now a First Lieutenant at Ft. Bragg with the 82nd Airborne Div. He was in the Panama long range drop. He is an honorable First Lieutenant—still a bachelor. Our daughter Ruth is preparing for her PhD generals scheduled for this Spring. She has a National Science Foundation scholarship for pre-doctoral study of Anthropology. She completed her residence requirements at Radcliffe in June. She has also received \$2500 for a digging project near Pocatello, Idaho, that she will be in charge of, as a basis for her doctoral dissertation.

**Spike Lorence:** *Anna Mary* and I spent the month of February in Florida in the St. Petersburg gulf area and the Orlando Lake area. After a short check-up at Walter Reed Hospital, we spent March 15—April 15th in the Mid-West between Marion, Ind., and Clinton, Iowa, areas. Back to Washington and more check-up, all of which are most favorable, we will leave on May 27 for our summer home in the Green Mts. of Vermont, on Lake Neal, a mile from Lunenburg, Vt. We have a guest house up there as well as the main lodge—the purpose of which is to provide stop-over privileges for classmates, their wives and families touring that part of the country. Lunenburg is on National Highway No. 2—seven miles West of Lancaster, N.H., twenty East of St. Johnsbury, Vt., and forty miles from the Canadian border. The Postmistress will direct you to Lorence Lodge on Neal Lake.

**Phil Gallagher:** We have recently formed a West Point Society here in Columbus, which embraces the civilian community as well as Fort Benning. I guess because I am the Oldest and Ughest, I was elected its first President. Night before last we had our Founders Day Dinner at the Officers Club at Benning—almost 30 in attendance. Our guest of honor and principal speaker was none other than *Major General Paul B. Malone*, Ret, who lives in Sarasota with his youngest son, Kerwin. Kerwin is a retired Colonel of the Air Force, and his son, Capt. Paul B. Malone III, a West Point graduate, flew in from Fort Rucker for the dinner. So we had three generations of Malones—*General Malone*, *Kerwin* and *Paul B III*. Gen. Malone is now 86 but he rose to the occasion and gave a truly wonderful talk. Our Paul has a son, *Daniel K. Malone*, now a 1st Lt. in Germany who is a graduate of West Point 1955 and, according to the "Old Man" he is a wonderful kid. Most interesting family and one to be proud of.

**Charlie Lifsey:** I see *Lloyd Mielenz* and *Maurine* quite often at Macon and usually see him each month at a retired officers luncheon here in Atlanta. I believe he is now in Europe as he had been planning a trip. Recently saw on a large advertising sign near Live Oak, Florida, the name HELVENSTON, which struck

a responsive chord so stopped and found a former classmate who was found our plebe year. He is doing very well indeed with an insurance and loan business. He has three children and four grandchildren. Although recovering from an operation, he looked fine.

We are deeply grateful for this response to our appeal; also to those classmates who have undertaken to get dope from those in their own areas.

—Harry Underwood  
8 East Lenox Street  
Chevy Chase 15, Md.

November

1918

Robert A. Schow, Jr., was the only class son in the Class of 1959. Of course Bob and Tiny were on hand to see their son graduate—"in the Engineers", Bob is careful to emphasize with a proud smirk. Bob is with R.C.A. as a Staff Consultant of the Electronics Division in Alexandria. Young Bob is taking training for Army Aviation.

Heinie Bergman was at West Point for one day: Curtis, Groves, Peckham, Glasgow, Shaler for several days. The Conrads were at The Squirrels.

Pinkey Lock writes from 960 West Muirlands Drive, La Jolla, Cal.: "We all live a fairly quiet life. Al and Eleanor Riani live here. They enjoy good health, swimming and golfing, and had a trip to Mexico this Spring. Their son and daughter live nearby and three nice grandchildren—two girls and a boy. Pete and Venita Goerz live in La Mesa in a nice house with a large garden and fruit trees. They both love gardening which agrees with them as they both look fine. Isobel and I (the Locks) live in La Jolla. We do a lot of golfing and swimming. Our daughter and her husband, Kort Falkenberg, both actors in Hollywood, visit us frequently and we also see them frequently on TV. They have a seven-year-old son, our only grandchild. There are quite a few retired Army and Navy people in the San Diego area. We get together frequently for dinner or cocktails. We lead an easy-going life. I had dinner with Pete recently. He sends his best."

Al Miller writes on the Boston letterhead of United Investment Counsel, Inc., but with Allison Miller, 12140 Tiptoe Lane, Los Altos, Cal.; Telephone YOrkshire 7-1397 printed in red on the right: "On March 11th the Rogers celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary. It was a very pleasant affair. The Kendalls and ourselves were the only classmates present. A few days later was the Founders Day dinner at The Presidio. There was a little better turnout of classmates this time. It was the first time that the ladies were invited to Founders Day which caused much comment pro and con and will be settled at the business meeting of the Bay Area Society later this month. Present with their wives were: Epes, Ericson, Huston, Gorkinski, Butler, Monroe, Mueller and ourselves. The several cadets in attendance gave the party a real atmosphere. Later I ran into Dietrich who missed the dinner because guests arrived that day. It was good to see the Count and we all appreciated his coming all the way down

from Sacramento. Late in April I had the pleasure of spending an evening with Drex and Rose Dana at their home in Bakersfield. Drex had just moved his office—he is now in the real estate business with geology taking very little of his time—but he did put on a fine lunch at a local beanery. His daughter is graduating from Stanford this June with a degree in geology and a Summer job in the field awaiting her. I saw Eddie Pope and Mali and Frances and Maude Mueller over on the top of the hill behind Oakland at Mac Monroe's. We were all guests at an excellent dinner and tour of Mac's yard. The yard is something to see. With Mac both thumbs must be green for he has done a wonderful job. When in Los Angeles earlier this month I tried to reach Shaler on the phone to find that he was in the north end of the state.

"The following classmates were at the annual business meeting of the San Francisco Alumni Assn. May 23rd: Hughes, Ericson, Huston, Miller, and of course Monroe, this year's president. Johnny Hughes reported that he had been delayed in starting his projected new house and walnut rancho up near Clear Lake, since after two tries at well drilling he had not hit water. He plans to build a dam this Summer and impound a lake to furnish water and hopes to be able to get going on the dam right soon, with the house to start this next Fall or Winter. He has resigned from his job with the Capital Co., the construction affiliate of Bank of America, and is now a consulting engineer. Mac held a mighty snappy meeting."

Fred Person writes from 110 El Rancho Way, San Antonio 9, Texas: "Saw Chris Knudsen several weeks ago. He was in the best shape he has been in for some time. He had a very serious operation last Summer and has to have a follow-up this Summer. If condition means anything he will come through, and we are all pulling for him. Andy and Jo March are going out to Santa Monica, Cal., for a visit with their daughter Joanne and husband. Joanne is expecting her first child. Babe Gullatt was in town during a period of raw cold weather and I didn't get to see him but did talk to him over the phone. He had been at Houston and saw Frank Corzelius, and said Frank's health had recovered to such an extent that he was now able to go to his office for short periods of time. Alex Mackenzie had sold his home in San Antonio and has bought some property near Devine, Texas, where he is building a house. Alex has built a home wherever he has been, so with all of his experience this one should be a real dream house.

"I had a nice note from Harry Hillard. He and Marie were in fair health. He said he expected to be in San Antonio in the near future for a physical check-up. While I was on a wild turkey hunt (got one, too) the latter part of December, Gorman was in the city and placed a call for me. I was sorry I missed him. Jake Freeman said I was misinformed about him having two cigars in his mouth, that instead, it was two large gumdrops for those sweet twin granddaughters. I saw Charley and Cora Moore recently and both are in excellent health. I haven't seen Chadwick, Dunkelberg, Mackenzie or Webster but feel they are all right or somebody

would have reported on them to me. I may get to see some of them at the annual West Point dinner and if I do I will report on them next time.

"I completed all the work necessary for a Masters Degree except the writing of a thesis. I have it about half completed and hope to finish it within the next few months. My academic requirements have been completed. It has been hard work for the old goat, but I have enjoyed it.

"I certainly enjoyed the last ASSEMBLY where so many had written in about their activities and of other classmates. Those that didn't write in, write to Bryan, and those that did, keep it up."

—G. Bryan Conrad  
White Post, Va.

1919

Our 40th reunion has come and gone. 74 members of the class showed up at one time or another during the festivities, 42 of them accompanied by their wives. Also present as guests of the class were 7 widows of classmates. In addition, two sisters and three daughters attended some of the events. Finally, among those present was Colonel R. John West, USA Ret. who was made an honorary member of the class during our famous Italian trip of 40 years ago.

The reunion started on Saturday, 30 May, with about half of those present in attendance at the Army-Navy baseball game. That evening the principal social function was a cocktail-buffet in the main dining room of the West Point Army Mess attended by 111 persons. On the following day at the class picnic at Round Pond, 121 individuals were counted. The weather was perfect, and during the course of the proceedings the Class President read messages from various members of the class who could not be present, in particular one from Nate Twining from his room in Walter Reed Hospital. On the evening of the 31st, about 118 attended the big alumni dinner dance in the Cadet Mess.

On Alumni Day, 68 members of the class marched in the Alumni Parade to the exercises at the Thayer Monument. All of these were present at the Alumni Luncheon at which Tony McAuliffe presided and was reelected President of the Association of Graduates for a second term. Following the Alumni Review, pictures of those assembled were taken by Mr. A.A. Kepler, 38 Prairie Ave., Suffern, N.Y. Two pictures are available, one of the men and a second of the mixed group of men and their ladies. Mr. Kepler will provide copies to anyone desiring them for \$1.00 each plus 25¢ postage.

The final event of the reunion was the class dinner at Bear Mountain Inn, Monday night, 1 June. The count at this party was 102 persons. With Kyke Allan, the Class President, acting as toastmaster, toasts were drunk in champagne provided for the occasion by Verde Green and Fritz Marlow. The first toast was to the memories of our recently departed No. 1 man academically, George Horowitz, and in cadet rank, Paul Donnally. A second toast was drunk to those members of the class who had made the supreme sacrifice for their country. Another toast honored the class four-star generals; Mc-

Auliffe and Wyman were present at the dinner. A telegram of greeting and good wishes was dispatched to Twining wishing him speedy recovery from his recent surgery; Gruenther was prevented from attending by the conflict of dates with the annual meeting of the American Red Cross, Wedemeyer by urgent personal considerations and Palmer by his duties in Europe. The *piece de resistance* of the evening was an address by Colonel R. John West, honorary member of the class and its special guest on this 40th reunion. Colonel West's address, in addition to reminiscences of our Italian adventure in 1919, contained a wealth of philosophy, reflections upon a service career and a large infusion of native wit. Your scribe proposes to send copies of this address to all who were present at Bear Mountain for their personal files. If anyone else wishes a copy, there is a limited supply of extras available.

From the many pleasant remarks made about the various events at the reunion, it appears to your scribe that this was both the biggest and the best we have ever had, in spite of slight snafus at the dinner dance and the ladies luncheon (events beyond the control of your committee). At the time this must go to press, a final financial accounting is not possible. It now seems probable that the Committee will end up in the black. Rather than pay an insignificant dividend to all present, however, your Committee proposes to put any surplus into the class fund, which needs a slight infusion of new capital about once every five years. Unless objection is raised, it will be assumed that this course of action is approved. The final accounting will be published in this column in the Fall issue of ASSEMBLY.

For the record, those in attendance at one or another or all of the events were as follows: Carlisle and Emmy Allan, Stu and Helen Barden, Bill Barton, Brick and Helen Bartlett, Bunker and Jeanne Bean, Jimmy Boyd, Sladen Bradley, Mike and Marjoie Brannon, Gus and Bobbie Broberg, Jack and Mary Burns, Bob Carter, Mose Chadwick, Dick Coursey, Joe and Maxine Cranston, John and Anne Crowe, Frank Davis, Link and Elsie Dillaway, Fred and Marianne Dodge, Bill and Buzz Dunham, Pat Echols, Hugh Elliott, Dick Emery, Skag and Billie Faine, Fuzzy Fasnacht, Don Fay, Buddy and Dorothy Ferenbaugh, Les Flory, Syd and Bea Gould, Roy and Rosalind Green, Elton and Georgina Hammond, Jimmy and Edith Harbaugh, John and Bert Hardin, Hei and Ann Heiberg, Jake Jacoby and his daughter, Herb and Anabel Jones, Andy Kanaga, Pat Kennedy, Ike and Margie Lawrence, Martin and Pearl Loeb, Doc and Opie Loper, Jack and Dolly Madison, Fritz and Lynn Marlow and his sister, Tony and Helen McAuliffe, Gene and Peggy McGinley, Henry Meyer and his sister, Si and Babe Morgan, Jack and Irene Murphy, Henry and Deborah Nichols, Joe and Margaret Odell, Dick and Emma Overshine, Joe and Marion Phelps, Fred Porter, Jack and Alex Raaen, Bill and Janice Regan, Ernest Riley, Morey Rosenthal, Bob and Erma Samsey, Harris and Gretchen Scherer, Don and Bea Shingler, Skelly Skelton, Loftie Snodgrass, Horace and Minette Speed, Bill and Vera Stephens, Dallas Swan, Red

Szymanski, Joe and Francis Tate, Bully Van de Graaff, R. John West, Jim White, Jack Whitelaw, Phil Whitney, Count Wilson, Walter and Ruby Winn, Bill and Ethel Wyman, Ham Young, Wallace Bruner, Sis Donnally and her two daughters Joan and Cynthia, Mildred Horowitz, Phyllis Jervey, Rosa Kerr, Louise Macmillan, and Catherine Niblo.

Among the last minute cancellations on account of illness were messages from Joe and Francis Dalbey from Calif., Bob Hill from New Mexico and Jack Dominey from Brooklyn. Charlie Jackson in declining wrote very interestingly on his career in the Marine Corps. His decorations as an enlisted man included the Silver Star and two Purple Hearts.

Bob Carter made the editorial page of *Time* Magazine this Spring by virtue of his collection of autographed *Time* covers. Al Gruenther was recently named "National Father of the Year" by the National Fathers Day Committee.

Dave Latimer writes from Paxton, Ill., that his wife Bess passed away suddenly on 20 December 1958. She is survived by two brothers, by her daughter Mrs. Jean L. Garrity of Worth, Ill., and her son Major Harry D. Latimer, USA. She was buried at Delavan, Wis., 22 December. We all extend our deepest sympathy to Dave in his bereavement.

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

## 1920

On March 18th President Eisenhower named General Lyman L. Lemnitzer to succeed General Maxwell D. Taylor as Chief of Staff of the Army effective on June 30, 1959, upon the retirement of General Taylor. Lyman Lemnitzer, who is now Vice Chief of Staff of the Army as all know, has a reputation for successful negotiations. He has served, sometimes in quite spectacular fashion, in negotiations with allies and foes both in peace and in war. Also, he has figured often in negotiations with Congress in many ques-

tions of legislation. Since he has been Vice Chief of Staff Lemnitzer has given vigorous support to the Army's opposition of some of the Administration's defense policies. It is highly probable that this campaign will continue without much change after the retirement of General Taylor and Lemnitzer takes over the reins as the Army's Chief of Staff.

"Lem", our classmate from Honesdale, Pa., was a combat artillery officer in World War II. He won great additional distinction as a staff officer, planner, and negotiator.

He served with General Eisenhower in North Africa and in Great Britain. He accompanied General Mark Clark on a secret submarine mission to North Africa in advance of the North African invasion.

"Lem" played a prominent role also in the discussions which led to the Italian surrender, and he managed Allied discussions with the German High Command in Switzerland that led to the German surrender, and he managed Allied discussions with the announcement of Lemnitzer's appointment came another announcement that General Thomas D. ("Tom") White, Air Force Chief of Staff, was named for a second two-year term to begin July 1, 1959.

The entire Class of 1920 salutes these two famous and distinguished members of whom we are justly very proud.

On March 14, 1959, Founders' Day was celebrated in several places by appropriate exercises and speeches. An alumni dinner on this date was held at MacDill AFB in Florida. Eleven 1920 classmates attended this dinner, during which the "oldest grad" from the USMA Class of 1899 was honored and W. A. Ganoe, USMA '07, was elected president and our classmate Leland S. Smith was elected vice president of the Florida West Point Society. Previously, Smith had been secretary and treasurer of this organization. The 1920 men who attended the dinner were: "Bill" Crist, "Bill" Tomey, "Don" Van Sickler, George DeGraaf, Homer Kiefer, Leland Smith, Maurice Daniel, Loper Lowry, Russell Smith,



GENERAL THOMAS D. WHITE, CHIEF OF STAFF, U.S. AIR FORCE, AND ELEVEN 1920 CLASSMATES AT THE FOUNDERS' DAY DINNER, WALDORF-ASTORIA, NEW YORK CITY, MARCH 14, 1959—Left to right: Collins, J. G., McNulty, Blaik, Leehey, Cullum, Travis, Lanahan, Raymond, J. E., Chitterling, "Tom" White, Smith Partridge.

Clarence Schabacker, and Claude McQuarrie.

The N.Y. West Point Society held its Founders' Day dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria. The principal speaker at this dinner was General Thomas D. ("Tom") White, Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force. The dinner was attended by a total of twelve 1920 classmates including "Tom" White. A photograph of this distinguished group appears elsewhere on this page.

At still another Founders' Day dinner on the 14th of March held at Hanscomb AFB (Lincoln Laboratories), Cambridge, Mass., the following classmates were in attendance: Lt. General Clovis E. Byers, "Foxy" Sturman, and John Barheidt. At this dinner Cadet Michael James Gillette, the son of your scribe and then a first classman, addressed the guests. Michael was one of the five Rhodes Scholars from his class (USMA '59) invited to speak at official gatherings away from West Point during the year.

On the 15th of May, "Hank" Hodes visited West Point after his retirement from active duty as Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Army in Europe and Commanding General of the Central Army Group on 31 March 1959 at Mannheim, Germany. "Hank" came to West Point to spend some time with his son, Captain J. T. Hodes, Armor, on duty in the Tactical Department, and to enjoy a visit with the Captain's family and the grandchildren. He made a round of the departments headed by his classmates at West Point, answered many questions about his long and distinguished career, and reminisced about his cadet days at West Point.

An item from the *Rocky News*, Denver, Colo., dated April 22, 1959, was recently sent to me for inclusion in this column. It described a mammoth real estate transaction which was recently planned and executed by our classmate E. Sanford ("Sam") Gregory of Van Schaack and Company in Denver. This transaction resulted in the transfer of possession of the entire Denver United States National Center to the Denver United States National Bank. The transfer of this property was concluded by the signing of 120 different documents. Sixteen and one-half million dollars were involved in the transaction. Congratulations, "Sam," for successfully handling Denver's largest real estate sale.

A recent letter from "Jim" Cullum contained this social item: "On January 25 the Cullums entertained the Robinsons, the Strattons, the McCulloughs, and the Lamberts at a luncheon at the Metropolitan Club in New York City." Thanks, "Jim", for letting me know about another gathering of a distinguished 1920 group in New York.

June Week at West Point is now past. Two sons of 1920 graduated in the Class of 1959 and were presented sabers by the class. The graduates were Michael James Gillette, son of your scribe Ted Gillette, and John F. McBlain, Jr, son of Brig. Gen. John McBlain, USAF (Ret). Families of the graduates as well as many friends were present at this little ceremony.

At West Point during June Week fourteen members of 1920 made their appearances. They were Lyman Lem-

nitzer, John McNulty, Willis MacDonald, John Reiersen, John McBlain, "Dick" Partridge, "Ray" Bullene, "Johnny" Johnston, "Hank" Lambert, "Charlie" West, "Bill" Bessell, "Larry" Schick and, of course, "Ted" Gillette.

Within the last week Clovis Byers and Marie spent a few days with us while their son, Clay, was taking his College Board Entrance Examinations. It is hoped that Clay will be one of those entering in the new Plebe class next month.

—E. C. G., Jr.

## 1921 and 1922

Let us first chronicle a couple of sad events. DJ Crawford was drowned on a beautiful but deserted beach in the Dominican Republic on Good Friday afternoon. He and Madeleine had been wading, and DJ dropped his glasses but could not recover them. Some time later Madeleine went back up the beach for her shoes. The next time she saw DJ he



ORIOLES AT WEST POINT—JUNE WEEK 1959—Left to right, front row: Johnson, R. H., Taylor, M. D., Woods, J. C. '59 (Fred's son), Lawton; middle row: Albert, Stephens, G. R. (Hon. '21), Klein, Barrett; back row: Bassett (Ex-'22), Spalding, Wardlaw, Branham.

was in the water, swimming. Then he disappeared, caught in the undertow and when his body finally came ashore it was too late. Death was definitely by drowning. Whether he saw his glasses and tried to recover them, whether an exceptionally large wave knocked him down and carried him into the water—these things will never be known. The other item concerns Willie Burns' mother, known to so many of us. She died on April 29th. The Orioles' full measure of sympathy goes to all those who are left.

Jim O'Connell retired at the end of April and is staying on, at least for a while, in Washington. A retirement review was held at West Point during June Week for Max Taylor, though his retirement, like Rumaggi's, will not take effect until June 30. Cort Schuyler has recently been on temporary duty in the US but planned to go back to SHAPE before retiring this fall. After that only Bryan, Lawton, Mudgett (who has returned from Alaska to The Presidio of San Francisco), and Barrett will be left on active duty.

In connection with the recent anniversary of D-Day a magazine article cited instances of heroism and devotion to duty

on the beaches that day, including the case of one regimental commander, George Taylor, whose attack order beginning the break-out from the beach areas was in effect the simple "Let's move the hell out of here".

Red Woods' son graduated in the Class of 1959. He and the squad of Orioles at the Alumni Parade had their picture taken together immediately after that formation; the picture shows the senior and junior Oriole-connected graduates of the Military Academy. Lieutenant Woods is now in the Air Force.

Chidlaw's responsibilities keep him hopping but sometimes there are compensations. When he was in Las Vegas for the World Congress of Flight he "found Toy Gregory now living there, we hoisted quite a few together in reminiscing about the 'good old days' and the Class of '22".

As 'twill ever be when Orioles get together!

—C. J. Barrett  
West Point

## 1923

When "Fritz" found that he could not be at West Point during June Week to present the Class of 1923 Memorial Award he designated "Pete" Leone who has now established his permanent C.P. at Cornwall to do that job. I asked "Pete" to write up the Class doings during that period. Here is what he had to say;

"As per my promise herewith some remarks covering the 1959 June Week.

"Dan" and Betty Chandler, who were visiting "Dan's" 86 year-old father came down on Sunday, May 31, and thus became the first visitors from 1923 to our new home.

"The Supe's traditional Sunday afternoon reception was this year restricted to the Graduating Class and their guests. In lieu thereof there was a dinner dance for the Alumni in Washington Hall. It was similar to the one held at last Fall's Homecoming. This was a splendid improvement for all, particularly the Supe. It gave an opportunity for the "off-year classes" to circulate around and see many of their contemporaries in other classes. Naturally, '24 was next to our class, and the Thundering Herd lived up to its reputation with its numbers.

"A tremendous excavation job had been done on the Parade Ground in front of the Com's House, the Supe's House and North Barracks. This required the temporary removal of our Class Tree which "Bill" Biddle pushed last year. The work is now over and the tree replaced. It is flourishing beautifully and, I believe, proudly.

"The personal highlight for me was having been selected by "Fritz" Breidester to present the Class award to Cadet G. D. Kissinger as the outstanding member of the swimming team. He hails from Lancaster, Pa. He was married on 3 June and what's more his sister is also marrying a member of the Class of 1959.

"After the Alumni functions were over I dragged John Chambers and Harry Scheetz over to the house along with the Chandlers. John as usual was working on a good man to enter the Academy. This time it is a nephew who would enter in 1961. Harry, after all these years,

was cogitating getting married more seriously than anytime in the past. He was given plenty of advice, but perhaps he could stand a little more

"Graduation Parade was held in a downpour for the first time in my memory. The uniform was without raincoats except for the Tacs.

"All in all it was a grand June Week and makes one look forward more eagerly to 1963, except for the passing of years. For the benefit of those who did not attend the 1958 Homecoming I might say that it is a well-planned event and well worth keeping in mind for this Fall.

"Kindest regards. Come on up. Caroline joins me in our best wishes to the Class.  
"Pete" Leone.

"P. S. As you suggested, I looked up Ed Post Jr., a fine looking, tall 2nd Classman and got Ed's address which is really new but permanent:

1083 Trapper Trail,  
Pebble Beach, Calif.  
Tel. Frontier 5-8362

"Ed has decided that this is the place for him. He says he will take his golf seriously from now on.

L."

"Pete's" notes were confirmed by "Jim" Carnes. From the two of them it appears that our attendance was as follows, Ballantine, Carnes, Chandler, D., Leone, McGeehee, McInerney, Scheetz, Tully, and Phillips.

According to our records, the McInerney twins and W. B. Tully Jr. were the only sons in the Graduating Class this year. Information available so far indicates that the sons of Timberman and Stewart, C. W. will be our only representatives in the new class. In addition, however, we will have "Tom" Maddocks' "Step-grandson," J. S. Walker, Jr., whom we can count somehow.

Speaking of graduations reminds me that a recent note from "Bill" Biddle included some pictures he found in his camera when he unpacked his gear in the Land of the Morning Calm. He says there is no excuse sir and his chin is well in for the delay. The pictures include clear shots of Rosenberg, Russell, Phillips, Grove, Stewart, G. C., Leone, Tormey, Fry, Sweany, Thompson, E. B., Rich Weikert, Johnson, W. C.. There are others in the scenes but they are not particularly clear. If any of you want copies I will have them made for you and send them to you together with a bill.

### JUNE WEDDING

In an unusually pleasant and impressive setting and ceremony, King, J. C.'s daughter, Margherita, was married to William Converse Staley, Jr., at J. C.'s country home near Oakton, Va., on 6 June. The ceremony took place on the lawn under a beautifully clear sky and in pleasantly warm weather. The beauty and nature of the setting and the colorful dresses of the ladies among the wedding party and guests created a picture that all those present will remember for a long time. A touching part of the occasion was the fact that King's youngest daughter, Sarah, who was seriously injured in a fall recently, though still in a heavy cast,

was able to attend the ceremony. Classmates noted among those present included The Gunns, the Kehms, the Lueders, the Osbornes and the Torrences. Meta (Mrs. "Stu") Beckley and Ruth (Mrs. W.G.) Johnson were also present. There are additional notes concerning "Stu" elsewhere in this report. Wendell Johnson was in Walter Reed Hospital recovering from an eye operation. Also among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ben C. Evans. She is a stepdaughter of "Gene" Harrison. Her husband, now with the Department of State, is a member of the Class of '46. We were happy to include them in the '23 family.

### ARMY-NAVY

On 20 March the Washington Group had a joint luncheon with Navy '23 at the Army-Navy Country Club. There were 14 of us and 26 from Navy. "Red" Oliver, Navy Chairman, thanked us for assisting in paying for the new Stadium at Annapolis (We raised about \$13.00 two years ago it seems.). He also said other nice things about the Army and Air Force in a delightfully humorous way. Gunn replied for us in a most creditable manner. Our attendance included Bromely, Carnes, Early, Edwards, Enslow, Fry, Guevara, Gunn, Kehm, Lueder (Captain, Navy, retired—no less), Maddocks, Salsman, Sweany and Weikert. Like the others, this proved to be a most stimulating get-together. It is our turn to be drinks hosts the next time. We here are looking forward to it and hope that more of you from outside the area can make it. If we can remember that long, we plan to set up an arrangement under which wives coming with any of our out-of-town braves can also arrange some form of meeting.

The April luncheon produced only one out-of-town visitor, "Ken" Sweany. "Ken" also showed up for the May luncheon along with Milton who is now here taking courses at American University in preparation for a new business career.

The outstanding feature of the May Stout Heart meeting was an explanation by "Stu" Beckley of the symptoms of atrophic lateral sclerosis, a very rare malady with which he is currently afflicted. "Stu" has learned a great deal about how to live with the difficulties incident to the situation. He is staying on his job with Melpar and gets around to a surprising number of social functions. A lesser character would never meet such problems with the spirit and the courage he has shown. That fine spirit has prompted "Stu" to authorize me to tell all of you that he will be most delighted to pass on the techniques and methods he has learned to anyone any of you may know who has the same problem. His address is:

2330 N. Vermont St.,  
Arlington, 7, Va.

This is a very significant offer due to the fact that incidence of the illness is so rare that doctors are getting "Stu" to give them ideas on how to cope with the difficulties it entails.

### CLASS PARTY

One of the wisest moves the Washington Group made this year was to designate the Timberrmans and the Shafers to arrange a mixed party for the Group.

They set up a buffet supper at a local Officers Club including music from an electric organ. To everyone's surprise, the old goats turned what was to be a quiet session with soft relaxing music in the background into a lively Hop. Mr. Vizet would have recognized many of the skills displayed but a few of the Group demonstrated that they had expanded their knowledge of "one two, glide and cut" far beyond his wildest dreams. Fortunately the musician knew "Tea For Two", "Love Nest", "Margie" and several others that were the hot stuff in our day. There have been no reports on the aches and pains suffered the next day but there was overwhelming evidence during the evening that it was a most pleasantly memorable occasion. Those present included: the E. F. Adams, the Beckleys, the Carnes, the Edwards, the Enslows (from Staunton, Va.), the Guevaras (just prior to starting on a trip to visit their children at Bliss and Sill), the Gunns, the J. C. Kings, the Kehms, the Kruegers (from Harrisburg, Pa.), the Lueders, "Johnny" Milton, the Osbornes, the Salsmans, the "Lee" Shafers, Mildred Stewart (widow of C. W. Stewart), the Stodters, the Timberrmans, the Tormeys (from Princeton, N.J.), the Torrences, and the Weikerts.

### OLD SOLDIERS NEVER . .

"Tom" Maddocks traipsed around Europe in two world wars but it seems that that was not enough for the old campaigner. He is busy setting up a tour which will take him to Ireland and Russia and the other Iron Curtain countries as well as the usual parts of Europe. He is planning to do some reporting, photography and commentary writing to help finance the venture. The trip is to begin in September. When last heard from, "Tom" was still ready to consider taking a companion on his proposed Odyssey.

### NOTES FROM FRITZ

Our President had a tour of active duty at the Navy Amphibious School in March. He writes that Roma went with him to Coronado and that they visited the "Roy" Lords in Rancho Santa Fe. Fritz had a telephone talk with "Deke" Stone who is teaching at La Jolla, Calif., and doing a good public relations job for USMA in his spare time. He also reported a visit from the George Stewarts and forwarded a copy of a letter he had written to "Lou" Haskell when he learned of the death of Maude. I know we all thank "Fritz" for expressing our sympathy to "Lou" on the occasion of this great loss.

"Fritz" had a second bit of active duty when he went to Leavenworth in May to attend a refresher course for Reserve and National Guard Division Commanders and their staffs. He was due for a third tour, this time at Camp McCoy in June.

He reminds us all to begin beating the drums for our Fortieth Reunion.

### EXPERT (?).

According to the *Columbia* (S.C.) *Record*, Harold Kehm was one of the experts at a conference on the South East Asia Treaty Organization held at the University of S.C. by the student International Relations Club of that college.

Ralph Tudor spent a few days at his company's Washington office in May. Damon Gunn arranged a luncheon in his honor at the Army-Navy Club.

None of our agents has confirmed a report that Kenner Hertford was in the capital city. "Gene" and Vera Ridings, however, were definitely identified during a brief visit as was McInerney.

Frank Wilder, wife and daughter Virginia are going to Europe this Summer on a combination business and pleasure trip. Frank who is with Socony Mobil, will attend an International Labor Office conference in Geneva in the course of the trip.

"Dave" Stone is at Vandenberg A.F. Base. He retires next year and is going through the throes of deciding whether to make his permanent home in Calif. or in the Washington area.

"Bill" Biddle came through Washington in mid-April. He was under orders to Korea as Senior Officer on the Armistice Commission of the United Nations Command. It is interesting to recall that "Bill," as aide to General Frank McCoy, served under the League of Nations in the Far East in 1932.

"Dave" Dunne reports from Carlsbad, Calif., that he is doing a bit of teaching and some fishing and golfing. He has seen the Pierces, the Lords and the Rosenbergs and announces that he took some nickels from Roy and Lyle on the golf course.

Chambers saw the Groves, the "Gene" Harrisons, and Sally O'Shea ("Tushes" widow) on a trip to Florida in the winter.

"Charley" Gettys reports that he and Cecil Nist are working (that's what the man said) for the same investment firm in Florida where they are trying to show more respect for other peoples' money than they used to show for their own. Getty's daughter is married to Capt. John E. Coon (Arty), now at the Pentagon. He notes having seen the following characters during the past few months; R.B. Evans, Grove, Gruver, Harriman, Horton, Hugh Johnson, Wm. H. Kelly (ex '23), Burnside, Fisher, Lowe, A. D. Raymond, and Vincent, who are all within expectorating distance of each other on the West Coast of Florida. An interesting sidelight is the fact that Allan Lee Hume, one of "Charley's" first roommates who like lots of others was a math casualty, is now General Manager for Industrial Relations for Pan Am Airways at their Miami office. He (Hume) is married and has eight children. Makes you wonder why so many people bothered to graduate

There are no notes from the biographies this time because I gestimated that the Editor would be pushed for space and might have to cut them. They will be continued in future issues if there is a continued interest in them.

1862, 1896, 1912, and 1923.

Some of you may have seen the item on page 23 of the 9 May 1959 *Army Navy Air Force Journal* which included photographs of portraits of two young women. The portraits were painted by Alice McCrea Tschappat, the wife of Maj Gen W. H. Tschappat '96 who had been "P" of Ordnance just before our Class entered and whose text was used in our ordnance course. Mrs. Tschappat,

a skilled artist, was the daughter of Brig. Gen. Tully McCrea '62 who was a close friend of Custer '61 at USMA. Sydney Smith, wife of our "Budge", and a cousin of Mrs. Tschappat, found the portraits after Mrs. Tschappat's death and used the *Journal* to locate the subjects. The article requested anyone recognizing the persons in the photographs to get in touch with Sydney or Mary Kehm. Both girls were quite promptly identified. One is the daughter of General E. E. MacMorland and the other a daughter of Gen O. J. Gatchel '12 who was an Ordnance "P" in our cadet days and later became "P" of Mechanics. The original portraits have now been sent to the persons concerned. It is a small world and the Long Grey Line does stretch.

"Trooper" Price reports that he was married "for the third and, I trust, the last time" on 15 April at Carson City, Nevada, to Mrs. Lorienta W. Precht, the widow of a close civilian friend. The Class offers its congratulations and best wishes to Trooper and Mrs. Trooper. He adds that "my son and I have had a six or eight months PME detail rebuilding the front porch, redecorating and otherwise reconditioning a house which had gone happily to hell during more than 13 years of bachelor regime."

—Harold D. Kehm

1421 N. Jefferson Street  
Arlington 5, Virginia

## 1924

The Class congratulates Charlie Palmer on his nomination for a fourth star and his assignment to be Deputy Commander in Chief, United States European Command. It is understood that Charlie will leave his present post as Commanding General—Sixth Army, Presidio of San Francisco, in the Fall and proceed to Europe. At the same time it was announced from The Pentagon that Jim Moore would be assigned as Chief of Staff to the Supreme Allied Commander, Europe. It is hoped that a fourth star will also go with Jim in his new assignment.

Dr. Ben Mesick has just been promoted to be Assistant to the President of the Grand Central Rockets Company and has left Washington to return to his home in California. We had hoped for awhile that Ben would have his offices in Washington as both he and Evelyn have been a great addition to the group in this area.

The following members of the Class attended the Founders Day Dinner at the Waldorf Astoria in New York: Bob Berry, Ted Tasker, Eric Kuniholm, Peyton F. McLamb, Jimmy Willis, Bob Finlay, Al Dombrowsky, Don Storck, Denis Mulligan, Pat Pasolli, and Frank Kidwell. Emil Pasolli was awarded for his attendance by having a tray load of dishes (empty) dropped on his shoulder by one of the waiters, during the banquet. Following the Dinner, a number of the group gathered at Eric Kuniholm's for a night-cap.

Bob Dewey has taken over as Chief of the U.S. Army Audit Agency, Department of the Army, Washington, D. C. Armistead Mead is due back in Washington this summer to become Director of the Army Council of Review Boards.

From Seattle, Washington, Sam Strohecker reports that he sees Classmates in

the area quite frequently. In the Spring he had Dinner with Pete Day. Pete will retire 30 June 1959. Sam Conley, Pete Sather and Ken Decker are in the area. Ken Decker has purchased a home near Lake Wood Center.

There have been three marriages of Classmates this Spring and we hereby extend congratulations. Cornelius W. Cousland was married on 12 March to Mrs. Kathryn Stork York. Briant Wells was married on 17 April 1959 at La Jolla, California to Mrs. Harriette Yates Cooper. On 5 May 1959 Sammy Samounce was married to Erica Pochon Mentz in Pasadena, California, they will be at home after 15 September at 428 Rollingwood Circle, Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Weary Linn is completing work this Spring towards a Masters Degree at the University of Pennsylvania. Joe Morris is due to get his Degree as Master of Business Administration at the University of Virginia on 15 June 1959. He plans on moving to Rochester, New York, where he has lined up a job.

## SICK REPORT

George Busbey has recovered nicely from a series of operations at Letterman Hospital in San Francisco and is now back home. Tom McCulloch made a remarkable recovery from a serious operation he had at Walter Reed Hospital this Spring. The medicos discovered that Tom had a bulged aorta and it necessitated an operation to remove the bulge and replace it with a plastic gadget. He is back with the Indiana State Highways Department in Indianapolis. At the present writing, Jack Kirkendall and Cornelius Cousland are both in Walter Reed Army Hospital. Mary Stadler reports that Harry who had a stroke last December and has been in Brooke Army Hospital is progressing nicely and they plan to go home to Del Rio, Texas in July. Their address there will be Box 355, Del Rio, Texas.

John Clair Smith was in Letterman Army Hospital at the same time as George Busbey. J. C. is back home now and fully recovered. Rags Raguse underwent surgery at the West Point Hospital earlier this year. He is recovering nicely according to the last news from his wife. His address is P.O. Box 86, Bedford, New York. Herb Benz suffered a coronary thrombosis. His ailment was mitigated by the fact that his son, Ted, who is a member of the Class of 1961, USMA, won the one-mile race in the Track Meet between Army, Penn and Princeton. Bill Liebel was back in Brooke Army Hospital this Spring as the result of a mild recurrence of his heart trouble—he was out in time to attend the Alamo Chapter Spring get-together. Pete Hains was reported as being in Tripler General Hospital, Honolulu, with acute asthma. By the time we received this rumor and checked on same—Pete was back in Thailand. Now we have read his orders transferring him to Hqrs. U.S. Army—Pacific, Hawaii. Louis Friedersdorff entered the San Antonio Hospital for what we hope was not a too serious operation. Wolcott K. Dudley, who changed jobs last year and left the University of the South—where he was Commissioner of Buildings and Lands and took a teaching job with Craig Alderman at the Sewanee Military Academy, wrote us in March saying that Craig had

recently suffered a heart attack but was progressing very satisfactorily. Craig has been Superintendent at Sewanee since 1955. Prior to that he served as Commandant of Cadets and instructor in Algebra at SMA from 1946 to 1952. Mildred Watson, wife of Gus Watson, broke her ankle this Spring and has been immobilized here in Washington for the past several weeks. Alice Koch, wife of Ralph Koch, is recuperating nicely in San Antonio after an operation.

Wilbur Noel seems to be on the move these days and can be located anywhere between Fort Smith, Arkansas and Pompano Beach, Florida. At last writing, he was at 5391 NE 18th Avenue, Pompano Beach, Florida. Tubby Malin had several Classmates at his home in San Francisco for cocktails on the occasion of the Founders Day Dinner there.

"Ordnance Magazine" recently carried a very fine article on the work which Les Skinner has done in Rockets. The article is entitled "Pioneers in Rocketry" and describes Les as the "forgotten man" among American Military Rocket Developers. It tells how he struggled against official indifference and lack of funds and technical problems to engineer powerful military weapons. The article is a splendid testimony to Les' effort in this important field.

Clint Robinson, President of the Carborundum Company, Niagara Falls, New York, broke into the local Press there recently as a result of a letter written to the President of the Board of Education in that City, criticizing one of the High Schools which Clint visited. He pointed out that the High School had an auditorium, dramatic stages, swimming pool, social hall, gymnasium, dining rooms, and various other elaborate equipment, but that the Classrooms seemed to be in the minority. He indicated that this type of a building illustrates why taxes are so high and why so many high school graduates are uneducated.

Malin Craig is actively teaching in Washington. He has under his jurisdiction 140 boys and girls—which is a handful.

The latest word from T. H. Chang, states that he is still in Hong Kong, although he has a visa to proceed to the United States. Two of his daughters are here now. One daughter, Frances, came to the US last year and is studying physics at Barnard College, in New York City, the other daughter who has been here for some time is married and living in the vicinity of New York City.

Vic Conrad, officially opened a new NATO communication system at Naples, Italy. It is a modern signal communication system and is of significant importance to NATO and its operations in the future.

Zar Parmly was in Washington for the Annual Founders Day Dinner. He and Dorethe are now living in Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Bob Ellsworth is the author of a soon to be published book entitled "Troop B Speaks—Awaken USA". The Class wishes Bob every success and the hope that it will become a best seller.

After taking a whirl at living in Panama City, Florida, Dick and Betty Stephens have now moved to California and bought a home at 4 Millbrae Circle, Millbrae,

California, just outside of San Francisco.

Charlie Landon was back in Washington for the Annual Founders Day Dinner and then returned shortly thereafter to Thailand where he is a member of Transportation Consultants, Inc. His group is making a complete survey of the communication facilities in Thailand. Charlie expects to return to the US this summer.

From San Antonio, Marcus Stokes, President of the Alamo Chapter of the Thundering Herd reports that the Annual Spring Dinner on 9 May was a great success. Sixty-eight members of the Class including wives and guests joined together for this Spring function. Included among them were the Burfills, Cullens, Darlings, Hames, Henrys, Iveses, Jennings, Liebels, Massaros, McHughes, Proctors, Ramseys, Traywicks, Wrockloffs, Coopers, Stokeses and Anna Hawkins and from out of town the Zero Wilsons from Houston and Betty Gibson from Austin, Texas.

Marcus also advised that the John Ramseys have rented their home in San Antonio and plan to make an extensive motor trip through Mexico. Al Jennings is doing fine and walking practically unassisted.

Joe Massaro is busy re-building his home in San Antonio after a fire practically gutted the place. We also learn that Joe Burrill is taking all of his Classmates' money on the golf course. Perhaps Joe has taken some lessons from Karla, who was the ladies golf champion of Finland when they were stationed there at the Embassy.

From the Monterey Peninsula in California, we hear that Elisabeth, wife of Camille DuVal, has organized a string trio which is very highly thought of. Elisabeth is a graduate of the Royal Academy of Music in Budapest.

Jack Murtaugh, who has an Insurance Business in Elmira, New York, and is living at 518 Fitch Street is assisting New York State officials in a rehabilitation program at a nearby correctional institution. The program is designed along military lines and Jack's West Point background makes him particularly valuable in assisting the State of New York in this program.

Leonard Rodieck who lives in Belleair, Clearwater, Florida, has become a recognized authority on economics. At the present time, he is teaching economics to forty-three employees of St. Petersburg Banks. The course was instituted at the request of the American Institute of Banking.

Jack Riepe has been elected President of the Los Angeles-West Point Society and Harry B. Davis has been elected President of the Philadelphia-West Point Society.

The Class extends its deepest sympathy to Dick Thomas on the death of his wife, Clara, on 21 April 1959. Dick as far as we know will continue to live in Belleair, Clearwater, Florida.

Frank and Margie Graling had an enjoyable trip to Sarasota, Florida and New Orleans in April. Frank is the Executive Secretary and Treasurer of the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association. The purpose of their visit to Sarasota, was to attend the Annual Meeting of that Association. Frank reports that he had a nice visit with Rod Rodieck in Clearwater and

talked with Bill Kendall in Sarasota and George Crosby in Bradenton.

George Van Pope is busily involved in teaching in Alexandria. His subjects include such profound matters as the military policy of the United States and General Military History. From Chile, Benny Bennett writes that he is still busy on his fruit farm outside Santiago. Each of his daughters, Jean and Mary Ann have a small boy, so Benny is a grandfather twice. He plans on going to Panama for a medical checkup and there expects to see Charlie and Helen Dasher. Following that, Benny is planning on visiting his mother in California.

George Duerr who retired from the Army this year has accepted a position as Public Relations Director of the New York Academy of Sciences at 2 East Sixty third Street. George and his wife Mary, have moved into a modern apartment in Washington Square Village. His new address is apartment N-16—East Building, Washington Square Village, New York City 12, New York. He reports that his son Michael is a Staff Writer for "Electrical World".

Art and Helen Trudeau spent most of the month of May on a visit in England where Art represented the Army as the Exchange Lecturer under the Kermit-Roosevelt Fund. Following the lectures, Art and Helen toured Scotland and parts of the Continent.

"Your class, the Thundering Herd, is held in highest esteem and admiration by me, and the professional success of its members is always a source of pride and gratification."

Douglas MacArthur

Quoted from a letter to Steven-  
son, dated 30 March 1959

The Class was delighted with the selection of Charlie Stevenson as the Adjutant General of the State of New York and his promotion to Brigadier General in the New York National Guard. Our best congratulations to you, Charlie.

Ott Nelson is a busy man. His activities are so varied that when a reporter asked him to number them—Ott smiled and replied, "I don't know, off-hand". His main job is Vice President of the New York Life Insurance Company. His latest assignment—"in addition to other duties"—is his appointment by the Governor of the State of New York to be Chairman of the Commission on Governmental Operations of the City of New York. Our congratulations to Ott on this very important selection.

Our 35th Reunion has come and gone and from all reports it was the best one we have had. Everyone who was there had a grand time. It will be fully reported in the 35th Reunion booklet, which is now being prepared. Before we proceed to give you a brief report on the Reunion, we should remark on the credit that is due George Smythe, as the Reunion Chairman from 1957 to February 1959. George did a noble job in laying the ground-work for this successful Reunion. In February, due to the press of business, he relinquished the Chairmanship and Cleland Sibley reluct-

antly accepted a thankless job. Sib deserves a tremendous amount of credit for the work he did. He spared no effort to make it the success that it was and words cannot express our appreciation for all that he did.

Seventy-nine Classmates, sixty-nine wives and widows and seven of the younger generation of the Herd were present at one time or another during the Reunion period. By far the majority registered on Saturday, 30 May and the picnic that night was most successful with some one hundred and thirty being present.

On Sunday, 31 May, Art Trudeau presented Scrolls to the two Sons of 1924 in the graduating Class. This was followed by a visit to the West Point Cemetery where wreaths were placed on the graves of our eleven Classmates who are buried there.

Sunday evening over one hundred members of the Class gathered at the West Point Army Mess for cocktails and then proceeded to Washington Hall for the Alumni Dinner and Dance.

On Monday, June 1st, just prior to the Alumni exercises and review, Art Trudeau, as President of the Class, paid the respects of the Class to the mother of Larry Ladue, who always takes a position on the line of march and particularly waves to the Class of 1924 as they pass by. Cleland Sibley accompanied Art on his call on Mrs. Ladue.

Marty Maher was in a wheelchair near Thayer Monument and we felt gave us a particular greeting. After the Alumni Luncheon on Monday, a short Class business meeting was held as required by our Constitution and By-Laws. That evening, ninety-six of the group gathered at the Stewart Air Force Base Officers' Club for a grand party.

The final get-together was a Dinner Party on Tuesday evening at the West Point Army Mess and some thirty were there.

Only about a dozen of the more hearty souls made Graduation Exercises on Wednesday.

—Bill Sexton  
2 Waltonway Road  
Alexandria, Virginia

## 1925

A column writer's dream come true! I sit back and turn you over to Johnnie, E. L., and Daddy Dunn.

Johnnie's report:

The West Coast news still seems to revolve around the same small group. We try to get all of our classmates together periodically, but for some reason or other it doesn't seem to materialize. The folks down the peninsula seem to get together . . . DePews, Deutermans, Bartons, Frasers, Crombez . . . and maybe others, and the northern part of the San Francisco Bay Area seem to meet at parties once in a while . . . Burbachs, Longs, Densons, Halls, and Johnsons . . . with an occasional glimpse of Howze, (soon to leave for Europe) . . . and a traveller through the Golden Gate area. We have yet to see Gerry Kelley from the Monterey area, but we hope. Claude and Dotty Burbach just returned from a sun tanning two weeks in Hawaii and look to be in the best of health. Claude is the member of so many

civic committees in the east bay city of Richmond that he has to keep a chart on his wall to tell him where he is supposed to be . . . Denson has given up his job with the City Engineers and is going into the school teaching game, heartily approved by his advisor Red Long who is enjoying it immensely, even if he does have his problems with the teen-agers. Marcel Crombez was seen briefly at the Headquarters Sixth Army farewell reception for Bob Howze, leaving his job as Deputy Commander Sixth Army and on his way to Europe. A few weeks ago we drove up Jack London's Valley of the Moon, and spent a wonderful Sunday with Red and Dell Hall on their beautiful 30 acre ranch with its magnificent view of the surrounding countryside. Dell is up to here in her duties as President of the Women's Club of some six or seven counties, and Red is busier than a beaver keeping the ranch up to standard. The day we were there the hundred fruit trees looked like cherry blossom time on the Washington Mall. It was a different world from San Francisco, one hour away. In three weeks Genevieve and I leave by TWA JET for New York, now 4½ hours from San Francisco. After graduating our second cadet Bruce into the Artillery, Genevieve will drive back with him, doubled up in the front seat of a Renault Dauphine while I make four or five business stops on the way by plane and train and arrive in San Francisco about the same time they do, and with a happier spine. I am finishing my second year as a Director of Research Projects for the University of California and have never been happier. The job is rewarding in many ways and this second retirement at the age of 65 looks like a good deal. Seems to me that is about what the Army guaranteed to the Class of 1925 when we walked in the gates in 1921. Our Doug is the most happy fella in a Tactical Fighter Squadron flying F-100s in Las Vegas and near-by skies. With Bruce becoming a paratrooper in a few months, we will have one son flying them and the other jumping out of them, and sometimes we wonder . . . and remember way back when being a Second Lieutenant training artillery remount draft horses was considered quite dangerous. We expect this will be our last trip to the east coast. We plan on going to Europe on a combined business and vacation trip for two months a year from now, but the over-the-pole route in half the time looks good at this point.

Daddy reports:

Outlanders please note that the D.C. Luncheons are held on the first Thursday of every month at the Army-Navy Country Club and continue right through the Summer (12 times per annum).

Dave Bradford forwarded a fine colored cover of the San Antonio Founders' Day dinner—autographed by Horner, McCormick, Peplow and Dave. Dave, Jr., will enter the Craftown School this Summer. Sal Senior reports new address in the N.Y. metropolitan area. Cole finally located Deery and found that Jim is receiving his M.A. in Education at Tallahassee and will seek a teaching job at Miami. Sock will continue at Teaneck where he is also conducting night classes this Summer. Benny Fowlkes writes from London where he and the family con-

tinue to enjoy the British Isles. Jack McCormick writes from Kelly Field National Bank (a V.P.) deploring the absence of Kuhre and Larter at their dinner. Swede Underwood is still waiting to hear from Crandall but we understand that Harry is muchly occupied at the moment with a new job heading a small business investment corporation. Mike Geraghty came up for the last luncheon and reported all going well at the Chesapeake. Jerry Galloway visited one P.M. at Belvoir where the Calloways are comfortably esconced in the #1 Quarters formerly held by the Tulleys. Dave Tulley writes from Zama, Japan, and speaks for Red Willing too—included a copy of his letter and contribution to Gen. McAuliffe re the Crozier bequest. Cavelli's still happy at College Park, Ga. Ed. Garbisch is very proud of his grandson, Frank B. Rhodes, Jr., whom, we presume, will soon be groomed for athletics. The Miles Dawsons here for a few days visit with the Galloways—reported seeing Devereaux who is teaching at Ohio State Univ. (drawing). Palmer III wrote that he would be in DC for a few days but apparently was delayed while attending the Master's Tournament in Georgia. McGinness was in for a few days (business) in April. John Willems has been back in the Pentagon for some time and has quarters over at Fort Myer (just across the boulevard from us). Chas. Saltzman and son left for a month or so in Europe on a combination trip—business and pleasure. We are sorry to report the passing of George Withers who has been ill for many months at the Veterans hospital in Atlanta. A goodly number of Classmates and many others present at the graveside services at Arlington on 8 May. We met the parents, who live in D.C. and will mention the five (5) sons, all of whom were present: 1st Lieut. George K. from Korea, Ensign Wm Z., Cadet Geoffrey D., and two younger boys still at home: Peter and Bengie. Kay wrote a very nice letter thanking all the local Classmates for the flowers and attendance. In rounding up the group for the above occasion we uncovered Pete Liwski teaching in the Groveton High School south of Alexandria. Noticed Bill Gillmore's orders back from Athens (where they were visited by Lonnie and Ernie Holmes recently). Sighted Stan Babcock at the Dulles ceremony where he was an honorary pall bearer. Dan Dunford ever on the job as M.C. of our luncheons and usually manages to drag Peary C. away for the occasions. Chamberlain, Strickland and Ordway can be reached by telephone but frequently cannot get away for the luncheons. We keep in touch with the Clarke's through Bruce, Jr., to whom we sold a nice home in the McLean area. Bill Wood sent an interesting letter and assured us that the Green Mounain boys were very much alive and active. The Scanlan son, Bunkie, is receiving his Doctor's degree from the University of Conway, Ark. where the family lived before moving to Florida.

Walter Bryte was in the Andrews AFB hospital for a short time but doing well when last seen. Bill Pheris in and out of Walter Reed but always optimistic. During the past few months we have had a lot of contacts with representa-

tives of the classes and were startled by being asked if we no longer acted as secretary and why our name did not appear in the ASSEMBLY—so we're asking Mike to put this in our name (subject to his additions and suggestions). A rough check on our Class Notes mailing lists over the past several years shows a total of several thousand pieces sent—actually approaching five (5) figures!

We are still operating our own Real Estate brokerage in Arlington and still resenting the necessity of being on the job seven (7) days per week. Again I remind Outlanders of our regular lunches and also invite them to call me with news items when they visit D.C.

—Mike Esposito  
Dept. of MA&E  
West Point

## 1926

And so another June Week is history. I often wondered what happened if it rained on the day of graduation parade. This year I found out. It poured all afternoon and the Corps paraded as usual—except for the uniform which was modified to dress grey and white and rain cap covers. The usual standees around the perimeter of the plain were scarce but the faithful and relations made a sizeable crowd in the bleachers. On Sunday preceding the Alumni dinner dance in Washington Hall, classmates and wives were the guests of Vald and Ev Heiberg at a lovely cocktail party in their quarters on Professors' Row. On Monday after the Alumni parade John Harvey Kane presented the class gift to the graduating class sons—James Burwell, Powell Hutton, and Thomas Plummer. The gift was a silver cigarette box suitably engraved. Present during some or all of June Week were the Burwells, Huttons, Hertes, Heibergs, H. W. Johnsons, Kanes, Plummers, Riggs, Roosmas, Whites, and Molloy.

Congratulations to McDaniel on his recent appointment as the Inspector General of the Army.

Johnny Roosma recently completed a busy and very successful term as president of the West Point Society of N.Y.

Last May the TV program "This is your Life" featured Ludy Toftoy. It was a fine tribute to Ludy and his outstanding work in the missile field.

—Roy Herte

I Jean Court  
Cornwall-on-Hudson, N.Y.

## 1927

"Mike" Williams, Stellar Reporter for Texas—"loafing and doing just those things I've always wanted to do"—forwarded news of San Antone, using the annual West Point Dinner as the stimulus. That celebration saw in attendance from '27 nine of the total of ten in the area: "Stan" Meloy (C. G. of Fourth U.S. Army), "Jack" Griffith, "Buzz" Butler (confirming Berrigan's report below!), John Kaylor, Duke Gilbreth, Carl Graybeal, "Chris" Nelson, George Richon, and "Mike"; only "Cy" Williams was absent. Richon is president of the local West Point Society, numbering some two hundred, in which '27 is outnumbered only

by '24, "Mike thinks." Re the Williams family, "Mike" reported that his and Verna's son, Lieutenant Alex Norwood, III, USMA '56, with wife and one granddaughter is carrying on the Williams' Artillery tradition at Fort Sill. This Correspondent is grateful for "Mike's" Southwestern Status report and begs him to keep well and to keep up the communications.

Willis Matthews, doubtless speaking colloquial Korean without perceptible Tennessee accent, has relinquished the command of the Army Advisory Group, Korea—"one of the best duty assignments I ever had"—for duty with First U.S. Army at Governors Island as of 1 June. Before reporting to the Island, Willis and Jean planned a tour of Southeast Asia and Europe—presumably getting in some good training for the ferry rides to come. Welcome to the U.S.!

Blair Garland wrote in a fine, informative letter (which the Correspondent shamefacedly confesses failure to acknowledge) from The Hague, where he has presumably been advising the Advisory Group. He was also independently reported as having been briefly in the Pentagon and returning to Holland; but his and "Dotty's" stay there is probably ended, for he advised that they were "coming home in June as we are getting somewhat homesick." The U.S. "settling point" was uncertain. Blair commented that daughter Sandra's husband is working on an M.A. at the Wharton School of Finance, U. of Pa., and Sandra herself is a medical research assistant at Philadelphia Presbyterian Hospital; that son Don, Captain, U.S. Army, in Tokyo, is ZI'ng in mid-summer; and that "we are still only once grandparents."

Blair enclosed a particularly interesting report of a West Point Dinner on 20 March in Scheveningen, Holland. It was unique in manner of commemoration of the 157th Anniversary, and at the same time it further improved Dutch-American relations by including five generals, graduates of the Dutch Royal Military Academy, and their wives. West Point was represented by seven officers and their wives; though only Blair and "Dotty" were present for '27, other classes represented were '32, '33, '43, June '43, '46, and '54. Blair "chaired" the Arrangements, "a dubious honor based strictly on age." The Dinner "went off exceedingly well," followed by movies of the two academies. An accompanying photograph showed a well-appointed buffet, with the table decorated with Holland's rightfully famous tulips and windmill, and large posters of the insignia of the USMA and the Dutch academy.

One marriage and four engagements of class interest have come to the attention of this column. "Woody" Burgess's daughter Anne Floyd was married 28



West Point and Dutch Royal Military Academy seals with tulips and windmill in between. 20 March 1959—Holland.

March 1959 at the Fort Myer Chapel to Mr. Burt Hilliard Rowe, Jr., as was announced in planning stage in the previous ASSEMBLY. For the first engagement, the Ray Curtises, Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, have announced the engagement and planned June wedding of their daughter Mary Anne to Lieutenant Charles Lewis Williams, 3d, USMA '57, 101st Airborne Division, son of Colonel and Mrs. Williams, Jr., of Fort Eustis, Virginia. Secondly, "Nelly" and Mrs. Fooks, 3942 Mosley Drive, Columbus, Georgia, and Williamsburg, Virginia, have announced the engagement and 4 July wedding at Fort Benning of their daughter Meta Stuart to Lieutenant Daniel S. Rickard USMA '53, aide-de-camp to the Assistant Commandant of The Infantry School, and son of Major General and Mrs. Roy V. Rickard, US Army-Retired, of Medford, Oregon. Lastly, "Gar" and Verone Davidson are parties of the second part in two announcements: (1) son Ensign Garrison Holt Davidson, Jr., USNR, is to wed Janet Suzanne Toll, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Joy Toll, Los Angeles, who have announced the engagement and planned August wedding; and (2) son Thomas Marshall Davidson is to marry Constance Bessell, daughter of Colonel and Mrs. William Weston Bessell, West Point, who have announced that engagement.

"Tulio" Segarra sent in a report of an active life in retirement, for he is wrestling with accounts and interest as Vice President for Savings and Personnel of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Puerto Rico, with location at Santurce. The Segarras have "just completed and moved into" their Dream House (independent reports attribute to it both Beauty and Spaciousness). "If any of the class come down this way, please do not fail to look me up. We can always sit on the back terrace with a good drink and do a little reminiscing." So make your plans for a visit to the possibly-probably-perhaps 51st State and the hospitable banking Segarras!

Our Outstanding Reporter of the West Coast, Paul Berrigan, "crashed through" with a generous invitation to a Graduation and Flag-Day Brunch for 14 June, but, communications being what they are in this outfit, the word could not be spread in time to permit the classmates in the remainder of the several states to pack and scam. Either the Correspondent must install a better signal center than the local C. and P. Tel. Co. affords or Paul and Mary must plan such fine parties several pay checks in advance. Paul also reported a few personnel changes in the Bay Area:

"Bill Carlock moved to 103 Lorraine, Napa;

"Pat" Pachynski, to 955 Pleasant Hill, Redwood City;

"Chuck" Stone, to Belvedere, Calif., Box 21;

"Cal" Whittle is at 18 Edgehill Way, San Francisco 27 (which fact "Cal" confirmed by a too laconic postcard!);

"Buzz" Butler has departed for San Antonio (see "Mike" Williams above);

"Joy" Wrean has moved out of Sixth Army area to—??

Paul gave us Charles McNutt's address in Santa Barbara, 802 De La Guerra, which is undoubtedly a good military address for a retired Engineer in an

Artillery-named town. "Woody" Hocker, according to Paul, who with spouse "Betty" is building on a "beautiful lot" in Hillsborough, is getting set to teach Spanish come autumn in the same school apparently, that presently boasts of "Chubby" Roth on the teaching staff.

Paul also passed on to this column a letter from Harry Paxson. It is newsy and brings "Pax" up-to-date. He is a General Electric executive in Santa Barbara in "charge of (the) Defense Electronic Division's long-range environmental factors planning studies. It keeps me in close touch with the military and also enables me to become a pseudo-egg-head." Re personal statistics, he continued:

"Our daughters are married. Nancy is in Evanston, Illinois, working for Rand-McNally; her husband is a lawyer with Swift & Co. in Chicago. Alice is in Houston, Texas, working for an oil pipeline company; her husband is a Fibreglass Corp. sales engineer. No grandchildren—yet."

Thus thanks to Paul's nose for news we have the latest on Harry and "Peggy" Paxson.

Max Johnson, having retired to cover the Pentagon for *U.S. News and World Report*, has settled at 2910 Garfield Street, N.W., Washington. Also now in that area are "Jack" and "Fanny" Schwab, down from Baltimore, at the Westchester, 4000 Cathedral Ave., N.W. Of '27 there are twenty families located in and around the District, plus four widows: "Freda" Kilgore, "Betty" Lovell, "Peggy" McGown, and Muriel Gray. Changing locations, also, were George and "Jo" Martin and Charles and Esther Hutchison, shifting from the "economy" to quarters at Fort Myer.

As a class we have been so unfortunate as to have four reported deaths since the last notes. The passing of "Cocky" Crume, although listed separately in ASSEMBLY last, was not in the notes. He died at Medford Lakes, New Jersey, on 7 March 1959. Rita has the sympathy of all. Our second loss was that of Brundy Brown, who died in New York City on 12 March 1959 and was buried at West Point. "Ev" and son Charles L., to whom go our sincere regrets, are at 355 Broad Street, Red Bank, New Jersey. The third death was that of "Mid" Condon, who died 11 April 1959 at Columbia, South Carolina, survived by his wife "Molly" and three children. To them goes our deepest sympathy. These new members of the Long Grey Line are all old friends whom we shall miss. Our fourth loss was that of "Stan" Meloy's wife, Catherine Cahill Meloy, of Trinity College '25, who died at Brooke General Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, on 24 April 1959, and was interred in Arlington Cemetery. Her many friends in the class share in the sorrow of her passing.

A recent business trip permitted John B. Bell, ex-'27, and wife Velda, to renew in the Washington area some friendships of long standing. John left the class in 1924; but he has always retained an exceptional interest in it and his classmates, and is a long-time Associate Member of the Association of Graduates. What with getting a law degree and teaching law in Oregon, running his title insurance company in Eugene, moving

and acquiring his present Title Insurance Company of Boise, Idaho, of which he is president, piloting his own aircraft, and picking up sundry other effective traits and characteristics, J.B. has been a busy and productive individual. On his trip, among other classmates met, were his old company mates, "Woody" Burgess, "Bobby" Lowe, and "Jerry" Lillard, the latter his "wife," along with "Hal" Jordan and Albert Dickerson, for that plebe year in turbulent Room 1214.

Transients in and around Washington included Ralph and "Dot" Zwicker for a few days the latter part of March; their son, Richard, is now a student at Ohio State. Another quick visitor was Parmer Edwards, here on a reported briefing mission.

Class congratulations are in order for Second Lieutenant John N. Meloy, "Stan's" son, who was graduated with the Class of 1959 at the Academy on 3 June and followed his father into the Infantry. We all join in wishing him equal success and distinction!

"Jimmy" Collins, accompanied by Marion, established a "first" when he went to Annapolis on 3 June to present diplomas and commissions to those several 1959 Naval Academy graduates who had elected to join the Army, as is now permitted by law.

"Ray" Bell, being readied for the Mission in Rio de Janeiro, spent several weeks at Arlington Towers before going south to relieve "Bill" Verbeck who has had the Brazilian assignment. Such '27 continuity will be doubtless hard to maintain in the future. To add to "Ray's" distinctions, the Alfred University, Alfred, New York, conferred upon him at the convocation on 7 June the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. Congratulations all round, "Ray"!

"Jerry" and Lucile Lillard are cheered by their good fortune in having their elder daughter, Jane, with her Armor husband, Lieutenant Richard A. Miller, USMA '53, and two granddaughters, reassigned from Fort Knox's Advanced Course to duty with an armored regiment at Fort Meade. Small daughter Susan is still happy over being flower girl for the wedding of Anne Burgess Rowe. Lastly, "Jerry" received on 3 June from The George Washington University, District of Columbia, the degree of Master of Arts (English and American Literature); the English "P" of twenty years ago is at last "confirmed." Objective: local teaching in the fall. "All quiet in northern Virginia."

News items are commencing to trickle in. Let the substance of a solid class column continue!

—"Jerry" Lillard  
4543 North 40th Street  
Arlington 7, Virginia

## 1928

June Week, 1959, was quiet for 1928 returnees as compared to last year. No class activities were scheduled other than the presentation of Class Gifts to four Class Sons in the Class of 1959. DOUG Ludlam, now residing in Mohawk, N.Y. was present for June Week since his son Donald was graduating. The other three were sons of deceased members of the class, Clayton Mansfield, Jr., Dwight



"1928 SONS OF CLASS OF 1959"  
Left to right: Schepps, Ludlam, Fuller, Mansfield.

Fuller, son of L.A., and Winston Schepps, son of MATTIE. Both young Ludlam and Schepps lost out for anchor man of the class although they were strong competitors. The Class Gifts were presented at the Class Tree following the Alumni Review to Mansfield by DOUG Ludlam, to Fuller by NORM Webb and to Schepps by BILL Billingsley. TOMMY Wells was also present as were members of the cadets' families. Presentation was made to young Ludlam at the same location following the afternoon review by BILL Billingsley. Only Wells, Ludlam, Webb and Billingsley participated in the Alumni Review although DUNC Somerville was seen at the Navy Baseball Game on 30 May. DOUG and MABE Ludlam and BILL and PEG Billingsley attended the Alumni Dinner Dance on 31 May. RED Brown's son was a member of the first graduating class at USAFA. All in all, June Week 1959 was quite different from 1958.

BOB and Mary Butler visited West Point last month from Picatinny Arsenal. While here BOB had his final physical exam. He plans on retiring on 30 June and will relax on Cape Cod. Elmo Matthews is with Sheffield Corporation, Dayton, Ohio. Tommy Wells is with the Free Europe Committee, Inc. in New York and is living in Scarsdale, N.Y. He was elected a member of the Board of Trustees, Association of Graduates at the annual meeting. Walter and Martha Staley visited Puerto Rico in March and enjoyed a visit with Ramon and Menita Nadal. Walter reports the Nadals are planning on spending a year travelling in Europe. ANDY McNamara also spent a spring leave in Puerto Rico. ANDY represented the Technical Services at a briefing of the First Class in April. ANDY Anderson, Warner-Robins Air Force Base, was scheduled to lecture to members of the First Class on 20 May but an operation prevented him from being here. He is now reported as fully recovered.

The following are extracts from a newsy letter, dated 22 May, from Santa Ana, California, from Betty Calver relating the highlights of PETE'S odyssey: "Eight months and seven days since we left WP. It does not seem possible in some ways and in other ways it seems longer. Not that we have not enjoyed this trip but following the sun has made us forget days or weeks let alone the date. "I have thought of you many times and wanted to write so that you would have something for the ASSEMBLY if you wanted it and to let you know how things were going.

"This trip has not been without its ups and downs. You may have heard that when we reached Columbus in November Pete's blood pressure was about to

go out the ceiling so we had to stay there a month. Hoagland straightened Pete out so one month to the day we set out for Florida. We arrived in St. Petersburg on the 15th of Dec. and left on the 16th of Feb.

"While there we saw several classmates, Trent who is in the brokerage business in St. Pete., Wiley who has settled in Largo, also Carla Harrison, Jean and Verdi Barnes spent a couple of days with her enroute to Sill and she had a party for them one night. Also drove down to Sarasota and saw McLemore. He was moving back to Vir. in March.

"We also took a trip down to the Everglades and over to the east coast but without the trailer.

"Our stay in St. Pete was very pleasant we were parked 50 feet from the Gulf. One reason we stayed two months instead of the one we planned on. Pat came down from Boston for a week at Christmas.

"From there we went to New Orleans expected to stay a week but spent nine days as it rained all but one of the nine days. Rain and more rain. We were very glad to get out of there heading for Houston. As soon as we reached Texas it cleared up and was dry and sunny. Except for a shower one day while we were in San Antonio that is the last rain we had until one day after we reached here. After two nights in Houston we went on to San Antonio spent two weeks there. Saw Skippy and Steve Harbold. Pete went to the WP dinner at Ft. Sam with Lou Hammack. While there he had a check at Brooke everything was fine and we were very reassured. From there we went up to Ft. Hood for three days with John and Sara Phillips. The trailer was parked in front of the General's Quarters. We stayed in the house. Pete went to the WP dinner there with John so he had two celebrations. At the Ft. Sam dinner he saw Weiner, Cole, Willette, Sievers.

"After leaving SA we thought less and less of Texas spent a week end in El Paso. From there on to Tuscon where we spent a week and took some side trips from there. We arrived here on the 30th of March and expected to stay three weeks and with this our headquarters make some side trips.

"We arranged to have the trailer in the factory on the 27th for some minor repairs. On the 17th right after dinner Pete passed out and by 11 o'clock was in the Veterans Hospital at Long Beach via ambulance. He was in the hospital for three weeks. Was discharged on the 13th of this month. Since then we have been resting and now expect to take the trailer up on Monday and hope to head for the vicinity of San Francisco on Wed.

"If this plan goes through we hope to get into Letterman on Friday for a check and with good luck will be able to start a more normal way of living again.

"Unless something unforeseen comes up we will go up to Oregon and Washington and then head east. Expect to stop in Aberdeen and see the Saunders. From there on we will head for home without any stops except for a day or two to rest."

—John D. Billingsley  
West Point, N.Y.

Our 30 Year Reunion with about 60 classmates, plus several ex-classmates, about 47 wives and children is now history. Those present alleged they had a very fine experience and became rededicated to the values for which West Point stands.

We had one tragic happening. Hal Whiteley died of a heart attack on Sunday, 31 May. He apparently had not been completely well prior to this time. The classmates and wives present did all that could be done for Anne. He is buried in Arlington.

It seems we of the class now reach a time of life when such departures should not be unexpected. Your editor does not henceforth propose to report them in this column when they are also reported elsewhere in ASSEMBLY or unless he can add some item of useful information for class friends.

There was a time when some '29's wanted stag parties. This was a reunion where we invited wives and all ages of class juniors to every party with added success. The jump-off in the Pershing Room of Cullum Hall on the evening of Memorial Day had with it the extra dividend of the use of half of Cullum balcony. Needless to say, most of the gathering continued on Cullum balcony where, perish the thought, there was a temporary bar installed.

The meeting continued Sunday afternoon on the lawn of the Lincolns' quarters where Mish Roth unveiled his royal purple jacket of a size obviously borrowed from Bud Sprague—whom we missed. We joined the Superintendent's Reception and Dinner-Dance in the mess hall Sunday evening.

Monday evening everyone progressed to Bull Pond, most of them by bus because of concern over the quality of the road. We grow more cautious with experience.

Most of the classmates left Tuesday except parents of sons graduating and a few who wished to see a rainy graduation parade.

Sons of the graduating class included: Bennett, Stuart N.; Elias, Paul J.; McCoy, Jerald W., Jr.; Mc Nerney, John C.

An attempt was made to collect a "class note" from each classmate. The result was unsuccessful from the standpoint of news and some of it not printable. But here I record a true event. Andy McKeefe wearing the Class of '29 arm band was unloading his wife's luggage when he was stopped by a little old lady with the comment "Class of '79! My father was Class of '75. I certainly want to talk to you".



Some members of the Class of '29 Thirty-Year Reunion confer under the Lincolns cherry tree.

Practically all classmates whether continuing in the service or leaving shortly were talking about buying houses, getting the kids through college, and carrying on with useful work after active duty. We seem to be becoming a class of school teachers and your professorial colleague at West Point welcomes those of you who move in this profession rather than into the industry where many are going. Jim Gavin seems to be doing both since he is teaching some seminars in the Boston area.

The foregoing, having been hurriedly written before your editor took off for his 7½ day week job in Washington, there then arrived from Paul Caraway a more warmly, personal account of our reunion. Coached over the telephone, my hard-working secretary incorporated the following paragraphs from Paul into the notes.

"The three days of June Week, Saturday, Sunday and Monday saw the greatest number of '29 members who returned for the reunion. It also introduced most of the '29 reunioners to the new efficient system of running reunions inaugurated by the Association of Graduates. The system was particularly efficient in extracting the basic cash requirement from each incoming Alumnus. Abe Lincoln had added his own delicate touch at a second "pay table" which absorbed any surplus cash that remained.

"All nonsense to one side, the class owes Freddie and Abe a great deal, for their excellent organization and operation of the 30 year reunion.

"The Dinner-Dance-Reception was fine, with more of the efficient Association of Graduates system. We ate the chicken, we shook the Supe's hand; some, principally Jack Hornor, danced; we went home. A sturdy member of one of the junior classes (probably 1930) pronounced the valedictory words as we ebbed from Washington Hall: "There goes old '29 home early." It seems peculiarly fitting that we, the first class to dance our Graduation Hop in Washington Hall, should have our 30th Reunion dinner-dance there. The floor is as hard as most of us remembered it.

"Monday night we held the class picnic at Bull Pond. It was a fine party. Paul Thompson got there and was warmly greeted. The number of new subscribers gained for Readers Digest was not recorded. A short business meeting was held and people began drifting homeward. The first bus load was musical, or thought it was, with Lasher leading the singing and George Griffith leading the cheers. As far as Lasher was concerned he liked all the songs, provided they were to the words and music of "Over



Cadet Armstrong of today is inspected by Cadets Armstrong and Graul and cadet drag Keeler of 30 years ago.

There." We arrived at the Academy safely, settled our wives and most of us went to bed.

"This was a truly fine reunion. We all agreed that our classmates and their wives were younger looking, more smartly dressed and more intelligent than those of any other classes. We all agreed that the new academic building was a fabulous one and reflected great credit upon the Academy. We all liked the new museum, but many of us missed the junky, attic-at-home, feeling of the old museum. Perhaps for us old grads who are not as progressive as some others the authorities could have one junky corner, a museum of an unmodern museum, in fact. We all consider that the Academy is not only bigger, but better than when we were there, and that the cadets are much smarter, drill better, and are equally as handsome as we. Most of us agree that we could never, never meet the graduation requirements in this new Academy, thirty years later. We all now are looking forward to seeing each other again at the next BIG one, the Sixtieth."

Howard Snyder planned to join our reunion on Sunday but had to cancel the day before. He sent his best wishes to the Class and they are hereby transmitted, as are those in telegrams and letters from at least a dozen other classmates who could not be present. Of the latter, I cite only the warm greetings from the Whitside Millers maintaining the suggestion that their latest baby will be the last for the Class of 1929. No doubt this arouses competitive instinct in some.

We have a letter from Paul Harkins sending regards from him and Betty, commenting on Red Cooper's difficulty with the camels on the fairways in Turkey, and citing chapter and verse to support his point that the members of the Class of '29 have done well for their country in an important period of history.

I have notes on retirements of classmates and acceptance of jobs but the mention of the few of which I have information will be misleading. Will everybody now shifting to civilian life please send me a post card on their new status and new address. Merle Thompson has offered to do the staff work to get out a class address list and roster if we can get the basic information.

Jupe Lindsey asks that his thanks and appreciation be expressed to the class for honoring him with the 30-year reunion class's nomination to be a Vice-President of The Association of Graduates, USMA. He writes asking for suggestions from members of the class addressed to Fort Sheridan, Ill. where he will be until Au-

gust and then after that to the Army & Navy Club, Washington, D.C.

Your editor hopes to produce a reunion picture in the next ASSEMBLY—the picture not being available at the time of turning in these notes. Meanwhile, I am daring ASSEMBLY with a couple of informal shots they may print.

Those present discussed the 30-Year Reunion Book for which most of the raw material has already been assembled by Kai Rasmussen. Over 50 classmates signed indicating willingness to contribute \$25.00 or that necessary portion thereof toward publication. If you are so inclined write me a letter so we may have as long a list as possible of those individuals certainly willing to split the cost.

Will those obtaining pictures at the reunion, plus any having pictures from cadet days which might be useful, please send either to Kai or to me. Somebody has to undertake the job of composition and editing. By unanimous vote of those present the following committee, which recognizes that the ladies can be very helpful, was selected: Paul Caraway, Jackie Nichols (wife of K. D. Nichols), John Phillips, Kai Rasmussen, George Reilly, Oscar Strauss, and Paul Thompson.

The democratic centralism of the process selecting these people to do a job of work gives to the chairman, Paul Caraway, the job of adding to, subtracting from, and dividing the committee as needed with the quorum in the Washington area.

—Abe Lincoln

West Point, New York

## 1930

Another June Week has passed and five more of our sons have graduated from West Point. In addition, for the first time we have a class son graduated from the Naval Academy, and one in the first class graduated from the Air Academy. John Guthrie carried the plates to West Point, and with Andy O'Meara's help presented them to the five graduates: Paul A. Chalmers, Jr., John S. Guthrie, Jr., Andrew P. O'Meara, Jr., Robert W. Roth and William R. Weber. The Naval Academy graduate is Winfield Wade Sisson. Walter C. Sweeney is the member of the Air Force Academy's first graduating class. Good luck and happiness to all of them!

Two more promotions have been noted: Chis Clarke and Phil Wehle to temporary Major General. There were numerous promotions to permanent grade. Congratulations!



Sons of 1930: Chalmers, Weber, W. R., Guthrie, O'Meara and Roth (left to right) with families and friends.

Retirements are increasing. From the orders I noted that Jimmy Wilson retired 31 March and Charley Eastburn 31 May. Ray Brisach retired 31 May to go to Turkey to work for the State Department. Nyquist is retiring 30 June and Bernice and he are going to Europe for an extended tour. Harold Nelson retired 30 June. He had been on duty at the Brooklyn Army Base. Let's have your retirement addresses, please.

It is with sadness that I have to report the deaths of Paul Weyrauch and Sam Sauer. Sam was buried at Rochester, N.Y. 11 May and Paul was buried at West Point 12 May. The Class sent flowers. Margaret Weyrauch will settle in Marfa, Texas.

There are several changes of station: Phil Wehle is going to Paris as the Chief of the MAAG, passing through Washington in June for a short course in MAAG-ing. Thad Broom is moving from Hawaii to the USA Subsistence Center in Chicago. Thad wrote me a nice note saying he would be in Washington the first week in August, that Thad, Jr. had weathered his Plebe year, and daughter Claudia is a WAVE Ensign. Ted Bogart is leaving Washington to take command of the vast acreage at Ft. Stewart, Ga. Ham Howze is in Korea as Chief ADGRU. Fred Atkinson is assigned as Commandant at the Transportation School at Ft. Eustis, Va. Phil Kromer is coming from Hawaii in July or August to be assigned at USA Engr. Maint. Center, Columbus, Ohio.

In addition to Broom's letter quoted above, I had notes from Al Watson, Win Sisson and Tommy Dunn. Al is Div. Arty. Commander, 24th Inf. Div. He had seen Ham and Fanny Hamlett, Herb and Site Mitchell, Bill and Ruth Harris and Fred Atkinson. Win Sisson reported that his son was graduating from the Naval Academy. Tommy Dunn gave me a little run down on the crowd in Paris.

I hope you all have had a nice Summer. Just by way of information we have now started our thirtieth year.

—George Duehring  
Fort Lesley J. McNair  
Washington 25, D.C.

## 1931

The news concerning the members of the Class of 1931 has picked up considerably since my last Report to you. Since there is sufficient news for a change, there will be no trivia included in this letter.

The most important event during June was a graduation of nine sons of members of '31 from the Service Academies. Seven



On Tuesday, 2 June, General L. L. Lemnitzer, Chief of Staff-designate, presented to the First Classmen the pistols given to each graduating son of the Class of '31. Left to right: Lehrfeld, Sr. & Jr.; Singles, standing in for Dick, P.V.; Dick, Jr.; Passarella, Sr. & Jr.; Hightower, Jr. & Sr.; Train, Jr. & Sr.; Carroll, Jr. & Sr.; Thomas, Jr.; Wilson, standing in; General Lemnitzer.

graduated from the Military Academy. They are: David Carrol, James Dick, Louis Hightower, William Lehrfeld, Patrick Passarella, Marvin Thomas and William Train. The Class gifts to the graduating sons were presented at West Point the day before graduation by the Chief of Staff Designate, General Lyman L. Lemnitzer. Five of the fathers were present for the presentation. P.V. Dick could not make it. Gordon Singles stood in proxy for him. "Curley" Wilson stood in for the late Marvin Thomas. Robert E. Blake, son of Gordon Blake, graduated from the Air Force Academy. "Jake" Smart presented the Class gift to young Blake. "Jake" sent a most interesting note to me on his return to Washington:

"As a representative of our Class I was privileged to present our Class gift to Robert Edward Blake, the youngest son of Ruth and Gordon Blake, on the date of his graduation as a member of the first class of the Air Force Academy. The presentation was made following a ceremony at which awards were made to outstanding cadets in the graduating class. Bob was cited as an outstanding cadet and received the Floyd Bennett Award.

"Our Class can feel proud of the record made by this son as a cadet. Bob's mother and father and his brother, Jerry, who graduated from the Naval Academy in 1958, were present at the presentation, as was a member of the Superintendent's Staff and a member of the Air Force Academy Foundation. Photographs were made and copies will be forthcoming soon.

It is interesting to note that Bob's appointment as a Second Lieutenant gives the Air Force three members of the Blake family, a graduate from each of the three Service Academies. I believe this is unique. I am sure that Jerry Williams, Bob's uncle, and our classmate, was watching this little ceremony from afar with pleasure and pride."

Harry Cooper's son, Michael Bryant Cooper, graduated from the Naval Academy. Harry, who is stationed at Arkansas State College, came East for the graduation ceremony. Admiral John W. Crumpacker of the Naval Academy Class

of 1931 presented the Class gift to young Cooper. It is hoped that pictures of these presentations will be available for the next issue of the *Assembly*.

The Washington Group determined that in order to have a proper continuity, it would be best to elect the officers for the coming year in the spring instead of as heretofore in the fall. As a result, on the 21st of May the officers were elected as follows:

Corbett, President  
 Bill Dick, Vice President  
 Warren Hoover, Secretary  
 Francis Passarella, Treasurer

Louis Gunther is continuing as Entertainment Director. Louis contested the election, but a recount of the ballots shows that it was unanimous insofar as he was concerned.

When any Classmate visits the Washington area, if he would get in touch with any of the above-mentioned individuals, he can be assured of a suitable welcome.

There is some good news on promotions. Wendell Bowman was promoted to Major General in the Air Force. John Ruggles was promoted to Major General, U.S. Army and assigned to Viet Nam. "Duke" Ondrick was promoted to Brig. General, U.S. Army, 13 May 1959. I am sure that from now on "Duke" is not going to complain about "13" being an unlucky number.

Warren Hoover took a quick trip to Spain to welcome his new grand daughter, Joan Hoover De Garcia San Miguel. During his trip he saw "Jim" Mooney who is in command of the Air Force outfit in Spain and working hard as can be. "Don" Webber is Military Attaché.

Klem and Norma Boyd were in Madrid on a visit from Greece. Warren stated that Klem had put in for an extension of his tour in Greece.

The sudden death of Royden Bebec came as a shock to us. Royden died as a result of a heart attack while playing golf on 29 April 1959. "Doc" Strother represented the Class as one of the pall bearers at the funeral in Arlington Cemetery. A floral offering was sent by the

Class. Our heartfelt sympathies are extended to Janet.

I saw "Charlie" Hoy about a week ago and "Charlie" appears to me to be making a wonderful progress. "Charlie", as always, is impatient because things do not change right away, but as I have seen him at not too frequent intervals since his return to Washington, his improvement is noticeable.

The Washington Group had "Pat" Hunter as a guest at one of its luncheons in March in order to thank him for his service as Chairman of the Sons' Gift Committee. "Pat" has been handling this singly for the last four years. The following letter was given to "Pat" by "Jake" Smart:

"Dear Patsy:

Your classmates in the Washington area as representatives of our classmates throughout the world want to express our grateful appreciation for your unselfish and untiring services as Chairman of the Sons' Gift Committee. Through your good work, sons have been provided tangible evidence of their relationship to our class. Moreover, this endeavor demonstrates that the class as a whole appreciates their following in our footsteps and wishes them well in their service to our country.

Please accept this note of thanks from all of us and know that it comes to you with our admiration and great respect.

Sincerely,

s/

JACOB E. SMART  
 Major General, U.S. Air Force"

John Cave has taken over the job as Chairman of the Gift Committee.

Had a nice note from "Ozie" Tyler who is stationed in Korea. He wanted to inform me of a little gathering of the Class of '31 on the occasion of "Ed" Messenger's visit from CINCPAC HQS in Hawaii. "Ozie" writes:

"We all of us gathered at Bob Lee's cottage on the top of the hill, then later went over to the Eighth Army Club for dinner and to watch the floor show. Unfortunately, we also then went back to Bob's where we stayed far too late. We gathered about a dozen good men and true of the class.

Bob, of course, is Chief of Staff here for CINCPAC, I am his Deputy, John Berry is Deputy Admin for Eighth Army. Bill Woodward just arrived as ADC, First Cav. Merv McGee just got here to take over as CG, First Corps Artillery; Bill Cassidy is Logistical Advisor for the ROK Forces and stationed here in Seoul; Ernie Peters is here with KMAG, Budge Howard is with the VI ROK Corps, up north."

"Bob" Lee added a footnote to the letter stating that this was the largest gathering of the Class he had attended since the last luncheon in the Pentagon.

"Jim" Pumpelly made one of his periodic visits to Washington on 10 March. He is all for the State of Texas now. Also have a copy of News Release concerning Scott Dickson. Scott was elected Vice President of W. & L. E. Gurley, Inc. at a recent stock holders meeting. His present address is: Duane Lake, Duaneberg, New York.

Colonel and Mrs. "Bob" Johnson presently stationed at Kaiserslautern, Germany announced the marriage of their beautiful daughter, Barbara Anne to

Hadj Tahar Khelif. Barbara Anne attended Syracuse University, the University of Maryland, Alliance Francaise and L'Ecole des Langues Orientales, the latter two in Paris where she met her fiancé, a graduate of the Sorbonne.

John Hansborough sent along a nice note. John states that he is the last member of the class in Alaska. "Bill" Hall left last week for his new assignment in the Pentagon. John's oldest son, a '57 graduate of Annapolis is stationed at Eielson Air Force Base in Alaska. John also wanted to take this occasion to remind each and every one of us that we are approaching the unenviable position of being the oldest graduate at the annual West Point dinners. He had a word of warning that each should prepare one of those boring speeches that old graduates normally give.

There was quite a gathering of the Class at a luncheon on 3 April 1959 at Fort Bragg. Lehrfeld, Harris, Blunda, Pachler, Hiddleston, Troxel, Lawson, Esterbrook, J. J. Davis, Westphaling, Adams and Hightower were all attending the AUSA symposium on Mobility. "Ken" McCrimmon also attended the symposium but missed the class luncheon.

"Deak" Roller sent on a long and informative letter. Initially he complained that the medicine he was taking for his cold affected his equilibrium. He stated that he was going to spill all that he knew.

"Deak" states that he has a new job as the Assistant District Manager of Hamilton Funds in San Pedro, California. "Jerry" Flaherty is the Assistant Director of Sales for this mutual fund. "Amby" Hughes is a District Manager for the same fund in Atlanta and "Joe" Brady has the Norfolk area. Frank Blunda is Vice President of Radioplane in Van Nuys. "Shorty" Rothrock is with RCA in Los Angeles. "Bob" Fulton is with North American Missiles and is living in the Rolling Hills District just north of San Pedro. Howard Dudley lives in Long Beach and is engaged in teaching. Maynard Levenick is the Vice President and Comptroller of an electronics firm in Pasadena. Hector Truly has reported recently as Senior Advisor to the 63rd Division (Reserve) Los Angeles. Recently on a short tour of the southern U.S., "Deak" managed to see Fletcher Cole in Palm Beach, Don Yates at Cape Canaveral and Mitchell in Atlanta. He missed Lichirie, "Don" Little and Sies Wagner who are all located in the great State of Georgia. D. K. Armstrong who recently retired has set sail for Germany where he is going to be located temporarily. P. V. Dick visited San Pedro last New Years where he and "Deak" watched the Rose Bowl game on TV. "Phil" reported that McAleer and Chester Ott are doing well. "Mac" is turning to politics. His daughter was married last Thanksgiving. "Dutch" Uhlman is living in Pasadena.

California seems to be quite a gathering place. In addition to those mentioned above, Wayne Taul is in Fresno. Malloy, Cardell, Ondrick and Pratt are at The Presidio, San Francisco. Ayres is at the Oakland Transportation Base. Dean Gough and "Mike" Irvine are in the area also, and John Sullivan has been ordered to Camp Irwin. Wilson's number two boy, "Butch" is a plebe. Their number one boy is a platoon leader on the first

Beast Detail. That should be interesting!

That is all that I have at the present time, but it is certainly more informative than previous submissions.

With my kindest regards to all, I remain,

—J. B. Corbett  
Colonel, USA

## 1932

In recent years the Summer issue has become a very pleasant one to write—we've either just completed a reunion or a new bunch of good guys have finished the spade work to hold one five years hence. This year six sons of classmates entered the long grey pipeline, viz:

Frank Besson, offshoot of the Chief of Transportation, expressed a preference for that most fundamental means of transportation, i.e., the human foot, and will go to Korea as a doughboy.

James Massey, whose hair is the color of a matador's muleta, is the only one who plans to marry and will also go to Korea but in the Armor.

Erven Sommerville Tyler (son of Erv Sommerville who died in a Jap POW Camp) and John Gurr both chose the Artillery with station in Hawaii.

Richard Sundt and Sandy Beach also took the Artillery, with Dick scheduled for Germany and Sandy the 101st Airborne at Fort Campbell after he learns how to leave an airplane the wrong way. While Bob Hewitt, Jim Godwin and the dotting fathers looked on, the new members were presented with Class of 1932 desk sets at the Alumni luncheon. A fine addition to the Army and to demonstrate how considerate, albeit poignant, they can be, one of them referred to Bob as "the partially bald B. G. at the end of the table."

Oh brother. On that basis, Ivory Soap is partially pure.

Having covered the promotions from Cadet 1st Classmen to 2nd Lieutenants (calling that step a promotion will draw hoots of derision from a certain cynical segment of the military but technically it's true) let's continue with the other promotions.

Congratulations on the big first star to Al Clark, North Pacific Engineer in Portland; Bill Kunzig who will join Harvey Fisher as 1st Division Assistant Commander, and Ash Manhart who will remain on the CincPac staff. Also to Duke Ondrick who has joined Ash in Honolulu and John Keating who has gone to Cinc-South in Naples.

Harry Porter received his second star as Commander of the Air Materiel Force, Pacific Area (Hawaii) as did Luke Morris to whom I apologize for not so reporting in the last issue. Astute Luke pointed out that the Finance Officer is not as feckless as I however, and Luke would bear me no grudge if he could use my club number at the bar for the next three months.

While not exactly a promotion, D. B. Johnson received a nice award for his outstanding service as Chief of Staff of the Army Air Defense Command for the past two year period of its rapid growth and modernization with missile weapons. The certificate was presented personally by Lt. General Hart, the C.G., and ap-

parently the most lukewarm phrase employed was "exceptionally meritorious."

The inevitable changes of station have brought Charlie Baer to Fort Monmouth as Commandant of the Signal School, Milt Ogden to NORAD at Colorado Springs, and a big distinction for Dwight Beach who took command of the 82nd Airborne Division.

Jack Weber has taken command of the Ordnance Tank Automotive Command in Detroit, Milt Glatterer has gone to 4th Army Headquarters in San Antonio, and Ken Hobson is now Commander of the Ogden Air Materiel Area at Hill Air Force Base.

Roy Moore is now in SHAPE, George Mather in Korea, and Bill Ellery commands the 45th Artillery Brigade near Chicago.

Jim Churchill has retired, is remaining in Washington for the time being and when his new plans develop, shall be duly reported here.

Bill Culp left his own U.S. Army Management School for 13 weeks to tell Harvard exactly how to run their Advanced Management Program in the Graduate School of Business Administration. Maybe Jim McCormack was only expressing his MIT viewpoint over a long thoughtful drink, but he put it very sagely, "I don't know whether Willy needs Harvard, but certainly Harvard needs Willy."

Here in Washington, NBC broadcast a thoughtful half hour discussion between Charlie D'Orsa, C.G. of the Berlin Command; and the Chief of the State Department Economic Mission in West Berlin on the problems of defending the sector.

News of the second generation includes the engagement of Elizabeth Thatcher, a versatile three letterwoman in Europe (U. of Lausanne, Paris, Florence) to Mr. Robert E. Rafloski of San Jose, California. And after graduation from George Washington University in June, pretty Joanne Britton married 2nd Lieutenant Frank C. Norvell, Jr., a 1958 VMI graduate who is now with the 4th Missile Bn. at Edgewood, Maryland. Many of us, of course, know Frank Sr., USMA, '34.

Fran Sommer's permanent address which we did not have last time is 5112 Antonio Road, El Paso, Texas, and we here in Washington are delighted to see that Doris Cairns has moved to this area. Her permanent residence is 3201 Old Dominion Blvd, Alexandria, Virginia, and of course, she is looking forward to seeing lots of old friends.

And to close out this issue, it's appropriate to give the news of Bill Powers who closed out a long and effective military career in the Spring. A couple months after his voluntary retirement Bill took on what promises to be one of the most fascinating jobs yet reported here. He is Deputy Executive Director for Construction of the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, a \$75,000,000 cultural center covering a 12 acre site just north of Columbus Circle in New York.

President Eisenhower removed the first shovelful of earth in May and the rest is up to Billy. When completed, the Center will include a new Metropolitan Opera House, Philharmonic Hall, a new school and dormitory for the Julliard School of Music, a Repertory Theatre, a

Dance Theatre and a Library-museum of the Performing Arts. On the same site there will be a small public park with a band shell and an 850-car underground garage. Just to keep in the spirit of the thing, Bill and Lil have had a house built for themselves at Twin Oaks Drive, University Park, Trenton 8, N.J. and offer the latchstring to any thirsty classmate.

Through all this culture, however, Bill carries two wistful memories of musical experiences of our long gone cadet days. One was of the day we trudged up to the Chapel to try out for the choir and Bill recalls with indignation that Mr. Mayer bellowed "next" before he hit the second note of "Glory to God." The other was of a bull session before the first week-end leave. As the discussion waxed warm, Charlie Piddock, who combines 18-inch biceps with the soul of a poet, allowed that night clubs were for low-brows, but that he was going to hear some classical symphonic music.

Well, sir, Bill already sees the vision of the new Metropolitan Opera House, and 24 hours before he turns over the dive to the divas he's going to stand at the front center of the great stage and sing all four notes of "Glory to God."

And when the Philharmonic Hall is ready, Bill is going to remember his old friend Charlie Piddock, using Charlie's own phrase which is still ineradicably engraved in the minds of everyone who sat in on that bygone bull session.

Bill's going to send him two tickets to the opening performance at Philanthropic Hall.

—Ken Zitzman

Quarters 5, Ft. McNair

## 1933

The Class was extremely well represented in the Class of 1959. Sons graduating this year were: Cyr, A.R., Jr.; Engler, J.H.; Haskin, E.I.; McMorrow, T.; Maddox, S.; Meyer, R.J., Jr.; Versace, H.R.; and Walters, J.P.

Proud parents returning to watch their sons graduate were the Haskins from Homestead AFB, Middletown, Pa.; McMorrow, Engler, Walters, and Maddox from shadows of the Pentagon; the Meyers from France; the Versaces from Indonesia and France. '33 had a table at the Alumni Luncheon. Members partaking of the Cadets' Gourmet Delight were: Meyer, McMorrow, Pole, Guiney, Eyster, Versace and Broshous.

On Tuesday morning following the Athletic Review, '33 sons in the graduating class and their families plus as many '33 cadets as we could round up gathered in the MT&G Lecture Hall for the annual presentation of Class Gifts. The eight (8) members of the graduating class receiving the silver martini pitchers were delighted with the gifts. Each personally expressed their hearty thanks to all members of the Class.

Previous to this year, the Class has had 15 sons graduate from West Point and one from Annapolis. The eight members of '59 pushed the total number of sons graduating to 23. As of this minute we have two undergraduates at the Air Force Academy and twenty-three men at the Point. The 23 Pointers are broken down into eleven Class of 1960's, seven

Class of 1961's, and five Class of 1962's. Their names by class follow:

1960: Breit, W.M.; Chapman, D.C.; Chapman, G., Jr.; Elder, J.E.; Gates, R.H.; Hagan, C.A.; Lincoln, J.B.; Remus, E.A.; Stilwell, J.W.; Totten, R.G.; Tripp, R.H.

1961: Cairns, R.B.; Downing, H.E.; Eyster, F.B.; Evans, A.; Henderson, G.; Solomon, J.K.; White, D.W.

1962: Broshous, C.R.; Calhoun, W.R.; Jr.; Carroll, R.C.; O'Reilly, J.P.; Starbird, E.

The two '33 Air Force Falcons are: Bishop, W.S.—Class of 1960; Summerfelt, M.F.—Class of 1961

By the time you read this you should have received your copy of the 25 Year Book. In case you did not receive your book or desire extra copies get in touch with Abe, whose address is:

Brig. Gen. Lawrence J. Lincoln  
Secy-Treas. 1933 West Point Society  
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Beginning in July, Class luncheons will be held bi-monthly on the second Tuesday and are scheduled as follows for the remainder of 1959: 14 July, 8 September, and 10 November. Classmates visiting the Washington area are cordially invited and can always be accommodated. The following new faces were seen at the luncheon on 5 May: Ely, Frame, Ratcliff, Huntsberry, Patterson and Leslie.

The unexpected deaths of Clay Bridgewater and Mat Kane, both from heart attacks, were a shock to all of us. Clay was on a short leave in St. Petersburg, Florida, from his duties as Chief of the Army Advisory Group, Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., at the time of his death. He was buried in Arlington with full military honors in the presence of many classmates and friends. It is understood that Sarah will settle in South Boston, Va.

Mat, who retired in 1946, died at his home in Oak Park, Ill, and was buried there. He is survived by Maxine and three children—Joan, John and Michael, all residing at 1045 North East Avenue, Oak Park.

We are glad to report that Cy Dolph, now at Walter Reed, appears to be well on the road to recovery from a heart attack which occurred several months ago in the Far East.

Jake Messersmith will become Regional Director of the Military Traffic Management Agency's central traffic region in St. Louis on 1 July. Since his retirement in 1956, Bob Meals, who has been Assistant Manager of the Alleghany Ballistics Laboratory operated for the Navy by Hercules Powder Company located near Cumberland, Md. is being assigned special duties in the Hercules Chemical Propulsion Division as technical representative at Redstone Arsenal, Ala. Ab Huntsberry is moving from Chief, Overseas Supply Agency at the Brooklyn Army Terminal to an assignment as Senior Logistics Advisor in Korea. Charlie Patterson has rejoined the Pentagon group and is assigned to R&D. Phil Pope is winding up his tour as Attaché in Cairo and Stan Lonning is preparing for his Attaché tour to Brazil.

Bill Fritz sends the following from Fort Meade:

"The West Point Society of Maryland celebrated Founders Day this year at Fort Meade. Among the 101 members present, I find that redhead "C" Co. roommate of mine, Ed Cahill. Ed is President of the Intelligence Board at Fort Holabird and looks fit for anything. Fred Thorlin stopped in recently for a short visit. He and George White are at Aberdeen Proving Ground. Fred is Deputy President of the Ordnance Board and George has the Ordnance Training Command. George is slated to go to Europe in May where he will be Ordnance Officer for USAREUR; Fred will take over his job at Aberdeen when he leaves. Chuck Dunn had the Air Defense Brigade at Fort Meade until January when he left for the Joint Chiefs. Gordy Bartlett is here with the National Security Agency. Bob Franklin was assigned to Second Army headquarters until a few months ago when he moved to Fort Hayes to be CO of the Garrison. Ed Doleman and Bob Douglas are both at the Army War College. Charlie Leydecker is at Indiantown Gap with XXI Corps Reserve. Joe Pittman is due to report to this headquarters soon. Come the end of June he will be the only member of '33 at Second Army. I will be moving to Wilmington, Delaware, for my new job with the Delaware National Guard."

Billy Harris writes that at the moment he is the last remaining member of the Class at Bragg. Most of this year there have been four, three of whom now have taken off for far away places. The first to leave was Ivan Parr. He went to the Quartermaster Research and Development Section at Natick, Mass. Next, Chet DeCavre took off for Ethiopia by way of the "Charm" School at Arlington Towers in Washington. Charlie Chase then followed to brush up on his French and also to take the "Charm" School before going to Cambodia. Believe he is in Hawaii at the moment getting briefed but should be in Cambodia in a few days. Billy visited Frank Henley's base at Charleston a few weeks ago but he was away on a trip. He further states that Joe Stilwell arrives during the Summer from France and is slated to be Deputy Commanding General and Chief of Staff. Several classmates were seen at Bragg during the AUSA Symposium in April. They were Dave Gibbs, Dick Myers, Chappy Chapman, Dunc Hallock, and Johnny Lane.

—Ed Ashworth

4423 N. Vacation Lane  
Arlington 7, Virginia

## 1934

Our 25th Reunion celebration is now a part of history and reports of its success are unanimous. Classmates who attended: Anderson, Andrews, Beazley, Betts, Boland, Brookhart, Brown, C. E., Bruce, Bucknam, Caufield, Cheston, Darrah, Davall, Denton, Edson, Fajardo, Finkenaur, Gerhart, Hillyard, Himes, Lamb, Lewis, McCrary, McKee, McKinnon, Mullen, Petty, Renfroe, Richardson, Stone, Turner, P.L., Walsh, J.E., Waugh, Wells, J.B. and Winkle. A number of the wives there, too, but I'll not attempt to list them. One of the highlights of the Re-



Class of 1934 25th Reunion.

union was the presenting of silver cigarette boxes to the three graduating Class sons, William J. Mullen, III, James E. Walsh, Jr., and Theodore D. Wells. Congratulations to these new Lieutenants.

"Jabo" Jablonsky, John Smoller and Jack Seaman have recently become Brigadier Generals, U.S. Army and Dale Smith a Major General, USAF. Class congratulations are extended to all of them.

We have all been saddened by the death of George Weitzel in Aiken, S.C., last March. George retired for physical disability after the war and had been living in Aiken for about eight or nine years. He was in the real estate business for a while but finally had to give that up because of failing health. George was a fine and cultured gentleman and an outstanding officer and his graciousness and friendliness won him many friends both in and out of the Service. Elsie and her younger daughter, Sally, will remain in Aiken and Carroll, her older daughter, will be married this Summer and will live in Charleston, S.C. To George's family the Class sends its sympathy and condolences. George was buried at West Point last March 27.

Frank Norvell sent me this item of interest the other day. "The next two months will be big months for us. In June, Susie graduates from high school and Frank gets married. It's interesting to note that he is marrying the daughter of Frank Britton of the Class of '32. When I was a plebe in "L" Company, he was the Corporal of the squad to which I was assigned. Joanne is a very nice girl and Mary and I are very proud to have her join our family.

"In July we go to Paris on PCS. I was assigned, along with Hal Edson, to EUCOM Headquarters. Sue will come over with us during the summer and return this fall to attend Madison College in Virginia."

Staunton Brown writes the following



1934 Presentation Ceremony. Left to right: Cy Betts, Class President; Jim Walsh and father, Ted Wells and father, Bill Mullen and father. (Snappy appearance of all concerned is result of torrential downpour during Graduation Parade, which immediately preceded this ceremony.)

from Tehran, Iran. "Happily retired as of 31 March '58. Fannie, Katie (11) and I making do in a 9 room manse with swimming pool yet, while I struggle to introduce modern building construction techniques in a civilization where mud is still a basic structural material. Sally works for NBC-TV in New York altho she has probably lost her job as she came out to visit on a short leave of absence and is still here 3 months later. Judy a sophomore at Lindenwood College, St. Charles, Mo., and making plans for Aix-Marseille next year." Staunton is with the Ibec Housing Corporation and lives at 126 Ave Villa.

The Washington Sunday Star of 7 June published this news item. "The Commanding General, Philippine Army, Brig. Gen. Tirso G. Fajardo, left Manila May 27 for the United States and a tour of military bases and installations. Mrs. Fajardo is accompanying her husband. Gen. and Mrs. Fajardo arrived in Washington on Friday from New York. Gen. Fajardo, who has many friends in Washington, graduated with the West Point Class of 1934. Brig. Gen. Austin W. Betts will act as host for the class when it entertains at a stag luncheon tomorrow for their distinguished fellow classmate. Members have been asked to gather at noon in Patton Hall, Fort Myer, for the special party." In attendance to honor the visiting dignitary were Baker, R.G., Barnes, Betts, DeGuire, Edson, Fellenz, Heyne, Higgins, Killian, Luehman, Lawlor, McCrary, McLennon, Miller, Lee, Norvell, Reeves, Revie, Sebastian, Tyson, Weber and Wilson.

Newcomers to Washington include Baker, R.G., DeGuire, Heyne, Fellenz, Ligon and Revie. Bill Craig is scheduled in about August. Jud Reeves moves to Scott AFB where he will become MATS Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff. Dick Weber is the new chairman of the Cotillion Committee succeeding Hal Edson. Miller, J.F. was a recent Washington visitor from his home in California. Harry and Betty Lardin visited Washington for several days on their return from Germany. Their new home is Fort Knox.

New Class officers announced today, 8 June, are, President: Davis. K.L., 1st Vice President: Fellenz, 2nd Vice President: Revie, Secretary: McLennon, Treasurer: Davall. Good luck to them and a "Well Done" to the outgoing officers.

That's all for this time.

—F. W. Barnes  
4305 24th St., N.  
Arlington 7, Va.

The Class Reunion Committee has already begun its prodigious task in an attempt to make our 1960 Reunion our most memorable one. Hart Caughey, Editor of "More Yet", and Jack Williamson, Managing Editor of "More Yet," have sent out data sheets with an urgent request for a biographical sketch and photographs. To date the response has not been exactly world shattering. If you happen to be one of those procrastinating individuals who has delayed a little in replying, please help your Reunion Committee by forwarding the items required. You need not send them all at once but, please, let's cooperate with your editorial staff by sending some of it off today. Then let's get the remainder off next week.

Our Washington contingent has been increased by the arrival here of Al DuMoulin, Ollie Pickard, and Larry St. John. Al's attractive wife, Billie, seems to like the new assignment. Ollie Pickard is on duty with the Office of the Chief of Engineers. Kay St. John is so happy to have Larry back she doesn't care what his job is in DCSLOG, but you can be sure it's an important one.

Connie Roberts, Jack's widow, as pretty as ever, visited Washington in March. She saw the Jim Walshes, the Joe Andersons, the George Eckhardts, and a host of other classmates, their wives, and friends. Jack's daughter is rapidly turning into a beautiful Southern Belle, and his son looks more like Jack each day.

It was Old Home Week at Fort Bragg in early April. The Association of the U.S. Army held its Mobility and Electronic Meeting there. Present were Ralph Haines, George Murdock, "Tiger" Beall, George Jones, Bill Grieves, "Brick" Reynolds, and yours truly. Besides being informative and instructive, we all found time to reminisce over some cool refreshments. Incidentally, Brick slipped over to Pinehurst where he, his lovely wife, Pat, and some vice presidents of Brick's company (ALCO Products) had a week of golf.

Jimmy Frink, who had been at Walter Reed undergoing treatment, was pronounced well enough to return to his home in Fort Leavenworth for a month's sick leave. We are all happy to hear that Jimmy is well on the way to recovery and should be back on regular duty before long. Good luck, Jimmy.

The class was saddened by the sudden death of Bill Fruedenthal, who had been retired from the Air Force in 1951. A fairly large number of classmates turned out for Bill's funeral at Arlington. The large attendance, incidentally, was due in part to Jim Walsh's efforts to inform all classmates in the D.C. area.

We were quite pleased to read of the testimony given by Bill Lapsley before the Congressional Public Works Committee. As the Congressional Records worded it: "Brig. Gen. W. W. Lapsley discussed River and Harbor and Flood Control Projects on the Ohio and Tennessee Rivers." Nice going, Bill.

Bernie Waterman writes that he became a grandfather for the second time when a grandson, Barry Michael Broadus, arrived on May 2nd in Mobile, Alabama. His other grandson, James Clinton Broadus, Jr., is two years old. Their mother is

Bernie and Harriet's older daughter, Barbara Jane. Bernie's other daughter, Connie, graduated from Walnut Hill School, Natick, Mass., this June. It appears that Bernie will continue as Commandant at the Army Logistic Management School until June, '60.

We were fortunate enough to be at West Point for the first day of this past June Week. We stopped off and had a most pleasant visit with John and Gina Throckmorton. Gina is as lovely as ever, and John looks just like a "Com" should. We were invited to stay over for a presentation and reception John and Gina were having for the Miners and the Simpsons, whose sons graduated this June. The occasion, of course, afforded John the opportunity to present the '35 class gifts to Second Lieutenants Rusty Miner and Don Simpson. John Williamson, Sommers Dick, and the Sons of '35 in the second class, attended.

Saw Sommers Dick at the Army-Navy baseball game. Sommers looks just exactly like he did 24 years ago. The responsibilities as Associate Professor in Mathematics seem to weigh none too heavily on his brow. His problems as U.S.M.A. representative on the Class Reunion Committee are another thing, however. He must come up with some outstanding arrangements, which he will do or we'll miss our guess.

John Parker, farmer and gentleman from Versailles, Kentucky, was in town this past month visiting the Army-Navy Club. John appeared hale and hearty, and from all indications John's Polohunt Farm must be able to function for short intervals in John's absence. We hope John can get away next June Week for our 25th.

Aaron Harris and his lovely wife visited the Floyd Pratts at Picatinny Arsenal in mid-May. Aaron had just returned from a tour of duty in the Middle East with an oil company. Floyd is on the staff at Army Ordnance Special Weapons Command Headquarters and has the plushest assignment I have yet seen. At any rate, his quarters, located on that beautiful post—Picatinny—and that well-kept golf course, made it look like a highly desirable assignment to me.

Hank Thayer, recently transferred to the Pentagon from the Philadelphia Ordnance District, has changed his status again. Hank retired in late May to take a position as Assistant Secretary of the American Ordnance Association. It's a very important job and we all wish Hank the best of everything in his new position. Hank is moving his family to their new home in Silver Spring, Maryland, in June.

"Moose" Stillman, Commanding General of the Lackland Air Force Base, got his second star. Congratulations, Moose.

Tommy Musgrave, besides being a most capable officer as Chief of the Manpower, Personnel, and Reserves Division in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, is, as we all know, a very proficient golfer. Tommy recently was playing in a foursome with the President and as skillful a golfer as Tommy is, he is still a most tactful and diplomatic individual. Reliable sources report that Tommy lost "six bucks" in this game with Ike. Leigh Davis, currently Deputy for Research in the Research and Development Command, is being honorably mentioned for the posi-

tion as Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff (Development) and might soon move to the Pentagon. Kenny Berquist, presently Commander of the Cambridge Research Office of the Air Material Command, commutes daily to his home on Cape Cod, or, as they say in suburbia, halves his time between the Cape and Boston.

Charlie Rich, Assistant Division Commander, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, writes: Bennie Hawes is now Mayor of Owensboro, Ky.; Pope Blackshear is Commandant of Cadets at Kentucky Military Institute at Linden, Ky.; Ed Hutton, ex '35, is a successful insurance man in Nashville; Harry Critz is commanding an airborne battle group. Charlie is in fine health. He did not say so but he griped about the depth of the personal data on the personal questionnaire which seems to indicate to us that he's up to par.

Earl Barr, a successful patent attorney, was in Washington a few weeks ago, and it was our pleasant fortune to talk to Earl. He's doing well and, aside from a slight diabetic condition, is in fine shape. Art Fickel has been transferred from Washington to Philadelphia by General Electric. Art's job will be approximately the same, that of programming and planning, which only slightly describes it. Art is happy with his position but leaves Washington rather reluctantly. Sid Spring is still the Engineer of the Third Army at Fort McPherson. Sid's hair looks the way a platinum blond would like to have her hair look. Her hair, not her figure; even that seems unchanged.

Tommie Lang got together with Bob Stillman, "Curly" Hill, Jim Long, and Duncan Sinclair last Fall at the Rice game in Houston. Tommie reports that Chuck Symroski is now in Viet Nam and that Gerry Brown has recently arrived at Fort Sill. From what we have been able to discern, Tommie is still Commander of Troops at the Artillery and Missile Center at Sill.

Walt Riemenschneider seems to be thriving at Headquarters, Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston. Dunc Sinclair is still Chief of Staff at the U.S. Army Aviation Center, Fort Rucker, Alabama. Bill Martz is at Fort Knox in some capacity or other. Duke McEntee, who forwarded us this information, neglected to advise us Bill's job at Knox. Incidentally, Duke was in Washington last Fall and appeared to be enjoying excellent health. Willie Root is still doing remarkably well at the Aircraft Nuclear Propulsion Division of General Electric Corp. Willie has been in Cincinnati for three years and seems destined to take out his first papers now. His son, now five, is about the youngest class offspring, or is he? There must be one younger than that. Please let us hear of any.

John Gloriod was in Washington taking a course in "How to Become a Successful Military Attaché". John graduated and has already departed for Pakistan. "Mac" Peeke, here in town for briefing recently, has departed for Teheran, Iran, where he will command the U.S. Military Mission (Gendarmerie). Mac, for the edification of us language "goats" has developed into a skillful linguist, speaking a half dozen languages fluently. Ed Harris, recovering very nicely at Walter Reed from a recent bout with pneumonia, attends the next

course at M.A.A.G. school. Ed, Alice, and family depart this Summer for Turkey on a M.A.A.G. assignment.

Dan Carr, ex '35 and one of our better classmates who rarely misses a class luncheon or party, lives with his very attractive wife, "Hoot", and their four lovely daughters in Falls Church, Va. Dan is an Aide to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Budget. The Assistant Secretary relies heavily on Dan's judgment on personnel matters. Dan seems to be frequently traveling, so we know he's quite busy and doing an excellent job for D.O.D.

Dave Wallace, now residing in Moorestown, N.J., writes that "Red" Crowdon, Colonel Retired, is now on the faculty of the Texas College of Arts and Industries at Kingsville, Texas. Carmen Rogers, our erstwhile Secretary, is doing famously with Mutual of New York so if any of you classmates need insurance, Carmen will be glad to oblige. "Tex" Knowles, we hear, has retired from the Air Force. He and Mary Lou now live in San Antonio, Texas.

Reuben Tucker, whose duty as Chief of the Infantry Section of the Career Management Branch frequently demands that he visit the troops, returned recently from a junket which took him to several remote spots in the Far East. Rube reports that he saw Jimmy Skells and "Toad" Woodyard and their wives in Hawaii, where he relaxed with them, partaking of refreshments with the usual reminiscing.

Bud Russ, whose illustrious career in Research and Development in the Pentagon was cut short by his assignment, in June, as Executive Officer at the National War College, Fort McNair, has the entire class wondering how he did it. Bud's even-tempered attitude and cooperative spirit with the Ph.Ds. and wise men of the Research organization had been taxed to the utmost. To be transferred at this time, and in such a fortunate manner, keeps everyone wondering. And "they said it couldn't be done".

Jack Williamson reports that he saw Julius Stanton while on a visit to Rochester, New York. Julius is a mathematics instructor at Edison Technical High School, in Rochester, and, as you may recall, retired in the fall of 1957. Hart Caughey ran into Tommy Thomas (J.L.) at the Walter Reed Hospital. For a visitor at W.R.G.H., Tommy sure did not look like a patient.

Norm Skinrod, better known as "Flash", has been doing a superior job as Executive Officer of the Army's Career Management Branch and has the additional responsibility of answering dumb questions put to him by your class-notes writer. "Flash" reports the following last minute bits of information: "Les" Wheeler is in Geneva in connection with the Prime Ministers conference; George Eckhardt recently was transferred to the Joint Chiefs of Staff to replace Hugh Exton, who leaves soon for Hawaii; Al Ashman will take over Eckhardt's job, Commander of the Nike Group here in Washington. George, incidentally, joins Ralph Haines and Jimmy Totten on duty with the Joint Chiefs. Dick Agnew attends the 1959-60 Class at the National War College. Vernon Mock departs shortly for Korea.

This about closes this rather lengthy

report. Before we close we would again like to ask those members of the class who have as yet not mailed Hart Caughey their questionnaire, biographical sketch, and photographs, to do so as soon as possible. Your Reunion Committee will bless you for cooperation in this matter.

—Pat Mente

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## 1936

Headlines for these notes are Graduations, Marriages, Promotions, and Class Projects.

The Class Gift was presented to our third son to graduate from USMA, GIL DORLAND. Congratulations to GIL not only for accomplishing this feat but also upon his marriage which occurred in traditional Army manner at the Old Cadet Chapel right after graduation. The new MRS. DORLAND—Elizabeth Stephens—and GIL will be stationed in Panama. LOUIS CHAPPELEAR was asked to deliver to GIL the Class Gift. I know how anxious LOUIS was and what an honor he thought had been bestowed—therefore, it was truly unfortunate that he could not get in from California at graduation. Like LOUIS, others who had planned to be at West Point—but were not—WESTMORELAND, SHORES, GOLDENBERG, QUINN, and GAGE. For the first time a father made the Gift Presentation; however, a good number of cadet sons were present. Big GIL, Lynn, all of the rest of the DORLANDS and Stephens filled seven rooms near the Academy. GIL had a bonus of happiness when he learned just before departure from Nashville that John could get into the Academy July 1st.

Also of greatest importance to the class was the graduation exercise at the Air Force Academy where the senior member of the class, HOWELL ESTES, presented a gift to the first and highest ranking man ever to graduate, BRAD HOSMER. Brad is also the first and only Rhodes Scholar from this academy. I guess I have often seen VIP's receive national recognition, but have never known them personally. I wish that the two thousand nine hundred and twelve seat auditorium at the Academy had been filled 100 per cent with our classmates; you would have seen young Brad appear above all the other distinguished

cadets and receive all of the honors. It was a tremendous, spine-tingling affair. I might add that a memorial plaque to General Harmon (Helen Nazzaro's uncle) was dedicated. This plaque contains a place for the name of all first men in classes from 1959 to 2058. Brad HOSMER is at the head of this plaque. HOWELL ESTES is probably the most Academy-conscious man in the Air Force; it was, therefore, my good fortune to have him as a guide for three days.

All of the HENDRICKSONS, HOSMERS (including grandmother) and cadets WAUGH and JONES assisted at the formation presenting Brad his gift.

Congratulations to the Air Force again for their new stars. BUB CLARK, BEN DAVIS, SHORES, and NECRASON received their second star. FREDDIE BELL and GARNETT LEE were promoted to Brigadier General. It is expected that the Army will have some promotions before next Fall, but they are not publishable at this time.

ABRAMS left Washington to be Assistant Division Commander, Third Armored Div., Germany. AUSTIN initiated what appears to be one of the biggest Class Projects yet to be undertaken—and I fear one of the greatest headaches for several of us (not necessarily Gordie). In the spring AUSTIN wrote recommending a 25th Anniversary Howitzer. The Executive Group in Washington approved as did the Class Officers. Currently, we are preparing to inform the Class as a whole as to the nature of the work and solicit your endorsement. As long as we are committed to this project, I know we wish to make it the best book that any class to date has published along these lines, certainly this Class has the background and the competent personnel to manage, edit and publish the finest book of its type ever put out. If we are to do this, the Class must do its individual share cooperating with the "wheel horses." When you receive your questionnaires and request for MONEY, please be as rapid and as generous as those of the Class who will devote so much of their time to serving you with this big enterprise. Right after graduation I called GIL DORLAND, and he agreed to manage our 25th Yearbook operation. Off-hand I can't think of a better-qualified man in the Class for this type of work. BRUCE PALMER, DORLAND and I are planning to get CLIFTON to do the editing, etc. According to General Devers, whom I talked to in June. TEJ

is one of the most brilliant writers and journalists in the country.

BELL is at AMC, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. CATO has moved to the XVIII Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg, N.C. I had the pleasure of talking to young Dick at West Point, and he is doing a fine job on behalf of our sons at USMA. He told me that he had dragged Toni TIFFANY recently.

After many Class parties in April and May the 'CORDES' left for Fort Lewis. The last such occasion was May 31st when the HOLTONS came up from Benning and brought with them the worst rain of the season. The PECKS, GOODINGS, and DELESDENIERS helped entertain. Pat CORDES will be the only one left behind; she remains at Emory Nursing School where she has been named the first president of her sorority. Luke DELESDENIER put in his retirement request in May. It is not known when or what he plans to do, but it's pretty certain he stays in Atlanta. DRAIN had orders to USA Attaché Transient Det., Washington, D.C. Jerry DUIN has retired, whereabouts unknown. DUNN received a commendation ribbon upon leaving Leavenworth. He is going to the 6th Armored Regiment, Fort Knox and will gyroscope to Europe in the Fall. The ESTES bought a new home in Washington recently and went up to see their boys graduate near Syracuse, New York early in June. EVANS is at headquarters, Iceland Defense Force. FINLEY becomes a student at Army War College. Bob FISHER officially opened a sporting goods branch office in Atlanta June 1st. He is the national distributor for a large line of bowling balls (if you need any, remember to give your business to your classmates). FURPHY joined KESSLER at Redstone Arsenal, Ala. GOODING, who thought he was being transferred, remains another year at Fort McPherson. GOODWIN goes from Benning to AWC as a student. HAHNEY wrote that POWELL and he are the only '36er's at Sill. GANNS joined them from Chaffee. HARVEY's new address: Staff and Faculty, Industrial College, Washington. Jim HUGHES is with International Tel and Tel; lives at 1504 Ashford Avenue, Condado, San Jose, Puerto Rico. Had the pleasure of seeing the GUNNS while in Colo. Always thought Granny looked old; now he is quite youthful compared to the rest of us. He is stationed at ENT, and we were privileged to be with him on two occasions. The GUNNS can be very proud of two fine-looking young sons, an attractive home and a "brand new" '31 Model A roadster. ILLIG returned from Hawaii and goes to DC/S Log. Pentagon. Flo JAKLE has a new address: 307 Cloverleaf, San Antonio, Texas. KINARD is assigned DC/S Operations, DA. His daughter Ariail was married to Bruce Goessling. Congratulations! It is possible the young couple will reside at Monterey, Calif. Ralph KING has been head of the Test Management and Operations for the Lockheed "Discoverer" Project at Palo Alto. He was "on the pad" at the launching of the first Army missile to orbit. LANDRUM has the 1st Battle Group, 8th Cav Reg't, Korea. LEMOYNE, who retired, lives at 1900 SW 35th Avenue, Gainesville, Florida. He is now going to school. MC



Dorland, '36, congratulates Dorland, '59, in the presence of other sons of the class.

CORKLE left Washington to command Air Force Special Weapons Center, ARDC, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico. After many years in Chicago MEANY reported to USA Elm Taiwan, Def Com'd MAAG, Taipei. MICHAELIS left Washington to command USA, Alaska. Had a long talk with Mike regarding getting sons into the academies. I hope we can make a successful Class Project out of information pertaining to this work in which Mike has become an expert. MOHLER is on the Staff and Faculty at AWC. "Ham" MORRIS is stationed at Sacramento Engineering District. NAZZARO goes to 15th Air Force, SAC, March Air Force Base. It was a pleasure seeing Helen again at USFA where the whole Harmon clan collected to do honor to the first Academy Superintendent. PACK is at Headquarters, CINCPAC, Hawaii. PAGE is at National War College. The PECKs went from Georgia to Fort Shafter, the PEARSONS went to Germany in the summer. PRINCE wrote that he is Deputy Post Commander at Fort Hood, Texas. PROSSER states that HIESTER, ROMLEIN, and he are still at Detroit. The RIPLEEs moved to Allied Land Forces, Southeastern Europe, Izmir, Turkey. T.C. ROGERS has become Chief MAAG, Japan, APO 500, San Francisco. SAFFORD became Chief of Staff of the 101st Airborne. He probably "sky-dived" into his new job. George SIBERT married Judith Cleary in July. The SIBERTS and the class were very happy upon this occasion. Judith won a Fulbright grant and went to France a year ago. The ceremony took place in Urbana. SIEVERS goes to the Industrial College in the Fall. STOKES retired last December and lives at 3116 San Carlos Street, Tampa 9, Florida. Oren and Vera SWAIN entertained Howell and me for a long overdue reunion in Colorado Springs. Oren changed his orders from Spain to Heidelberg at the "7th hour," and they were in the throes of packing when we met. Their second son, Swaino, had fully qualified for West Point but did not stand high enough for a Presidential. Mike, Oren and I were desperately trying to find a "Principal" at the "11th hour." WATERS becomes a student at AWC in August. Wort WILLIAMS is still in Washington; he passed through Atlanta in March, but we were unable to get together.

After having several days with ESTES and discussing class affairs, I was fortunate to be able to spend an afternoon and evening with Bruce PALMER. Both of these men have been doing a magnificent job for our class. As a reward for their great service I hope we can all dedicate ourselves to cooperating in an effort to push towards making our class the most famous group ever to graduate. Within the next two years several projects which we have in mind might be accomplished so well that we could materially improve the prestige and position of the Class of 1936. I do not feel these statements are overly ambitious or egotistical since I heard unofficially that we already stood about third in matters concerning West Point and military accomplishments. "Heave those chests up, Mist'ers!" You have much to be proud of, and I hope considerable to offer the class in matters of cooperation which you may be called upon to give. The above is stated because some method should be devised

to equalize the load on people like Bruce PALMER who has given so much of his time developing and planning class work not only in Washington but "overall." As if this were not enough of a burden, he has lost his mother and father, and then Kay lost her mother (Mrs. Sibert) in mid-May. When I was in Washington in June, they even had a case of the mumps Chez Bruce. It should be our most earnest prayer that a strong and dedicated replacement be available after August when Bruce relinquishes the secretariat in Washington.

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## 1937

Twenty and two years ago this day there emerged from the Corps a motley crew to be known forevermore as "The Class of 1937". Reading and writing were requisites for graduation, even in those days of yore, however, although many of this group can still read, it appears that they can no longer write.

The following bits of fact and fiction have come to the attention of the undersigned since the publication of the last ASSEMBLY.

"Chuck" Pfeffer is now teaching math and science in a Catholic High School on Long Island.

As previously reported, Fred Ressegieu is with Bechtel Corporation in San Francisco. His official title is Manager of Defense Projects.

Bill McDonald took on a new assignment at the National War College in April. Jack Donohew still spells his name "Donohew", not "Donahue" as previously reported.

Bill Standberg has had a new son (ably assisted by his good wife, Peg). Stephen D. Strandberg, the new member of the family, is a candidate for the Class of 1981 at which time Bill will be a mere "66". (Just when most of us are quitting the PTA's!)

"Check" Harrison and his good wife, Lois, are expecting their fourth in August.

John Frazier has taken civilian life very seriously. He has been elected to the Vestry, All Saints Episcopal Church; also elected as a trustee for Somerset School; additionally elected to the Board of Governors and to the Managing Committee of the Episcopal Church Home. Nothing part time about John!

"Woody" Dunlop is commanding the Armed Services Technical Information Agency.

Paul Whittemore is an ineligible bachelor who resides in the Washington area between trips to Iceland and other undeveloped areas while working for Page Communication Engineers.

"Hoot" Horrigan retired a couple months ago. Dick Fellows went to Randolph and spent an entire evening(?) preparing "Hoot" for his final physical. Rumor has it that following this preparation, Dick was considering retirement also. "Hoot" is headed for the happy life in California.

Harvey Dorney, "Woody" Stromberg and W. E. Davis are all attending the Military Assistance Institute preparatory to overseas MAAG assignments. Dorney to

Belgium; Stromberg to Viet Nam; Davis to Taiwan.

Jack Polk is coming home from Dublin, Ireland this summer with seven (count 'em 7) kids. Jack says, "When you can see the mountains in Dublin it's going to rain; when you can't see them it is already raining!"

Delk Oden is going from Fort Hood to Fort Rucker.

Bill and "Red" Hipps are at Norton AFB basking in the California sun and smog. "Trapper" Drum has a nephew, James Hunter Shotwell, who is entering USMA as a Plebe this year.

"Choppy" Brett has just been promoted to Commander, USNR, and as a naval reserve officer will serve two weeks active duty under General Trudeau in Headquarters, U.S. Army. ("Choppy" believes in unification!)

Don Bailey, Class of '25, the Manager of the Rathbone Washington office since 1955, was a guest at our Class luncheon in Washington in May. You may remember him as a "Frog P" when we were Plebes.

Further deponent saith not.

-Col. A. B. Robbins Jr.  
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## 1938

Members of the class will be saddened to learn of "Dobbie" Clarke's death of leukemia at Walter Reed on 16 April. He had been with the JUSMM, Turkey, and was flown to the United States in March. His burial took place in Arlington Cemetery on 21 April. Jane wants to thank the class for its floral offering. She plans to live at 1915 Dimon Street, Columbus, Ga.

The Washington Chapter of '38 reports that two of its members, Henry Huglin and Hal Kelley pin on stars in June. The Chapter recently "elected" the following to office for 1959-60: Sam Eaton—Chairman, Johnny Johnson—Entertainment Chairman, Ken Skaer—Coordination Chairman, Gregg Lynn—Secretary.

Dick Stilwell was in Washington during the period January—May with the President's Committee to Study the U.S. Military Assistance Program (Draper Committee). He returned to Germany to pick up his family for a July move to West Point.

"Chesty" Chesarek left his Pentagon desk in OASD (International Security Affairs) on 6 May for the Geneva negotiations.

Graduation at the Army War College found ex-students Al D'Arezzo and "Red" Sundin going to Korea, Warren Hannum assigned to the Army's Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, and Dick Long remaining on the AWC faculty. Art Collins and Paul Davis leave the faculty this year—Art for Korea in October and Paul to command the 15th Artillery Group, Quincy, Mass.

Dow Adams probably will hold the record for a short Pentagon tour. He goes to U.S. Army Garrison, Killeen Base Field Command, Texas, on 15 July. Incidentally April's and Dow's son, Peter, won not only a Presidential but a Senatorial appointment to U.S.M.A. this year.

Other Summer changes in assignment include Gus Guletsky going from Fort

Bragg to Germany in June; George Abert leaving Sioux Ordnance Depot, Sidney, Neb., for the Army Chief of Ordnance's Office in Washington, July; Tracy Harrington reporting to U.S. Army Element, Headquarters, UNC/US Forces, Korea, from Fort Knox in July; Milt Barschdorf also going to Korea from U.S. Army Engineer Division, Lower Mississippi Valley, Vicksburg, in August; Joe Duncan III moving from Aberdeen Proving Ground to the U.S. Army Ordnance District in Philadelphia, Pa. Ted Sawyer leaving Fort Sill for Fort Riley to be Division Artillery Executive, 1st Infantry Division in June; Bob York departing Fort Benning for U.S. Army Element, HQ, UNC/US, Korea in July; and Jeff Irvin, Pete Sights, "Mich" Michelet, "Swede" Swensen, Keith Holman, and Jack English all shoving off from Washington—Jeff for Germany, Pete for the Armed Forces Staff College as an instructor, "Mich" for Fort Meade, "Swede" for Naval War College (233 Tuckerman Avenue, Middletown, R.I.) and Keith for HQ USAR-EUR, Germany.

Among our linguists Don Thackery and "Birdsey" Learman have just completed courses at the Army Language School in Monterey. Don goes to Vienna, Austria, as Army Attaché in June and "Birdsey" to Rio de Janeiro as Chief of Staff of the MAAG in Brazil.

John Damon has decided to take a fling at being a civilian. Retiring 30 June he will join General Electric (address: TEMPO-General Electric) in Santa Barbara, Calif. and will do technical-military planning work. He hopes to have many '38 visitors.

The stork is apparently still friendly with '38. Recent additions were Elizabeth Helen Strange and Arthur Henry Skaer III (number 5 for both families).

The grapevine has it that Ward Ryan broke his leg in a recent practice jump in Taiwan. Speedy recovery, Ward.

DUNCAN, C. E.—1938 has a copy of the '38 HOWITZER. Anyone desiring same should contact him at: 1519 East Grove, Bloomington, Illinois.

—Wm. K. Skaer

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## 1939

The biggest news for this issue is the grand reunion... the 20th... of the Class of 1939! Our appointed assistant editors must have been all tied up as we got very little other news from them or anyone else for this issue. Maybe this is just the way they had it planned knowing that the reunion would take our quota of lines anyway. Back to the reunion... it was great... the arrangements were swell... and all had a very wonderful time. All of us are most thankful to the "1939 Committee"—Frankie Joe Kobes, Chairman; Fritz Fredericks, Entertainment and Charlie Mount/Hudge Hudgins handling housing. In addition, we had the services of a roving bureau of misinformation provided by Scott Kuryz. To top it off, Spec Fraser kept the pot boiling and insured that all complaints were promptly ignored. Seriously, our '39 crew at West Point did itself proud and their



CLASS OF 1939—20th REUNION—Left to right, top row: Hudge Hudgins, Freddie Boye, Chesty Evans, Sal Manzo, Mac McFarland, Fritz Fredericks; 5th row: Andy Goodpaster, Bob Curtin, Dick Morrison, Bob McCutchen, Jim Shepherd, Clyde Sutton, Bob Greer, Gery Greer; 4th row: Dossy Goodpaster, Jane Curtin, Jean Morrison, Bonnie McCutchen, Fran Shepherd, Elinor Bristol, Bob Cassidy, Jean Shephard, Ace Shepherd, Natalie Dawley; 3rd row: Ed Kurth, Jim Schwenk, Jake Jacoby, Jack Bestic, Al Ginder, Carlos Buechner, Betty Ann Dziuban, Stan Dziuban, Bill Atwell, Jay Dawley; 2nd row: Pat Kurth, Elaine Schwenk, Rosene Jacoby, Fran Bestic, Ruth Ginder, Martha Schreder, Jean Fraser, Spec Fraser, Grace Beier, Jack Beier, Kathleen McCrorey, Jaime McCrorey; bottom row: George Howard, Gwinnie Clark, Bud Newcomer, Jackie Newcomer, Jack Schrader, Gil Gilbert, Buddie Evans, Bel Evans, Jeanne Williams, Reverend Williams.

efforts on our behalf were outstanding and greatly appreciated. After this practice, Kobes and Fraser will be in a high state of readiness for the 25th! So rest up lads... and let's have another whack at it in five years.

We can't cover all the events but taking off from parade on Sunday, May 31, it went something like this... men settled in barracks and girls settled in the new visiting team's quarters (annex to what was once White Studios)... the 53rd Division was the center for our troops... the First Class Club in North Barracks served as bar, lounge and meeting place. Once settled in, we all made the parade for General Taylor and then made contacts in preparation for the Alumni Dinner-Dance in Washington Hall. We never did get a nose count that evening, however, the '39ers filled many tables and the estimates of attendance ran to about 80 old soldiers and some 60 camp followers. We sure learned that things are all relative. On arrival, one frequently heard the reference to "old Sam", or "Where's old Bill Bailey?" After the Class of 1899 produced six members present and we got a look at the active life of the Class of 1909, we all decided to drop the term "old". This dinner-dance was very fine... receiving line and all. As an illustration of how crowded things were at times, Andy and Dossy Goodpaster spent nearly a half hour in what they thought was the receiving line only to have Fox Newcomb advise them that the line was a bar line. In general, things broke up rather quietly Sunday evening and all got a good rest for what was to follow.

On Monday, the weather held fine for Alumni exercises and parade. The Class had a fine delegation in the "marching" formation and the girls cheered madly. Despite this exercise, after a stop at the First Class Club to regroup, we made it to the Alumni luncheon. The girls had a separate one but later reports indicated that the men fared better on the chow. It seems as though the afternoon, including the Awards Review, passed very rapidly. The reason for this was that all were looking forward to the '39 cocktail

party that evening at the West Point Army Mess. This was a very fine affair as those who were there well know. Frankie Joe was wandering about looking like an expectant Pa... real worried! Baldy Batson turned up in his best plaid jacket direct from the local races. In the quiet of the Pershing Room could be found the Kurths, Greers, McDavids, Dick Whites and Chris Coyne. Across the room at one point we saw McFarland agreeing with Bud Newcomer on some important issue. In another group, we had Mike Davison, Pat Patterson, Freddie Boye and Vic Johnson all trying to be heard at the same time. As usual, the Jacoby family arrived late with Rosene towing Jake. Rocky Crawford wore his latest Brooks Bros. suit and was in rare form. McFarland got away from Newcomer and next showed up in conversation with Mart Megica and Scott Kurtz. Sneaking back to the bar, Livie Taylor almost tripped up Molly and Pat Mulcahy. Pat was determined not to let a good party go stale. Carlos Buechner had Spec Fraser backed up and both were nodding knowingly.

With proddings from Frankie Joe, dinner was finally overcome and Tom Smith and Batson tried to organize a floor show. Finally, Ginny Batson was kidnapped into playing the piano. This was the beginning of a fine two hours. When everyone was still for a moment, we ran a quick check and got 72 men and over 50 girls present. At this point there were songs of all types... Sleepy Coleman recalled the fine voice which Hi-steppin' Harry (Tummy) Murray had and lamented that the Murrays couldn't make it. This comment plus a fan club led by Ann Higgins and Jo Laitman did the trick. Responding to popular acclaim, the high spot of the evening was attained. Ginny played and our own Andy Good-p took off... first there was a bit of warm up... "Down by the Old Mill Stream" and "When Irish Eyes are Smiling"... then it happened... Andy popped up his chest and took off... "Tit-willow"... it was wonderful as it filled a void which otherwise our reunion might have had. As Elinor Bristol said, "Gad, we only came

to hear this!" . . . and so did many others. Those who recall Andy and his rendition at Stewart AFB ten years back remarked that his voice hadn't changed a bit. The crowd began to break up and we took out about 1300 leaving Ace Shapard and Dick White to close the bar at 1400.

A side light on the girls on the hill may be interesting. All of the '39 delegation were in the visiting team barracks on the hill. Included was Gwinnie Clark fiancée of George Howard. Here again a fine time was had by all. In fact, Monday morning the girls were aghast that the hot water was cold and instant coffee most difficult to make. This didn't stop the '39ers though . . . Allie Lou Collins and Brookie Boles undertook to heat water in the steam iron . . . it was great coffee! Sunday night was most difficult for sleeping . . . Jean Morrison is alleged to have rocked the dorm with her mild breathing and as a result was appointed "permanent house mother." Catching up a bit, after the Monday cocktail party several gentlemen decided the thing to do was to have a small party in the lounge at the girl's dorm. This was fine and dignified. Considerable sparkle was added by Gery Greer . . . since renamed "Jamma" Greer . . . so the girls hit the hay late but tired and happy. This was to little avail as about 0400 it's alleged Fran Bestic and Ruth Ginder came in and brought the camp to attention. There was little or no rest until several days later.

Tuesday was a dull day . . . after the Athletic Review those present collected for a Class picture. Many were missing . . . for example, Don and Happy Serrem were goofing off at Thayer Hall and Matt Bristol was playing golf. The Kobes, Mounts and Kurtzes were home doing dishes and making beds for guests. We missed the Smiths, Crawfords, Taylors, Boles, McDavids, Megicas, Davisons, Mulcahys, Hulls, Richardsons, Leglers, Bartels, Olsons, Higgins, Medinnis, Whites, Laitmans and others which my incomplete notes don't list for reasons unexplained and for which I regret. Of course, many may have left for home by this time.

Rain began and continued Tuesday through graduation p-rade. Despite the downpour the parade was very fine and well attended. For the evening there was the '39 picnic at Round Pond. This was another fine affair . . . and chow was out of this world. Jim and Fran Shepherd were among the early arrivals with Bel and Buddie Evans sharing honors. Rain did not dampen the spirits . . . and this coupled with a warm fire and that very fine roast beef kept things moving. Jean Morrison was explaining her house mother problems to Dick Cleverly while Stan Dziuban gave me a run down on the classmates in New England. Later Andy Good-p called the troops to order for announcements and any business on hand. As you appreciate, there were many classmates who couldn't make it this trip . . . and we missed them all . . . as special recognition and evidence of the esteem in which we hold them, a telegram was sent to Art and Mary Allen giving them our best. We're all resting up for the 25th and Art and Mary will be there even if we have to have it in Washington! We were happy to include in our

celebrations Chaplain and Mrs. George Bean, Virginia '39. Carlos Buechner proclaimed his right to recognition for having traveled the greatest distance to the reunion . . . from Guatemala . . . and wearing a sharp native jacket to prove it. After the official part was over, the picnic broke up and several of the older group decided on a final fling via a "tapering off party" at the girl's dorm. "Babblin' Bob" Greer was first to arrive along with "Rollickin' Richard" Morrison. Again the party was most enjoyable with McFarland acting as host. Further news of the doings in the dorm came out . . . first Bonnie McCutchen had been appointed "lady in charge of lights" and there was some grumbling about Gery Greer's and Dossy Good-p's short-sheeting and other antics. The gentlemen departed in heavy rain about 0200 but later reports indicated that the girls got a good gab-fest going and stayed up until the wee hours with Dossy telling her best Washington stories and Jane Curtin serving refreshments. So you see you should have been there!

It's hard to recall everyone but we've done our best; however, on reflection, there are a few added comments we must make. It was great to see Bill Buster after all these years; we're sorry that Perry Hoisington couldn't have remained longer; Dan Minahan was about; Bob Haffa helped disarm the bells in 53 Division; Ray and Boughton were signed up; Jim Keller took quite a buzz since Rachel couldn't make it due to conditions for which Jim was responsible; Ed Hamilton helped to keep the spirits up when at times they seemed to be sinking; somewhere we must have another page of notes but it's not here now. So to those we missed . . . our apologies . . . we'll make it next time. As a final attempt to close the gap, we do record that we were honored and pleased to see Margaret Twyman and Mrs. Oakley (formerly Okerbloom). So you see we had a great turn out . . . you shouldn't have missed it!

Off to other news . . . and first we must congratulate Jack Samuel and Numb Newcomer on their recent nominations to Brigadier General. This is real fine going and our best wishes to both of them. Had a note from Jack today and he really tried to make the reunion . . . he reports having been to Fort Sill (Founders Day) and having seen Roger Lilly, Maslowski, Bud Brinker and Lou Cantrell. Following on we have a note from Tom Smith wherein he reports Mike Krisman is at Ft. Niagara and commands the 2nd Arty Gp (Air Defense); Dutch Shultz has the 63rd Arty Gp (NIKE); Wimpy Walker is S-3 of the 56th Arty Brigade (AD) at Fort Banks, Mass.; Tom Smith has the 11th Arty Gp (AD) with Hq at Rehobeth, Del.; Ray Janowski is G-1 of USARAD-COM at Colorado Springs with Bob Camp as his deputy. So you see we do get notes from the troops now and then . . . thanks loads, Tom.

I received today a telegram sent by Bunny Adams from Williams AFB. "Hi to everyone stop no MAMA no PAPA no Baksheesh no deputy at Willie. Bunny". Too bad it wasn't received in time for official reading at the reunion but appreciated the thought anyway.

Somewhere along the line we tangled with Stan Dziuban who submitted the

following "hot poop"—Jim Richardson is going to the Citadel as Director of Physical Education; Billy Hale is headed for Viet Nam; the Beckedorffs have a new power boat so that Larry can keep up with his boating and fishing; with Gibbons in Hawaii and Shelly Schellman at Leavenworth we're well covered. As a final item, we have notes on many '39ers who are planning to retire after 20 years in harness. Many of these items we're sure are rumors so we'll ignore them for the moment. From here on in, we have appointed Clyde Sutton as Chief-in-charge-of-reported-retirements: so please keep him informed at Redstone Arsenal.

Here's for a bigger and better 25th . . . if possible . . . and our thanks again to Frankie Joe and Lydia Kobes, Charlie and Milly Mount, Fritz and Anita Fredericks, Duval and Hudge Hudgins and Scott and Jan Kurtz. It was wonderful and your efforts were all so appreciated . . . thanks again . . . and rest up! Now that we are giving credit to the girls, we must acknowledge the fact that Jane has helped me keep the spelling somewhat in line and to recall those rather dim moments . . . we tried anyway . . . so the girls deserve a big hand for their help in planning and in making our 20th reunion the best ever.

—Bob Curtin  
2900 Richmond Lane  
Alexandria, Va.

## 1940

Never has the news been so sparse for famine stalks the land. I am resigned to the fact that the best thing to do is to pour me some fermented sugar cane juice move over to the shady side of the palm tree and wait for something to happen.

Dick Kent doubles the Class of 1940 population on this island by reporting in July as Professor of Air Science at the University of Puerto Rico. Sully to come to Washington after commanding an Engineer Battalion in Germany and France. Joe Hardin now the Chief of Staff at USMA. Ray Renola going to Heidelberg from Fort Leavenworth. Vic Hobson to Korea. Oglesby to language school before duty as attaché in Poland. Urey Alexander has the poop sheets for that was his old job. Clapsaddle to Benning. Jenks Floyd and Don Bennett coming to the Pentagon. Bob Warren to Eglin Air Force Base in Florida.

Woody Vaughn Jr. and Steve Silvasey Jr. the first bonafide class sons entering USMA with the class of 1963, in beast barracks at this writing.

Following letter from Sam Goodwin gives you the Pentagon big picture as far as our class goes.

"Dear Hank,

The Washington organization of our West Point Class of 1940 has succeeded in perpetuating itself, annually, but what could properly be described as 'dictatorial democracy'. At a stag lunch (we had stags in our class as well as goats. Ed. Note.) a slate of officers secretly prepared by the existing committee was handed by Page Smith under the table. With a staccato of words so fast that none could possibly interfere the following slate of double-letter company representatives was nominated, seconded,

and approved by acclamation: A & B Companies, Woody Vaughn; C & D Companies, John Pidgeon; E & F Companies, Ray Bates; G & H Companies, Ray Milloian; I & K Companies, Bert McKenzie and L & M Companies, Burt Haessly.

Because he was first on the list and last alphabetically Woody Vaughn was named as Chairman. This committee will be responsible for our class activities in and around Washington for the next year.

Enroute to this dastardly election I was subjected to some persuasion by none other than my former cadet roommate Sam Patten as to why I should be his successor as the class Washington Secretary-Treasurer. Being at my wits end and finally seduced by the effects of an old-fashioned before lunch, I agreed to accept this responsibility for a year when Sam Patten departs for Heidelberg this summer. (All classmates moving into or visiting Washington area can register with Washington Class secretary-treasurer at 2222 Vermont St. North. Arlington 7. He will direct you to the seductive old-fashioned. Ed. Note.)

Sincerely,  
Sam Goodwin"

Apparently all is well on the Potomac and in the Pentagon for the first attempt of the season made by Sam and aides was a great success. It took place on a barge (like the old prize fights) in a canal bounded on the North by M Street and on the West by Thomas Jefferson Street and on the East by 30th street. Known as "operation barge binge" it was handled by two Daves (Parker and Crocker) and two Sams (Patten and Goodwin.) Joining in the frolic were two Mules and the following elite members of the class: Bells, Brown HC's, Burfenings, Clapsaddles, Colligans, Couchs, Crockers, Clocks, Dennos, Flanders, Floyds, Fullers, Goodwins, Jungs (less Naomi on duty at school function), McFarlands, Kreitzers, Marstons, Mileys, Millicans, Noseks, Parkers, Pattons, Pidgeons, Ruebels, Vanderhoefs, and the Vaughns.

But this celebration of the nineteenth year was not all done in Washington. Bert Lane the capable scribe at Carlisle Barracks sends word that there too one can see dancing in the streets among teacher and pupil classmates at the Army War College.

The halls of learning at Carlisle were brightened by the visit of Ray La Rose one of the bon vivants of the lower sections, side kick of Cibotti, and now mathematics instructor at West Islip High School. Gathering to welcome Ray and Ronnie were the following: Lanes, Colaciccos, Lights, Addingtons, Beaudrys, Wermuths, Goodriches, Alexanders, and Fitzpatrick.

Orders from the War College are varied. Addington, Wermuth and Bert Lane stay on to mold character. Vic Conley to Paris, France. Ed Fitzpatrick to MAAG in Viet Nam. Pat Merchant to Fineyville, Pennsylvania. Rizza to MAAG, Belgium. Townsend to JUSMMAT in Turkey. Williams to the Pentagon and Frank Colacicco to Headquarters CIA in Washington.

1960 looms on the horizon and any and all with ideas should contact Hank Adams at the Academy. The 20th reunion comes but once so here is your chance.

Should you wish to write and have any news my address is 2167 Cacique Street. Santurce, Puerto Rico.

-Hank Brewerton

## 1941

If it were possible for the ASSEMBLY Notes to put out an Extra this would be the time. The headlines would be two inches tall and they would say, STARS FOR BROWN AND SEAWELL. The latest list of officers promoted to Brigadier General USAF included George Brown and Bill Seawell. From the beginning you two gents have set a real pace for the class: Congratulations and best wishes, Sirs!

Your reporter just returned from the first June Week and Graduation at the Air Academy. The operation was inspiring and the establishment magnificent. West Point and Annapolis will be proud of their new cousin; in spite of its newness and lack of experience the Air Academy has "arrived."

Perhaps I should have included this along with the headlines on our new generals. One of our civilian classmates, Charlie Murrah, has certainly reached the equivalent of general officer in the insurance business. Mutual of New York has just moved him to San Francisco as the Regional Superintendent of Agencies covering all the western states with the exception of Calif. He and Polly have purchased a home at 622 Camellia Way in Los Altos, Calif., and add that the welcome mat is out for any 41'er who might show up in the bay area. Congratulations, Charlie. We are expecting you to take over as President of the company one of these days.

Horace Brown writes from Fort Leavenworth with an inclosure of the horse show he put on the end of May. They have a 40 head stable and a fine program including equitation instruction for children and advanced activities for the grown-ups.

It's a full house at the Phillip's residence with the arrival of Jeanette Irene on 19 February 1959 at 6 lb 11½ oz. This makes three kings, Tyler, Arnold, Jr., and Lunsford, and two queens, Patience and Jeanette. Congratulations and best wishes to Arnie and Lib. Arnie is finishing up the Industrial War College and is programmed to be assigned to the Pentagon.

Poovie Ellis does me the wonderful favor of screening the journals and sending the information on PCS's of the Army types. Here are his notes: To the Student Detachment of the National War College, Kaiser, Pickett, Scott, Senneff, Clifford and Powell. To the Air War College, Root. To Korea, Skowronek and Roton. To the 82nd Airborne Division, Harry V. Ellis. To Staff and Faculty, C&GS Leavenworth, Bill Ahern, ex-41. From Washington D.C. to USARER, Jim Foresith, also James Richardson from Fort Myer, Va. Howard Felchlin from Fort Leavenworth to USAFLD Detachment R, ACSI, Oberammergau, Germany. Joe Meyers to Korea. George McIntyre from Naval War College to S&F Fort Leavenworth. John Callaway from Paris to Naval War College. Joe Grygiel from Student Army War College to Oslo, Norway. Bob Tarbox to Office Chief of Engineers, Washington D.C. Clint Male to KMAG

in August. Tidmarsh from Calif. to Fort Eustus, Va. Robert P. Johnson from New Orleans to Germany. Pete Diltz from ROTC to Fort Dix. Frank Gering from Engineer District, Philadelphia, to Korea. Walt Molesky from Paris to Office of the Chief of Research of Development, Washington. Charlie Flanders from Germany to Fort Meade, Md. Roy Clinton from Army War College to Korea. Herb Richardson from USMA to Paris. Hank Boswell from Army War College to Office of Quartermaster General. Jack Christiansen from Student to Staff and Faculty Industrial College. Tom Cleary from Student to Faculty Army War College. Aubie Hauser from Student Army War College to Headquarters USAUCOM, Paris. Ray Schnitke from Student Army War College to Standardization Group, Paris. Bill Gleason from Student Industrial College to ODCUSLOG. Bill Litton from Fort Benning to France. Sy Coker from Student Army War College to Korea. Bill Perdrie, Boaty Boatwright, Potter Campbell, Joe Cannella, Ted DeSaussure, Dave Gauvreaux, Ed Kisiel, Ralph Kuzell, Bob Panke, Joe Reed, Jim Roy, and Cecil Smith all to Army War College next August. Al Moody from Army War College to Office Chief of Staff for Operations. Jim Graham in G3 section, EUSA in Seoul in Korea. Jack Norton to Korea in August. Bill Clifford from Armed Forces Staff College to OACSI in July. Spec Powell to Air War College in August. Martin Shaddie is on ROTC duty at CCNY. Dick Scott stopped by with General Lemnitzer recently, saw Layfield, Collins and Danforth in Japan in early April. Gregg McKee from Fort Knox to JUSMAAG, Saigon. Paul Gray from Student Armed Forces Staff College to MAAG, Germany. Vince Carlson from Fort Knox to Engineer District, Nashville, Tenn., and H. H. Ellis from Fort Benning to MAAG, Viet Nam.

Fox Rhynard reports that there are 80 classmates in the Pentagon and Washington area and that he will send a roster as soon as they settle down after the Summer shuffle. The latest drill roll from Maxwell shows George Hicks, Clint Ball, Dick Kline, and Jack Bentley.

Paul Ramee wrote from Hawaii to say, "Jack Millikin is leaving the Wolfhounds (27th Infantry) where he was a Battle Group executive to become G-3 of the 25th Infantry Division. Jim Carrol expects to leave Hawaii this Summer. The last I heard he didn't know his next assignment. I will be going to work for the Kansas City District Engineer with station at Forbes AFB helping to construct ICBM sites. I'm looking forward to working with SAC and particularly in the sort of work I will be in. If you can't lick 'em, join 'em."

The sad word reached here shortly after the last issue went to press that Roy Watson had passed away on the night of 9 March 1959. At the time, he was serving as Deputy Wing Commander of the 4530th Combat Crew Training Wing at Williams AFB, Ariz. He was interred at Arlington National Cemetery.

Ben McCaffrey sent an invitation to the Founder's Day dinner as secretary of the El Paso Contingent and added in a footnote that there are nine classmates in that area.

That's all the news from the mailbag and the journals. Sorry it's so short.

Again, let me plead to make the class

spirit transcend the minor differences of opinion that are causing rumblings in the Pentagon and providing grist for the mills of the sensation hunting columnists.

For those of you who are crossing the continent along the southern route this Summer, please don't forget that we have one of the finest guest quarters in the country. A card to me or to the club officer about a week in advance would make a reservation for you and your family and give me a chance to buy you a drink.

Sir, there are 140 days until the Army-Air Force game.

—Burt Andrus  
Dyess AFB  
Abilene, Texas

## 1942

I am saddened to report that in late April we received the shocking news of Tom Ray's sudden death at his home in Pittsburgh. Funeral services were held here at Arlington with many of the Class present to pay their last respects. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Annabelle and the children who are now living in Margate, near Atlantic City, and certainly will always welcome a hello from anyone over that way. Having shared bed and board with Tom in England General Hospital and therefore been a party to their romance from its beginning, I became fairly well acquainted with Annabelle and know she'll keep her chin up and do the best possible job of raising their three fine youngsters. We had a brief visit with them at the Navy game last Fall and were so pleased that things seemed to be going well for Tom. That, of course, made the news come as even more of a blow.

Yours truly has been quite stirred by the flood of correspondence since the last issue. First, a letter from Jim Hottenroth to Sam Hays, relayed too late for the Spring issue, containing among other items the news that Chuck Howe had been written up for the 2½ million, accident-free mile record of his outfit. Second, Joe Gannon came through again, advising that the gay crowd of Grimshaw (spending more in constant travel than he's saving Comptrollering), Cockrell, Carpenter, B-meas and Cannon had celebrated #17 by NOT having a party. He adds that Dan Halpin has the contracts prepared for Big Al to take over as Distributing Officer for the 3rd Armd and that Charlie Mizell is also due over their way. Joe and Dottie expect to pitch camp at Red River Arsenal about 1 October, with quarters—hooray. A cold beer will await anyone finding himself near Texarkana. Third, (loud cheers), Fred Rosell writes from McClellan that Marsh Waller was up from Rucker to see him regarding radiological testing—but is now being schooled for his December departure to Cambodia. Mrs. W., incidentally is an Electronics Engineer who's been advisor to the Aviation Board! Fred is Nuclear Advisor at the Cml C Tng Cmd and recently had a quick trip up our way to coordinate with Paul Cerar. When he wrote, Marga and their 17 month old son were on a six-weeks visit to her home in Germany while Fred dog-sat and worked on one of their two 1950 Dodges!

Enclosed was a contribution to the Class Fund—and they're always a welcome sight! Fourth, a note from Lois Newman because of Jim's temporary absence in Turkey, praising and highly recommending Italy. They'd had a visit with the Krafts in Rome—yep, Helen made it, despite last-minute baby-sitter complications which Enid Hyde (who presented Doc with their second son, third child in April) solved, and it was apparently just as much fun as had been anticipated! Ted Michel, without knowing that Bill was within 1000 miles, bumped into him on the steps of St. Peter's—and vows he's now seen everything!—Also had a telephone call from John Atwood, here for an Electronics and Communication Assn Convention. His schedule was so full and his employer so parsimonious that he had time for but one quick visit to the Puzzle Palace, a brief visit with his folks in Cambridge, Md., and a stopover in NYC where Alice is staying for a visit with her folks before heading back to justify his expense account to Mr. Hughes. H. Pete Beeson came by on leave prior to departing to his next station, Fairbanks, brrrrh! Said he'd seen Ben Hardaway in Jacksonville recently. Jack Deane and Jack Crowley had the usual glowing accounts of the NWC trips. Fat Jack says the first person he saw when he walked into I Corps Hq. was Big Tom!

My life-saver, the *JOURNAL*, advised that Colonel Jerrold D. Snow had been awarded the AF Commendation Ribbon "for especially meritorious service" as J-4 with Hq. US Forces Japan from 1 July '57 to 14 Feb '59; that Charlie Hill received a nice going-away present in the form of a 6th Region AADC Certificate of Achievement for superior performance of duty over 16 months as head of the 3rd Missile Bn. Of course, you can't spend it in Cambodia, but . . . Charlie Hill, well . . . maybe he can!—that Jack Davies and John Ely are now happy L.C.'s; that R.D. Reinbold is now Director of Operations (what else?) of the 7th Air Division; and showed a handsome picture of General Crittenberger, receiving the Cross of Military Service from the United Daughters of the Confederacy on behalf of his late son Cpl Townsend C. who was killed at Remagen, our Crit and the Junior Cadet, Jack ('50) were also pictured.

A *TIME* magazine quote "noted a new theory put forward by Physicist E. A. Martell of the Air Force's Cambridge, Mass., Research Center, that radio-active debris from nuclear explosions near the poles drifts down to the earth much faster than fallout from explosions near the equator." Good to hear from you, Ed!—The *EVENING STAR* recently announced a new Washington publication, the *DEFENSE R&D REPORT*. The Editor? Lt. Col. Jesse L. Lewis, now on the Temporary Disability Retired list as a 60 per center. We also now have our first real, dyed-in-the-wool "old soldier". Wayne Bart having retired 30 June at his own request. We understand that he has a fine offer to teach Math in a new school in nearby Vienna and will dabble (?) in real estate on the side. We're glad to have another addition to the permanent colony.

Our Founders Day celebration was held at Bolling AFB and was excellent.

'42 had a fair representation, including Duffie, who had timed a business trip to coincide and who livened the meal for us lucky '42ers by providing some of that corporate (Burroughs) wine!—Fran Roberts highlighted the last WP Society luncheon by outlining next Fall's football prospects as well as the general AAA policy to get other athletics out of the step-child category. Fifty-seven fetching females and balding males (including surprise visitors, Jack and Betty Peck) tested themselves on 29 May at a suburban inn, thanks to the good efforts of Bill Gernert, saddled by Harv Shelton with the chore. Outside of a shortage of ice and the difficulty of instilling some life into Jan '43, 35 of whom partied with us, it was a ball. I'd like to say that we closed the place—but in fact, we were ejected! The only positive benefit to record is that Ray O'Neal's intended, Ila Sublett, joined us, observed and didn't chicken out—what courage, what audacity, what ignorance—so she and Ray will be joining hands at Andrews AFB on 11 July. Our congratulations to you, Ray, and, well, Ila, you had fair warning!—In late April I enjoyed dinner one evening at Leavenworth with Don and Sandy Fiske and spent the next, thanks to the old reliables, Bill and Kitty Shedd, at the Club for drinks and dinner with the Corleys (he has orders to Turkey), Colladays, Stevens, Marks, George Allin (Mary wisely had a sick child to tend), Mizells and Terrells. The Bringhams had another party but did stop by. Didn't get a chance to visit with everyone, but all looked wonderful, grumbled enough to indicate normality and provided of dad with a wonderful party to help him forget what up till then had been a very painful back! Did not learn of Dave Clagett's hospitalization until too late to see him but trust that that was but a temporary seige, now long forgotten.

Orders noted to Germany for Eric Orme, Hank Harmeling (who was awaiting the sixth addition to the family circle in April), Al Scullen (who called from Belvoir in April and must be assumed to be cured of his back troubles as he was up here from Knox for the 2nd Army Volleyball tournament. He and Dusty had had a fabulous leave which included a stop at Leavenworth where he saw the gang and won the money at Duplicate!), Jack Deane, Jack Colladay and Phil Wyman.—Others send Bob Evans to Maxwell (how we'll miss that pair!), Al Wilder and Gene Weeks to AFSC which is not counted as leave, I understand, Phil Krueger to Karachi, Don Fiske to Usmay, Bob Terry to Paris, Bob Brugh to Taipei, with his own little island, I presume, Pete Flor Cruz and Don Connolly to Korea, Joe Schmidt happily off to Carlisle, Jake Ballard to Cambridge Research Center, Bedford, Mass., Grant Jones and Dale Buchanan to Leavenworth, Bill Seifert to Benning, to learn about the Army, no doubt, and George Buck, Bill Harrell, Carl Hub, Andy Low, Roy Geiger, Bob Spilman and Bill Plott all here. Bill just happened to have to come here for a conference a few weeks ago and really had us up-to-the-minute on the local real estate picture! Rog Barnes also advises that he expects to be a part of the D.C. contingent by the end of the Summer—and

orders to the Pentagon for him have just come out at press time!

Your letters, your snapshots and your money are always welcome at Box 42, West Point, or the address below. Have a good Summer and resolve to let the rest of us hear about it in the next issue!

—Ken Hanst

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Arlington 2, Virginia

January

1943

There must be some clever way to start this column—some device which has not been previously tried to jolt our busy classmates from their paralyzing state of modesty to the pleasant diversion of writing about themselves, their families and their classmates—not only to write but to send to your Honorable Secretary these bits of news, information, rumor—even soap wrappers, Wheaties box tops, anything by which we can know where you are and what you are doing.

This column might well begin and end with the closing appeal from Tony's column of the last issue of ASSEMBLY: "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."

I also thought of titling this column "Fact or Fancy"—but even this won't do. The fact is we don't have any "Facts", except a few of the homegrown variety. About the middle of May, Jim Kelleher approached me with those famous, endearing words: "Can you help a classmate. Tony is going on leave. Will you write the column for the Summer issue of the ASSEMBLY." "Sure Jim, anything to help a buddy. Just send me the poop that has come in." It is now two days before the column is due—Tony has received no facts—so I have no facts. With regard to "Fancy", I am sure it will be unanimously agreed that Fancy is not appropriate to this column—though, it could undoubtedly spice it up a bit. So we're forced—by the logic of the matter—to stick to Facts—when we have them. How to get them? Only you can provide them.

The local, homegrown news goes something like this:

The annual Aloha party for classmates departing West Point this year was held at Stewart AFB, Sunday evening, 23 May. We may be in the space-missile-nuclear age wherein distance is no obstacle to rapid communications—yet most of the West Point contingent did not know Kaye and Phil Berry had been stationed at Stewart since last September. We were happy that Kaye and Phil were able to join us in bidding our fond farewells to the Hardings, Armstrongs, Bensons, and Michaels. We also learned that the Glenn Turners are now stationed on the Base. The Hardings now have orders in hand to that pineapple paradise, the white sands of Waikiki, the land of hula skirts, the gem of the Pacific—Hawaii, with duty in the District Engineer's Office. The Mac Hatches in turn return to the U.S.; I have no knowledge of

their next assignment. The Bensons have orders to another tropical paradise—though it really isn't in the tropics, it is near; a land of enchantment; unspoiled by tourists; untarnished by factories and the concrete jungle; a land that is yet primitive, beautiful, and so exotic—Joe, how lucky can you be—after four years at West Point! Samoa? no! Bali? no! Korea? yes! Classmates in the land of the frozen Chosen, give Joe a No 1 welcome when he arrives to take command of the Signal Battalion at Uijongbu. Nancy and the rest of the family will settle temporarily near Jacksonville, Fla. The enchantment, the romantic tropical nights, the fascination of the Far East have mesmerized another of our members. Jim Michael travels luxury style to Viet Nam where he will head the U.S. Mission to the Viet Nam Military Academy—a hardship tour??? Eileen and the children will take up residence in Tucson, Ariz. awaiting Mike's return from his trip abroad. The Armstrongs—nobody knows their future; Jack has applied for Army Aviation. Even so, they won't depart West Point until the Fall.

Other local tid-bits—in May the Berenzweigs vacationed for two weeks in Puerto Rico before B-wig settles down to the intensive cadet Summer training program. As you may know, B-wig commands the Infantry Detachment of the 1st Battle Group.

The Kellehers should win some sort of prize. Another has joined the bevy of beauties—Maureen, girl number 8 was born on 23 May. Mary Jo and daughter are doing fine.

After last year's raucous, riotous 15th reunion (and boy, did we have fun), June week this year for our class was a quiet, sedate affair. The only official gathering of the clan was at Washington Hall where the Alumni Dinner-Dance was held Sunday night, 31 May. Beside the local contingent, in attendance were Louisa and Tom Mesereau, Barbara and Jack Upchurch, Kaye and Phil Berry, Jim and Pat Changaris, and Virginia and Bob Fiss. At one table, Mesereau did the serving—demonstrating the various ways—the right and wrong, the Continental versus the American. Incidentally, let me put in a plug for ole Tom—the Mesereaus have opened in New Jersey an elegant, new restaurant called "The Opera" which is located on route 9W just north of the Washington Bridge. If you are ever in the vicinity, Tom and Louisa will be delighted to see you.

The latest word from Princeton is that both the Fisses and the Dee Armstrongs are about to terminate their leases. Dee closes out three years—well on his way to a PhD with only a portion of his dissertation to write. Fiss after two years, emerges with a Masters Degree. Both are headed for desks in DCSOPS in Washington. The degrees are in International Relations.

One unexpected friend and former classmate came through during June Week, "Axel" Chilton; He is a Marine Corps Officer presently stationed at Quantico, Va.

As the artist and the artisan need the tools of their trade, so must the writer of this column have—the facts—"All we want are the facts."

We've alerted the Post Office to be

ready for the bushel baskets of letters you are going to send this way.

—George Rebh  
Dept. of Social Sciences  
USMA

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To begin with, I must congratulate Arch Hamblen for the unique way he tossed me the torch for this issue of the column. 'Twas done in the best "shaftee" tradition with my first learning about it when I read his column! However, old pro Bill Malone reports into the Pentagon in August, and, as a graduate English "P," who could be more qualified to take over from now on? So, please let's all help Bill to keep up the excellent Hamblin tradition.

First of all congratulations are in order for eighty-nine of our class who are on the new recommended list for promotion to Lt. Col. These promotions will be made as vacancies occur; so congratulations to the following June 43'ers on their coming promotion: Barrickman, Bibby, Betts, G., Betts, J., Blount, Boatner, Boller, Grabson, Brier, Brown, S.O., Burr, Butterfield, Buzalski, Cain, Campbell, Carter, Chase, Christy, Cleary, Conarty, Collins, Cole, Cochran, Cobb, Dwan, Dirkes, Falck, Fredericks, Fuller, Geaney, Glendenning, Grady, Greene, J. F., Grice, Griffin, Hardy, Hayes, Head, Hill, Holmes, Ingwersen, Jalbert, Johnson, EA, Kidder, Linten, Locouture, Loughman, Lucas, Lutz, Mattox, McCanna, McDowall, Metts, Miller, Moses, Mozeno, Neill, Newman, Ott, Parker, Plett, Rasper, Ray, R., Reed, Rhea, Rhoads, Romanek, Roos, Rumpf, Saine, Schroeder, Scott, R.F., Sembach, Shipstead, Sonstelie, Spahr, Steinbring, Stockton, Taylor, W. L., Teague, Tomlinson, Van Auken, Van Schoick, Welsh, Wilkenson, Wilson, C.A., Wolf, Wright, and Young, R.E.

As many of you already know Stan Staszak died unexpectedly in his sleep in Viet Nam where he was stationed as an advisor at the Viet Namese Military Academy. He was buried at West Point on April 22nd. His family was with him at the time which makes his passing all the more shocking. He is survived by his wife, Eileen, and two small children. Honorary pallbearers were Stann Ott, who had just arrived at West Point for duty with the TD direct from Viet Nam, Karl Wolf, George Moe, Don Spiece, Ralph Hofmann (Jan '43) who has served with Stan on several occasions, and Norm Perhson. Norm wrote that many other classmates and wives attended the funeral. The class, of course, sent a floral bouquet, and, in addition, Caleb Cole commanded the honor guard for the funeral. Stan is buried next to Al Brown in the same section where a number of our class are. Our deepest sympathy to Eileen and children.

Norm also wrote that George Moe recently proved his fitness by receiving his jump badge. He upheld the manhood and virility of June '43 by competing at Jump School with members of the class of 1958. George leaves West Point this Summer to attend the German Army Staff School at Hamburg. Inasmuch as he speaks Deutsch like a native, this assignment should be no chore for him.

Caleb Cole is also taking off from West Point this Summer to attend the Associate Course at Fort Leavenworth. This will be a TDY assignment enroute to his next station, as yet unknown. Karl Wolf goes to Washington to try his legal skill among all the experts. Jim Betts is Korea-bound the end of June. The only arrivals at West Point are Stan Ott and Ed Geaney who are coming to the TD.

Norm continued that the contingent at West Point decorated the seventeen graves of our classmates buried in the West Point Cemetery. Norm also stated that Bob Sonsteli graduated from the University of Ala. this year, where he's been studying business Administration. Next assignment is a hardship tour to Iran; Val and the children will stay Stateside, of course.

Trev Sawyer contributed some news about our Engineer brethren. First of all, congratulations to Trev who will attend the Army War College in August. Jesse Fishback has completed his tour of duty as C.O. of the 24th Engr Bn (Armd) of the 4th Division and he, Jane and their own platoon of rangers are moving to Headquarters 7th Army. Dick Meyer leaves the Engineer, R&D Labs at Fort Belvoir this Summer to toddle out to C&Gs and then to France. Bob Mathe finishes up at Carlisle this June and takes a slow boat to Korea. Eleanor and kids will return to Wis. for the duration. Ernie Buzalski moves in from the New York Engineer District Office to be CO of the 169th Engr Bn at Fort Stewart, Ga. Both Gordie Schraeder, from the Planning Studies Division of OCE, and Bill Glasgow, from Student Detachment at ICAF, are assigned to Gulf Engineer District in Iran. Ed McCabe soars out of his Pentagon Cage to Alaska District Office, Elmendorf AFB, with family. Art Surkamp will return from Iran in August and has been assigned to the Engineer Maintenance Center at Columbus. Jean and the children have been here in Washington during his Iranian sojourn. Hi Fuller's 54th Engineer Bn has been removed from the gyro list and so will remain at Fort Knox. Howie Coffman recently arrived in OCE from the Student Detachment of AFSC at Norfolk.

The Charlie Reeds depart APM&T NYU to take command of the 94th Engr. Bn. Germany. Bruce Koch leaves OCE to Dist. Ofc., Iceland: Mesa & children remain in DC. Bill Roos goes from Stu. Det. AFSC. to construction duty in Greenland. Miriam and the children will stay in Philadelphia for the duration. Dutch & Pat Ingwersen have set-up shop in DC where Dutch is assigned to DCS Log. Phil Phelps recently moved from Conarc Bd. #2, Ft. Knox Ky. to MAAG Korea. Norm Williams is returning from 2 years in Iran for duty at Fort Belvoir, Va. Clare and Jane Farley, who will spend the year at Carlisle expect a visit from their Albuquerque relatives, the John Buyers at Christmastime.

Hal Gingrich who is now attending C&Gs will remain as an instructor. The Hal Heads are Japan bound while Del & Jean Perkins are winding up Spanish training and will shortly head for Venezuela. Gabby Ivan comes home from Korea where he has been SGS of I Corps. He goes to 2nd Infantry Division at Fort Benning. Rog Conarty is going to 1st Infantry Div from C&GS. Harry Reeder

is taking Spanish refresher training, then goes to Colombia as an instructor. George Newman who has been a big help in dredging up information for the column is now on his way to Korea. Barb and the kids will wait him out in Ala. Bernie Rogers, Ann and kids leave Ft. Myer this summer (Bernie has been senior aide to Gen. Taylor) for the wilds of Carlisle.

Pat Hurley has provided information on several of our Air Force classmates. Jim and Dar Harrold have left the Pentagon for Sweden where Jim will take up his duties as Air Attaché. The Ben Casidays have moved to Hamilton AFB where Ben will be Deputy Wing Commander of the 78th Fighter Wing. Lee and Ann Hogan—who, by the way, just welcomed a brand new daughter on 23 May—will be arriving on the Washington scene shortly where Lee will join Jim Keck, John Hudson and Marty Martin at the National War College. Marty and Marion also recently welcomed a new heiress, Elizabeth Carol born on 14 March. Cobe and Pat Hurley recently enjoyed an off-season leave to Europe. They visited Tom and Mary Beckett in Madrid. Pat reports the Beckett Villa as lush and that they, the Dale Hagens and Becketts really DID Madrid in high style. The Hurleys next moved on to Paris where they ran into fellow Washingtonian Bernie Rogers escorting his boss on an official tour of Army installations (small world). At Laon, the Hurleys dropped in on Buck and Mary Ann Coursey who have the base and town well under control. Mary Ann has become somewhat of a local celebrity by telling the maid to "mangez les enfants." At the same time, Jack McGregor also flitted through Laon.

The big social event here in the Washington area was the June '43 Spring Formal at Bolling Field Club on 22 May. Those attending were Jean Surkamp; Jean Brown, the Sawyers, Burdetts, Shaefer, Bowers, Kecks, Watkins, Childs, Martins, Rogers, Holdernesses, Hurleys, Bensons, Burrows, Piggs, McMullens, Nestlebusches, Shielys, Coffmans and Irelands.

In closing, let me turn to a serious note. Norm Pehrson, chairman of the class group stationed at West Point, has expressed concern that because our number there continues to diminish and by the same token keeps enlarging in the Washington area, suggests our class fund be moved here. Norm states that the fund is still fairly substantial as a result of the sale of our ten-year book, but, nonetheless, it is being drawn down slowly but steadily by funeral bouquets and grave decorations. Before too much longer it might be necessary to replenish it by subscription. While neither the moving of the fund or replenishing it are of immediate concern, Norm thought that some advance information might be appropriate and indicated that he would welcome comments or suggestions. This also brings up the point that it is not too early (less than 4 years) to start planning for our twentieth reunion which should surpass all others so far in attendance and activities. Specifically, we should decide within the next year whether we want a 20-year book. If so, much prior planning will have to be done. Our 10-year book was such a success that a 20-year companion edition seems a natural. Any ideas, comments or suggestions will be most wel-

come. Later on, we'll poll the class individually to see if such a project is feasible.

To those of you who have been supplying the poop for the column, many thanks; to those of you who haven't, how about changing your ways by jotting down any newsy item and sending them to Bill Malone.

—Bob deCamp  
6051 Essex Ave  
Springfield, Va.

## 1944

The 15th Reunion has, and quite successfully and painlessly for those of us who were able to attend. For the benefit of all who, for one reason or another, couldn't attend, I'll attempt a broad brush treatment with as many of the names as I can remember. (Let me say parenthetically that I have agreed to write this Reunion column at Bufe's request because moving into their new home at 2991 Iroquois, Memphis, prevented Patsy and Buford from attending the Reunion.)

We started the Class activities with a buffet on Saturday, 30 May, for which Frenchy Cyr and Bod Day did the legwork. (Congratulations, by the way, are in order for Bob and Marge in that Robert S., Jr., made his appearance in April.) This first party was well attended by those from near and far. Up from Antigua were Nick and Del Fuller. From the midwest, Rojo and Sugar Aldrich and Bill and June Peugh. From the Washington area, Les Babcock, Bob and Helen Conant, Doc and Margaret Hayward, Tom and Shirley Hoxie, Winfield and Ruth Scott, Bob and Betsy Pearce, Bob and Betty Rodden, Jack and Louise Vitullo. Jim Connell, Lee and Audrey Smith, and Bev and Marnie Snow. All the way from Florida, Ted and Patty Geltz and Dick McPherson. From other parts of the country, Dave and Betsy Blake, Al and Margaret Bethel, Ralph and Heidy Hollstein, Charles Czapar, Hi and Judy Ely, John and A.J. Howell, and John and Maria Brady.

On Sunday the 31st, more of the class began to gather for cocktails at Cullum Hall. Roy and Sylvia Bahls flew in from the midwest as did Bill and Marge Marks and Jim Lynch all the way from California.

Later that same evening we all met in Washington Hall for the big dinner-dance which Steve and Jean Smith chaperoned. Still more of the Class showed up for this: Jack and Mary Hennessey, Jim and Beattie Dunham, Charles and Dottie Daniel, John and Barbara Eisenhower, Alex and Betty Maish, Nelson and Donna Parson, Chuck and Betty Lou Sampson, Wally Moore, Charles and Janet Steele, and Don and Eleanor Carter. Despite all the late hours, most of the men were able to make the annual Alumni Luncheon the following day, and we didn't forget the ladies who lunched at the Greystone Mansion in Fort Montgomery. Jean McWilliams did all the organizing for this ladies' luncheon and many bouquets were sent her way by those who attended.

At 5 o'clock after a dusty, bumpy ride out to Camp Buckner we gathered in the Cadet Mess for a roast beef "picnic". Phil Toon and Dan Wallis did the honors



1944 Class Party at 15th Reunion.

(not the cooking) on this and the food was delicious. Doug Gallez was a new face at this function. We were able to get everybody to sit or stand still for a few minutes while Roy Bahls took three pictures which we will try to put together as a composite for inclosure in this column. However, time, tide and ASSEMBLY wait for no man, and the photographer is a little slow, so we may not be able to make the editor's deadline.

The day of graduation parade turned up cold and wet but the Corps turned out in dress gray over whites under rain cap covers. The rain didn't dampen the spirit of those in the Class who still remained and attended the barbecued chicken buffet at the Officers' Club on the night of the 2nd for which Frank Mahin and Jim Campbell were the M.C.'s. About half the group who made the reunion were still present for this party. Jack Cushman was the only newcomer who showed up for this.

Graduation was held on Wednesday the 3rd and this almost closed out the 15th Reunion except that Dick Fowler flew in on the 4th too late to see anyone except those of us who are assigned to the Academy. He is going to try to make it back later in July to try out the golf course.

This closes out the 15th Reunion.

Buford sent me a couple of letters from classmates around the country: one from Ted Muller in Washington with news that Jim Scoggin has recently arrived at the Pentagon. Bill Milnor is leaving Washington and is being assigned to Mississippi State as PAS and T. Bob Ginsberg has recently married and is in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. Jack Hennessey and Charlie Daniel will attend the Army War College this September, and Jim Cumberpatch was in Washington on a visit from the Sacramento Air Materiel Area in Calif. Jim has just won a Sloan Scholarship to M.I.T. in Industrial Management. Ted himself has been transferred to Edwards AFB effective 1 July.

The Class suffered a real loss in the death of Lou Gamble at Walter Reed on 17 May. We all extend our deepest sympathy to Betty and the children. Betty's address is 809 Brubaker Drive, Dayton 9, Ohio.

Jack Johnson sends word from the Air Force Academy that Frank Merritt, recently promoted to Lt. Col., departed in June for France to assume command of a squadron of C-130's. Bob Morrison, also a new Lt. Col., has just taken over the AF Academy Operations Squadron at Lowery AFB.

We here at West Point are looking forward to the arrival of Tammy Flynn, C.S. Johnson and Kern Pitts to make up for our loss of Don and Jean MacWilliams, Cole and Hilda Murphy, Steve and Jean Smith, and Paul and Marge Kutchinski. Jinnie and I are mighty proud of our young son, John Murph, born on Armed Forces Day.

This winds up the news for this time. See you at the Twentieth.

—Pollin

## 1945

As in all June Week issues of ASSEMBLY, classes other than those holding reunions are urged to reduce the amount of material published. We have, of course, complied.

Results of balloting for Class officers are not yet available. However, Russ McGovern tells us he has received a good response and, thanks to many of you, some news items besides. All is appreciated and we shall publish the results when they are known.

**GLEANED FROM THE SERVICE JOURNALS:** Following were listed as "Truly Outstanding" and headed for promotion to Lt. Colonel. The list included Bates Burnell, Charles Dubsy, Del Fowler, Ernest (Larry) Hardin, and Arland Wagonhurst. On the regular list was Steve Day, soon to don the silver leaves. Our congratulations to all!

**NEW ARRIVALS:** Two girls and a boy, to be exact. Jim and Shirley Heyman welcomed Mary Grace, 7 lbs, 10 oz. on April 18. Faye and Yole Worthington, presently at Ft. Campbell, are boasting about Susan Louise, who weighed in on April 3 at 6 lbs, 14½ oz. The Rabun Griffiths, now at Bliss and heading for Leavenworth, are the parents of Kenneth Chapin, born April 22 and weighing 7 lbs, 2 oz. Our best wishes to all the newcomers!

**FORT LEAVENWORTH:** This report, somewhat belated, comes from George Bush, and is pretty straight as he wrote it:

"Principal news comes from the assignments, which were announced for all but the two Air Force files, Craig and McCance. The Chidlaws, Van Houts, and Hollands will remain with the Staff and Faculty at Leavenworth. The Army could scarcely afford transportation costs of the Van Houts, who are now expecting the NINTH.

"The Dallmans will join the group at West Point (Phys. Ed Dept.), as will the Lansings and Gudgels.

"Washington and Korea vied for top honors in the number of people assigned from the Class. Pitzer, Pavia, Zoot Johnson, Ferguson, Gene Love, McMurray and Ingham are all going to Korea. The Pentagon, winning the contest, will claim Broughton (R&D), Krebs (OCAMG), Al Knight (DCS Opns), Nerdahl (RA augmentation Bd, Officers Assignment Division), Tyler (R&D), Leon Byrd (DCS Ops), Carrington (ACSI), Forbes (DCS Log), and Adkisson (R&D). Two others, Bud Weaver (OTQMG) and the Walkers (JTF-7) will also go to Washington.

"Several going to Germany: The Wrights will be with MAAG, Germany; the Daileys, DeKays, and Sengers will be with USAREUR. Other overseas assignments include the Earl Bells (with new baby girl, Christina) going to Haiti as Military Attaché; the Hap Adams to Baffin Island (with their fourth—William French Adams); the St. Onges to MAAG. Viet Nam; Harry Amos to Viet Nam as Military Attaché after a tour at Monterey learning the language; and the Heymans to Pakistan (district construction).

"Other stateside assignments include the Fred Parkers to 47th AD Brigade, Ft. MacArthur, Calif; Driscoll to Sandia Base in Albuquerque; Gleason to Cape Canaveral for shooting rockets; the Jack Burkes and Dick Armstrongs to 1st Infantry Division at Ft. Riley; Cavanna to Air Defense Board, Ft. Bliss; Bob Nelson to OSWD, Ft. Bliss; Erlenkotter to 1st FA Rocket Battalion, Ft. Lewis; John Brown to 4th Infantry at Lewis; Karl Liewer to troops at Ft. Sill, and Waring to Headquarters First Army, Governors Island, N.Y. Three of our hotshots will go to advanced schooling, including Longino to Syracuse; Hameling to University of Ariz; and McDaniel to Georgia Tech.

"Bill and Audrey Farley are finally clearing out of here and heading for Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk. Ray and Betty Miller, who came to Leavenworth in 1955, have been extended another year in honor of the arrival of their first child, a daughter, Sarah Elizabeth.

"Fred Jones, assigned to ROTC duty at Rose Polytech, Terre Haute, Ind. re-

cently completed the Associate Course. His wife, Ruth, visited him during the early Spring with the kids, and a merry time was had by all.

"The big social event of the Leavenworth season was a rip-roaring class party featuring an appearance by Aus Yerks, back from so far away. All of us here note with great anticipation another large class group arriving in August for the next class. We'll be waiting!"

Such reports as this by George Bush do these tired old eyes a great favor, as would all of you who submit a listing of class activities in your own area.

**SPECIAL REPORT FROM JIM ALFONTE:** Way out in Hawaii (how we feel for you people) Jim has come forth as a volunteer correspondent from that area. We shall try here to come up with his reports in summary thus far:

"Surprisingly we have a larger representation than you'd guess. George Wallace is here at Schofield with G-3 section of the 25th Division. Randy Pratt is S-3 of the 21st Infantry; Bob Waddington is helping the Navy with their G-2 work down at CINCPAC, and Mickey McMurdo has a very "cushy" job (ROTC) down in Honolulu. Pat King is with Operations at Hickam Field."

Sometime later Jim sent us another report: "I've now found three more of '45 here that I didn't previously report. Dave Clymer is with the Engineers at CINCPAC (Camp Smith); Adler and Draper are Air Force types stationed at Hickam. I believe Chuck (Adler) is in Information work (poor soul—Ed.)"

Incidentally, Jim himself is with G-2, US Army Hawaii, and recently spent three weeks in Thailand on Tdy.



**FOUNDERS DAY IN HEIDELBERG**—Left to right, front row: Lucy Shoaff, Bill and Barbara Perry, Mary Hayes, Lillian Elkey, Lee Shoaff, Kitty Powers, Harry Stewart, John Powers, Bill Zook, Skip Hoge, Mickey Mabry, Mahe Mabry, George Hoge; second row: Bob Hayes, Gene Gasior, Betty Zook (hiding John Brian, born 1 May), Mrs. Gasior, Pat and Joe McDonough, Margaret and Bill Vinson, Miriam and Bill Love, Joyce and Pete Spragins, Edna and Lou Scheller.

**A BIT ABOUT GERMANY:** Bob McAlister, until recently stationed in Stuttgart, and now headed for West Point, gave us a good run-down on the classmates stationed in Germany. This is a pretty complete roster, and indicates that at least 50 plus '45s are in Europe at the present time.

The list is too extensive for inclusion in this issue, but the following partial listing may be of interest to you people headed that way this year. In *Heidelberg*: George Hoge, Monor Mabry, Joe McDonough, John Myron, Al Shoaff, Wilbur Vinson. In *Berlin*: Al Childress, Ed Saxby, Keith Stewart. In *Frankfurt*: Jim

Zeller, Jake Bennet, John Nacy. In *Baunholder*: Joe Adams and Larry Jones.

A few of the outlying include: John Shadday, Verdun, France; Bill Trefz, Verona, Italy; Paul Wheaton, Poitiers, France; K.M. Murphy, Paris; Ken Moore, Bussac, France.

Also pleased to note the location of two old friends, Dick (RIM) McBride in Butzbach, Germany; Al Roth in Kitzingen, Germany.

Martha Christiansen closes our column this time with some miscellaneous notes of interest: "A letter from Pat and Dick Crane at Fort Bliss mentioned that Pat, Steve, and Cathy will join Dick for a two weeks course at Sandia Base in May. . . . Then back to Bliss where they will start packing again for the Air Force C&GS in Alabama. George and Dodie Smith leave Maxwell Field this Summer to go to Sandia. George is finishing the CGS course there.

"Pat Rochefort writes from the Naval C&GS at Newport that Rock is very happy with his orders to Germany for a MAAG job in Bonn (he will join Bates Burnell and Neil Imobersteg already stationed there—Ed.). He is taking over from Frank Mehner who is on his way to Leavenworth."

As a closing note, may we offer deepest sympathy to Jim Christiansen on the recent death of his mother, Mrs. Abaline Jane Christiansen. She died at Walter Reed on June 1, was buried at West Point on June 5.

Another pictorial attempt in this issue. Send us shots of your old bald heads. They make great targets for the dart boards at our stag smokers. All for now.

—William F. Boiler  
Major, IO USMA

## 1946

June, a period for graduations, finds at least one of our class still doing what we all did thirteen years ago. Larry Cahill received his Ph.D. from the State University of Iowa, last Feb. 7, 1959.

Dick Bresnahan (27 Rose Loop, Ft. Leavenworth) has suggested a means whereby we may increase the news published in our quarterly column; namely, appoint in areas with large concentrations of classmates reporters to gather news each quarter and forward same to me for inclusion in the column. The group at West Point has already started the ball rolling by including as part of the duties of the Class Secretary there the quarterly report to me. This first report has been received from Fred Frech and is included in this column. Phil Farris is taking over these duties as of July 1, 1959. In the Washington area I understand, from Sam Walker, that Dick Pohl is the newly elected President and John Byrne the newly elected Vice President of their group. These men should appoint a reporter as well. Likewise, at such places as Leavenworth, Air Force Academy, Europe, etc., the local groups should appoint a reporter for at least a one year period. In this way, our column will grow to a size commensurate with the largest class to graduate from USMA. The due date for Fall issue is 1 Sep 59, so why not mail news to me by 25 Aug 59.

It is my personal pleasure to announce the birth of Susan Hill, born 30 Apr 59

at Mountainside Hospital, Glen Ridge, N.J. The proud parents are Ethel and Sam France. Our other children are Samuel W. age 7 and Sandy age 4. Likewise Major Bert and Shirley David very proudly announce the arrival of their fourth son, Lance Brian, who was born 19 Dec 58 at De Witt Army Hosp., Ft. Belvoir, Va. The Davids are at 5906 Frederick St., Springfield, Va. and Bert is assigned to the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel.

Since this issue will be the next to last one you will read before the A-N football game this Fall, I wish to remind you that a class cocktail party will be held after the game at the Mask and Wig Club. Contact Charles Baker, VP, of C. P. Baker and Co., 501 N. 11th Street Phila. 23, Pa., for more details.

Major Harlan W. Tucker, 36 Tempo Rd., Levittown, Pa., is chief of the Agency's Inspection Policy Office at the Military Clothing and Textile Supply Agency, Phila. QM Depot. Since July 1958 Harlan and Barbara have been at this station. Tucker's previous assignments include: Harvard Univ., received a Master of Business Administration degree 1949; Supply Officer, Adjutant General Record Depository, Manila, 1949-51; Advanced Officers Course, Ft. Lee, Va., 1951-52; Chief of the Textile Inspection Branch, N.Y. Field Office, QM Inspection Service Command 1952-54; Hq AFFE at Camp Zama, Japan, first as Administrative Officer, Office of the QM and later as Chief, General Supplies Section, Supply Division 1954-57 and prior to his most recent assignment Harlan attended the C&GSC, Ft. Leavenworth, Kan.

Major Carshall and Elizabeth Carlisle are presently stationed in Bremerhaven, Germany, and have been there since Nov. 58. He is deputy chief of the procurement division and chief of port contracting branch in Hq. Co. with U.S. Army Port of Embarkation. In 1953 Carshall graduated from Harvard.

Major John L. Armstrong is a missile officer with the plans and training Section (S-3) of the 40th Arty Brigade, Fort Barry, Calif. John and Kathryn, daughter of Gen. Milton B. Halsey, were married in 1955, and now have a son John Jr., age 2, and a daughter Lee Anne, age 1. They live at 54 Meadow Drive, Mill Valley, Calif. John, and many of you may not know this, started his career as an enlisted man in 1941 at Pearl Harbor; he was there on the infamous 7th of Dec. Since Graduation, among other things, he has instructed at Fort Sill, Fort Bliss and ROTC at the Univ. of South Dakota. John also attended the Guided Missile Staff Officers' Course at Fort Bliss to prepare himself for his present job.

The following is a list of tentative assignments for the men who graduated from the C&GSC at Ft. Leavenworth this past June. This list was received by me last March, so there could be changes, but still the majority will go where noted: Ferd Anderson to France. Dave Baker to Formosa, Bob Berry to Panama, Corwin Boake to Hawaii, Dave Brown to Rome, Carcie Clifford to Univ. of Ariz. Dave Colaw to Europe, Pat Crizer to Staff & Faculty at C&GSC, Bob Daniel to Korea, John Dayton to Korea, Bob Douthitt to Germany, Walt Dumas to Univ. of Ariz., Stan Fair to R&D, Dept. of the Army

Washington, Charley Fitzgerald to Fort Benning, DeBow Freed to Univ. of Ariz. Howard Fuller to Ft. Hood, John Grady to Germany, Danny Graham to G-2, Dept. of the Army, Washington, Jim Hobson to Korea, Granville Hough to G-2, Dept. of the Army, Washington, Tom Huddleston to USMA, Joe Jansen to Hong Kong, Clarence Jordan to G-1 Dept. of the Army Washington, Al Joy to Staff & Faculty C&GSC, Bob Kane to Formosa, Ralph LaRock to AFSWP Washington, Bob Lenzer to Korea, Art Lochrie to Germany, Walt Mattox to Compt. Dept. of the Army Washington, Clarence McChristian to Korea, Joe Meerbott to Korea, Bob Montgomery to Ft. Benning, Ray Ochs to USMA, Lea Parnly to Ft. Bragg, Billy Pendergrass to Kansas City, Dave Peters to Univ. of Wisc, Reuben Pomerantz to OQMG Washington, Bill Richards to Korea, Marshall Sanger to Germany, Bob Shoemaker to Army Aviation Training, John Kamaras to Army Avn Trng, John Shultz to USMA, Charley Simpson to Italy, Bill Simpson to Tulane Univ., "Kit" Sinclair to Army Avn Trng, Sam Skemp to Turkey, Al Torgerson to Staff & Faculty C&GSC, Bob Tully to 4th Army, San Antonio, Matt Wallis to 82nd ABN Fort Bragg, Josiah Wallace to Hawaii, Norm Watkins to OQMG Washington, Jere Whittington to Korea.

Yanceys are with 32nd Tac Ftr Sqdn, APO 292, New York. They spent four months in Bitburg, Germany and are now at Camp New Amsterdam, Holland. Bill is Operations Officer for the Sqdn and the C.O. of the Sqdn and the Base is Lt. Col. F.C. Blesse, Class of '45. Holland is a delightful place to be, according to all reports. While in Bitburg, The Yanceys saw Betty and Charlie Wesolwsky where he has been stationed with the Air Force.

From the Stars and Stripes comes the following clipping: Ramstein, Germany—Highlight of a banquet for the members of the 526th Fighter Interceptor Sq held last week in honor of their recent accomplishment in rocketry training at the USAFE Weapons Center, Wheelus, Libya, was the presentation of the "Major Blazina Memorial Trophy" to Capt. Henry F. Carter and A/2C William J. Krueger. Carter obtained the highest number of hits while at Wheelus, and Krueger was the crew chief of his aircraft. The trophy is a rotating award established in memory of Major Thomas Blazina, a former operations officer of the 526th, who died in an aircraft accident while assigned to the squadron. It will be retained by Carter and Krueger until the 526th deploys to Wheelus for another period of rocketry training. After such time, it will again be presented to the pilot scoring the most hits and to the crew chief of his aircraft.

The John R. Castles will leave Harvard School of Business for Bitburg, Germany this Summer. The Kenny Tallmans will leave the Air Force Academy for Ramstein, Germany. The "H" Lobdells will leave C&GSC for Spangdahlem, Germany.

**WEST POINT NEWS:** Our contingent at the Point drops from 45 to 41 this Summer as we lose 13 and gain 9. Those departing are Chuck Barker, Dick Hale, Bob Lee, Bob Malley, Ned Mewborn, Gene Pfauth, Bob Rheault, Bob Steele, Bob Supplee, and Bill Thomasset all going to CGSC; Dave Bryant to JAG in Washington; Bill Humphreys to get his masters at the University of Ariz. in Phoenix; and Charlie Jaco to the Ord-

nance Advanced Course at Aberdeen. The new arrivals are Don Albright and Dick Wildrick from Heidelberg to teach German, Dick Tuck and Pete Burnell from Paris to teach French, Al Leavitt from Ft. Meade to teach Russian, Dave Smith from RPI to teach math, Sam Walker from Washington and Ray Ochs from CGSC to be tacs, and Jack Shultz from CGSC to the 1st Battle Gp.

Betty and Bob Malley joined the ranks of proud parents when Robert Jr. was born on 9 May.

Guy Hairston and Kenny Tallman, now stationed at the Air Force Academy, were up for a short visit in March, as was Tom Mahan, now a chaplain at Ft. Meade.

Byron and Betty Greene visited the Blazays in May; this was Byron's first time back since graduation. He is now completing the comptroller course at Syracuse and is going to Washington this Summer to the office of the DA Comptroller.

Several classmates have indicated they are returning for all or part of June Week: Bob Kaplan, Ed Van Deusen, Prentice Whitlock, Sam Walker, John Stratis, and Sam France.

Incidentally, the class fund has a balance of \$1797.62 as of this writing.

Items from elsewhere heard at West Point:

Milt and Martha Hamilton are at the Syracuse comptroller course; when he finishes this Summer, he is going to Washington for duty with DCSOPS.

Ray Thurman is leaving the G3 Section at Seventh Army to be Secretary of the General Staff, Hq V Corps, APO 79, NY.

Bud Martin is coming home from Turkey to be an instructor at CGSC.

Al Futrell, now in the TC, is going to Germany to be exec of a helicopter battalion at Ludwigsburg.

Dick Gruenther is now in Heidelberg; he is coming home this Summer to go to CGSC.

Ben and Elly Boyd had their fourth boy on 27 April. Ben is now at Ft. Lee taking the course in petroleum engineering, and he goes to the University of Kansas this Fall to get his masters in that subject.

The class June Week Party was held in the Patio Room, West Point Army Mess, on June 2, 1959. It consisted of a cocktail hour followed by dinner and dancing.

That is it for this issue. Now, if all large groups will just appoint reporters for the next year, we'll be flooded with news. Those that write should phrase their letters so I need only re-type it for the column. Mail to:

—Samuel E. H. Franco  
3 Spruce Lane  
Verona, N.J.

## 1947

June Week 59 has come and gone... and it is time again to write up the class news for the Summer issue. Being a non-reunion class and having aged one more year, we, as a group, had a very quiet time. A class picnic was held in the Boergers' (Frank and Barbara) backyard. (Their quarters are the old hotel laundry building out on Trophy Point.) From all reports a jolly time was had.

Kay and Pete Molnar (Pete's TV director, Sports Division, CBS down in New York City) were present; Willie West came East from Detroit and stayed with the Webbs. "Woo Woo" has left Chrysler and is now a man of leisure. At the picnic he played a round of tennis with Doc Haskin and Duke Duquemin and Pat Duquemin, while the rest sipped and cooked steaks over the grilles. Bernie Abrams came up from Georgia where he is in the large, heavy construction business and stayed with the De Gils. (Anyone wanting a storage warehouse of 50,000 sq. ft. capacity built or a large house with 49 bedrooms, please notify Bernie). WE NOW HAVE THREE MEMBERS FROM OUR CLASS ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES, Pete Boerger having been "voted in" during the meeting here that Bernie Abrams and Doc Haskin attended. This makes some sort of record, for no other class has had three members on the Board at any one time. During the Alumni luncheon in Washington Hall, the '47 group had Col. Singles, class of '04, eat with them. It made us feel as if we are not getting old after all. Although Kent, Lilly, Tully, and J. J. Murphy indicated on the Association of Graduates' postcard that they were returning for June Week, they did not show up. We missed them as we did you all.

The class family has increased by quite a few in the last three months; Dolores Bishop of Poughkeepsie has joined by marrying John Novomesky on 26 April in the Catholic Chapel here at West Point. Frank Boerger and Bernie Gardner were ushers. Future army brides were born to Burt and Mary Brennan on 23 Feb 59 at Ft. Leavenworth (Kathleen Devine); to the Callans in Germany on 4 March 59 (Donna Jean); to Margo and Bob Koch on 28 April at West Point (Marguerite); to the Haldanes (info unknown). The Addisons are now expecting number three. We welcome all the newcomers and I would like to say that there is lots of room for many more!

The class rank is slowly going up too. A picture of Don Robb having his major leaves pinned on was shown recently in the Army-Navy Register. Don has been out at Colorado Springs, Ent AFB for several years. Bing Perry also received his majority for June Week. Keep them coming!

Forest Crowe flew in for a short visit the latter part of April and stopped by the Department of Math, his old stamping grounds. He is one of General Schriever's people working at the Air Force Ballistic Division in Los Angeles.

Pete Karter went to Turkey in April for several weeks to convince the Turkish government that they should buy an atomic reactor from the American Machine and Foundry Corporation.

Norm Salisbury is coming to West Point this summer to teach MT&G. (Refer to last issue for the others).

The Haucks visited the De Gils at West Point on 21 March and attended a cocktail party given by Colonel Billingsley, Head of the Dept. of Ordnance. Wayne is at Aberdeen Proving Ground attending the Ordnance School and will now be going to Germany. They also visited and stayed a day with the Kochs during June Week.

Jack and Jill Faith report the following from Heidleberg, Germany at a West Point Founder's Day reunion: Paul Callan is with Army Intelligence. He is awaiting orders to the States... Bob Lane, Anne and two little ones are moving from Hohenfels in the wild, wide-open spaces to Nurnberg for more cosmopolitan existence... Wally and Pauly Veaudry are keeping the class statistics low by still holding out with two girls. They intend to stop by USMA on their way to C&GS School... Jean and June Burner with 2nd Recon Squadron, 4th AD at Schwaback (Nurnberg). Jean is aspiring to be a permanent troop commander. Daughters Leslie and Cindy are thriving on life in the country... Ruth and Ike Snyder in Heidleberg with three children and a dog; Ike is at Hq, Div Ord... Alex and Pat Haig are leaving G-4, USAREAU for the Naval War College C&S course... Jack and Jill Faith still guarding the border with the 14th A/C Regt in Fulda. John, Mike and Teri are all looking forward to the move to Ft. Leavenworth this Summer.

The following extract is out of a letter from Dick and Barbara McAdoo (two children: Mike and Carolyn. Dick has been in Brussels, Belgium since Aug 58 as Assistant Army Attaché fighting a terrific paper battle). "During a quick trip to Heidleberg and Frankfurt, we saw Al and Pat Haig, Ruth Snyder and Pauline Veaudry. Also talked to Dotty McGee via phone. We hope to get back there sometime when we can stay longer and have a chance to visit with our many classmates in the area. There is a standing invitation for any of the gang to visit us if they get to Belgium; call the Embassy to get our phone number and address".

Jim Bushnell reports from Ladd AFB in Alaska that he and Mary and three girls 8, 6, and 4 are completing a three year tour and are returning for the C&GS course. As far as he knows, Jim is the only 47'er in Alaska. He has only seen Bill Coghill, who was on a flying trip to the Command for the Finance Corps, last summer.

"Andy" Anderson here at West Point reports that he received a letter from Art Becker o/a 15 April. Art, who is presently S-3 of the 11th Engineer Group is being reassigned this Summer from Germany to the Sacramento Engineer District for a two year tour. Apparently this is an ideal assignment because the Beckers are very happy about it and Andy says who wouldn't.

The following is from a news bureau release of Continental Airlines: "James E. Colburn has been named Director-Flight Engineering and Technical Procedures for Continental Airlines, according to O.R. Haueter, vice president-operations. Colburn, 35, is a 1947 graduate of West Point. He spent three years in the research and development divisions of Minneapolis Honeywell and Tenlo Research Corp. A Major in the Air Force Reserve, he has logged over 3,000 hours in transport aircraft. He is a native of Minneapolis, Minn." This is the type of news we would like from each one of you—only first hand.

Active duty ranks have been lowered by one; a recent Army Times report has Dick Sforzini resigning from the Army.

I would never have believed it: Jim and Mary Lou Edington are becoming faithful correspondents. They are now in Monterey in large spacious quarters (and love the place) where Jim is studying Persian. They go to Iran in the Summer of '60. Jim reports that Willy and Doty Knipe are there also taking Russian. Willy will be graduated in July 59.

Jean Burner, already in Germany, is being transferred to the G-2 Sect, 7th Army, Stuttgart.

Hugh and Jean Bartley are still in Washington, D.C. for one more year with the Comptroller section... Bill and Jerry Coghill also with comptroller section (but where?)... Goose Gossett is halfway through his tour in Korea while Mary Anne and four children are staying in Washington, D.C.... Frank and Sue Taylor are going to Germany in mid-July... Lou Rachmeller and Mary Lou and three children are at Leavenworth waiting for the next class. Lou is just back from a hardship tour on Kwajalein... Todd Mallett is due to arrive at Ft. Leavenworth on 11 May... Roger and Jeannette Bates and children are going to the Air Force Academy this Summer where Roger will teach Astronautics... The Haugens go to Norway... the Materns to Formosa... the Rosens, Jacobsons, Rogers, Montagues, Sullivans go to D.C.... the Hoovers to Germany... the Haldanes to Ft. Bragg for gyroscoping... Jack Dunham to go to Korea while Lannie will stay at Leavenworth... J.B. Egger to go to Korea while Dotti will go to Caledonia, Miss. with his family... Jack Sullivan to go to Korea while Kathie and seven children go to Florida (who's getting the hardship tour?)... Bob McNeil, Bonnie and two children will go to the University of Wisconsin for two years and then will go to USMA to teach Chemistry.

The West Point group under the supervision of Bing Perry chartered a bus, and travelled down to New York City in April to see "Flower Drum Song" and then later feasted at Leone's restaurant. The Maloneys, Reckmeyers, Karters, Weavers, and Alfanos joined us. Whole chickens were served during the fourth course... Meg Sargent and Jay Bleiman continued their theatrical careers on the West Point stage in "Born Yesterday". Bobbie Geraci handled publicity; Mil Steinborn assisted. Bunny Nairn continued her singing in another concert on 17 May. Need I say that they were all superb!... Bobbie Geraci and Pat Haskin sponsored the wives' luncheon for the month of May at the Beau Rivage, a swanky place in Newburgh. The husbands, not having the money, always meet at the officers' club... Geracis and Steinborns gave a cocktail party for the class 24 May; and the Sargents and Frasers, a buffet "Beat-nik" party 6 June. It was really "beat", man!... Newly-elected local class officers are Sargent, President; Duquemin, Treasurer; Webb, Secretary... Howie Sargent in his official capacity has ordered me to report that I, puffing all the way, won the Post tennis tournament in June.

Good travelling on your moves this Summer; lots of luck in your new assignments. And please write with news to:

—Captain Albert J. Geraci  
Dept. of Math  
West Point, New York

Greetings to the "clan", as Johnny would say! Alas, the old master scribe has filed his last report, leaving behind a great void which will be difficult to fill—namely the ASSEMBLY section normally reserved for Class of '48 happenings. For faithful and outstanding service in keeping us posted on ourselves, "Well done, John," and our sincere thanks!

Now for the commercial. With Johnny, Sandy, and crew embarking for the Navy C&GS at Newport, R.I., your new correspondent would greatly appreciate one and all casting a line this way in order that this column may proceed on schedule. The address remains Box 148, and for those who have forgotten how to write, delegate the nearest classmate to cover for you. Bill Thomas has already answered the call to serve as back-up support for the Washington scene, assisted by Jay Josephs. Irv Schoenberg promises to relay EUCOM news upon his arrival there later this Summer. We still need "reserve reporters" to cover the many other areas, particularly the AF contingents—how about it Jim Sandman? Suspense dates are approximately every three months, starting 1 June. It only requires a postcard, so do it now! End of commercial.

Apparently there were many who were still recovering from the final rounds of the last one, for June Week came and went with barely a rustle from the 48ers in the area. Jim and Sally Macklin were in for a quick recon prior to joining the Law Department, while Lyle Walter flew in just in time for the Alumni Luncheon. Dave and Sarah Mallett visited the Meinzens on a week-end trip from the big city where Dave is attending a course in investment management. Rumor has it that Stub and Sug Clarke plan to touch home base enroute to C&GS from Germany. A reminder that it is not too early to start thinking about Homecoming. Check your schedule now, as prospects are excellent for a wide-open brand of Army football this Fall. The Homecoming program is highly recommended, with many advantages over the hectic June Week period for those who may be thinking of paying a social visit to the ole homestead.

Our faithful servant Hank Perry is presently packing his bags, lured to the pleasant fields of Thailand by an opportunity to MAAG a tank battalion that comes complete with mule train. Hank would be pleased to make contact with any classmate possessing an excess pair of riding boots, size 10. Hank's only regret is that he is forced to leave the local field wide open to eligible Tom Tyree who was able to convince somebody that he needed at least one extra year here in order to get his skiing merit badge. Tom, just returned from jump school, offers no comment other than the info that Jim and Patsy Blakeslee are thriving on that Benning atmosphere and plan to remain there another year. Taking the cue, Steve Griffith has bowed to pressure and has consented to bolster the Department of Social Sciences for another year. Jay Hatch, OC-ing the tennis team, reports that Jack Kean is on the mend after a trying bout with a liver ailment at Annapolis. Jack plans to arrive at Leav-

enworth on schedule, but spent six weeks in the hospital working out the arrangements! Local social item: Forty-eighters Take Hudson Cruise. Managed by the Tom Clarks, this event was the highlight of May for those lucky enough to make it aboard.

Items from the mailbag since the last issue: Andy Witko is enjoying TC liaison work with AEC in Washington, D.C.; 101st and STRAC have Phil Whitney in top shape; Bill Whitson boosts KMAG as professionally "most rewarding"; George and Peggy Leitner have moved to Abiline, Texas that is, with step up to Branch Manager of an investment firm; Ed Kritzer and Cynthia Chappell of Walnut Creek, Calif. were married on April 25th.—Ed was already basking in California sunshine, punching the clock in the AFSWP Liaison Office, Livermore Radiation Lab, Livermore, Calif. Also it is a pleasure to report the marriage of Sims Dildy and Manelle Thompson on the 11th of April in Kansas City. Sims is presently stationed at Whiteman AF Base, Missouri. Best wishes and our warmest welcome to Cynthia and Manelle. Bob Ward reports from the Army-Navy Club on a gala Valentine's Day Party attended by the following local 48ers: Gloria Dent, Paul Weaver and date, Bob and Peggy Van Arsdall, Patsy Fry, Bill and Rachel Thomas, Jim and Bev Hall, Jake and Barbara Jacobellis, Al and Millie Whitley, Buck and Sally Borg, Jack and Mary Ella Waggener, Don and Bettyann McClelland, and Bob and Beji Ward. (Thanks for the pic, Bob, but editors decided too many heads and too few faces. Try two shots next time for large groups.) Walt Plummer reports Lee Doyle has finally been located in Germany—Yearbook readers please note. Walt also recommends B-robos for classmates contemplating a visit to Bavaria, as the Winter nights can be quite chilly over there. All concerned are encouraged to contact Walt for further information on this plug for the C-store. Corrections to last report: Chloe and Imogene Swearngen to Washington; Tom and Smockie Hoffman held on at Leavenworth; and Jack Waggener will remain on at ERDL for another year to head all training on the Belvoir nuclear reactor.

Stork item: Michael Francis Brennan, 11 March 1959, Heidelberg. Congratulations, "Bear" and Ann! (Notice to all parents—please write, wire, cable, or phone the news. I am sure that all precincts are not being heard from in this department!)

A recent trip to Washington disclosed the following: Buck Borg spends most of his time in the Army-Navy Club swimming pool; Frank and Jeanne Cancelliere are due in this Summer, as are Hal and Edith Gillogly; congrats are due to Major (April) Jake Pompan currently of Frankfurt, Germany; Bill and Rachel Thomas are scheduled to move into a new five-bedroom home soon; the Pomeroy clan is headed for AF Academy; Bill and Maria Smith have packed their bags for Maxwell; Joe Bratton is scheduled to join the '48 braintrust now running the Army's nuclear power program, with station at AEC in Germantown; Richardsons have moved into new home in Bogalusa, La. The '47-'48 Social was held at Belvoir on 2 May, attended by most of Valentine's Day revelers and augmented by Don and Mae Kipfer.

Hank Perry is worried about his baggage allowance for his coming jaunt and is particularly interested in the whereabouts of the following Ten Yearbook customers: Whitey Emerson, Stan Harsh, Wally Hubbard, Don Kavanagh, Vince Lewando, Chris Murphy, and Don Swenholt. Hank indicates he will be overjoyed to lessen his professional library by eight yearbooks on receipt of the final payment of three dollars and a mailing address from the above files. Any information concerning their present whereabouts will be appreciated by Hank.

And so my friends, I remain your exhausted and spent (newswise) correspondent, who is now completely at your mercy. Best wishes for an enjoyable Summer, and do let us hear from you.

—Robbie Robertson

Department of Physics and Chemistry

## 1949

Only 3,650 days, give or take a few, until the next reunion. By then all hands present at the tenth should have recovered sufficiently to attend again. A review of the week's activities is in order. Registration on the 30th with a dinner and dance at Cullum Hall in the evening. On the following evening a dinner dance in Washington Hall. The Cadet Mess still maintains its same high quality of meals with all present sufficiently stuffed with turkey, etc. On 1 June a picnic in the pavilion at Camp Buckner. Grilled steaks all around that were fine. On the final day a boat ride to Gus' Antique Bar in Cold Spring for brunch.

The June Week Committee headed by Bob Kemble deserves a particular compliment from all. I asked Bob for a roster of the group and in true English fashion he supplied me with a paragraph.

"It seemed to me that there was among the visiting group a remarkable awareness of the efforts expended in planning and implementing this 10-year reunion. Since my name appeared on most of the correspondence, too much of the thanks was directed to me. It should, of course, go to the entire West Point group, for all contributed as hosts and many were prepared and willing to do a great deal more. There were, naturally, a few who handled the main jobs, and hence spent a major portion of their very limited free time on this project. More than that, they willingly accepted responsibilities which allowed them no margin of financial error, and which offered no apparent reward except the chance to be the target of criticism in case things went wrong. Jack Hodes flawlessly handled the complex housing arrangements. John Sutton with George Stukhart, Mo Mathews, Bill Nordin, *et al.*, bravely bore the brunt of the entire social program. Don Keith came up with the best souvenir gimmicks of the decade, and Ab Greenleaf and Hill Dickinson assisted greatly on business and financial matters. There are certainly others who deserve thanks, not the least of whom are the wives who dutifully helped in everything from typing poop sheets and preparing maps to opening their households to streams of guests while somehow keeping the kids fed, reasonably clean, and somewhat out of trouble. Bless 'em all!"

Following the Association of Graduates Luncheon in Washington Hall a short class business meeting was held. About 120 members were present. The purpose of the meeting was to adopt a statement of policy for the Class of '49 to enable a representative group stationed at West Point to conduct class business in the absence of elected class officers. It provides a legal, though flexible, framework for future class functions. The entire statement will be included in the Spring issue of next year's ASSEMBLY.

The turnout for the reunion was sizeable. A list of those present, complete, I hope, follows. I have omitted the ladies present in the interest of space economy. Present were: Anderson, Andreen, Albert, Battreal, Bell, Boland, Bradley, Brosseau, Bryant, Bumpus, Bush, Campbell, Cave, Cheeves, Cheever, Clarke, Connell, Corley, Costa, J. Cronin, T. C. Cronin, Craig, Croonquist, Coughlin, Culbertson, D.B. Dickinson, H. Dickinson, Dirkes, Dougherty, Earthman, Ellerthorpe, Fagg, Fallon, Finley, Fitz, Frech, Fritz, Fullerton, Gerometta, Goessling, Gorog, Greenleaf, Griffith, Hammack, Hawn, Hayes, Hinchion, Hodes, Hoffmaster, Huber, Ike, Johnson, Keith, Kemble, Kimball, Kingdom, Kinney, Kirby, Klenner, Kramer, Lake, Lamar, Lampell, Lehner, Lewis, Luebbert, Magnotti, Marfuggi, Marley, Mathews, Meek, Metzger, McDonald, Millet, Mione, J.D. Mitchell, Monahan, Morton, Nelson, Nordin, Nulsen, Nunnally, Olson, Pafe, Petranck, Pollin, Poulson, Raabe, Rasmussen, Reed, Rice, Roberts, Roebuck, Rose, Ross, Rust, Sarcione, Sarsfield, Scholtz, Schwarz, Shiel, W.C. Smith, Spencer, Stauffer, St. Clair, Steel, Steffy, Stemple, Stender, Stuart, Stukhart, Summers, Sunderland, Sutton, Swett, Sylvester, Townsley, Wagner, Ware, White, Wilford, Willox, Winter, Wood, Yacker. If I missed anyone or have a name wrong, please don't cancel your subscription, just send me a nasty note.

John Costa had some more information about the Ten Year Book. To date John has had about 165 responses with pictures and paragraphs for the book. The point stressed was that it is not too late to get your pictures and paragraphs in. For the book to be representative of the class it is essential that as many as possible respond. John will take material until 15 August. Incidentally all types of photographs depicting Cadet and Army life will be appreciated. Here's everyone's chance to break into print. By the way, for the benefit of all the rich businessmen, there is advertising space for sale too. Just send all material, inquiries, etc., to Captain John J. Costa, Department of Foreign Languages.

For the reunion, neckties were made up, gray with an Academy Crest and the number '49 on them.—A good looking tie. We still have some in stock and if you would like one just send \$2.00 to Captain Don R. Keith, Department of Physics and Chemistry.

On Memorial Day, George Sylvester accompanied three cadets to a dedication ceremony honoring Sam Coursen in his home town, Madison, N.J. At Dodge Field, the local American Legion grounds, a stone monument and plaque in memory of Sam was presented to the City of Madison by the American Legion. Sam's son, Sam Jr., now nine, unveiled the

stone. George read the Department of Army Citation, and the three cadets, all from nearby New Jersey communities, placed a wreath on the monument. Several hundred people including Sam's family were present. In addition to the monument the city of Madison is also naming a street Coursen Way in memory of its most honored son.

Here at West Point wreaths were placed on the graves of all members of the class buried here.

To select a high point of the reunion would be difficult. Mention should be made of Bill Marfuggi's arrival in his boat, all 54 feet of it with appropriate furnishings. Really something. Also in the running is the gasp that went up from the assembled wives as the class uncovered at the Alumni Parade. The glare was terrific. Some sort of a scalp disease must be taking its toll of the male members of the class.

I haven't been able to give all of the details of all the festivities, both formal and informal, but to use a well-worn phrase, a fine time was had by all. Old acquaintances were renewed, old stories were told, and I am happy to report that the men are still all tall and handsome and the ladies, as ever, retain the gay bloom of youth.

During the past months a few loyal souls have responded to the call and dropped a note.

Don Gower writes from Georgia Tech regarding some assignments. Bob and Mary Noce leave in June to be assigned to Board #2 at Fort Knox. Dan and Olwyn Williamson arrive at Tech from Germany. Stan and Ellen Bush dropped by on the way to Ulm, Germany from Ft. Bliss. Don also mentions visits from Lew Zickel, Ralph Paabe, and Charlie Kessler.

From Chuck Wason, via Swett, Toth is now stationed at the Air Force Institute of Technology. Beans Miller has returned to MIT for his doctorate. Chuck had planned to attend reunion but duty called.

John Chandler writes from Leavenworth that the members of the class there held a miniature reunion on May 31st. A picnic was held, attended by all of the class there, complete with steaks, wives, and kiddies. Tom Moses sent a telegram from the group there to the group at West Point extending greetings. Al and Billie Kendree also sent greetings from San Mateo, Calif.

Bernie Greenbaum writes from Goose Bay that he is patiently waiting for summer and the end of his tour. Bernie expects to be assigned to the Armor Board at Fort Knox when he returns to the ZI.

Don Swanke has been named, Chief, Atlas Project Office, at Space Technology Laboratories' Field Office, Vandenburg AFB. In addition to his new duties, Don will continue as acting chief of the Thor Project Office.

Bill Rountree, now a lawyer, was presented the Silver Star at a ceremony at Fort Sam Houston, Texas in April.

In closing, allow me to issue the usual plea. The column is no better than the information received. A post card will suffice. Send it to Captain G. W. Kirby, Department of MT&G. Really, people are interested in where you are and what you are doing.

—G. W. Kirby

Our thanks to Herb Underwood for sending several pictures and the story of the dedication of the Loyd School at Ft. Benning in honor of Frank Loyd. The dedication took place on 26 March and Herb escorted Colonel (Ret.) and Mrs. Loyd during their visit to Benning for the occasion. Frank attended grade school at Benning from 1937-1939 while stationed there with his parents and this is certainly a fitting tribute to a fine guy and a gallant soldier.



By this time you should have received our first communication regarding our Tenth Year Book. The responses are coming in steadily and favorably. For your information, the committee consists of the following:

Lou Genuario—Editor  
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We've set a price of five dollars per book which is consistent with those of earlier classes and our working capital was raised by those of us here purchasing our books now. We have yet to contact Vern Catley who is in the publishing business, but will soon, Vern, in case you're wondering.

Les Holcomb and Bob Peltz have done the work on the class blazer which is receiving favorable support.

At our last class luncheon here, Leo Romaneski was elected as Class Chairman for the coming year, succeeding Chuck Graham who did a fine job during the past year. We'll expect Leo to direct a superb and memorable schedule of events for our Tenth Reunion.

Along with the initial responses to our questionnaire came several letters from some who, by their own admission, have been infrequent contributors to our column. Shame!! At any rate, our thanks to the following whose notes made this one possible: Lou Reinken, Pete Abbruzzese, Al Crawford, Phil Bardos, Ed Pierce, Ed Boyle, Don Payne, Blackie Bolduc, Jack Wagner, Ken Hall, Phil Bolte, Pete Mallett, Chuck Friedlander, Karl Weber, Bob Wilson, Dick Cody, Herb Underwood, John Wassenberg, Joe McCrane, Gail Wilson, Mike Walsh, Bill Steingerg.

Lou Reinken and Pete Abbruzzese covered the field for those at Ft. Sill. Lou has been teaching gunnery there since finishing the advanced course in '57 while wife Mary Lou has been winning all the medals and cups for her equestrian accomplishments. They ex-

pect to leave this Fall—destination as yet unknown. Pete has been with the Redstone Group and heading for the Army War College, as Aide to General Ennis, the Commandant. Frank and Jean Baish are finishing a utilization tour at Sill after Frank received his masters in Mechanical Engineering at Stanford. He will attend the advanced course in August. Phil and Tess Donahue are heading for the advanced course in August after Phil's assignment in the gunnery department. Bob and Virginia Douglass recently arrived at Sill—bought a house and are expecting assignment with the school. Bob and Cynthia Eastman have been there since Bob finished the advanced course in '56. He had an interim (??) assignment to Korea, then returned to the school's gunnery department. Stan and Joan Fye have been there for about a year—Stan is now with the Director of Instruction. John Goldsmith transferred from the Infantry about a year ago, completed the associate course last January, went to a 155 mm How school troop battalion, and will be joining the advanced course in August.

Pete and Sandra Hayes have been there since '57—Pete is now teaching Artillery tactics.

Faulkner and Jean Heard will be leaving Sill shortly—he to Korea and she to Norfolk. Bill and Lois Howe will soon be enroute to Germany after completing the advanced course. Philo and Mitch Hutcheson are preparing for the hard-ship tour to Korea.

C.C. and Martha Cunningham are there also although he spends quite a bit of time at White Sands firing the Redstones. Bill and Julie Palmer are in Paris by now where Bill is Aide to General Wehle, CG of MAAG, France. Say Bill, tell the General that he and I are from the same home town, Norwalk, Conn. I don't think it will get you promoted but—come to think of it, it won't get you anything, but I'd appreciate it.

Jack and Helen Koehler have been at Sill since finishing the advanced course in '57. Jack's been with the Dept. of Materiel and is supposed to be going to a recently activated Lacrosse Battalion. Most of the above attended a party at Sill and they collectively feel that some sort of Ten Year Memento should be devised for the wives. They've suggested something in the jewelry line so how about some comments as to this idea or any other which may have some group support.

Al Crawford is at Ft. Huachuca but does a good deal of travelling to various posts throughout the country. He's in a project which is attempting to adapt automatic data processing methods to the Field Army. Al saw Ed Quinn at Ft. Sill this spring. Ed is at the Frankfort Arsenal in Philadelphia. G.G. and Shirley Thomas are at Ft. Myer where G.G. is about to, or has by now, assumed command of the Honor Guard company. Bill Dougherty is at Ft. Huachuca with the Combat Surveillance and Target Acquisition Training Command. Grady and Bess Banister will be leaving Philly this summer for Huachuca, while Joe and Rose Buccolo are reporting to the University of Tucson for ROTC duty.

Phil Bardos is now an artilleryman (fledgling) and is on his way to Bliss

for a ten week missile course then to the 6th Arty Group, same post. Thanks for the offer of assistance on our reunion project, Phil—there should be plenty of us here to do the work—you just get here for the festivities. Ed and Lee Pierce are leaving the Language School at Monterey for Belgrade. In the Monterey area are Bill and Alice Jones, Jim and Anette Guion (Ft. Ord) and Ted Seely.

Ed Boyle, who broke a perfect nine-year—no-correspondence record is becoming a permanent resident of Florida. He's with the Ballistic Missile Agency on the Thor and Thor Able programs — launching side. Jim Ross is there in the various missile programs, and Frank Thompson is in the Development Directorate planning future instrumentation and facilities for the Atlantic Missile Range. Congratulations on the growing family, Ed—and thanks for the note. Don't rest for another nine years now!

Don Payne is at Randolph AFB with the Air Training Command Headquarters but will be heading for Princeton in September for graduate work in aeronautical engineering. See you during the coming year, Don.

Jack Wagner returned from Germany last year and is now in his second year of graduate work at the University of Illinois. Ronnie Snoko arrived there recently for ROTC duty and Tug Greer should be there by now to study mechanics for a year prior to his assignment to USMA.

Ken Hall spent 5 weeks TDY at the nuclear weapons employment course at Leavenworth and should now be back to his National Guard advisory duties in Vermont. Ken attended a picnic with our small contingent at Leavenworth—Ray Hansen, Paul Mueller, Roswell Round, Tug Greer, and Joe Griffin. Ray and Mary are going to Puerto Rico for a District assignment; Joe Griffin to the Pentagon; and Ken couldn't remember where the others are going. How about it Paul and Ros? Ken and Mary's son Walter, our class Godson, finished third grade in June with all A's and one B. Like father like son—right Ken? No, Ken, you're not obliged to follow the Hansens, Genuarios, Workmans, et al on family size—but, what the heck!!

Ty and Mimi Tandler are at the Air Force Academy, according to Ken, where Ty is teaching mechanics.

Phil Bolte is at Georgia Tech with Joe Gappa, Carm Milia, John McCleary, Wendy Phillips, Doug Poage, Mel Johnsrud, Bob Groschlose, as students, and with Bob Shaffer on ROTC duty.

Pete Mallett is out of the service now and is with the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company, Asheville, N.C.

At a Founder's Day dinner at Bragg last March, Pete saw Bill McDowell, Joe Love, and Mark McGuire. If anyone is passing through Asheville, be sure to see Pete whether you need a bank loan or not.

Chuck Friedlander is in the real estate business in Phoenix. Bolo Brunson flies over now and then from Kirtland AFB.

Karl Weber is with the Eastern Ocean District in New York and is living at Fort Hamilton in Brooklyn. At the monthly West Point dinner at Leone's Karl saw Bill Ward and Al Fuller. A few months back Karl ran into Don Coscarelli who is an Air Force project officer on the development of solid fuel propellants.



Class of 1950—Ft. Benning, Ga., 11 April 1959—Left to right, 1st row (sitting): Ann Holt, Sue Rising, Dannie Jennings, Cecelia Lewandowski, Bunty McFarland; 2nd row (kneeling): Joan Klie, Walt Price, Jane Price, Dick Stewart, Carol Stewart, Joan Smedes, Florence Underwood, Peg Singer, Sonja Scholl, Sally Lombard; 3rd row (standing): Leo Wegner, Muriel Wegner, Pat Hughes, Norm Smedes, Grace Durst, Ray Singer, Hugh Holt, Edith Scholl (Al's mother), Reg Lombard, Mary Bolduc; rear row: Dave Hughes, Herb Underwood, Lou Rising, Jay Durst, George Klie, Rex Jennings, Lew Lewandowski, Blackie Bolduc.

Bob Wilson is still in Washington as aide to the Chief of Engineers. Bob has registered a dissenting opinion regarding our Ten Year Book on the idea that a 25 or 30 year book might not arouse much interest. Tell you what, Bob, we'll do a 30 year book also—by that time we should all be majors.

Dick and Marilyn Cody are at Chennault AFB, La., where Dick is Chief of the Air Training Branch, 68th Bomber Wing (SAC). Charlie Kuyk is going through the Test School at Edwards AFB with the 90th Wing Headquarters; Dick Newton is at Westover AFB with the 8th Air Force Missile Safety setup; Cully Mitchell and Frank Zagorski are each heading for school at the Air Force Institute of Technology; Nate Gallagher is at March AFB; and Bill Whitfield is out of the service as a lawyer in Houston.

Blackie Bolduc and Herb Underwood supplied the information on those at Benning. I think the picture tells the story, however, here are additional notes Blackie finished Advanced Course in Feb., now with 2d Inf. Div.; Dick Lewandowski finished course in December, also with 2d. Inf. Div; Pete Schira leaving Bliss for 25th Div. in Hawaii, finished course here with Blackie; Dave Hughes finished in May, headed for 25th Div. in Hawaii; Reg Lombard ADC to M/Gen Freeman, CG, Ft. Benning & Comdt, Inf. School; Walt Price finished course in May, headed for Germany; George Klie assigned to the Secretary's Office, Inf. School; Ray Singer finished course in May, assigned to 1st. Inf. Brig. (school troops); Art Porcher completing tour in Iceland; Win Skelton ADC to Gen. Edleman, USAREUR; Jay Durst finished course in May, headed for Korea; Paul Gorman with the 4th armored in Germany; Crittenberger finishing up as White House aide, headed for Leavenworth; Norm Smedes flying F102's out of Tyndall AFB; Andy McFarland back from Iceland, assigned here to the School; Harry Dodge assigned to Abn-Air Mobility

Dept., TIS; John Jennings assigned to School Brigade; Lou Rising enroute to University of Ariz. to study guided missiles for 20 weeks; Paul Roach weapons Dept; Chuck Rhoads just completed Ranger Course and assigned to Ranger Dept.; Herb Underwood—Infantry Board.

Bill Steinberg is at the University of Georgia ROTC where he's organized a girls drill team to help the morale of the reserve unit. Bill says that he does well except when he has to align the squads after "Dress Right—Dress". Then he has a problem with those Georgia peaches!! Bill saw Ed Doyle recently—Ed is out of the service now working for DuPont.

Mike Walsh is at Harlingen AFB, Texas as a Flight Commander in the 3010th Navigator Training Squadron. Mike saw Charlie Gabriel at USAF Academy (TAC Officer); Ty Goodman last known to be at Laredo; Dick (Spot Major) Leavitt was seen in Del Rio many moons ago. Where are you now, Dick?

Gail and Ardath Wilson are on ROTC duty at the University of Wis. I haven't heard from Jim Thompson or Leo Romaneski, Gail—though I see them frequently! You talk to them.

John Wassenberg is at Ft. Monmouth so we should see him here at W.P. during next football season.

Joe McCrane just noted that he'll see us at "Appalachin". Were you there too, Joe, visiting your sick friend?? Take the Fifth!!

The group here at West Point attended a terrific Beat-Nik party on 14 March given by Dick and Bidly Hoffman, Jack and Joan Roehm, Don and Claire Sampson, Phil and Pat Samsey, and Bill and Pat Lamdin. Everything to capture the conforming non-conformist spirit of the Beat-Nik was done perfectly including the dress, the poetry, the music, the art, all the intellectual (?) pursuits, and the generally impassive attitude toward the things that normally arouse the senses.

June Week was relatively quiet—a pic-

nic at Round Pond and a party at Stewart Field Club. Among the few visitors during the period were Gray and Ann Tate, up from Huntsville, Ala. where Gray, Gen. Medaris and Von Braun are in some sort of missile business. Haven't you heard about it? Roy Henderson and Howard Blanchard were here for the Alumni luncheon; Bill & Elaine Ward made the party at Stewart. Misc. Note—while in New York with Don and Mary Creuziger and Jim and Ellen Workman on 17 April, Rose and I ran into (and I mean that) Clark Allison in the Times Square area. He had flown some AF Academy cadets to W.P. for a week-end and was enjoying the lights of Broadway.

Last minute C-1 poop sheet from Ken Ebner with the following information: No word yet from Tom Austin; Roy Clark is at the Pentagon with the Air Force Plans office. He's been grounded because of some heart abnormality but is still in the "good health" category—not decrepit yet—right, Roy? D.B. King is returning to Ft. Rucker assigned to the Army Aviation Test Board after graduating from State College, Miss. Joe Love was at Bliss recently and duties prevented his being here for June Week. John McCormick is scheduled to be a Tac here at USMA this year; Pete Schira—to Hawaii—mentioned somewhere above; Don Smith, Dallas, Texas, left the ranks of the Air Force last November and is now with Texas Instruments, Inc. He is Product Marketing Engineer and is very enthused about the opportunities; Bill Steinberg—see above; George Vlisides in Bitberg, Germany commanding the Wing Instrument School there. Social life is at a standstill for George but this is a relative thing, depending on what one is accustomed to!

Let's see how we did on Babies this time:

BOYS to John and Joy Cragin, Roy and Betty Easley, and Ed and Alice Boyle.

GIRLS to Carm and Barbara Milia, and Phil and Tess Donahue.

Sex unreported for the following—twins to George and Connie Fullerton, and single to Frank and Jean Baish. We should hear from them now.

Let's hear this in before it's too late. See you!

—Lou Genuario

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Greetings, Black '51. It is with heavy heart that we must open this issue by announcing the death of Barney Landry's wife, Juana, last March after an extended illness. Our deepest sympathies go to Barney, who is still in Cincinnati with General Electric. "Eb" Handy is there with the same company, and both would be delighted to see any classmates who happen by.

Apparently my wails of woe are being heeded; had a respectable number of letters this time out. A number of people were kind enough to send just a note on their own family and one or two they knew well. This is exactly the kind of thing I like to get and need to have to do a decent job for you. Some stations have adopted the procedure of having one person write me about everyone there, and this is fine, too. In fact, as you have probably begun to suspect by now, any-

thing at all is more than welcome and brings a smile to this ugly face. So keep it up, those of you who have responded, and the rest of you take your courage (or better still, a fountain pen) in hand and mail a post card to old Daddy Smith telling me, who, where, and how many you are. How about it?

Perhaps the biggest current splash being made by '51 is the release of "Pork Chop Hill" starring Gregory Peck as "Whiskey Joe" Clemmons and featuring George Shibata as Lt. Ohashi, Joe's Executive Officer. George, as usual, doesn't do things halfway; he has the second male lead behind Gregory Peck himself. We might have mentioned last time that George is also a practicing lawyer in Los Angeles. But back to the movie; "Whiskey Joe" and Walt Russell are touring the country with Mr. Peck to appear at movie premiers from place to place. The grand opening was held in Washington, D.C., with all manner of brass present, but Joe and Walt were the center of the show. You will remember, if you have read the book on which the movie is based, S.L.A. Marshall's *Pork Chop Hill*, that Joe and Walt met on Pork Chop in the middle of the fight when Walt's company, G of the 17th Infantry, was sent to help Joe's, K of the 31st Infantry. What a shock it was for Joe to see his brother-in-law there; Joe thought he was still in the US of A. And it is true, too, in spite of the fact that it makes a natural for a movie. Anyway, the movie is about the ordeal of King Company during the fight for Pork Chop (in April 1953) and has not one woman in it. And that was real, too, even though it does not make good movie copy. So for a he-man movie about '51ers and starring a '51er, go see *Pork Chop Hill*. (No, United Artists did not pay me a nickel for this plug—yet.)

The bit about Gorge Shibata came to us through the courtesy of Bruce Robertson, who was also a substantial contributor to last time's column. Bruce and Sue are still at University of Southern California. Thanks, Bruce.

Also from Los Angeles comes a letter from Pat Lynch stating that he and Charlie Gildart have both managed to resist the wiles of the University of Southern California beauties to date, and implying that they have had a grand time in the process. Pat also tells us of Dave and Margaret Phillips as well as Stan and Ruth Sheridan, all of whom are at USC. Stan is graduating this June—or by the time you read this, he graduated in June. Did not get graduation dates on the others; who knows, maybe they like it there so much they don't plan to graduate? From same source comes the word that Ted Greisinger is working at the Space Technology Lab there, while Bob Jansen is with the Ramo Woolridge Corporation. Also in the area; Bob Issacs with Trane, Inc.; all three are now civilian types. So is John Brown, who happened by California on a trip for Pratt and Whitney. John's home base is in Connecticut, and we hear that Don McGann also works for the same outfit there. Returning to the uniformed crew for the present, Gaylord Hall is at the USAF Ballistic Missiles Division Hdqs as a Captain, USAF, dentist. Moving from California to Kentucky, we are told that John and Peggy Byers and Paul and Emily (is that right?) Hilty have

just finished the Armor Advanced Course at Ft. Knox. Byers and Jim Phillips, now on the faculty at Knox, are both headed for graduate school at Georgia Tech. John and Peggy now have two; Susan-7 and Leslie-3. We still haven't found out for sure whether Jim was really married as we tentatively reported last time. Apparently so; I suspect I would have heard about it at great length had it not been true. How about introducing us to the lucky lady, Jim? And to her, welcome to '51; glad to have you aboard.

Ruth Knapp sends us a welcome note from Culver Military Academy, where Charlie is Assistant PMS&T. Charlie returned from Korea in October and he, Ruth, Nancy Ruth-7, Carol Lee-5, and Bobby-3, are enjoying the land of the Hoosiers. They send regards to all.

And finally we hear from the Benning School for Boys. Ann Louisell tells us that Clodhopper College abounds with classmates, and that they gathered for a whistle wetting at the club on 16 May. Bill and Ann are destined for Germany when they complete the course. Frank and Irma Bashore, who added a girl to the clan in February, are headed for France. Tom and Barbara Aaron (you remember Tom from Beast Barracks as the guy who was *always* at the head of the line at the Cadet Store, and hence had more free time than anyone else in the class) are back from Germany; Bill and Dell Bradley headed for Leavenworth where Bill will attend Command and General Staff College; John and Dee Bohem also back from Germany; as are Pete and Marie Foss, Bob and Barbara Ann Simpson (that is correct, the "White Fox" himself finally took the plunge), and Bob and Deare Volk. Mike Kovalsky and frau, proud parents of a new addition in March, are headed for Leavenworth along with the Bradleys. Slated for ROTC duty on departure from Benning are Chuck and Jackie Canham, Sandy and Jo Cortner (to Montgomery, Alabama), and Neil and Ruth McCray (to Gordon Military Academy, Barnesville, Georgia). Going to Germany with the Louisells are Ed and Dottie Markham, thrilled with their boy born in December. Joe and Martha Jo Rice go to Ft. Knox. Destination unknown, but standing tall at Benning are Jessie and Garland Owen, who are to be congratulated on a boy who arrived in April, "Red" and Gene Leffler. Bud Wilson and wife, and George and Ann Meighen. Also present were Jim and Lil Semmens; Jim is on the way to Korea when school is out. Chan and Ann Goodnow and the Mullens, "Moon" and Maggie, are also at Benning, but were unable to make the festivities. Maggie, incidentally, has completed all her citizenship requirements and is now a full fledged citizen of the US; for this, congratulations. Tom and Jinny Harrold recently left Benning for Alaska; nothing like a change of climate to keep one alert. Bob and Guigi Johnson seem to prefer the warmer climes, for they left Benning for the University of Arizona where Bob is going to pick up some more book learning. Rumor has it that Ed Partain is on tap to go to the Marine Corps school at Quantico, Va., but of this we are not sure. Not at Benning, but not far away and a frequent visitor to Benning is Pete Clay, now a prosperous (is there any other kind) banker in Atlanta, Georgia, where Pat delivered their second boy on

28 March. Now, that is what I call a letter's worth of news with bells on. Ann Louisell wins, for that one, the Gorman C. Smith award for Summer issue, 1959: a stamped, self addressed envelope asking for the same treatment from Germany.

The Bob Johnsons will find, when they get to U. of Arizona, our good friends "Red" Hemler and John Foster installed and hard at work on a Master's in Nuclear Engineering, extolling the wonders of the Tucson climate, depending on the Air Force for material support, and anxious to get back amongst the Army types. "Red" and wife added John Russell Hemler to the family last August, to make one girl Hemler and one boy Hemler, not to mention one dog Hemler; "Red" considers himself an easy mark for the first station wagon salesman who comes along. "Red" and wife, John and June Foster are the only '51ers present at U. of Arizona now, but expect more company soon. Joe Fant, reported last time attending the Artillery Advanced Course (subtitled "Hercules Hop," or "Boo That Bomarc") at Bliss, was goofing off visiting in Tucson. When Joe finishes at Bliss he is being sent to the U. of Penn. for a year to study English, presumably to correct his Mississippi accent, then he is coming here to the Rock to impart the fundamentals of English grammar and literature to the eager young minds of the cadets. Joe as a teacher we can see; Joe without a Mississippi drawl we won't believe even if we do see it. The Fants filled out the family to two girls and a boy with the birth of the boy in February.

From "Oz" Osborne (J.R., that is) and Norma comes word that they are now at Hanscom AFB, Bedford, Mass., with daughter Elaine, age one. "Oz" is Aide to Commander Air Defense Systems Integration Division, Maj. Gen. Bergquist. J. J. Bohan (no, I'm not confused, you are; the one at Benning is J. M. Bohan) is a civilian working for Boeing Aircraft in the same building with "Oz" at Hanscom. Coming to Hanscom from Westover for the Founders Day dinner were Lou Buffington and Phil Sheridan. Lou is a B-52 pilot and Phil a navigator there. "Oz" has seen a number of our fly boy types recently: Jean and Al Norton at Ent AFB, Colorado Springs instead of Peterson Field as previously reported; "Bruno" Giordano with an Aircraft Test (Tactical) unit at Nellis AFB, Nevada, married and has one child; Bill Quinn with the 1731st Troop Carrier Squadron

at Scott AFB, Illinois, Harley Earl Jeans, a returnee from England, who has finished Squadron Officers Course at Maxwell and is now Maintenance Officer of an RD-47 squadron in SAC at McConnell; Robert L. Jacobs, who has returned from Africa to Charleston AFB, South Carolina; Gerry Dickson, who went from England to Germany last year and was due back in the states in June slated for assignment to AFROTC unit at a college in Wisconsin; and John Ritchie at Orlando AFB, Florida, after a tour at Clark AFB, Philippines. In comes our very first PICTURE from the USAF Academy, where "AF" stands for Air Force or "Aluminum Frame", depending on your point of view. At any rate, in the picture we have, left to right in first two rows, Joyce and Bud Richardson (Bud is an ex-Columbia classmate of mine who helped much on the ride bit from time to time, now an instructor in the History department), Dot and Hal Shultz, Carolyn and Lum Brantley, Joan and Verle Johnston, Connie and Matt Collins, Dottie and Don Zurawski, Mary Joe and Rudy Prince, and Sally and Fred Hampton. In the back row, left to right: Mary Ann and John Powell, Jane Clark and Bud Bacon (Bud proudly proclaims that he has since married Bette Crosby, a school marm from Colorado Springs; congratulations, all, and welcome to the crew, Bette), Margaret and Ken Hite, Carolee and Fred Henney, and Jean and Al Norton. Not present for the picture, but apparently as hale and hearty as those shown, were the Loren Andersons, the Larry Larsens, and Barbara and Billy Jo Ellis. B.J. is, of all things, a tactical officer, called "Air Officer Commanding" in Falconese. Lum and Carolyn Brantley had their third, a boy, on the 14th of March. Others unknown to date. This appears to be the extent of our class at the Falcon's Roost—otherwise known as the Bird's Nest. Thanks for the news. Bud.

Still more from the Fly Boys: Pat and Jo-Anne Ryan are at Ramstein AFB, Germany, where Pat is in Group Operations. They are having a delightful tour in Europe, seeing the sights and buying the silver. They are also enjoying Cynthia Diane, who arrived on 30 December (how about that for income tax deduction? Pat always was a great planner) of last year. The Ryans extend another invitation to wandering classmates to look them up at Ramstein.

Now let us return for a while to the

Army. John F. Hook left in May for Spain, after completing a course in Spanish at the Presidio and a month at the MAAG Institute in Arlington, Va. John is to be adjutant for the U.S. Army Element, MAAG Spain. While at The Presidio John saw Roy Herte, who was there studying French, and Brooks Martin who was studying German. From "Villa Milburn," Vicenza, Italy, comes word from "Rocky" and Joyce that they are delighted with the tour in the First US Army Missile Command (Medium), but fairly isolated from classmates. "Rocky", C.O. of a Missile Firing Battery, sees the only other member of '51 in Italy, Barney DeRamus, from time to time when Barney comes down from Verona, where he is assigned to Hdqs, Land Forces Southern Europe, as an aide to the Italian four star who commands Land South. Barney has apparently acquired a sports car and enough Italian to make it useful. "Rocky" and Joyce have served notice that they will have to be forcibly dragged out of Italy. They have a nice house, to which they invite any vacationing or TDY classmates, since Vicenza is only 45 minutes by car from Venice on the main road. They are having much fun, as are the four little Milburns: Mike-7, Kathy-6, Bobby-4, and Patrick-1. More from Europe: Gil Stephenson, now C Squad coach of football here, went to Europe and saw Cecil Nist and John Tatum in Berlin, and heard of, but did not get to see, John Stahl there as well. Gil also heard of Fred Denman studying at the University of California, and reports that Fred has "a houseful of girls."

Seen around West Point recently: Frank Penny, a civilian working in New York and here in April with two husky candidates for the football team who were also smart boys; Dick Dawson here in February, an employee of the Control Corporation of Denver but working in Evanston, Illinois, and active in the Republican Party; Bill Depew up for a visit from the Ft. Sill faculty; Larry Larsen in on a flight from USAFA. June Week was small but pleasant for the class. Saw Bob and Nancy Prehn, who are going to Ft. McPherson after the Summer session at Syracuse terminates; Jim Guyer and Bucky Harris who are with AEC in New York; Bill Malouche; Barney Zwerling and fiance Frances Miller (Barney still hasn't changed his mind, fortunately for him), and Chuck Wallens. Chuck is still managing assignments for the Signal Corps and furnishing this enterprise with all sorts of valuable information, to wit: Tom Odderstol now a civilian in the Washington, D.C. area; Howie Steel selected to be General Lemnitzer's aide; Bob Dean, recently of Fourth Army, on the way to Sill for the Advanced Course; Bob Welch studying meteorology at the U. of Utah, where Doug Wainer is also in school; Norm Jorstad leaving Monmouth to join the crew at the U. of Arizona (the boys will have quite a little group there soon); Fred Miller returning from SHAPE to attend the Marine Corps School at Quantico; Johnny Daigh now at the Army Map Service in D.C.; Elmer Pendleton at Ft. Myer; and Bill Baird with Air Research and Development Command at Andrews AFB, Maryland, just outside D.C. From somewhere filters in word that Barry M. Harris is with McDonnell



Aircraft at St. Louis and in case you missed it last time, Bill Malouche is enroute to France to study French for a year before coming here to the Language department.

Now, I am told that it is time to begin thinking of that tenth reunion. A committee of four at West Point has been formed to make arrangements for a suitable memento for our Tenth Reunion in 1961. The four are: Dan Wardrop, Ray Tague, Dick McLean, and Bob Snyder—all volunteers. After eliminating some articles as too expensive, inappropriate, too collegiate, etc., the selection was narrowed to small items of wearing apparel—such things as cuff links, tie clasp, swagger stick, embroidered class crest for a blazer, etc. In addition to this one inexpensive memento, the class here is in favor of publishing a ten-year reunion book—a fairly traditional undertaking—to cost approximately \$7.50 a copy. A form letter will be mailed to all of you this summer outlining this in detail to get your reactions and arrive at a final memento. In the interim, if you have any suggestions along this line, mail them to me with your news and I will send them to Dan.

It has been suggested that I might give a summary of who is here at West Point since we do have one of the biggest concentrations of classmates going. In the Physical Education department we have Bruce and Helen Ackerson, with Pamela-7, Bruce, Jr.-5, Paul-3, Susan-2, and Christine-3 months; Ted and D'Arcy Charney with Douglas-2 months; and Dan and Noreen Wardrop with Daneen-7, Daniel-4, and Karen-2. Bruce and family depart this summer for the Armor Advanced Course at Knox, as do "Rick" and Juliette Buck of the Social Science Dept. In M.T. & Go Blind we have Don and Bobbie Anker, with Dean-1, and Norma-1 month; Elmer and Alice Birdseye with James-7, and Donald-5; Bill and Betty Grugin with Kim-4 and Jane Robin-3; Wayne and Alice Miller with Linda Lee-7, Lori Lynn-4, and Jeffrey-2; Bob and Mary Carolyn Snyder with Linda Sue-6, and Sheri Lynn-5. The Chemistry department is represented by Floy and Ferris Jean Ashley with Susan-7, and Lauren-5; Pete and Ellie Beczkiewicz with Mary Ellen-6, and James-3; and Bill and Lydia Lemnitzer with William-4, Robert-2, and Michael-7 months, who are leaving this Summer for the Artillery Advanced Course at Sill. Carried on the Math department's rolls are your ex-columnist Reb Barber and Claudette, with Brooke-6, Saranne-4, and Alison-2; Al and Rose Costanzo with Christopher-4, and Danny Joe-2; John and Toni Hill with John-7, Pat-6, Paul-4, and Sarah-1; Harry and Marcie Lombard (Harry has spent a most successful year as party organizer for the class here) with Kit-4, and Warner-2; Fred and Jean Rockwell with Rocky-6, Carrie-4, and Brownie-3. In the Ordnance department we find Jim and Helen Check and Deborah-2. Down the post a ways in the First Battle Group as CO of Headquarters and Training Detachment is John Derrick with Marjorie and Phyllis-1 and John, Jr.-2 months. The Foreign Language crew weighs in with Norm and Maria Dunlap who have Eugene-5, Michael-2, and Stephan-1. Norm is finish-

ing his tour here and is up for Korea this summer. Also in For. Lang. we find Dick and Marian Szymczyk who have Lisa-5, Jo Jo-4, Richard-2, and Susan Mary-1; as well as Roland and Gerry Tausch who count each morning Claire-6, Aleen-4, and Roland-3. George and Betty June Gividen are also here, and have with them Deborah Ann-5, George-III-4, and John Richard-3 months, George is in the Military Psychology and Leadership department. If you should stumble into USMA headquarters you are likely to see George Harmon, whom we mentioned earlier as General Davidson's aide. Looks now like George, Shirley, and Larry-7, David-4, and Christine-2, will get to stay another year. You are not likely to see, unless you look for him, Clint Granger, who is ensconced on the fifth floor of Post Hq with the Admissions Office. Clint, Liz, and clan consisting of Stephanie-4, Dianne-2, Carol-1, and Jennifer-6 months, are readily available at their quarters for visitors, however. Across the hall from my own shop one finds the English department, and having found that one has no trouble locating John Hinton, who with Joan, Stacy-5, John-4, and Laurie-2, is off to Benning this Summer. In the same shop is Russ Johnston, who lives in Cornwall with Mary. Every night they count Ginger and Cathy-6 each, Mike-4, and Merrie-4. Russ and family are departing this summer to Sill to school. Likewise in English is Jim Kintz, to date upholding the honor of bachelorhood. Filling out the English complement are Ray and Betty Jo Tague, who are busy keeping up with Evan, just under 1. Four families belong to the Electrical Engineering group: John and Pat Hook with Mark-5, who are leaving this summer for Sill; Dick and Dabney McLean who have Ellen-6 and Richard-4; Tom and Gloria Stumm with Kathy-4 and Sharry-1, enroute to Europe now; and Dud and Linda Thompson with John-4. Our very own Social Sciences Department sports Miles Grant, still batching; Andy Remson, caring for son Andrew III; Buck, whom we mentioned; Frank and Sheila Waldman who now have Patti-2 and Frank-1; and your old Dad and Teddy Smith who are kept more than busy chasing after Glen-6 and Sharon-3. The Waldman's are on the way to Benning this summer. Gil (Plebe Coach) and Phyllis Stephenson have three now: Scott-4, Russ-3, and Phyllis-2 months. Dan and Marilyn Sharp (Dan a Tac of E-1) count Tim-4, Pat-2, and Dan, Jr.-7 months. The lone classmate in the Physics Department is Dick Schwarz, who with Margaret and Richard-5, Margaret-4, and Martin-1, is going to Germantown, Md. Completing the complement at West Point are two from the Mechancis realm: Don and Betty Ann Van Matre with David-5, Claire-3, and Barbara-1, who are headed for school at Sill; and Tom and Pat Woodley, calmly managing Tommy-6, Patti-4, Mary Sue-1, and Stephen-8 months.

This wraps it up this time. Much, much better on your part, friends, and probably much worse on my own. In any case, let's keep up the flow of poop and pictures. Drop that postcard NOW and let us know the vital statistics and whom you have seen or heard from. Maybe we can make it a habit, yes? PLEASE

DON'T QUIT NOW. Regards to all from here.

—Capt. Gorman C. Smith  
Department of Social Sciences  
West Point, New York

## 1952

Classmates, this will be my last column. I have received orders and will leave USMA in August. Thank you for your fine support. Please give the next correspondent a good volume of mail and send in your check for \$3.00 for the Class Fund if you have not already done so. Jay Luther is your new class reporter. Write Capt. J. E. Luther, Department of Mechanics, USMA, West Point, New York. Make checks for the fund payable to Class Fund, USMA Class of 1952 and send them to Jay along with the news.

By way of bringing everyone up to date on class business, let me recap for you. Like all graduating classes we did not provide for a very centralized class organization prior to 1952. The need to do so became apparent in the pre 5-year reunion days, and a classwide vote established an Executive Committee at West Point to handle class business under the overall supervision of our class officers. The original committee of Tom Cole, Corwin Mitchell and Dave Lyon considered a class constitution and have submitted it to Ken Simonet for final coordination. The Executive Committee has also handled obituaries for deceased classmates, flowers at funerals, letters of condolence, and the collection of a \$3.00 per man contribution to augment the class fund. Obituaries for Jim Erwine and Ken Lockhard are still pending and the collection has not been completed. Tom Cole (leaving for Knox) has been replaced on the Executive Committee by Jerry Gibbs. Dave Lyon will be replaced in July by Jay Luther.

Doug Ludlam visited us here at USMA on 4 April. His brother Don graduated in Class 1959.

Had a letter from Bob Pfeil in Alaska. He is at 618 I Street, Anchorage. Bob is still flying for Alaska Airlines, forming the Alaska Bank of Commerce and doing construction contracting. Any classmates in the area are welcome for a cold brew.

Born to Carl and Tina Dupke, on 30 December 58, Carol Alecia, a second daughter (first one Marlea born Jan. 54), at West Point. Happy Income tax deduction. Tax wise the Swygerts missed it by 5 days. Born 5 Jan. 59 was Don Jr. Tom and Jan Ayers had 3rd daughter Carolyn Lee on 14 November 58.

Art Peters, resigned from the Air Force in 56, wrote from 212 W. Norwich Ave., Columbus, Ohio. He and Janie have been there while Art was in Veterinary Medicine School. He reports Ted Moeschner is at Stanford, Bill Shields at Michigan, and Hank West out in Spokane.

The first resignation in a long time came from Jim Walter. Sorry to see the Army lose Jim but we wish him luck as a civilian.

Bruce Pickering wrote from 6610 Blackwood Drive in Jacksonville, Florida where he works as a Field Service Engineer in the paper industry. Jim Dietz, with Southern Bell, also lives in Jacksonville with his mother. The Pickerings

have two boys, and are jealous of the Wasiaks' four boys.

Gene Lane in Saudi Arabia with John Carver wrote (for the first time in seven years) that they are instructing in Saudi Military Schools. The Doug Slingerlands (3 girls) are in Eritrea. Joan gave Gene a 9 lb 14 oz son E.E. Jr. on 16 April 59 in Cold Spring. That's the 3rd for the Lanes (Ned and Joanne). Gene should be home in Jan. 1960, meanwhile write USA ELM USMTMSA APO 616.

Jack Hettinger wrote from his plush palace in the Canal Zone. Grayeb is the only other 52er in Panama. George is in Jungle Warfare School as Asst. S-3. Both are still bachelors. Max Casas is a Capt. in the Peruvian Army. Jorge Pereyra is out of the Peruvian Army and working for an oil company.

As usual summer brings a rash of new orders. Those on the move this year include Cline to U of Arizona, Benedict to Tulane U, Ed Gilbert to U of Illinois, and Juvenal to Ga Tech. Bailey, Boyles, Coleman, Duric, Fitzpatrick, Hamilton, J. G. Hill, Holmes, Knight, D. B., George Miller, Milt Sullivan, Turner, Wallis, Weed and Withers are all going to the School Brigade at Benning. Lyon, yours truly, has received orders to the Marine Corps School at Quantico in lieu of the Benning Advanced course. Maloney to Korea, Cole to Fort Knox, Witherell to Fort Benning, Haras to Fort Sill. Dave Ahearn from Bliss to Sill; Bergeson to Sill; Bullock, Eisenhart, Ellis, Corby, Jelinek, Rainey, Spaulding, Truax, and Wiles all to the Advanced Course at Fort Sill. Stubblebine to West Point, Cordell to Purdue U, Mike Boos to school at Benning along with Collier, Dombrowsky, Erickson, Paul Gray, Hastings, Larkin, Malone, Mickel, Rhiddlehoover, Sears, Steen, E. A. Thompson, Underhill, and Wheeler. Jim Tow to Camp Walters from Fort Benning. Scott to Germany, and Bethea to Brazil to study Portugese. Jerry Ruff is headed for U of Ill along with Don Senich (ex-52). Don Sells is going to U of North Carolina for Nuclear Engineering. Bob McGowan to USMA from Knox. Joe Paluh to Ga. Tech. Earle goes from Sill back to Fort Bliss, Hand to Monterey from Princeton; Lang, Lowder, and Thieme assigned to Fort Benning. Comstock has received orders to Korea.

June Week of 1959, being an off reunion year, did not see a great splurge at West Point by '52. We joined in with Assoc. of Grads for a dinner dance on 31 May. Alumni Exercise on 1 June, the Annual Luncheon on 1 June and the normal June Week ceremonies and events marking the end of the Dawkins era. Those in attendance including those stationed at West Point were: Coffman (here 30 May for his marriage to Irene Bald in the Cadet Chapel) Parks, Courant, Deiss, Crow, Brown, Gibbs, Nichols, Tronsrue, Mitchell, Haras, Stebbins, Dupke, Lyon, Luther, Spaulding, Thompson, Ayers, Keeley, Schandler, Gerhardt, Sullivan, Kenney, Kiefer, Burkhardt. Danford, Ulmer, Witherell, Cole, Bullock, Driskill, Armstrong, Boyles, Hollender, Kingsley, McInerney, and Morgan.

Ace Burkhardt is about to take a one year sabbatical to Columbia, Hank Meyer has reported in from RPI and is at 16 Jaeger Drive in Cornwall (with Laura

and two boys), Bob Day is off for Medical School, Pilk is in a sling after an elbow operation. Due in to West Point by August are Hansard, Stubblebine, Leggett, Moore, Ralph, and McGowan.

The Al Crehans wrote in to announce the arrival of Mark George, born on 13 May in the Far East. They expect to return home in July for station at Greenville AFB as a T-33 instructor.

Larry Putnam has orders to Hq. Sixth Army, Ivan Michtly to Germany and John Bart to Korea.

That is it for another issue classmates. My best to all of you and your families. Hope to see many of you on my way to Korea next year.

—Dave Lyon

Dept. Elec. Engr., USMA

## 1953

It is my sad duty to report to the Class that Wally Cochran died at Redstone Arsenal, Ala., on 24 March. Wally is survived by his wife, Hilda, and three children, and I know I speak for us all in expressing to Wally's family our sincerest sympathy and deepest sorrow. Memorial services were held at Redstone Arsenal Chapel with classmates Bob Boxell, Jerry Nicks, Jack D. Wilson, Art Brown, and Paul Floyd serving as pallbearers. Paul Floyd and Bob Boxell escorted the remains to Pensacola, Florida, where burial took place in the Fort Bencancas National Cemetery. Classmates wishing to write Hilda may do so by writing c/o Mr. De Paul Cochran, 214 Second Street, Pensacola, Florida.

Our sympathy is extended also to "Sandy" Meloy and his family upon the death of "Sandy's" mother. Mrs. Meloy's warmth, hospitality, and good humor will not be forgotten by those of us in '53 who were fortunate enough to know her. Gen. Meloy (CG, 4th. Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas) asked me to express the family's deepest gratitude to the Class of '53 for the flowers sent to Mrs. Meloy's grave-side services.

June Week has come and gone here at West Point, and it was a quiet affair for '53. Most of us stationed here were serving the Alumni Committee in some fashion—dispatching sedans, supplying information, etc. I saw Mort O'Connor who was combining June Week with house-hunting. Mort is due to report to the English Department this summer. George and Joan Williams with son, Kevin, were up from New Jersey on the 30th and 31st of May. George is now in NYC as vice-president of a personnel agency. All unemployed classmates are urged to see George at Schnelling & Schnelling on 41st Street, NYC! (I hope I have the proper name and location—I didn't write them down when George was here.)

We had practically a 100% turn-out of the people stationed here for a picnic at Round Pond the afternoon of 24 May. Ed Dinges and his fiancee, Sue Dunnington, joined the group for the outing. Ed and Sue were married in the Cadet Chapel on 7 June, and we all extend our best wishes to them. The Dinges will leave soon for Heidelberg where Ed will study German in preparation for a tour here in Dept. of Foreign Languages. Pictures of the group were taken by

various "camera bugs", but to date I have not received one to print with the class notes. (As a "photophobe" this failure confirms one of my suspicions: these characters with all the equipment are interested only in taking pictures—they never have them developed!)

Homecoming Weekend will be 24 October this year, and the Rabble will be playing Colorado State at Michie. Start making plans now! Any suggestions for a class "get-together" that weekend should be addressed to Bill Miotke, Dept. of Electrical Engineering.

The following represents the news of "recent arrivals": A girl, Kathy, to Mike and Jacquie Kallman on 15 January. A girl, Diane, to Ad and Arianne Reed on 9 March. A girl, Karen, to Jack and Kathy Hall in May. A girl, Lisa, to Bill and Jo Horton on 7 May. A boy, David, to the Marty Silbergs on 26 March. A boy, Mark, to Stan and Nicky Sovern (now at AF Academy) on 20 February. A boy, Stephen, to Gary and Patsy Colonna on 9 February. Three appears to be the magic number at this stage of the game, with the respective additions to the Kallman, Reed, Hall, Silberg, and Colonna households each representing the third child. In any case, be it the first or the fifth (don't smile, we haven't heard from the Filasetas yet), congratulations to all the proud parents.

A note from Tom Brain indicates he and Ralph Koch are looking forward to duty at USMA in the Ordnance and "Juice" Departments, respectively. Harvey Edward is also finishing graduate work at Purdue, according to Tom, and will report to the Diamond Ordnance Fuze Laboratory in Washington, D.C. this Summer. Ed O'Hair will remain at Purdue until June of 1960.

Harl Graham's father sent me a clipping indicating that Harl is at the White Sands Missile Range as Nike Zeus project officer for the Air Defense School. Prior to this assignment Harl spent two years on the staff and faculty of the Medium Altitude Missile Dept.

A note from Bill Horton indicates that he is finishing a two-year ROTC tour at the Colorado School of Mines and is due for the Engineer Advanced Course at Belvoir via Benning and the Ranger Course. (Good luck in the swamps, Bill.) Jim Lammie is staying at Colorado Mines for a third year as an ROTC instructor.

Bob Boxell writes that Sam Barrett and Dyke McCarty are at Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Ala. Captain (congratulations) Jim Harris and Pete Conzelman are at Cape Canaveral. Art Brown is teaching at the University in Florence, Ala. George Haas is in the "import business" in Mobile and divides his time between seeking out the fairer sex, flying his plane, and riding on the "company yacht." (I trust in that order of priority.) Jerry Nicks, Paul Floyd, and J. D. Wilson are also part of the '53 group at Redstone. Thanks for the news, Bob.

My old roommates, Vandy van den Berg and Frank Gay, are at Duke Law School. Frank is finishing his first year in fine fashion, and Vandy graduated this June with highest honors. Vandy was first in the class for all three years and walked off with most of the individual awards. Additionally, Vandy was editor-in-chief of the *Duke Law Journal* this past year.

Congratulations, Vandy, we are all proud of you. The van den Bergs will move on to Orlando, Florida where Vandy will join the legal firm of Anderson, Rush, and Ward.

I received a letter from Bob Beaucond who is currently stationed on Okinawa with the 16th Ft. Intcp. Sq. The Beauconds now number four and will total five in the Fall. Bob ran into Byron Tatum, Johnny Jones, and Al Todd at Itasuke. Bob saw John Glenn in Korea and flew from the same field with Ray Battle during the Formosan Crisis. Jack Merrigan is the only other classmate on Okinawa, according to Bob. Beaucond would like to hear from Hoyt, Cordill, Dale Davis, Fio Rito, and Hosmer. Thanks for the letter, Bob, and keep writing. (Bob's address is 16th Ftr. Intcp. Sq. APO 235. San Francisco, Calif.)

Gail Luck informs us that she is staying at 179 Saratoga Avenue, Yonkers, N.Y. while Pat is in Korea. Pat, due back next April, is the Assistant G-2 in the 1st. Cav. Div. and likes his work very much, Pat saw Hal Myrah briefly at the Seoul Airport. Hal is with the UN Command in Seoul. A belated congratulations to the Lucks on the birth of their second boy, Carl, last July 23rd.

With regard to other classmates, Gail stated that Minn and Jack Neuberger are at the Associate Advanced Course at Sill. They are due back at Benning in July for duty with the 2nd Division. The Wardlaws and Colonnas are with the Ranger Department, Worth in the Mountain Camp and Gary in Florida. Rick and Ginny Agather will be in NYC in September. Rick, in the FAST Program, is to study Russian at Columbia. Bob and Sue Fernandez are at Monterey where Bob is in the FAST Program for Arabic. Thanks for all the news, Gail.

Bill Miotke reports that Jim Miley got his MS at Iowa this Spring. He and Ruth should now be at Fort Campbell.

Bob Maehr forwarded information on the Founder's Day celebration in Cincinnati. Bob was co-chairman for the affair which brought together about 130 grads and their wives. The Supe, Gen. Davidson, attended as guest of honor, and the occasion was given considerable local attention and publicity. Gen. Davidson was presented with a key to the city by the Mayor of Cincinnati. Additionally, a press conference which included radio and TV coverage was held for the Supe.

Bob also enclosed a photo of classmates and wives in attendance. The picture is printed along with this article, and the following provides identification: In the front row, pictured from left to right: Carol Maehr, Sarell Saffer, Barbara Tum-



Class of '53 Founders Day Dinner in Cincinnati.

peri and Janie Wilkerson. In the second row, pictured from left to right: Bob Maehr, Mort Saffer, Don Schmidt, Bob Tumperi and Frank Wilkerson. Don Hamilla attended but left before the picture was taken. Tumperi, Schmidt, Hamilla, and Wilkerson are all with GE in Cincy. Mort has just changed jobs and is with St. Regis Paper Co. in Richmond, Ind. Bob Maehr is with Perry-Brown, Adv. Agency, Cincy. The "better halves" of the Schmidt and Hamilla families could not make the affair. Thanks, Bob, and keep us posted.

The final piece of correspondence to report upon is a lengthy, information-packed letter from Jane Miller which gives all the latest on '53 at Fort Knox, plus news of other classmates gathered through questionnaires that were filled out by the Armored types.

Let's start with those who graduated from the Armor Advanced Course on 2 June: "Whitey" and Jane and their two daughters are bound for the 3rd. Cav. at Fort Meade. They report that Ralph and Pat Rich were married on 4 April. Congratulations and best wishes to groom and bride, respectively. Ralph is presently TDY at Maxwell AFB attending school. His home base is Edwards in Calif. Bob and Sal Zargan have one of each sex with Number Three due in July. They are going to Marshall College, Huntington, W. Va. for ROTC duty. Bart and Ronie Filaseta and four sons (Bart claims the Filaseta's have a Pentomic family, since it provides five handsome men for Ronie.) are going to the University of Ariz. for two years graduate work in Space Physics. This will be followed by a tour with Dept. of Math, USMA. Bob and Mary Butler and their two daughters are also bound for University of Ariz. for two years of Space Physics. Bachelor Mike Cousland is Germany-bound. Glenn and Barbara Otis and their two daughters come to the Math Dept. via RPI for one year of graduate work. Dick and Pat Lawrence, complete with one of each sex, are headed for the University of So. Cal. for grad work in Guided Missiles. Rick and Dot Vander Meer are going to ROTC duty at New Mexico Military Institute. Jimmy and Nell Pigg, with son and daughter, are slated for ROTC duty at Penn State, Mont Alto, Pa. Neal and Jo Ann Creighton are coming to USMA, Foreign Languages, after a year at the Univ. of Madrid, Spain.

Charles and Margaret Ann Zipp and their two sons (one of whom, Charles Albert, is our Class Godson) stay at Knox with the Visitor's Bureau, G-2, Headquarters, Armor Center. Roy Fowler is Korea-bound, and Polly and the two boys will "sweat it out" with Polly's father in Bay-side, N.Y. The Fowlers report that Jim Burkland and Dick Neu are now stationed at Fort Devens and that Dave Rumbough graduated from AG school at Ft. Ben Harrison the 1st of May.

Elsewhere at Knox we find: John and Marilyn Seigle and daughter finishing up the Assoc. Advanced Course prior to two years at Harvard and a tour with Social Sciences, USMA. (With everyone in Rockets, Missiles, and the like it's nice to find another file with an interest in "inner space," John.) Another soon-to-be practitioner in the Dept. of Soc. Sci. is Dave Horner. Dave and Isabelle leave



Class of '53 at Knox.

Knox this Fall for two years at Yale prior to coming back to USMA.

Dink and Kay Whalen and daughter are awaiting the start of the Armor Advanced Course. Hal and Joy Rhyne, with three sons, are with the Weapons Department, Armor School. Cliff and Mary Lou Neilson (one of each sex) will soon start the Advanced Course. The Nielsons report that Bob Hess is at Vandenberg AFB, Calif. Bob got his Master's at Univ. of Michigan. (Pat and Al Hayes supplied further info on Bob. He's marrying a young lady named Carol Anderson in Los Angeles on 27 June '59. Our best to the newlyweds.) John Phillips is with the Armor-Aviation Section. Tom and Lynn Davis and their two boys return to Tulsa, Okla. after the Assoc. Course to await Tom's recall to active duty with Ordnance.

In addition to all this poop, Jane Miller also forwarded a picture taken at a class party in April. The following identifies the various faces: Front row, left to right: Dink Whalen, Tom Davis, Bart Filaseta, Roy Fowler, Glenn Otis. 2nd. Row: Kay Whalen, Lynn Davis, Jo Ann Creighton, Ruthie Lewis (date of Mike Cousland), Polly Fowler, and Ronie Filaseta. 3rd. Row: Mary Ruth Butler, Dot Vander Meer, Mary Lou Neilson, Marilyn Seigle, Joy Rhyne, Isabelle Horner, and Jane Miller. Back row: Mike Cousland, Hal Rhyne, John Seigle, Neal Creighton, Bob Butler, Dave Horner, Jimmy Pigg, Cliff Neilson, Rick Vander Meer and Whitey Miller. Thanks for all the information, Jane. (Some of you other Posts get hot.)

The arm is weary, and I see that I have covered all the mail received to date. To those who wrote: Thanks. To all the rest: Brother, can you spare a line?

—Si Nerone  
Social Sciences, USMA

## 1954

About 50 members of the Class of '54, most accompanied by wives, were on hand at West Point during June Week to celebrate our fifth reunion. A pleasant schedule of entertainment was planned by our two-man reunion committee, Dick Benfer and Fred Bowling. For those attending, the get-together was thoroughly enjoyable.

Here, quite briefly, is an account reconstructed from your reporter's mental notes. In it there are probably omissions and inaccuracies, all easily explained by the very nature of reunion celebrations. But everyone is invited to drop me a line to set the record straight.

On hand for the reunion were: Andreas; Anklam—going to engineers advanced course at Fort Belvoir; Benfer—teaching



Members of USMA '54 gathered at Fort Richardson, Alaska, on March 13, 1959, for the first Founders' Day observance in the new state. Left to right are Archer, Cooper, Gaston, Sloan (kneeling), Levensky, Stout (broken leg from "Caribou Creek" maneuver), and Gabbert.

electricity at West Point; Breslauer—civilian, Harvard business school; Broumas—advanced course, Belvoir; Chuck Brown—engineer, Carrier Corp, Syracuse; Roger Browne—Nike unit, Washington; Buckley; Bullock—IBM engineer, Poughkeepsie; Chamberlin—salesman, Standard Oil of N. J.; Craig; Debelius; Devereaux—at Plattsburg AFB, N.Y.; Downey; Ellis—doing college recruiting for Westinghouse, Pittsburgh; Fredman; Gaffney; Lou Gross—New York businessman; Bob Gross; Haas; Hamblin; Harris; Hunter—resigning from Air Force; Hicks; Jenkins; Keiser—advanced course, Belvoir; Lodge—investment banking, G. H. Walker & Co, New York City; McNair; Mentillo; Jim Miller—advanced course, Belvoir; Mischak—New Jersey Telephone Co, and maybe another year of pro football; Jess Moore—sales engineer, Texas Instruments, Poughkeepsie; Ovberg—New York Telephone Co, and scheduled to be married in July; Ransone—advanced course, Belvoir; Reed—to teach math at West Point; Ryan; Sale—banking, Houston; Shekerjian; Shelter; Storck—coaching, Penn Military; Stout—Fort Bliss; Sweeney—engineer, Dupont; Wachowski; Wallace—Waterways Experiment Station, Vicksburg, Miss.; Ware; Winston; and Wintrade. Apologies to those missed or misplaced.

The current crop of babies includes: Connie Lynn to Andy and Val Underwood, Fort Bragg, Dec. 9; Dorothy Anne to Chet and Monica Piolunek, Hawaii, Jan. 24; Richard Jr. to the Dick Vosslers, Wright-Patterson AFB, in January; Jamie Ann to Andre and Gene Broumas, Princeton, N.J., March 6; Julie Gray to John and Pat Shelter, Verona, N.J., March 17; Cynthia Jean to Prop and Alice Walker, Midland, Tex., March 29; Twins—Holly Anne and Kurt Lee—to Gene and Betty Alspinger, Rancho Cordova, Calif., March 30; Kinta to Dion and Jenni Johnson, Eielson AFB, Alaska, March 31; William Bantley to Yale and Phil Weatherby, Fort Huachuca, Ariz., May 24; Steven Richard to Dick and Jane Hoy, Germany, May 19, and Diane Lynn to the Ike Corons, Dayton, Ohio.

One of our famous bachelors, Jim Williams, will marry Barbara Widnall on June 26 in Ridgewood, N.J. Jim writes that he and Bobbi, a daughter of Congressman Widnall, went to high school together but didn't date until 1957. After a honeymoon in Canada, they will return to Puerto Rico for Jim's final year of duty there.

Also soon to change his status is Art Lykke (usually referred to in these columns as "bachelor Art Lykke"). Art informs us that he will marry Vicki Piram, a colonel's daughter from Fort Shafter, Oahu, on July 11. Art writes that he and his bride will live at 2002-K Hunnewell St., Honolulu, and would be happy to be guides for any classmates interested in touring the 50th state. Art is now aide to General Hackett, 25th Division Artillery Commander in Hawaii.

Other '54's in Hawaii include: Dick Hobbs—in charge of tropical training for 25th Div.; Don Panzer—battalion reconnaissance and survey officer, 8th Artillery; Audrey Short—battalion FDO, 8th Arty; Marty Lachance—exec of C Battery, 21st Arty; Joe Ganahl—left in May for Fort Sill; Tom Young—has been FDO, C Btry, 8th Arty, "longer than any other FDO in history;" Ed Knoff—FDO of 35th Battle Group mortar battery; and Dave Holtam—exec of A Btry, 8th Arty.

News of several classmates now studying at Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, comes from Sylvia Payne. In the Graduate Nuclear Engineering Class of 1960 are Earl Payne, Dick Vossler, Leon Kortz (still in Army), and Gus Freyer. They expect to receive degrees in March 1960 and then be assigned to research and development. Studying Graduate Astronautics at Wright-Patterson is Dick Youngfleisch, who was married in December. And other reports say that Neil Sullivan and George Kronsbein are also at Wright-Patterson.

Ron Salvador is enjoying a "fine family-type tour" as assistant PMST for seven high school ROTC units in Indianapolis, after returning from a 16-month stint in Korea. Ron and family, now living at 2716 East 62nd St., Indianapolis, Ind., say they would be happy to provide a good resting place for any classmates travelling cross country.

On that Korean tour with Salvador was Roger Browne. Both misplaced artillerymen, they wound up commanding combat engineer companies. Back in the States now, Rog is commanding a Nike Battery with 4th Msl Bn, 60th Arty, in Vashon, Wash.

Paul Powers is assistant adjutant, XVIII Airborne Corps Arty, Fort Bragg. Al Walser is assistant PMST at Georgia Military Academy, College Park, Ga. Andy Anderson is with 77th Special Forces at Fort Bragg. Duke Fredericks is with SAC at Lackborne AFB, Columbus, Ohio. Dion and Jenni Johnson, with daughters Kim, Kasia and Kinta, are returning to Fort Benning for the advanced course. Dick and Jane Hoy are scheduled to return from Germany in August, but destination is unknown.

And your reporter will soon leave McGraw-Hill for a new job as associate editor of "Sales Management" magazine, also in New York City.

Let us hear from you soon. Deadline is Sept. 1. Address is the same: James G. Plunkett, Tompkins Ave., Upper Nyack, New York. Best regards to all.

—Jim

## 1955

I'm not quite certain what constitutes a quorum for class action, or whether those individuals who have indicated to

me their preferences for a time for the five-year reunion represent a "random sampling" of class opinion. But, to date, there has been but one vote cast in favor of holding the reunion next June Week; twelve individuals (several of whom purported to represent the general consensus of classmate opinion in their area) have indicated a preference for Homecoming as the time for the reunion. Rather than wait for a more formidable display of the "general will" on this issue, I am taking it upon myself to write to Mike Stevenson, who has recently been assigned to duty at West Point and has made himself available to assist in planning for the reunion, and am asking him (1) to find out the exact date of Homecoming 1960 so that we may all tentatively start planning to attend a class reunion at that time. (2) to arrange with the manager of the Hotel Thayer to reserve tentatively fifty rooms for Friday and Saturday night of that weekend for our class, (3) to get leads on possible accommodations elsewhere in the surrounding area which we may turn to if the number attending the reunion is great, (4) to find out what arrangements are necessary to get our class a block of seats at the Homecoming football game, (5) to reconnoiter the places that we might utilize for a dinner or banquet after the game, or whenever we decide the banquet should be held. I shall let you know as soon as I have heard from Mike the results of his investigations and arrangements.

Let me repeat that this action to begin definite arrangements for our five-year class reunion at Homecoming 1960 at West Point is being taken on the basis of the only evidence available to me of the choice of time for the reunion. That evidence is admittedly slim. Therefore, if you are strongly opposed to the idea of having the reunion at that time, and have not yet made your preference known, do so now. But until there is compelling evidence of sentiment opposed to holding the reunion at Homecoming time, I think we should proceed with arrangements in order to profit from early-bird benefits. Arrangements at this time will necessarily be tentative, but can be solidified and confirmed as Autumn 1960 approaches and each of us can more accurately foresee his chances of attending.

Since we have begun with a discussion of West Point, that is a good starting point for news of classmates and their families. As indicated, Mike Stevenson has become the first member of the class to be assigned back to the Academy. When I heard from Mike in March, he and Ada were living at Cornwall-on-Hudson; Mike was not certain of his definite job yet, but had been told that he would be helping Colonel Wilson, of the Association of Graduates, with 1959 June Week preparations. The first-hand knowledge he has gained from this work will undoubtedly be very valuable to the class in preparation for our reunion.

From Fort Bragg, John Feagin writes that he, Bill Maus, Bill Chance, and Jerry Crancer got together at the Founder's Day Dinner. John is engaged to marry a girl from Montgomery, Ala., on August 22; apparently he is quite ecstatic about the plans, because he neglected to include his fiancée's name. John is currently at Fort Bragg Hospital. At the

end of the Summer, he plans to take his wife either to England or Ireland, where he will continue his study of medicine.

Also on the East coast was Herb Finger, who was sent TDY to Fort Holabird, Md., for CIC training upon completion of the Battery Officer's Course at Fort Bliss. Herb was to complete his TDY in June, at which time he would rejoin his wife, Maureen, and children, Herbert Jr. and Kathleen Kay, for permanent station in St. Louis.

Herb indicated the assignments other classmates had received upon graduation from the same course at Fort Bliss. Bill Boyd and Al Cini were scheduled for overseas duty. Leo Hergenroeder (now the father of three boys) was assigned to the 18th Artillery Group, Broughton, Pa. Bruce Wilburn was assigned to the 3d AAA Bn, 62d Artillery, at Fort Bragg. Art Follett was temporarily assigned to the 1st Guided Missile Brigade at Fort Bliss pending reassignment in the Continental U.S. Eck Hayes, as mentioned in the last issue, was assigned to Madrid, Spain, to study Spanish in preparation for assignment to USMA as an instructor.

From Fort Hood, Bob and Pat Strati announce the arrival of their second girl, Kathleen Sue, born April 7. Bob has been a company commander for the past year.

Dave Gilpatrick is now a company commander in the 40th Armor at Camp Irwin, Calif., having returned from Germany in March. Before returning, he attended the Founder's Day Dinner in Heidelberg, at which our class was well-represented. He further reports that our class has now attained such seniority that we are no longer relegated to the junior class bar for such affairs—a significant stride forward. En route to Camp Irwin, Dave got together with Walt Ryan, recently returned from Berlin, for a thorough recon of night life in Washington, D.C. Walt is currently stationed at Fort Myer, Va.

At Mather AFB, Sacramento, Calif., are Ed Anderson, Leland Floyd, and Denny Cosca. Ed is flying T-33's and T-29's and is the Base Personal Equipment Officer. He and Betsy have a daughter who is nearly a year old. Le Floyd is an instructor pilot in T-29's; Denny is flying T-29's and is Project Officer for Capehart Housing. Le and Nin have a two-year old daughter; Denny and Shirley have two boys. Being in the Air Force, Ed has run into classmates in widely scattered locations recently: He saw Dick Prater, who is studying aeronautical engineering at Denver; Ron McNiven, whose plane had encountered mechanical difficulty in El Paso; and Chuck Roades, with MATS, and Norm Smith, in Hawaii.

Norm himself has written from Hawaii. The class is well-represented there, and last December held the second annual Class of '55 Hawaiian reunion. And for the second straight year the pictures did not turn out. (Alaska was more successful—see photo in this issue). At the reunion were Jim and Shirley Brokenshire, Bob and Marley Carpenter, Dick and Ellie Hoeferkamp, Richie and Maryann Miller, Jim and Pat Ryan, Dick and Dottie Stemle, Fred and Gennie Woerner, Whit and Jan Whittaker (visiting from Alaska), Bob and Ann Nourse, Dick Shimunek (whose wife was unable to attend due to the illness of their baby), Sam Lowry, and Norm Smith. Norm and



WHEN PETTET GETS GOING—Members of USMA '55 gather at Fort Richardson, Alaska, for its first Founders Day observance in the State of Alaska on March 13, 1959. Seated are Gil Batchman (left) and Dave Pettet (right). Left to right standing are "Whit" Whittaker, Rich Cardillo, Sterling "Nick" Nichols, Jack Griggs, Graham Wood, and Frank Ceglowski.

Barb Blahuta missed the party because of Norm's case of chickenpox. Bill and Corie May and Frank Schlotter were also absent. Bob and Linda Newton, who were visiting Hawaii last year and made the party then, missed it by a day this year.

Norm Smith had time to provide this information about the reunion in Hawaii because on his way home from said festivities, he and his MGA collided with two cars, one telephone pole, and one garage, whereupon he, less his MGA, was taken to Tripler U.S. Army Hospital with a crushed left elbow.

Since Norm Smith's letter, Norm Blahuta has sent word of various personnel changes on the islands. Jim Ryan has been transferred from Schofield Barracks to Fort Shafter, as aide to Maj. Gen. Carnes. The Brokenshires have been assigned to Fort Knox. The Richie Millers have left for the University of Michigan, where Rich will work for a degree in nuclear physics. Frank Schlotter had received an assignment on the mainland. The Bob Carpenters had just had a new child; the Blahutas were expecting in June.

The volume of correspondence from Hawaii for this issue is almost overpowering. A third letter from that source comes from Fred and Gennie Woerner, who by now have left Hawaii and are at the Presidio, Monterey, Calif. where Fred will study Spanish at the Army Language School. (Norm Smith suggested that this will enable Fred to understand his wife when she gets mad at him).

Stepping across the international date line, the class is also represented in number in Korea. Jack McCloskey, Cliff Fralen, Jim Darrah, Joe Vincent, and Jim Barker have, in fact, all been in the same battalion, 2d Howitzer Battalion, 19th Artillery. Jack, however, is due back stateside this Summer at which time he will marry Miss Judy Adams, at West Point; the date is tentatively set for 29 August. Cliff has been assigned to Johns Hopkins University for two years for study toward a Masters degree in engineering prior to assignment to the MT&G Department at USMA. His return to the states enables Cliff to rejoin his wife, Jean, and their two sons, Michael and Timmy. Jim Darrah has received orders to Fort Sill, with a TDY en route to attend helicopter school. Joe Vincent's wife, Fran, presented him with a son, Joe, Jr., in November. Jim Barker was selected coach of the Eighth Army Pistol Team, enabling him to return stateside briefly, via Hawaii, for the Camp Perry matches.

Don Andrews is currently aide to Brigadier General Magee, 1 Corps Artillery Commander, but is due to return to the states in August, when he will rejoin his wife, Mary, and son, David, for assignment to Fort Sill as an instructor. Dick Dinwiddie, who is corresponding with his wife and three children by tape recorder until his return from Korea, is also on orders to Fort Sill as an instructor. Also returning from Korea to Fort Sill as an instructor in the Artillery School is Bob Brown.

Other classmates still in Korea include Bob Camp, battery commander of B Battery, 31st Artillery; Hal Vandersea, in the 1st Cavalry Division; Ted Patterson, D Battery, 20th Artillery, whose wife, Evelyn, and sons, Jeff and Gerry, are living in Jackson Heights, N. Y. Bill Parks, aide to Maj. Gen. Buchanan, Chief, PROVMAAG-K, Seoul, whose family will be joining him in July under a new policy permitting dependents of Military Advisory Group personnel to accompany service persons to Korea; and Bill Terrio.

Mike Malooley and Alex MacDonald were reported to be on the way to Korea. With the Air Force at Osan Air Base are Ken Donaldson and Bob Thornquist. Jim Fiscus is in Japan as aide to Maj. Gen. Tulley, CG, Eighth U.S. Army (Rear). Billy Chance was reported to have left the Far East for an assignment with Special Forces at Fort Bragg.

Mary Andrews has provided further information of classmates hither and yon. Reb, Betty, and Betsy Young are still stationed in Vermont. Bob and Ann Pheiff, and their two daughters, Loretta and Suzanne, are in Tucson, with SAC. Tom Craven has been assigned to Princeton; Jack and Paula Campbell to the University of Illinois. Dave Finley has returned from Europe, and to civilian life. Dick and Charron Traut, also civilians, are living in Illinois.

On Okinawa with the 61st Artillery, 97th Group, is Jack Viney, his wife, Marlowe, and their daughter, Patricia Marlowe, born 12 April 1959. Jack and Marlowe were married in Pasadena on 1 April 1958.

Turning to news from Europe, Dick Fontaine gave the youngest grad speech at the Founders Day Dinner in Verdun, France, this year, the oldest grad speech being delivered by Brig. Gen. Robert J. Fleming, Jr., to whom Dick is aide. Dick, his wife, Marie, and their two boys, Richard, Jr. and Robert (born 3 Feb. 1959) have been in Verdun since August of 1958. Also in France are Tom, Helen, and Tom Jr. Wilkinson, at Toul Rosieres AFB, where Tom flies the F-100.

In Germany, Bill McCulla writes that he saw Will Holbrook and Don Jellison at the Founders Day Dinner at Seventh Army Hq. Bill is working as Asst. S3 of the 34th Signal Battalion. Dan Moses and his wife are with A Co., 36th Infantry in Germany. Bill and Carol Sietman are in Kaiserslautern with the 249th Engineer Battalion. Dave Maurer and his wife, Toni, are in Karlsruhe. Ed Guthrie is in Germany.

Ray Dax and Dave Wheeler have returned stateside from Germany. Ray to school at Fort Sill, Dave to a two-year assignment to study nuclear engineering at MIT. Chuck Domeck has been assigned to the University of Michigan for a similar

course, one year of civil engineering and one of nuclear engineering.

Don and Carol Buchwald have recently been assigned to the 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley. Bob and Lee Anne Werner are at CIC School in Maryland prior to an assignment in Texas.

Here in what *Time* magazine has called the "sleepy little college town" of Madison, Wis., a surprising number of classmates have been appearing on the scene. Steve, Vi, Nancy Ann, and Stevey Matuszak stopped in on their way back to civilization from Alaskan outposts. A few weeks later, Zeke Rundle, and his enormous German shepherd puppy, "Sam" appeared. During the visit, "Sam" was struck by a Cadillac; the dog emerged unharmed, but we aren't sure about the Cadillac. Zeke has been studying engineering at the University of Minnesota, and employed as assistant director of his old prep school (Northwestern Military Academy, I believe). Both Zeke Rundle and Steve Matuszak are now pursuing civilian careers.

Due into Madison any day is Bill Goodwin, who will be studying physics at the University of Wisconsin prior to assignment to the Air Force Academy.

Final news note is that Lovell now has his MA (political science) and is working for his PhD.

Remember, you don't have to get married or have a baby to get your name in this column. Just drop us a line and bring us up to date on your whereabouts and activities. It's been a long time since we've heard from some of you.

-John Lovell

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What might have been a cheerful report is marred by the death of Bob Wetzel. The B-47 he was co-piloting blew a tire on its take-off for a training flight at McDill AFB, 6 May 1959, and, as fate would decree it, all of the crew escaped the crash without serious injury except Bob. Ernie Cross, who reported the accident, summed up all of our thoughts, I think, when he stated, "our class has suffered a great loss." This, if anything, is an understatement.

Ernie, from his platoon leader post in the 8th Inf. Div. at Sandhofen-Mannheim, Germany, reminded me that he has been happily married to his German wife, Burgi, since 18 October 1958. Please pardon me for not reporting this sooner, Ernie. With Ernie in the 18th Inf. Regt. are Tom McAniff, Jerry Am-long, Jerry Demers and Charlie Gomen (ex '56). Charlie Gomen, as so many others have done, justified our faith in his ability by receiving an RA commission as a distinguished graduate of the University of Nebraska. Also on the same post, but in the 8th Cav., are John Johnson and Jim Sewell. Returning from a two week vacation in Paris, London, Belgium and Luxembourg, Ernie and Burgi visited with the Ogrens and the Johansens in Nellingen, Germany. Recently, Bill Johansen relinquished command of his company in the 168th Engineer Bn. to Ted Ogren after having held this position approximately one year. In closing, Ernie wanted me to forward this request to

all '56 members of F-2. "Get the news in!" I'm not disappointed in the response to my requests, but I'll still second the motion. All in favor, write letters to me.

Gene Dewey wrote from Heilbronn and included a snap of four of the class and their wives who attended the 7th Army's Annual Army Aviation Conference in Stuttgart, 23 January 1959. Les and Attilla Weinstein have been neighbors of Gene and Priscilla Dewey for over a year, but Les has transferred to the Transportation Corps and will be flying for the 3rd Gun Bn., 39th Artillery by the time this article is in print. Rudy and Maude DeFrance now boast of two children, and Bert and Doris Tucker are expecting soon. Both the DeFrance's and the Tucker's also attended the Aviation Conference. Gene is the Aviation Officer for the 237th Engr. Bn., and, when he last wrote, had accumulated nearly 700 hours of fixed and rotary wing flying time in Germany. Sam and Gay Alward with their little girl joined the 237th when Sam's battalion was deactivated. John and Susie Wall were seen in Heidelberg. John is also a pilot for the engineers and boasts of a boy plus another in the "hanger". C.C. Council with his wife, Joy, and their son is with the 54th Armored Inf. Bn. (Heilbronn). Major Berry of Social Science fame commands this battalion. Gene saw "Kip" Baker recently in Wildflecken where his patrol platoon tours the East German border. The Bakers also have a son.

"J. J." Waldeck, his wife, Sue, and "J. J. III" are currently with the 504th Abn Inf. in Mainz. "J.J." sent a most welcome picture of a recent F-2 reunion held in Mannheim. and I hope that there will be space for it in this issue. Roger Blunt and his Derrie are with the 37th Engr. Group headquarters in Hanau, and, at the time that he wrote, "J. J." was aide to the Fifth Corps C. G., Lt. Gen. Farrell. J. J. Clark is with 505th in Mainz; "Willie" Crites is in the 504th, "Ski" Daleski is still flying from McGuire to Rhein/Main. There is an unconfirmed report that Jim Dozier was recently in an accident involving a jeep. I hope that this is merely a rumor, and nothing more. Don Fisch is in the 505th. "Woody" Hayne and Bob Bonnarens are reported to be living high with the 3rd Armored Div. Aviation Company, and Bill Wehl was seen at the 3rd Armored Div. gunnery conference in Grafenwohr. George Young is still aide to the C. G., 3rd Inf. Div. in Kittsingen.

Les Weinstein and Chuck Grinkley combined their talents to write a newsy letter from Germany. I mentioned Les' assignment earlier in this article so I won't repeat myself. After spending two years with Ernie Ruffner and Sam Kem in the 23rd Armd. Engr. Bn., Chuck Brinkley is presently an Executive Officer in the 58th Armd. Engr. Company near Fulda. Chuck and Les would like to receive correspondence from B. J. O'Brien, Joe Villanos, Ward LeHardy, Harry Kottellos or any other of the M-1 gang. Their address is the 58th Armd. Engr. Co., APO 26, NY, NY, for those who fall within the above mentioned category. By the way Chuck and Les, I believe that you can locate Mark Sisinyak in the 101st at Ft. Campbell. Some of the '56 crowd they have seen recently are: Walt McCahan, Don Morelli (10th Engr. Bn., Bamberg); Dick Mackin, Nick Mav-

rotheris (8th Inf., Mannheim); Bob Bacon, Ted Dayharsh, Sam Roberts (Munich); Randy McCreight (57th AAA, Hanau—soon to be married); Bob Caron (Darmstadt); Dick Malinowski (37th Engr. Gp., Hanau); Bob Andree (14th A/C, Bad-Hersfeld); Wally Crain (8th Inf. Div., Mainz); Jim Ellis (23rd Engr. Bn., Hanau), and Tom Hanson, Bill Haponiski, Bob Lindsey, "Buck" Loggins, Charlie Parker, Charlie Poole, Bob Quackenbush, Ned Ragland, Phil Stynes, John Wall, to just name a few.

A letter from Dave Palmer in Berlin revealed that the bachelors, Tony Jezior, Chuck Kottich, Jim Spires, Mike McGrath, Steve Canby and Bob Quackenbush will all transfer soon, thereby leaving Dave and his wife, Lu, as the sole remaining '56 representatives in the "Divided City". Dave is in the 40th Amrd Bn.

Received a most interesting news letter from Bob and Shirley Devoto in Germany. It seems that these two are doing more than their bit for the class by periodically publishing a roundup of all news regarding members of the E-1 clan. I'm green with envy after viewing just one of their news-letter masterpieces. Several interesting items from their copy deserve repeating. Jim and Georgine Bauchspies are now in Hawaii where Jim is serving with the Transportation Corps as his first step towards acquiring a Master's degree in Aeronautical Engineering. George Leanard says his son, Buddy, is over two years old now and that he plans a tour as a physics instructor at the Air Force Academy, eventually. Mike Zeigler, as reported earlier, is attending the Cornell University Medical College. He was granted a 4½ year "leave", and will return to serve with the Army until 1966. Rich Frederick is looking forward to taking "leave" this summer from his assignment with the 68th Armd. Bn. to join his father on a Mediterranean cruise. From Nurnburg, Dick and Zada Pierce announced the birth of Richard B. Jr. on 2 January 1959. Bob and Shirley Devoto are now with the 12th Engr. Bn. and have apparently seen most of the landmarks in Europe.

From Iwo Jima in the remote Pacific, "Ajax" Hallisey sent a wonderful letter describing the luxury of being stranded on a lonely Pacific island. He left his bride after seven short weeks and, while he thinks that the Iwo Jima duty is a wonderful experience, I don't think that he can wait to return to the States and that "second honeymoon". "Ajax" plans to fly the B-52 for SAC, eventually.

Harry Crandall took pen in hand from Uijongbu (no, I can't pronounce it either) Korea, and said that he is now AOC to the Signal Commander of I Corps. The Founders Day dinner turned out Frank Sharer, Ed Caldwell and Jerry Herrman of the Signal Corps and Bill DiGennaro (Armor). Jerry frecka is also in Korea with the engineers as are Sam Gates and George Withers. Sam is S-4, 11th Engr. Bn., and George is CO of a panel bridge company. Harry plans to spend his next two R&R trips in Japan and Hong Kong, and in that order. To complete the Far East picture, Carol and Jim McNulty sent me a wee "boy announcement" from Guam. Michael John entered the world 4 April 1959.

Iline, Greg and little Vicki Wold wrote from White Sands that they plan to be

civilians by the time you read this. Greg has no immediate plans, but he can be reached at 5252 Suffield Terrace, Skokie, Illinois. The Wolds mentioned that Bob and Carolyn Nicholson had their second son, Allen Rice, 26 January 1959. They say he looks more like Nick than their first son, Bobby does. The Nicholsons have orders to join the 2nd Armd. Cav. in Bayreuth, Germany soon. Bob Hewitt, his wife and their daughter have left Polk for the 51st Inf. in Munich. Jim Blewster, his wife, Dean, Jim Jr. and (?) have attended instrument school at Ft. Sill and will be in Germany when you read this. Charley Singletary is reported to be leaving the service to become a Baptist minister. Mike Pendino also plans to resign his commission in June.

At last, I can report that, Jim Bolin Jr. received our Class Cup during an informal ceremony conducted by Dex Shaler. I certainly hope that the picture of this event can be published. Dex reported that Tom Bullock had a daughter (with some help from his wife) 28 September 1958 while he was with the 28th Inf. Keith Barlow finally succumbed in September. Sorry guys, no details are known about the bride.

The word from Tucson is that 6 lbs 9oz of Judith Lynn made her parents, Jerry and Claudette Lake very happy, 10 April 1959. Erica Sue entered the Ben and Becca Tindall family circle, 25 February 1959. The Tindall's are residing in Apple Valley, California. The Paul Daughertys were given a wonderful Christmas gift in William Michael, born at Mountain Home AFB, 22 December 1959. Pappa Paul is still flying B-47's. Elsewhere in the U.S., Nancy and Farrell Patrick proudly announce their son, David Farrell, born 1 May 1959 in Indianapolis. At Fort Campbell, Helen and Ed Valence had a girl, Helen Marie, 18 February 1959. From the Army Chemical Center near Baltimore comes the news from Barry and Ginny Turner that they now have two offspring, Sally and Dick, and both parents highly endorse married life. They sent pictures of their younger set, and even though they won't be seen in this article because of the many other group pictures that were sent to me this last quarter, I want all of you to know that they are the cutest. Barry hopes to become an Ordnance Officer and be transferred to White Sands soon.

Both Ted Jasper and Ward LeHardy sent swell letters from Fort Campbell, and Ward included a Class Reunion pic-



Class of '56 Party, April 1959, Fort Campbell, Ky.

ture with his epistle. If the picture isn't published this issue, I'll resubmit it for the next. The LeHardy's expect a brother or a sister for their Sally soon. Pat and Ted Jasper plan to spend eight weeks with the Sixth U.S. Army Instrument School in Oakland, California, then on to the 25th Div. and the Schofield Barracks in Hawaii. They had a son, 12 September last. Ted mentioned that Bill McPeck is an electronics officer headed for Ramey AFB in Puerto Rico. Tom Weinstein went to the C.I.C. for a three year tour.

The Campbell reunion mentioned above rousted out Natalie and Bob Ross, Fran and Barry Bynell, Carlisle and Phil Farmer, Betsy and John Snodgrass, Heath Twitchell, Carol and Hawley Oakes, Pat and Ted Jasper, Barbara and George Woods, Patsy and Charlie Bagnal, Judy and Ward LeHardy and Ernie Wilson. Among those at Campbell not able to attend this party were: Ralph Floyd, Norm Schwarzkopf, Dick Woods, Pete Judson, Al Carr, Art Boudreau, Jack Conklin and Dave Horton. Other reports indicate that "B.J." O'Brien is with the G-3 Section at Fort Devens, Mass. Dick Curl has joined the others of our class in Korea. Woody DeLeuil will be transferred to Europe soon along with many others from Campbell.

From the Canal Zone, Carl Coulter reports that Dick Keating, Ralph Floyd, Dick Johnson and others mentioned elsewhere in this report were all in that vicinity for "Exercise Banyan Tree" Maury Cralle and John Porter will remain in the C.Z. for another year while Mike Cavanaugh and Carl leave for Ft. Beyers and Ft. Belvoir respectively in July. Carl sent news that Ned Serrio is working for IBM in Glendale, Arizona and has enjoyed married life for a year. For those of you interested, Ned's address is now 5639 W. Pierson St., Glendale, Arizona.

John Fitzgerald (ex '56) reported from Alaska that his family is now four with hopes of more. His youngest, John M. Jr., was born in October 1958. He's an executive officer with the 47th Transportation Company at Eielson AFB. Near John are John Matt (9th Inf.—will soon transfer to 101st Abn), Fred Rall (ADC to General Beck, CG of Yukon Command), Stainton Smith and Charlie Glenn (both 9th Inf.).

Betty and I are still very snug in our new home and highly endorse married life also. It looks as though I may even remain in one geographical location for a few months so look us up in the San Fernando Valley phone directory if any of you are ever in the Los Angeles area. We have an extra bedroom and Betty is an excellent cook.

—Stan Wilker  
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Canoga Park, Calif.

It's raining at Schofield today: a chilly, penetrating rain that tumbles in heavy gushes from a sky of slate. The GI coffee is hot, the office cozy, my feet almost dry, and the column waiting to be written.

Here in USARHAW we've had a few classmates juggled in the past six months or so. Bill Teale is SD to the Training Company, pushing recruits through the cycle. He did a superb job as head coach of the Division track team this Spring, going undefeated against some really fine competition. All the Infantry battle groups got one of our classmates for its engineer platoon about the first of the year. Chuck and Martha Cooper are here in the Wolfhounds, Chuck, Lorraine, and Tim Radler in the 14th, Don and Jane Pope in the 21st, and Bill and Bambi Ray in the 35th.

From Germany comes word from Ted and Barb Felber. Ted's one of the group who became a member of the 24th Division sans jump status. A near mutiny ensued when word came down that non-jumping jumpers would not wear their wings on field clothing. Young Bryan is growing by leaps and bounds.

Like Ted and the others from Germany, Steve Glick is spending about a third of his time in the field. Steve's with Charlie Battery, 2/27 Artillery, 3d Armored Division. A bachelor, he reports the femme situation in Deutschland is more than satisfactory.

Speed and Miriam Negard, down in Bavaria, are still celebrating the birth of Robert Duane. Bobby weighed 6 lb, 1 oz. at birth last October 2d. Jack and Liz Sobraske, living next door, are in the same unit (1/21 Infantry) as are Swede and Linda Swenson.

Don Fitzpatrick, who dished out many a bruise with the humpties a couple of years ago, is now in Hanau. He was married on 12 February to Sally Jo Marshall in Salt Lake City. A week later poor Fitz came down with hepatitis, and had to leave for Germany shortly thereafter. Sally meanwhile returned to Utah U. to obtain her degree before rejoining Don in June.

Over at Fulda, Jim and Gloria Pocock have a four month old son, James Bryant, to compete for attention with IG and CM1 inspections. Jim's in the 14th Armored Cav., with Rob Roller and Joe Shimek, and says living conditions are superb.

Church and Wooz Matthews were reunited after Chuck's hurried vacation in Lebanon last Summer and Fall. By now he's gained back most of the 30 pounds he



CLASS GODSON CUP PRESENTATION  
Left to right: Jim Bolin, Jim, Jr., Dex Shaler.



Lt. Herbert Koops and Lt. Donald Miller.  
Distinguished grads, Class 59-B.

lost, and is enjoying civilized Augsburg.

Over on the other side of the world, most of our classmates should have rotated from Korea as you read this. John Burt stopped in on his way to Frisco on leave in January. Co-pilot of his flight was Ed Gee, who makes the Pacific run fairly regularly. John looked lean, hard, and combat-ready... had orders for Ft. Leonard Wood. John Loberg was impressed into the 11th Engineer Bn for a time due to a shortage of Engineer officers. Went around muttering about "...blankety-blank slide rules..."

Cy Masser sends greetings from James Connely AFB, where he is a student navigator. With him are Brad Bradley, Tom Dougherty and Howie Haupt. Craig Smyser and Willie Pope left JCAFB some time ago for Mather and Keesler, respectively. Cy says he might be a mathematician yet.

Pothole Jensen, at Laredo, sent a couple of pix for us. First is a shot of Stan's class at their graduation "coffee" (!!!) Scene is the LAFB club. First row, center, is Lt. Gen. Smith (Fred's dad) who is now CG, Air Training Command. The other shot shows Herb Koops and Don Miller, distinguished grads at Laredo. Stan extends his invitation to everyone to drop in on him and pierce the Tamale Curtain and run rum in his 88. Address is Box 49, LAFB, Texas.

John and Mary Schafer have been around quite a bit in their two years in the Air Force. After Navigator's School at Harbagen, they moved on to Mather AFB for Advanced Navigator Reconnaissance Bombardment School (the only tough part of the course was spitting out the name). Thence to Strad AFB, Reno, for Survival School, TDY to McConnell AFB for three and a half months, and finally to B-47s at Lincoln AFB, Neb. Clamoring for attention all this time was John Michael Schafer, now 14 months old.

José Olvera wrote while in F-86F gunnery school at Williams AFB. He and Eva should be proud Papa and Mama as you read this. Although everyone has moved on since then (January), here's a rundown on classmates at Willy Air Patch at that time; Jim and Evy Mooring (son Marc Joseph born 13 December at Willy); Ray, Jane, and Peggy Dixon (expected another in May); Gerry, Pat and Robert Dwyer; Flay and Peggy Goodwin; J O and Dixie Hanford (expecting at press time); Buck and Beverly Rogers with daughter Cheryl, and another probable as of April; Dunc, Helen, and Junior Smyly;

and the bachelors; Bill Gude, Larry Muligan, Larry Murphy, PJ Schwemm, Freddy Wells, Rip Lynde, Ed Quill, and Tom Rush.

Buck Rogers wrote about the same time from Williams. Says they had a real blast at Army-Navy time. Cheryl is 14 months old now. Buck heard from Dick White at Hamilton AFB, who is contemplating applying for flight school in the near future.

Bill Foster took time out from his Bacchanalian carryings on to send a very chatty note. He's leading the alleged "typical" AF life we heard so much about at school. He, with Ben Glyphis, Gene Beimforde, John McSpadden, Doug Howell and Harry Davidson were sent TDY to San Angelo, Texas for a secret and hazardous assignment: escorting the finalists in the "Miss Wool of America" contest. No purple hearts awarded... no reports on purple eyes. Bill lucked into an assignment to Hamilton AFB, Calif.

Down at Moody in the Okefenokee, Doug Alexander teamed up with Doug Patterson to send word of some current assignments: Lee Wilson is in intelligence at Little Rock AFB. Doug Patterson and Ben Glyphis are at Hamilton, Tom Dayton at Sioux City, Mick Hazelrigs at Scott AFB, Ill. Jerry Jagrowski and John Desola at Ethan Alan, Vt., Don Miller at Bunker Hill AFB, Ind., Tony Ellison at Niagara Falls, NY, Claude Hammond at Charleston, SC, Doug Alexander at Richards Gebaw, Mo., Bill Page at Hanscom AFB, Mass, Dick Huie at Ramstein AFB, Germany, and Larry McNeil at Griffis AFB, NY.

Brian Kennedy wrote from the hospital at Fort Devens where he was laid up with a recurrence of last August's cyst operation. Maura gave birth on 6 February to Master Thomas Kennedy. Also at Devens are Wayne, Sally, and Greg Nicoll, and Dan Clancy (still batching it).

Bruce Stout sent a short note from Fort Bliss with good news: Recruit Elizabeth Ann Stout, weighing in at 5 lbs. 8½ oz, reported in at Bruce's quarters after 5 days delay-en-route at William Beaumont Army Hospital. Date of birth: 22 March. Maxine and daughter are both fine.

Those of you who knew Roy Varner, ex D-2, will be saddened to learn of his death 18 March at Alameda NAS, Calif. Sonny, who had gone on from his bout with Plebe math to become a Lieutenant (j.g.) in the Navy, and a pilot, died in a crash on a night flight. To his wife Eleanor, and sons Richard (16 months) and Wayne

(3 months) we all extend our deepest sympathy.

Don Winters dropped a line from Fort Carson. The troops there are in a state of flux: rumors are flying so fast as to the future of Carson that no one knows whether to unpack their bags. With Don are Bryan Head in the 9th Signal, and Stan and Jan Cass in the 9th Aviation Company.

Don Baughman is one of the troops pushing Nike buttons around DC. Pat and daughter Deborah (now 13 months) are fine. In the same defense area are George and Debbie Richardson, Ed Keilkopf, Jack Solomon, Ted Rosenberg, Don Press, Justin LaPorte, and Dick and Chikki Fadel. Art Johnson and Hootch Kennett are in the same battery on a site in Conn. Art and Le spent last Labor Day with the Baughmans and appear to be feeling fine.

A couple of birth announcements. Richard R. Hurlburt, 6½ lbs, was born 11 October to Anne and Dick Hurlburt at Langley, Va. Jim and Janey Dunn have a new son, Michael Sean, born 10 January in Granada Hills, Calif. Vital statistics: 7 lbs, 14 oz, 19½ inches. Erman Milford Newman III gladdened the hearts of Barbara and Mink on 26 October at Fort Bragg. The little fellow is a real A-squadder: 9 lbs, 15 ozs at birth!

Got a letter from Jim Plunkett, of the Class of '54, with information which might prove interesting to us. His class has a plan which in its simplest terms, establishes a tax-exempt foundation, funded by a \$2,000 participating Ordinary Life Insurance policy on the life of each member. At the end of 20 years, the foundation will realize over \$225,000 in cash and have a cash value of over \$267,000 to borrow against for the purpose of giving scholarships to dependents of deceased and/or disabled classmates. After about 33 years, when the educational purpose of the fund will have presumably been served, the fund will have about \$950,000, less disbursements, which will be turned over to the Association of Graduates as a class gift. Cost of the plan runs between \$3 and \$3.50 monthly per individual. Let me know your reaction to such a plan for our class: a post card with a simple yes or no will do the job, although detailed comment will of course be welcomed. If sufficient interest is shown, I will coordinate a study through the class officers.

Abe Fisher is living in Schenectady, NY now. He's been married since 1956, and he and Barbara had a son, Brian, on 4 December, 1958. He's selling Buicks quite successfully (led the company since 1955 in sales).

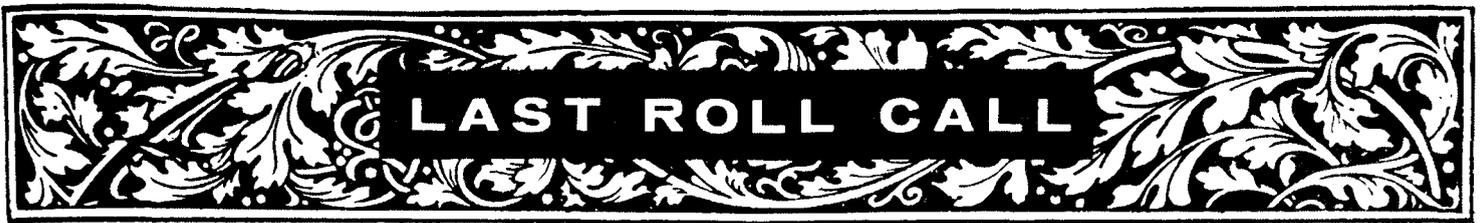
Addresses I need: John Witherow, Bill Ellis, Vel Varner, Jim Cortez, Bob Comeau, Ed Soyster, and Dick Stephenson.

Was just notified officially that Tim Murchison has been awarded the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant for "...outstanding leadership, tactical skill, and organizational ability," in connection with a particularly superior performance on the platoon ATT's of the 3d Armored Cav. Tim's in "A" company. Congratulations, JT!

-George T. Kilishek  
Qtrs 3812-D, Area K-1  
APO 25, c/o Post Master  
San Francisco



Class 59-B, Laredo Air Force Base, at Graduation Coffee.  
Front row, center, is Lt. Gen. Smith, C. G., Air Training Command.



# LAST ROLL CALL

## Reports of deaths of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of the Spring 1959 ASSEMBLY

Name	Class	Date	Place
Avery D. Andrews.....	1886.....	April 19, 1959.....	Winter Park, Florida
Charles L. Bent.....	1894.....	September 27, 1958.....	Veterans Hospital, Coral Gables, Florida
Frank S. Cocheu.....	1894.....	May 28, 1959.....	Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, D.C.
Pegram Whitworth.....	1894.....	May 9, 1959.....	Los Angeles, California
Horton W. Stickle.....	1899.....	March 20, 1959.....	United States Army Hospital, Ft. Devens, Massachusetts
Benjamin F. Miller.....	1902.....	March 30, 1959.....	Richmond, Virginia
Wilford J. Hawkins.....	1903.....	April 10, 1959.....	Brunswick, Maine
Hugh D. Selton.....	1906.....	April 18, 1959.....	Forest Hills Gardens, Long Island, New York
Henry W. Wessells.....	Ex-1906.....	June 23, 1959.....	Ardmore, Pennsylvania
Byron Q. Jones.....	1912.....	March 30, 1959.....	Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, D.C.
John Pulford.....	Ex-1912.....	February 16, 1959.....	Saginaw, Michigan
Henry W. Bobrink.....	August 1917.....	April 18, 1959.....	Palo Alto, California
David J. Crawford.....	1922.....	March 27, 1959.....	Barahona, Dominican Republic
Walter S. Strange.....	1925.....	May 27, 1959.....	Stockbridge, Michigan
George K. Withers.....	1925.....	May 3, 1959.....	Atlanta, Georgia
Reynolds Condon.....	1927.....	April 11, 1959.....	Columbia, South Carolina
George R. Evans.....	1929.....	April 18, 1959.....	Hinsdale, Illinois
James G. Harding.....	1929.....	March 29, 1959.....	Madigan Army Hospital, Ft. Lewis, Washington
Harold S. Whiteley.....	1929.....	May 30, 1959.....	West Point, New York
Jacob S. Sauer.....	1930.....	May 9, 1959.....	Veterans Hospital, Syracuse, New York
Paul R. Weyrauch.....	1930.....	May 6, 1959.....	Ft. Stewart, Georgia
Royden E. Beebe, Jr.....	1931.....	April 29, 1959.....	Andrews AFB, Washington, D.C.
Arnold Sommer.....	1932.....	February 26, 1959.....	Wm. Beaumont Army Hospital, El Paso, Texas
Matthew W. Kane.....	1933.....	April 6, 1959.....	Oak Park, Illinois
George J. Weitzel.....	1934.....	March 24, 1959.....	Aiken, South Carolina
Wilhelm C. Freudenthal.....	1935.....	April 20, 1959.....	Brooke Army Hospital, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas
Edwin A. Russell, Jr.....	1937.....	October 22, 1958.....	En route to the North Hollywood Hospital, California
Edwin L. Clarke.....	1938.....	April 16, 1959.....	Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, D.C.
Thomas H. Ray, Jr.....	1942.....	April 23, 1959.....	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Stanley M. Staszak.....	June 1943.....	April 4, 1959.....	Viet Nam
Louis G. Gamble.....	1944.....	May 17, 1959.....	Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, D.C.
Reubin W. Cochran.....	1953.....	March 24, 1959.....	Redstone Arsenal, Alabama
James H. Gordon.....	1956.....	August 2, 1958.....	Automobile accident at Webb AFB, Texas
Robert Wetzel.....	1956.....	May 6, 1959.....	Aircraft accident at McDill AFB, Florida



