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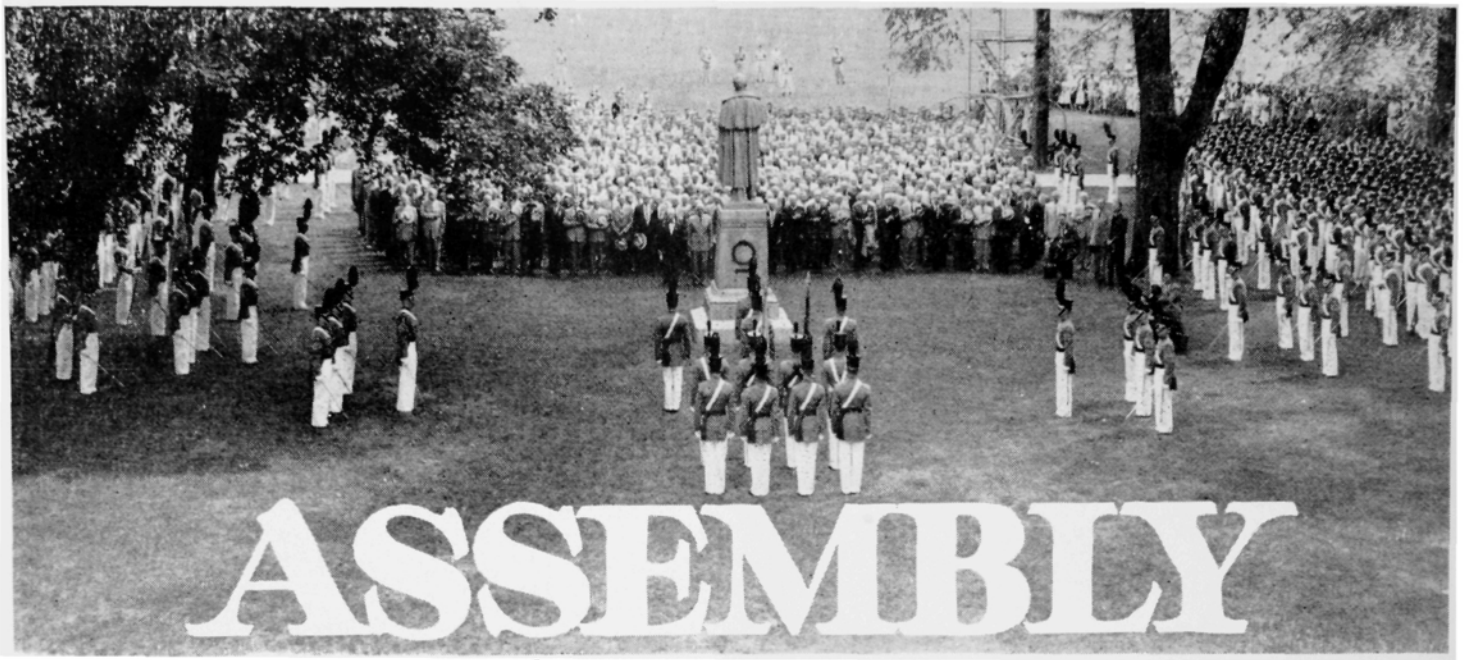

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PLAIN TALK

Dear Fellow Graduates:

Certainly, the first thing I should mention in this issue is the walloping we received in Philadelphia last November, one of the worst any Army football team has ever taken from Navy. Naturally, we have started a thorough soul searching at West Point—within the team, the coaches, the Corps, ourselves, and the command personnel—in an effort to come up with an after-action report which will accurately reflect the reasons for our defeat so that we may learn from our mistakes.

This will take time to accomplish. Until then, for what it may be worth, here is my offhand opinion as to the reasons for our defeat.

First, and basic, we blocked and tackled poorly. Why this was so I have not as yet been able to determine. The team played its best game of the season against Oklahoma. The spirit during the intervening two weeks and particularly before the game was, I thought, unusually high. There was absolutely no indication either of lack of determination or of overconfidence. Despite warnings by myself and the coaches, the Corps might have been too optimistic. They may have developed a false confidence, believing that an injury-riddled team, plagued by an unbelievable run of bad luck, which had held our defeats, by teams ranked 11, 14, and 15 nationally, to one touchdown or less, could take a Navy team beaten four times.

One insinuation I will not accept: that the team or any of its members quit at any stage of the game. No one had more to lose than the fine young men who make up our team; no one wanted to win more than they; no one tried harder. But, take it from one who knows, no one regrets more than they that the Navy had one of their greatest days, and we had one of our poorest.

If this game were an isolated game in the Army-Navy Fall Sports Program, I would not be nearly as concerned as I am; but because it climaxed a clean sweep for the Middies over our forces in the four fall competitions, defeat was particularly distasteful. In soccer, cross-country, and 150-pound football, we would have completed undefeated seasons in each sport had it not been for the Navy.

During the past few months the Athletic Board has made a complete review of our athletic policies with the purpose of providing for the strongest and widest possible participation of the Cadet Corps in intercollegiate athletics. Policies are predicated upon giving proper emphasis to football while assuring that all other sports are provided the means to develop fully so that each team may give the performance expected in representing the Corps.

During October, the second annual conference of West Point Societies was held here. We feel it was a great success. I recommend that you read the article about the conference which appears elsewhere in this issue.

During the discussions we went into detail to explain how our alumni groups can support the Academy. We outlined tasks that will require personal sacrifice on the part of those individuals who do actively help. It was pleasing to note that all of the delegates seemed willing to make this sacrifice. Furthermore, I have been encouraged since the meeting by the sincere enthusiasm with which many delegates have written to pledge their support.

For some years our academic departments have been offering courses to permit the brighter students to advance more rapidly than the basic curriculum requires. This year the number of accelerated courses and additional advanced, or augmented, courses for cadets has been materially increased.

In addition to advanced placement in Foreign Languages and Social Sciences, the Academy now offers opportunities to do more advanced work in Mathematics, English, Chemistry and Graphics.

For the first time, advanced placement in Mathematics has been made available to plebes. Certain fourth classmen, selected on the basis of background and College Board Examination scores, are permitted to eliminate some review subjects in order to take standard subjects on an accelerated basis. The time thus gained is devoted to a one-semester course in advanced calculus. Another example, in the second class year, is the Department of Mechanics' program that allows the top 7% of the class to take an augmented course in Thermodynamics which covers the normal material at an accelerated pace and then goes on to investigate more advanced problems in this field.

Looking forward to next year, the Electrical Engineering Department is now obtaining laboratory equipment for an expanded course in atomic and nuclear physics to be presented for the first time in 1960-61. The experiments to be used will be given a trial run with the upper sections this year in lieu of the written general reviews. They will represent the inclusion in cadet laboratory instruction of a new scientific field.

I plan to give you a complete rundown on our proposed curriculum changes in a special article in the spring issue.

Our instructors are also broadening their horizons through research. For instance, three instructors in the Department of Physics and Chemistry are performing on a part-time or evening basis individual research of great potential significance. Major Barth is studying the effect of an electrical field on viscosity of liquid helium below 2° of absolute temperature. Captain Hoff has submitted his doctoral thesis to Princeton on "The Mechanism of the Tritium Labeling Reaction." Captain Dickinson, who is working at Stevens Institute on the behavior of a fully ionized gas in a magnetic field—of great interest in studying controlled fusion reactions—recently presented his results to the American Physical Society at its annual meeting.

The presentation of the Thayer Medal to the late O. E. Lawrence, inventor of the cyclotron, in March 1958 stimulated a group of five cadets to construct a small (eight-inch, million-volt) cyclotron. Soliciting materials from several industries, and support from the Electrical Engineering Department, they completed construction of the individual components of the machine in the late spring of 1959. The two cadets still remaining are now assembling and testing the electronic and vacuum systems, and expect the machine to be operable in 1960. Well over 1200 cadet free-time hours have gone into the project to date.

We are proud of the fact that our new Dean, General Bill Bessell, has been made a Trustee of the College Entrance Examination Board and our Registrar, Lieutenant Colonel Bob Day, has been elected to the Executive Board of the Association of College Admissions Counselors. The Military Academy is honored to be represented on the Boards of two of the foremost organizations in the United States that are primarily interested in the transition of students from secondary schools to colleges.

Advertising for bids for construction along the Pipeline Trail of 156 sets of company grade officers quarters took place last month. When these quarters are completed in the fall of 1961, it will be possible for all married officers to live on the post. The project also provides about 50 additional sets of quarters on the post for NCO's.

Our goal of providing sufficient space to put the Corps on a two-man-per-room basis is now in sight. Bids have just been opened for construction of a 263-room barracks which is scheduled for completion prior to the beginning of the academic year 1962. The old hospital (north wing of the present hospital) will be razed to permit construction of the new barracks at that site.

Sincerely,

GARRISON H. DAVIDSON
Lieutenant General, USA
Superintendent

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Second Annual Conference of the West Point Societies

The second annual conference of the West Point Societies was held at West Point on 23-24 October. As was the case at the first meeting in 1958, every Society within the continental limits of the United States was represented.

The primary purpose of the conference was to discuss Society efforts in the execution of the USMA Admissions Program. However, the Superintendent, as keynote speaker, outlined the current Academy projects which are of interest to all alumni. Items mentioned included the Thayer Hall of Fame Project, recent and proposed curriculum changes at West Point, the athletic policy of the Academy, efforts to obtain donations for the construction of a new library and officers' club, and the Admission Program.

The Thayer Hall of Fame Project is well-known to most graduates. Under the leadership of Crittenberger, '13, efforts are being made to obtain the nomination of Sylvanus Thayer to the New York University Hall of Fame, in recognition of his activities at West Point and because of his contributions as a leading educator in the early days of our nation's history. Although his accomplishments were manifold, few people know of his role as the builder of the nation's first engineering college, his part in establishing the first technical library, or his impact on virtually every engineering college founded in this country in the nineteenth century through graduates of his regime who formed the nucleus of the several engineering faculties. Furthermore, supervision of the construction of the majority of the railroads, canals, and waterways completed during the nineteenth century was handled by persons who had studied under Thayer.

The Crittenberger Committee is now at work on the project and will call upon the various Societies for assistance as it is needed. Most of this information was covered in the last issue of ASSEMBLY, but delegates were brought up to date as to specific details and current status. The Superintendent then described our athletic policy as it is currently written and discussed the misinterpretations of this policy during the past year.

In essence, the policy prescribes that *all* cadets will have an equal opportunity to represent the Military Academy with distinction in intercollegiate sports. It establishes procedures for support of the various corps squads in accordance with their relative importance to the Academy based on the limited resources available to the intercollegiate athletic program. The policy is also designed to maintain emphasis on the athletic program so the Military Academy will continue to excel in whatever endeavor it undertakes.

General Davidson then showed pictures of the proposed library and officers' club and familiarized the delegates with the funding problem. He explained his plan to approach foundations throughout the country for donations and called upon the graduates to seek financial support for the construction of these two buildings.

The remainder of the conference was devoted to the Admissions Program. General Davidson explained his concept and indicated that the procurement of outstanding cadets was considered to be of the utmost importance to the maintenance of high standards at West Point. Following the Superintendent, Bolling, June '43, Chief of the USMA Admissions Division, described the program in detail and showed how the Societies, the Army establishment, and patriotic civic groups were working to insure accomplishment of the mission. The remainder of the morning was utilized by Adams, '40, Director of Athletics, in describing the Army Athletic Association recruitment activities and how they were tied in with the mission of the Admissions Division.

Following a delegate luncheon at the club, the conference was reconvened, and discussion of the Admissions Program continued. Garman, '45, Chief of the Admissions Division Plans Branch, reported on Society progress during the past year and described methods available to Societies in assisting young men to gain appointments. Hervey, '49, Chief of the Operations Branch, discussed procedures for locating and evaluating outstanding prospective candidates. Finally, Bolling described specific Society activities.

The Saturday morning session consisted of a short panel discussion during which delegates had an opportunity to air problems and propose new ideas. Panel members included Adams, Bolling, and Day, '44, USMA's Registrar. The conference ended at 1030, in time for the delegates to participate in the homecoming festivities and attend the Colorado State football game.

Joint Service Football Rally at Presidio

Alumni of the Service Academies buried the hatchet in a rousing, good spirited football kick-off dinner at the Presidio of San Francisco Officers' Club on 11 September 1959.

Several hundred Army, Navy and Air Force Academy graduates cheered the three Academy representatives who talked about the strengths of their respective teams and their prospects for the coming season.

Spokesman for the Air Force team was the former deputy commandant of Cadets at the Air Force Academy, Col. Ben Cassidy, class of '43, now deputy commander of Hamilton AFB. Capt. Frank Wickhorst, class of '27, Annapolis, and one of the Navy "Greats," told the Navy's story. Also there from the Navy was his classmate, another "Great," Rear Admiral Tom Hamilton. Tom Hamilton was recently named Commissioner of the Athletic Association of Western Universities. The Army's picture for the coming season was given by Col. John (Jack) Malloy, West Point '31, and now PMS&T at the Univ. of Calif., Berkeley.

Other "Greats" at the dinner included Brig. Gen. Milt Summerfelt, West Point class of '33, All-American guard, and Col. Jack Price, West Point class of '32, All-American tackle, now both with the Air Force.

Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz of the class of 1905 of Annapolis was the senior alumnus aboard. Also present was 2nd Lt. John G. Hayes, Jr., a representative of the Air Force Academy's first (1959) graduating class.

This, the first gathering of its nature, is expected to be the forerunner of an annual joint Service Academy football kick-off dinner in the Bay Area.

The dinner committee was headed by Maj. Gen. E. J. McGaw, class of '20, Commanding General, 6th Region, US Army Air Defense Command, assisted by Maj. Gen. Sory Smith, class of '30, Commander, Fourth Air Force; Navy Capt. Dave Walsh, Annapolis '27; and Brig. Gen. Bob Tripp, class of '33. Gen. McGaw said that in future years the Navy and Air Force will sponsor the dinner, in turn, using a joint committee. President of the Bay Area West Point Society is Brig. Gen. Hamilton McDougal Monroe, class of '18, another football "Great."

Thayer Award To Lodge

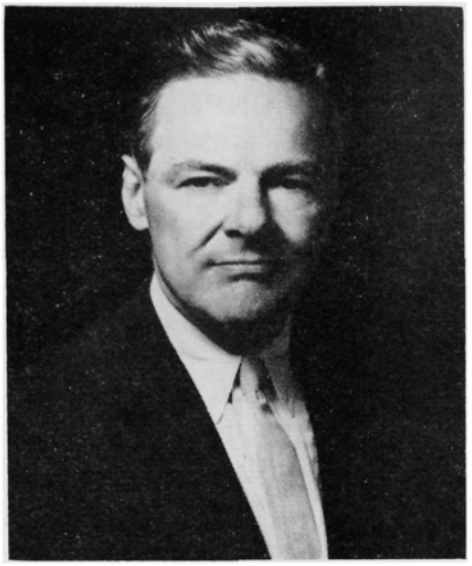
The 1960 Sylvanus Thayer Award will be given to The Honorable Henry Cabot Lodge at West Point on 16 March. The distinguished son of a famous family, namesake of his renowned grandfather, Ambassador Lodge has established celebrated reputations in the fields of journalism, politics, military, and statesmanship. He is the United States Representative to the United Nations, with rank of Ambassador.

Born in 1902 at Nahant, Massachusetts, Ambassador Lodge grew up and was educated in metropolitan Boston. When he graduated from Harvard in 1924, he had already been working for a year on the Boston Evening Transcript. He was a member of the Washington Bureau of the New York Herald Tribune from 1924 to 1936. As a member of that staff he covered the London Naval Conference in 1929.

He entered politics in 1933 and was elected to two successive terms as a Judge of the Massachusetts Court of General Sessions. In 1936 he was elected to the United States Senate, to which he was reelected in 1942. Upon his reelection he resigned to enter the Army, the first Senator to do so since the Civil War.

Shortly after Ambassador Lodge first went to Washington as a young reporter, he enrolled in the 10-series, Army Correspondence Courses. With some tutoring by (then) Major Willis D. Crittenberger, he passed his examination with high grades and was commissioned in the Officers Reserve Corps as a Second Lieutenant of Cavalry in 1925. As a United States Senator he requested active duty with the 2nd Armored Division, and joined the division as a major. In 1942, before the American invasion of North Africa, he was a member of a small detachment of that division which was attached to the British Eighth Army in Libya with the mission of studying armored tactics and maintenance.

Henry Cabot Lodge served throughout World War II in the North African and European Theaters of Operations with combat troops. During his active and reserve service he has served with every size unit from platoon to Army, even to Headquarters Army Ground Forces, and in every grade from Second Lieutenant to Brigadier General, which rank he now holds. His decorations include Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, French Legion d'Honneur, Croix de Guerre (with palm), 6 Battle Stars, 1 Arrowhead.



Henry Cabot Lodge

In 1946 Ambassador Lodge was reelected to the Senate. He was a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, the Rules Committee, and the Joint Committee on the Congressional Library. He was the author, along with Representative Brown, of the Act which created the Hoover Commission. He was the pre-convention campaign manager for General Eisenhower in 1952.

While a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Mr. Lodge served as a United States Representative to the 5th Session of the United Nations General Assembly. He has been Ambassador to the United Nations since 1953.

The Thayer Award Selection Committee this year was: General Jacob L. Devers, '09; General Alfred M. Gruenther, '19; General (USAF) Thomas D. White, '20; Brigadier General (USAR) Charles E. Saltzman, '25; Major General John K. Waters, '31. This group was fortunate in having a considerable number of possible selectees. They were unfortunate in having to make a choice. To select from among 170 million Americans that citizen who, by his accomplishments and record of service, best represents devotions to the ideals of West Point, is indeed a difficult task.

Sylvanus Thayer Medal

When **Duty** called, Henry Cabot Lodge answered. No better example among men prominent in public affairs could be cited. To give up a highly important, but secure, elected position for one with combat troops shows outstanding devotion to "Duty."

Honor, without honors, has been a guiding principle of his life. For almost seven years he has fought in the toughest arena yet devised to maintain his. ours, and the Nation's honor.

For more than twenty years Henry Cabot Lodge has devoted his every effort to his **Country.** As senator, as army officer, and as diplomat he has served his Country in positions of the very highest responsibilities. That he has eminently succeeded is evident every day in the newspapers.

Mr. Lodge is a speaker of high repute. He delivered the Graduation Address at USMA last June Week. But he is also a diplomat. The story is told about him that during a session in the United Nations when Communism was being castigated from all sides, the Soviet representative rose and delivered a diatribe against the United States that exceeded even his usual efforts. Ambassador Lodge rose, upon the completion of that forensic paroxysm and said, in effect, "The Representative of the Soviet Union has just missed a golden opportunity to keep his mouth shut." That brought down the house and ended the debate just the way the United States desired.

The Association of Graduates of the United States Military Academy is proud of the opportunity to present to the Honorable Henry Cabot Lodge the 1960 Sylvanus Thayer Award. We are honored that he has agreed to accept it next Founders Day at West Point. His name will be inscribed on the plaque in Washington Hall, along with the previous distinguished recipients: Dr. Ernest O. Lawrence and The Honorable John Foster Dulles.

The Department of English U.S.M.A., 1960-1970

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(I gladly acknowledge my indebtedness to Colonels G. R. Stephens and R. K. Alspach, the Head and the Deputy Head of the Department of English, and to Major R. M. Rose, Assistant Professor, Fourth Class English, for their helpful collaboration in the preparation of this article.)

I. Mission

The mission of the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, is "to instruct and train the Corps of Cadets so that each graduate will have the qualities and attributes essential to his progressive and continuing development throughout a lifetime career as an officer in the Regular Army." Certainly there can be no exact enumeration, even in very general terms, of the essential "qualities" and "attributes" which the Army officer needs today and will need in the future. But we know that the Army officer must have a broad general education in both the arts and sciences to allow him to function successfully in modern society in peace and in war. Thus, although the West Point graduate is awarded a Bachelor of Science degree, the "course of study cannot be classed as either liberal arts or engineering but has somewhat the character of both.... The course of study is designed to prepare the graduate for the diverse intellectual problems that confront an officer during his career."

The Department of English plays an increasingly important role in this preparation. It is self-evident that no progress is possible in any professional field without a consummate knowledge and facile utilization of one's native tongue. The mission of the Department of English, therefore, is twofold: (1) to teach the cadets how to organize and express their ideas clearly and effectively in writing and speaking, and (2) to help cadets acquire a knowledge of the world's great literature so that they will be capable of enlightened leadership. Inherent in our mission is the objective of assisting each cadet to develop his own philosophy of life. The English Department believes, in the words of Sir Richard Livingstone, the present Chancellor of Oxford University, that ". . . the most important task of education is to bring home to the student the greatest of all problems—the problem of living—and to give him some guidance in it. Nations and individuals are ultimately judged by the values and standards by which they are ruled."

II. The Faculty

Since the success or failure of any course in any subject depends largely on the ability of the teacher, let us put first things first and begin by describing how the members of the faculty in English, many of whom are West Point graduates, are selected.

We start early. While the cadets are attending their classes in English, they are carefully observed by their instructors, each of whom makes a report on the individual cadet's possibilities as a future teacher. The reports are kept on file. When we receive an application

Members of the Corps utilizing the English Department Library, which contains an excellent collection of works of criticism, reference books, and current periodicals.

from one of our graduates for a tour of duty as a teacher in English—and we receive many—we have an immediate reference to him. If we appoint him, we send him to a graduate school for a year or more, after which he comes to us as an instructor for three years. It is our intent that he get his M.A. at the end of his graduate work. During his teaching tenure the officer-instructor is encouraged to continue taking graduate work in the winter term—since his weekly teaching load is from ten to twelve hours, this is feasible—and in summer school. Those officers who show themselves outstanding teachers may be recalled for a second tour of teaching after they have served intervening tours of duty elsewhere.

In addition to West Point graduates, we have access also to the officers in the Organized Reserve Corps. Officers from the ORC are assigned for a four-year term, renewable; in this way we are assured of a certain number of instructors who will be with us for as long as twenty years of active duty. We have two ORC instructors now, and also two ORC mobilization designees who serve in the department several weeks each summer. With these methods of choosing personnel, we secure an excellent teaching faculty which provides thorough and imaginative instruction.

The academic backgrounds of the English Department last year can be summarized as follows:

The Head and the Deputy Head of the Department—both with Ph.D. degrees from the University of Pennsylvania.

Associate and Assistant Professors—one Ph.D. from Yale University, and seven M.A. degrees from New York University, Columbia University, and the University of Pennsylvania.

Instructors—thirteen M.A. degrees from Columbia University, University of Pennsylvania, Teachers College of Columbia University, University of Missouri; and an M.S. degree from California Institute of Technology.

ORC mobilization designees—a Ph.D. degree from Harvard University and an M.A. from Columbia University.

The undergraduate backgrounds of our instructors include a variety almost as broad as the geographic origins of the U.S. Corps of Cadets: Princeton, University of Pennsylvania, U.S. Military Academy, Yale, New York State College for Teachers at Albany, University of Buffalo, and University of Utah.

Our method of preparation for instruction in the classroom affects both course and teacher. During the late spring the instructors in composition and literature hold a series of meetings to decide on course content and daily lesson assignments for the following year. At these meetings instructor and student criticisms about the courses are searchingly explored, and possible improvements are discussed. It is rare indeed that no changes are made; and frequently major shifts, involving the adoption of new texts and new methods of approach for subject-matter presentation, come about.

When course content and lesson assignments have been fixed, the course director asks the instructors to let him have their preferences for the lesson assignments for which they would like to prepare instructor conferences. (An instructor conference is a meeting of the course instructors a day or two before any particular lesson is to be given, at which the assignment is discussed thoroughly.) In literature an instructor preference would be, of course, a poet, a dramatist, etc.; in composition, a phase of grammar, an expository type, a speech type, etc. Here is how the whole thing works out in practice.

Suppose one of the instructors in the literature course wants to conduct the conference on Chaucer and makes Chaucer his first preference. When the conference assignments are given out, the chances are that he will find Chaucer on his list. Obviously, some preferences will coincide; usually, however, an instructor will get his first choice.

The instructor knows that at the Chaucer conference his colleagues will be pretty well prepared on Chaucer in general and will have studied the lesson assignment thoroughly; his job, as conference leader, will be threefold: (1) to outline Chaucer's life and works; (2) to discuss the background of the *Canterbury Tales*, i.e., the legend of Becket, the custom of the Canterbury pilgrimage, the "framed tale" tradition, sources, etc.; and (3) to go over the lesson assignment in detail, pointing out what he thinks are significant passages and clearing up any textual questions the other instructors may have. He knows that (1) and (2) will be in the nature of refresher work that the others will not have had time to do because of the pressure of their own conferences. But he knows that (3) will involve much discussion, that each instructor will have picked his own passages to be emphasized in the classroom, and that there will be many questions concerning the author's controlling idea and his methods of expression.

In the discussion that invariably takes place under (3), no one answer, when that answer involves interpretation, is ever laid down as final. Nor is any specific over-all plan for general lesson procedure ever adopted as *the* plan: each instructor teaches the lesson in his own way. But the conferences are a tremendous help to the new instructor and a source often of deeper insight to the more experienced men.

Let us observe, in more detail, a sample of the English Department in action. For the last four years, the major novel in the Third Class Literature Course had been the great American novel *Moby Dick* by Herman Melville. Last year it was decided to change to Tolstoy's monumental masterpiece *War and Peace*. What was involved in this change?

First of all, the officer in charge of the Tolstoy conferences had to decide how this 1,136-page novel could be presented to the cadets in six lessons. This required very careful editing of the reading assignments so as not to overload the cadets and yet not destroy continuity of plot and characterization. Since this novel contains a host of over five hundred characters, a study brochure of the major characters, arranged by families, had to be obtained to assist the cadets in their reading. But Russian names are difficult, both in spelling and in pronunciation. This problem called for a liaison conference with the Russian instructors in the Department of Foreign Languages. Since *War and Peace* is also an historical novel, dealing with Napoleon's invasion of Russia and his retreat from Moscow, this demanded further liaison with the Military History instructors from the Department of Military Art and Engineering and with the Military Psychology and Leadership Office of the Department of Tactics. The cadets were provided with a list of important chronological events and with maps of Moscow and of the Campaigns of 1805 and 1812. The Post Special Services Officer was contacted to arrange for a special showing in the Army Theater of the 3½-hour motion picture, *War and Peace*, on a Saturday evening during the two-week period when the cadets would be studying this novel.

While the cadets were studying this novel as literature—discussing the major themes of Birth and Death, Love and Life—War and Peace—they were also made aware of the relationship of the other fine arts to this great epic. On their way to the classroom, the cadets could pause to look at a bulletin-board

display of paintings depicting Napoleon's invasion of Moscow. These paintings, which had been executed at the request of the Czarist government at the centennial anniversary in 1912, were loaned to the English Department by the Department of Foreign Languages. In the corridor, before class, the cadets could listen to the stirring strains of a recording of the *1812 Overture*. By such methods the Department stresses the fact that the world's great literature does not exist in a vacuum, but reveals Life.

Here, then, is the story of English at West Point. We believe we are in the best tradition of education in what we are doing—and that, in reality, we are helping to shape that tradition.

Colonel Russell K. Alspach (Left), the Deputy Head, and Colonel George R. Stephens (Right), the Head of the Department of English, USMA.

III. The Present Fourth Class English Course

The objectives of the Fourth Class English Course are to teach cadets to think logically and to express themselves clearly and forcefully. This course of 106 attendances—taken by all Fourth Classmen, except for the top 8-10% taking advanced work—is subdivided into a writing course and a speaking course. There is no reading course as such; but reading assignments are interspersed with the lessons on writing and speaking to afford material for the cadets' written work, speeches, and classroom discussions.

The atmosphere in class is one of quiet informality. Many of the periods are spent in discussion, and all cadets are encouraged to participate freely in the exchange of ideas about the various topics under consideration. These topics include writing techniques and problems, speech critiques, and ideas presented in provocative essays on current problems. The cadets also read two Shakespearean plays, several sonnets, Stephen Vincent Benét's *John Brown's Body*, and modern short stories. The discussions of literary works are designed to challenge the cadets' views on various social, moral, and ethical problems. The cadets are required to analyze carefully the issues involved, to formulate answers or solutions in light of their own experience, and to present these solutions for critical evaluation by their instructor and their classmates. In this way, the "problem of living" is explored, and the cadets are expected to begin the formulation of their own philosophy of life.

The core of the Fourth Class English program, however, is expository writing; and the basis of instruction is critical discussion of cadet work. During the year the cadets write six paragraphs, thirteen themes, a précis, a book review, a feature article, an educational sketch, a process paper, and a research paper. From their reading, cadets select subjects about which they have a conviction; their problem then is to explain their attitude with such clarity and force as to convince their instructor and their classmates. During discussions of cadet work, the instructor reviews such fundamentals of writing as diction, sentence structure, paragraph development, and theme organization. The effectiveness of the writing, however, is judged principally upon the cadets' grasp of the basic concepts of unity, coherence, and emphasis, and upon the soundness of their analysis and logic.

Most of the speech work is given early in the course, not as a block of lessons, but as a series of short speeches spaced a few weeks apart. The first speech is a four-minute speech to inform; later, the cadets also deliver a six-minute speech to inform and a six-minute speech to convince, as well as a five-minute special report. Both the class and the instructor analyze and critique each speech on the basis of subject matter, organization, and delivery. In addition, the oral participation of cadets in classroom discussions is carefully evaluated and graded. Generally, the same fundamental principles of unity, coherence, emphasis, analysis, and logic are stressed as in the writing course.

Comprehensive examinations are given by the department at the end of the fall semester and again at the end of the spring semester. The examinations are designed to evaluate the cadets' mastery of the principles of writing and speaking covered during each semester. Most of the examination requirements are short paragraphs or themes which test the same skills as those stressed during the semester.

In summary, the Fourth Class English Course is designed to give the cadets a basic foundation in thinking, in writing, and in speaking. In addition, through critical discussions of various literary works, cadets are given an insight into the world around them which will assist them in developing their own philosophy of life.

As mentioned earlier, some 8-10% of the Fourth Classmen, those who have demonstrated exceptional ability, are excused from the regular course just

described. These cadets take a special course in the dramatic evolution of American ideals in which they identify and trace certain prominent ideals revealed in selected American literature from 1607 to the present. The amount of writing remains approximately equal to that of the regular course, but the specific assignments require several major research projects rather than a large number of short themes. In addition, panel discussions and other speech assignments supplement classroom discussions and lectures. The basic objectives of this course are the same as for the regular course: logical thinking and clear, forceful self-expression.

IV. The Third Class English Course

The Third Class Course helps the cadets acquire a knowledge of the Western World's great literature and continues their training in expository writing. The course consists of sixty-three lessons in which the cadets read, discuss, and write about the literature of western civilization from ancient Greece to the present day. Many nationalities are included among the twenty-two authors whose works are studied. The course emphasizes three major relationships possible to Man: (1) Man and Nature, (2) Man and His Fellow Man, (3) Man and God. To aid the cadets in a further understanding of the literary works they read, literature is also considered as illustrative of such preferential tempers or attitudes as Classicism, Romanticism, and Realism.

The classical temper is reflected in those writers who have appealed to reason and have sought to express their ideas with emotional restraint and with recognition of the importance of the golden mean as a way of life. Selected excerpts from the Old Testament, Homer, Aristotle, Sophocles, Plato, Virgil, Milton, Pope, and Voltaire illustrate how this classical temper transcends a particular nation or era.

The romantic temper is reflected in those writers who appeal to the desire to be an individualist, to escape from the restrictions of the world, and to emphasize faith rather than reason. This temper is reflected not only in the ideas written about but also in the manner in which those ideas are expressed. Again, this temper has no bounds of nationality or time, as is illustrated in the works of Dante, Shakespeare, Goethe, Hawthorne, Tolstoy, Browning, Dickinson, and Yeats.

The realistic temper is reflected in those writers whose objective has been to face actuality as their senses have observed actuality, and to delineate life as they have experienced it. Chaucer, Robinson, Frost, Kafka, and Eliot exemplify, in the excerpts read by the cadets, the tendency toward a realistic outlook on life.

Every opportunity is taken to make the cadets aware of the bearing of great literature upon the continuing problems of humanity so that they will be capable of enlightened leadership.

The written work (six themes, three Written Partial Reviews, three Written General Reviews, and numerous shorter exercises) assigned to the cadets is intended to sharpen their awareness of the continuing probelms of Man as well as to point up further the objectives of Fourth Class English.

V. The First Class English Course

The objectives of the First Class Course are (1) to improve the ability of the First Classmen to write and speak effectively, and (2) to develop further their skill in reading, logical analysis, and criticism. The course of twenty-seven hours is essentially one in advanced expository writing. To give the cadets material for their written work, the Department has them study, analyze, and discuss a variety of modern works.

A. Reading

The problems considered in the reading program are drawn from three general areas: (1) Man's Social Organization, (2) The Impact of Science upon Man, (3) A Philosophical Approach to Man's Problems. The reading assignments are selected to illustrate the continuing nature of the problems as well as their contemporary significance. To stimulate cadet thinking, instructors encourage free expression of ideas in open discussion.

1. *Man's Social Organization*

Three objectives are sought in the analysis of Man's Social Organization: to evaluate the principles and practices of Democracy, to evaluate the principles and practices of Communism, and to consider the possibilities of conflict between Democracy and Communism. The range of reading in this area includes articles by Alfred North Whitehead, English philosopher; James Madison; Richard Hofstadter, American historian; Walter Lippmann; Joseph Wood Krutch, Professor of Literature at Columbia University; Reinhold Niebuhr, well-known Protestant theologian; and Jawaharlal Nehru. In addition, the cadets read Arthur Koestler's novel *Darkness at Noon*, dealing with Leninist and Stalinist Communism.

2. *The Impact of Science upon Man*

The study of the impact of Science upon Modern Man is begun with an examination of the exact nature of Science. What does this word "Science," which is so loosely used, really mean today? Various areas—pure science; applied science; the potentialities and limitations of Man and the nature of reality, as portrayed by modern science —are then considered. In discussing these questions, cadets are urged to weigh both the advantages and the disadvantages of Science to Man. In particular, cadets read about, and ponder, the possibility that Man might ultimately be reduced to either slavery or robotism through his use of Science. This block of reading assignments includes articles by Morris Cohen, professor of philosophy at the University of Chicago; Abraham Flexner, Director of the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton; Julian Huxley, Director-General of UNESCO; Walter Stace, professor of philosophy at Princeton; and a current article in *The New York Times Magazine*, dealing with an analysis of the 1957-58 recession. The cadets also read two novels which imaginatively depict Man's possible future, if present trends are projected: Aldous Huxley's *Brave New World* and George Orwell's *Nineteen Eighty-Four.*

3. *A Philosophical Approach to Man's Problems*

Having viewed Man's problems and possible solutions in terms of his social organizations and from the point of view of science, the cadets now look at other possible approaches to the problems: literature, philosophy, education, religion, psychiatry. In considering these approaches, the cadets read articles by Robert Louis Stevenson and E. M. Forster; Jacques Barzun, professor of history at Columbia University; Plato; Cyril Joad, English philosopher and critic; Arthur Bestor, American educator; W. H. Auden; Erich Fromm, psychoanalyst and author; and Walter Lippmann and Reinhold Niebuhr. The objective of the reading assignments is to enable the cadets to synthesize the knowledge which they have acquired at West Point into a mature, personal philosophy of life.

B. Writing and Speaking

Writing assignments in the First Class Course vary in kind. Sometimes the written exercise is a paragraph discussion of the reading. Four times during the course it is a theme on a subject within the broad area of the particular problem under consideration. At

writing-workshop periods the cadets' papers are criticized in terms of the major concepts of expository writing: unity, coherence, emphasis, analysis, and logic. In addition to the classroom discussions, each cadet is assigned to critique one of the reading selections in the course. At the beginning of each lesson, one cadet gives a formal, ten-minute oral critique and then acts as the moderator of the classroom discussion. Thus the objectives of the Fourth Class Course are carried through the entire curriculum of the Department of English.

VI. Proposed Experimental Shifts in the English Courses

The members of the Department of English foresee no radical change in the department's basic mission and objectives. Some modifications of the present course, however, will probably be necessary. Among these modifications are (1) an increase in the present logic course to broaden its scope, (2) a shift of emphasis in the reading topics from the present essays and other literary works to a more detailed analysis of modern problems, (3) a reapportionment of the times allotted to the department so that the department will have the cadets for one semester in each of their four years at West Point, (4) an expansion of the special course on American ideals to two full semesters, and (5) perhaps the scheduling of electives for those cadets who have mastered the subject matter of the regular course.

At present the Fourth Class English Course includes eight attendances devoted to discussions and practical work in logic. The impact of mass communications and propaganda and the present state of world affairs make it mandatory that the Army officer be well armed with the tools necessary for critical analysis and evaluation of ideas presented to him and of ideas which he himself may formulate. The department anticipates giving more emphasis to the logical analyis of the complex arguments involved in modern problems, and to a fuller understanding of the logical foundations of the cadets' own written and oral presentations.

In this same connection, the department feels that there should be greater emphasis placed upon understanding the broader issues in the world today. Certainly none of our students are English majors; cadets do not specialize in any one field. Thus, to stimulate interest and to prepare the cadets more adequately for "the problem of living," more emphasis should be placed on their understanding of the modern world and of the problems and tensions with which they must live.

Another change which will probably be instituted is a reapportionment of the hours which the cadets spend with the Department of English. At present, they have 106 attendances of one hour each in their Fourth Class English Course, 63 in their Third Class English Course, and 27 in their First Class Course. At present, Second Classmen have no course with the Department of English. It would be desirable to have the cadets have some contact with the Department of English in each of their four years to serve as a constant challenge to them and as a reminder of the vital importance of clear communication. At least one semester each year would probably provide the best solution. Under such a system, the first term of the Fourth Class year would be devoted to the fundamentals of writing, speech, and logic; the second term of Third Class year would consist of developing the skills acquired and of introducing the cadets to modern problems as a foundation for the literature course to follow; the first term of Second Class year would comprise a study of the literature of Western civilization and its application to modern problems; and the second term of First Class year would complete the cadets' study of English by stressing modern literature and modern problems. This reapportionment would not necessitate any change in the department's mission or any increase in the total number of hours devoted to the study of English. But it would give a balanced program which would be much more effective in accomplishing the objectives of the department.

Another experimental shift which may be instituted in the near future is an expansion of the special course on American ideals previously discussed. This course at present is taught in the second semester of Fourth Class year. The validity of modern testing techniques is such that it should be possible to identify the superior students earlier in the year. Under the proposed four-year program just discussed, these students would begin the special course in the first semester of the Fourth Class year and complete it in the second semester of the Third Class year. At the end of the first half of the course, those students who have failed to meet the special-course requirements would revert to the regular English course. On the other hand, those students who have done outstanding work in the regular course could be integrated into the special course for the second half. Clear, logical, forceful self-expression would remain the primary objective of the special course.

The unique mission of the United States Military Academy has led many to argue that electives are inappropriate at West Point because all cadets are being prepared for careers in the Army. But an ever-increasing number of graduates are now going on to post-graduate training in many diverse fields in numerous civilian colleges and universities. Consequently, those cadets who have mastered certain phases of the basic curriculum should be allowed to specialize to some extent in a major field of interest. Specifically, in the Department of English, it would be beneficial for those Fourth Classmen who have a solid foundation in the fundamentals of writing and speaking to do advanced work in some area of communication such as linguistics or semantics.

VII. The English Course at West Point in 1970

Probably by 1970, the shifts discussed in Section VI of this paper will have all been instituted. The English course will likely consist of one semester of about forty-five attendances each year, with electives available for those cadets who qualify. In 1970 it will be increasingly necessary that basic communication be emphasized. Certainly in the technological civilization in which we shall live, communication among the various specialized fields will be increasingly difficult. The Army officer of 1970, if he is to function successfully, must be able to deal with the physicist, the chemist, the biologist, the historian, the economist, the jurist, and a host of other specialists. Therefore, West Point will devote more and more effort to developing the generalist who can understand the problems of, and communicate with, all of these specialists.

But in 1970, the basic mission and objectives of the department will probably remain unchanged. The department will still seek to teach clear, logical, effective oral and written self-expression and will still seek to help the cadets to acquire a knowledge of the world's great literature so that they will be capable of enlightened leadership. Enlightened leaders in all walks of life are the men who have developed appropriate philosophies of life to serve as guides in the conduct of their day-to-day affairs. The Department of English recognizes its obligation to give cadets such a philosophy of life as well as to train them in basic communicative skills.

First Battle Group, First Infantry

West Point became the home of one of the oldest and proudest units of the United States Army when, on 15 May 1956, the Colors of the 1st Infantry Regiment were received in a ceremony on the Cavalry Plain. This famous regiment, which traces its history to 1791, has been commanded by such soldiers as Zachary Taylor and our Oldest Living Graduate, Major General Henry C. Hodges. With the adoption of the Combat Arms Regimental System, the regiment was redesignated the First Battle Group, First Infantry, on 15 May 1958.

Units of the United States Army have garrisoned West Point since the Revolutionary War. From the earliest Regiment of Artillerists and Engineers until 1829, regular line units were assigned to the Post. In that year Colonel Thayer, deciding that these units were not entirely adapted to the requirement, formed a special unit called the United States Military Academy Detachment of Artillery. Other units were assigned as required by the wide variety of tasks entailed by the support of the growing Military Academy. These increasing needs resulted in the requirement for an ever-widening diversity of skills among personnel assigned to West Point, reaching a peak during World War II when there were over 2000 enlisted personnel stationed here. In 1946 one controlling headquarters was organized in order to simplify administration and centralize control of the large group of units and detachments. This was the 1802d Special Regiment, named in honor of the year of the Academy's founding. The 1802d Special Regiment served at West Point until the activation of the 1st Regimental Combat Team in 1956. Both of these organizations and their eventual successor were organized for their unique mission under Tables of Distribution.

The First Battle Group, First Infantry, has a four-part mission: First, it assists in the practical military training and instruction of the Corps of Cadets as directed by the Commandant. The other three missions, all closely related, are to garrison West Point, to provide the military assistance required for the operation and administration of the post and to conduct a continuous training program for enlisted personnel to maintain their professional competence and to insure that they are qualified as overseas replacements.

To accomplish its assigned missions, the Battle Group is organized as shown in Figure 1, with an authorized strength of 38 officers and warrant officers and 965 enlisted men. These personnel are assigned to two general categories of units, assigned or attached. There are three of the former, the Headquarters and Training Detachment, the Service Detachment and the Airborne Detachment.

The Headquarters and Training Detachment is the largest element of the Battle Group. In addition to providing the command and staff elements of the Battle Group, this detachment provides the means for the accomplishment of one of the primary missions of the Battle Group, that of assisting in the military training and instruction of the Corps of Cadets.

To conduct this training program the Detachment has sections representing each of the five combat arms. Although the sections originated from Regular Army units, they now bear little resemblance to any other units of the Army but are organized functionally to accomplish their instructional missions. For example, the Artillery Section has enlisted personnel who have been trained in Field Artillery and Air Defense Artillery including both guns and missiles. Because of the small size of the section and its instructional responsibilities, personnel are further cross-trained upon assignment so that they are able to instruct or assist in some field in addition to their primary specialties. The same flexibility characterizes the other sections.

Professional education and training for the Corps is divided into two phases: the Academic Year Program and the Summer Training Program. During the academic year the Detachment normally is simultaneously conducting instruction for three of the four cadet classes. The other phase of instruction presented by the Detachment, the Summer Training Program, is conducted yearly during an eight-week period the Third Class spends at Camp Buckner. This program was described in the Fall 1959 issue of the ASSEMBLY. The Academic Year Program is primarily educational and theoretical; the Summer Training is the practical laboratory. The scope of the whole program is at the present time under intensive study by a Board of Officers appointed by the Superintendent to review the Tactics Curriculum.

The four-year Program of Instruction in Military Science and Tactics has the objective of producing a graduate who has a broad basic military education and is motivated for continued development in his further military schooling and experience. It is hoped that the interest of the cadet is stimulated toward a lifetime career in the profession. Instruction presented to the cadet during the Academic Year challenges him to apply his intellect to the solution of tactical problems. Training which is strictly vocational in nature, such as weapons training, is concentrated in

the Summer Training periods, which are designed to provide the cadet with the basic military skills and to instill in him confidence in his ability to apply these skills.

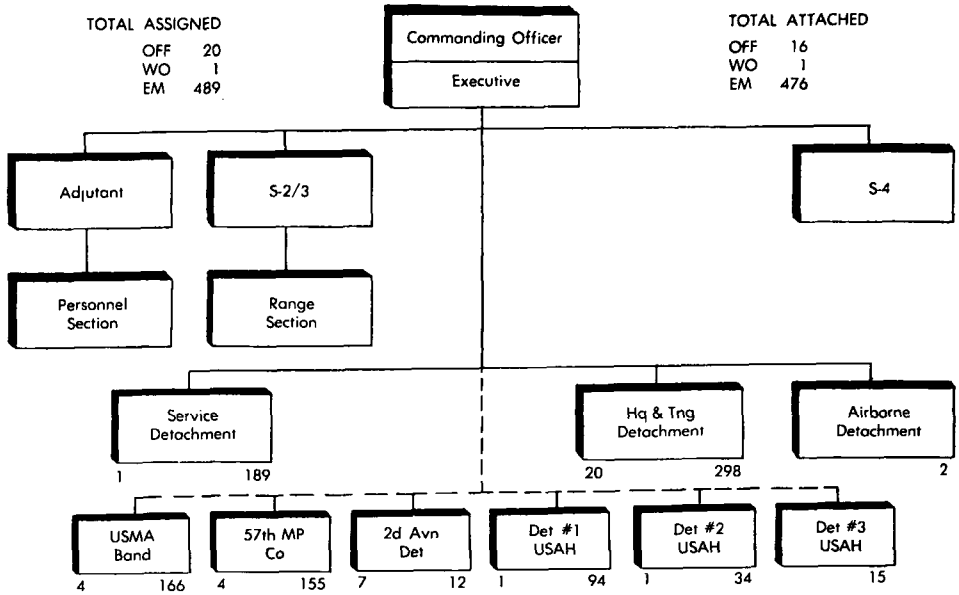
Effective with the 1957-58 Academic Year, two major changes were made in the administration of Military Science instruction. One of these was classroom attendance by cadets in sections of 15 to 25, rather than the groups of approximately 150 of earlier days. This has permitted dispensing almost completely with the lecture-type presentation and has elicited much more participation from the cadets. The second innovation introduced in 1957-58 was the increased use of enlisted personnel as instructors. At the present time a large part of this instruction presented to the third and fourth classes is conducted by non-commissioned officers of the Battle Group. An Enlisted Instructors' Insignia has been designed and is authorized for wear at the Military Academy by personnel who qualify for it. These men take pride in their assignment and distinction as Instructors to the United States Corps of Cadets.

During the summer months the Battle Group participates in the concentrated training program for the Third Class at Camp Buckner previously mentioned. In 1960 it will assist in the New Cadet Barracks training program for the first time by conducting certain phases of basic individual training. To assist in the Summer Training Program the Battle Group is augmented by troops of each Combat Arms branch and necessary service elements from other stations. The augmentation includes an Infantry Company, an Artillery Battery, and Armor, Engineer and Signal Detachments.

Personnel of Headquarters and Training Detachment comprise the Honor Guard and Artillery Battery for the rendition of appropriate military honors for distinguished visitors, at ceremonies and for military funerals both on and off-post. They man parade units for the support of appropriate ceremonies in nearby communities, and they assist in the normal garrison support of the post.

The other large unit assigned to the Battle Group is Service Detachment, which is the primary agent of the Battle Group in accomplishing its mission of providing the military assistance required for the operation, maintenance and administration of post installations and activities. Service Detachment contains comparatively large Transportation Corps and Signal sections. The remainder of the personnel fill enlisted requirements in post headquarters and its staff sections, in the Academic Departments and in the Tactical Department.

Organization of the First Battle Group, First Infantry



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The Airborne Detachment provides technical advice and assistance to other Battle Group elements and the Tactical Department in airborne and air transportability subjects. Personnel attached to the detachment assist in the planning and presentation of airborne training to the Corps of Cadets. The detachment consists of a nucleus of only two assigned enlisted men; all other personnel are attached for airborne proficiency training. The assigned personnel are responsible for the care and maintenance of airborne equipment and the conduct of proficiency training for attached personnel. All parachute qualified enlisted personnel stationed at West Point are eligible upon request for attachment to the organization. In addition to fulfilling these requirements, the Academy derives additional benefits of a less obvious nature from the detachment since, through its existence, it is able to attract many high caliber airborne qualified non-commissioned officers. The detachment's capabilities have recently become significant from another standpoint through Department of the Army recognition of parachuting as an authorized military sport. Since sport parachuting requires many skills developed by experienced airborne personnel, the detachment has provided the foundation for activation and successful operation of both Cadet and Battle Group Sport Parachute Clubs.

As shown in Figure 1, there are six additional units attached to the Battle Group. The largest and oldest of these in service is the USMA Band. Beginning with a few fifers and drummers, the band has grown with the expanding Corps. Numbering thirty-two when it played for President Lincoln in 1862, it now has 110 playing members, with an additional 47 men in the Field Music Section. The primary mission of the United States Military Academy Band and Field Music Section is to fulfill musical requirements of the United States Military Academy. This encompasses the support of the Corps of Cadets in activities such as parades, reviews, athletic contests and other ceremonies requiring the presence of music. In addition to the regularly scheduled activities of the Corps, the Band participates in Post activities, concerts, and other events. A secondary mission of the USMA Band is to provide music for appropriate military ceremonies, recreational activities, radio and television presentations and civilian functions, as authorized by the Department of the Army.

The 57th Military Police Company performs all Military Police functions at West Point under the operational control and supervision of the Provost Marshal, USMA. The present mission of the 57th Military Police Company is to enforce laws and regulations at West Point, to control vehicular and pedestrian traffic, to render information and assistance to visitors, to perform escort duty for distinguished visitors and to provide general security for the Military Academy. In addition to these functions the company also furnishes personnel to the Provost Marshal for operation of a Registration Branch which registers automobiles, firearms and pets, a Criminal Investigation Branch which is responsible for the investigation and prevention of crimes and a confinement facility for the de-

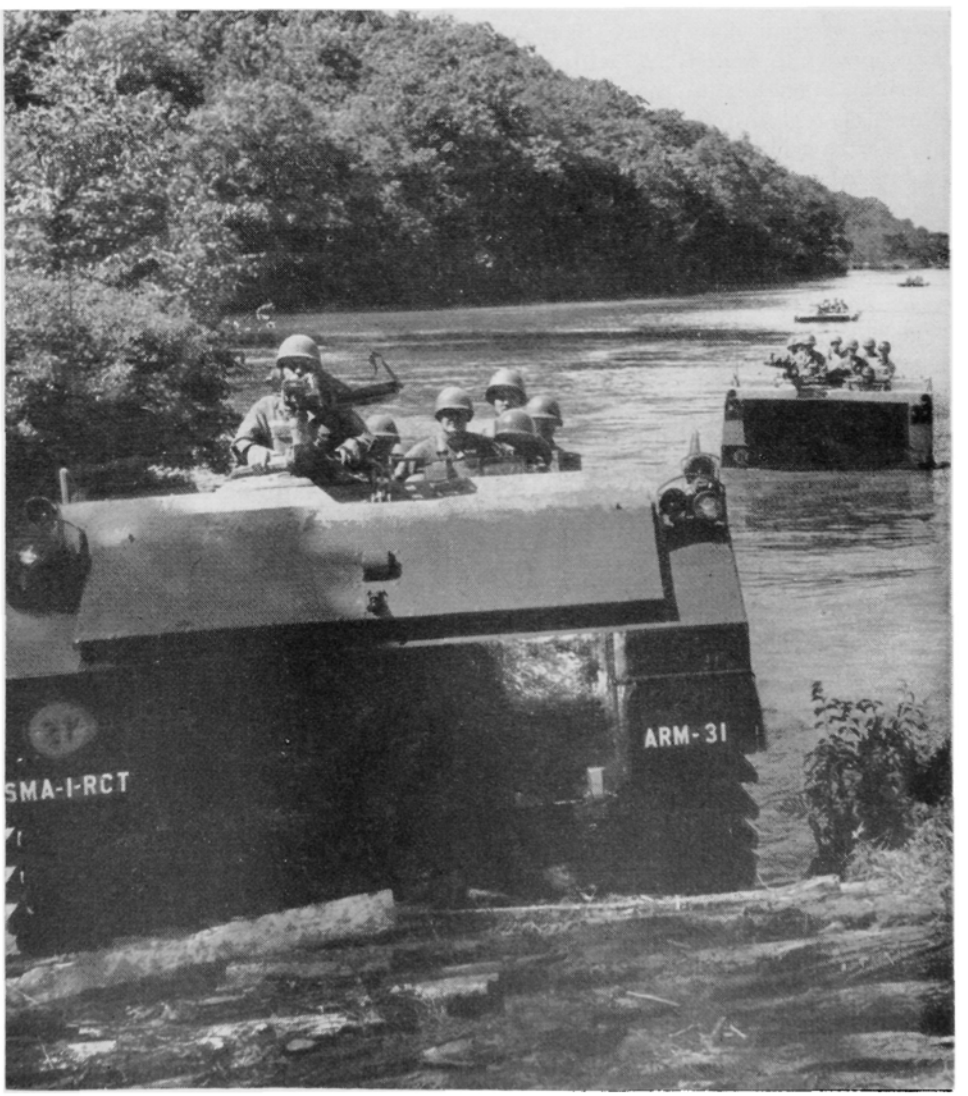
tention or confinement of military offenders.

The 2d Aviation Detachment advises the Superintendent in matters pertaining to Aviation, instructs the Corps of Cadets in the tactical use of Army Aviation and provides operational aircraft to further the mission of the Academy. In order to accomplish its missions, the detachment is authorized seven pilots and twelve enlisted men and is presently equipped with two L-23D command type aircraft, one U-1 light transport aircraft (Otter), one H-34 transport helicopter, and one TL-19D fixed wing instrument trainer. Of particular importance is the effort made by the detachment to support the mission of the Military Academy by providing readily available aircraft for official administrative and operational flights. During 1958 the detachment flew a total of 186,535 passenger miles on flights to all sections of the United States. This year the figure will exceed the 200,000 passenger mile mark. Of interest also is the support provided to the Airborne Detachment and the Cadet Sky-Diving Club. Pilots of the 2d Aviation Detachment, using the Otter, have dropped as many as sixty-four parachutists and sky-divers in a single day.

The complement of the United States Army Hospital is organized for administration into several detachments. Detachment Number One provides the enlisted specialists and technicians for the operation of the station hospital, aid men for field exercises of the Corps of Cadets and assistant instructors for Military Hygiene subjects presented to the Corps. Detachment Number Two is the Women's Army Corps component of the hospital staff. Personnel of the detachment serve as assistants to the nurses in the wards and in various administrative and technical positions. The detachment includes medical, surgical, laboratory, physical therapy and x-ray technicians. Detachment Number Three is the enlisted section of the Dental Corps at the hospital. The personnel authorized for this section may be either enlisted men or women; they are attached to one of the other two detachments for administration and quarters.

The First Battle Group, First Infantry, is a unique combination of tradition and of functional organization. Its organization is tailored to the many and diverse tasks which it performs for the Military Academy. In its performance of these tasks it is inspired by its own proud history and its tradition of service.

Master Sergeant William C. Hanson of the Infantry Section, First Battle Group, First Infantry, presents a typical battlefield situation to cadets of the Third Class, USMA, as part of the instruction in Platoon Tactics.



Members of the Third Class operating M-59 personnel carriers at Lake Frederick on the Reservation during summer training.

We Salute Gene Leone

"Let's eat at Leone's." Said more frequently by West Pointers than "promotion is slow," these words attest to much more than a voracious appetite. They reveal an enthusiasm to partake as much of warm hospitality as of excellent food. On untold occasions they have bespoken the mutual friendship which has grown over the years between Mr. Eugene Leone and every West Point graduate who has ever visited his New York restaurant. Countless times, the words "West Point" have brought Gene Leone rushing to the front door of his famous establishment, hand extended in friendly greeting, to welcome some alumnus he didn't even know. Never was there a more congenial host to the men of West Point.

It's not hard to understand why. He loves West Point with an affection few have known. For many years he has attended graduation exercises as though he had a son in every class. Notable persons have been known to say: "He's the most enthusiastic supporter the Military Academy has ever had."

In 1950 the Class of 1915, among them President Eisenhower and General Bradley, voted him an honorary member of their class. Since then his close personal friendship with "the Class the stars fell on" has become a source of real inspiration and joy to him. At the same time, a muster of that famous class could on occasion be taken more easily at the Leone Farm than in the Pentagon's soft-carpeted chambers of E-Ring.

His son-in-law, Tom Mesereau, Jan. 1943, who recently opened The Opera, a new restaurant in Englewood Cliff, N.J., is also an avid West Point booster. Recently, Gene and Tom sparked the drive to raise funds for West Point's newly expanded Holy Trinity Catholic Chapel which was dedicated by Francis Cardinal Spellman in September.

Mrs. Leone delivers the deed to the Superintendent.

Already Gene Leone is pointing two grandsons toward the Military Academy. Nothing would please him more than to have their names carried on future Cadet rosters.

In December, as though climaxing his many manifestations of devotion to West Point, he and Mrs. Leone (a most gracious lady) signed and presented to General Davidson a deed adding 956 acres of land to the 15,000-acre military reservation.

At the informal ceremony which took place on his farm near Cornwall, N.Y., Mr. Leone said to General Davidson: "I hope you will keep the Plebes singing on this piece of land."

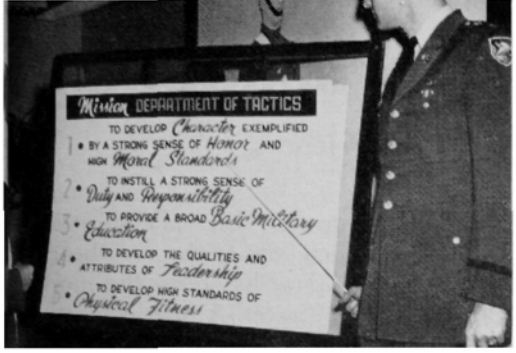
He was referring to an incident last year which, adding to his deep affection for the Military Academy, prompted his decision to give the land to West Point. On the annual Plebe hike at the end of Beast Barracks, part of this ground was used with Mr. Leone's permission as a bivouac area. When they struck camp in the morning to begin the long march back to barracks, the Plebes broke into spirited singing.

Hearing their young, happy voices as they trudged up the hilly slopes, Gene Leone was so moved that he decided at that moment to give the land to the Military Academy as a token of his high esteem for West Point's noble mission.

He retired recently from the New York scene, as he and Mrs. Leone plan to spend more time on their picturesque farm. They also intend to visit Italy soon on a trip to Europe.

But, in the years to come, many more West Pointers will stop at Leone's Restaurant on West 48th Street in New York City. Although Gene Leone, well-known restaurateur and chef de cuisine with the sparkling eyes and friendly smile, might not be there—he will be remembered. He will always be remembered as a loyal and beloved son of West Point—and today we salute Gene Leone.

Gene Leone shows General Davidson the land given to USMA as the following look on: (l. to r.), William A. Rowland, Chief, Real Estate Division, NY Dist. Eng.; Colonel Charles A. Duke, Chief, NY Dist. Engineers; Major Walter Sanderson, Asst. Post Engineer, USMA; and Colonel Herbert Lux, Post Engineer, USMA.



Major General Vafa, Chief of the Personnel Department, Iran, is shown at Tactics Department briefing conducted by Major A. B. Shattuck of the Commandant's staff.

Cooperation Is The Key To USMA's Foreign Visits Program

On not less than 75 occasions during the coming year the Military Academy can expect to receive distinguished foreign visitors who indicate a desire to see West Point or to gain further insight into the program which is presented here. The hosting of these official visitors at USMA has become, in recent years, a major activity confronting those agencies concerned with such matters.

The foreign visits program is not without its complications, considering the variety of special interests expressed by the various official visitors. To satisfy each and every expressed desire while still remaining within the bounds of propriety and protocol is the problem of the Visitors Section of West Point's Information Office.

Organized to handle the visits problem only from a coordination standpoint, the Visitors Section must seek, and invariably receives, the cooperation of all Departments and agencies essential to the success of each and every visit.

The multitude of problems which usually arise would sorely tax the serene confidence of the most experienced official host. These problems occur because of such matters as dietary restrictions (visitors from Middle Eastern countries cannot eat pork); divergence of national interests (simultaneous visits from two different foreign nation representatives must be examined as to compatibility); protocol problems (precedence to be afforded a former foreign president or premier whose government is no longer in power); age of the visitor (how best to host an 18-year-old foreign monarch at the Academy and still retain the dignity of the occasion).

Planning for an official visit to the Academy normally begins at the Department of Army level, having been requested either by the Department of State or by one of the numerous Military Missions stationed around the world. In either case, it becomes the task of the Foreign Liaison Division, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, to route the visit to the appropriate military installation.

Having received such a request for visit, USMA endeavors to answer two key questions. First, is the proposed duration of the visit in keeping with the expressed interests of the visitor (is it long enough or short enough)? Second, will the visit conflict with previously planned activities at West Point to any major extent?

When it is finally determined that a proposed visit is within the capabilities of USMA, and does not conflict with other scheduled activities, action is taken to provide official USMA concurrence for the visit. Since lead time in such visits may vary from several months to as little as a week, the official concurrence may require fast action in the form of telephonic agreements.

Following official concurrence by USMA, the visit is entered on the calendar of the Superintendent, Chief of Staff, Secretary to the General Staff, and other interested parties. If honors are to be part of the visit, the Battle Group must be included in the planning, since that unit provides the firing battery for such official occasions.

If time permits, work on the official itinerary will begin about two weeks prior to the visit. Since necessary biographical material concerning the visitor is normally available or has been obtained by the Visitors Section, the initial draft itinerary is always aimed toward presentation of the best possible program for the visitor. With this in mind the coordination process begins through direct contact with each agency concerned.

Can the Department of Military Art offer an interesting class for the visitor during the morning hours? Is the Cadet Mess available for lunch on the day of the visit? Will a tour of Camp Buckner be feasible in the early afternoon hours? Can the USMA program of physical education be adequately demonstrated by a tour of the gymnasium facilities during late afternoon hours? Can special social events be planned for the visiting party consistent with time and money available?

With cooperation as the keynote, the various Departments and agencies concerned at USMA compare their capabilities, and an acceptable draft itinerary emerges.

While official visitors to West Point invariably are assigned US escort personnel, lack of familiarity with the Academy normally dictates the additional assignment of a suitable USMA escort. Rank, normal assignment, and language capability are all considered in assignment of such escort duty (who will escort the Chinese-speaking General Officer whose fluency in English is rated as only fair?).

The Information Office retains a file on all escort officers (volunteers for this type of duty), and, based upon availability within the various Departments, personnel are assigned to specific visits. An exception is the visitor who has no knowledge of English, and the Department of Foreign Languages must accept the escort responsibility in such cases.

Following final approval of the itinerary by the Superintendent, the visit plan is printed and distributed to all concerned. The plan specifically outlines the detailed responsibilities of each affected agency, virtually eliminating the possibility of misunderstanding and subsequent embarrassment during the visit.

While this has been a summary of the general procedure in planning for the reception of official foreign visitors, it does not by any means embrace the entire visitor problem at West Point. Consider, for example, that some 2,000,000 people visit the Academy each year, individuals from all walks of life who deserve every possible courtesy. Countless groups simply interested in West Point will be received through the Visitors' Information Center during the coming year.

Special arrangements will be necessary in many cases, and visiting groups will include the blind, the very young, and the aged. Each such visit will present its own peculiar problems, obstacles to an otherwise interesting and inspiring visit.

Yet these problems will be solved, by coordination, by cooperation, and by mutual agreement. And through this cooperation by every individual, Department, and agency concerned at the Academy, the West Point story will be revealed to those who come to call.

Graduates Stand Well In Rhodes Scholarships

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Interest in the Rhodes Scholarships was heightened last year when five cadets from West Point were successful in the competitions. These five entered Oxford University in October, 1959. and already one of their number, Peter M. Dawkins, has achieved a measure of fame on the rugby football field.

While all West Pointers of the last thirty years have heard fleeting references to the Rhodes Scholarships, few have acquired any real knowledge about the program or the part West Point has played. Actually cadets and graduates of the Military Academy have established an enviable record in the Rhodes Scholarship competition. The five Scholarships won last year brought the total number of Military Academy graduates who have been selected for this honor to forty. Although the competition is essentially between individuals, it is interesting to note that West Pointers have placed fourth among the students of all colleges in the United States who have won Scholarships. Leading the Military Academy in this respect are only the three great eastern universities, Princeton, Harvard and Yale. The fact that cadets have done so well in a field of endeavor that would normally appeal primarily to the students of civilian universities is an indication of the general excellence of West Point academic standards and the West Point system of education.

The establishment of the whole system of Rhodes Scholarships at the University of Oxford resulted from the will of Cecil John Rhodes, British financier and statesman, builder of a great portion of Britain's empire in Africa, himself an Oxford graduate. Since his death in 1902 at the age of forty-nine, some three thousand young men have gone to Oxford from the British Empire, the Commonwealth, the United States and Germany. It was Rhodes' aim "to encourage and foster an appreciation of the advantages which I implicitly believe will result from the union of the English-speaking peoples throughout the world and to encourage in the students from the United States of North America . . . an attachment to the country from which they have sprung without I hope withdrawing them or their sympathies from the land of their adoption or birth." Rhodes was very specific about the qualifications of his Scholars. They were not to be mere bookworms but men chosen upon a broad basis of intellectual and personal qualities, including, besides scholastic ability and achievement, force of character, interest in their fellows and instincts for leadership, and proficiency in manly sports. He specified in the will that he wanted men who would be leaders in their various occupations and who would above all else "esteem the performace of public duties as their highest aim."

Rhodes Scholars for 1960 announced.
LT. JOHN S. GRINALDS, '59
CADET ROBERT E. MONTGOMERY, '60

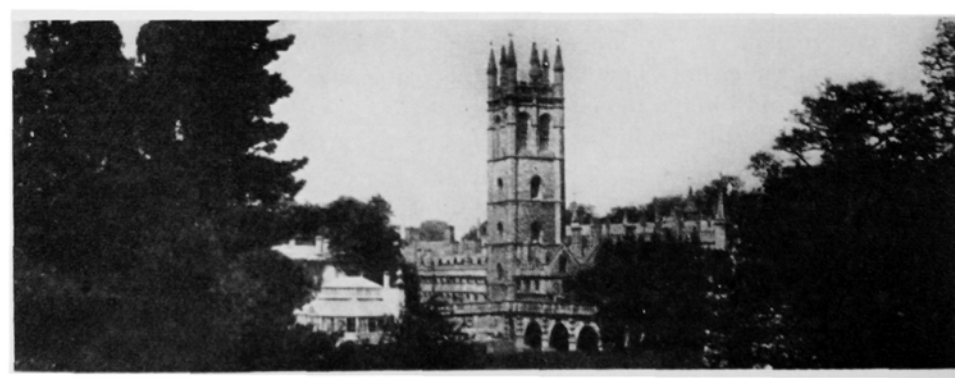
The will, as modified by Acts of Parliament, set up two groups of Scholarships, one from the Commonwealth and another from the United States. The German Scholarships were discontinued between 1916 and 1929, and again in 1939. Thirty-five Scholars are selected annually from states and territories within the Commonwealth, with thirty-six in alternate years. Thirty-two Scholars are selected annually from the United States.

In his lifetime Rhodes habitually trusted the judgment of his friends and subordinates. He would express his desires and leave it to them to devise the proper machinery for carrying out his intentions. Having made clear in his will the type of man he desired to be chosen, he left the method and the details of selection to his Trustees. But how to measure the man and assess his potential are obviously very difficult in practice to do. This problem in principle is the same one that faces the Military Academy in its selection of future army officers.

The Rhodes Trustees have prescribed that some definite quality of distinction, whether in intellect or character, is the most important requirement for a Rhodes Scholar, and it is upon this that the committees of selection are instructed to insist. The leadership requirement which goes to the very heart of Rhodes' purpose has been the most difficult to administer. A man can render public service of great value without holding government office. Every occupation offers opportunity to a man whose aim is to minister to the common good. The Trustees have held that the important thing is to make sure, insofar as this is possible, that each man chosen will be a leader in his particular field without prescribing what that field shall be. Instead they hope that the Scholar shall be, at the same time, a man of public spirit with a generous concern for the common welfare.

The actual method of selection in the United States has varied over the years. At the outset a separate committee in each State was formed, which was responsible for the selection in that state. The result was that the committees were forced to give an equal number of Scholarships to each state regardless of the quality of the competition. In 1929 Parliament modified Rhodes' Will to allow the establishment of the district plan of selection. Under this plan the United States is divided into eight regional districts of six states each, with Alaska and Hawaii making a seventh in the western districts.* There are

*District I: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut; District II: New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland-District of Columbia, West Virginia; District III: Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee; District IV: Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky; District V: Minnesota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas; District VI: Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas; District VII: California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Hawaii; District VIII: Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, Alaska.



Magdelen College, Oxford University, where many Rhodes Scholars have studied.

Committees of Selection in each state and in each District every year. Each State Committee considers those men who apply to it and may choose two nominees to appear before the District Committee. The District Committee chooses four Rhodes Scholars from the group recommended by the various states (two from each State in the district). There are thus thirty-two Rhodes Scholars selected from the United States each year.

The Committees, in arriving at their decisions, have available a great deal of information on the various candidates. The file or dossier concerning each one consists of a photograph, a birth certificate, an official endorsement from the candidate's college or university, his academic record, a medical certificate, and a statement of his general activities and intellectual interests in college and his proposed line of study at Oxford. The candidate lists five to eight teachers and friends whom the Committee may contact directly for a confidential statement concerning the candidate's qualifications, including both his strengths and weaknesses. Having assembled all the information, the Committee studies the credentials of each candidate and based upon this study it selects a few candidates to appear before it for a personal interview. The interview is the most interesting aspect of the competition, for it is at once the most useful and most difficult task facing the Committee. There is no written examination for the Scholarships, nor is the interview an examination in the academic sense. The purpose of the interview is to discover the quality of the mind and the character of the young Scholar-to-be, his intellectual interests, his personal traits, and all that range of qualities which can never be demonstrated by academic records or past achievements—in short, as Rhodes would have expressed it, his promise for the future.

The Committees charged with making the selections are composed for the most part of former Rhodes Scholars. They know Oxford and they understand what Rhodes had in mind. They have learned also by experience the kind of man who can profit from study at Oxford and the value of an Oxford training for a career in the United States. The chairmen, chosen from outside the Rhodes Scholar group, effectively prevent the formation of anything resembling a cult or a closed corporation. Being men distinguished in government, business and the professions, they represent the general public and bring to the selection a contribution of great value in the form of age, experience, and success in American life.

When the first American Rhodes Scholars prepared to enter Oxford in the fall of 1904, there were misgivings on both sides of the Atlantic. Oxford dons (tutors) braced themselves for the "American invasion." Henry James reportedly "protested vehemently against the prospective desecration of Oxford by an irruption of young barbarians." Andrew Carnegie maintained that it would be impossible "to induce the best young Americans to go to Oxford, because Oxford could not give them what they most wanted; which, he explained, was dollars." No one could predict the probable consequences of the Rhodes Scholarships, although many feared the worst. From the vantage point of some fifty years later, it is apparent that neither Oxford nor the Rhodes Scholars need have feared the future. Oxford easily absorbed the invasions and the Rhodes Scholars quickly established their mark at the ancient University.

The structure of Oxford is very different in many ways from that of our own universities. In the first place, the new Rhodes Scholar is faced with the problem of selecting a college, for the University really is a federation of colleges with very little administrative machinery at the University level. There are at present twenty-eight Colleges or Halls for men and five for women. They vary considerably in size (from 100 to 400 undergraduates in residence), in age (1249 A.D. to 1953 A.D.), in cost of residence, types of tradition, and purpose of founding. Each college is an entity unto itself. Its function in regard to the students is to prepare them for the comprehensive examinations which are conducted by the University at the end of the period of study.

One feature of Oxford which caused Rhodes to select it rather than some of the other universities in Great Britain is its residential character. The Rhodes Scholars, and undergraduates in general, live within the college, at least for their first if not their second year. This intimate association with one's fellows makes a real contribution to the impact of Oxford upon the Rhodes Scholar and of the young American upon Oxford.

The academic year at Oxford is divided into three terms of just over eight weeks each, so that approximately one-half of the calendar year is "vacation." There are as a rule six weeks at Christmas, six weeks at Easter, and nearly fourth months in the summer. These vacations provide considerable opportunity for travel. For success in Oxford examinations, however, it is necessary for the student to do some of his hardest work in vacation. During the term the student attends tutorials (described below), some lectures if he desires, and takes part in the extensive social and athletic life of his college or the University. There is never enough time during the term to read as widely and as deeply as one must if he is to prepare himself adequately. Consequently, freed of the obligations of term time, he is able to combine travel and study according to his own circumstances. Many take along a few of the essential books and settle in one place, either in Oxford or on the Continent, long enough to master them and at the same time study the language and customs of another country.

On the academic side there are several unique aspects of the Oxford method which are worthy of consideration. One is the highly praised tutorial system and the other is the examination system. The tutorial system is quite simple in practice. The key is the personal relationship which quickly develops between the student and the tutor. The student attends a tutorial at least once a week at which time he reads his essay on a previously assigned topic. In essence, the tutorial system means that the student develops a great capacity for independent work which, in this case, is focused on writing a paper. This practice in writing is one of the most important and surest gains from the tutorial system, and the most difficult to replace in a lecture, class, or seminar system. A corollary to the writing is the systematic criticism of the paper rendered by the tutor. This sort of criticism, however valuable, can be nerve-wracking for the student and certainly encourages him to attempt the maximum output rather than the minimum requirement just to get by.

Two distinctive features of the examination system at Oxford are the complete reliance on the final comprehensive, and, except for certain laboratory experiments in the sciences, the essay character of the comprehensive examination. There are no courses as such, nor any course grades. The heart of this system is conceiving of undergraduate work in terms of what a student should know instead of conceiving it in terms of the processes by which that knowledge is to be acquired. Having prescribed what he is supposed to know rather than what courses he should take, the faculty allow him a

certain length of time in which to prepare himself, then examine him to see whether or not he comes up to the standards set. The examinations aim to test the power of thought and the grasp of a certain limited field of knowledge. In the fullest sense of the word the Oxford undergraduate can be said to study a subject and to be required to write and think about the problems in that subject. Not knowing where he stands in relation to other students until the results of the examinations have been published, the student who seeks to do well in the examination feels the pressure right up to the end. The spur to achievement is continuing and accelerating.

The fields of study at Oxford are extensive. There are twenty-three Honor Schools in all, covering the entire range of the social sciences, the humanities, and the physical sciences. The majority of American Rhodes Scholars undertake work leading to an Honors degree, the Oxford B.A. (M.A. after a period of years with no additional work), although a rising percentage have in recent years taken research degrees. Since the Honors degree at Oxford is awarded on the basis of examinations in one field of study only, the level of work required is roughly comparable to that of the first two years at an American graduate or professional school.

Twenty-eight of the forty graduates of the Military Academy have concentrated on a course or "school" entitled "Philosophy, Politics and Economics." Within this school the student is given considerable scope to specialize; some have emphasized economics and some politics. Eight papers or subjects are required for the degree; six (two from each discipline) are taken by each student, and two are chosen from a long list of optional subjects. Four West Pointers have studied modern languages and four have studied physics.

Based on the comprehensive examinations in the Honor Schools, the achievement of the student is rated for the degree in four classes which correspond in American terminology roughly to summa cum laude (First); magna cum laude and cum laude (Second); adequate work (Third); and passing (Fourth). Four recent Military Academy graduates have received Firsts and the rest have been about evenly divided between the Second and Third Classes. The trend in the past decade has been toward the higher classes. This is quite a creditable achievement, especially considering the lack of depth in their preparation for the subjects they pursued at Oxford.

Facilities are available at Oxford for graduate research. These advanced degrees, however, are a recent innovation, partly in response to American demand. The degree of Doctor of Philosophy (D. Phil), for example, was established in 1918 and is based almost entirely upon a written thesis and an oral examination on the topic of the thesis. Strictly speaking, there is no graduate program at Oxford comparable to that in American universities which combines required course work, general or comprehensive examinations, and a thesis. In addition to the research degrees there are also examination degrees like Bachelor of Civil Law (B.C.L.) which are based on the results of examinations covering more specialized work than the B.A. Approximately thirty percent of the Rhodes Scholars seek the various degrees, and, in addition, an increasing number of English students have been attracted to a research program. Without exception the Military Academy Rhodes Scholars have chosen to read initially for the Honors Degree rather than doing research. A few have managed to do one year of research in physics.

One other aspect of Oxford life should be mentioned—sports. Athletics in the United States are more highly organized than at Oxford. Instead of being run by faculty members who function as managers and coaches, athletics at Oxford are entirely in the hands of the undergraduates. The skill and efficiency of the athletes produced by our system is astounding, and probably there is a higher degree of skill here than there is in England, though this is difficult to measure. One result is a greater public interest in college athletic events than is true in England. There are many opportunities at Oxford for games; in fact, no lectures or tutorials are ever scheduled in the afternoon which is reserved for athletics. West Pointers have usually taken full advantage of the opportunities offered, playing on their college teams in such sports as rugby, lacrosse, soccer, rowing, track and field, and basketball. Quite a number have earned a "Blue" or letter by playing for Oxford against Cambridge. Dawkins will be the first West Pointer and only the fifth American Rhodes Scholar to have played on the varsity rugby team.

The most important fact about Rhodes Scholars is not their success at Oxford, whether in academic work or in other activities, but the contribution which they make to American life after their return. There is certainly no finite scale of measurement for such contributions. The external aspects of their careers are subject to measure; one could list the university presidents, outstanding lawyers or figures in government, successful men in the business world, or generals in the armed services. But when so many men enter so many different professions, it is virtually impossible to devise a general test of success. A few statistics may be helpful. The following table, compiled by the late American Secretary, Dr. Frank Aydelotte, indicates in general terms the occupations followed by American Rhodes Scholars after their return to the United States.

American Rhodes Scholars by Occupations
(as of June 1953)

Education:	
Teaching	366
Educational Administration	65
Law	
Legal Profession	246
Legal Education	21
Business	192
Government Service	113
Journalism, Radio, etc.	70
Medicine	45
Military Service	39
Ministry and Religious Work	32
Foundations	14
Scientific Research	7
Scholars in Residence & Miscellaneous	162
	1,372

(This list includes occupations of 162 deceased Rhodes Scholars)

An assessment of the influence that the Rhodes Scholar group exercises in American and world affairs must await the historian of the future. One conclusion that can be reached at this early stage, the fifty-fifth year of the American Scholarships, is that the individuals who have been selected as Rhodes Scholars do play an important role in American society as evidenced by the positions of leadership which they have achieved.

An assessment of the Military Academy Rhodes Scholars is equally as difficult, if not more so. In the first place, the total number is quite small which makes it virtually impossible to generalize. In the second place, the majority of the Rhodes Scholars have been elected in the post-World War II period. These young officers for the most part have not yet reached high rank.

The military record is really meaningful only for those individuals elected

before World War II who were able to serve during and after the war. There were seven such individuals, the others being retired for physical disability or deceased (one was separated from the service). Six of these seven have, thus far, attained general officer rank. Of this pre-war group who were able to serve during and since the war, every one has held positions which included important responsibilities in the formulation of national policy. Major General James McCormack, presently Vice-President of MIT, served as the senior Armed Forces representative on the staff of the Atomic Energy Commission and was, prior to his retirement, the Director of Research and Development for the Air Force. Major General Charles H. Bonesteel played an important role in connection with the military aid and NATO programs. Later he served as the Defense Member on the Planning Board for the National Security Council. He is at present the Secretary of the General Staff, United States Army. Charles E. Saltzman, Major General USAR, was an Assistant Secretary of State from 1947 to 1949 and returned to the State Department as Under Secretary of State for Administration during 1954-55. Brigadier General William Whipple has had important assignments in the logistics field and in the Corps of Engineers. Brigadier General Alden K. Sibley, also of the Corps of Engineers, was Chief of the Plans Section, Logistics Division, SHAPE, and between 1954 and 1957 was on the faculty of the National War College. Generals Whipple and Sibley are at present Division Engineers.

A considerable proportion of the Rhodes Scholars make their careers in the field of teaching. It is consequently of some interest to examine this aspect of the Military Academy Rhodes Scholars. Of the twenty-two individuals who are now over thirty years old, thirteen have taught at the University level. Four of this group, moreover, have attained the rank of full professor. One of these, Colonel George A. Lincoln, a Brigadier General and Head of the Strategy and Policy Group of the Operations Division of the War Department during World War II, is Professor and Head of the Department of Social Sciences. During the past year he served as Study Coordinator of the President's Committee to Study the United States Military Assistance Program (Draper Committee). Lieutenant Colonel Amos A. Jordan is the other Professor in the Department of Social Sciences. Lieutenant Colonel Wesley W. Posvar has recently become the Professor of Political Science at the Air Force Academy. Except for a very few individuals, all post-war Rhodes Scholars who have completed Oxford have taught or are teaching at West Point or the Air Force Academy (a few have taught at both academies), or are now firmly earmarked by their service branches for such assignment within the next few years.

The policy of encouraging outstanding West Pointers to compete for the Scholarships serves not only to stimulate academic progress and accomplishment at the Military Academy, but also to demonstrate the excellence of West Point academic standards and the quality of the West Point product. The value to the Army or the Air Force must in the long run be based upon the record established by the Rhodes Scholars individually. The value of the Oxford experience to the individual can perhaps be summarized in these words, written some years ago by one of the Rhodes Scholars: "the difficult politico-military questions are solved, if at all, by employing the total resource of one's experience, both educational and military. This is the so-called 'professional judgment' element of policy decisions, to which scientific data and methods can only make a subsidiary contribution. I believe that Oxford furnishes a sense of perspective in intellectual matters that makes a unique contribution to 'professional judgment.' The freedom of the Oxford method causes the student to orient his search for knowledge toward more fundamental goals than grades and credits. And Oxford is a total educational environment, where conversation and recreation can be more intellectually stimulating than study. As a result, Oxford shapes the man more than textbooks and teachers alone can do, and, hopefully, it leaves him with a permanent appetite for knowledge."

Listed below are those who have won Rhodes Scholarships up to the present time:

Class	*Name*	*Dates at Oxford*
1923	Johnson, Francis R.	1925-1927; 1930 & 1932
	(completion of studies delayed by illness)	
1925	Saltzman, Charles E.	1925-1928
1925	Weston, Standish	1925-1928
1929	Lincoln, George A.	1929-1932
1930	Whipple, William	1930-1933
1930	Schimmelpfennig, I. R.	1930-1933
1931	Bonesteel, Chas. H., III	1931-1934
1931	Parker, Edward M.	1931-1934
1931	Rodgers, Lawrence H.	1931-1934
1932	Black, Roger D., Jr.	1932-1935
1932	McCormack, James Jr.	1932-1935
1933	Sibley, Alden K.	1933-1936
1936	Connor, William M., Jr.	1936-1939
Jan. '43	Rebh, George A.	1947-1950
June '43	Rogers, Bernard W.	1947-1950
1946	Jordan, Amos A.	1947-1950
1946	Posvar, Wesley W.	1948-1951
1946	Strain, Milton A.	1949-1952
1947	Bate, Roger R.	1947-1950
1949	Carvolth, Richard T.	1949-1952
1949	McGurk, Dan L.	1949-1952
1950	Thompson, James M.	1951-1954
1951	Remson, Andrew C., Jr.	1951-1954
1952	Wallis, Charles R.	1952-1955
1954	Albro, Ames S.	1954-1957
1954	Bard, John C.	1954-1956
1954	Vesser, Dale C.	1954-1957
1955	Garn, Harvey A.	1955-1958
1955	McGuire, Martin C.	1955-1958
1955	Hamilton, John T.	1955-1958
1955	Olvay, Lee D.	1955-1958
1956	Anderson, B. Conn	1956-1959
1956	Sylvester, Richard D.	1956-1959
1957	Murphy, James R.	1957-
1958	Sewall, J. O. B.	1958-
1959	Dawkins, Peter M.	1959-
1959	Gillette, Michael J.	1959-
1959	Hutton, C. Powell	1959-
1959	Kanarowski, Stanley M.	1959-
1959	Ray, James F.	1959-

Reading maketh a full man, conference a ready man, and writing an exact man. —FRANCIS BACON

SCUSA XI

By CAPTAIN H. T. BOLAND, JR., Executive Secretary for SCUSA XI

It was de Tocqueville who observed, "An American cannot converse, but he can discuss." Putting this proposition to the test during the first week of December, West Point sponsored its eleventh annual Student Conference on United States Affairs.

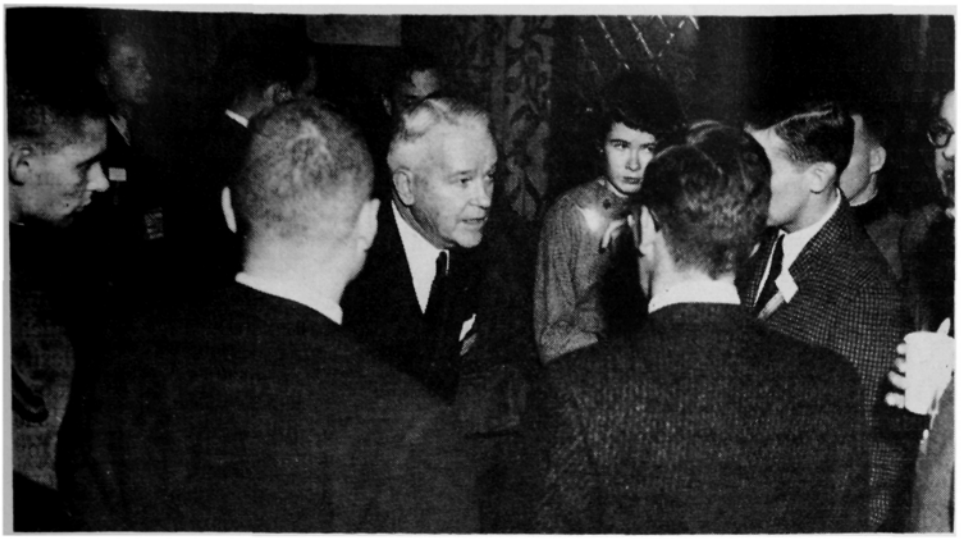
There was full measure of both conversation and discussion as students from more than eighty American and Canadian colleges met with 36 cadets to grapple with problems of United States national security policy, focusing upon foreign assistance programs. At the end of the four-day series of speeches, round-table discussions, and writing of reports, the delegates returned to their home campuses tired and, one imagines, far from triumphant.

The dominant impression that SCUSA leaves in the mind of an observer is of fresh confidence in the generation of younger Americans—confidence, not in their knowledge, surely, but in their serious-minded approach to problems to which there are no assured answers. One round-table chairman described today's students in these words:

As good as in my day, at the least! Probably better; above all, a good deal more sophisticated and less wild-eyed about international affairs, greater consciousness of the U.S. role, and of the problems we face.

Mr. William H. Draper, Jr., recently chairman of the President's Committee to study the United States Military Assistance Program, began the proceedings with a keynote address on Wednesday afternoon. Emphasizing the validity of the assistance approach, and warning against attempts to solve budgetary problems by cutting into mutual security appropriations, he stressed the futility and wrong-headedness of the deceptively easy solution to the U.S. problem of gold outflow. Complete elimination of the Mutual Security Program, he estimated, could produce no more than a ten per cent reduction in the flow at best. And this would be the course of catastrophe. "We must put first things first. We must not jeopardize our military and strategic positions to meet financial problems which can be solved in other ways." By this time his undergraduate audience, which included the first and second classes of cadets as well as the SCUSA conferees, had been put on notice that an understanding of economic principles would be prerequisite to the discussions which were to follow.

The panel discussion of the evening made this realization more emphatic. Under the able chairmanship of Dr. Joseph E. Johnson, President of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (and one of SCUSA's founding fathers), a blue-ribbon panel discussed "Problems, Policies, and Programs of Foreign Assistance." Dr. Johnson, after urging his colleagues to employ the phrase "foreign cooperation" in preference to "foreign assistance," promptly passed the conversational ball along,



General Collins at informal reception at Grant Hall.

Discussion leaders: Dr. John Montgomery, Col. G. A. Lincoln, Mr. David Bell.

presumably to see what his associates would do with his suggestion.

The injunction was followed without a slip by the first speaker, Dr. Walt W. Rostow, noted economic historian of MIT's Center for International Studies, who discussed the economic and technological factors of economic growth. His central thesis bore upon the need in underdeveloped countries to alter their forms of social organization, to move toward a degree of industrialization and true modernity. To assist this transition he estimated that an additional $3 billion per year would be required, of which half should come from the United States and half from Western Europe and Japan. Another of his key recommendations carried faint suggestions of parochialism:

> The officers who came from this Academy in the first half of the nineteenth century played an absolutely crucial role in laying the foundations for industrial America. . . I believe we must strain to use every ounce of influence we have in our military aid program to try to get soldiers in the underdeveloped areas to play a similar role in their society.

Dr. Rostow was followed by General J. Lawton Collins (Ret.) who was asked to speak on the military-strategic aspects of our aid programs. He made clear at the outset that "there is no clearcut distinction between the military . . . and the political, economic and psychological aspects of our international problems," adding, "You simply cannot isolate military factors off by themselves. It just doesn't work that way any longer, if it ever did." The greater part of his discussion concerned the Middle East and Southeast Asia, two areas which demonstrate remarkably well the truth of his maxim. General Collins warmly endorsed the policy of supporting, in an era of atomic stalemate, local forces which oppose Communist probes in search of weakness in the girdle of containment.

The last member of the panel to speak was Princeton's distinguished Director of the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Dr. Gardner Patterson. Dr. Patterson performed brilliantly in the unusual role, for him, of devil's advocate, posing those questions best designed to embarrass complaisant liberals who support foreign aid without knowing why.

Why shouldn't someone else bear a larger share of the burden? Why shouldn't Europe buy military equipment, now that they have foreign exchange? Do not aid programs encourage laxness on the part of the recipients? Do they not in fact generate much of the "rising tide of expectations" which provides the rationale for developmental assistance? Do they not foster the growth of centralized planning bureaus? In the case of military aid, which is often diverted to purposes having little relevance to the major cold-war issues, to what extent do we assist in building up in the recipient nations military elites having an undue and, in the long run, anti-democratic influence in the society?

The following morning, Thursday, the delegates separated into twelve different round-table groups to begin discussing the conference topic. They were organized, largely on the basis of their own choices, into seven areas from which to approach the larger topic of foreign assistance and about which to make appropriate policy recommendations. These areas were: Economic and Technical Assistance; Military Assistance; Assistance in the Far East; Assistance in the Middle East and Africa; Assistance in Latin America; the Communist Bloc and Assistance Programs; and the United Nations, its Specialized Agencies, and Assistance Programs.

It is interesting to note in passing the wide disparity between the pattern of visiting delegate choices and that of cadet volunteers for the program. More than half again as frequently as cadets, the visiting students requested assignment to the United Nations topic—which, however, attracted a disproportionate share of young ladies, a fact not known to the cadets when they were indicating their preferences. The Communist Bloc tables were almost twice

as popular with those from outside the Academy, and the Economic-Technical tables more than twice. The greatest disparity showed up in the Military Assistance area: nearly twenty-seven per cent of the cadets polled preferred assignment to this area, but not quite nine per cent of non-cadet students expressed this interest. Is one to conclude from this, for example, that cadets are attracted by the word "military," or that civilians are repelled? Or is there a lack of interest in or understanding of this topic in civilian colleges? If so, does this stem largely from the limited availability of material for research in this area? One could indulge in similar speculations regarding the other areas, particularly the apparent motivation of college girls toward the United Nations approach.

Five 150-minute sessions were devoted to discussion at the round-tables under the leadership of a senior chairman and a senior adviser at each table. To a greater extent, perhaps, than at any previous SCUSA the emphasis was given to practitioners rather than to academicians in the foreign policy field: eighteen of the twenty-eight persons designated as chairmen and advisers were active members of governmental agencies, and only two were from civilian college faculties. In fact, in addition to Mr. Draper himself, seventeen of the senior personnel who assisted with the Conference had recently served on the Draper Committee staff.

An interruption in the fairly grueling succession of discussion was provided on Thursday evening by a second panel session. Colonel George A. Lincoln, Head of the Department of Social Sciences, presided at the meeting which treated "The Formulation of National Security Policy." Here some of the practical realities of the policy-making process, as contrasted to the theoretical procedures depicted in political science textbooks and organizational charts, were delineated for the student audience. Mr. Robert Merriam, Deputy Assistant to the President for Interdepartmental Affairs, presented first the viewpoint of the executive branch. To illustrate the enormous complexity of our present-day federal government, he cited the fact that the total 1940 budget was less than the interest on the federal debt today. Given this complexity, not only is the constitutional responsibility of the President to make all final decisions in the foreign policy area a mammoth one, but the necessity is clear to provide institutional means to blend together the many diverse factors which need to be taken into account. He described the functions of the component agencies in the Executive Office of the President which meet this requirement, emphasizing particularly the role of the National Security Council.

A contrasting viewpoint was provided by Senator Harrison A. Williams, Jr. (D., N.J.), who presented the role of the Legislative Branch, especially the Senate, in the process of foreign policy determination. He too recognized that the essentially positive prerogatives of initiation and formulation of policy were, properly, exercised by the executive branch. On occasion, through amending of foreign affairs legislation, making speeches which create a climate of public opinion, and criticizing in debate the Administration's conduct of foreign affairs, Congress can exercise a limited amount of initiative. Never-

The keynote speaker, The Hon. William H. Draper, was questioned at length by SCUSA delegates.

Panel members discuss the areas to be covered in their presentation.

theless, while playing an essentially negative role, Congress can be a creative force, particularly in laying down guidelines for dealing with the longer range problems of foreign policy.

The panel discussion concluded with Mr. Saville Davis, Managing Editor of the *Christian Science Monitor*, who delved into the impact of the press and public opinion upon foreign policy. He called for a clear-cut concept, like the Marshall Plan, to facilitate public understanding of an otherwise quite mystifying mutual security program. Information given to the public, he pointed out, all too often must undergo a certain degree of censorship and whitewashing, the not unusual self-protective device of bureaucracy. At the same time, members of the press have a responsibility to report accurately, to give balanced accounts which do not overlook policy successes any more than they gloss over or suppress failures. Finally, the public, as the wind which turns the policy-making windmill, must redouble its efforts in such humble matters as writing letters to Congressmen when as individual citizens they feel policy changes are called for.

The conference climax was reached Friday evening, after another full day of round-table polemics by the hard-working delegates. After an ample roast beef dinner (and coffee to the accompaniment of the Cadet Glee Club) in the ballroom of Cullum Hall, conferees were addressed by Mr. Averell Harriman on "The Nature of the Threat." Having only recently returned from a six-week visit to the Soviet Union, where he had several talks with Premier Khrushchev, Mr. Harriman ably compared the Russia of today with the Russia he knew as wartime ambassador to the U.S.S.R. In spite of the end of the Stalinist reign of terror, he reported, discipline remains firm, and the determination of the Soviet leadership to communize the world has not faltered. "Competitive coexistence" in the economic arena will determine the outcome, and Khrushchev, Mr. Harriman advises, is truly confident that ultimately communism will bury us.

On Saturday morning, conferees met a final time at round-tables to hammer out their final reports, which were presented that afternoon in the last plenary meeting.

Two questions regarding this extended effort on the part of the Academy merit a word. First, in light of the earlier comment that conferees departed with "far from triumphant" feelings about their experience: What do they gain that makes the effort worthwhile for them? Second: Of what benefit to the Military Academy is the considerable expenditure of time and resources on the sponsorship of this annual affair?

Informal discussions extended the formal sessions.

As for the students, if the experience of past years is any guide, most enjoy the cooperative (rather than competitive) intercollegiate effort and feel that they have profited educationally from it. And, as the Superintendent said in his welcoming remarks to the group, they learn not only from the senior persons who speak and who lead their discussions; they learn also from one another. The conference, while not without social features offering the opportunity to meet contemporaries from other campuses, is primarily an educational exercise and is so regarded by the students. One entirely wholesome educational result is to impress them with the complexities of policy formulation. Having to work toward a final report on which even a small group must reach agreement fosters a fuller realization of this complexity. A second, and delightful, result is that the abrasion inherent in the discussion scheme causes many to rethink some of the preconceptions which they brought from their home campuses. Perhaps nothing they learn can be as important as apprehending that many answers are not simple, even for brilliant students.

Many answers could be given to the question about benefits to the Academy from its sponsorship of this program. Two, possibly, are most important. Although certainly impossible to measure with exactness, SCUSA as an exercise in civil-military relations is assuredly widely productive of present and future dividends. The Academy's image as an educational institution is sharpened in the minds of those members of the academic community with whom we deal—not only those who supply the delegates from other campuses but also those who are asked to assist in the conference itself. Senior civilians who are present as participants and observers have the opportunity to meet military contemporaries from the military post-graduate schools, from high-level staff sections, and from the Academy itself. They see the Academy and learn about its mission, its system, and its product. Most importantly, youthful civilian campus leaders meet some of their contemporaries in military and naval life, thus building a two-way avenue of understanding founded on mutual respect which could be of enormous long-term benefit to American society and, more particularly, to the services.

More directly pertinent to the mission of the Academy is the second principal answer to our question. SCUSA contributes significantly to "progressive and continued development" for lifetime service because it is *extracurricular* in a quite literal sense, going *beyond* the curriculum into the area of national security problems which Army officers will have to face throughout their careers.

At the graduation exercises at West Point in 1955, President Eisenhower told the graduating class, "Your greatest opportunity for enduring contribution to America may well be the council table, far removed from war." Preparation for the council-table task as well as for the battlefield task must begin at West Point and—"conference maketh a ready man."

"A Tribute To Our First Superintendent"

By MAJOR PHILIP A. FARRIS

Jonathan Williams, both the first and second Superintendent of USMA, was eulogized at a special wreath-laying ceremony in Philadelphia's Laurel Hill Cemetery on 15 September. Gathering there at 3:00 p.m., members of the West Point Society and representatives of various patriotic and religious groups paid homage to West Point's only non-graduate Superintendent.

Mr. Harry Davis, President of the West Point Society of Philadelphia, began the ceremony by introducing Maj. Sam Edelman, who outlined the background leading to the dedication and mentioned the various accomplishments of Jonathan Williams. Following him, Mr. David Berger, City Solicitor, extended a warm welcome on behalf of the Mayor who was unable to accept an invitation to be present. Then, Brig. Gen. Charles W. G. Rich, Commandant of Cadets, addressed the assemblage before laying a wreath at Williams' grave. After a prayer by Dr. Earnest Harding, Rector of Christ Church in Philadelphia, taps was sounded to conclude the ceremony.

Before laying the wreath, Gen. Rich spoke of the significant contributions made by Jonathan Williams in directing the Military Academy during its earliest days. President Thomas Jefferson, impressed by Williams' knowledge and ability, appointed him on February 16, 1801, Inspector of Fortifications and Superintendent of the Military post at West Point, with the rank of Major.

When Congress, by Act of March 16, 1802, formally established the United States Military Academy, Maj. Williams, as the highest ranking Engineer at West Point, became its first Superintendent. At that time and until 1866 when a law was passed which opened the position to officers of other branches, the Academy's Superintendents were selected from the Corps of Engineers.

Maj. Williams' first term as Superintendent ended on June 20, 1803, when he resigned because of a dispute over his right to command troops stationed at West Point. During the Revolutionary War, many of the Engineer officers were foreign nationals, recruited as advisors and technicians to assist the infant Continental Army. They were subordinate to officers in other branches of the service and were not authorized to command troops. When the dispute arose, Williams felt that to apply this limiting regulation to him in his position was degrading and he therefore resigned his commission.

Headstone marking the grave of Jonathan Williams.

President Jefferson, having made concessions to Williams' rights and status, was able to persuade him to accept a Lieutenant-Colonelcy in 1805. Williams returned to military service on April 19, 1805, as Chief Engineer and as Superintendent of the Military Academy, no permanent Superintendent having been appointed in the intervening two years. Col. Williams remained as Superintendent until July 31, 1812, when he was succeeded by Col. Joseph G. Swift, the first graduate of the Academy—Class of (October 12) 1802.

During the Revolutionary War, Williams had served in France as a representative of the American government and had returned to the United States in 1785. Grandnephew of Benjamin Franklin, with whom he worked on a number of experiments, Williams always had a deep interest in scientific subjects. After he became Superintendent of the Military Academy, he established in November 1802 an organization known as "The United States Military Philosophical Society," the purpose of which was to promote "Military Science."

In its earliest days, the Academy's curriculum stressed field surveying and measurement. Williams gave lectures on fortifications, taught the cadets the use of surveying instruments, and conducted them on surveys of the terrain surrounding West Point. As might be imagined, facilities were extremely limited and Williams, in order to carry out his orders to "constitute a military academy," had to draw upon his own resources in many instances. Among the initial aims of the Academy were the training of technicians for all branches of the military service, encouraging the study of every scientific subject, and fostering the study of military art nationally.

That the young Academy under Williams' command succeeded in fulfilling its aims is attested by Henry Adams who, in his *History of the United States* covering that period, wrote "American

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CHRISTIAN A. ZABRISKIE And The West Point Museum

By FREDERICK P. TODD
Director of Museum

One is tempted to liken any important museum benefactor to Hans Sloane, the 17th Century Irish naturalist whose scientific collections formed the nucleus of the British Museum. In many cases this resemblance would be justified; Sir Hans spent a lifetime accumulating his collection, relishing to the full the personal satisfaction of collecting. Upon his death he bequeathed this material—his life's work and his life's hobby—to found the institution. Many American museums have been formed in this manner; one outstanding example is the National Gallery of Art, formed around the collections of Andrew P. Mellon.

Not all benefactors, however, have had the advantage of being collectors and the West Point Museum has profited from one such a man. Ever since 1948 Mr. Christian A. Zabriskie of New York has presented a sum of money quarterly to the Museum for its use and the use of the U.S.M.A. Library. Not only has Mr. Zabriskie given money, the total sum of which now has reached $58,750, but he has from time to time added actual gifts. Furthermore, he has placed his beneficence on a permanent basis by providing a bequest which will continue this annual donation in perpetuity.

Mr. Zabriskie, then, is no Hans Sloane who has derived great pleasure from collecting and assured himself that his collection will be maintained after his death. Mr. Zabriskie has given for the pure enjoyment of giving.

West Point is by no means the only recipient of his generosity. An equal sum is given annually to the U.S. Naval Academy, and other institutions of learning in the United States are also in his debt. Mr. Zabriskie is not a graduate of the Military Academy, nor were any of his relatives. Though he has firm friends here now, he knew no one at West Point when he made his first trip here in 1948. His gifts are not given in memory of anyone.

Perhaps the most remarkable part of his generosity is that the donations carry no strings whatsoever. Never even in the slightest manner has Mr. Zabriskie suggested that the Museum or the Library buy a certain type of object or rearrange its collections in any fashion. His money has been given purely for the good of both institutions; it has been spent not only to purchase new exhibits and books, but also to keep existing objects in condition by restoration or rebinding. The Fund was even used to finance the celebration which marked the opening of the new Museum galleries last March. To all such expenditures Mr. Zabriskie has cheerfully acquiesced. There are very few gift funds in the world of museums which are so completely free of strings.

Mr. Zabriskie was born in New York City in 1899, the son of Andrew Christian Zabriskie. His lineal ancestor, the first Zabriskie to come to America, landed in New York in 1662, two years before the English captured the place. The change of governments did not seem to bother the new arrival, for he married a Dutch girl and settled down to make the little town at the tip of Manhattan his home and the home of his descendants. Andrew Christian, the father of our benefactor, was concerned primarily with the management of real estate holdings in New York, but took part in New York military affairs, being connected both with the 7th and 71st Infantry Regiments of the National Guard. His son has lived in New York City all his life.

Mr. Zabriskie gained a love of museums from trips to Europe as a boy. One of his earliest memories is of the

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Opening day — New West Point Museum.

Museum of the Army in the Invalides in Paris, where one wanders down vast corridors lined with full scale figures, afoot and on horse, of the soldiers of France. It is a collection well calculated to fire the imagination of a young man.

As a boy also, he often visited the Metropolitan Museum of Art and in time came to know both the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis. He saw in the collections of paintings and objects at these academies the American counterpart of the Army Museum in Paris. At the same time he realized that the museums of both institutions needed help and in 1948 decided to do something about it.

When he came to the Military Academy in that year he took the authorities by surprise. His offer to assist the Museum and Library by an annual donation of money was unheard of and there was a question in some minds as to whether it was ethical for the Military Academy to accept the money. Fortunately, the then Superintendent, Maj. Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, was farsighted and practical, and cut through the red tape in order to accept the beneficence.

A full listing of Mr. Zabriskie's gifts would double the size of this article. Those that follow are only a few of the more significant pieces made possible through his generosity:

Oil portrait of General John J. Pershing, by DeWitt Lockman (now in Cullum Hall).
"The Snow Plow," oil painting by Robert W. Weir.
"West Point, a view from Washington Valley," oil painting by Seth Eastman.
Ferguson flintlock breechloading rifle (officer's model, one of the rarest firearms in existence).
Snaphance pistol, circa 1650.
U.S. Flintlock pistol, Model 1806.
Colt Whitneyville-Walker revolver, Model 1847.
U.S. Flintlock pistol, Model 1818.
U.S. Flintlock pistol, North & Cheny, Model 1799 (a specimen worth considerably over its weight in gold).
"The Return of the Flags, 1865," oil painting by Thomas Waterman Wood.
Oil portrait of Lt. Gen. Blackshear M. Bryan, by John C. Johansen (now in Washington Hall).
The Olsen Collection of U.S. Army accouterments.
Portfolio of original drawings by Alexander Robinson of West Point, circa 1796.
Collection of over 2000 U.S. shoulder sleeve insignia, U.S. Army.
Scale Model of the "Mary Powell."
Oil portrait of Maj. Gen. Frederick A. Irving, by Thomas E. Stephens.
Oil portrait of Maj. Gen. Bryant E. Moore, by Francis H. Beaugureau.
Oil portrait of Bvt. Brig. Gen. Joseph Swift, by John Wesley Jarvis.
Oil portrait of Maj. Gen. F. B. Wilby, by Thomas E. Stephens.
Collection of sketches and miscellany by Bvt. Brig. Gen. Samuel E. Chamberlain.
Bronze bust of Gen. John J. Pershing.
Oil portrait of Brig. Gen. Gerald A. Counts, by Francis H. Beaugureau.
Oil portrait of Brig. Gen. Thomas D. Stamps, by Thomas E. Stephens.
Collection of models of ancient artillery by Bernhard Schulz.
"The Skirmish Line," oil painting by Gilbert Gaul.
Collection of ancient Egyptian weapons from the Metropolitan Museum of Art.
Full scale mounted knight in armor, 14th century.

Any museum today, to be worth its salt, must carefully blend showmanship and scholarship, entertainment and education. Mr. Zabriskie's donations have materially assisted the maintenance of a high degree of both in the museum at West Point by enabling the purchase of fine things when they come on the market. It is the ownership and display of first-class, authentic objects that enables a museum to avoid use of the showy, the reproduced, and the false.

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scientific engineering . . owed its efficiency and almost its existence to the Military School at West Point established in 1802."

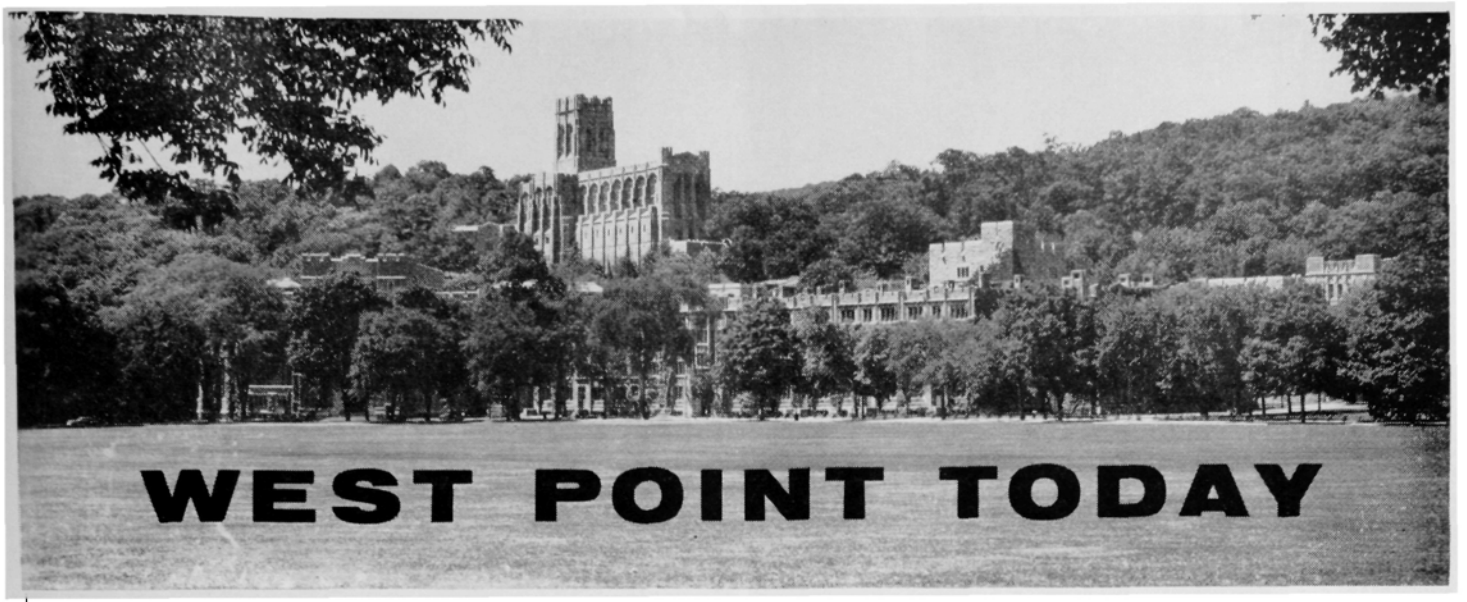
Admittedly, the ability, character, and determination of Jonathan Williams were decisive factors in the success achieved by the United States Military Academy during the first ten years of its existence.

He died on May 16, 1815, in Philadelphia, where he and Benjamin Franklin had spent much time together pursuing common interests.

It was fitting that on September 15, Jonathan Williams received the public homage of West Pointers and friends of the Military Academy.

In laying the wreath at Williams' grave for the Association of Graduates, Gen. Rich added to the alumni tribute the pride of the Corps of Cadets, whose dedication to "Duty, Honor, Country" immortalizes the glorious heritage engendered by our first Superintendent many years ago.

General Rich, assisted by Major Edelman, lays the wreath (given by the Association of Graduates) at the grave of our first Superintendent.



Dr. Gordon Thayer Visits West Point

Dr. Gordon Thayer, during a tour of the U.S. Military Academy grounds 21 October, visited the grave of a namesake, Colonel Sylvanus Thayer, in the Post Cemetery at West Point, New York. Dr. Thayer, Headmaster of Thayer Academy in Braintree, Massachusetts (named in memory of its benefactor), also conferred with the Superintendent.

Despite the similarity in surnames, Dr. Thayer is not a descendant of Colonel Thayer, for the latter never married.

In addition to his contributions during his lifetime to the Military Academy and to American education in general, Colonel Thayer provided in his will for the establishment of another scientific school (Thayer Academy) and a free public library in his native town.

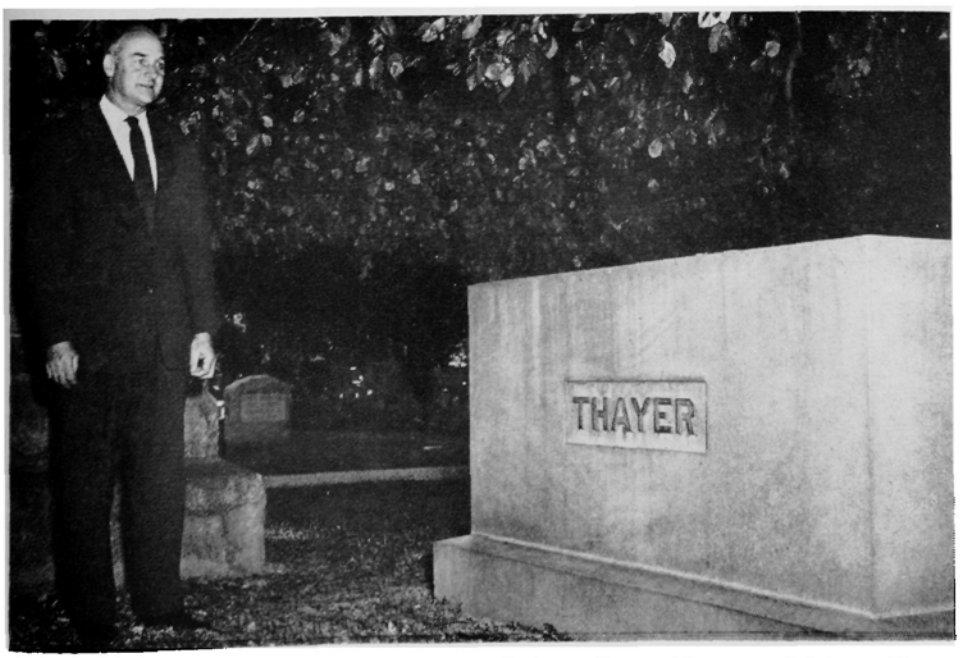
Rings Given To Library

The USMA Library recently received a gift of two USMA Class Rings from Miss Anne Gray Hawkins of Washington, D.C. The rings were originally owned by Brigadier General Hamilton S. Hawkins II, USMA Class of 1856, and Hamilton S. Hawkins IV, USMA Class of 1926.

Amnesty to Be Curtailed

Due to the increasing frequency of visits by Heads of State to the Service Academies, the Superintendent felt it necessary to place some limitation on the custom of granting amnesty to the Cadets.

By agreement between the Service Academies, and with the approval of their respective Department Secretaries, amnesty will be granted only in the case of minor punishment awards. It will not apply to Cadets undergoing punishment as a result of Commandant's Boards (Batt Boards).



Dr. Gordon Thayer, Headmaster at Thayer Academy, Braintree, Mass., visits grave of Sylvanus Thayer, founder of USMA.

BOOKS

Pension and Retirement Rights

by Col. S. F. Tillman, USAR

Washington: Army Times Publishing Co. 60 pages. $1.00

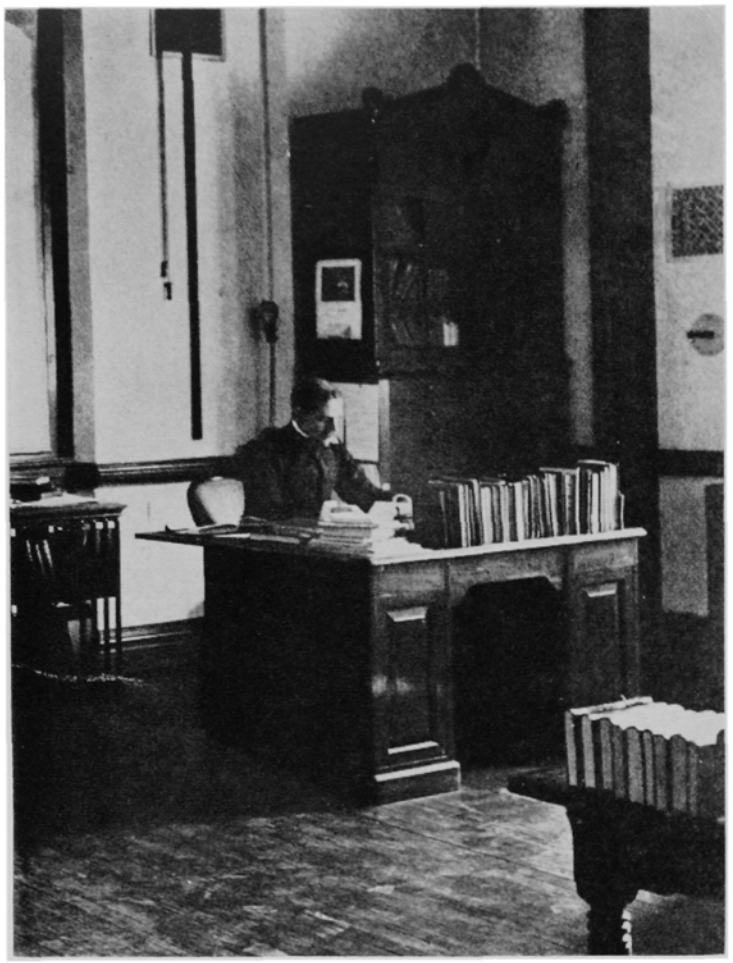
Do you know what income you may expect after you retire? Do you know what your rights are to veterans' benefits or social security? More important, does your wife know the rights, benefits, and income to which she would be entitled in case you die?

This little book should be among the important papers of every person in the military service, draftee to general, Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine, or Coast Guard. Since the 1958 military pay act separated retirees into two and a half different classes, it behooves everyone to know where he stands.

Pension and Retirement Rights explains in easily understood language everything you need to know about your service connected rights and benefits. If you are a reservist or a regular, your benefits do not come to you automatically, you must apply for them. Many dependents of deceased personnel are not receiving the full benefits to which they are entitled by law simply because they do not know their rights or where to apply.

I suggest that you send a dollar to Steve Tillman, read this book, then put it away where your wife can find it when she needs it.

—N. B. Wilson



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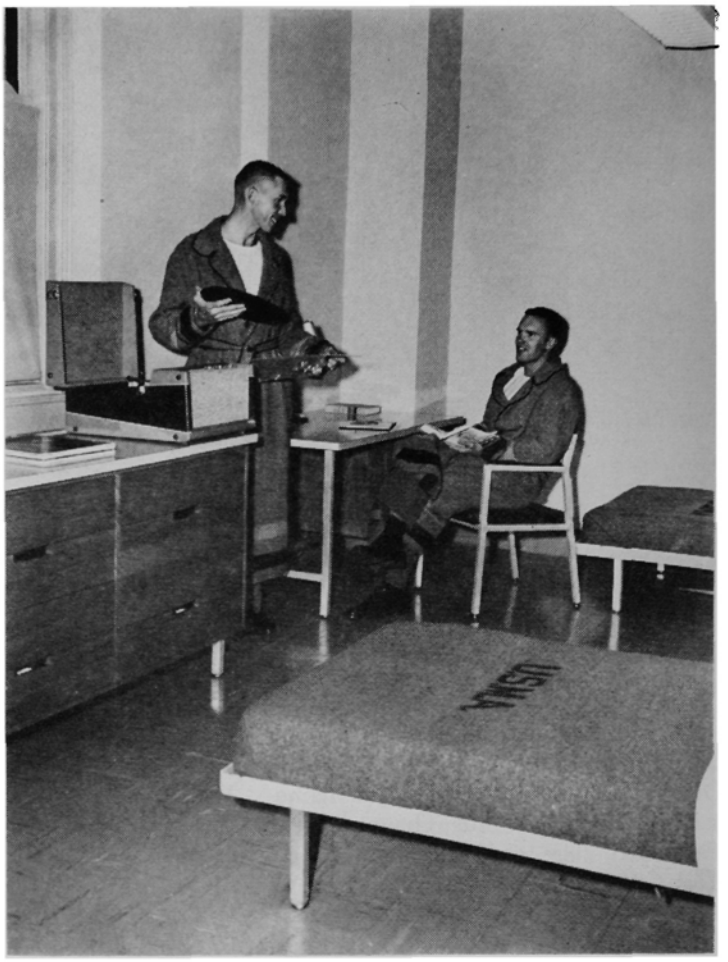
West Academic Building



CADETS
East Barracks

BEFORE AND AFTER

It has been said, "If any Army building no longer serves its original purpose, it must be converted to other uses. Tear it down? Never!—(At West Point) we convert a stable into a museum and a museum into a recreation room, an academic building into barracks, and a riding hall into an academic building." P. Echols, left, (about 1909) would never recognize the same room now, right. West Academic Building is now East Barracks.

New Music Librarian

Miss Carol June Bradley of Carlisle, Pennsylvania, reported for duty as Music Librarian in the USMA Library. The addition of Miss Bradley to the staff will enable the library to develop an appropriate college-level library music program as well as a new cadet recreational facility.

As part of General Davidson's effort to strengthen the library resources at the Military Academy, the USMA Library expects to install listening facilities, a disc record collection, and to enlarge its book and periodical holdings in this field. Special musical programs are also planned.

Miss Bradley is a graduate of Lebanon Valley College (Music) and Western Reserve University (Library Science).

Miss Carol Bradley, Music Librarian

Homecoming

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ARMY

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Football Game

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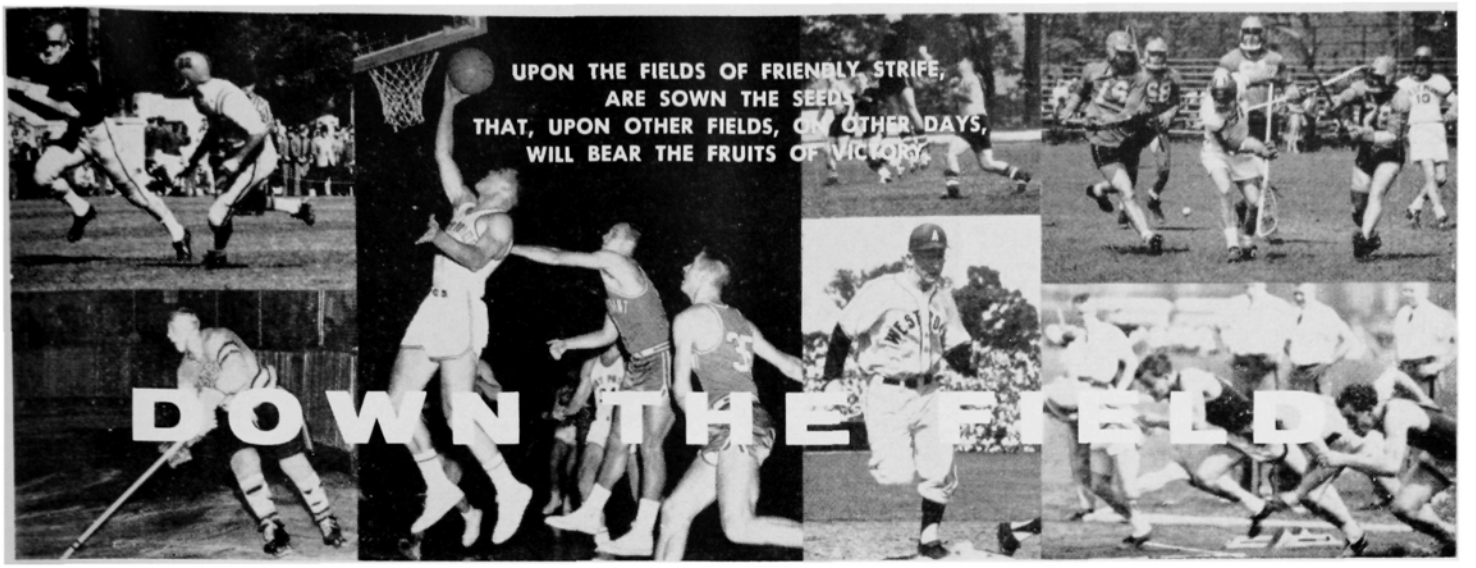


By JOE CAHILL

The Gloom Period was never gloomier, or so it seems, than it is this year following the total eclipse by Navy in the fall competitions.

Obviously keyed to near-hysterical heights with the importance of the occasion, the Middie athletes measured Army in each of the four engagements.

Toppling like tenpins, the Cadet teams went down to disaster in 150-pound football, cross-country, soccer and last, but not least, varsity football.

This indeed took a heavy toll of the Army sports program. If nothing else it dipped the morale of the athletic program to what approximates a new low. This aspect arises not from defeat alone, but rather from circumstances that surrounded each setback.

It is noteworthy that Army was in the process of compiling a signally successful fall sports campaign. Lightweight football, cross-country and soccer had each gone through unscathed in the respective schedules leading up to the climactic service tests. That Navy should spoil simultaneously the efforts of all three squads and then add insult to injury with a record-making runaway in the Big One in Philadelphia is beyond comprehension.

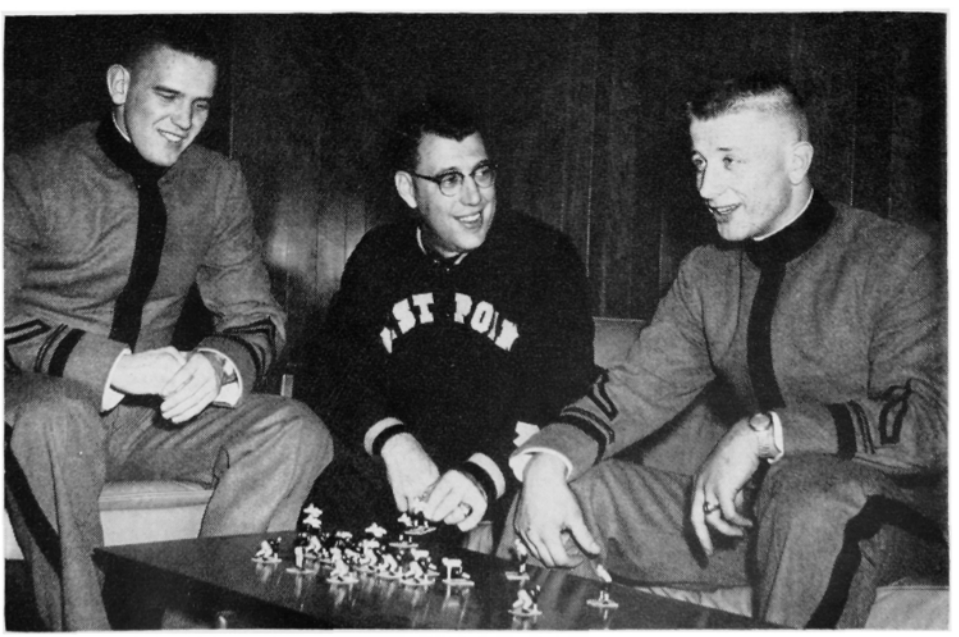
To say the least it was a disheartening season for Coach Dale Hall in his first year at the football helm. No coach, I am sure, ever labored harder than the bespectacled young mentor from Parsons, Kansas. His staff strived diligently to come up with the answers to the unusually complex problems that confronted them. Despite innumerable handicaps that may well have demoralized a less dedicated group, the squad must be saluted for weathering a perilous early-season campaign which was compounded of adversity.

There is no denying, of course, that a 4-4-1 record was the worst here since 1951. Nevertheless, Dame Fortune, who plays such a prominent role in the football firmament, refused to be courted. At one time or another during the season a total of 28 players were absent from at least one game as a result of an injury. Contrast this with the previous season when the Black Knights coasted through a nine-game schedule with only two being sidelined.

The season was a difficult one for all concerned, especially Coach Hall. Unable to field the same starting backs on consecutive Saturdays, it is surprising that he kept the Cadets in contention at all in the early-season going. Yet, Illinois (14-20), Penn State (11-17), and Oklahoma (20-28) had to go all out for one-touchdown margins.

No one would want to dispute any of the defeats. However, there was a touch of irony in the Penn State fracas. Two touchdowns were called back on two of the most brilliant individual running feats by Army backs all season. In addition, the officials found it necessary to penalize the Army team 145 yards to the visitor's 35. A subsequent review of the game left much to be desired by the men in the striped shirts.

A highlight of the season was the initial contest with the Air Force Academy. It actually developed into two separate contests and some 60,000 spectators who sat through a rainy, murky afternoon in Yankee Stadium enjoyed the proceedings to the hilt. Army got off to a good start and appeared in a position to annihilate their young cousins from Colorado. In the second half the Falcons demonstrated great poise in staging a tremendous comeback in the face of advertisy and actually had the Army mule by the tail in the closing phase. To most viewers, however, the

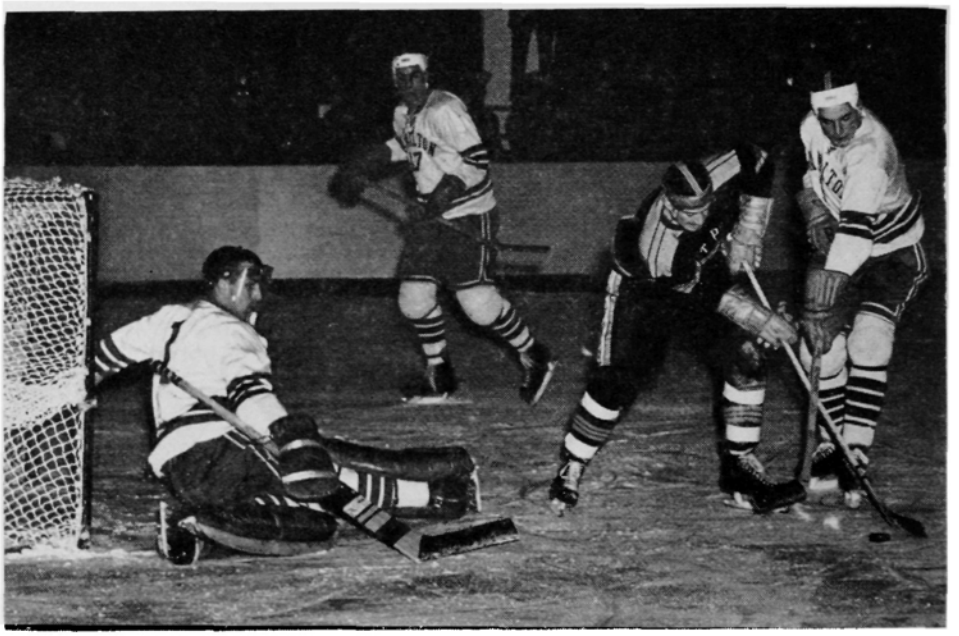


Frank Gibson (left) and Al Vanderbush, co-captains of 1960 football squad discuss new offense with Coach Dale Hall.

13-13 tie was an equitable finish to a thrilling spectacle.

With the season's record standing at 4-3-1, Army went into the finale with Navy with the success of the season hanging in the balance. The odds-makers, whom this writer could not quite fathom all season, again tabbed the embattled Cadets a six-point favorite. The fact that Army was named the favorite in every game except the Oklahoma test is an indication of the esteem with which Army football is held. Major injuries to such grid luminaries as two-time all-American Bob Anderson, all-America Bill Carpenter, starters Gerry Clements, Steve Waldrop, John Eielson as well as a whole raft of others just did not figure in the odds-riggers' calculations. Of course, they were proved wrong, but their quotations added nothing but pressure to the weary Cadets and was in some degree an injustice.

Cadet Ted Crowley, captain of the hockey squad, with Coach Riley (right).



Captain Ted Crowley setting up a shot at Hamilton goal in hockey test at Smith Rink.

Bill Carpenter (standing) and Don Usry turning in equipment for last time.

That's all the Middies needed, it seemed, was to have Army come out the favorite in the pre-game supposing. For seldom has a Navy team entered the game with more determination, poise and confidence. Why Army could not match the Middies in any of these departments remains one of the unsolved mysteries of the season. To this observer Joe Bellino was far and away the finest back Army met all year. The Boston blockbuster on that day was certainly one of the four top backs ever to play in the hoary series. Certainly off that performance he ranks with Doc Blanchard and Glenn Davis for a single game effort.

It is incongruous that while Navy reached the apex of the season in the Big One, Army concurrently degenerated to its lowest ebb. Man-for-man in the top 11 there must be very little to choose among the players of either squad. In depth, yes. The Middies have for years tripled, and often quadrupled, the number of players made available to their football program. This, the writer believes, was not a factor in this particular game. The game was lost early and irrevocably by the starting team. That the Middie seconds and thirds looked so good late in the game is not a criterion as far as the ultimate outcome was concerned. Often times when one team gets the other on the run, the lowliest sub begins to look like a champion. This is due more to the demoralization of the opponent than the actual improvement of the sub.

The record and the scores to the con-

trary, there were several outstanding individual performances turned in by Army players over the season. Bill Carpenter, the original "Lonely End" and team captain, must rate as one of the finest ends ever to perform on the banks of the Hudson. He established new Army receiving records, having caught 43 for 591 yards and three touchdowns. His all-round performance singled him out as a virtual unanimous choice for first team all-America honors.

Though his name will hardly be mentioned in any of the "all" lists, the most important player in the Army set-up this fall in the opinion of most was none other than Joe Caldwell, the smallest man on the squad. The 158-pound quarterback virtually carried Army on the strength of his wiry right arm. When he was at his best Army looked like potential champions. When he was off, the Cadet attack stalled completely. The record book attests to his true value to the squad. He completed 105 of the 188 passes he attempted. He piled up 1,343 yards on total offense and passed for nine touchdowns. As a result, he holds Academy records in passes completed and total yards. The latter mark was held by the incomparable Glenn Davis, one of the greatest players ever to don the black, gold and grey.

There is nothing left to do now but look ahead to next year. There is experienced talent returning at every position, except at quarterback. This means that Army will launch its preparations for the 1960 season under a severe handicap. No team, and this is worth repeating, can hope for a modicum of success without a competent, cagy quarterback. One that fits this description is not immediately available. Whether one can be developed in spring practice remains to be seen. The pressure is on, let's face it. This key player must arrive, and arrive in a hurry. The schedule is easily as difficult as this past one, and maybe more so. Here it is: Boston College, California, Penn State, Nebraska, Villanova, Miami of Ohio, Syracuse (National champions), Pittsburgh and Navy.

Successfully handling an array such as this will not be simple. Army will have to enlist everything at its command to better this year's .500 record. The early line has Navy, Pitt, Penn State and mighty Syracuse, as good or in most cases, better than in '59.

And speaking of "next year" as so often was the case in the Borough of Brooklyn, the squad elected co-captains for the second time in history. Al Vanderbush, regular guard, and Frank Gibson, an alternate end, split the 26 votes of the lettermen. Both are qualified leaders and Coach is not only pleased, but also completely in accord with the players' choices. Last time the vote was split occurred in 1956 when Doc Blanchard and Glenn Davis led the Black Knights to a third successive undefeated season.

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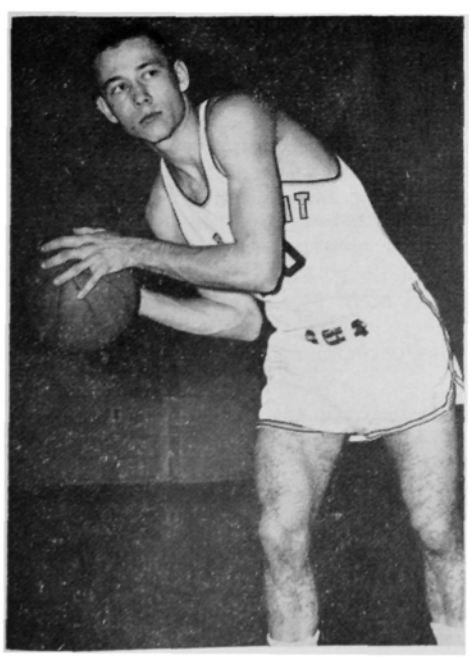
At the time this copy is distributed the winter sports campaign will be wending its way toward the midway mark. As usual, nine teams are representing the Academy in one of the most comprehensive programs extant.

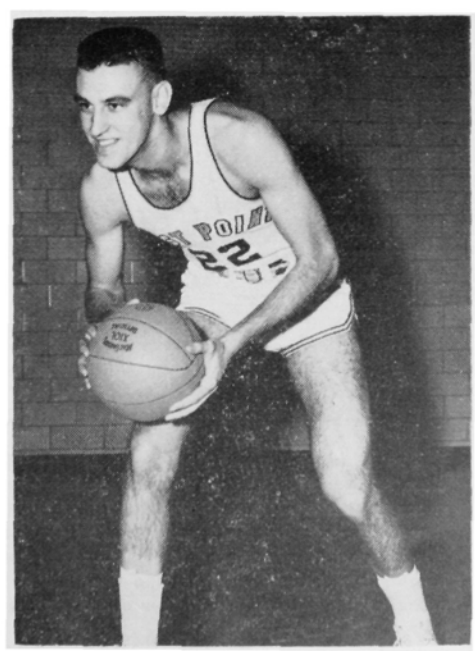
Little more than a guess can be made at this time as to the relative merits of any of the squads. One thing seems certain and that is the basketball quintet can be categorized as on a par with those of the past decade. This in effect means that the Cagers will be fully extended to come up with a .500 record. Some bad luck, of course, has affected the prospects. At the outset three regulars were lost for the season. Team Captain Jim Klosek was dropped for disciplinary reasons. Joe Bobula and Ron Hannon have been operated on for a slipped disc and shoulder separation, respectively.

There are, however, two brilliant performers on tap. Lee Sager, a 6-foot-5 second classman, is outstanding. The other is Stu Sherard, a 5-foot-10 guard now in his first season. Fred Kaiser was elected Captain replacing Klosek. But that is as far as it goes. As usual, the squad is hurting in height, but more than that it is extremely short on talent.

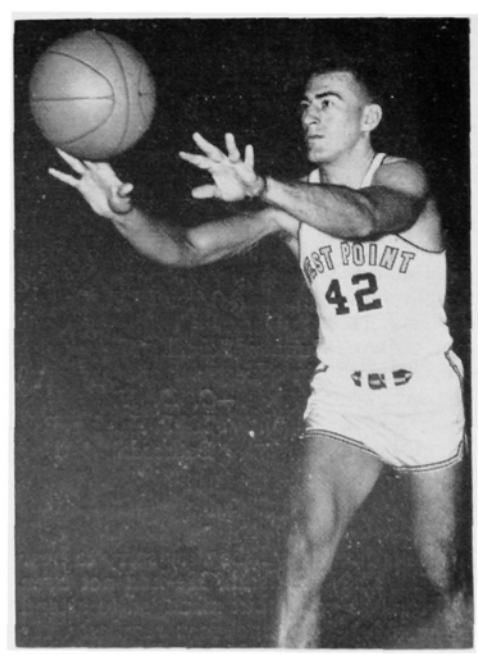
With the court situation as it is, personnel stationed at West Point are deriving a great deal of satisfaction observing the hockey sextet. Coach Jack Riley has done a superb job of instilling a spirited, aggressive brand of hockey that has carried the Cadets almost to the top in the East. Though the veteran coach will be lost to the squad most of the winter while on a leave of absence to coach the United States Olympic squad at Squaw Valley, there is strong indication that he has developed another strong squad. Lieutenant Ed Hickey, a former defenseman, has reported here to assume the coaching portfolio during Riley's absence. Key players include veterans Captain Ted Crowley, Gene McLaughlin and Jack DeWar, and newcomers Rusty Broshous, Marsh Carter, Marty Bilafer and Fred Avis.



Stu Sherard, sensational sophomore.



Lee Sager, 6 foot 5, forward.



Fred Kaiser, captain-elect.

1895

Herron recently attended the re-union of his World War I regiment in Waterbury, Connecticut, making the trip from Long Beach, California and return by air. He was accompanied by his faithful niece.

Miles keeps busy managing the farm that he inherited. The farm originally belonged to his grandfather. Miles also reports excellent health for an octogenarian.

—*L. M. N.*
4000 Cathedral Ave.
Washington 16, D.C.

1899

The Kellys and the Herrons staged a minor love feast in October when the latter were passing through after a trip through the middle west and southern Canada en route to visit their son Bill, Class of '39, now a Civil Engineer in Boston by virtue of his West Point diploma. The Kellys soon after departed for San Diego where Bill and Jimmy Woodruff are doubtless by this time fighting for tenths on the golf course, as they have for many years past.

Enid Valentine, wife of our classmate Bundel was buried on November 2nd beside her husband in the West Point Cemetery. She will be remembered as a charming and gracious person and he as an able officer, a fine tactician and in his time, Commandant of the Fort Leavenworth Schools. There were no children and there now seem to be no living close relatives of either.

Halsey Yates writes that the goose again hangs high at his house since Kathleen is again herself after an illness of several months. The remainder of the Class continue to preserve silence, presumably with impressive dignity!

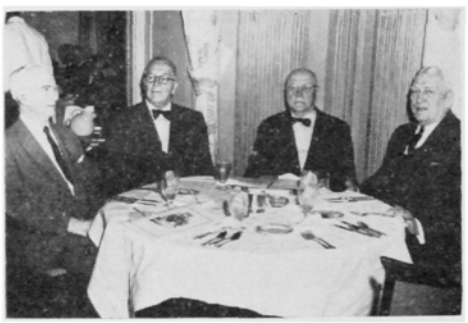
The Schulls have acquired a new granddaughter Susan in the person of the daughter of Gen. and Mrs. W.E. Potter, who was recently married to their grandson, Edwin Gunner Schull. The young couple will be in college for another year.

—*C. D. H.*
7611 Fairfax Rd.
Bethesda, Md.

1901

All his friends will be very sorry to hear of GUY KENT'S death. He had not been well for two years, but managed to attend the weekly Class luncheons regularly. He was in Walter Reed Hospital for about a month before he died. He was a loyal friend and Classmate; had a keen sense of humor, and was always interesting, we shall miss him greatly. He was buried at Arlington Cemetery, and the Class sent flowers.

There is no recent news of the Class. BOBBIE BECK is the only regular attendant missing from the photograph of the group at the Class luncheon, he is still in Europe. We had hoped that ED SHINKLE would be present, as he had planned a trip East in October, but he did not make it. The Class of 1901 has met for its weekly luncheon at the Army and Navy Club in Washington ever since the first World War.



CLASS OF 1901 LUNCHEON: Eugene West, Richard Jordan, Elliott Dent, Beverly Browne. (from the left)

—*Beverly F. Browne*
Front Royal, Va.

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.

1902

The Lost Sheep has been found . . . The Prodigal has returned to the fold . . . Psyche is no longer a departed spirit. Psyche! That was his class nickname—anglicized by the goats to Sish. For years, Charley Allen's life has been a mystery to his classmates. Every once in while somebody would write to his last known address. He had gone somewhere else. Echo would answer "Where?" Finally Frank Bell shot an arrow that hit the mark. A letter came back under date of November 6th from 3107 Edgehill Road, Cleveland, Ohio.

It is addressed: "My Dear Classmates . . . Just flew in from Oregon and found your skip tracer. As you say, you know very little of my life and must be prepared to receive an old man's spate of words. I have two homes—one in Cleveland, in the same house for forty years; one in Eugene, Oregon, with my only sister, widow of Colonel E. V. D. Murphy, 27th Infantry, whose place is just outside the campus of the University of Oregon, at the foot of the wonderful lava beds of McKenzie Pass. We can go over the Coast Range and through Sinslow Valley to the finest coast road in America.

"For the last thirteen years, since my wife's death, I have spent the summers in Oregon and the Washington hills and beaches from California to Vancouver and the winters in Cleveland. I had thirty years of happy married life.

"I have been licensed under the Ohio Medical Board as Electrotherapist and practiced in special physical therapy for thirty-five years.

"My sister has eight sons and four daughters and sixteen grandchildren (fourteen boys and two girls). I have no children but I am glad to say that all these young people of my sister's family accept me, not as a superannuated relic but as one of them. They come and go for they spend their 'leaves' in Oregon. We have numerous bull sessions and our discussions cover many countries. No one ever

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tries to pull his rank, certainly not on me since all are 'army brats' and I have grown up with them from their teens. I have been flying about over the years to the various stations of my army nephews and nieces, but I somehow never got to the Army and Navy Club in Washington, D.C.

"Since my wife died, I have walked the high Cascade trails in Oregon and Washington and *carried my own pack.*

"My sister and I drive over those mountain roads, averaging 5000 miles every summer. We know almost every road in the far northwest that is better than a log drag. I am seventy-nine and as well and strong as ever in my life."

May your pack never grow heavier, "Sish" Allen! But, for the sake of old times, we wish you would write to us once in a while and tell us what new trails open up.

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

1903

One more of our classmates has gone to his Maker and has joined The Long Gray Line. Homer N. Preston died on October 26 and was buried at Arlington on October 29. Schley and Lynn represented the class at his funeral. His widow is at the Kensington Garden Sanitarium 3000 McComas Ave., Kensington, Md.

Levi Brown writes from Pass Christian, Miss. He has 22 grandchildren and one on the way. He is proud of the fact that all his eight children had college educations and he is seeing to it that all his grandchildren fare likewise. All his sons served in World War II and his oldest and youngest are now in the Engineer Corps. He lives a very happy and contented life.

A note and postal from Burlingame, Calif., says how Trophy Bendel enjoyed a short visit from Turtle. Trophy is in a nursing home and is somewhat restricted to reading, which is a great pleasure to him.

Colley completed a two months motor trip in Western Canada with his brother and his brother's wife. He reports a wonderful trip. Farmer reports that one of his hobbies is genealogy and it has been for many years. He has published a genealogy of his family of which he is justifiably proud. "Puss" Farnum and Florence attended the Army-Air Force football game in New York. He has been instrumental in the building of a parish house for his church in Augusta, Me., and now he has the job of raising the funds for it!

Ristine, in August and September, traveled to the Pacific coast to visit relatives and friends. He says a recent physical check-up showed him as "tops". Lucky dog! Schley went to San Francisco in September on business. He visited Dick Moore in his lovely home in Pebble Beach. He says Dick is the same attractive fellow and plays golf twice a week.

Jake Wuest wrote a card after his return from Europe. He is most enthusiastic about a trip to Bad Ems on the river Lahn where he took all the baths and drank his fill of mineral water. He mentions that a small car is a must in touring Europe. A recent card from him shows him now ensconced at his home in Orlando, Fla., enjoying the sunshine. His wife recently broke a small bone in her foot but is progressing satisfactorily. Jake urges classmates to drop in on him at 5:30 every afternoon when he is accustomed to dispense liquid sunshine.

Louis Dice writes from Portsmouth, Ohio, saying all is well with him, but he deplores the fact that no classmates ever stop in his place. Allan Pope went to the Homecoming football game on October 24 at West Point (with Colorado) but there was too much rain. He also attended the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association. Lynn wrote briefly from Washington. He has everything under control there—or has he?

Albert Gilmor spent the summer at Bar Harbor, Me., as usual. Hinkle wrote from San Diego, saying he has no news as they do not get around very much. He sees Frankenburger (1904) who lives there. Marion Howze was present at the Army-Air Force football game where he saw the Farnums. Marion has had to move from the apartment which he has occupied for 25 years. His new address is 200 E.66th St., New York 21.

Sep Winfree is cavorting at Golden Beach, Fla., and sounds well. He seems to be the first person who "sensed" or discovered that Carl Sandburg was a candidate with the class of 1903. I don't figure whether that means that some intelligent people fail to get in West Point or whether the ones who do get in are superintelligent! "Pope" Gregory writes that the only "hell raisin'" he is guilty of is by means of the one-armed bandits at Reno, where he lives. Ulysses Grant was reelected Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion on October 9.

Growler Lyon recently made a trip along the Pacific Coast and mentioned how things have grown there—motels, cottages and recreation parks. He gives numerous talks at the college and elsewhere, the latest scheduled being entitled, "The Old Army," It seems sorta sad to think of the young class of 1903 speaking on such a subject! Max Tyler wrote a brief note. He is still at Bradenton. Pat Lynch says his occupations are a lot of foolishments —and then lists them: Reviewing Latin, Greek and German, and growing camellias, azaleas, hibiscus, etc. Sounds right interesting, eh?

Fred Smith says they toyed with the idea of going to Germany next summer to visit their son, who is a Lieut. Gen. but have given up the idea. The Schleys visited them briefly in October. A letter from Kate Taylor says Rube plans to attend the Army-Navy football game. He will have with him his three sons, which is probably a record. One son is Vice President of TWA in Washington. Dick Moore writes that he made a trip to Southern California and called up Chick Leeds. Chick is cheerful but chafes because the doctors limit his activities.

Rodney visited San Antonio recently and was royally entertained by Lewis and Maida Turtle, including a dinner at the Officers Club at Fort Sam Houston. Lewis, as is will known down there, is a real authority on Chamber Music, and Maida is very active in community and patriotic affairs. While in San Antonio, Rodney saw Eph and Fanny Graham. Eph takes a great interest in baseball, as is natural since he was such an outstanding player himself. He talked very interestingly of the time he was struck by lightning at Camp Wallace in the Philippines in 1907. And he was not even knocked down! That speaks well for the ruggerness of ye nobles of 1903!

Clifford Jones writes that all is well with him. He spent a couple of weeks in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Caroline. Rozell (Razzle Dazzle) writes that he is sorry that Register of Graduates omits data of students prior to the class of 1881. He says that he still a Johnny Reb. And he says that he thinks that Mac was the greatest of them all. And he takes pride that both he and Mac were born in Arkansas.

—*Dorsey R. Rodney*
938 Huntington Rd.
East Lansing, Mich.

1904

Another worthy classmate has gone and will be sorely missed. Gimperling died on 11 October, 1959, in Denver. Burial was in Arlington National Cemetery. Mrs. Gimperling's address remains at 605 E. 9th Ave., Denver 3, Colo.

While on a brief visit this summer in Andover, Mass., Bryden telephoned Hooper who lives in nearby North Andover. Hooper says he is in good shape and the sprightliness of his voice over the phone certainly confirmed the fact. He says that he and Wheeler get together two or three times a year, but there are no other classmates in that part of the country.

On the drive back from Connecticut to Washington this fall, Bryden stopped at the VA Hospital at 1st Ave. and 23rd St. in New York to see Harry Reilly. It was good to learn at first hand that his long stay in the hospital has not impaired his mental alertness and his interest in affairs in general. He appeared well pleased with the care he is receiving there and with the progress he is making physically.

Ellen and Bill Bryden went to Fort Huachuca, Ariz., by train to spend Thanksgiving with their daughter, Marion (Mrs. F. W. Moorman), and family. Noting that, on the way out, the train was scheduled to stop at El Paso for twenty-five minutes, Bill sent word to Thomlinson hoping that he could come to the RR station for a brief visit together. The train was on time and so was "Tommy" and it was good to see him again. He claims that he must stay at El Paso because of his arthritis, but no arthritic effects were visible, he is as erect as ever and he seems to be in good condition. He said that he had seen no classmate at El Paso since Swift was there several years before he died.

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

1905

Doris Dunwoody reports that her son Harold, Class of June 1943, has recently been promoted to Colonel in Germany. From the last Register young Arthur W. Holderness, Jr., of the same class is also a Colonel and Commandant of Cadets, Air Force Academy. Allen Wyant Gullion, Jr., is Assistant Air Attaché in Pretoria, South Africa, according to the last Register. How the young men, all sons of the Class of 1905, are growing up and coming into their own.

While in New York City just after

Thanksgiving, Minna and I had a nice chat with Edith Waugh who is considering joining us at West Point in June when we will have a gathering of the Class of 1905 for the 55th anniversary of our graduation. We hope to have a number of classmates and their families on that occasion. There will be more details later.

—*Norman F. Ramsey*
R. D. 1—Box 211
Dover, N. J.

1906

From the green lanes of Augusta, Ga. with its camellias in bloom and the rye grass shining on every lawn, comes this letter; for Elizabeth and I have moved, forsaking Miami Beach after twenty years of living in that increasing tropical marvel of tourism. On October first we occupied 2227 Pickens Road and a few days later, Jim Riley and his two charming sisters drove in from Orangeburg, S.C., to bless the house. What a splendid christening! Put the new address in your book.

From Albany, N.Y., the Fort Orange Club, where Mick Daley makes his home, comes his greeting, inclosing a message from Harriet O'Brien Smith, (E.D.'S wife) with her notes on San Antonio. At Dick Jacob's house she watched the World Series, and nobody, except the professionals, knows more about the game and the players than Harriet. She has made her home in San Antonio since "E.D." passed away, has a new Studebaker with which she assists the Travelers Aid and other charitable organizations, carrying children to school, sick to hospitals, the shut-ins to recreation, a wonderful and rewarding avocation. She reports Skinny DeArmond busy going to Fort Sill and to Dallas to teach the grandchildren, Joe King and Dick Jacob walking a little slower, John Merrill absent in Maine, thinking about spending the winter in Glen Cove, Me. and the others of the contingent thriving as usual.

From Connecticut, McKew Parr reports his departure for Belgium and while there, expects to check up on that big carillon in the tower of the library at Louvain University, that I had such a time getting installed and "Pa" Watson and I had such a party getting dedicated.

From West Point, Jim Riley and Gene, DeRussy Hoyle and Christine, and gs. DeRussy Hoyle and charming wife, leaving ggs. DeRussy Hoyle at home, attended the homecoming weekend in the rain, to which they paid no mind while having one grand time. Adding to their party, the Joe Andersons, the Jim Shaws and our assistant secretary, Jim Riley, II and his Barbara, they also watched that tie game with the Air Force Academy at the Yankee Stadium, again in the rain, to which they paid no mind either. And I expect the same party to be at Philadelphia today as this is written, while watching the TV of the big game.

The George and Christine Morrows are back from the far northwest, eating that fine grapefruit from their superior tree in their garden at Daytona Beach. They say no more long journeys and much more good Florida fishing. Connie Huntley, (Tige's wife) is doing nicely in real estate at Carmel, near the children as Tige wanted her to live. Up in Washington state, Dawson Olmstead is being looked after by daughter, Bisbee Dootson, at Bellevue and Priscilla Robinson, (Don's wife) is busy with the many grandchildren at Puyallup. Bill Akin down at Sonoma has been relieved from his summer preaching by the return of the pastors from vacation.

Tubby Loughry and Dick Burleson joined Earl McFarland in their regular luncheon at the Army-Navy Club in Washington, their joint postal indicating no argument over the fall of the dice and the usual badinage and good cheer.

The photograph shows Mrs. F.E. Humphreys (Jo-Jo's wife) attending a service at Fort Belvoir, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the first military solo flight in an Army airplane, made by Lt. Humphreys, the first Army officer in the world to qualify as an airplane pilot. Joe made three flights that great day, 26th October, 1909, at College Park, Md. in a new Wright plane, just then delivered to the Signal Corps. Gen. Galloway, '25,

Mrs. Frederic E. Humphreys, shows her husband's original Engineer Castle, pinned on her lapel, to General Galloway, center, and General Dudley, right, who is holding the plaque.

sent in the clipping and authority to use the picture. With him, is Gen. Dudley, '30 of the Engineer School. Mrs. Humphreys, who lives at 41 Riverside Drive, N.Y.C., helped dedicate a memorial plaque, making permanent record of the important first in aviation. Sec. of War Woodring sent Joe a fine letter of commendation in 1939. What a remarkable record for the country, for the class and for that remarkable fearless classmate!

And having watched the great game, there are no words for publication. But 1960 is just around the corner, and after that we celebrate our fifty-fifth. Be careful and be ready.

—*Charles G. Mettler*
2227 Pickens Road
Augusta, Georgia

1907

Roger Alexander is still at the William Penn Hotel, Whittier, Calif. Roger Jr. and his family live nearby and afford him a great deal of pleasure but otherwise he lives a rather quiet life. He was most appreciative of his birthday card with the signatures of members of the class in Washington.

We had expected a visit from Enrique White on his customary annal trek to the west coast but when no word was received we made inquiry. He wrote from Washington that his plans had been changed and he was on his way to Florida, the southwest and the west coast and expected to spend most of the coming winter in Carmel. Enrique announced that this was to be his last transcontinental tour and that he had placed his name on the waiting list for an apartment in the Kennedy-Warren in Washington.

When Ben and Marya Castle were at West Point for the Homecoming football game in October, Ben told us of his visit with Eddie Householder in Banning, Calif., and Eddie's American Security Union which he founded and of which he is the President. The American Security Union was organized to combat communism and other subversive influences and to preserve American institutions and the American way of life. Eddie has done a great deal of work in this connection and is to be commended for his efforts.

George Dailey says he has so much to do that he does not have time for everything. He spends his leisure time continuing his study of Italian and recently took up Portuguese which due to his familiarity with Spanish, French and Italian he finds quite easy. He also has two teenagers he is helping with their Latin. The Daileys enjoy the opera whenever they have the opportunity. They went down to San Diego in October to hear three operas by the San Francisco Opera Company and in February they go up to San Francisco for five weeks for the entire season.

In October the Boones stopped by with friends who were motoring through the Hudson Valley to view the autumn foliage which is especially beautiful at this time of year. Dan'l and Grace are now settled in their new home and are greatly pleased with the change from the former large place to the more comfortable smaller one. Dan'l reported that his eleventh great-grandchild had arrived on August first and that a twelfth was due in November. Years ago we were ordered from Fort Clark to Del Rio, Tex., for temporary duty with Dan'l's troop while he went on leave to be married. We never dreamed at that time that he would accumulate such an imposing array of descendants. He is very proud of them, as well he might be, particularly since they all live in Texas. We modestly, but none the less proudly, announce the arrival of our own first great-granddaughter, Elizabeth Aspinwall Blodgett, at Santa Ana, Calif., born on Labor Day to Lieut. and Mrs. S. Whitney Blodgett, USMC. Mrs. Blodgett is our granddaughter Jill.

Paul Larned reported that the Ganoes were about to leave for three months in Hawaii. Rosie's doctor thinks that this is the only way for her to get a much needed rest from her strenuous activities with various charitable organizations.

Clyde Eastman sent Paul Larned a collection of West Point photographs taken when his father, Colonel Frank F. Eastman, class of 1879, was a cadet. Paul found them extremely interesting and sent them on to the library at West Point. Margaret Eastman's daughter, Marjorie, has taken a position in the office of a medical clinic in St. Petersburg, Fla. This is not new to her as she has had considerable experience in such work in New York.

We have learned from Paul Larned that

the Haydens are contemplating a trip to Mexico, California and the southwest and expect to stop off in Washington for a few days enroute.

Phyllis Clark and Ruth Taylor both extend to the class their sincere appreciation of the contribution to the Endowment Fund of the Association of Graduates in memory of Bruce and Jeremy.

In a letter to Ben Castle, Mildred Yount reported that she had sold her home in Phoenix but had not decided where she would go next. Bart Jr., graduated from the Air War College and is now living in Arlington, Va.

During a recent visit with the Somervilles in Hartford we had occasion to go to the State Library and saw prominently displayed in the main lobby, Paul Larned's model of the USS Hartford which he built when they lived in Hartford. It is a beautiful model, built on a fairly large scale, which must have taken a great deal of time and painstaking labor to complete.

The following bits of news have also trickled in: The McNeils are now happy grandparents. Their daughter, Mary, now Mrs. Douglas Sloan, gave birth to a son shortly before Thanksgiving. Jessie Drain has a grandson at West Point. Announcement was made in the New York papers of the marriage of Edith and Andy Lang's daughter, Edith Harmon Lang, to Richard Hart Dale on November 27 in the Walter Reed Memorial Chapel, Washington, D.C. Richard Dale has been with the United States Foreign Service in Africa and the Far East and the couple will go to Africa.

Waldo and Ijai Potter are both well and Waldo still enjoys his golf. Clyde Eastman was in Washington recently on business and Bob Glassburn was at Walter Reed for an operation on his foot. Oliver Wood recently made a trip west to visit relatives. Sandy and Omira Chilton were in Washington to visit their son, Major Alexander W. Chilton, Jr., USMC, who is stationed there. Ben Castle has met all the requirements and has qualified for a realtor's license in the District of Columbia. If you are looking for a house—see Ben.

The Washingon group has had three class luncheons recently. At the first one there were nine present, all but McNeil who was attending a reunion of his war time associates. At the second, in honor of Sandy Chilton, the whole group was on hand and at the third, for Enrique White, everyone was again present.

Members of the class are always extended a heartwarming welcome when they go to Washington.

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

1908

1908 is saddened by the loss by death of two of our classmates and of a onetime member of the Class, Thurston Hughes, who graduated with the Class of 1909.

"Ted" Barker passed on at Los Angeles, Calif., July 31st, 1959, and was buried at Riverview Cemetery, Portland, Ore., August 5th. He is survived by his widow, Ruth, 470 N. Cliffwood Avenue, Los Angeles 49, Calif.

"Teak" Spencer died suddenly at Temple, Tex., November 10th, 1959. Funeral services were held November 13th at the Fort Sam Houston Chapel and Cemetery. Among the pallbearers were three of the Class: Goethals, Gottschalk, and Rodgers. Wilbourn attended the services, but, as he needs a cane to walk, was not a bearer. "Teak" is survived by his widow, Virginia, whose address as of this writing is with her mother: c/o Mrs. F. C. Doyle, 2109 East Hildebrand Avenue, San Antonio 9, Tex.

Thurston Hughes passed on, November 15th, at Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D.C., and was interred, with graveside services, at Arlington National Cemetery on November 18th. 1908 was represented at the services by "Spec" Edgerton and John Schulz. "Spec," a cadet roommate of Hughes, was one of the honorary pallbearers.

John Hester wrote on October 9th, advising that the Hesters have had a change of address to 3660 Peachtree Road, Apt. J-7, Atlanta 19, Ga. They had recently returned from a European tour after visiting their son, Lt. Col. Henry R. Hester, retired, Class of 1934, who lives at Munich, Germany, where he is in business. After a tour of Germany, the Hesters visited Italy, France, and England.

It is good to be able to report that "Bob" Fletcher is on the mend from an accident which he sustained this past summer at S'Agaró, a town near Gerona, Spain. Missing the last step of a staircase, he fell heavily, breaking a femur. When able, he was flown from Barcelona to Boston and then to Washington, where he was taken to the Loudoun County Hospital, Leesburg, Va., by ambulance. He is now home and gets around in a wheel chair. Here's hoping we'll see you at a Class lunch in the near future, "Bob." His good wife, Lorraine, reports seeing many of their old friends during the trip through Portugal and Spain.

John Kennedy and "Nuts" Wilbourn were welcome visitors in Washington, in October, joining in a special Class lunch one day at the Army and Navy Club with Lacey Hall and John Schulz.

A most unusual advertisement of the Federal Services Finance Corporation appeared in the Washington "Navy Times" on the 22d of August, 1959, and, as it concerned a classmate, Garrison, an excerpt will be of interest. As has been reported, Garrison has been in Walter Reed Hospital for several months. The advertisment recalls a prior illness of 35 years ago which resulted in Gary's retirement and also in the organization of the Federal Services Finance Corporation. A partial quote of the advertisement follows: "You can't keep a good man down. The fighting spirit and strength of character that are as apparent in the personality of Colonel Garrison today, as they were in Major Garrison 35 years ago, will surely help to return him to many useful years of 'serving those who serve.' We of Federal Services salute a brave fighting man," etc., etc.

"Bunny" Goethals' news notes for this issue result from travels in New England, and later in Texas:

After a good round with the coming generations for the most of August on Martha's Vineyard, the Goethals based on Lowell for another two weeks, partly with Priscilla's relatives and partly to look up classmates within easy reach, in order related.

This year we found Fayrport Farm open, with its owners, "Spigot" and Elizabeth Ayres, at home to welcome. The former has made a fine recovery from the illness which kept him from our 50th reunion, due in great part to the devoted care of his New Bedford-born "Liz." This lady, if late to join our ranks, is one to win the hearts of all who meet her. In a beautiful montainside location, near Shaftsbury, Vt., backed to the west by the Taconic Range, "Spigot" is running a model sugar-bush, with other acreage farther up the valley. He is part of all local endeavor worthwhile and truly "belongs" to his adopted State. To mention only the most important: he is active member of the Vermont Sugar Makers Association, to upgrade prices on a highly specialized product; chairman-clerk for his district of the Vermont Roadside Council, which is doing a remarkable job in keeping highways free from the advertising signs desecrating most scenery in most other states; and a forceful campaigner for highway speed control, especially for trucks. It's about as complex to produce a high-grade maple syrup as to produce a vintage wine. "Spigot" has mastered it and has introduced several valuable improvements all along the line from tree to jug. It was hard to leave this hospitable home —not only to leave its owners, but even the pets: Gillum, Big Tom, and a silky-haired younger feline which has joined since last year.

Near Gloucester, Mass., after the pilgrims got lost in winding, narrow ways, Jimmy and Ann Cunningham were finally located in the former's boyhood home, a delightful old rambling house overlooking an inlet of the Annisquam River. Both were in good health and spirits. Jimmy nicely recovered from recent severe surgery on his left ear. They steered the way to a seafood lunch on Gloucester's unique waterfront, and then on a drive around the beautiful Cape Ann peninsula, the day one of those near-perfect rarities with winds from the NW that get to New England half a dozen times a year. Jimmy's activities last related all continue, with special emphasis as Assignor for the Gloucester Housing Authority. He reports still rowing a boat, but now keeping away from the famous reef, even with his dog along. He has never lost his carrying accent or sea-captain's hearty laugh. Ann relates walking towards his office one summer day and hearing his sound-off cascading through an open window; a block away the words did not come clear, but when abreast the window: "I want you fellers to understand all I've said is CONFIDENTIAL." Their grandson passed his exams and entered Annapolis in July.

The Putney home was reached another day, after some 50 miles in driving rain, despite which the beauty of the New Hampshire countryside and the coming visit were enough to compensate. They have a snug farmhouse about one and a half miles north of Durham, the line separating the Madbury and Durham townships running right through the house. "Put" is his old self, looking as fit as at the '58 reunion. His acreage gives him the activity he wants in vegetable gardening, just for the family, and caring for a small run of sheep. The University of New Hampshire at Durham gave him a long tour of duty between the wars and a short term in the latest one, and his opinion is

still often sought on educational problems; besides which he advises on local grade-school matters. He and his good wife, unfortunately fighting a long spell of arthritis, bade us stay for lunch, at which there was a chance to meet some of the younger generation. The older daughter, Mrs. Kathleen Hall, a widow, was just moving from Dover to take a position in the Administrative Office at the University. Helen is unmarried and living at home. Edward W., Jr., is a land surveyor at Winchester, Va. He has two children, Allen J. Putney (9) and Elizabeth Putney (11), at present living at Taylorsville, Miss.

Telephoned Seery Hayes, whose cheery voice promised he'd be home "tomorrow" morning. Drove up to the house in the attractive residential district of Worcester, and the old-timer was sitting on the porch to greet the traveller, along with a remarkable specimen of the long-haired dachshund, Seery's inseparable companion. Had a fine, long visit with Seery and Helen in their sunny living room. The old codger says he's lost some weight, bad vision in one eye discourages reading, and he can no longer be active in his New Hampshire shooting club, but, all in all, he seems in good shape considering the severe operation of over a year ago. Interested in all Class news, especially of the other New Englanders recently seen. Same old sparkle, with different, new anecdotes. The younger generation are coming along. Tom recently sent news of his first star, another general officer for our records. He is Army member of the Military Mission to Turkey at Ankara. Edward continues in Worcester, ably managing the foundry business his Dad ran for so many years.

Later, from Texas: With a street map of the region to guide, it was easy for the Goethals to find "Avogado" Desobry's home by turning off from the Dallas loop route near its northern center. He and his wife are delightfully located on a quiet residential street, close to the Southern Methodist University grounds. In a reminiscent afternoon visit, much old and recent ground was reviewed. The event of note since last report is arrival of another grandson, born to their daughter, Mrs. Rodgers, of Dallas. Elmer keeps busy with his gardening and, like Spike Doughtery, exercises a lot by walking. With the old-time dry humor, he will tell you, "I claim one championship since I retired. I can do nothing better than anybody else."

Routed through Temple, Tex., the next day, November 8th, to find "Teak" Spencer. Traced him from his last recorded address to find him comfortably fixed at the Kyle Hotel, that city. Since leaving San Antonio, he reported, his local treatments had greatly improved his lung condition suffered now for some time. He did not go to Fitzsimmons, at Denver, as once planned. Sent his best to all, and said to add to Desobry's above-recorded philosophy the phrase, "except for me." (Later, from San Antonio, November 13th, Bunny reports: " 'Teak' Spencer died suddenly in Temple, Tex., Tuesday 10th. I first knew on arrival here yesterday. It was a great shock after talking to him barely 48 hours before, when he seemed optimistic about coming back physically.")

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

1909

Thruston Hughes died in Walter Reed Hospital on November 15. He had suffered for several years from a serious heart condition. A blood clot developed which necessitated his removal to the Hospital a week before he died. Burial was in Arlington Cemetery; several classmates acted as pallbearers. The sympathy of the Class goes out to his widow, Katherine Leech, whom he married in 1910.

A very enjoyable dinner party was given by Jake and Georgie Devers at the Washington Army & Navy Club on October 14 to classmates, wives and widows of 1909. The guests included Carl Baehr and daughter, Betty, Cliff and Elsie Bluemel, Tom and Majorie Catron, Ted Chase, Lin and Carlotta Herkness, Thruston and Katherine Hughes, "Johnny" and Camille Johnson, Tom and Peggy Milling, Fred and Lilian Mountford, Garry and Irene Ord, Carlin and Annabelle Stokely, Claude and Dorothy Thummel, George and Effie Van Deusen, Ying Hsing and Shui Wen, Anne Briscoe, Ethel Wright, Dorothy North, Mazie Walsh, Nell Miner.

Bob Sears writes that he was very sorry to miss the '09 Reunion but had to take advantage of his son Bob's assignment in Europe to visit him and to tour southern Europe before the summer. Bob reports a new address,—72 Montrose Ave., Daly City, Calif.

The new Class Directory has been distributed. Please notify undersigned of anyone who didn't receive it. Some of the original "Herkness Press" binders are available for those who may have lost the previous edition.

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

1910

A very unique ceremony was held last September when the grave of Lieutenant Colonel Jonathan Williams in Laurel Hill Cemetery in Philadelphia, long unknown and unnoticed, was dedicated with proper ritual as that of the first Superintendent of the United States Military Academy. The event was brought about through the reseach and efforts of our classmate, Sam Edelman, who made the principal address. The ceremony was attended by representatives of all the local patriotic and military organizations. The Academy was represented by Brigadier General Charles W. G. Rich, Commandant of Cadets, in the compelling absence of Lieutenant General Garrison H. Davidson, Superintendent. Sam Edelman is again managing the big party for the Corps of Cadets after the Navy game. It will be a dinner at Gimbel's big store and a hop at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel.

Dan and Alice Torry were involved on October 23d in a serious automobile accident at Triangle, Va. Returning north from Sea Island, Ga., on U. S. Route No. 1, their car was hit by a south bound car and both Alice and Dan received severe injuries. However, both are recovering remarkably well and we hope and pray they will soon be restored to health.

Again it is our sad duty to report the deaths of two classmates. Oscar Griswold passed on at Colorado Springs, September 28th. He is survided by his wife, Betty, a son, Colonel George M. Griswold, USA, and a daughter, Mrs. William L. Porte. Burial was in the West Point Cemetery on October 5th. Included among those attending were The Under Secretary of the Army, Hugh M. Milton, II, Griz's Chief of Staff in World War II, "Pappy" Selleck, "P. D." Uhl, and Durward Wilson.

Bunny Robb died on October 11th at Buffalo, N.Y. As his son David reports, "He died with his boots on." He went suddenly as he and Mrs. Robb were entering a restaurant for Sunday dinner. He is survived by his widow, a daughter, Mrs. George Y. More of Buffalo, two sons, Randolph L. of Buffalo and David L. of Denver, Colo., and a brother, Stuart W. of Superior, Wisc.

"Nick" and Marie Miles have just moved into their new house at 1313 Park Terrace Drive, Alexandria, Va. It is a spacious country home, modern in all particulars, and we wish them every happiness.

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

1911

The Class grieves the loss on the 9th of October of one of our younger and most distinguished members, Paul Baade. Contradicting his splendid physique and exemplary life, a baffling condition of unsuspected severity had caused his hospitalization in his home-city of Santa Barbara for several weeks before sudden and critical deterioration forced air-evacuation to Letterman. He survived immediate emergency surgery very briefly. With Margaret at the end were Marthe Cowles, the Lockwoods, the Weavers, and Margaret's niece and nephew (Her sister was the widow of our beloved "Sheep" Nelly, 1902.). Shortly before he died Paul's last words to 1911 were "I wave". Paul was buried on 15 October in Arlington beside their daughter and only child, Peggy Anne, who had preceded him by many years. Washington classmates participated in the richly deserved full military honors reflecting his WW I service in Europe with the 81st Division, and his even more conspicuous WW II service there as commanding general of the 35th Division, '43-'45. Such major operations as the Meuse-Argonne in WW I and St. Loo, Nancy, Orleans, Bastogne, in WW II, won him many honors from his own and allied countries. Margaret continues for the time-being at their beautiful home at 901 Picacho Lane, Santa Barbara.

Our newest-weds, "Spec" and Virginia Wheeler, handsomely at-home on Veterans Day to D.C. 1911 at 3601 Cumberland Street, N.W., Washington, combined a house-warming with a welcome-back dinner for the way-faring Shekerjians. Joe Mehaffey, our only bachelor, toasted the bride; Karl Bradford led the 1911 yell; and Virginia became a fully accredited 1911 wife. The Class barrister, Jim Mooney, so stipulates. The Shekerjians had stopped in Washington for the month of November, enroute back to San Francisco from their extended world-tour. It was pleasantly broken by a several months' stay at the villa of a relative in Marseille, who returning to the States had turned it over to

them. And Monte Carlo not too far away —not for Shek!

The Morrises returned mid-October from their summer abroad in France, Germany, Italy, Greece, Turkey, and Spain. "Fascinating scenes; interesting experiences." The Calverts are back in Florida from their trip to the Far East. Lucky people—these travelers!

On the home front, in October, the Nichols made a motor tour of the National Parks, from Zion to Grand Canyon, penetrating the less frequented locales. The Churchills ventured from Washington into the hinterland of Kansas and Oklahoma in the Fall to see members of Lois' family whom John had never met.

Nick, our president, has prepared a comprehensive address list of all 1911 and X-1911 extant, or widows as known; and will shortly circularize them by card for confirmation, changes, and news, in anticipation of 1961. Use the return card furnished at once; and as Heck O'Neil would say "If you don't get it, let him (Nick) know."

There were 18 at the Nichols' Thanksgiving table this year instead of the 14 of yesteryear. Nick fairly glows. Dave Cowles has made the last three monthly luncheons of the SF Bay Area 1911, and was the gracious host at the November one.

It is hoped that Christmas '59 and New Year '60 bring you all cheerful peace and many blessings.

Notes for Spring ASSEMBLY due at below address 25 Feb '60.

—*J. R. N. Weaver*
660 Menlo Oaks Dr.
Menlo Park

1912

News From the North East Region:

Some of our Washington Group—sticking out the heat of an unusually hot summer—had a delightful interlude when they journeyed down to "Stoneridge"—the picturesque home of the Chauncey Devores at Warrenton on September 9th last. The guests, after satiating themselves with liquid refreshments, proceeded to the picnic grounds close by where a luncheon, prepared and served in truly Southern fashion, was enjoyed by all. The tables, arranged under massive oak trees, presented a charming scene. Those of us who enjoyed the genial hospitality of our host and hostess were the: Littlejohns and Maxwells, Drake, Mooney, Dorothy Cramer and the Chase sisters, Emily and Nannie. The Nalles came up from Culpepper and Ruth McLean came down from Baltimore. The Devores' son John also came down from Washington.

Bill Nalle is becoming one of the venerable pillars of his home town. He is known thereabouts as "Mr. Virginian" because of his undying loyalty to his native state and his burning pride in everything Culpeper. He has taken it upon himself to educate the young Culpeperians to better citizenship by public lectures on the history of Culpeper and the important part it played in the birth and growth of our Nation.

The Kuldells—on their way home from New York City—stopped over in Washington long enough to be the gracious hosts at a KT party at the Army and Navy town club on October 16th last. Those of us present were: the "Red" Crawfords, Crittenbergers, Drakes, Littlejohns, Maxwells, Mooney and "Dot" Cramer. We were pleased to learn from "Critt" that he has selected Washington as his permanent home. He informs us he has finished his work with Radio Free Europe and from now on will devote his time, "'til Gabriel blows his horn", in placing the name of Sylvanus Thayer in the Hall of Fame.

DEVORE PARTY—left to right: **Standing**—Mooney, Dorothy Cramer, Emily Chase, Drake. **Below**—Ruth McLane, Nannie Chase.

The Arnolds and Weavers popped into Washington not long ago at the same time. The Arnolds on their way home from Cranberry Lake and the Weavers to visit with their son Bill Jr. stationed in Germany We threw a luncheon for "Arch", Bill and Bill Jr. at the Army and Navy town club. Those of us who made it were: "Red" Crawford, Drake, Haislip, Littlejohn and Mooney. Bill was his own voluble self while "Arch" seemed a little quieter than usual. As a matter of fact we all were quiet while Bill lashed out at the ills of the world; except for a bit of needling from "Big John" and "Ham" when he appeared slowing up.

"Big John" went up to West Point for Homecoming Day on October 31st. He said the day was marred by unprecedented torrential rains. He saw Geoff. Keyes. Carl Dick wrote he tried to make it but the rain drove him to cover. He tried to get up earlier this season for a game but the rain was too much for him again. The Haislips spent a delightful 12 days, in early September at Upper St. Regis Lake in the Saranacs. Their time was spent "exploring" the lakes in that region, by canoe, and fishing. "Ham" said they brought in some fine catches of lake trout.

DEVORE PARTY—left to right: Maxwells, Nalles, Devores.

They made the trip up and back by private airplane.

Bill Wilbur returned recently from a six weeks' tour of the Middle East. He also visited England, France, Germany and Russia. While there he talked to Heads of State or lesser officials on economic questions in search of a solution to their problems.

If you want to know how *not* to paint garage doors write Bob Snow. He has been working on four of his for over a year now. So far he has painted three. "The Colonel" says there are so many more pleasanter ways to fulfill the purpose of life. He was up at Cape Cod this Summer and saw Elizabeth Edwards. He found her well. He talked to Warner Day, at Hingham, over the phone and found him suffering from diabetes. Warner says he will not be able to make our 50th Reunion. Bob reports that "Loupy" Larrabee was in Johns Hopkins in Baltimore for a second operation for cataracts and a detached retina. Margaret was up in Maine this Summer visiting with friends while Bob stayed home and managed the ménage.

On September 28th last, John F. Chatfield stepped down from the bench after 20 years as Trial Justice of Easton, Conn. Father Time caught up with him as he reached the constitutional retirement age of 70. The Bridgeport Post chronicled "Chat" as the, "Highest Type of Person—A Wonderful Guy". The paper characterized him as, "A man of good counsel, a mixture of the Connecticut Yankee, country lawyer and Ephriam Tupp. His was a combination of understanding, wisdom and dry humor." Well done old Classmate. Our hat's off to you.

The Mooneys with daughter "Patsy" motored to Cleveland recently for a visit with Jim's two sisters; the older being over 80 years of age. They enjoyed their trip immensely, under perfect weather conditions. Tom Hayes' grandson, Tom Brett, is now a cadet at the Citadel and doing fine. He was handicapped for a while from a severe injury to his right hand and forearm when he thrust it through a glass window while running on the indoor track in his high school gymnasium. Tom says he and Mary are well. "Gatch" writes nothing new from his family. They are well.

Gladys Thomas is bearing up well over her loss of "Tommy" She plans a trip in January with a small group of her intimate friends to Majorca, in the Balearic Islands. Edna Hobbs ("Chen's" sister) fell in her home and broke a hip. At this writing she is recovering well and resting comfortably at Walter Reed. Sally Flint is still on the go and making her cheery presence felt among her friends here and there and her immediate family. Genevieve Brown is living temporarily in the Adirondack Nursing Home in Plattsburg. She plans to live with her daughter and family when they move back to Plattsburg from their present home in New Jersey. Her other daughter and family live in Anchorage, Alaska. Genevieve has seven grandchildren in all. She is losing the sight of one eye but is courageous and of good hope.

The Drakes were made happy with a visit from their daughter Jane. She and family are now living in Colorado Springs. Her husband, Brig. Gen. G.B. Greene, was

recently made Chief of Staff of NORAD with headquaters at Ent Air Force Base. Her older daughter Susan has been taking blue ribbons at the horse shows out there. Her sister, Lucy (Buzz) Williams is also there with her family. Her husband, Colonel D.E. Williams, is Chief of Electronics and Communication with Headquarters ADC also at Ent.

—*Charles C. Drake*
7045 Wilson Lane
Bethesda 14, Maryland

1913

Billy and Doris Johnson spent a month in Mexico City and while there had the pleasure of seeing Don Sutton's widow, Lucy. She has re-married a doctor by the name of John Cebel (He was a Major during the war) and they live at Descartes #9, Colonia Anzures, Mexico, D.F., Mexico. Don's son is now 15 and wants to go to the Point.

Carlos Brewer informs me that he was re-married on Sept. 12th to Mrs. Mary Taylor Williams and hopes that all of the Class will meet her at our 50th Reunion. On the same day at Linville, N.C., Julia Cramer re-married, the gentleman being Murice R. Smith of Kansas City, Mo., and Julia's son, Stuart W. III, re-married, this time to Actress Terry Moore.

Joe Viner says that he has at last retired and has moved to Virginia Beach, Va., to be near his daughter and the grandchildren. The Greenes took a long trip to the west coast this summer and had the pleasure of seeing many of the Class. The McMahons had a luncheon on Sunday, August 30th at which I had the good fortune to see the Ardreys, Considines, Dorsts, Falks, Underhills, Sliney, Perkins, VanVolkenburgs, besides the McMahons. All were looking in fine shape and it is needless to add that all had a wonderful time. The following Tuesday I had the good fortune to see Ward Duvall who does not look one day older.

I had the great pleasure of hearing from Ben Lamb's wife after many years and learned that she is now living at 851 Gibson Avenue, Pacific Grove, Calif. Word reached me that Lathe Rowe was in the Hospital in Denver—needless to say we all hope that it is only for a checkup.

—*Douglas T. Greene*
835 Morgan Ave.,
Drexel Hill, Pa.

1914

As you will see, most of this letter will be concerned with news about our Class Widows. There are now twenty-four, and each has been assigned a "Special Classmate," through whom she can keep in contact with the Class, and the Class with her. We hope and expect that each Class Widow will feel free to call on her "Special Classmate" for any advice and assistance either he or the Class can give her.

This program, which was adopted at our Class meeting at West Point in June, is modeled after the plan first adopted, through the initiative of "Ike" Spalding, by the Class of 1912. It will be of value only if everyone concerned cooperates. To clarify the purpose of 1914, perhaps I had better quote the opening paragraph of my letter to the Class Widows dated July 15 (a copy was sent to each Special Classmate named therein:)

"1914 has always been a very closely-knit class, and the bonds of commo interest and affection between us and our wives have been and continue to be strong. You have all shared our comradeship in the past, and we of the Class still take a deep interest in you and hope and believe that you still realize that you belong to 1914. The Class wants to keep in touch with you, and wants to help you to keep in touch with us."

In preparation for this letter, I wrote to each of our Class Widows, asking her to verify the correctness of her address, as we have it, and to give us some information about herself and her family.

Replies have already come in from thirteen, and I'm sure the others will be in soon. For those who have been heard from, here is a summary of each reply. Please note that the verified address is shown, and, in parenthesis, the name of the "Special Classmate"

Alice (Mrs. G.P.) Anderson, Box 326, Marion, Va. (Empie Potts) says she wanted to attend our reunion, but had been in Florida for several months visiting Glenn P. Jr. and couldn't make another trip so soon. She has three children, all married. Glenn P. Jr. is a furniture salesman in Coral Gables; the older daughter Evelyn (Gordon) is in Johnson City, Tenn., only 60 miles away; and the younger, Alice Betsy (Lindsay) is in Chesapeake, Ohio. I count up eleven grandchildren. Alice keeps very busy with farming (tobacco and hay) and real estate rentals. She appreciates the interest of the Class, to which she is devoted.

Helen (Mrs. C.C.) Benson, 4601-45th St., N.W., Washington 16, D.C. (John Henry Woodberry) has a busy life in the Public Relations Department of the Capitol Transit Co. Her son and daughter both married. live in Bethesda, Md. There are six very lively grandchildren. Helen's mother, 93 years old, lives with her. John and Marguerite Woodberry are trying to get her to visit them.

Leslie (Mrs. R.S.) Bratton, 6204 Clara Way, North Highlands, Calif. (Jim Cress) plans to continue to visit her youngest daughter, Shelia and her husband for another year before she returns to her home in Hawaii. Leslie, the older daughter, and her husband have visited her from Japan for several weeks. Jim and Eleanor Cress, have seen her several times.

Suzanne (Mrs. Jos. W.) Byron, 4740 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington 8, D.C. (Harold Bull), moved to Washington in 1954, three years after Joe's death. All but one of the four children are married, and there are ten grandchildren. The oldest daughter is married in the Regular Army to Lt. Col. Vernon N. Simmons, Signal Corps. The second daughter is married and living in the former Byron home in Hagerstown. The oldest son, a West Point graduate, Class of 1945, is an Air Force Major, and an instructor in the Air Force Academy. The youngest boy, and the only one unmarried, is in business in Los Angeles. Suzanne had a class party last June, just before our reunion, for Jack and Gussie Jouett and Jim and Eleanor Cress.

Helen (Mrs. Allen P.) Cowgill, 519 Allen St., Syracuse 10, N.Y. (Fred Herman) is still living in the same home she and Allen bought when he came to teach math. at Syracuse University. Her daughter, Mary Allen, week-ends at home from Oneonta, N.Y. where she is Supervisor of Otsego County for Public Health. The younger daughter, Louise, lives with Helen. The son, Bill, father of the five Cowgill grandchildren, is running his own tool business in Rochester, N.Y. Helen has made two trips to France and Italy during the past four years. She enjoyed visiting the Hermans, and regrets they seem to be planning to move to Florida.

Cecile (Mrs. Cuyler L.) Clark, 512 Funston Place, San Antonio, (John Carruth) naturally is on hand for all 1914 get-togethers in San Antonio. Her son, Cuyler L. Jr., (USMA '40) is a graduate of the National War College (and numerous other schools) and is now on duty at SHAPE Hq. in France. He is married, and there are three grandchildren. Cecile visited them in Europe last summer.

Evelyn (Mrs. S.D.) Downs, 320 Rosalie, San Antonio (John Carruth) is on hand for all our Class gatherings in San Antonio if she isn't away on a trip, and that's a big "if", because she travels a good deal. At present she is in Washington (Alexandria) visiting her older daughter Kay, (Mrs. Chester L. Johnson) and her family, including two grandchildren, Peter and Tracy. Col. Johnson (USMA '37) is on duty in the office of the Chief of Staf Department of the Army. They all were to attend the Army-Navy game. Another daughter, Mary Elizabeth (Beth), is Director of Religious Education of Trinity Episcopal Church in New Orleans.

Ethel (Mrs. C.C.) Griffith, 901 Sherman St., Denver 3, Colo. (Orlando Ward) has sold her home in Tucson, Ariz., where they had retired due to Carelton's health, and returned to Denver to the Sherman Plaza Apts., where they had previously lived. Ethel has kept an interest in Carleton's business, the Telephone Answering Service, and has resumed her profession as a social worker and Supervisor of the Marriage Council of Denver. She is also active in church work.

Helen (Mrs. James P. Hogan, 10 Barr Ave., Cornwall-on-Hudson (Rudolph Whitten) writes to express her heartfelt thanks for the many classmates of "Pat" who took the time in the midst of our 45th Reunion to visit her at her home.

Josephine (Mrs. Warren P.) Jernigan, 808 S. Willow Ave., Tampa, Florida (Jim Haskell) is still living in the same home. She has recently visited familiar scenes in Tennessee: Paris, Warren's birthplace; Memphis, where they once lived: and Chattanooga, where she was raised. When she wrote, she was about to leave to visit her daughter, Mrs. George T. Banks for Thanksgiving, and planned to remain to help celebrate her grand-daughter's sixth birthday.

Nina (Mrs. John B.) Thompson, 1438 Q St., N.W., Washington 7, D.C. (Fenn Lewis) writes that after Jack's sudden death, she sold their lovely home on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, and bought a home in the Foxhall Village section of Washington. Her daughter, Jacqueline, is Mrs. Colin M. Campbell, living in nearby Alexandria, Va. where her husband is with the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company. There are two grand-children, Colin, Jr., aged fourteen, and Nina Cameron, aged ten. Her son, Cameron, is a junior executive of the Philadelphia Branch of the First Boston Corporation.

He and his wife, Barbara, live in Malvern, Penn., and they have a two-year-old girl.

Dorothy (Mrs. John C.) Wyeth, 1175 High Road, Santa Barbara, Calif. (Bill Ryan) writes that since "Turk's" death in 1950 she has had a variety of interesting occupations such as: Social Director of the Biltmore Hotel, war service in a hospital in Heidelberg, Germany, and as an employee of a smart dress shop in the fashionable "village" section of Santa Barbara. Her daughter, Leslie, is the wife of Master Sergeant Henry J. Vance of the Air Force, stationed in Japan. Sergeant Vance was signally honored recently by being given the Good Citizen Award by the Japanese Government for his work with the Japanese War Orphans—the first American to be so honored. Her son, John Churchill, is a geologist with the Continental Oil Company. He and his wife, Betty, recently were moved to Roswell, New Mex. There are three grandchildren for Dot, a girl, and two boys.

I have left to the end Florence (Mrs. J.L.) Parkinson, 3133 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington D.C. (Dabney Elliott) because I want to quote from her letter, her very sweet expression, which I am sure is echoed by all the others, of her appreciation of what the Class is trying to do for our Class Widows. She writes: "About the 'Special Classmate' plan for Widows, I think it is splendid! It gives us, (the Widows) a feeling of still belonging—in a way—to a life or way of life that we loved and now miss."

Before I end this letter I must include some Class news as contained in a Nov. 28th letter from Skimp Brand. He is so concise and to the point that I can simply quote him as follows: We have our Class Dinners the first Wednesday of each month. Arthur Harris has gone to his winter home at Hobe Sound, Fla. Tom Monroe stopped by in July and Jack Jouett was in Washington on his way back to Charlotte Amalie (Virgin Islands). He and I had an informal meeting of the Picture Committee at Touhy Spatz's home. Spatz suggested that the Chief of the Air Force might send his (Spatz's) portrait from Air Force Headquarters to West Point. So we worked on this plan, and I understand it has been accomplished.

Jim Cress was here and we had several talks. Jim has a scheme for getting portraits of Pink Bull and Shrimp Milburn. I hope it works. "Ducky" Jones was here for one of our dinners. Frank Kerr is in Washington for duty on some board. He attended our last dinner and we hope he will attend the next one. Just returned from a trip to Los Angeles and Phoenix. Had dinner in L.A. with Bruz Waddell.

When I reached Phoenix I telephoned Flip Lewis and drove out to his home. He seemed to be feeling fine, but can't do much with one side paralyzed. He and Jessie and their daughter Jean took me to Apache Junction for dinner. Before leaving Phoenix, I telephoned Jessie and she told me they had spent a day in Phoenix getting a brace for Flip, and he had walked two hundred feet between parallel bars that day.

Any classmate going east or west through Phoenix should make it a point to see them. They are listed in the Phoenix phone book. Their home is 3 miles off the main highway (U.S. 60, 70, 88, 89) leading into Phoenix from the East, and the point of turn-off, marked with a sign, is 9 miles west of Florence Junction, and 8 miles east of Apache Junction.

Well that just about wraps it up. Regards. Please write me your news.

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

1915

The peregrinating Wogans are off again and once more we are left holding the sack, due, no doubt, to our early training in snipe hunting. Having scraped through a plebe year while domiciled in Room 1313, in the 13th Div., we should be immune to superstition, but it does seem that each time we have taken this job, we have inherited a gob of bad news. So hold your hats:

Metcalfe Reed died in Honolulu on June 29th. He was buried on July 4th, with Hank Aurand and Jack Keliher representing the Class.

Adlai Gilkeson died at the Air Force Hospital, Andrews AFB, on Nov. 2nd. Services were held at Fort Myer Chapel Nov. 5th with interment in Arlington. The following were honorary pallbearers: Busbee, Conklin, J. F. Davis, Ellis, Hess, Lyon, Marsh, Mueller, Peabody, Sayler, Taylor and Wallington. The deepest sympathy of the Class is extended to both families.

Something . . . either restless old age or a sneaky desire to avoid payment of current obligations . . . has stirred up the Class and trips are a dime a dozen. In addition to the Wogan "Around The World On A Shoestring" trek, the A. A. Whites, also of the Ashville Elite, are planning on the spring and summer in Europe and so will miss the Reunion. Rumor hath it that the John Leonards have just returned from a prolonged jaunt abroad which probably explains why Carl Hocker is bellyaching about Jawn not answering his letters. Then Dusky Gillette spent most of the summer in England, Switzerland and the various hotspots on the Riviera. Next, Reinold and Germaine Melberg left for Europe in October. They will visit a married daughter in Vienna and then do southern Spain and Portugal. En route to their POE, they were met at their plane by Cliff and May Tate, who entertained them at their estate, May Cliff, and then put them on their transport. (Please note that we said "put them on" and not "poured them on".)

As for shorter safaris, Blister Evans herded a small Washington contingent . . . Fred Boye, Jack Davis and Walt Hess . . . to the Penn State game. Although he did all the driving, Blister says he was not subjected to a single word of criticism, his passengers being too busy trying to spell out the big five letter words on the billboards. At West Point they confabbed with Venus Small and reported seeing the Ed Hydes, the Weyands, Charlie Richel and the Oscawana cavalryman, Jake MacNeely and his gal Sal. Also, all the way from Hawaii, was Dutch Aurand, escorting a score or more Veeps en route to an A.S.M.E. conference. Henry sat on the Penn State side which only emphasizes that he has ESP to a high degree. And did you know that our Hank is President of the Olmstead Scholarship Foundation, which sends worthy service personnel abroad for study and research? (We hope you will remember, Henry, that we have always given you a nice press, and we are still in the service, after a fashion. We never did complete our Paris research.)

The next week-end came another Washington exodus, this one composed of Fred Boye, Blister Evans, Gilk Gilkeson and Walt Hess, each worthy accompanied by one female camp follower. The *raison d'etre* (wait 'til Wogan finds out I speak French, too!) was the Duke game, supposedly, but the actual objective was a pre game KT brawl instigated and thoroughly implemented by Squire and Hazel Taylor. There the Washingtonians were joined by the Wogans and the Sherburnes and the unanimous opinion was that the party was a "cold max plus". However, we regret to report that we have been informed that ere the party bore to a close, the welkin of Chapel Hill was raucously shattered by several unexpurgated verses of a song concerning simians, in a place called Zamboanga, having no caudal appendages.

The Homecoming Game was, literallly, pretty much of a wash-out. It poured all day Friday and according to Woodruff, Saturday conditions were about on a par with those of our plebe year Yale game. Several with reservations didn't show up and some who came up Friday left Saturday morning without waiting for the game, preferring disappointment to possible pneumonia. Venus and Dora Small had two groups of nine each for dinner on Friday and Saturday. Gobbling the free victuals were: Gilkey and Marguerite Gilkeson; Ed and Mary Hyde; Harold and Dorothea James, their daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughter; Stu and Elisa MacDonald; Leland and Lucy Hobbs; Roscoe and Alice Woodruff, Cliff and May Tate and Dick Richards. Although it is a matter of record that Venus once instructed in BS, darned of we could tell from his letter who et when.

On the Air Force game we have the combined reports of Dick Richards and the Venus Smalls. Also present were the Boyes, the Hunts, the Busbees, the MacDonalds, Herrick, Evans, Hess, Hyde, and Jack Davis. They didn't see Romeo Hobbs who undoubtedly was sitting in a box with a few other penny-pinching, skinflint bankers. And quite naturally they did not see Eddie Lyon, who made character with the Air Force by sitting with the Fly-boys while saving face with the Groundlings by explaining that he just wanted to be where he could hear the Corps cheer. What a smoothie!

The Sunday after this game, the Smalls and the MacDonalds drove to Bill Boots' place in Connecticut, spent the afternoon and stayed for dinner. They report a super time, which reminds us that not too long ago, Judge Unger was in Florida and was royally entertained by this same Boots guy. Evidently, when Bill entertains you, you stay entertained.

Due to our deadline, the Navy Game will have to go over to the next issue.

Coming back to the Reunion, Fred Boye had the following from Ike in response to the Class birthday wire: "To you and all my classmates I send my heartfelt thanks for your good wishes on my birthday. I look forward to seeing most of the Class of '15 next June."

The Beukemas report that they can't make the Reunion. Unfortunately the University of Maryland's overseas graduation takes place in Heidelberg at the same

time. From all we hear, Hermie is doing his usual grand job with the University, co-operating with the Armed Forces Education Program. Recently Peg and Hermie sneaked off to the Mediterranean for a couple of weeks and had themselves a ball.

Tom Hanley is busy with plans for his new house in Boca Raton. Their daughter Cecile will be with Tom and Cecelia for the Reunion and will then take off for Europe.

The latest from Carl Hocker says that he and Eleanor will be at the Reunion if nothing happens. He happily reports that since the State of Texas took over the care of Ike's birthplace, the grounds look like a park. When Ike was there in 1952, it developed that Ike and Carl were the only two who knew that just across the Katy tracks was the location of Jesse James' hide-out, which knowledge Carl attributes to their avid perusal of dime novels, Western style, during their tender years. While not in a position to criticize this low literary taste, we do feel duty bound to point out their almost complete lack of financial acumen, what with slightly used copies of "Tip Top Weekly" selling, at that time, about two for a nickel.

Fred Boye reports that it looks as if 150 or more will be at our Reunion formal dinner and he allows that this one will "rock the rocks of Hudson's shores." And in case you don't know it, our Prez is busier than a bull pup with a feather duster getting our American Olympic Equestrian Team into shape for the Olympics come next September.

Squire and Hazel Taylor spent a few days with Bill Boots early in November and on Nov. 7th the Squire became our second septuagenarian who admits it, John Henry Cochran having proudly announced that he hit pay dirt on July 31st last. (Did you ever hear about the time the Squire met Chou En-lai? Get him to tell you.)

Det Ellis, having nothing to do, is busy screening a bunch of family letters from 70 to 110 years old. He makes copies of the worthwhile ones and sends the originals to the South Carolinian Library, University of South Carolina, where their historical value will be safe-guarded. Even money that Det will come up with incontestible proof that the South won The War.

Don't miss reading the article in the N. Y. *Times* of October 11th. It tells of Brad's work with the Bulova Watch Company. We have no doubt that in due time Omar the Tentmaker will be completely eclipsed by our Omar the Watchmaker.

Stu Bragdon is heading a special panel which is trying to revamp the interstate superhighway program, while keeping all participants happy. He'll undoubtedly come up with a solution, arrived at via the Einstein Theory and the fifth dimension.

From Paris we have a nice letter from Tom Larkin. He and Mary have stretched a tentative four months into some six years. Tom serves as the representative for the Director of Defense Research and Engineering and heads a small group whose job is is to assist our Allies in improving their defense capabilities—which of course adds muck to Uncle Sam's biceps. They keep their Washington apartment and get home three or four times a year during which time they manage a trip to L.A. to see son Tom, Jr., a successful lawyer. The curse of being away from home is alleviated more than somewhat by the presence of one married daughter in London and another in Brussels. Between them they have produced seven assorted grandchildren. Tom says Logan Serles is working near Nancy with the Engineers but he hasn't seen Hermie Beukema lately. The Larkins recently "did" Madrid, to include a bull fight. With it all Tom says there is no danger of them becoming expatriates.

Joe and Helen McNarney were en route around the world by air when Joe was taken sick in Thailand. He is now in the Andrews AFB Hospital, undergoing tests to determine if he is really sick or just goldbricking through a habit acquired years ago in Deeco.

With the announced birth of another grandson, Omar and Mary Bradley are sneaking up on that Senior rating. Charlotte Prichard and Howard Donnelly attained Junior Grandparent status recently with a grandson and granddaughter respectively.

This old age restlessness extends to moving, too. Changes for your directory follow:

Jack Keliher, 90 Niuiki Circle, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Dick Winfield, 1700 Pamela Drive, Santa Rosa, Calif.

Horace Stringfellow (new house), 833 Park Ave., Montgomery, Ala.

Jessica Gesler, The Towers, 4201 Cathedral Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C.

Davis, M. F. (new house), 222 E. Summit (Callers)—219 E. Agarita (Mail & family entrance for Classmates) San Antonio 12, Tex.

Not only is it very thoughful for Mike to provide easy entrance for his arthritic, ambulatory classmates, but it is also a very smart idea not to let the neighbors get a gander at these low characters.

If these notes appear to be about 80% concerning the Washington gang, you can easily change the pattern . . . just send in some news. The lowdown on some of you joes in the outlying precincts would be very welcome,

Perhaps you read about Gene Leone's acquisition of a high class "truffle hound", name of "Parees." Trained in Italy, Parees thinks nothing of smelling out a truffle when under a couple of feet of earth (The truffle, not Parees). In fact, having won a gold medal in high class competition, he is, Gene reports, inclined to think a bit highly of himself. We have initiated lend-lease with the aim of employing his services in sniffing out Class news. Wait until he tries to locate a few items buried under just an inch or so of assorted ivory. Will *that* cut him down to size!

Johnny and Mac won't be back 'til April so please send next issue's news to me. *Vayan con Dios. (Ja! Yo hablo Espanol tambien!)*

—*Hume Peabody*
Box 313,
Leonardtown, Md.

1916

Dwight and Laura Johns took a fishing trip to Oregon this fall. They almost landed a big salmon—but the line broke and it got away. The Bob McBrides came East on a trip and were heard from in Kentucky during November. On their round-the-world trip the Shuggs' latest stop has been in India. The Brundreds, en route motoring to New York to visit their son, stopped over night in Washington. At the hotel where they were staying who should they run into but the Styers who were visiting their son, now on duty in the Pentagon. Bill Hoge also spent a weekend in Washington this fall visiting his brother.

Mumma is now settled in Clearwater Beach, Fla. The only classmate he had seen when he wrote was Bob Nyland. The Martins have moved into the new house he built in Tucson and Tom says the garden will keep time from hanging on his hands. Johnny Lieb has decided to settle down. For the last five years they have been rolling in a trailer all over North America. His home is now in La Mission, Mexico, but he gets his mail in San Ysidro, Calif. Jack Nygaard, another chronic traveller, showed up at the October Class lunch in Washington. The George Andrews, on their fall migration from Vermont to Florida, were guests of honor at a Class party given by the Cockrells at their Washington home.

John Dykes attended the Army-Oklahoma game and says he took quite a ribbing on the same from his son who is an Oklahoma graduate and a football man. John is a business man in Enid. There is not much news from San Antonio but we are glad to report that Rinearson, who has been ill for some time, is much better and attended a party given by the Millers at the Fort Sam Houston club. Craigie Krayenbuhl keeps active on the golf courses of southern Florida. He hits a wicked ball. Frank and Marian Scofield have both been in Walter Reed Hospital. Marian broke her arm in September and a few days later Frank was also taken to the hospital seriously ill. He was on the critical list for some time but was well enough to return home late in November. Paul Parker writes that he has sold his cattle and his orange grove at his Brooksville, Fla., home on doctor's advice. The old Seminole says that he lacks some of his youthful stamina, but he still covers four counties looking for likely candidates for West Point.

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

April 1917

On October 11th, twenty-two classmates and wives in the Washington, D.C. area gathered at the Noces' farm, about 50 miles west of Washington near Castleton, Va., where we enjoyed a bountiful buffet, sundry other refreshments and a most pleasant reunion. Sixteen of those present are in the accompanying picture. The other six were Gwen and Aaron Bradshaw, Flora and Parson Parks, Joe Collins and Jack Jackson.

Dan and Millie are honest-to-goodness farmers. They have a big farm—1200 fertile acres—beautifully situated in a small valley in the Virginia hills; and by dint of some six years of careful planning, application of modern methods, and a lot of hard work they have made a success of it. With the help of six or eight workers

they take care of two herds of Black Angus cattle, with all the pasture land, fences, farm equipment, and fields of grain that are part of cattle raising.

Lawrence and Dorothy Mitchell have been in Washington twice recently en-route in their Volkswagen from their Florida home on a trip to visit friends and relatives in the Massachusetts area and incidentally to attend the first Army-Air Force game. They reported seeing Connie and Dutch Cota, Dorothy and Pop Burket, and Laddie and Jim Hayden at the game. In Washington, Dorothy and Lawrence visited their daughter, Barbara. They were both looking fine.

Gladys and Joe Collins are leaving the middle of December for a Christmas reunion with their three children and nine grandchildren; Jerry and Caroline Collins in England, Gladdie and Jerry Stenger in Paris and Nancy and Michael Rubino in Berlin. Jerry Collins is attending the British Staff College at Camberly, England.

Harris and Hannah Jones spent Thanksgiving Day with Bob and Helen Ransom, who invited a number of friends out to their home in Gaithersburg, Md., for the afternoon. Among them were the Eleys, the Schroeders, and the Cowper Smiths. The following Saturday, Harris and Hannah went up to Philadelphia for the Army-Navy game.

Bob Bathurst writes that he and Jane are still pleased with their decision to settle down in Southern Pines, N.C. They are just a mile off U.S. Highway No. 1, and many of their itinerant friends stop in when driving north or south "with the birds." Also there is quite a colony of retired Army settled around Southern Pines and adjoining Pinehurst—and more at Ashville. Gus and Gladys Gurney have arrived in Southern Pines and have taken an apartment for the winter—"casing the joint" to see how they might like it for a permanent set-up. Bob says that he and Jane try to keep the bar and the deep freeze well stocked and are always glad to see old friends. The Bathurst children are thriving and Bob says they have to keep books on the numerous grandchildren in order to remember birthdays. (Latest census is 8).

Bert and Bee Morrow, who have lived on a farm five miles northeast of Zionsville, Ind., drove east in November to visit their daughter and her husband in Plainfield, N.J. on the occasion of the birth of Bert and Bee's second grandson. He is reported to be a "fine little man" While there they attended the Army-Navy game. Bert says that back on his farm in Indiana, he keeps busy at being hired hand, chore boy and caretaker, and enjoys farm life. The new grandson is the son of Bert and Bee's daughter Ann, whose married name is Mrs. Walter Misdom. Ann and Walter's children are Richard, one year old, and Robert, born December 17th.

Jeanette and Jack Jackson drove to Ashfield, Mass. to spend Thanksgiving with their son, Bob and his family and Jeanette's many relatives in New England. Bob is Superintendent of Schools for four towns in the Berkshires while working on his doctorate in Education at Harvard. For Christmas, Jeanette and Jack plan to drive to St. Petersburg, Florida to visit their son Page and his family. Page is practicing law in St. Pete and they have two little girls, Barbara Jeanette and Patti Page. While down there they hope to see several classmates who live in that region.

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

August
1917

As we promised in last ASSEMBLY, we returned from our Western trip in time for the Air Force Game—and what a trip it was! We revisited Leavenworth, Santa Fe, Tucson, Fort Huachuca, Douglas, Deming, Forth Bliss and El Paso, Marfa, Langtry, Del Rio, Fort Clark, Fort Sam Houston, and other scenes of earlier triumphs, visited five grandchildren in Phoenix, fished in Canyon Lake, and enjoyed fine food in New Orleans. Drove the entire 5,000 miles without a single hitch—though Miriam was a bit terrifed during the crossing of the Salt River Canyon.

Enjoyed the Air Force Game too, but it's our last in Yankee Stadium; we shall not brave that subway rush again. Saw Rudy Whitelegg and the Biff Jones but missed the Dodson Stamps somehow. We have never seen the Corps of Cadets make a finer entrance and Miriam was ecstatic over the Air Academy Blue. As for the score—well, we enjoyed the game.

Toodles and Bill Chapman didn't, we're sorry to say. In the East for a meeting of the Society of the Cincinnati in Washington, they had included the game in their plans but Bill's request for tickets didn't reach the AAA in time. They did enjoy Washington; saw several classmates; Toodles went with Miriam, Emily Bingham, and Elizabeth Jones to the October Ladies Luncheon; and they had a nice reunion with Anne and Gordon Heiner at the Cincinnati party.

The Heiners are coming down from Lexington to spend the winter in Washington—and so are Ellanor and Dent Sharp from Maine. We won't know why Dent wasn't here for the Cincinnati dinner but he probably had to get his bees bedded down for the Maine winter—and we know how he hates to tear himself away from the Dennys River.

Duke Milan isn't that way at all. With the coming of the first cold wind across Pushaw Lake in early October, he joined the birds in heading south—to Champaign, Ill., with stop-overs in Connecticut and New York.

Bunny Harding stays pretty much at home; he cannot commute like Bill Reeder and he speculates that driving gives Bill his only chance to sit; he doesn't complain about his health; and, for the most part, he enjoys his life in the Berkshire Hills and his occasional visits with his grandchildren in New York and with his elder, newly-married son in Louisville.

The Red Shaffers enjoy an occasional trip to visit their daughters—one at Griffis AFB where Skip is Base Commander, and the other in Livingston, N.J., where John is an electronics engineer with Federal Telephone. Otherwise, Red is busy with the house, the yard, the plumbing, the electrical things, the woodworking, the community; always, there's something to do. That goes for Edith too.

Jack and Renah Carroll aren't going anywhere. Their home in The Plains is surrounded by painters and decorators and, after last winter in Acapulco, their circumstances make it necessary, Jack says, to stay put for a long, long while.

California Notes: Laura and Pablo Cole are back in the States once more, after a stupendous trip to Japan, Bangkok, Angkow Watt, Singapore, and Hong Kong and, says Pablo, "If you get a chance to go out in that direction, DON'T turn it down. It's the most interesting and exotic part of the world we've seen." Hope now to see the rest of the clan at the annual mixed dinner and dance December 18 and plan a few days at Las Vegas at Christmas time. No gambling, you understand; they just like to see the sights and the shows.

Bob Bringham's retirement date is approaching, he says, but he has set no date as yet; he is still "having fun" with his job

First Row: Dan Noce, Jeanette Jackson, Millie Noce. **Second Row:** Bill Eley, "Kewp" Yuill, "Spec" Nisley, Peggy Nisley, Suzanne Crump, Dot Eley, Mrs. Marsh (Helen Ransom's mother), Helen Ransom. **Third Row:** George Wooley, Mary Wooley, Bob Ransom, Jack Nygaard, Ira Crump.

of running a great VA Center and supervising the annual expenditure of some 21 million dollars.

After two months of illness—ulcers—George Herbert has changed from his position as Assistant to the Mayor of Los Angeles to a similar one at the Los Angeles International Airport where a 60 million facility is in process of construction: he finds that much easier on the ulcers.

"Happy is the nation without a history," sings Willie Wilson and he's happy most of the time. Now, after a real history-making event, he's even happier. Two more grandchildren – twins – arrived at Rancho Chupinos October 30; Laura Ann is the girl and the boy is William Patrick.

Had lunch with Jack Knight, Biff Jones, and Dodson Stamps at the Army-Navy Club recently; we discussed many matters, including our 45th Reunion of the Class of August 1917 which we celebrate at West Point in June Week of 1962. Jack was returning to New Orleans from West Point where he saw the Colorado State Game in a driving rainstorm and represented the West Point Society of New Orleans at a meeting called by the Supe for Homecoming Week.

Start planning now for that 45th Reunion three years hence. Never again will you have such an opportunity to see so many of your Class.

Just the same, we saw a goodly number of the Class at our Fourth (we believe) Annual Veterans Day Dinner at the Army and Navy Club in Washington, including: Victoria Almquist, Emily Bingham, Renah and Jack Carroll (from The Plains), Loessa Coffey, Joe Cohen (from Baltimore), Miriam and Leo Conner, Red Durfee, Marguerite Eyster, Doc Faust (from Buffalo), May Heavey, Anne and Gordon Heiner (from Lexington), Ruth and Otto Jank, Jack Knight (all the way from New Orleans), Parry Lewis (from Virginia Beach), Carobel and Norm McNeill, Alice O'Keefe, Louise and Al Paca (from Annapolis), Gertrude and Pete Purvis with sister Margaret and son Bob, Ethel and Dave Schlenker, Edith and Red Shaffer, Louis and Dodson Stamps, Dot and Honus Wagner, and Dorothy and Red Warner.

We missed Majorie and Bob Hasbrouck, on an out-of-town trip; Dorothy and Prentiss Huff, at home with a seriously ill daughter; Elizabeth and Biff Jones, mourning the death of Biff's sister; and Lucille and John Fye and Henry Gantt, unable to drive up from the Peninsula because of John's sudden illness.

During the cocktail hour preceding the luncheon we suggested to Class President Jack Knight that he select two of the loveliest of the ladies to sit with him at the head table and he was delighted to do so. Then, after seating them, he explained to us that he was present only for cocktails, that he must be in Staunton, 150 miles distant, by six that evening, and that he must leave at once.

With certain duties to perform, incident to the presentation of a door prize—a bit of Lenox china by courtesy of Leo Smith of Trenton—we moved into the vacant seat between Emily Bingham and Loessa Coffer; it was our lucky day.

It was a lucky day also for the lady on our left. We called on Red Durfee and Bob Purvis, as presumed neutrals, to assist in the drawing for the door prize and the name they drew was Loessa's; was she ever thrilled?

The next big event in Washington is Bob and Marjorie Hasbrouck's TV Navy Game Party for the Class and it's time to go to that right now. Thank Heavens, these notes are finished and we can meet the publisher's deadline by mailing them on our way.

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

June

1918

Fran and *Sam Sturgis* had an afternoon party of cocktails and buffet for classmates at their Cleveland Ave. home. Those present included the usual Washington classmates and wives. The *Jadwins* and the *Whitakers* were present from outlying districts. At that party *Bill Barriger* had a broken foot in a cast, but *Mickey's* hip was back in service again from its break, previously reported.

Spike and *Anna Mary Lorence* had their sister for a few days visit and I was their guest for dinner and the floor show at the Shoreham.

Mickey and *Bill Barriger* entertained with cocktails and a buffet supper at their home in McClean, Va., for *Ellie* and *Johnny Bethel*, who were sojourning in Washington for a limited visit. Bill's son, young Bill, took the picture with his press camera. Standing front, left to right: *Bob Bishop* in pompous pose, *Johnny Bethel*, declaiming and gesticulating, *Bud Miley* hiding behind him and *Louise Dean* talking to the Barrigers. Seated from the left are *Spike Lorance*, *Louise Bishop*, *Sam Sturgis* watching *Jody Tansey* toy with her food, and the widows *Hanley* and *Newman*. Standing rear are General Chilton's son, *Freddie Kimble*, *Anna Mary Lorence*, *Johnny Bethel* in somber pose, General Chilton, *Jody Tansey* shouting, *Bob Bishop* sneaking a look behind *Mrs. Johnny Bethel*, gesticulating and declaiming. Next is *Major General Patrick Henry Tansey* with head thrown back, shoulders squared, chin drawn in, chest out, palms of the hands turned in, thumbs along the seams of his trousers, ready for the camera to flash. He stands as though he had just clicked his heels together with a "*Yahwohl, mein Fuhrer,*" and, had not Mrs. Bethel been in front of him, there would undoubtedly have been a Nazi salute and a "*Heil*" And last, myself, in open-mouthed amazement, retired to the farthest corner behind the widows. Some of the ladies refused to get in the picture. Others, you'll note, got in it twice.

Subsequently, I had a dozen for dinner at the Toll House Tavern, including the Barrigers and son Bill, Bishops and daughters, Lorences, Louise Dean and Alice Nesbitt.

We all rejoice that Sam Sturgis came through his operation well and has every prospect of recovery. By the time this is published he ought to be going strong.

Lane Holman and *Lita* were in Washington for a few days last month and Lane was present at the Executive Committee luncheon. They dined with the Barrigers that evening.

Preston Smith wrote to *Clarry Townsley*: Carol and I are well. Because of a leg broken badly some months ago, she is wearing a brace and uses a cane, but has graduated from crutches and expects to be wholly well in a few months.

Boineau writes that his family are all well physically, and, excluding him, mentally.

Clarry Townsley writes that at the Penn State game at West Point were the *Caseys, Wards, Bellingers, Gruhns, Hoffmans and themselves.*

Tommy Tompkins says: My wife and I went to the Air Force game. We sat next to the *Robinsons*. The *Wards* and *Townsleys* were within shouting distance. We are going to the Navy Game and hope to see some classmates there. Tommy sent a newspaper clipping with pictures of *Breezy Hudson* displaying many varieties of cacti in his garden—maguey, Spanish dagger, ocotillo, barrel and yucca.

Vera Nachman's address is now 2603 N. Van Dorn Street, Alexandria, Va., Apt 212.

Heinie Baish, P. W. Smith, Milo Barragan, Mike Grenata, Growley Gruhn and *Jim Gillespie* were asked to tell us what schooling they took, what degrees they attained, and what is involved in their teaching profession. I have held their replies for many months and will include one in each issue of ASSEMBLY.

Baish: Here is a brief statement of my achievement in becoming a mathematics teacher at the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Senior High School. When I started Public School teaching, I had no academic credits in Education. My BS degree from West Point and BSCE degree from Mass. Tech. were a good foundation for teaching

mathematics but did not contain any educational courses. The State of Maryland gave me an emergency contract to teach while I was not fully qualified, based on my 17 years of full time teaching experience at West Point, the Engineer School, the Industrial College and Mass. Tech.

In the summer of 1955, I enrolled at American University, Washington, D.C., for courses in education. By the fall of 1956 I had acquired 9 undergraduate credits and 9 graduate credits in required subjects to receive accreditation from Maryland as a fully qualified teacher of mathematics or physics. Then I decided to continue for a Master's degree in Education which required 21 additional graduate credits, a Master's Thesis and 3 comprehensive examinations in the areas of my specialization. Courses were taken in small quantities during 1956-58 until all requirements were completed successfully with straight "A" grades. At Commencement, June 7, 1959 I received my degree of Master of Arts in Education.

(Since Heinie wrote this, he has been made Head of the Department at the High School. Fine work, Heinie.)

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

November

1918

It is indeed an ill wind that blows no good. The paragraph about our little Kate's illness brought a flood of most welcome letters all bearing bits of news. As for Kate, she is happy and gay, but still has difficulty keeping her balance on her feet. Her seat in the saddle when on her pony, however, seems as good as ever.

Fred Sherrill writes that he likes the idea of "A Spree in '63" or "Make it 45 While You Are Still Alive!" He reports dining with one George B. McReynolds: "I hadn't seen him in 41 years—again, he had changed so he hardly knew me."

Howell and Tula Cocke, write that they "think a reunion in '63 a wonderful idea."

Stevens, F.A., has already started "to pipe that big party in '63," and complains bitterly that most of our class live either in Florida or California.

Jim Carroll is now an M.A. in History from U.C.L.A. Harry Hillard writes that "Marie is enjoying wonderful health—as for me, I am reasonably well but extremely short of breath."

Pinkie Williamson writes "we lead a quiet and simple life here in Augusta. Our principal recreation is boating on a large body of water nearly comparable in size to one of the Finger Lakes in New York State." Quiet and simple life, my eye. Imagine the Red Devil at large on a Finger Lake at the wheel of a power boat. Pinkie has joined the U. S. Power Squadrons and being such a student has signed up for all of their courses. He seems to have mastered Naval Architecture, Internal Combustion Engines, the Coast Guard Regulation for Rules of the Road and Radio. Of course we all remember how he led the class yearling year in Semaphore and Wigwag, to say nothing of Knots and Lashings. Now he is majoring in Advanced Piloting and Navigation. The A. A. A. are giving him tickets on the Navy side next year. I ride down every morning and take a good look at the Shenandoah River. It is not much like the Savannah but you know these little errors do creep in. Even the best of navigators might err. The Hudson has been mistakenly thought to be the North West Passage. The Williamsons plan a big family reunion Christmas time in Augusta. Helen is smart.

Fred Pearson has seen Margaret Wheeler. Her address is now Mrs. Richard Wheeler, 531 Blakely, San Antonio. She plans to stay there for the present, going in about a year to Oslo to visit her older daughter and family.

Pinto Freeman has been in Brooke Hospital for a plumbing overhaul, and at last reports had 'em rolling in the aisles telling about his operation. Chris Knudsen is reported to be in good shape again. Alex Mackenzie and his family from Devine, Tex., were in San Antonio recently. Andy and Jo March are home after a visit to their new granddaughter in California. The Pearsons, Blairs and George Keysers were at the Army-Oklahoma football game. The Jim Styrons did not make it. He is in the cotton purchase program for the government, which keeps him completely tied down.

Charlie and Cora Moore visited their daughter in Winnipeg last summer. Babe Gullatt dropped in on the Pearsons in San Antonio. Fred complains of the brevity of Babe's visits. While in a critical mood he also writes "I wish some of the Southern California and Florida classmates would get busy and contribute some class notes. I enjoy Al Miller's newsy items from around San Francisco."

Al Miller writes from 12140 Tiptoe Lane, Los Altos, Calif.: "On Sept. 11th there was a football rally at Presidio for USMA, USNA and USAFA which was a new way of handling that situation. Monroe, Ericson, Deitrich and Huston were the only classmates I found in attendance. Late in October, Reed Yeager from Miami and Bonner Fellers from Washington showed up out here. Both were making quick trips to these parts but we did have a chance to see them both at dinner on Oct. 30th along with Ericsons, Gillespies, Kendalls, Monroes and Stokes. Everybody looked fine and remained sober.

"On Nov. 18 Eddie and Malie Pope gave a top-notch party at the Olympic Club in San Francisco. It was an excellent affair ending with a delicious dinner. Among the guests were the following couples: Butlers, Ericsons, Gillespies, Hughes, Millers, Stokes, Gorlinskis, Mullers. Count reported on their trip to Europe. Hughes has started an engineering firm in San Francisco. Gillespie made the party between correcting exam papers. Paul Kendall was laid up with the flu so missed the party. He is now up and around again. Sorry to have missed you at West Point for Homecoming. Boy, what a day! I passed up the ball game because of the rain. Was wet enough just getting over to the gym to get my ticket."

Count Gorlinski and Mary are back at 1033 Entrada Road, Sacramento, Calif., after a prolonged European trip during which they visited son Charles in Bamberg, Germany. He got three weeks leave and they toured Bavaria, Austria and Italy together, Count and Mary going on later to Sweden, France and England. At last they have found out that they do not have to stay home all the time just to water the garden. Charles Gorlinski has transferred to the Signal Corps. Count reports seeing Al Miller, Fred Butler, Johnny Hughes, Trower, John Stokes and Maud Muller recently at a party in San Francisco given by Eddie Pope.

Apparently Joe Twitty was killed instantly while inspecting his bridge over Lake Ponchartrain. A sad letter has come from Pop Hendrick: "My wife, Charlene, died 17 September after several weeks of hospitalization."

Bill Badger reports that he spent a gloomy afternoon on Saturday, November 28, watching Navy pour it on Army. He attended the game with his two sons and a daughter-in-law. He reports that he saw Freddy Pearson, who came all the way from San Antonio, John Ellerman, Eddy Dolph, Dick Spring, Jake Welchel, Frances Valentine and Dick Groves. Laura Belle remained in Washington, D.C. to witness the game at a TV party given by Jimmie Hemenway. Other guests were Kestner and Ruth Hastings, Bill and Camile Bennett, Babe and Nell Gullatt, Joe and Dot Moss, and Jimmie's nephew (a Navy file) and his wife. Jimmie's nephew had a great day but Laura Belle won the pool on the score.

Bill tells me that Laura Belle's name should have been included in the last ASSEMBLY in reporting his trip to Europe.

As for paragraph 5, as taught us by P. D. Uhl—We, the Bryan Conrad family, are in residence at the farm at Milldale and if all goes well plan to be here until May or June. Our address is White Post, Va.; our telephone number Boyce 75-M.

1919

I regret to have to report two deaths since the last issue of this column. Henry I. Szymanski passed away on Friday, 6 November at Colorado Springs, Colo. according to Morey Rosenthal, who attended the funeral. At the time of his death Red was President of the Academy Life Insurance Company, Exchange Bank Building, Colorado Springs. He is survived by his wife Jean and a daughter, Mrs. Nader Milani residing in Germany. Red's home address was 2012 North Tejon Street, Colorado Springs.

Jack Domminey's wife Sophie died peacefully of heart failure at their home on Monday, 26 October after an illness of several months. She was buried at Pine Lawn Memorial Cemetery on Long Island on Thursday, 29 October. Jack spent the day at West Point on 22 November. His home address is 7502 Ridge Blvd., Brooklyn. I take this opportunity of expressing the sympathetic condolences of the Class to Jack and to Jean Szymanski.

Willie Palmer retired on 30 November but was immediately recalled to active duty as Director of Military Assistance. Willie has bought an apartment No. 143-B in the Westchester Apartments, 4000 Cathedral Avenue, N.W., Washington.

Horace Speed notes the following changes of address among the Washington group. Harlan Hartness has returned to his old address, Ophelia, Virginia. Harry Rex's new address is C/O The American Embassy, Annan, Jordan, where he is on a

three-year detail as Advisor on public roads. Jack Madison has moved to 18 Centennial Drive, Marlton, N.J. Bob Rice has moved to 2606 North Pollard Street, North Arlington, Va.

A postcard from Viv Hamilton from Cannes, France notes that she and Ham are travelling in Europe for four months. They have bought an Opel car and are touring Bavaria, Austria, Switzerland, Italy, France, Luxemburg, Belgium, Holland, and Denmark. At this writing they expect to return to their home 5116 Raymond Jays Road, El Paso, Texas for Christmas. Recently Viv was awarded top honors for outstanding lighting designs by the Illuminating Engineering Society, of which she is a member. She has given papers on her designs in Denver, San Francisco, and Munich, Germany.

Harold Ross, one of our foundlings, now Vice President, Cable Printing Co., was recently presented the A. F. Lewis Memorial award with the title "Graphic Arts Man of the Year". He has had a long and distinguished career in the printing industry, being a past President of the Union Employers Section of Printing Industry of America, a member of the Board of Directors of Printing Industry of America, Inc., and Chairman of numerous other committees for graphic arts at both the local and national level.

Count Wilson in the course of writing in for a set of Jack Raaen's reunion pictures tells of a week's cruise out of San Diego on the aircraft carrier Ticonderoga. Count also reports that his health has continued good after his major operation of last winter.

The Class was well represented at West Point on Alumni Weekend and the homecoming game on 24 October 1959. Four classmates and one class son were among the 47 delegates at the Second Annual Meeting of West Point Societies on that occasion. The District of Columbia Society was represented by Kyke Allan, its distinguished newly elected President. Ernest Bixby represented the Western North Carolina Society, Jack Raaen the Chicago Society, Whiffer Van de Graaff the Pikes Peak Society of Colorado Springs and Mr. Joe H. Warren, Jr., Class of '46, the West Point Society of North Texas. Joe Jr. is now an independent oil operator in Dallas, Texas. In addition among those present at the homecoming game were Willie Palmer and the Roy Greens.

On Friday afternoon, 23 October, Brick and Helen Bartlett became the delighted recipients of a lovely silver tray, a gift to them from the classmates present at our 40th reunion. The tray, containing the class crest and suitably engraved, was procured by Martin Loeb and presented by our Class President, Kyke Allan in the presence of Ernest and Nardine Bixby, Jack Raaen, Don and Bea Shingler, Whiffer and Pat Van de Graaff, and Joe Warren, Jr., at Quarters 33, West Point. Helen and I would like to express to all those responsible our most sincere thanks for the lovely memento of the reunion, realizing full well that we do not deserve anything so nice.

Classmates present at the Villanova game included Syd and Bea Gould, John and Bert Hardin, and Doc and Opie Loper. The six couples drove over from Syd Gould's estate in Madison, Conn. where they had been spending a long weekend.

At the time this is being written, Sladen Bradley is still undergoing treatment at Walter Reed. Apparently Nate Twining is making a strong recovery. At least Joe Tate reports from Royal Oak that Nate was on the Eastern Shore shooting geese with Curtis LeMay early in November and looked as fit as ever.

Ed Sebree is active with the Army Leadership Human Research Unit in Monterey, Calif., this being a field unit of the George Washington University Human Resources Research Office. Ed's daughter Martha, the wife of Major R. C. McAllister, is now living at West Point, where her husband is in the First Battle Group.

Seen at the Air Force game in Yankee Stadium on 30 October were Tony and Helen McAuliffe, Martin and Pearl Loeb, and Pat Echols. Stu Bardin was at the Duke game in Durham, N.C.

The Class was represented at the annual Football Hall of Fame dinner at the Waldorf Astoria by Tony McAuliffe and your scribe. It was a most impressive occasion and included the presentation of a gold medal award to General MacArthur.

The following is reprinted from the 27 October issue of the Des Moines, Iowa, Register:

"Luther L. Hill will retire at his own request as publisher of The Des Moines Register and Tribune effective next Feb. 1, Gardner Cowles president of the newspaper company, announced Monday.

Hill will continue as a vice-president and director of the newspaper company, and as president of Cowles Broadcasting Company, operator of KRNT and KRNT-TV, Des Moines, and of WHTN-TV of Huntington-Charleston, W. Va.

Hill will make his future home in Naples, Fla., but will visit Des Moines and Huntington regularly.

Cowles, now president of The Register and Tribune, will resume also the title of publisher of the newspaper next February.

"All of us at The Register and Tribune regret Luther Hill's decision to retire as publisher," Cowles said, "but we are happy he is continuing as an officer and director of the newspaper, as well as continuing as head of Cowles Broadcasting Company."

"Mr. Hill has done an outstanding job as publisher and deserves the thanks of the entire Register and Tribune organization."

Luther's street address in Naples will be 3060 Gordon Drive.

—*B. W. (Brick) Bartlett*

1920

Bill Besell, former Professor and Head of the Department of Mathematics at West Point, was formally appointed Dean of the Academic Board on Friday, September 25th. Bill succeeded Brig. Gen. Gerald A. Counts, Class of 1917, who had served as Dean since August 1957. He was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General effective 1 October.

On mentioning this occasion, it seems to be in order also to relate some of the important events in Bill's service since he graduated in June 1920, standing sixth in his class of 271. Commissioned in the Corps of Engineers he holds, in addition to the Bachelor of Science degree received from West Point, also the degree of Civil Engineer from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, in Troy, New York. He was graduated in 1921 from the Army Engineer School and in 1940 from the C & GSC.

Bill's military service includes duty as Chief of the Military Personnel Division, Office of the Chief of Engineers from 1940 to 1942; with the Strategy Section, Operations Division, War Department General Staff, 1942 to 1943; as Army Director of the Joint War Plans Committee, Joint Chiefs of Staff from 1943 to 1946, during which time he was promoted to the wartime rank of Brigadier General and attended the Allied Staff Conferences at Washington, Quebec, Cairo, Malta, and Yalta; and as Commanding General of The Antilles Department until July 1947 when he came to West Point as Professor of Mathematics.

Among his awards and decorations are: The Distinguished Service Medal; The Legion of Merit; The Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster; The French Legion d'Honneur; and The Order of the British Empire.

FORT SCOTT, Presidio of San Francisco, Calif., 21 August 1959; left to right, **back row:** Lillian McGaw, Helena Culleton, Ruby Adamson, Mary Elinor (Adamson) Miller. **Front row:** Eddie McGaw, John Culleton and Godfrey Adamson.

A photograph near this column shows Bill receiving his new insignia of rank from Mrs. Bessell and his predecessor, Gen. Counts.

A few months ago Lt. Gen. Edward I. (Molly) Williams became the new Fourth Army Commander at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. At Molly's formal reception were four famous army generals now on the retired list. They were: Gen. Walter Krueger, Gen. Courtney H. Hodges, Gen. William H. Simpson, and our classmate, Gen. Henry I. Hodes.

Eddie McGaw, Commanding General, Headquarters Sixth Region, U. S. Army Air Defense Command, Fort Baker, Calif., in a recent letter said, "Class activities hereabouts are scarce. I see the Rhu Taylors occasionally. They are retired and enjoying life. Joe Langevin recently telephoned from Tucson to say that Olivia died 17 September from a heart attack. She was buried at the Fort Ord Cemetery. Pete and Emily Howard live in the Monterey area and, once in a while, get as far north as San Francisco. Homer

Millard has a dual class membership—sometimes he sits with us at West Point gatherings—at others with U.S.M.A. '24. Homer came down from Langlois, Oregon to attend the annual football dinner which the local West Point Society holds each year at the beginning of the football season." Near this column is a photograph taken at Fort Scott, Presidio of San Francisco, Calif. on 21 August 1959. Eddie McGaw sent this with his letter and I believe the class will enjoy looking at it because the likenesses are excellent. However, I must report with greatest sadness that Godfrey Adamson who appears in this photograph died on September 11th. He was buried in the National Cemetery, Presidio of San Francisco. Godfrey is survived by his widow, Ruby, one daughter, Mrs. Mary A. Miller, both of whom are in the photograph, and one son, Captain G. D. Adamson, Jr., U.S.A.F., and five grandchildren.

Two other classmates have passed on since I last wrote for this column. They are Bill Watson who died suddenly on 15 May 1959 at New Orleans, La. He is survived by his wife, Lucille, but I cannot report on whether or not there were any children or grandchildren. Bill had been long away from his classmates having resigned in 1924. Many will remember him as being the member of our class who stood Number 1 in Law. His class standing was Number 21, and he was appointed from Mississippi.

On October 8 1959 Harold Handy died at Letterman General Hospital and his cremated remains were buried at West Point on the 16th of October. His widow accompanied the remains; there were grave-side services only. The honorary pall bearers were Colonels West, U.S.M.A. '20, Schick, U.S.M.A. '20, Johnston, E.C., U.S.M.A. '20, Dick, U.S.M.A. '35, Wilson, U.S.M.A. '31 Escort officer to Mrs. Handy was Colonel Gillette, U.S.M.A. '20. The following U.S.M.A. '20 classmates attended the funeral from New York City: Hank Lambert, John McNulty, Morrison Chitterling, and Jim Cullum.

At the Colorado (Homecoming) football game on October 24th, the following classmates returned to West Point for the game and the Association of Graduates Dinner in Washington Hall: George Honnen, Wilson, G. W. R., Don Leehey, William R. Tomey, Gloomy Hasbrouck, Foxy Sturman, Burnes, D. S., and Hayden Sears.

Also present as a spectator at most of Army's home games this fall was Red Blaik. It was most interesting to classmates and others to see this famous grid mentor who had so long been on the players' bench watching intently the game as a spectator in the stands. But Red, while he followed every detail of the play, made little comment. Whatever his thoughts, he did not disclose them. Nonetheless, it was evident to all that his heart would always be on the field of play with the cadet team.

—*E. C. (Ted) Gillette, Jr.*
West Point, New York

1923

MAY IT BE SAID: "WELL DONE!"

On 23 August 1959 a new United States Army Reserve Center at Northfield, N.J., was dedicated to the memory of Colonel Louis J. Storck Sr. and Lieutenant Louis J. Storck, Jr. "Lou" was killed in action in France on 30 July 1944 while in command of a combat command of the 4th Armored Division. His son was killed in action in Korea on 6 October 1952. "Fritz" Breidster was invited to deliver the principle address at the ceremony but was unable to be present. This proved a double disappointment to "Fritz" because he would have been honored to pay his respects to any member of the Class and particularly to "Lou" who was his roommate while we were cadets. The commemoratory plaque (shown below) pays a fitting tribute to these remarkable sons of USMA. The picture shows "Lou's" other son Mr. George Storch, USMA '54, standing, right, among those present. "Freddie" Phillips informed me about this event and "Babe" Bryan got the pictures and other information. The dedication is written up in the First Army newspaper of 15 September 1959 (Vol VIII, No 6).

CLASS DOINGS

The Washington group luncheons have been held regularly on the third Wednesday of each month since September and will continue that way through May of 1960. In March we are due to be hosts for drinks at a joint luncheon with NAVY '23. Mark that date in your book if there is any chance that you may be in Washington about then. These parties always turn out to be lots of fun.

The big features of our November luncheon was a short talk by "Bill" Biddle in which he told of some of his experiences in dealing with the North Korean and Chinese Commies while he was on the UN Armistice Commission. "Bill" was stopping in Washington for a short leave before going to Chicago for duty as Deputy CG Fifth U.S. Army. Since Beck and Timberman were also at the luncheon we had half of the Class still on active duty on hand for the occasion.

Another date to mark is 16 January. On that day there will be a mixed Class Party at Arlington Hall Station beginning at 1830 and lasting as long as your aching backs and creaking joints will permit. Last year's party was declared a huge success by all who attended. If you can make the party send word either to me or to Timberman, Commanding General. Army Security Agency, Arlington Hall Station, Va., together with a check for $4.00 per person.

Just as soon as we can find time to put it out we will send you a bulletin giving the Executive Committee's conclusions relative to a publication for '63 and a new address list.

VITAL STATISTICS

"Pete" Leone who is our forward OP at Central Valley has given us the following list of sons of '23 now in the Corps:

1960
Gilmartin, M.W.
McInerney, R.N.
Post, E.D., Jr.
Raymond, W.
1961
None
1962
Carnes, G.P.
1963
Stewart, C.W.
Timberman, T.

He also reports the following sons as Ps:
Major Richard C. Carnes in the Dept. of Physics. Dick is the Class Godson.
Capt. R.P. McLean in the Dept. of Electricity,
Capt. L.P. Holcomb in the English Department,
Major J. H. Tormey in the Department of Mechanics.

With the retirement of "Jeff" Binns and "Jazz" Harmony our active duty ranks are reduced to the following:

Albrecht, Major General, Army
Beck, Colonel, Air Force
Biddle, Major General, Army
Magruder, General, Army
Stone, D.F., Colonel, Air Force
Timberman, Major General, Army

Paul Mahoney and Miss Mildred Bane were married at Fort Myer on the 19th of September. They are now living in Arlington, Va.

Laura and Ken Sweany became grandparents for the seventh time when a son was born to their son Phil who is now in the U.S. on leave from Hong Kong where he is working for Eastman Kodak. The Sweany's daughter, Jean, with her four children is now in Washington. Her husband Major Stephen Smith is taking a course at Georgetown University.

SEVEN COME ELEVEN?

On 10 October the birth of Jessica Virginia King deposed John Stodter as Most

Brig. Gen. G. A. Counts (ret.) assisted by Mrs. W. W. Bessell, pin the Star of Brig. Gen. on W. W. Bessell.

Recent Pop of 1923 and restored the title to King, J.C. Jessica weighed eight pounds, three ounces when she was born and is J C's seventh child. Are there any competitors in the Latest Pop Derby?

SICK CALL

Cowles, C.W., spent several days at Walter Reed recently for an operation for cataracts. He has gone home for the Thanksgiving holidays and may return later for a similar operation on the other eye.

"Les" Grener was in the same ward with Cowles for a short time for observation in connection with the jaw cancer he had several years ago. He too, has now returned to his home in St. Louis but may have to undergo more treatment later.

VISITORS

"Fritz" Breidster spent a few days in Washington in the latter part of September on a National Guard Board. Several of us were able to catch him for a lunch given by "Woggy" Towle. Mark Galusha who is executive assistant to the President of the National Guard Association showed "Fritz" and those of us who were with him the Association's new Headquarters. "Fritz" sends greetings to all of you.

Tudor was in Washington on business in October.

"Duke" Albrecht came up from Atlanta for a short TDY. He brought Page with him. They took in the Duke Game enroute. They report that they see the Workmans and Bunny Burnett from time to time.

Marjorie Greene, widow of J.I., is on an extended visit to Washington. She will return to Florida later in the winter via New Orleans where she will visit her sister, the wife of Major General Pete Feringa, Ret.

We have just now learned that "Dick" Russell's wife died sometime this past summer. Our most sincere sympathy to you, "Dick." Such a loss is a very great one indeed.

NAVY'S GAME

So far as we can figure the lads listed below were the representatives of our Class who saw the event which took place in the Philadelphia Stadium on 28 November. "Babe" Bryan was not listed but he must have been somewhere in the area because those of us who did not attend heard him on the pre-game broadcast and were mighty glad to hear him get in a few remarks about the most famous game of all, the one in 1922. Those reported present were:

Biddle, Carnes, Chambers, Dwyer, Horton, Grombach, King, J.C.; Morse, B.K.; Phillips, Russell, Scheetz, Timberman, Tully, Towle, Weikert, White, W.C.

There were no reports of any merriment but that is understandable.

VICTIM?

An annotated copy of the St. Petersburg, Fla. *Times* sent to me by the Association of Graduates shows that Robert Hugh Hall is President of R.H. Hall, Inc. and Chairman of the Board of the St. Petersburg Citizens National Bank which he organized. Our *Howitzer* lists Hall as a victim!

FAMILY MAN

Biographic notes on "McGehee from Tenneseehee" also sent to me by the Association, show that our hero is a technical editór with Lockheed and has an MA degree. They also show that he has one son with Lockheed who has BA degree and two sons who are identical twins and both have PhDs. That ain't all. When Mrs. McGehee's sister and her husband died, they left two sons. A.J. and Ella Verne raised those two boys. One of them, Madison Schepps, is USMA '55, the other one, Winston Schepps, is USMA '59. Both are in the Infantry.

Lieutenant Colonel Edward T. Campbell, (left) Commanding Officer of the 3d Battalion, 309th Regiment (BCT) 78th Infantry Division (Training) addresses audience at the dedication and memorialization ceremonies of the Storck United States Army Reserve Center. Among the guests present were (left to right): State Senator Frank Farley, Atlantic County; Colonel William H. Baumer (Ret), a member of the Civilian Advisory Committee, II U.S. Army Corps (Reserve); Major General Raymond W. Curtis, Commanding General, II US Army Corps (Reserve), who made the presentation of the Center; Brigadier General Daniel DeBrier, USAF Reserve, Atlantic City; Colonel Robert G. Finkenhauer, New Jersey Sector Commander; Colonel John B. Taylor, Commanding Officer, 1314th Logistical Command; Mr. Raphael Feeny, Mayor-Elect, Northfield, Brigadier General Harry E. Besley, (USAR), (standing) Commanding General 419th Engineer Brigade, Camp Kilmer; and Mr. George Storck (standing), West Point Class of 1954, a brother of the late Lt. Louis J. Storck, Jr., after whom the new center is named. Members of the 19th and 173rd Army Band from Fort Dix, New Jersey are in the right foreground.

HOMECOMING

"Pete" Leone, John Salzman, and "Ted" Osborne have all passed on glowing accounts of the hard work and thoughtfulness which the authorities at USMA put out to make the Homecoming such a grand success. Each of them urges that we consider making something of a major Class event out of these occasions. "Pete" says that John Chambers has already made reservations for next year! I will see that this is brought up for consideration here at our luncheons and suggest that others of you do the same whenever "two or three are gathered together." Among those who attended the dinner this year were the E.F. Adams, the Carnes, the Wendell Johnsons, Leones, Newmans, Osbornes, Salzmans, and Tormeys. Seen at the game were the Chambers, Holcombs and the Phillips.

AIR FORCE GAME

Timberman states that while at the Army-Air Force Game he bumped into "Jim" Early, "Woppy" White, "Les" Holcomb, "P.D." Weikert and "Pete" Leone. He adds all looked well fed and in fine marching order. The outcome of the first meeting with the "Falcons," however, could have been a bit better arranged, according to a consensus taken by "Tim" right after the game. "Pete" Leone adds the names of "Lou" Haskell, John White, and O.P. Newman to "Tim's" list.

MISCELLANY

Marian and "Herb" Enderton report that "Mike" Buckley got a scholarship from the National Science Foundation to study math this last summer at the University of California. They also note that "Art" Garrecht's daughter Ellen, an MD, has gone into practice as a gynecologist in San Francisco and that '23 has had several get-togethers in that area. There is not one word about their own, always interesting, family!

G.C. Stewart report that he is still with the National Safety Council in Chicago. He says he saw J.A. Evans recently in Birmingham looking very successful and distinguished with two attractive daughters and that he sees "Johnny" Farrow at West Point luncheons.

Rex Chandler says that he keeps busy golfing and fishing whenever the demands of "domestic engineering" allow.

George Heaney says that he and "Steve" Conner are the only members of '23 in the Seattle area. He adds that Conner's son is trying to get into USMA and having a hard time finding an appointment. Can anybody help?

Selections from the Autobiographies

VULCAN'S HELPER

"I'm an engineer at Boeing, doing things I've never done before and learning something new almost every day . . . life seems a full and gracious thing, getting better all the time.

"From 1928 on, in Ordnance, I got deeply into artillery design, engineering, and production. . . . In 1939 we had nobody making cannon and only three companies making forgings. In 1942 we had

twenty-four gun makers and twenty-seven forgings makers. I think the real satisfaction of this part of my military life is simply the fact that my signature was on every drawing of every standard U.S. Army cannon and part in 1945. I was privileged to head up a very small group of devoted and talented civil servants who spearheaded the unprecedented feat of manufacturing 500,000 cannon in five years! There was nothing in the world of private munitions makers that was even close to them."

CONNER

USER OF VULCAN'S PRODUCTS

"The most interesting and rewarding assignments were duty at Fort Sill during 1940-41. It was my good fortune to be one of the group of officers who developed the artillery fire direction methods used during World War II. The next assignment was as Artillery Commander of the 86th Division. In combat in Europe I saw application of the methods we had developed at Fort Sill. The third interesting assignment was with the Seventh Army in Germany. As G-3 of the reconstituted Seventh Army Headquarters in 1950, it was my job to plan the augmentation, assignment and location of the troops deployed to Germany in 1951. . . . In 1957 I applied for voluntary retirement . . . my home has been in Sacrement, Calif. My job is on the Operational Survival Project of California Civil Defense.

"As to why I retired early. Since my time would run out in 1959, I decided to make the break in 1957. Would love to have stayed on to the 64 year time, but the late fifties is the wrong time to change jobs; should have retired in 1954!"

GJELSTEEN

SOLDIER AND SAILOR OF FORTUNE

"Special Order No 298, 25 October 1918 by command of General Pershing transferred Regtl. Sgt. Maj. Karl F. Lueder and seventeen other soldiers from the American Expeditionary Forces, France, to West Point. Fritz had served in all the major engagements . . . and his previous condition of servitude had been on the Mexican Border . . . on 6 Jan. 1922 Fritz resigned and left West Point to accept a position with the Independent Coal and Coke Company, Kenilworth, Utah. . . . During his mining career Fritz read law . . . and later enrolled . . . in law school . . . but he gave up classes to take up flying at Ryan Airlines School . . . In mid 1930 Fritz joined Pan American Airways. . . .

Most interesting experiences include:

"First, when gas in the Castle Gate mine exploded in March 1924, Fritz served with a mine rescue team . . . the search for survivors was intensely interesting, but, when it was determined that no one had survived the explosion then the removal of 172 bodies became pure drudgery.

"Second, heading an expedition to Midway Island in 1935 to colonize and establish a seaplane base for PAA. . . . He repeated this activity in 1939 . . . to colonize Canton Island.

"Third, as a one-man expedition he established Fisherman Lake, Liberia seaplane base in July 1941 . . . and later Benson Field landing strip at the same location . . . "ordered to duty in 1942 in the newly created Naval Air Transport Service (NATS) . . . became . . . a "four striper". . . retired on 19 Feb. 1958 from the Naval Reserve."

LUEDER

EL BOOGOW

"The most decisive change and no doubt the dumbest was from C A C to Slimey Cit. Far more rewarding was the next change in 1932, from wage slave to pulp magazine fictioneer. Whether involuntary, or asked for, will never be known, though I can, as I look back, detect traces of contributory negligence, so to speak. There are these facts: N plants superintendent and N plants, then N-I plants in operation. Presently, to balance matters, there remained only N-I superintendents. Elementary! Following day there were N+I fiction writers whereas formerly, only N writers.

Well, it was a lot of fun for more than twenty years, though the final few were on a non-profit basis, so that at last there came an un-strategic retreat to an unprepared position. Since mid-1952, I've been a microfilm technician. Aside from one screen play, my first and no doubt my last, I've written nothing but letters and checks since the fiction mill blacked out.

"Avocations: astrology; lectures (non-profit) on metaphysical and philosophical topics; Leica and four lenses to build up a collection of 35mm Kodachrome slides of people and places. I've failed at everything but having fun, but I've had lots of that over the years!"

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This Father and Son distinguished themselves in the Service of their Country in two different wars; World War II and Korea. Their courage, valor, and noble self-sacrifice will be an inspiration for the generations to follow.

23 AUGUST 1959

TEACHERS

"I participated in my retirement parade in September '54. . . . I joined the University of Santa Clara faculty in 1955 as an Assistant Professor in the Math Department. . . .

"None of the children are living at home. Tom, the youngest, graduated from Bellarmine College Prep . . . and immediately entered the Jesuit order. . . . Fletcher, USMA '54 is with the Signal Corps. . . . Mike preceded Tom into the Society of Jesus by eight years . . . he teaches Greek and junior English. . . . The two girls, Pat and Barbara, have supplied us with three grandchildren. . . .

"Best and most interesting assignments —the Cavalry orderlies responded to our queries . . . in the Riding Hall—"They are all good horses." We think the four years on the Field Artillery Board just prior to World War II were the most interesting and instructive. However, service in the G-3 Section of A.G.F. during World War II was just as interesting. . . .

"Since Eleanor is teaching also, (World History in James Lick High School), we have had little time for extra-curricular activities. However, we do some gardening and try to break 90 in an occasional round of golf, and hope to have more time in the near future when we can get "way out in front" of our students."

ELEANOR AND MIKE BUCKLEY

FLY BOY

"After graduating, he went with about fifty of his classmates to . . . Air Service Primary and Advanced Flying Schools . . . and to the Air Service Technical School photographic course . . . this course proved invaluable to him later on when he started photographing his family. . . .

"During P.D.'s service he had the good fortune of being stationed at USMA College for ten years. He was an instructor in the Phil Department from 1930 to 1934. He returned to the Phil Department in the summer of 1937. In 1942 he was appointed a member of the Academic Board and was Director of Aviation Instruction. In this capacity he designed and built the present Stewart AFB which was originally used to give flying training to cadets who desired it. . . .

"His war experience consisted of duty with the Plans Section, CINCPAC; Assistant Air Support Commander Kwajelein Operation; Air Support Commander for the Hollandia Operation . . . command of the 7th Fighter Wing. . . .

"His postwar assignments were . . . duty with the Air Materiel Command, Commanding General Mobile Air Material Area, Chief of Staff and Vice Commander of the Far East Air Forces . . . Deputy Commandant of the National War College and Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Staff of Operation, Hos. DSAF. . . .

"After retirement he held several part-time jobs until August 1955 when he became associated with United Aircraft Export Corporation. . . He and the "blind drag" of 100th Night 1921, whom he married in 1927, live in . . . Bethesda, Md."

WEIKERT

TRAVELING OIL MAN

"In January 1926 Frank resigned from the service and entered the employ of the Vacuum Oil Company. . . .

"In January 1938 Frank Wilder went to Vienna, Austria. . . . In April 1938, following the Anschlus in Austria, Frank became co-manager of the Vacuum Oil Company, S.A., Poland . . had the opportunity to travel in and become acquainted with Rumania, Hungary, and Germany . . . to see the makings of and the beginning of World War II. . . . In March 1942 Frank re-entered the Army. . . . His first assignment was . . . plant protection work in respect to United States oil facilities. . . . In June 1943 Frank was transferred to the Office of the Quartermaster General . . . responsibility was to estimate semi-annually the Army's world-wide requirements of petroleum products for the following two years. . . . In August 1944 Frank returned to civilian life with Socony Vacuum. . . . Now most of his time is devoted to inter-

national labor affairs, chief among which is the International Labor Organization. . . . This position involves further foreign travel and various types of inter-governmental relations." WILDER

POSTSCRIPT

A letter from "Trooper" Price received after the extract which appears above was made adds the following footnotes. "Trooper" is now turning his photography hobby to financial advantage and he has been married for a third time. He reports that his son was best man, witness, wedding guest, and wine steward but unhappily could not qualify as flower girl! As "Trooper" says: he sure is having fun.

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

1924

In order to more efficiently carry on Class business the P.O. Box in Washington, D.C., has been discontinued. Letters to Class Hqrs. should now be addressed to P.O. Box 4062, Falls Church, Va.

The Class extends sympathy to George Pence and Briant Wells. The mother of each died in early Nov.

Margie Graling suffered a very severe accident in early Nov. An automobile, out of control, knocked down a large tree and a limb pierced her left leg. Both the main artery and large vein were severed along with considerable muscle damage. Expeditious and expert first aid, on the spot, by a Bell Telephone employee kept Margie from bleeding to death. I am happy to report that, as a result of some remarkable surgery, Margie is back home and making an excellent recovery.

"Slicker" King, after several weeks recuperation at Mt. McGreggor, has returned to work in the Service Department of Bill Cleary's Buick Agency, Bridgeport, Conn. "Slicker" now lives at 614 Park Ave., Bridgeport, Conn.

Carrol and Dorothy Griffin invite all Classmates making a Caribbean cruise to visit them in Port of Spain. In the dictation of the letter Carrol's native steno. could not understand Thundering Herd so it came out Slumbering Herd. At this stage of life Carrol thought the error should be allowed to stand.

Pete Hains tells us that "Shorty" Keeley, President of the Ret. Officer's Assn. in Honolulu, is the real spark plug of the organization. About 50 members attended a dinner recently where Pete was the guest speaker. Lt. Roy Reynolds, son of Deck Reynolds and skipper of an LST based at Pearl, recently entertained the Hains and Keeleys at a delightful dinner aboard his ship after cocktails at the Marine Officer's Club.

The Walton G. Procter family have sent their thanks to the Class for their expression of sympathy on the recent death of Walton.

George and Susie Smythe report that Sam Smithers married Mrs. Lucy Watson Huffman in Columbus, Ga., on 10 Oct. 1959. They further report that, while visiting their daughter-in-law at Fort Walton Beach, Fla., they saw Ann and Clem Dabezies. Clem had just retired. The Dabezies were planning a year of travel starting with a visit to Mexico.

Bill Liebel writes that Marcus Stokes has gone to Fort Campbell, Ky., for further treatment by a surgeon, stationed there, who had operated on him previously.

Charlie Stevenson, after attending the Nat. Guard Assn. meeting in Texas, visited his nephew in Houston from whose home he called "Zero" Wilson. "Zero" was out so Charlie gave Betty the number listed on the phone from which he was calling. It seems that in Houston the number on the phone is that of the police. "Zero" in returning the call of course got the police and did his best to spring Charlie. "Zero", not convinced with the report by the police that they did not have Charlie and afraid something was seriously wrong, called Charlie's office in Albany, N.Y. From them he learned that Charlie was visiting his nephew in Houston. Charlie says he had a grand dinner and evening with the Wilsons after a very considerable bit of razzing for being such a dumb General.

Art Trudeau, on a recent trip to the West Coast and Texas, saw a few Classmates and talked to several others on the phone. He reports: Harry and Betty Van Wyk well and happy in Sacramento where Harry has a senior position with the Calif. Civil Defense Commission. Joe Burrill, after another bit of surgery, is out of the hospital and soon expects to be playing golf. John Archer and Francis Stewart are fit again, John Archer after his fall and Frances after an operation.

Mary Stadler reports that therapy is accomplishing wonders for Harry. He is walking some and now able to speak a few words. His morale is high and, with a boy to drive the car, visits the ranch every morning.

Bill Eareckson, still in Ward 32 Walter Reed, is now a bed patient. It will now be possible for visitors to find him.

"Jiggs" Runkle, sick with the flu and fighting an apartment house fire, got too much smoke which resulted in pneumonia. The strain caused a heart attack forcing "Jiggs" to retire from his job of Fire Chief. He and Esther are now living in Portland, Ore.

Tom and Laurence McCulloch have returned to Indianapolis. Tom was at Walter Reed for the first check since his operation. Tom says he is feeling better all the time and hopes after his checkup in March to be out of the woods.

Les Simon has been informed by the Medics at Walter Reed that he must cut down on his activities and move to a warmer climate. He has resigned as Vice President and Director of Research and Development, the Carborundum Company effective 31 December 1959. As yet he and Marie have no definite plans about where they will live.

Gus Watson has changed his business to 131 South Eads St., Arlington 2, Va. Martin Hass now has P.O. Box 716 in Biloxi, Miss. Grayson Schmidt has moved to 10601 Johnson Ave., Cupertine, Calif.

—*Cleland C. Sibley*
506 Linden Lane
Falls Church, Va.

1925

As usual, very little from USMA. Ray Barton called on his way through and extolled the merits of San Jose; Mike Geraghty dropped in at a local football game—cherublike as always. This would be the whole column except that Daddy Dunn rushed up the draft copy of his notes for the next circular from which I crib the following items.

Cards are dribbling in almost daily re Reunion next June; send yours in with tentative plans if you are not sure now that you can make it. Linkswiler writes that Benny Fowlkes now in Rapid City, S.D. (143 Court). Don Mitchell hit Portland, Missoula, L.A., San Antonio, etc., before heading back to Madrid; saw Jack Horner at Austin, talked to Peploe, Larter, and McCormick. Don Bratton concerned with the building of the Glen Canyon Dam, address: Box 787, Page, Ariz. Dave Tulley spent most of the summer at Fitzsimmons but is now back in Japan with a clean bill of health. Red Willing serving with him. Looks like Johnny Haskell will become a permanent resident of Paris—also possible candidate for Mayor. Noble relaxing in N. Tarrytown, N.Y.; young Don is Class of '62, USMA. Westphalinger enjoying command of ComZ in Orleans. Howze is CofS, Seventh Army; Bill Kerns at Weisbaden, Freddy Powell in Madrid, Pat Lynch still selling beaucoup insurance. Toms in London, planning to come home for the Reunion, as is Tom Whitted now at Charlotte, N.C. Willie (Mrs. Walter) Hodge hopes to attend the Reunion with daughter Judy when they can also visit young Herky (2d Cl.). Frank Fraser apparently enjoying his school work and is beautifully located in Palo Alto. Art Bliss finally made contact via card and states he expects to be operating (?) in New England or the Midwest come next June. Miles Dawson consulting on flood control for Ohio; cooked up record floods in both January and February. Gould writes that he, Ike Evans and Neprud had a short get-together with Pop Harrold at Bliss. Mildred and Wayne Smith thoroughly enjoying; boys scattered—Wayne, Jr., in Germany, Bob on sub. *Perch*, Carl in Korea. The McManuses looking forward to son's graduation in June. Jim Deery now teaching at private prep. school "Darlington" at Rome, Ga. Soap Suttles now in Florida real estate in addition to insurance; reports fantastic progress. Al Burton still much occupied with production, bottling, and aging wines and spirits; had telephone talk with both Bruce Clarke and Joe Cannon. Sam Lamb moved to 531 Northview Road, Santa Barbara, near Jim Gaddis. Sam Lansing making good headway clearing out area in central Florida; had a visit from Charles Caldwell who comes by occasionally. Daddy Dunn timed his annual trip to the Midwest with the pheasant season: apparently cleared the area, missing only one shot. Paul Weitfle still going strong in the Philadelphia area. Axel Dobak bringing family to see son graduate in June; ditto Jack DePew. Mattison reports neighbor Jerry Kelley busy building a house and Renfro living forty miles north of the Carmel diggings. Lit Roberts just getting settled in Bradenton. Red Hall still in Kenwood (Cal.), Clarke, R.T. at El Paso, and Cavelli at College Park (Ga., not Md.). Marie (Mrs. Ted) Dunn will be on hand for graduation of Russ in June. Porter Kidwell leading strenuous life as Ass't Director, Supply, for Pan Am. Leland Kuhre still on the ball and is gradually getting his stuff down to where the man in the street can decipher it. Daddy concludes with plea to get the Reunion cards in. —*Vincent J. ("Mike") Esposito*

1926

On the Western trip I stopped in to see Bob Nourse. He is busy and happy with his job at San Rafael M.A. and his lovely home in nearby Greenbrae. From Bob's report and a recent letter from Spud Murphy, it appears we have quite a contingent in sunny California. Paul Hamilton is teaching math at San Rafael M.A., Brookner Brady and Roy Kaylor are teaching in San Francisco High Schools. Hal Forde is studying for his PhD at Stanford where Bill Hawthorne is Asst. Librarian. Hal Brusher lives in Oakland. Alex Sewall in San Francisco and Paul Carrol at Pebble Beach. Ken McNaughton is in Los Angeles with Fairchild Camera and Instrument Corp. Dave Van Syckle recently arrived in L.A. after five years in Paris. He is busy remodeling the new home and justifying his take-home pay from Aerojet Corp. Spud Murphy is an Executive Secretary of one of the committees of the National Academy of Science in Los Angeles. Home is 10483 Wellworth Ave., L.A. 24, and Spud says drop in anytime you are in the area.

The Class extends its sympathy to Frank Miter on the death of his wife. Grace died 5 November and was buried in the National Cemetery at Fort Bliss.

Happy to report another classmate is in the West Point area. Marvin McKinney recently bought a home in Balmville, a residential area near Newburgh. The Army & Navy Journal reports Egon Tausch has been appointed Executive Director, Texas Council on Migrant Labor with headquarters in the State Office Building, Austin. In January Ralph Osborne leaves his G-2 job in Heidelberg and takes over as Commandant of the American Sector of Berlin. Tommy White had a serious operation on his back last October. At the Homecoming game Edwina reported Tommy home from the hospital and recuperating nicely. Bill Ennis' daughter, Patricia, and family, are at West Point. Husband, Capt. William Leggett, Jr., is an instructor in the Electrical Engineering Department.

Unfortunately, the Fall issue of ASSEMBLY did not reach subscribers until after the Homecoming Game. As a result, many classmates missed the invitation for refreshments at the Heiberg's quarters after the game. Too bad, because it was a very pleasant party.

—*Roy Herte*
1 Jean Court
Cornwall-on-Hudson, N.Y.

1927

The flow of news to the class correspondent seems to have been somewhat interrupted by fall activities in the various area bivouacs. New Year summaries would be welcome!

Ray Curtis, an active staff correspondent at Camp Kilmer, N.J., when he is not "going at a terrific pace on (the) reserve assignment" as CG, II Corps, brought his family statistics up to date. Junior daughter Mary Anne Williams, recent bride of Lt. Charles L. Williams, III, resides at Fort Campbell, Ky. Daughter Norma and her husband, Captain Wallace G. Steiger, Jr., attending the Royal Armor School in England, presented the Curtises with their second grandchild, Elizabeth Anne, in July.

A change of address for the Garlands should be registered. The shift in quarters was from The Hague to 1277 Cox Road, Rydal, Penn. Welcome back, Blair and Dottie, and let us hear from you!

Jimmy Collins, incident to an extended overseas inspection trip, reported seeing a few classmates in Europe. Ted and Kay Brown are as happy as can be in Frankfurt —a fine hospitable city for the Army— where Ted is commanding the 3d Armored Division, his wartime outfit of div arty memory. Jack Sterling, representative for Republic Aircraft, is in Paris. Watlington, under orders for NSA command at Fort Meade, was busy getting cleared and crated from his Petit Beauregard quarters and duty with USEUCOM, Camp des Loges, St. Germain-en-Laye, Seine et Oise, etc. Wat and Chick will be stimulating additions to the Washington group. Although the item was not picked up on the trip, Jimmy informs that Toni Luebberman is now in Sarasota, Fla. (Florida readers please note and expand fully upon life in that area!)

Chick McNutt sent in his letter just in time for the notes. Chick, Maxine, and daughter Barbara have their home in Santa Barbara—wherein they have "a guest apartment . . . and the latch string is always out to . . roaming classmates"—but also keep a much-used apartment in Los Angeles, where Chick has been working. With respect to his varied executive jobs with Pacific Iron and Steel, Chick, better to safeguard his health, states that he is requesting indefinite leave from the corporation at the end of 1959. Upon his re-retirement he plans to devote his time "to sport fishing at home...where a couple of cronies of mine and myself own a very nice cabin cruiser." (Certainly malpractice can never be alleged against a doctor who orders a rod-and-reel substitute for stress-and-strain exec'ing!)

Pursuant to his fine and firm habits of correspondence, Paul Berrigan came through with a report from the San Francisco area. The highlight seems to be the settling of the Hockers into their "dream house" at 332 Alberta Way, Hillsborough: "it is really dreamy—View—Fireplaces—South American art in a big way—and a swimming pool." Also worthy of note is Paul's announcement of fifteen classmates in the Bay Area with the recent closing in of Si Peirce at 3655 Broderick—"100 yards to the Marina Gate of the Presidio." Paul's assignment, by the way, as "Chairman of the Placement Committee of the Bay Area Society" may be of interest to bent-over classmates, especially as the snow and fuel bills commence to drift high in this season of so-called winter sports.

All of us extend our deepest sympathy to Mary Kyster. Hopes for Olaf's recovery were not to be granted, and another valued classmate, artilleryman and friend, has joined the Line.

Mac Miller has borne with commendable patience and fight a siege of eye trouble occasioned by a slipped retina in one eye. The surgeons at Walter Reed have done expertly for him, and by the appearance of these notes he should be about again without the sinister black "cheaters" which confined his vision to the field afforded by a small pin hole and which gave him a somewhat piratical appearance.

Willis and Jean Matthews spent some time in Washington in November, while Willis was in the Pentagon with a selection board. They are enjoying Governor's Island, of course.

The Navy Game crowd—(Oh! Oh! Oh! O-h!!)—and the report is not necessarily a complete one, for which apologies are offered as appropriate—seems to have included the Schwabs with sons and wives, Mucker Quinn and family, the Curtises, Bixels, Burgesses, Collinses, Garlands, Ham Hunters, Fox Connors, and the Larry Shaws. It was a goodly gathering from '27 for a "badly" day.

Class officers for the Washington Area and for the class, pursuant to the class plan developed several years ago, have been elected and announced. For the coming year they will be: Woody Burgess, president; Jack Hines, vice-president, and Mac Miller, secretary and treasurer. The corresponding secretary, amanuensis, or higher-numbered cannoneer continues the undersigned supplicant for news.

—*Jerry Lillard*
(Brig. Gen., U. S. A., Rtd.,
4543 North 40th Street,
Arlington 7, Virginia.)

1928

Distribution of the Class Gifts has finally been made to all Class Sons who have graduated in Classes prior to 1960.

Several letters have been received from Class Sons expressing their thanks. The following is quoted from one such letter:

"It was a delightful surprise to me, and I know my feeling of pride and pleasure must have been felt similarly by other sons of '28 when they received theirs.

"Those of us who carry on the military tradition will do well to follow you of '28 who have shown the way. This silver case will serve to commemorate the ideals of West Point and of our fathers who have passed them on to us.

"I would like to thank each of the Class of '28 for their kindness and I shall do my best to fulfill the expectations of a 'son of '28.' "

Elmer and Wilda Scudder and son stopped by in September en route to Princeton where the son was enrolled in the Freshmen Class. This was SCUD's first return to West Point since graduation. ED and Betty Reber spent Ring weekend with their son, John, whose engagement was announced during this special weekend. Ed has recently accepted a position with the Budd Company, Philadelphia. NED Sirmyer spent a few days in September with his daughter and son-in-law. Ned returned to Texas and expected to settle in Japan as soon as he lines up gainful employment.

Football season has brought a number of classmates back for various games. Seen at some of the early home games were: BOB and Mary Butler, JOE and Hazel Bulger, STEVE Reynolds, DOUG and Mabe Ludlam, and WEBB and Virginia Anderson. Carl Sturies wrote the following after the Army-Illinois game in Champaign:

"Present at the Army-Illinois Game in

Champaign, October third, were: The RUSS Blairs, the DEL Spiveys, the Staleys and the Sturies in the Army Section and WEE Todd elsewhere in the Stadium. The Blairs and the Spiveys drove over from the Culver Military Academy in Indiana, where DEL is the SUPE and RUSS is on the faculty. The Staleys drove over from Mexico, Mo., where SB continues to make fine brick. For the Sturies it was a hometown game—only this time we were rooting for a visitor's victory. We were sorry not to have seen WEE Todd. We learned of his presence from the society column of the local paper after the game."

At the Duke game in Durham I saw DAVE Traub and GORDON and Dot Williams. For the Homecoming game the following were present: TOMMY and Beulah Rich, NORM and Jane Webb, PETE and Betty Calyer, and SAM Brentnall.

JACK Oakes has received his third star and is assigned as Deputy Chief of Staff for Military Operations. Congratulations Jack.

SKIP Seeman furnished the following information:

"We had a class luncheon on 17 November. The following were present: Barnes, Breden, Brentnall, Hinrichs, Maxwell, McLennan, Myers, Nelson, Oakes, Olive, W. P. Johnson, Raymond, Seeman, Smith and Traub. Charlie Born was in town but we didn't know it till next day.

"VERDI Barnes and PAUL Johnson were in from Sill and Knox respectively for promotion board duty.

"Crallé, McNamara, Mundy, Smyser and R. C. Wilson had other engagements.

"Cummings wrote in from a business address in Frankfurt, Germany—c/o A. G. Division, Northern Area Command, APO 757, New York.

"Susan Dau, Fred's 'blithe spirit,' passed away during November at Walter Reed Hospital. Those desiring may send gifts to the American Cancer Society.

"R. C. Brown reported recently he was going to Santiago, Chile, to be engaged in air field construction."

Word was received that HARVEY Wilkinson had been admitted to Walter Reed Hospital; however, when STU McLennan checked on the matter he found that Harvey had been transferred to a Veteran's hospital in Alabama. We all wish Harvey a rapid recovery.

WEB and Virginia were seen playing hosts at the Q.M. Depot, Philadelphia, to thousands of Army supporters on 28 November. JOHN and Nancy Farra were seen among the crowd.

—*John D. Billingsley*
West Point, N.Y.

1929

As expected, your editor has rightly been taken to task for inaccuracy in reporting on those still in uniform. George McAneny is Assistant Commandant at the QM school at Fort Lee and includes in his letter the miscellaneous information that the McAnenys have two good looking daughters. Eddie Murphy is also in uniform as a colonel in the Quartermaster. Don Keirn retired in October.

Jim Hannigan writes on his stationery as Dean of Texas A&M. He has a plebe son who, at last report, was on the Dean's List. A press release describes Joe Colby as a "leading expert in the design, manufacture and use of tank and automotive equipment for military purposes". He is Vice President of Engineering for Rockwell Manufacturing Company of Pittsburgh.

Notes on our members of the teaching profession show that Paul Steinbeck is a member of the engineering faculty of the University of Illinois and was seen giving a cocktail party before the dinner the President of that institution had for visiting USMA guests at the Illinois-Army football game. Paul is reported happy and doing a useful job. George Keeler is going to school at Duke and Frank Fellows is Business Manager of the girls' college, Chatham Hall, near Danville, Va. Fred Chaffee is a student at George Washington University living at 3315 Quesada St., N.W.

From Jupe Lindsey and Paul Caraway we learn that Van Vanderblue is in Washington, with a touch of the wanderlust. enrolled in a Foreign Service Institute course preparatory to going out to Laos for the International Cooperation Administration. Dave Buchanan has reported to the Pentagon to become the Deputy Inspector General. John and Mary Lee Hammond have settled in Phoenix, Ariz. at 7730 North 9th Ave. and Tom Hammond has moved with his family from Paris to Washington to a position with a stock brokerage firm of Burton and Dana Co.

Jupe Lindsey is Assistant District Manager of the Hamilton Mutual Investment Corporation living at 5632 Bent Branch Road, N.W. in Washington.

Dutch Kraus apparently liked the Monterey area so much that he and Betty are still living there. A letter from John Phillips indicates that he has spent a couple of months throwing away the papers of 30 years and is now getting a bit restless at an address that reads 450 Country Club Dr., Southern Pines, N.C. Army Armstrong writes from the McCallie School, Missionary Ridge, Chattanooga, Tenn. that he is having fun doing a little military instruction and teaching quite a lot of American history.

Roger Browne, writing on the stationery of Deputy City Administrator of the City of New York, seems to be continuing in public service of a very active type. Bat Carns, who is commanding a reserve corps in the Pacific Northwest, dropped by incidental to seeing his cadet son. He was very encouraging about the good work being done by our young graduates and also about the dedication of the reserve and regular officers from other institutions who are under his supervision.

My files contain plenty of mimeographed information on the class luncheon and dinner-dance just about to happen including a cordial invitation to the Lincolns to put in $11.00 and come to Washington. Quite aside from other considerations we are off for a 10-day trip to the west coast using invitations for a few lectures as an excuse.

There are about 45 members of our class in the Washington area. The committees of luncheons and dinners carry the names of Ward, McDonald and Lindsay as luncheon experts and Caraway, Renshaw and Wentworth as experts on dinner complete with black tie.

Letters received record that all the class daughters are good looking and any mention made of schooling indicates that those mentioned are cum laude if not summa cum laude.

How about taking your secretary in hand as you finish reading these notes and dictating me a letter. But for the help from Washington classmates these notes would be thinner indeed. My thanks to those who have helped and a plea to those who might help next time.

—*Abe Lincoln*

1930

The 30th Reunion poop was mailed in November. If you did not receive it drop a line to Sandy Stone.

As far as hearing from you people was concerned, it was a quiet fall. A fine letter from Bob Ports brought me an up-to-date address list of the far west contingent. And from the west came an engraved card announcing that Bob Lancefield joined a law firm in Los Angeles. A note from Kate Weber enclosed a snapshot of five of the six of the Weber's grandchildren.

Ida Packard's daughter, Janet, presented Ida with her sixth grandchild in October. I believe six is the high grandchild count (jointly held by Ida Packard and the Fritz Webers), but the day will come when that number is greatly exceeded. Just wait until the Kromer, Wehle, Beasley, and Heitman broods are in full production!

I had a nice letter from Ben Beasley. As previously reported, he has retired, and is staying in France as the European representative of a stateside firm of architects and engineers. Their eldest son, Ben, has furnished Helen and big Ben with a granddaughter. Daughter Barbara graduated from William and Mary in 1959. Son Jere is enrolled as a freshman at Carnegie Institute of Technology, little Helen is in the sixth grade, and Timothy will start school next (1960) year. Address: 17 Rue Carpeaux, Courbevoie, Seine, France.

Sterling Wright gave me a quick rundown on a trip he took around the world. In Seoul he stayed with Ham Howze for a couple days, in Ankara he visited Ray Brisach, in Teheran it was Roy Lindquist, in Paris Andy O'Merara and Phil Wehle. According to Sterling they are all working hard, as is fitting of MAAG types.

Charlie Dodge has gone to Korea, Barksdale Hamlett is coming to Washington, Tom Edgar is teaching at VMI (living at 19 Westside Court, Lexington, Va.), and Happy Brooks writes that his son, James Bartlett, is in the 4th class, US Air Force Academy.

Here, for a final item, is one which all of you will be glad to hear. Sandy Stone is again taking over the duties of class representative! When he was writing this column before it was read by all grads of all classes. So bombard him with news at his home. Address: 2 Quincy Street, Chevy Chase 11, Md.

Thanks to all of you for keeping me posted for the last two and a half years. See you in June.

—*George C. Duehring*

1931

The monthly class luncheons in Washington have been well attended. More than 21 members of the Class have been at each of them. At the October luncheon Ned Carter was a welcome visitor. Ned is now with Lockheed and working on the Navy Polaris project. He is residing in California.

Earl Hockenberry has returned to Washington. Earl recently retired from the Air Force and is selling real estate.

Bill Woodward has bought a home in Washington. Bill retired as Brigadier General from the Army last month.

Ned Purnell underwent a serious operation in Walter Reed. At the last report he is doing fine and is up and about again.

Ned Parker had to go to Walter Reed for a series of operations. The first one was performed early in November and Ned has made a good recovery from that. He will be out of circulation until about the first of the new year.

When a classmate hears of an emergency or illness of a member of the class, it will be most helpful if some notice is given to Warren Hoover, the Secretary of the class. Warren's office address is OSD (ISA), Pentagon, Washington 25, D.C. His home address is 3709 Corey Place, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Curley Wilson sent us a note thanking the class for presenting a copy of the 25th Reunion Book to the Association of Graduates Reference Library. There are still approximately nine or 10 of these books available for distribution. If anyone would like one, Warren Hoover will be glad to forward it to him on the receipt of a small stipend.

Ken McCrimmon sent a picture of some of the representatives of the Class of '31 who attended the conference of civilian aides to the Secretary of the Army at Fort Bragg. Not photoed were Herrick, Lawson, Hiddleston, and Westpheling. In the photo from left to right are Pachler, Lehrfeld, Troxel, Harris, Mayo, and McCrimmon. This unusually fine photo shows that Tricky Troxel has that lean and youthful look bespeaking his fine condition for taking over as Chief of MAAG, Korea, next month.

Charley Bard has joined Emery and Wood in the practice of law in Washington and is already handling many important (and we hope reasonably lucrative) cases in fine style.

During the first week of November, Ed Messinger attended a MAAG Chiefs' Conference at EUCOM Headquarters. He stayed with Eddie and Mike Brown at their home in Petit Beauregard. Tom and Ruth Stayton, in from Brussels where Tom is MAAG Chief, also stayed at the Browns. With but three bedrooms in the house; some minor adjustments had to be made. The minor adjustment required Eddie, who is Deputy J-4 EUCOM, to requisition a rollaway for Joannie Brown. In this way she had the entire living room to herself.

Besides Tom Stayton, Eddie Brown and Ed Messinger, other members of '31 present at the Conference were Ernie Moore, who is Chief of MAAG in U.K., Klem Boyd, Army Section Chief MAAG Greece, and Cam McConnell who is Army Section Chief of MAAG Portugal.

At several of the functions in connection with the Conference Ted and Nina Parker and Jeanne Smith were present. Ted is Standing Group Representative stationed in Paris. C.C. is Army Attaché in Paris but was away on a trip to Africa.

During the class luncheon in November, Charlie Densford was a visitor. Charlie is now a rancher at Pipe Creek, Texas, about 40 miles northwest of San Antonio. Charlie said he would more than welcome a visit from any member of the class provided everyone doesn't come at the same time.

Gus Heiss, after a prolonged visit to Europe, is back in town.

Ray Leinster has had a couple of notes from Charlie Hoy. He reports that in spite of braces, paralysis, and other handicaps, Charlie was out putting on the golf green. Charlie's address is 632 Langholm Drive, Winter Park, Florida. I am sure he would appreciate a note from any of us.

Luke Cron has now retired and is living in Ft. Myers, Florida. His address is: RR2, Yacht Club Colony.

On the occasion of the visit of Chet Young to San Antonio, 24 September 1959, Jack Gordon gave a luncheon at the St. Anthony Hotel for Chet and available 1931'ers in the vicinity. Bert Muenter, Commanding Officer of Randolph AFB, was present as was our brand new rancher, Charlie Densford of Pipe Creek, Texas. Jimmy Stroker, our distinguished banker, Harry Candler, prominent attorney, and realtors John Feagin and Dick Danek were on hand. Al Green, now conducting a new civilian instruction program at Trinity, was also in the act. Charlie Densford lost the end of his trigger finger and the one next to it in an accident on his new ranch. It is a good bet, though, that he can still shoot straighter than most other people. Jack Gordon, the genial Vice President of the Lone Star Brewing Company, looked fit as a fiddle and 10 years younger than his age record. (Similar pleasant descriptions will be included re any member throwing a lunch for the classmates who lets us know of his fine deed.) Chet Young, of course, is a cold war type from the Joint Staff in the Pentagon.

Chet Ott forwarded a nice newsy note from Portland, Oregon, where his own new wholesale lumber business is prospering. Chet's son, John Shelton Ott, graduated with distinction in Industrial Engineering from Stanford. Having been designated a Distinguished Military Student, he was commissioned a 2nd Lieut., Ordnance Corps, Regular Army. Chet achieved the distinction of becoming a grandfather via his eldest daughter Katherine. The Otts will come East in 1960 in order to accompany their daughter Elizabeth, a student at Vassar, on a visit to West Point. Chet saw Ray and Helene Pratt in San Francisco recently.

I am sure that everyone will note that quotation marks are no longer used around nicknames. I hope that this change in editorial makeup satisfied Ernie Peters and that he will realize that he has a strong, energetic, and responsive class organization working for him.

The Class of '31 has hit the jackpot since the last Class Notes. Six members have been promoted. They are Bill Train, Al Cassevant, and Ernie Easterbrook to Major General and Dick Jewett, Bill Hall, and Skid Skidmore to Brigadier General.

—*Charles L. Decker*
Asst. JAG D/A
Washington 25, D.C.

Classmates gathered at Ft. Bragg during conference of civilian aides to Secretary of the Army.

1932

I'm writing this column because someone has to replace the irreplaceable Zitzman. For some 13 years Ken has filled us in with a torrent of news written in a style invented by him and impossible to duplicate. As Executive Vice-President of International Standard Engineering Incorporated, his office is located at 40 rue de Sèvres, Boulogne-Billancourt, Seine, France. He invites all classmates to drop in. Home address comes later when they find a place to live. And with this requiem we turn to the news.

A visit to Tuffy Horner at the War College, a call to Bill Culp at Belvoir, and a personal visit to our domain in Fairfax by Ed Howarth reveal the following classmate confessions. The first tidbits come from notes on address cards sent out last October. John Keating says he'll be back in December. En route he had met the Spurgins in Verdun where Bill is the Post C.O. Irving Roth is teaching Math at Stonehill College in Massachusetts. "Don" retired last August. Hunter Harris promises to visit Tuffy "one of these days" but underlines the visit as very brief. Poo Hill-

singer has his inevitable opposition comment. Sad to relate, though, he used to do much better in length and acerbity. Now he merely suggests we bond the treasurer. Formerly he wanted to hang the whole caboodle.

Joe Golden reports he is Chief of Montana Military District, X U.S. Army Corps. At long last, Joe Greenwood broke the ice in confessing he is a college professor (in Physics I think). However, Joe prefers to be addressed as Mr. in lieu of Professor. "Joe" always was a modest Joe. Harry Porter in returning from a visit to Korea says the class is well represented there and more to come.

Dick Hunt wrote an interesting note from the Embassy at The Hague. He says he likes the people and the country. He expects a "tulip time" visit from the Spurgins. He saw Charlie Baer on a brief visit as well as Ted Decker, '31, who was checking legal matters at The Hague. Ed Simenson sent a formal card announcing his retirement with home address in the left-hand corner and business in the right one. He is with Land Air Inc. in Chicago. This is a precedent and I think a good one.

Lou Truman reports that he and Marg are enjoying Fort Lewis no end. He is C.G. 4th Infantry Division there. A brief note from Bob Glassburn's dad gives Zelda, Bob's widow's address as P.O. Box 423, Balboa Heights, Canal Zone. Colonel Glassburn has taken a much appreciated interest in '32 in memory of his son. Tom McDonald wrote a note from Fort Sam saying that Bill Davidson and Joe Stearns are due at Fourth Army, and that Milt Glatterer is to take over as Post Commander there. Speaking for myself, Tom, I almost made it but the Medics at Walter Reed decided I needed an interior decoration which took several months for one reason or another. In the meanwhile they cancelled my orders to Fort Sam. The funny thing is we always wanted to serve there! Dale Means as PMS&T at Stanford says daughter Julie is a sophomore there and son "Fin" is a plebe at West Point. "Fin" had an equal chance to go to Annapolis but of course chose the appropriate school. Red Everman from Hot Springs, Ark., says his original retirement orders were amended to retire him as Colonel to include back pay. Red hastily sent his check in. He's really in the dough.

Our deepest sympathy to Chuck Anderson in Mary Kay's death, and I know I speak for all of us in wishing smooth paths ahead.

Ed Hartshorn invites classmates "socially and officially" at the Missile School at Fort Sill where he is assistant commandant. He says he'll make one an expert in a couple of hours.

Saw Pop Duncan at Walter Reed. They were boring holes in his sinus area. Nothing daunted, Pop merely spent the weekend there and back to work on Monday. We think the Washington group here headed by Pop has the situation well in hand, and expect an active social season this year. All visiting classmates encouraged to plan to attend these affairs. We localites would like to see you.

Just received a letter written by John Meeks. He is now assistant professor of Physics at The Citadel. Anxious to receive classmates there, he offers swimming, boating, fishing, loafing or golf. John's older son is a Navy pilot and a younger son a college senior. The eight-year-old daughter is running things at home.

And so ends the first offertory. We'd be interested in hearing from all of you so we can pass on what goes on with you. Send all details to me at 5 Estel Road, Fairfax, Va.

—Bill Davidson

1933

Fixe! Front Face! First, thanks to all classmates who responded so promptly to my letter of poop requisition. The last count shows 285 of the 347 "liberated" in 1933 are alive and kicking; 90 retired or resigned; 11 wear two Lucky Stars and 63 wear one. At the Class luncheon, 8 September at Ft. Myer, the new Class officers were announced. The majority of the 179 ballots favored Ned Gee as president; Leo Heintz, 1st veep; Harry King, 2nd veep; and Bill Ely as secretary-treasurer. We thank our preds—Donnelly, Cyr, McMorrow and Lincoln for their efforts, but mostly for the money turned over. A total of 73 classmates, wives and widows were at the Class party 10 November at Bethesda Naval Hospital Center including the Gillons from Niagara, N.Y., Leslies from New York City, Cahills from Ft. Holabird, Larsons, Miles and Corums from New Jersey. Heintz and Dunn managed the party and must share the responsibility for the artillery-like noises which were part of the entertainment.

The Class sons graduated from and attending the Service Academies make this impressive score: West Point—now attending, 27; graduated, 23. Annapolis—now attending, 3; graduated, 1. Air Force Academy—now attending, 2; graduated, 1. Russ Broshous, who sees to it that each '33 son graduating from a Service Academy is presented with a '33 martini pitcher, would like to hear from anyone knowing of any '33 son not using his father's name.

Bev Jones recently received a Certificate of Achievement for work in HQ 1st Army before moving to his new assignment as Chief of Army Mission, Asuncion, Paraguay. Cy Dolph, after recovering from a heart attack, was retired and lives in Alexandria, Va. The 27 October New York Times reviewed Charlie Thayer's latest book, "Diplomat" based on his very considerable experience with the Foreign Service. Bing Downing reports from Panama, where he is C/S U.S.Army Caribbean, that he and Bimby recently flew to Washington for their son's wedding. He says that Schmelzer is 3.0 at spic and an expert on Latin America. Jack is with Bing as Army G-3. The Gandias are still in Puerto Rico with the Antilles Command. Damon is Chief of the Army Mission, Ecuador, and Macherey is Army Attaché, Uruguay. Talbot just left there. Travis, a "P" at Armstrong College, Savannah, writes that his wife, Elsie, is busy putting on TV shows for kids. The Tagues are living in Bradenton, Fla., where he is in real estate. The Cubbisons, recently retired, are in nearby Clearwater. Don is, as usual, busy working for the local church and taking care of his swimming pool. Gee, Scott, Starbird, Guiney and Pohl saw the Army-Colorado Homecoming game at Michie Stadium Roberson is teaching French and Spanish and coaching soccer (of course), swimming and golf. His wife Carolyn, just got her BA in education. Gott reports that in 1960 he will complete his term on the Board of Trustees of the Association of Graduates. Gillon writes that in December the Carborundum Company is transferring him from Niagara Falls to be its Director of Research and Development in Geneva, Switzerland. Joe Matthews has found "Nirvana". He writes, "I am simply retired from all active participation in the ordinary activities commonly associated with the struggle for existence." Posie Neely (Bob was out hunting—natch) says that the Johnsons, Fuquas, Plapps and Neelys represent '33 at Heidelberg; Dave Gray in Frankfurt; the Bastions and Ryans live across the street from each other in Nuremberg. The Huntsberry Agency for Promotion of Real Estate in Korea continues to plug for service in the "land of the morning calm". Every plane and ship brings new families to the delightful KMAG housing (complete with *maids*). Sim and Peg Whipple are living it up there too. Clyde Jones returned to the States on emergency leave, but he'll be back. Seuss Pritchard and George Chapman have just reported for duty. Ted Conway is still up in the woods advising the 1st ROK Army. He has become a native guide to VIPs during their migrations. He says, "Don't expect any reports from me until the 'tourist' season ends." Recently, Joe Crawford suffered a paralytic stroke while on duty with our embassy in England. He is now in Walter Reed; Marjorie and their daughter, Ann, are staying in nearby Silver Spring. Jim Boswell will replace Joe in London in January. The Givens have moved to Newport Beach, Calif. where Bill is with Computer Operation, Aeronutronics. They are building a home in San Juan Capistrano where we will all be welcome for drinks (free—I theenk). Sey Madison is still with the Denver Research Institute and continues to be active in singing and chess circles. Our classmate, Arthur B. Kinsolving II, Bishop of Arizona, writes: "... here's the pitch. I am continuing an endless but most exciting battle against sin on behalf of the Episcopal Church..."—and says that retirement problems are staring him in the face—he's in a congenial and sympathetic group. Matheson is chairman of a Joint Armed Forces Chess Program and wishes that any classmate who is in a position to aid in the promotion of this activity would bring it to the attention of his Special Services Officer. The Herbs are now living in the San Francisco Bay area. Ed reports that Cowboy Elliott is now at Hamilton AFB; Kilday (retired a few months ago) lives at 1331 23rd Ave., San Francisco, 22; Jellet got his LLB in May and aspires for a higher degree. Hadley Richardson wishes "P" Echols could see him now in his job for UCLA where he is "working out the solution of the radiative transfer on discreet lattice space and adapting the solution for computation by high speed computer." Hadley was turned out in yearling math. He says that Kaesser and Sellers are also in the Los Angeles area. John Honeycutt thanks the Class for the flowers sent to him at the Ft. Carson Hospital while he was recovering from a mild heart attack. John has advice for us: "calm down—you may not be as lucky as I was". Cal Smith. NORAD, Colorado Springs: "Visiting golfing classmates will

find it profitable to bring their clubs as I am pretty easy pickings these days." He also says that Pop Risden is in command of Ft. Carson where there is a well stocked stream. Ethan Allen Chapman, also with NORAD, and his wife, Sava, have a welcome mat out for all 33ers—a visit will probably involve listening to one of Chappie's renditions on the organ. Shinkle was a recent visitor to Colorado Springs from Sandia where he is involved in the Nike-Zeus program. The Ottos have been transferred there from Europe. Bob Meals now living at 701 Asams St., Huntsville, Ala., is a technical representative for Hercules Powder Company. Bob and Kewpie Thompson live at Ft. Monroe where he is with HQ CONARC, which is also strengthened by Engler, Harrell, Scoville, and Gerry Chapman. Bill Thompson, whose stenographer's initials are given as "bs", says there have been no changes for him since the 25 Year Book. Jules Richardson with the Dept. of Highways in California, intends to return to his home town in Mississippi at the end of 1960. Corum has some good ideas for helping newly retired classmates find civilian jobs. Solly Solomon, still at the Pentagon, even likes the place. Ole Olson retired 1 November; at present is in Orlando scouting Martin Aircraft, but will be back in Arlington, Va. for Christmas. Jiminez writes from Madrid (Calle M. de Urguijo 45, Derife, Espana) that he has been called to active service again. He hopes to be sent to Washington next July. Moe Edwards writes that he and Tom Beck are the only 33ers now stationed in Alaska. Moe flew down for the Navy game and (Drew Pearson take note) is giving a talk to the NWC afterward on Alaska. George Powers is on Okinawa. Teeny writes that she and George and the five of their eight heirs that are with them are "living it up while we may in this Paradise—all of us hopelessly spoiled by the dear little natives." Glenn Garrison continues to teach in the Lakeland, Fla. public schools. Bob Rayburn saw Pic Vidal recently when pic came out to the Convair plant to look over the Atlas missile. We have decided not to mention the Navy game.

Any questions, apparently not, close your books.

—*Harry King*
4623 Kenmore Drive, NW
Washington 7, DC

1934

Your new scribe will endeavor to keep you informed as to the comings and goings of our classmates, as did his worthy predecessors, Barnes and Renfro.

"Pop" Womack is in Turkey as the advisor to certain major tactical units of the Turkish Army between the Bulgarian border and the Bosphorus. Not so far away, Charlie White is with the MAAG in Athens. On the other side of the Iron Curtain "Moon" Northam is in Rumania as Military Attaché. He and Nan will come out soon for further European duty in Germany.

Already in Germany are George and Catherine Eatman in Stuttgart with U.S. Seventh Army; and Charlie and Betty Johnson in Berlin.

A letter from Bert Spivy to our Class Secretary, Don McLennan, reveals some interesting dope. Tank and Cunningham are returning to the U.S. from Korea. Stilson Smith and Edson are remaining there. It appears that Bert himself is changing posts with Sanders, Fort Sill for 7th Division Artillery in Korea and vice versa.

Another interesting letter from MacDonell to Barnes provides news of our West Coast contingent where Bob is Pacific Division Engineer. He states "Hal Browning and Al Mossman have been joined at the Presidio by Tom O'Neil who has a G-4 assignment. Dave Hollingsworth recently retired and is in Livermore. Bud Buehler and Jack Shuck both live down the Peninsula and P. T. Henningar is in San Francisco. Ice is at Hamilton AFB, Trav Brown is at Ford Ord, and Erlenkotter has a home in Marin County."

Jud Reeves is Vice Commander of MATS at Scott AFB. and in the Pacific we find Dale Smith at Okinawa and Jeff Moseley in Hawaii.

Two lads from the Pacific recently visited the Pentagon; Leo Shaughnessey back from duty on Eniwetok now rejoins Nadine and family in Arizona where he will take up duties as National Guard advisor at Phoenix. Jack Stanley will return to Tokyo as soon as possible to Georgie and daughter, Marianne.

The Army football victory over Duke at Durham was witnessed by Caufield, Barnes, Blair, Darrah, Kopcsak, Jablonsky and Hayes. The '34 representation at the Army-Navy game included: Bucknam, Cheston, Caufield, Stanley, Waugh, Mullen, Hillyard, Higgins, Hayes, Tate, Jablonsky, and Franklin.

Two of our number have received kudos recently. Tom Rogers was presented an appreciation scroll by the Korean Minister of Home Affairs. Bill Bunker was cited as a "good boss" by the members of the U.S. Army Transportation Supply and Maintenance Command.

Kermit Davis, our Class President, and Ruth had the Executive Committee of the Class meet at their house at Fort Myer on 22 November. This consisted of our class officers and committee chairmen with wives included. Business and pleasure were nicely combined.

Our new class officers and committees are as follows:

President	Davis, K.L.
1st Vice President	Fellenz
2nd Vice President	Revie
Secy. & Hist.	McLennan
(Chairman, Correspondence Committee)	
Treasurer	Davall
Entertainment	White, J.W.; McCrary; Craig, W.H.
Pers. Serv.	Sebastian; Martin; Williams
Ways and Means	Johnston; Wilson; Miller, L.C.
Contact	Hayes; Betts; Lueham
Cotillion	Tyson; Donoghue; Crystal; Barnes; Wolfe; Hill, C.W.

—*T. Hayes*
OSD-ISA The Pentagon
Washington 25, D.C.

1935

As we had previously reminded you, the Washington contingent of the Class had its annual West Point—Annapolis Combined Classes of '35 Formal Dance at the Navy Weapons Center Officers Club. Due mainly to the organizing and arranging by Bud RUSS and Tommy GENT, the affair was a whopping success. Tommy arranged for an Air Force String Quartet to play for dinner, as well as an Air Force Glee Club, known as the Singing Sergeants, to sing after dinner.

Later there was an excellent dance band provided by our Navy classmates, and a most enjoyable time was had by all. Present at this very pleasant evening were AGNEW, VAN ORMER, PARROT, ARMOGIDA, FERRIS, CAUGHEY, McGOLDRICK, HAINES, THAYER, GENT, HAWKINS, RUSS, MENTE, ANDERSON, RHODE, J. D. COLE, and others to whom I must apologize for not remembering. Regardless, it was far and away our best formal dance in recent memory. We are already looking forward to our next one.

The Air Force game in New York on October 30th brought out a rather large crowd. Since we can only report on who sat on the Army side, we can say that ROSEN, WILLIAMSON, BIDGOOD, ANDERSON, SINCLAIR, WALLACE, and VAN ORMER were in attendance. We heard from rather reliable sources that GENT, WALSH, and DAVIS, L.I., sat on the Air Force side. Since the game ended in a tie, I should imagine everyone was happy, if not satisfied, with the outcome.

On a rather sad note, Jimmy FRINK passed away in mid-October. His funeral at Arlington was attended by nearly all of the Washington members of the Class. Bud RUSS, who handled the arrangement, certainly turned out an impressive formation and certainly deserves heartfelt thanks from Jimmy's friends and family for his efforts. Jimmy, who had been ill for several months, was extolled and eulogized in a manner most befitting his illustrious career.

Charley RICH has taken over as our West Point representative in our 1960 Reunion Committee. Not only are plans moving rapidly into shape, but Charlie has already overcome a major portion of the housing problem to a very great extent. He has arranged with the Palatine Hotel, in Newburgh, N.Y., (about ten miles north of West Point) to set aside twenty-five rooms and baths. These include double bed and single bed accomodations, and, for a slight additional cost, television and air conditioning may be added. The rates run from $10.00 to $12.75 per room per couple per day. After seeing the rates for other accomodations, these look particularly appealing. Remember that RICH must have your check for one day's accomodation by April 1st or you will have to make other housing arrangements. Please remember also that you are under no obligation to stay at the Palatine, but that the plan set up and handled by your TWENTY-FIFTH REUNION Committee is just another effort on its part to make your reunion a better and more memorable one.

Concerning the reunion, RICH advises that the following June Week schedule is firm except where additional details must be worked out:

Saturday, June 4th

A.M. and early P.M.—Arrival and Registration

1500 (3:00 P.M.)—Cocktails at Commandant's Quarters (informal dress)

2000 (8:00 P.M.)—Dinner Dance at Hotel Thayer

Sunday, June 5th
1400-1700 (2:00 to 5:00 P.M.)—Superintendent's Reception
1900 (7:00 P.M.)—Alumni Dinner Dance, Washington Hall

Monday, June 6th
A.M.—Alumni Exercises
P.M.—Luncheon (Cadet Mess), Gal's Luncheon (to be announced), Class Meeting (announcement later)
About 1800 (6:00 P.M.)—Class Picnic at Camp Bruckner

Tuesday, June 7th
A.M.—Graduation and Departure

Incidentally, your TWENTY-FIFTH REUNION Committee feels that the above schedule meets with majority approval. However, if you have any suggestions, please send them to ECKHART, and the Committee might still be able to work them in. At any rate, the Committee would like to hear from you, particularly as regards any improvements in reunion plans you may care to suggest. Since it anticipates at least one hundred classmates and wives will attend, it needs everyone's help and cooperation.

Hart CAUGHEY's group continues to work diligently on our twenty-fifth yearbook. By the time this copy of ASSEMBLY reaches you it will be too late to forward your personal information and pictures. However, we are certain that those who have procrastinated too long will understand why a blank space and a cadet picture is all that appears in the yearbook. CAUGHEY, WILLIAMSON, and HAINES wish to thank all those who have co-operated so thoroughly and regret that they could not get all the data they asked to have forwarded to them.

Jim WALSH reports that he gets a very warm inner feeling at frequent meetings at Air Force headquarters in the Pentagon. With two other members of the Class, DAVIS, L.I., and MUSGRAVE, and sometimes GENT, in attendance, '35 has a commanding lead in discussions of top level importance to the Air Force. Now, if BERGQUIST were there, we would lead all the way and give us something further about which to be happy.

BREAKFIELD is back from Saigon and now commands Letterkenny Arsenal somewhere in Pennsylvania. VAN ORMER plans to go hunting with him quite soon. "Hoot" GIBSON, who has done yeoman work on arrangements for the Class Reunion Committee, has departed the Pentagon where he was DCSLOG's Director of Procurement, and will become Ordnance Officer of Army Headquarters in Korea. We hear there's a star in it and wish to congratulate "Hoot" "Brick" REYBOLD, who traffics in nuclear power plants with the A.E.C. and in missiles with the Department of Defense for Alco (American Locomotive) Products, moved to suburban Potomac and now can be seen on weekends in the role of member of the landed gentry in the Maryland horse country. He, too, is looking forward to June Week, the TWENTY-FIFTH, and a friendly drink with so many of our rarely seen classmates.

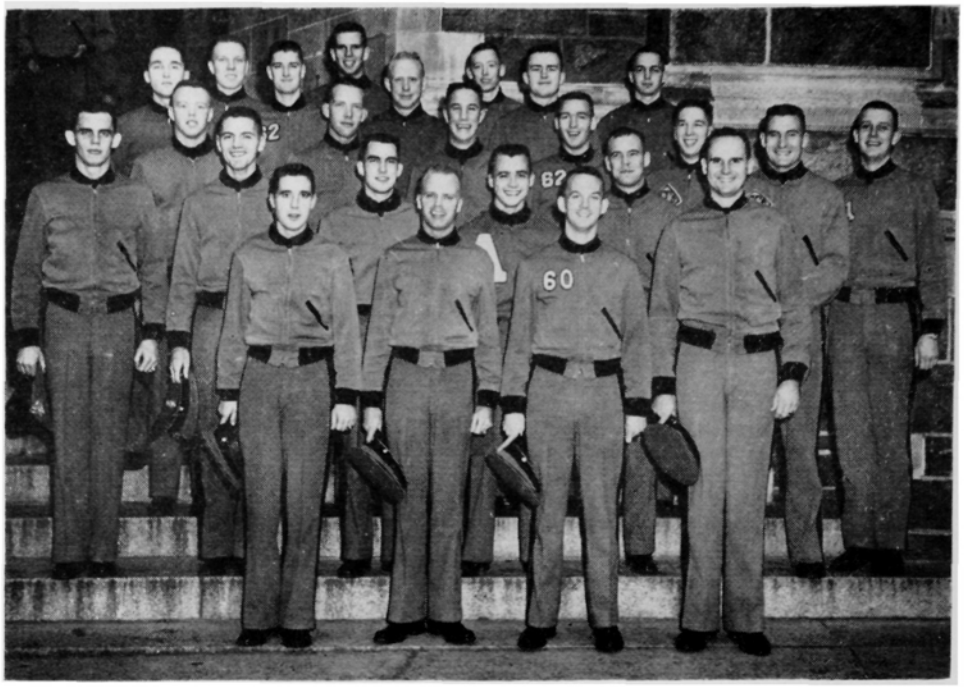
We hate to have to report that our old sidekick, FERRIS, has been in the Walter Reed Hospital these past eight weeks with a serious back ailment which the Medics are unable to diagnose specifically. We all hope Eddie is back on his feet shortly and fully recovered. Joe ANDERSON, who has been shuttling back and forth to Algeria, plans to remain in Washington for a while now. Johnny THROCKMORTON was in Washington for the 101st Airborne Division's game with Fort Belvoir's Engineer eleven. Seen at the Army-Navy game in Philadelphia were FIORE, RUSS, FORMAN, BUCK, and SMITH, R. B. There must have been others there, but our Class was separated somehow, and we failed to detect them. Also, after the game we were in no mood to search out any of them. It sure was a long afternoon.

This being the last set of ASSEMBLY notes we shall gather, we wish to thank all of those who have written us and to apologize to those of you we neglected to mention in these columns. Our successor will be chosen at the January or February meeting of the Washington contingent. We hope you will be as helpful, considerate, and enthusiastic with him as you were with us.

See you at the TWENTY-FIFTH REUNION this June 4th, 5th, and 6th.

—*Pat Mente*
6903 Hillmead Road
Bethesda 14, Maryland

Sons of the Class of 1936



First Row—First Class left to right: Evans, B.; Finley, G.; Cato, R.; Geist, L. **Second Row**—Second Class left to right: Sievers, B.; Hiester, D.; Gillespie, F.; Powell, B.; Swain, C.; Goldtrap, J.; Turnage, J. **Third Row**—Third Class left to right: Noake, D.; Bothwell, F.; Kelly, P.; Blair, B.; Kinard, W. **Fourth Row**—Third Class left to right: Holderness, S.; Cole, R. Fourth Class: Holterman, G.; Edward, D. **Fifth Row**—Fourth Class left to right: Janof, L., Dorland, J.; Drain, R.; Hartman, C. Absent: Heintges.

1936

Some feeble and futile attempts were made by yours truly to accomplish a minor Class Reunion on and at the occasion of the first Army-Air Force gridiron classic in New York. Only a few of the 'mates assembled; and at this writing I'm not even sure who. Regarding class unity however, I learn from Howell ESTES that a fine job is continuing in the Washington area where he claims there are about forty-two '36ers. In November the luncheon in D.C. was well attended and entertained by KERKERING with an interesting lecture of experiences from the cold North. Howell states that all classmates on their way to or through the Capitol should make it a point to acquaint his office or Jack Chiles! I think this is a most IMPORTANT idea to aide class interchange of information.

It is my duty to state regrets at having no information and no progress on any class functions of the several which last summer a few of us offered to work on. This comment also goes for the annual "address list" which I hope you get before Christmas—but can't guarantee.

A note of considerable joy and interest to the Class was the arrival of Tom R. Davis, Jr. in Omaha on October 29. This is their "first and only"; congratulations! T.R. is going to Korea in Feb. and will leave his "large" family in San Antonio. He said he visited with GANNS, DALY, and HAHNEY at Sill this summer.

Bill CONNOR's new assignment has been C.O. of 25th Division Trains in Schofield. On the occasion of AL McCORMICK's passing through to 8th Army, the CONNORs and PECKs got together. COZART left Chambersburg, Pa., for Ordnance Depot at Blue Grass, Richmond, Ky. Ben DAVIS changed duty from APO 12, NY, to APO 633, NY; will be DCS/O USAFE. George FINLEY was made v-president of his class at AWC last fall. Bob FISHER has been coming into Atlanta pretty regularly regarding his sports store operation. Several new bowling arenas are planned for this city; which is the business-end as far as Bob is concerned. A ten year overdue building expansion has been completed in the GAGEs' basement. In opening up a long stored bar of 1938 Honolulu vintage, a "guest" book also came to light. These interesting names appeared: "Alfred and

Helen HESS, Wright HIATT, Bob BLODGETT, Dave CHAFFIN, Betty Jeffords, Hank LIND, Bud WARFIELD, William and Jane KINARD, Muriel and Richard CARMICHAEL, and Nancy Hicks". GROTHAUS left Ft. Detrick for DC/S Logistics in the Pentagon. Willie HENDRICKSON has changed insurance jobs and companies. In August he left Omaha and is now Vice Prexy of the HBA Life Insurance Co., Phoenix, Ariz. Good luck! HOLTONs came up from Benning in November and took the GAGEs out to dinner. Pete PERSONS is G-2 Seventh Army, Stuttgart. Howie SNYDER left Hood and has gone to EUSA, Seoul, Korea. SWAINs are in Heidelberg. Mike may have flown over for Christmas. Oren has seen Roy and Nancy COLE, Ken DAWALT, and Bill KINARD. TETLEY's picture got snapped at a Communications and Electronics Association meeting in Boston in the fall. YARBOROUGH is C.O. 66th CIC Group, USAREUR.

Young Dick CATO at West Point has written that he has been keeping in touch with the West Point sons.

At the close of 1959, I wish you all a most happy New Year and continued peace and good will among all men.

—*Phil Gage*
2128 Belvedere Dr., NW
Atlanta, Ga.

1937

My cup runneth over! Many thanks to all of you for the large quantity of class news I have received. Here 'tis.

Don "Outer Space" Ostrander is the chief of Rocket Vehicle Development under NASA. Fran, his good wife, says he can orbit all he wants provided he keeps one foot on the ground.

We are more than adequately represented in the Corps of Cadets by the following sons of '37: Brion V. Chabot '60, Robert K. Mercado '60, L.A. Richards '61, Charles Sollohub '61, James W. Dunmyer '62, Richard Fellows '62, Robert C. Palmer '62, Robert R. Rumph '62, L.C. Fairbank III '63, Colin P. Kelly III '63, Edward M. Lee, Jr. '63, Alan H. Scott '63. Confidentially, I understand they don't make cadets like they used to—they make them better!

Bob Van Volkenburgh is educating the troops as chief of Nonresident Instruction at the C&GSC at Leavenworth.

Ben Taylor is preserving the peace at Assistant Division Commander, 3rd Inf. Div., in Germany.

Bruce Holloway is here at Headquarters USAF keeping things under control.

Many may remember Robert M. White II, an ex-'37, who is now President and Editor of the New York Herald Tribune. I think he was "found" in English.

Bud Underwood is closing in on a Masters Degree in Journalism at the Univ. of Wisconsin.

Dr. Charlie Register is the manager of the Great Valley Laboratory of the Burroughs Corporation.

Stu O'Malley is back here in the Big House. He reports that Sal Salientes is commanding the 3rd Div., Philippine Army. Also, Linda and Sal are expecting number nine!

Fred and Sunny Campbell are in Europe.

Bill and Anne Chase are in Hawaii.

Ray Clingerman is in Turkey.

Eph and Dottie Graham are in Germany.

Luke Hoska is at Harvard studying avidly.

Kelsie Reaves is with the MAAG in gay Paree.

David Paul Harrison joined the Harrison household 28 August. Mother and son are doing fine, Daddy may survive.

Tom Neier and Bob Besson are attending the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks.

Milt Clark and his good wife Phyllis organized and executed a Clark safari throughout Europe, complete with three daughters. Apparently they went everywhere except behind the Iron Curtain. They report Bob and Ginger Gildart in Stuttgart, and George and Rae McDowell near London. (George is still a strong proponent of our second largest State.)

Chabot is keeping the peace in the Pacific as Commander of the 1st Battle Group of the 7th Cavalry.

Gus Prentiss is taking a giant step by retiring on 31 December to join Westinghouse and help them with their problems.

Fort Bragg is in the good hands of the following: Ham Fish, Coy Curtis, Luke Elkins, Dave Griffin, and Bob Stegmaier.

Johnny Cone has retired, however, I do not know where he is.

Jim Duncan is G-3 of the Army Armor Center at Fort Knox.

Bud Major is G-2 of the Second Army at Fort Meade.

Pop Metz is an atomic "wheel" at Fort Belvoir.

J. R. Johnson is G-1 of the Artillery Center at Fort Sill.

Max George is chief of R&D at Fort Bliss.

Hank Spengler and Bill Dodds are in SHAPE.

Finn Unger is helping General Norstad.

Stay loose!

—*Robbie*

1938

First things first, we will start this report with the offspring category (a new one since the last report). Believed to be the first '38 grandchild is that of the Fred Wrights, born in the Spring of this year. Shortly thereafter in August, Brian David McFadden, grandson of the Dallas Haynes, arrived.

Meanwhile Castex and Pete Conner believing that you're only as old as you feel and act produced number 7 in a long line of Conners—this time a girl.

Moving into the older teen-age group we find a number of '38 offspring in college. Included are sons of the Hal Kelleys, Bob Breitweisers, and Norm Tittles, all freshmen at Duke. Incidentally, all of the Dads journeyed to Durham on 17 October to see their newly acquired Duke team vanquished by Army.

Jean Hawes, who is living in Washington, recently visited son Phil, at Dartmouth. While there she had an opportunity to say "Hello" to the Hal Moormans. Hal is PMS and T.

Among those youngsters aspiring to military careers are Joe Missal (son of a Dad with the same name), Tucker Jackson (son of the Chuck Jacksons) and Hank Beverley (son of Bill Beverleys), who are attending the USMA Prep School at Belvoir. To balance things Bill Skaer (son of the Ken Skaers) is an Air Force Reservist studying at the Naval Academy Prep School at Bainbridge, Md. Daughter Diana Skaer is a sophomore at Maryland University.

Now for the older folk, we find our class retirements trending upward. Al Frolich and Milt Barschdorff said goodbye to the Army on 31 July and Chuck Haley on 1 September.

Among those of us who are "still left" a number of recent changes of assignment have put John Kelsey at CINCCENT, NATO, with headquarters in Fontainebleau, France; Vince Elmore in MAAG, Korea; Glen Coleman at Tinker AFB as Deputy Commander of AACS Area; Paul Preuss in Washington in Deputy C/S Development USAF; Dave Sherrard in Turkey with Mitze staying in Asbury Park, N.J.; Sam Hogan in Korea; Bill Rhine as G-2 USAR Caribbean; Bill Schmidt in Korea with family in Sarasota, Fla.; Danny Danielson in Santiago, Chile, with the United Nations Secretariat; Andy Lipscomb in Korea with Mary at Potomac View Apartments in Alexandria, Va;. Bill Vail to NORAD in Colorado Springs: Claire Beck at Fort Bragg in the 82nd Airborne; George Rhyne at the AWC; C.H. Anderson at Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk; Ed Bailey in Korea with Jean living in Sequim, Wash. Charlie Blake at Ft. Totten, N.Y.; Gus Broberg on Staff and Faculty at Leavenworth; Paul Davis commanding an artillery group at Quincy, Mass.

Butch Blanchard who has been Commander of the 7th Air Division in England heads back to Omaha, Nebr., in January as Director of Plans for SAC.

Stateside classmates on recent trips have seen Jim Isbell and Buck Buckland in Alaska (Jim as C/S of the Alaskan Air Command and Buck as Deputy Commander, 11th Air Division at Ladd Air Force Base) and Art Maloney playing golf in Hawaii.

Our Russian expert, Ken Mearns, put his training to good use when he recently toured the United States with Khrushchev and Company. Ken is currently located at 6th Army Headquarters, Presidio, San Francisco.

Finally, a recapitulation of those currently living in the Washington area might be helpful for potential visitors. In the Pentagon are George Abert, R.B. Anderson, George Artman, J.R. Bailey, Bob Breitweiser, Dave Byars, Lou Coira, Chuck Denholm, Sam Eaton, Jerry Folda, Bert Harrison, Dallas Haynes, Nev Howell, Henry Huglin, Lloyd Johnson, Remus Jones, Hal Kelley, Omar Knox, Bill Latta, Jim Lynch (due in January), Gregg Lynn, Tom McCrary, Frank Norris, Gee O'Connor, Pete Peterson, Doug Polhamus, Paul Preuss, Mel Russell, Hube Strange, Bill Sussman, Gene Sweeney, John Tillson and Norm Tittle.

At nearby Ft. Meade are classmates Mich Michelet and Joe Missal and in other jobs in the Washington area are Mark Brennan, Don Williams and Phil Browning (Building T-7), Johnny Finn (NWC), Dick Sims (Andrews AFB), Ken Skaer (IADB), Jim Taylor (Arlington Hall) and Hugh Wallace (Building G).

One correction to an erroneous address

given in the Summer ASSEMBLY is that of Jane Clarke. She is living at 33 Beverly Road, Charleston 50, S.C.

—*Ken Skaer*
3217 Coquelin Terr.
Chevy Chase, Md.

NORTHWEST FRONTIER NEWS

Having been informed by my Chief of Staff from her stateside OP that the latest ASSEMBLY carries no notes on the Class of '38, I hasten to remedy this lamentable situation. A sizable contingent of 38ers is putting shoulder to the wheel, finger in the dyke, and all that sort of thing over here on the Northwest Frontier.

The Commies across the line were no doubt shaken when suave, battle-hardened and wise Andy Lipscomb became Chief of Staff of the 1st Cavalry Division. Similarly, they must have been disturbed by canny Red Sundin taking over as I Corps Artillery Exec. Longer range but even more lasting effects will stem from the work of Art Collins. Art was on his way to be Chief of Staff of a KMAG detachment; however, his reputation as a trainer of men preceded him, and he has been "slickied off" by Headquarters KMAG to harmonize all of the Army training doctrine in this theater. If he succeeds, he will undoubtedly be in great demand in CONARC and DA. The keen, analytical engineer mind of Jim Lewis is clicking like Univac with the KMAG detachment which advises the First ROK Army. Tracy Harrington is busily engaged in perusing the latest air mail issues of *Time* and *News Week* for the J-2 "poop" down at United Nations Command, where Bob York is Chief of Staff in his customary imperturbably competent manner. In the autumn of his tour, as well as the calendar, is Vince Elmore with the ROKA Artillery School. The kimchi must have been agreeing with Vince, for he does not have a lean and hungry look. Way back somewhere in the rear is Sam Hogan. Having been a "rootin-tootin" armored hero during World War II, he afterwards checked the casualty figures and became a sedentary JAG. However, he had at least a partial change of heart and is now semi-active as Executive Officer of the 7th Logistical Command. Working up and down the peninsula in his usual indefatigable way is Al D'Arezzo, commanding an engineer group. And finally there is yours truly, who is helping hold off the hostiles by keeping rockets and other handy hardware ready to throw at them.

If I have overlooked anyone, let him take pen or stenographer in hand.

—*Edward A. Bailey*
Colonel, Artillery

1939

The hard core of the class met for "eats and drinks" at Ft. McNair, Washington, D.C. in October to start off the new year. Surprisingly, over fifty managed to tear themselves away from their indispensable jobs. Pursuant to the sneaky system of the two "Shepherds," the following were "elected" as the class committee for 1959-60: Walt Higgins, Chairman; "Dutch" Kerwin, ASSEMBLY Editor; Ed Schroeder, Luncheon Organizer; and "Bunny" Adams, Supper Dance Planner. Already Hibbins is driving his assistants crazy with staff studies, orders and counterorders so it looks like a busy year ahead.

From Ray Janowski with NORAD comes the following tidbits from the Colorado area. George Winton is with the 2d Missile Command. Riggs Sullivan and Delmar Rogers still continue their exotic life in the high atmosphere of the Air Force Academy. Congratulations on the 13-13 score! With Ray is Joe Perry as Assistant Deputy for Communications and Electronics, while shorty Bob Camp is G-1 at ARADCOM. Jerry Herstad is waiting for John to return from Korea to take over a command tour in Seattle. "Dutch" Schultz, who has the 63rd AA Group (NIKE) in Connecticut, recently visited ARADCOM Headquarters. We hear the class had a recent get together to cull over the class exploits during the last twenty years (see picture).

The academic routine of the NWC finds Stan Dziuban, Roger Lilly, Ken Collins and "Dutch" Kerwin all slaving away at the books.

So far star-man Dziuban is my most prolific source of information. He reports Harvey Fraser going to The Hague for graduate study in mechanics. Bill Duke is engineer in NYC while W.W. Wilson is doing the same in Detroit. Bob Ploger is still at SHAPE. Riel Crandall retired recently. Bob Cassidy still loafs at CONARC. John Watt is C.O., 2d Infantry Brigade at Devens. "Long Tom" Smith is with an air defense group at Rehoboth, R.I. Perry Hoisington left Westover in August to take a new air division at Plattsburg. Raytheon in Boston acquired Billy Barnet after his retirement, and "Fat Jack" Kelly retired from his PIO post at First Army.

Washington is still loaded with classmates. At the last count eighty were in the area, of which 74 were chairborne in the five-sided madhouse.

Our "two-star" Bill Martin, Personnel Chief at SAC, had luncheon in Washington with some of the H Co. files who reluctantly let Harry Kinnard, one of the taller G Co. nuts, attend.

Lew Cantrell stopped by on a trip from Sill. The Airborne and Electronics Board at Ft. Bragg, N.C., has Jim Roberts for its president. Hal Crawford, Co. 3d Missile Command, also at Bragg, reports to the AFSC in February. I hear Jim Billups is still living it up in Hawaii.

For those of you who anticipate being in Washington we plan a luncheon on 4 December and a supper dance in January or February. Also, a summer informal activity is planned for mid-May 1960. If you're in town phone the committee.

I'm no mind reader so if you have some dope drop me a line.

—*Dutch Kerwin*
611 Janneys Lane
Alexandria, Virginia

'39 Party at Home in Colorado Springs, Colorado—4 Sept. '59

Left to Right, **Front Row:** Ray Janowski, Riggs Sullivan, Dutch Schultz, Joe Perry, Jane Sullivan, Linc Simon, Helen Janowski, and Bob Camp. **Rear Row:** Judy Perry, Vi Camp, Jean Rogers, Lucille Winton, Rosalind Simon, Jerry Herstad and Del Rogers. George Winton had maneuvers and John Herstad returns from Korea in November.

1940

This is being pecked out during period of post-Navy Game shock so all details are not vouched for at this writing.

Word from Hank Adams is that Red Wetherill, Quarters #50 West Point New York is the G-2 of the twentieth reunion. Following communique released for consumption:

"June Week will begin officially on Saturday 4 June and extend through Graduation, Wednesday morning, 8 June. There is nothing organized for Friday 3 June, however, anyone arriving on that date is most welcome to drop by for a visit with any of our classmates presently stationed at the Academy:

Hank Adams	Qtrs	73
Bob Cameron	Qtrs	74
Phil Elliott	Qtrs	78
Joe Hardin	Qtrs	81
Red Wetherill	Qtrs	50

"Saturday, the 4th, is Army-Navy Day for a variety of intercollegiate sports including golf, track and field, and baseball. In the evening we will organize either a picnic or a dinner. Don Baumer is working on the entertainment phase.

"Sunday the 5th is Baccalaureate Sunday. The first social operation for the day is the Alumni dinner-dance at Washington Hall. This was tried for the first time last year and was quite a success.

"Monday, the 6th of June is the traditional day for alumni exercises at Thayer Monument followed by the annual stag lunch in Washington Hall. There will probably be a ladies' noon get-together at the Officers' Club. Monday night will be a class operation (picnic or a dinner.) Tuesday will be primarily graduation review followed by a social function or a "night off." Wednesday finishes the festivities with the Graduation Ceremony."

Further exhortation also released for consumption:

"Dear Class of 1940:
The time (4-8 June) is rapidly approaching when all of us who can will foregather here to celebrate or commiserate the two-thirds mark. Twenty years is really not as long as it looked twenty years ago. But it is long enough to require extra-special recognition. This is only the first canvas so don't feel that you are over-committing yourself. However if you can give us a fairly good idea of your intentions it will help your steering committee no end.

Though we haven't as yet completed our entertainment plans, rest assured your days and nights will be as active as even you can stand. So try to make it if you possibly can shake loose.

1940 June Week Committee"

Word from Charlie Shaunesy that he is about to leave for Q.M. Supply Center in Geissen Germany, APO 169. Other Quartermaster classmates stationed as follows: Thayer on Formosa, Perry, Mastran and Maedler at the Industrial College; Bierman has left Korea for duty with Military Subsistence Supply Agency in Chicago; Woody Vaughan in the Pentagon; Ted Biswanger leaving Richmond, Va. for Fort Meade; Art Nelson at Fort Lee; and Bill Stoddard last heard of at Columbus; Tom Scott in Orleans, France; and Zero Zahrobsky is with Military Petroleum Supply Agency as Chief of Purchasing. Hough and Ulm have retired.

Sam Patten writes from Heidelberg where he has recently reported. He has spotted Ray Renola with G-4; Ed Podufaly USAREUR Engineer Div, Jerry Brown USAREUR G-1 Div and Lee Fritter G-3 Div. John O'Keefe NATO Adv. Wpns Section, and Paul Cullen with USAREUR, Comptroller Div. Sanford Webster also in Heidelberg and Pappy Lynn in Orleans, France. Bengston appointed Director Ordnance Missile Laboratories at Redstone Arsenal. George England receives Certificate of Achievement Award before leaving Governor's Island for Korea. Steve Morrissey appointed Information Chief for U.S. Army, Alaska. Vie Hobson lead a team to Europe to make a tour of European Military Schools. Vic is Chief of Doctrine of the C & GSC at Fort Leavenworth.

Frank Meszar, our oldest newest flier, arrives in Puerto Rico for two day check of "air-space". Was able to also show him "smoke-filled den". Tony Wermuth promises to make the trip in February. Frank de la Tour and Steve Silvasey are students at the AWC. Charley Hazeltine at Fort Hood.

Flash: Wally Clement proud father of twins!

—Hank Brewerton
2167 Cacique Street
Santurce, Puerto Rico

1941

"Gad!," someone muttered, "Doesn't it give you a shock to run into a bunch of your classmates and see how old and rickety they look?" There were many such encounters as 67,000 rain-soaked fans watched breathlessly as the Army Mule and the Air Force Falcon met for the first time. None could say they hadn't seen a thriller when it was over. The kids on both sides played clean, hard football.

Not feeling or looking old and rickety at all, was a fine assortment of '41 types. Ted and Genevieve Shelton and their lovely daughters were in the front row of the '41 section along with John Richards and his three boys. Walt and Betty Woolwine (Treasurer), Bob and Helen Dixon (ISO), and Ralph and Betty Upton (Cadet Store) made up the West Point contingent. From the AWC came Potter and Betty Campbell and Ted deSaussure (recently promoted to Colonel). Tom Lawson was there with his son, Tom Jr; Betty and Barney Woodruff (PAS, Stevens Institute); Perk and Jane Perkin (Olmstead AFB); Mal and Alma Troup (Pentagon). In the subway, ran into Jack Kelsey with son, Steve. When asked what he was doing here all the way from Paris, casually answered, "Came to see the Game". Later at Leone's ran into Curt and Terry Chapman and learned that Curt is back in uniform in the Army's Research and Development business.

Colonel Edward H. deSaussare, Jr. Student, Army War College.

After only seven months in California, Charlie Murrah has taken another step toward the Presidency of Mutual of New York. He is Superindendent of Agencies for Manpower and Management and living in New York (c/o Mutual of NY, 1740 Broadway NY 19 NY). He reports that Charlie Carman is a Patent Agent, enjoying his work very much, and living at 2447 Washington St, San Francisco.

Jim Stigers wrote in to say that he retired in June and is not Professor of Physics, Algebra. Analytical Geometry, Trigonometry, Calculus, and Vector Analysis at the College of the Sacred Heart in Santurce, Puerto Rico. His address 614 Cerra St, Santurce.

Fred Ascani wrote from his job as Director of Laboratories, Wright Patterson, to say that Mickey Moore rejoined the fold recently to take over the Dyna Soar program, Mike Cochran left for France last summer, Jack Harris is Asst. Dir of Labs, and Sam Parks is well into his fourth year.

From the Army News service came a large package giving the news release on the June graduates but no info on their new assignment. Pictured and poopsheeted were, Sy Coker, Hank Boswell, Al Moody, Roy Clinton, Tom Cleary (retained on the faculty). Students in the current class are: Bill Reed, Potts Campbell, Burnside Huffman, Bob Panke, Ted deSaussure, Ed Kisiel, Fred Stanford, Jim Roy, Dave Gauvreau, Boaty Boatwright, Ralph Kuzell. Tommy Thomas has been assigned as Chief of the weapons support Div in the Engr Office at the Army Ord Missile Command Hq, Ala.

Bill Seawell wrote to relay the word from Fox Rhynard that Andy and Claire Evans are due in town shortly from his SAGE chores at McGuire to enter the language training before taking over the 65th Air Division at Torrejon, Spain. Carmen and Wendy Knowles write from Qtrs 1562, Ft Campbell to say they made a whirlwind stop in Washington. Saw Lucy Cooper, Muzyks, Kings and talked to millions of others on the phone.

Two very sad events have taken place recently. Dottie Richardson died of a cerebral hemorrhage on 23 Sept in Paris. Herb and the children will remain in Paris. Bruce Cator has been retired with cancer of the liver and told the worst. He is now at St. Albans Naval Hospital, Long Island, and will soon move to Box 37, Bearsville, N.Y. Chuck Schilling wrote that four classmates got back for homecoming weekend. Roy and Kay Kelley from OCE, Wash; Betty and Barney Woodruff, Ben McCaffery and Jack Murray.

On a recent trip to Offutt, I saw A. Wray White, John Henschke, Bill Brier and Bert Rosenbaum. Bert saw Bill Cummins at the Army-Oklahoma game.

George Johnson recently made a staff visit to Army Commands in the Pacific. "In Hawaii, Frank Linnell was comfortably situated in USARPAC G-1 after a year in Korea. He commanded a Battle Group there and turned over his command to Jack Norton. In Japan saw Dan Danforth; in Korea. Roy Clinton enjoying (?) a hardship tour with the G-3 section of Eighth Army. At Okinawa, Max Tyler packing to head for the Pentagon. As for me, I'm still with the D/A Comptroller and it looks as though I'm slated for a tour in Korea next summer."

Ben McCaffery. G-3 Center, Box 9038, Ft Bliss writes that "Bob and Helen Reilly left for G-2 at Heidelberg. Ed and Mary Buttery just moved to Orlando, Fla. where he is a liaison off with Martin, I believe. Recently attended an atomic course with Keagy who is also on orders to G-2 Heidelberg. Steve Kosiorek left a few months ago for South America, I believe Lima. Fred Stanford just left for the AWC, Jim Stigers has retired. Only replacement to show up is Dave Cooper, Chief of the Humro unit here. Tom Collison, Elmer Yates, and Jim McElroy have passed thru here recently. Bob Detwiler has a Corporal Bn at Oro Grande 25 miles north. Had a recent conference at West Point. Big news: Marge and I are parents again, Number 4, Kevin Lee born 1 Oct. 7 lbs. 6 oz. Roy Atteberry took a week's schooling here 4 weeks ago, he's in Dep Ops D/A and says there are 80 classmates in the Pentagon. Rod O'Connor, with hair as white as Uncle Remus, is Base Commander at Walker AFB."

The first Christmas card arrived signed, "The Cochrans". Hq AMFEA, Box 144 (CMR), APO 10 NY.

—Burt Andrus
112 Washington St.
Dvess AFB
Abilene, Texas

1942

The news this time is scanty and will undoubtedly be stale as well because of the competition of the Christmas Newsletter. However, I'm grateful for the excuses as I try to write through the fog remaining from last Saturday night's blockbuster at Bolling AFB. Bill Harrell headed the Committee responsible for a dinner-dance which must have neared on all-time high in attendance, with 69 of us enjoying the pre-supper free bar, a good meal, dancing and general gaiety. Fergy, bless him, brought along his camera so we hope for some evidence to show y'all next issue. And while on that subject, I hope that all of you will become camera conscious *right now* so that we may have some photographic material for the Twenty-Year Book.—With a tear—and a barely audible sigh of relief from my blighted corpuscles—I report the pending departure of the Offleys for Ft Bragg.—The JOURNAL advises that John Cockrill is ordered to Sill, that Chet Ladd has retired, that Al Wilder leaves the AFSC at Norfolk for Okinawa, that the Terrels' son John won two riding awards in the Ft Leavenworth Horse Show and that Bill Ford, Joe Hennessee and Al Otis will attend the next Associate Course at Leavenworth. Al then heads for Germany and Joe for Taiwan. I also noted in the same source that Mrs. P. T. Russell is an advisor to the Carlisle Barracks Chapter of the Junior Army Daughters, that Mrs. F. P. Koisch served as hostess at a recent Carlisle Barracks Officers Wives' Club luncheon for which Mrs. P. T. Russell served as Menu Chairman and that Hank Ivey, famed as the designer of the Official Airborne ring, is the new JAG of the 101st Abn and Ft Campbell.—In the last issue I failed to mention a nice visit we had with Dick and Dotty Maffry when they were down this way last summer, both looking fine and happy.—Had a call in September from Jim Josendale. At that time business was so good that he had come here to study the possibilities of expanding into South America.—John Baker was back this way about then and called to report his presence. He tried to schedule his travels so that he could join a group of the Class for a party on the C&O canal boat (a big success, need I add) but apparently couldn't do so.—Bunky Scofield was back briefly due to his father's illness, but I missed his visit to the office.—The official poop this time consisted of pix of Bill Shedd, Frank Koisch, Bob Spilman and Roy Geiger as in attendance at or having completed the AWC. Roy is probably the only one who would have admitted that the photo really was of him.—Doc and Enid Hyde just returned from a lengthy and apparently most enjoyable tour of the West, missing the Finneys but seeing Boots and Bob Beers en route.—Thanks to the Pricketts presence in D.C. I heard that Lee and Ginger Cage had a potfull of troubles before getting settled in their new home—and I couldn't even send Lee a T. S. card because he hadn't sent a change of address.—Bud Ryder is back in form after a rather rough seige of illness recently.—At Benning last month I enjoyed dinner and a pleasant evening with the Ulsakers and their tribe. Saw Jim Hayes briefly and found Tommy Arms just recovering from a spot of pneumonia. Tom tells the following on himself. While in the hospital he got an ok to go to the Occupational Therapy shop while the phychos were all in there. A Sgt from a former outfit looked up, saw Tom and said. "Why Major Arms, did they get you, too?"—We fouled up on Box 42 at West Point last summer and so missed the benefits of one of Joe Cannon's letters. Our apologies, Joe, and thanks for the recent one confirming some of the orders and more important, advising that Miles Wachendorf was recently awarded the Legion of Merit. Congrats from us all, Wach.—And now that this is one day overdue, I can report that the Clagetts (Bobo was voiceless *before* due to a minor throat operation), Frank Clays, Cumpstons (call your neighbor, Duffié, Sam), Doyles, Duffiés, Charley Fergusson and son, Hesselbachers, Stan Josephson and son(s), Lewises. Dick Mileses, Robertses, Shedds. Watkinses, Jim Wood and son and us'ns were among those shattered by the sights at Municipal Stadium last Saturday. Someone's idea of efficiency was to split the class seats so if I missed YOU, forgive me!

A jolly hollyday season to all, and may each of you get a new ballpoint pen and make a resolution to WRITE ME with it.

—*Ken Hanst*
1050 South 26th Road
Arlington 2, Virginia

January

1943

Thank you—you great people—your response to the pleas for facts, news about you, your families, and fellow classmates has been generous; the bushel basket overfloweth. With this abundance of news on-hand, the writing of this column becomes an easy matter and a pleasant diversion from the merry-go-round of daily chores.

To begin with, let's drop in on the contingent in the Washington area. Sixty-two classmates are scattered throughout Washington and environs. The scoreboard runs like this: 37 Army types, 20 men in the blue suits, one civilian, and five Army wives waiting for their hubbies to come home. Students at the NWC are Criss, Frankosky, Hackler and Knowlton. Marshall, Bud Reynolds, and Starnes are enrolled at the ICAF. Don Thompson is our one civilian representing the missile and space system of United Aircraft Corp; "You can have your own space ship—cheap." Holding the Army together are Aleveras, Doran, Faust, Hughes, Johnson, Stan James, Kellogg, Ladd, Lewis, Neale, Norris, Page, Pavick, Richardson (at Ft. Belvoir), Roach, Roy Sanders, Snuffy Smith, Truex, Fred Waters, and Wilbourn. With eight in DCSOPS, one could make a case for claiming that the class is running the Army; who are the lucky ones? Anderson, Dee Armstrong, Camm, Fiss, Hood, Karrick, Mitchell, and Stephens Keeping the Air Force on the move and on the beam are Baer, Benner, Bevan, Butcher, Goss, Harrington, Kane, Lenfest, Lutrey, Stewart, and Weber. Involved with the nurturing of the nation's nuclear might are Batson with the DASA (stand for old AFSWP) while Gean, Kuffner and Raaen are with the AEC at Germantown, Md. Dynamos on the JCS, assisting Gen. Twining, are Beeson, Edwards, and Hovde with "Long John" Courtney in USEG. In an even more rarefied atmosphere, we find Schofield and Yount orbiting in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. The five brave wives are: Kay Burlin, waiting for Bob to emerge from the deep freeze in Greenland; Jane Davis, waiting for Bob to return from exotic Thailand; Pat Hillman and Janet Wheeler, keeping the homefires burning while their hubbies endure the hardships of Korea; and Fran Wilcox is keeping all the children in line while Ed battles the Leavenworth short course. Elaine Hughes will shortly join the "Lonely Hearts Club" in Washington when Al leaves in February for a short course on the NIKE system at Ft. Bliss, prior to taking over the NIKE Battalion at Thule. The Hughes are occupying "Tote" Talbott's house in Washington (Tote being Elaine's brother), Al says "Tote" is enjoying his assignment at Hq, Fifth Air Force at Fuchu, Japan, to the extent that Louise presented him with a new daughter, Vanessa, in Oct. From Washington also comes word that Keith Lindell is stationed at Langley Field, Va., as Commandant of the Astronaughts. It is said that Lish goes to Washington semi-regularly for R&R. During recent trips. Bill Neale writes he was able to visit Vic Cherbach, now in charge of the Air Force Project "Space Track" near Boston, and Bob Pedan, now a civilian working on the Atlas Missile Project at Cape Canaveral.

Getting away from the vortex that is Washington, Lee James reports from the Redstone Arsenal, Ala. that he is the only member of the class stationed there now, has been there since '56, and loves his R&D work. Classmates who come to Redstone Arsenal occasionally are: Jim Dempsey, VP of Corvair and Manager of Corvair Astronautics in San Diego; Bob Blake, a Pershing missile expert, in from Fort Bliss: Dave Lowe of AFBMD (whatever this stands for?) who, however, is soon to be reassigned to SHAPE; Jack Shaffer of Thompson Ramo-Wooldridge (working out of Cleveland); Hugh Mease with GE: George Young of McDonnell aircraft; and Paul Andrepont of Dynamics Corp. of America. Lee reports Ruyffelaere was in from Hawaii recently for a two weeks orientation course.

From out New Mexico way, Tom Harrison writes that: "Anyone visiting Sandia Base should look me up." Tom is now a supervisor of a quality control engineering group with the Sandia Corp. In Aug., a baby girl joined the family "bringing our brood to three." Tom writes further that Paul Ellis who joined the local plant of ACF (American Car and Foundry) two years ago has risen from peon to manager of the plant. Ed Costello rounds out the triumvirate residing in Albuquerque, living in a "real nice home out near us." Phil Bischoff left recently for his pleasure tour in cosy Korea.

From Europe, a newsy letter authored by Pat Stoll was found in our basket. Pat related in some detail the gathering of the clan for last year's (1959) Jan. celebration. It was farsighted that Carlie and Pat should live on Rue du 19 Janvier. Whooping it up were the Barbers, Conmys (returned last summer for AWC) the Franklins, the Saari's (EUCOM), and the Wades (MAAG, Paris). At the time, Pat was with the Standing Group Representative, NATO. Since then, he has been assigned to Munich, Germany where he is

a student of Physics at the Teshnische Hochschule, Munich. He knew no German; the classes are taught in German. His USMA-BS degree was not recognized; so he is on probation. Why or how he got into this interesting situation, Pat never explained.

Back at the "Point"—Homecomers during the weekend of 24 Oct., were June and Bill Dannacher, Pat and Jim Changaris, Marion and Paul Andrepont, Yutta and Charley Wirt (en route from Germany to faculty C&GSC), Phil and Kay Berry, (Stewart AF Base), Sam Karrick, (wolfing it from Wash., D.C.; Sam left Marian home to take care of the family), Doris and Bill Pitts down from Pease AFB, Portsmouth, N.H.; Arlene and Frank Camm; Dave Barger; and Jack and Barbara Upchurch. These folks along with the home contingent spent an enjoyable afternoon at Michie Stadium followed by an evening of fast living at the dinner-dance held in Washington Hall (still can't get used to dancing and drinking hard liquor in the Mess Hall; have finally convinced myself it is alright to have women in this formerly exclusive male sanctuary—so goes society).

Who was seen and with whom at the Army-Air Force game, Yankee Stadium? Bill with Kay Criss, up from NWC; "Saint" St John without Penny, but with two sons on VOCO from AWC; Bill Starnes seen this time with wife Mary Dee; Kay Berry was escorting wife (his) Phil; Vern and Toni Trinter, now with Bendix Aviation in Baltimore; Jack and Marion Schultz came south from a NIKE outfit near Manchester, Conn.—Jack and Kay Berry during the course of many drinks after the game strengthened our nation's air defenses immeasurably by coordinating the flight patterns of interceptors with trajectories of missiles and ack-ack such that they would complement and supplement each other rather than intersect. I volunteered that I thought this was a pretty good idea—not new or revolutionary—but certainly made good sense. Also seen at the game were Bill and Jean Cucolo, now with an engineering firm in NYC; Wray Page; Hal Walker; Yutta and Charley Wirt; Sam and Nancy Batson; and Jim Frakes, now stationed at the USAFA. And present, though sometimes not accounted for, was the West Point contingent. Jack Shaffer in from Cleveland threw a beautiful party after the game (an all night drinking bout) at the Waldorf Astoria.

We have just received the sad word that Clarke Hain died on 16 Nov. at Glen Cove Hospital, Glen Cove, L.I., N.Y. Hain was stricken last July with what was thought to be infectious hepatitis. However, an operation in late Sept. revealed that he had cancer of the liver. At the time of his death, Clarke was a key engineer at Fairchild Camera and Instrument Corp. In this job, he was recognized as one of the country's three top experts on aerial camera shutters used by the USAF. Clarke's brother, Robert W. Hain (USMA '33), intends to write Clarke's biography for the ASSEMBLY. Anyone having something to contribute to this biography is asked to send it to Col Hain, 622 Dawson Rd, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Our deepest sympathy to Dorothy and daughters.

Worldwide releases—understand that Ed Bennett is in Saudi Arabia; Dot and children are in Fla. Skippy and Danny Moore are now in Tehran, Iran. Bob and Robin Baden are in Hawaii. I get the impression that Gerry and Don Powell are also in Hawaii.

Today as I write, this is really "hot" news; by the time you read this column it will be common knowledge. Nevertheless, we can share in the grand feeling of having four of our members included in the outstanding section of the latest recommended list for promotion to full colonel. Our congratulations to Berenzweig, Conmy, Flanagan, and Knowlton.

Many of you may also know this already, but it is an event which deserves recording again. McDermott, as Dean of the USAFA, was recently promoted to BG. This was a richly deserved tribute. McD has had a real struggle getting the curriculum established on a firm foundation. That he succeeded is evidenced by the fact that USAFA received this Spring full accreditation from the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. McD, we're proud of you. Best wishes to Alice and you for continued success.

Around the New York area—Bob Wood, a consultant with Ebasco Services, NYC writes that he and Cynthia now have a son, Robert M. Wood, Jr. born 17 Mar. of this year. Bob Lawrence, who produces films for TV and sometimes the Government via Robert Lawrence Productions Inc. has expanded operations to include studios in NYC, Puerto Rico, Canada, and Hollywood. One of his short films pulled down a prize at last year's Cannes Film Festival.

Back at the "Point" again. Deliberations have been going on for a couple of years regarding the question: Should the Class National Headquarters be moved to Wash, D.C.? With only 10 classmates now at West Point (which number will shrink to four or five next year and thence to possibly two the following year), it would seem that the numbers game is about to overtake us. At the same time, the migration to the Washington area is strong and certainly not on the decrease. Confronted with such devastating evidence, it has been decided in the interests of logic, sound reasoning, and the welfare of the class—that the transfer should be made. The transfer, having been mutually agreed upon with the Washington chapter, will become effective 19 Jan 1960. The present officers of the Potomac River Chapter (Bill Neale, Pres.; Ralph Truex, VP; John Baer, Honorable Secretary; and Chet Butcher, Treasurer) will assume the manifold duties and responsibilities of the Class National Officers until the next Class election in June. The column will henceforth be written by Johnny Baer. All news, bits of news, poop, information, rumors, and anything else you can think of should be sent to Baer at the Office of the Under Secretary of the Air Force, Department of the Air Force, Wash., D.C. Before I turn over this column to Johnny, I should like to make a plea not only on behalf of Baer but more importantly in the interests of the whole class. In these days when we are subject to (and many of us are already these days) assignment in isolated, remote parts of the world and overwhelmed as we are by the pressures of the requirements of daily life, it is a difficult task for any one of us to carry on an active exchange of correspondence with many of our classmates. Keeping in contact is the more difficult as more of our numbers turn to civilian pursuits. Therefore, a convenient vehicle for overcoming these splintering circumstances is the fuller use of this column as a central switchboard. In fact, what we need is a complete communications system—not necessarily a highly organized affair though the more organized the better.) What I suggest is that we have self-appointed local switchboards in Europe. Asia, U.S., etc., which serve as collecting points, agents for the local area to funnel info directly to Baer. Isolated classmates, especially the civilian members, should not hesitate to establish a direct trunkline to Johnny. With some such system, we can have this column vibrating with interesting info. Now, "you-all" write Johnny.

At a recent meeting of the West Point Chapter, I was elected Pres. and Jim Cobb was elected Secy-Treas. Our only qualification was that we were absent from the meeting. If we can be of help to any of you, don't hesitate to write us.

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June

1943

Happy New Year to One and All.

The post man was most kind to me the past few weeks so I have some letters to start the column out. To the writers of these letters I want to say thanks right now. They made the job much easier.

BOB DE CAMP passed me a letter from BOB MATHE who is now commanding the 36th Engineer Group in Korea. Bob M had a few classmates (also in Korea) in for a little celebration on the occasion of his promotion to full Colonel. JIM BETTS, JOHNNY JOHNSON. FRANK DIRKES, GABBY IVAN, JOE BOYLE and DICK ORPHAN were on hand for the party, but PINKY WINFIELD could not make it.

DANNY CULLINANE sent in a letter from Fort Knox—"the home of the Armor" Danny's letter is dated 23 Sept., so some of the news might be a little old but I'm certain it is still of interest. Danny, who is troop requirement officer and general factorum for school troops, says "Recent events of note are a new boy at the HI FULLERS' and a new silver leaf on the shoulder of 'BITTER BILL' SPAHR. Both gentlemen have also just become proud Bn Cmds—Bill has the 1st Bn, 6th Armd Cav and Hi is honcho-ing the 54th Engineers (Combat). HERMAN HUNT is Regimental S-3 in the 6th and 7/8th Cavalry. ROCKY RHOADS is in the Ivory Tower (Cmbt Devel) of the Armor School. Recent visitors to Knox have been STEVE BROWN from Sill and BOLLER and JOHNNY BELL from CONARC."

DAVE SCHWARTZ, who is living it up out in Los Angeles, kindly sent in a few words "on behalf of the class here in the Air Force Ballistic Missile Program. Here is the list with a couple of words about each one: BILL SNAVELY (buying Associate Systems). BILL DUDLEY (buying Propulsion Systems), JOHN CHANDLER (Space Program), DICK HEMSLEY (Minuteman Program), DICK SNYDER (Plans and Policies), OLLIE BUCHER (Earth Satellite Program).

DAVE CHAMBERLAIN (Installations for Titan Program), DAVE SCHWARTZ (Thor Program)." Just offhand, that appears to be quite an array of talent. Dave added the following note, "While visiting the UK last spring, I ran into BILL WESTBROOK and CARL ARNOLD working with the Thor Program there. Last month I was down at Maxwell and saw HANK RICHARD, who is instructing in the Air Orientation Course. He and Beverly (Kitty) have designed and built their own home and it's mighty cosy. Hank's a real fireball on the platform. Also saw BILL BRAKE. Gloria and I have been in LA for over a year now and like it real fine." Dave closed with an invitation for anyone coming out Torrance way to stop in for a visit.

HARDE and RUTH SAINE at Fort Devens, Mass, sent a note with the news item of the arrival of "an 8 lb 3½ oz boy. John Wingard Saine; born here at Ft Devens on 12 Sept. 1959. Ruth and John are both fine." Their other children, Jim (14) and Carolyn (11), who were born in South Carolina, have some misgivings about the new yankee in the family. Harde is now the Adjutant of the U.S. Army Security Training Center and School and finds the work most interesting. No other classmates in the area however.

BILL WILSON, who is with the American Embassy in Moscow, reports that Teddy and the three children are fine. The children are attending an Anglo-American school run jointly by the British and American Embassies for English speaking children of the diplomatic colony. Bill does a lot of traveling in his job—been all the way from Murmansk and Leningrad on the north to the Caspian and Black Seas on the south. While on a trip to Germany in September, he and Teddy met FRANK JONES, who had resigned in '54 or '55 and is now in the Foreign Service and is stationed at the Embassy in Warsaw. FRANK is a busy man. When Bill saw him, he had just shipped out a bunch of Senators and Congressmen who had been there for a conference. He had been Project officer and mighty busy. Not only that, he had been Project Officer when Vice President Nixon was there. On the way to Russia, Bill and Teddy stopped for a month in England and had a wonderful time there. They got together with RAY and BARBARA BLATT a couple of times. Ray and Barbara are really living in jolly ole England and have a very nice home not too far from Hampton Court."

Miscellaneous notes from Journals, Special Orders. rumors, etc. RALPH HILL is on orders to leave CONARC next spring to go to Europe. HANK ROMANEK is released from USA Engr Dist East Ocean with asgmt at Goose Bay, Labrador, effective 21 December 59, and is asgd to the AFSC, Norfolk, to join the class starting in February. JOHN S. BRADY is bound for USAREUR (Germany) from the 1st Armd Div, Ft Hood, sometime next summer after attending the spring associate course at CGSC. Another future classmate of John's at the spring course at Leavenworth is CHUCK DICKINSON who will attend on TDY status from his job in WSEG. GEORGE BUGG completes a course of some sort at the Army Language School, Monterey, in January and is due to pass thru Washington on his way to Portugal (I think). JOHNNY BELL is leaving CONARC next June to go to USAREUR. While there he might possibly run into ARCH HAMBLEN who is the only member of the class to be listed on the new full colonels list (published in November). Congratulations are in order. BOB PLETT, now at Hq USAAMS, Fort Sill, is on orders to join the S and F, USMA next June. This is the second trip back to the rock for Bob as a member of the faculty. I guess he must like it there. JOHN COBB, who is now in ACSI after a tour in Viet Nam, reports that JIM CHRISTY is still in Viet Nam with his family, living in the hills where life is cooler and cleaner than in the city. QUELLEN BOLLER and BASIL SPAULDING were seen drinking coffee in the snack bar in the Pentagon recently. Boller was up on a trip from CONARC but I don't know where "B-dog" came from. FELIX A. KALINSKI (civilian-type with Vertol aircraft in Philadelphia) was in the building recently. He looks fit and prosperous and still as full of fun as ever.

Speaking of Philadelphia, LORRY THOMAS called me this morning to tell me who he saw at the game on 28 Nov. From Morristown, N.J. came the TOM JOHNSTONS (he's a civilian with RCA): from Philly, the JIM DEATHERAGES (he's a civilian with GE); from New England way, the CHARLIE CRANES (he's a civilian with Champion Paper); from the Army War College at Carlisle, came BILL GREENWALT; down from USMA on the special train, came TED TANSEY and the NORM PEHRSONS; up from Washington came the BOB DECAMPS, the LOUIS NESSELBUSHES, and the LORRY THOMASES. PAT HURLEY also went to the game but Cobe stayed home to watch the kids and to get ready for the class party in Washington after the game.

Speaking of the class party, we had a fairly good turn out at the Pohattan Springs Club. As best I can remember it, the following couples were there: HAL and MARIANNE AARON, LEMON and KATHERINE BLANK, JOE and BOBBY CHAUFTY (Joe is just back from Korea and now asgd to the off C E), BILL and MARIE CALNAN, REX COCROFT, HOWARD and CAROLYN COFFMAN, (Carolyn is "Lady of the Month" in the November issue of *U.S. Lady*) FRED and MARIE HERRES, LEE and ANN HOGAN, BUD and JAN HOLDERNESS, PAT and COBE HURLEY, DUTCH and PATSY INGWERSEN, TIM and FRAN IRELAND, JIM and BOBBIE KECK, BILL and NANCY MALONE, DALE and HELEN MAGEE, JACK and JERRY MORRIS (Jack expects to go to Korea next summer), JACK and JEAN NEUER, BILL and BEENIE PEAK, DICK and CAROLINE SHAEFER, AL and EDIE SHIELY, TED and KATHLEEN WATKINS, and DICK and MARION MCCORD.

In addition to those listed above as attending the class party, the latest roster of the class in Washington contains the following names: PAUL ATKINSON, MIKE BECKETT, CHARLIE BENSON, GEORGE BETTS, BILL BIBBY, ANDY BORESKI, JIM BOWER, BILL BRABSON, CAB BRANNON, ED BURDETT, BOB BURROWS, JOHN BUTTERFIELD GEORGE CAMPBELL, DEKE CHILDS, JOHN COBB, ROG CANARTY, ERNIE CRAGG, BILL DEEKIE, BOB DECAMP, CHUCK DICKINSON, NORM FRISBE, BOB HANCOCK, JOHN HUDSON, JOHN HULL, TOM LOVE, MARTY MARTIN, BOB MATTOX, JACK MCGREGOR, FRANK MC MULLEN, HANK MORGAN, LOUIS NESSELBUSH, ED O'CONNER, ROBIN OLDS, CHARLIE PENCE, KEITH PIGG, BILL SCOTT, STEVE SHERRILL, BOB SONSTELIE, JOHN STOCKTON, DICK STODDARD, LORRY THOMAS, DUTCH UMPAUF, JON VORDERMARK, CHARLIE WALLE, LARRY WATSON, KARL WOLFE, FRANK WOOD and MIKE ZUBON.

The next deadline to me is 20 Feb 1960. I look forward to hearing from you.

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1944

There was a somewhat sprinkled representation of '44 at the Air Force game in New York. Walking into a restaurant nite before the game I ran into Bob and Betty Pearce up for the game. Kern and Jinks Pitts were down from West Point where Kern is teaching Military History and serving as a Trustee for Assn. of Graduates. Jack and Bea Peterson from Aberdeen were enjoying things while in the big town. Local talent was supplied by Jim Patterson and Jack Combs. Had a chance to visit briefly with Les Babcock, Bill Miller and Charles Johnson. To tell the truth, some stadium policemen kept interfering with Pitts' attempt to use the aisles for visiting purposes to such an extent that the game was over before anybody got much visiting done. We tried to get downstairs where Frank Mahin and a few others were sitting but Pitts' friend had become obnoxious by that time.

Duncan Clore and Joyce and their six little ones have returned from three years duty with the Fourteenth Armored in Germany and are now at Bowdoin College where Dunc is Asst. P.M.S.&T. The children are evenly divided, three boys and three girls. Jack Hennessey and Charles Daniel are at Carlisle Barracks going to Army War College until next June. Both are Lt. Cols. and quite baldish looking—receding hairlines to say the least.

Andy Keller, Dale Denman, Erwin Kleist, Joe Cutrona, Bruton Schardt, S.A. Jackson and the above mentioned Pitts and C. Johnson graduated from Staff School at Leavenworth this summer. Their whereabouts now is unknown to me.

Leo and Mary Hinkey are living in Los Angeles where Leo is with the AMC Ballistic Missiles Center at Inglewood. Leo, in addition to command pilot wings, is now entitled to wear the new A. F. Guided Missile Badge, rocket equivalent of wings. John Susott is now at Selfridge AFB after having earned his Masters Degree in Business administration at George Washington University in October.

There was a small gathering of the faithful in Norman for the Oklahoma game in mid-November. Over from Ft. Carson in Colorado were Doug and Wade Kinnard and Bill and Betty Bell came up from Sill. Liva Mae Harris, in Lawton until Doug gets back from Korea, and Carl Anderson from Oklahoma City rounded out the '44 cheering section. The Harris's should be in Washington by now as Doug was due home in December. Doug Kin-

nard is commanding a missile battalion at Carson in the 2nd Missile Command. No other classmates at Carson but not too far away at Ent AFB are George Pappas and Tommy Moore; George is aide to Gen. Kuter and Tommy is in G-3.

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1945

As we attempt to go to press for this issue your reporter (?) is conscious of how really short news from the hinterlands has been in recent months. We've had to scrape for material, since we are determined to mention as many names as possible. So if we may, just once more, *please* send us some news of classmates, what they are doing, and where they are located.

The initial mailing of June Week propaganda has gone out, and each of you should hear from one of the three "hired" mailers. If you have not yet received the material, then consider your address with us as being in error. We'd much appreciate a correction from any of you who are in such a predicament. Initial indications point to a good turnout for the Reunion, although the eighty plus "inmates" at Leavenworth who won't be out of stir in time will put a hole in the Army side of the representation.

And so to the news, such as it is: Jack Burke sends us the following squib: "A frag report from the vineyards of the Big Red One and Fort Riley (editor's note—a right fine infantry division located somewhere in the middle of Kansas): Doug Atkins is with the Division Engineer Battalion; Del DelVecchio is Division Brigade S3, while George Jackson is in G1. Dick Armstrong is Division Training Officer and Jack is special assistant to the Chief of Staff." This latter position, Jack claims, was created to place an Armor type under constant surveillance. Jack further states that "to the utter consternation of the director, and regret of the congregation, I am singing bass in the Fish-eater Choir —thus perpetuating the prostitution of the musical arts begun at the Academy!"

Several short but recent items concerning Classmates are available, though no particular effort at organization of the names has been made in relaying the information: Gabby Shumard recently arrived in Viet Nam and is now a member of MAAG, Saigon. Gab expects to be there until about Sept '60, and meanwhile wife Mary is living at 1722 Windsor Place, Oklahoma City. Why don't you Okis show her a little hospitality?

Jack Pettee was recently elected President of PM Southeast, Inc., a firm of business consultants to physicians and dentists. Jack claims he won the distinction because he is the oldest and baldest in the organization. Harle Damon, not heard from in a long time, is a civilian with the G. E. Company. Recently he was transferred to the Missile Production Section and is located in Burlington, Vt.

Bob Hayes (Armor-Army) is presently a student at the Air C & SC of the Air University, Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Ala. From Bill Farley comes this news of Classmates at the AFSC, Norfolk: '45 students include Bill Zook, Bill Barnes, Jim Herbert, John Powers, and Bill himself. All will graduate soon, and Zook and Powers are slated for District of Columbia duty, Barnes will go to Germany, Jim Herbert to the 101st Airborne Division, and Farley to Indonesia via the Language School at Monterey.

Cliff Myers, writing from Phoenix, Ariz., reports the arrival of number nine, though he didn't identify the gender. At any rate, the full head count for the Myers' is five girls and four boys. Jim Henshaw, presently in Austin, Texas at the University of Texas, reports that Bernie Wichlep and Harry Walker (Air Force type) are enrolled as students until June '60. Jim will be there a while longer as an ROTC instructor.

Jack Romney, located in Herrin, Ill., has taken a new job as Director of Product Development for the International Staple and Machine Company. E. R."Ran" Preston, presently assigned in the Omaha area, reports he saw Bill and Nancy Jarrell, Arch and Barbara Arnold, Jim and Ann Holcomb, and many others while supporting the Army team against Oklahoma at Norman. "Ran" and wife Nelle boast a fine family of four youngsters. Kingston "Dave" Davidson checks in from Vanderberg AFB, Calif. where he is with the Discoverer project. He is hoping to recover something from orbit shortly. Dave also locates Clarence Linton with SAC/s First Missile Division and Earl Thompson also in the area.

Toby Gandy is presently at Maxwell Field attending the Air CG&S, and says 14 other '45 grads are there with him. Walt Jagiello checks in from Fort Ord, Calif. where he is with the Combat development Experimentation Center. Jack Truby has just completed a Formosa stint, Quemoy to be exact, and he says the tour was most pleasant until the artillery arrived (Chinese we presume). Jim Garrett was with Jack on Quemoy. With the tour behind him Truby is now on ROTC duty at Harvard University.

Bob Burges, John Myron, and Bob Mann all report in from Leavenworth, mainly to announce new additions to their respective families. The Burgess' clan will welcome child number three sometime in February; the Myrons should already have received their fourth little bundle; and Bob Mann's first-born arrived on 6 October and was immediately labeled William James. Our congratulations to all!

Faye Bennet is fussing at us a bit for mis-directing mail for Jake to Fort Bliss. Our only defense is that Jake is now stationed there, and the mail does seem to reach him in good time. Jake is presently assigned as Evaluation Branch Chief with the Deputy for Instruction at the School at Bliss. Real glad to have both of you back in the ZI after such a long European tour.

Both Pat Powers and Bob Guthrie reported on the 7 November party held for those stationed in the Washington area. Apparently the affair was a Western Type brawl with Chuck Curtis and Tommy Maertens handling the logistics. Some 85 classmates were in attendance, a right good operation for which all of you should be proud.

Russ Taliaferro writes in from Wright-Patterson AFB where he, Bill Gilbert, Harry Maynard, Jesse Johnson, and Jake Knight are all holding the place together. Russ will head for Germany in April of '60. Bob Waddington, meanwhile, is enjoying the good life in Hawaii, despite the peculiarities of his CINCPAC staff work.

We note with pleasure that the Reverend Albion W. "Al" Knight has recently assumed duties as part-time assistant at St. Paul's Church in Falls Church, Va. Al, married and with two children, studied privately for six years in preparing for the ministry, and was ordained a priest in 1955.

Harold Moore reports himself headed for Armed Forces Staff College for the spring course. Presently in the Washington area, Hal is a fine host and will continue to be good for food, drinks and a sack until late January.

Bob Ridenour was recently transferred to Charlotte, N.C., and as a civilian type is functioning as District Engineer for Carolina sales of the G. E. Company. Bob Lee, another civilian type is still in Oklahoma City, and last we heard he was a full-fledged bank official—the kind who puts his feet on the desk during working (?) hours.

Bob Krebs, wife Janice, and their three youngsters moved to DC in July and are living in North Springfield, Va. Neil O'Donnell, reporting on himself from Pittsburgh, will be on his way overseas come Spring, but no details on the actual destination. Bob Tongue, presently in Detroit, has received orders for USAREUR and will depart before Reunion time. We're sorry, Bob. Barney Schneckloth writes from Ft. Benning that he is now S-3 of the 1st Battle Group, 87th Infantry, and never a dull moment.

Two classmates report on their family status for this issue. Tom McCunniff and Nina welcomed Kathleen Anne on 12 November at West Point. Both Nina and Tom are delighted with the little gal who rounds out their family so nicely. Bob Bartron, presently in Annandale, Va., keeps us posted on young Bill, adopted in February 1958, and well past two years of age when this column goes to press.

Bob Conrad came through this time with some information about himself. He admits he's been out of touch a bit. Bob, wife Lu, Cathy (10), Ed (9), and Dave (5) like their life in Michigan very much and are thoroughly sold on civilian life.

Just a word on the situation here at West Point. Twenty-three of us are stationed here, and planning for the Reunion as best we know how. Everett (Orv) Post will join our ranks in January, coming from the University of Georgia in Athens. He will be assigned to IO, USMA. George Benson, assigned to First Battle Group here, was the recent recipient of the Legion of Merit for his work as Assistant Attaché in Indonesia. He tells some fancy tales of his experiences there as only George can tell them. He does admit, however, that wife Barbara was far more deserving of the medal than he, since she was there with him during the entire three year stint.

The football season has come and gone, and while we didn't win 'em all, we certainly didn't lose 'em all either. How about a word of encouragement to Dale? He's really working at the thing, and he'd appreciate your good wishes.

—*W. F. Boiler*
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1946

One of the last strongholds of bachelorhood crumbled on November 25, 1959—Stanley Love was married to Diane Stewart. Among those at the reception which followed the wedding in New York were Dan Mahony, Marty Zorn and Sewell Elliot. Our best to you both. Stan's business address in 1333 Broadway, N.Y. 36, N.Y.

Steve and Mary Matejov joyfully announce the birth of their seventh child, a daughter Theresa, weight 7lbs., 11½ ozs. on November 9, 1959, at Fort Totten. Their address there: 214 A Murray Ave., Fort Totten 59, N.Y. Steve says that Mary and the baby are doing fine and that the rest of the family has adjusted readily to the new baby. Steve is still in the Operations and Training slot, G-3 Sect., Hq 1st Rgn ARADCOM, at Fort Bliss.

Ethel and I went into New York for the Air Force game this past season. The place was loaded with classmates and most of us were lucky enough to be under cover from the miserable rain. Sitting within eye or ear range of the writer were: Jack and Virginia Shultz, a Tac at the Point; Bob and Kay Dickson with son Mark; Bob and Ruth Wilson who have three daughters and Bob works for Dupont while living in Newark, Del.; Ruben Pomerantz; Al Leavit; John Stannard; Rev. Kevin A. Lynch; John Stratis. Ed Crowley; George Devens; Ralph Ellis and Bob Wayne.

Jim and Phyllis Egan welcomed their third son, Timothy, on July 24, 1959. On September 1, 1959, Jim's new assignment as Assistant to the Regional General Manager of the Pure Oil Company at Chicago became effective. He and his family are now residing at 1145 North Hickory, Arlington Heights, Ill.

Russell Boyd has recently been assigned to the Control Office at the Army Ballistic Missile Agency, Redstone Arsenal, Ala. Russ is serving with the Special Weapons Section, Projects Branch of the Control Office. He was formerly an instructor in the Officers Advanced Course at the Ordnance School, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. Prior to his assignment with the Ordnance School, Boyd spent three years overseas in Germany, first at Pirmasens and later at Heilbronn. Back in 1950, Russ received his MS degree in electrical engineering from the U. of Penn. Marion and Russell with their three children, Janet Leslie, six, David Russell, three, and Elaine Marilyn, three months, are residing on the post.

The following is an extremely small and partial list of June 1959 graduates from the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth: Majors Corwin Boake, Carcie Clifford, Richard Johnson, Clarence Jordan, Al Joy, Bob Kane, Harrison Lobdell, Walt Mattox, Elmer Ochs, Bill Richards, Norm Watkins and Jere Whittington. As opposed to the above list the following is a complete list of classmates currently assigned at Fort Leavenworth: Al and Kay Ash, Charley and Rebecca Barker, Roy and Bonnie Beatty, Dick and Donna Beckner, Ed and Nancy Braun, Dick and Rae Bresnahan (Staff and Faculty member), Frank and Angeline Caruso, Frank and Jay Conant, Pat and Fran Crizer (Staff and Faculty member), Harry and Theda Davis, Franklin and Margaret Day, Charles and Holly Darby (USNA '46), Jim and Aimes Dorney, Earl and Maggie Dye (Staff and Faculty member), Steve and Mary Clare Edwards, Harry and Ann Marie Floyd, Bill and Blanche Fuller, Dick and Sue Gruenther, Phil and Virginia Haisley, Dick and Pat Hale, Bill and Mary Hall, Hall and Chris Hallgren, Ben and Antonie Hanson, Rutledge and Ann Hazzard, John and Ann Hoar, Harold and Phyl Horne, Al and Wanda Joy (Staff and Faculty member), Paul and Ruth Ann Kelley, Bob and Mavis Key (Staff and Faculty member), Wade and Martha Kingsbury, Roland and Jeanne Kline, Bob and Betty Kren, Bob and Miriam Lamb (Staff and Faculty member), Bob and Cynthia Lee, Bob and Betty Malley, Jim and Ruth McGarity, Ned and Eleanor Mewborn, George and Nancy Miller, Leo and Anne Miller, Dan and Laurann Moriarty, Charles and Winifred Myer, George and Betty Otte, Frank and Joan Palmatier, Joe and Genevieve Park, Art and Jane Pence, John and Jane Perkins, Gene and Rita Pfauth, Bob and Madge Phillips, Everett and Cynthia Rea, Bob and Nan Rheault, Elisha Miller and Jane Robinson, Dick and Barbara Ruble, Roy and Jane Simkins, William R. and Nancy Smith, Ralph and Joy Starner, Bob and Pat Steele, Bob and Pat Storm, Charley Supplee, Bill and Miriam Thomasset, Al and Bobbe Torgerson (Staff and Faculty member), Bill and Peg Traber, John and Connie Treadwell (Staff and Faculty member), Ken and Virginia Van Auken, Ed and Pat Weber, Marvin and Mae Weinstein, Ben and Jane Williams, Bob and Doris Winfree, Harris and Bobby Woods, Bill and Mary Wray.

In addition to the list of classmates at Leavenworth the following is a list of men in the neighboring area: Ben and Ellie Boyd, 802 Wellington Rd, Lawrence, Kans; Debow and Kitty Freed, 1636 Oxford Rd, Lawrence, Kans; Billy and Anita Pendergrass, 6931 Berkley, Parkville, Mo.; Tom and Clarine Constant, 307-C Carpenter Court, Fort Riley, Kans; Bill and Mary Jane Stone, 379B Stone Court, Fort Riley, Kans; Bill and Phoebe Reed, Offutt AFB, Omaha, Neb.

The preceding lists were sent to me by Dick Bresnahan. All men are students. except as noted. Notice that Charles Darby, USNA '46, is attending the Regular Course. Dick mentioned that so far there has been one class social gathering on Aug 28 and one on Nov 10.

Here's some additional news which your West Point reporter picked up at the eleventh hour. (Stringers seem to be too busy grading papers and blackboards to worry about deadlines—as though student progress is more important than the class column.) Anyway, Hank Bolz has informed me that Keith Ball, his wife Franki and their four young ones are enjoying life at Fort Rucker, Ala., with a new boat and water skis. Keith is now an Army pilot with the Transportation Aviation Supply & Maintenance Activity there. He told Hank that John Kamaras recently soloed in the pilot training course at Rucker. (Make way for that bulgy flight pay.) Also learned from Jack Shultz, who is Tac-ing like crazy, that at the Schram-Horowitz party he ran into a few more of our classmates than my befuddled brain could remember earlier in this column. Among them: Wilson who is currently stationed at Fort Devens, Mass.; Eddie & Rita Crowley, on civilian component duty at the Boston Army Base. (Jack says that Eddie is still small and wiry—weighing only 180 pounds.); Grover Azmus, who was Aide to General W.B. Palmer in Paris (Grover just happened to have business in Washington at the time of the Army-Air Force game); the Hunts from Wright-Patterson AFB (they were on a seven-day leave of absence from their children—seeing six Broadway shows and closing the Copacabana at 0500 hours on the morning of the big game in Yankee Stadium); Dick Garnwright and John Barricklow from the Air Force Academy staff and faculty; Bob and Penny Wayne, Dick and Kitty Stone, and Bud and Jo Ann Miley from the Philadelphia area.

As I mentioned in the Summer issue, Bresnahan suggests that a class correspondent in the heavily populated posts be assigned the task of sending news to me. So far, the West Point group and Bresnahan from Leavenworth have done this. Those with news to report may do so by writing:

—*Samuel E.H. France*
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Verona, N.J.

Granville Hough was at West Point recently and gave a lecture to the First Class. The subject was Soviet Missiles. Gran is stationed at the Pentagon. Jack Dayton, I have learned, is with the 8th Army Artillery Section and is scheduled to return from Korea next summer. Meanwhile, going the other way, George Dennett is heading for Turkey. Judd Schulke tells me he received a letter from Hal and Lou Sterling. They returned from Okinawa in September and are now at Stanford Univ. Judd also received a Christmas card from Dore and Bill Hall who are in Greece. Bill is Assistant Army Attaché.

From Jack Whitener I learned that Charlie Jaco, who is attending the Advanced Course at Aberdeen, will be going to Fort Leavenworth for the 1960-61 course. Bud Martin is now stationed in the Pentagon, where he is a writer in the Office of the Chief of Staff.

After the Army-Navy game, Bobby and Betty Richmond visited Ken and Jo Barlow. Bobby said they had a three-hour confab talking about classmates and old times at Fort Benning. Speaking of post-A-N meetings, Blan Shattuck says he saw Bryce and Kari Poe who are at the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Va. They have a three-year-old daughter, Susan. Blan reports that in Washington the 46ers have a class luncheon the second Tuesday of every month in the Executive Dining Room of the Pentagon. The welcome mat is out to any classmate who might be in the area on those particular Tuesdays.

From Frank Blazey, word was received that Warren Hearn returned to West Point for the first time since graduation. With him was his pretty wife, Betty. Cal and Gene Benedict were here for the Homecoming week-end. After a Master's degree in Geography at Oklahoma, Intelligence and language training in Washington, Cal and family will depart for a two-year tour in Iran. (We hear that the USSR should beware of this man's footwork.) Also answering the call at Homecoming was Joe Warren, a busy independent Texas oil man as well as one of the leading W.P. Society members. Joe, his wife, and two

girls, are living examples of generous Dallas hospitality. Dick and Ann Pohl came from Washington for Homecoming. Dick keeps USMA in business in his position in the USMA Liaison Office, DCS Operations, DA.

Jack Gilham hasn't been ionized yet while studying Nuclear Engineering at the Univ. of Va. but he has little time for collegiate activities. How many days, Jack? The Armor branch continues to keep the class represented in Hawaii by sending the Gannons there this summer. Jim and Peg Day write that life at Murray State College, Ky., is somewhat different from past tours of duty. John and Gretchen Barrett added another girl to the family this fall. John also keeps the papers moving at CONARC as a member of the SGS.

—*Philip A. Farris*
Major, Artillery
Asst. Information Officer

1947

By the time you read this column, the Army-Navy game will be quite old; however, at this moment as I sit before the TV watching the start of the game, there is lots of feverish excitement, in the stadium and here, in spite of the rain.

Ft. Leavenworth Group—

From Frank and Barbara Boerger, my local reporters at Leavenworth, comes the following news: Fred Jacoby visited Ft. Leavenworth on 30 Sept. He is currently stationed at Richards-Gebaur AFB in the Civil Engineering Office of the Air Defense Command there, having arrived from a remote tour in Alaska. One plush tour to another!? Fred and Ann now have two children; the younger is about one half year old. Frank, with Pointer-editor spirit still prevailing, urges everyone to send in some news. As he says, "The fact that your name has not appeared in the column in the ASSEMBLY may not be important to you, but it is of importance to your friends". I concur heartily. Frank is instrumental in gathering these items: from George Bland, who says that John Delistraty is in a tank battalion in Frozen Chozen. Mary is in Livermore, Calif. Apparently John's resignation did not go through.... Bill and Dee Brown, who now have four children, the last a boy after three girls, visited Bob and Jeanne Short in White Plains, N.Y. Bob is stationed at Fordham Univ.... John and Mary Ann Naill are cultivating cotton with a flame cultivator in Biscoe, Ark. They would like all friends to swing through Eastern Arkansas to stop for a visit. ... Goose and Mary Ann Gossett arrived in Media, Pa. from Korea. They are assigned to the Pennsylvania Military College, asst PMS&T.... Hugh Bartley has been travelling throughout the Far East buying nice things in Hong Kong.... Buzz and Nell Russell have spent their last tour at Fort Riley; Bill and Jeanette Grant, with four children, with the Armor Board at Fort Knox.... Rosemary Thompson is very happy to have Jack back from Korea where he was doing construction work in Eighth Army.... Lou Rachmeler came back from Eniwetok where he established a lonely hearts club. Lou is on the Board of Governors at Officers Mess, Ft. Leavenworth and will be the class group chairman for entertainment there.... Hal Tavzel is fighting Corps and Armies all over the landscape.... Kermit and Marie Reel came from ROTC duty at College Station, Texas.... Paul and Ann Callan arrived from Germany and George and Hazel Bland returned from Okinawa where they were both involved in spook-type intelligence.

From Veaudry: Wally and Pauly Veaudry, with two daughters Paula (nine years old) and Patti (six years old) and who feel that they should have at least four more, returned from three years in Heidelberg, Germany. There, they saw the Burners now at Seventh Army Hq, and also Jim and Kay Johnson who are with BASEL HQ, Poitiers, France. Wally says they are glad to be home but miss the overseas prices. He is also anxious to get more education in the form of civil schooling this Sept.... Jack and Jill Faith, as handsome a couple as ever, came back from Europe where Jack claims to have spent more time commanding a true combined arms unit than anyone else in the class.... Jack Dunham is in G-3, Eighth Army, Seoul, Korea while Lannie is in the Catering Office of Ft. Leavenworth open mess whenever she is not in the beautiful new home they built in Leavenworth.... Andy and Marge Anderson have a new second son, named John, born 19 August we are happy to announce. ... Todd and Dana Mallett and Jim and Mary Bushnell are also enjoying the course at C&GS. Someone said that the group at Leavenworth although smaller than the present group at USMA, had more children. A revealing compilation follows: Ft. Leavenworth: 17 families, 42 children. USMA: 24 families, 64 children.

West Point:

Muriel and Willie Webb gave a party for the newcomers at USMA on 12 Sept. to which everyone came. By 2300 hrs the "TACS" arrived from chaperoning the Ring Hop, the party was going strong; after 2400 hrs, it is not known how good the party was. A new member has been adopted as a classmate: Helio Corradini, a 1947 Brazilian graduate of the Brazil Military Academy, who is teaching Portuguese here at USMA. His wife, Maria, is as pretty a girl as you'll ever see. We take great pleasure in welcoming them as part of our group.

The New York Times mid-November issue had a small article about Bob Halligan. He has been named executive vice president and general manager of the Hallicrafters Company, electronics and development and manufacturing concern, Chicago. (The first store-bought radio amateur receiver that I had, was a "Sky-Buddy", the finest set ever put out by Hallicrafters back in the late 1930's.)

The first Christmas card to be received just arrived from Jim and Nancy Mattern. It is Chinese design—of course, Jim's address is Signal Section, MAAG, Taiwan, APO 63, San Francisco, Calif. They are going to send news about Founder's Day gathering, detail arrangements of which Jim is handling.... Tom Rogers had a short visit here on 24-25 Nov. He was supposed to have given a lecture on intelligence to the First Class cadets at 1915; however, weather prevented him from landing at Newark, N.J., therefore, he landed at Boston, Mass. Full police escort rushed him to the Academy where he gave the lecture at 2115. The cadets can't get away with a thing these days. ... Pete and Betty Boerger had a card from Jack Schuder in which he said that they had a lovely apartment overlooking the Bay of Naples complete with balcony and maid. Address is CINCSOUTH Box 11, Navy 510, FPO, N.Y., N.Y.... Pete Karter has just returned from Pakistan. Since leaving the Army to work for AMF, he has had three overseas trips. Those nuclear reactors must be selling well, Pete.

Football Games—

The Fall football season offers many opportunities to see classmates. At the Army-Colorado State game, John Miller, Jack Tully, Bernie Abrams, Mike Maloney, John Novomesky, Jake Jacobson, J.J. Murphy were in attendance. Jack Tully wants the record set straight, i. e., he was up for June Week '59 too. Give us a ring next time, Jack.... Because it was their anniversary, Bernie Abrams had to promise his wife a later vacation trip to Bermuda. They are going to see the A-N game on the way back to Atlanta.... After the Army-Boston College football game, the Duquemins and Congers had a fine cocktail party.... The following were seen or talked to at the Army-Air Force game in Yankee Stadium, 31 Oct: Bob Rosen and his wife Bev (Army Research Office in Washington, D.C.) have the welcome mat out at 4907 Bristow Drive, Annandale, Va.... Dick Allen who is TC in Washington, D.C. is doing Army Area surveillance work.... Ed Green wearing Kellogg's Corn Flake package inducements "fake moustache and buck teeth".... George Levenbach who lives in Lynn, Mass.. . Bob and Anne Baer with her large yellow "pre-made from Nichols, West Point" chrysanthemum.... Jim Cosgrove, Novomesky, Wojciehoski, Tully, J.J. Murphy, Karter, Bartley (anyone else) ... Duke Duquemin reports seeing Donna and Jim Smith at the Illinois game. They are still at Wheaton College, Ill., doing fine and send their regards to all here at West Point. In addition, Duke says that Les Stevens has requested a ten-year book (there are still some to be had at $3.00 each) and states he is teaching Chemistry at the AF Academy and has five children. Wally Griffith and Dean Gausche are also on the faculty.

Mel Le Blanc is at LSU.... Sarah and Bill Williams have been transferred from ROTC at New Orleans to Augsburg, Germany.... Raul Roca is now with: Bristol-Myers de Mexico, S.A. de C.V., Apartado 27705, Mexico 15, D.F. He would like the class to know that anyone who visits him in Mexico City will get "red carpet" treatment. His home telephone no. is 20-52-32.

Jay Bleiman reports that Al Lemberes is in Palo Alto, Calif. attending Stanford U. ... Here is a correction: the Reckmeyers have *nine*, I say again, nine children now; also the Jacobsons had a baby boy, Craig Allen.

The Goat-Engineer football game held here on Thanksgiving day is becoming more of a pageant than the A-N game especially since the float austerity program has been inaugurated. The game is held at Shea stadium with much fanfare: a special announcement presentation of players by the Commandant; the Supt. throws out the first ball; there are game programs; cadet bands; girl cheerleaders lead in the cheers; goalposts are wrapped May pole style; etc. This year the Engineers beat the Goats, 14-0 and tradition

held once more, for as you so well know, we did not do so good at Philadelphia. Just wait until next year—we'll murder them! . . . I saw Bill West who was visiting the Webbs day after Thanksgiving. He has an enjoyable job teaching Chemistry and Math and coaching football at Suffield Academy near Hartford, Conn. . . . George and Lee Lynn report that Ralph and Mary Beuhler visited them. Hap had a job with Argus, but is now working with a local construction firm in Ann Arbor, Mich., their home town.. . . Apparently not too many of our class went to the game because George Lynn, Doc Haskin, Bob Baer and Bob King only report seeing Goose Gossett, Al Haig who is still attending the Naval War College at Newport, RI; Wally Lukens; Bernie Abrams. The New York Times interviewed Doc Blanchard at the game. He came home on a short leave from duty in Britain as a squadron operations officer, for the purpose of attending FOOTBALL'S HALL OF FAME Dinner in New York where he was inducted into the Hall of Fame. Doc said that he would rather be watching than playing in the rain and cold. Dale Hall probably wishes he had played. John Culin says that Doc was also on TV after the game and expressed disappointment over the game.

Jim and Mary Lou Edington sent a long letter. Jim is grinding away with his Persian. They have seen Al Lemberes who is studying Business Management at Stanford Univ. Also Tom and Jackie Hayes have called them several times from Los Angeles area. Jim has received his orders to Iran on a hardship tour so Mary Lou will remain in the States and wants to live near West Point until Jim gets back 14 months later. We are trying to find a place for her so that she can move in about the 1 April.

John Delistraty wrote to say that he is definitely in service commanding Co. B, 3d Med Tk Bn. 40th Armor, APO 24 in Korea. He states the officers and men of the Bn are a terrific group with Ennis Whitehead and Don Packard (both 48) as EXO and S-3 of Bn. John says Jim Egger is leaving G-3 Section of 1st Cav to join the 9th Cav Recon Sqdn patrolling the DMZ. John took over the company from Bob Kennedy who is now Liaison Officer from the Office of the Chief of Ord to the AEC in Germantown, Pa., after serving four years at the Lawrence Radiation Lab in Livermore, Calif., working as a physicist.

Washington Area—

Both Bob Rosen and Tom Rogers wrote to say that the Washington, D.C. group held a large party on 22 Nov. with Cocktails, supper, and dancing at the A-N Club. Those that attended were Bob and Patsy Ehrlich, AF NUC Power Br, Mike and Stella Bellovin, AF, Bob and Nance McCord, student George Washington U., personnel Admin, George and Ruth Harrington, AF Personnel, Willie and Ruth Clark, OCR&D, Arnold and Pat Tucker, AF Programs, John and Janet Miller, Office of Asst Sec Army Logistics, Carroll and Virginia Jacobson, ORO, Bill and Gerry Coghill, Comptroller, Bob and Peggy Montague, DCSOPS, Bill and Doris Sullivan, ACSI, Ben Hollander, JAG, Dick and Joan Allen, Combat Surveillance Agency, Hugh Bartley (Jean had sick kids and was not present) comptroller, Bob and Beverly Rosen, R&D, Wally and Sylvia Lukens JAG, Tom Rogers (Posey was sick at home), ACSI; those who could not be there were: Marc and Barbara Kinevan, AF JAG, Bob and Jeannie Kennedy, OCOrd, Ed and Sue Cottongim, AF Personnel, George and Ruth Goldsborough, Civilian Lawyer, Gordon and Ruth Dicker, Army NUC Power O, AEC, Jim and Mary Breedlove, AF Ops, Mel and Shirley Rosen, Civilian AEC, Jim Ellis and Hank Hill, OCSigO . . .

I regret to announce that Bob Ehrlich's father died; the group in Washington sent flowers . .

Hank Hill came up to West Point recently on a business trip and we had a long talk; he is now handling the assignment to schools for Signal.

Ted Spiker lost his wife. Anne Lise died of an acute hemorrhage in New York City early November 18. A brief memorial service was held on Sunday, November 22, the day following Ted's return from Iran. Final services and burial were held in Oslo, Norway, her native land.

Deadline for news is 25 Feb.

—*Al Geraci*
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West Point, N.Y.

1948

Gloom period came early this year, thanks to our friends from Annapolis. The Navy strategy was simple; they merely applied "our" principles of war against us, and with devastating effect. To describe our attitude prior to the game as slightly complacent would not be too inaccurate. Nevertheless, there were many bright spots on the football scene this Fall, including visits by many of the out-of-town faithfuls. Those making it to Michie Stadium at least once this season included the following: Bob and Jordy Cushing—enroute to the Pentagon, Jim Dingeman, Lowell Genebach—serving his well-timed active duty tour with the Math Department, John and Gloria McCuen—up from Columbia where John has embarked on a two-year study of Russia, John and Betty Sternburg, Parry and Susan Sykes, Fred and Joyce Tibbetts, the Walters, the Hueys, Bob and Jane Taylor, Irv and Ann Schoenburg, Jim and Bev Hall, and Paul Weaver and dates.

Our ace reporter and cheerleader, Fran Schless, who covered the Illinois contest reported seeing Frank McClaflin, Jim Tuthill, the Al Kearths, and Bob and Jerry Whitfield. Bob is with the Quaker Oats Company at the Merchandise Mart in Chicago.

The AF engagement was somewhat disappointing for the Army crowd, while reliable reports have it that our AF friends were elated to escape with a tie. Those braving a wet and windy afternoon in Yankee Stadium (in addition to most of the West Point contingent) included Ben and Barb Jacobellis, Jim and Bev Hall, Jay Josephs, Paul Weaver, Bill Ryan, Dick Stein accompanied by his father, Walt Schlotterbech up from Ft. Eustis, Joe Herbets, J.J. Buckley, R.O. Barton from Atlanta, Bill Lynch, Sam and Joan White, John and Betty Sternburg, Parry and Susan Sykes, John and Gloria McCuen, John and Sandy Egbert, and Bill Burrows. In addition to making the game. the following braved the rigors of New York City traffic after the game to gather for a very enjoyable evening at the Governors Island Officers Mess: Jack and Jean Doody, Merle and Joyce Sheffield, Steve and Ann Griffith, Fran and Nancy Schless, Lowell Genebach, Bill and Helena Patch, Jim Sandman, and Joe Seymoe. Intelligence reports from Colorado Springs indicate that the fury of the AF team can be partially blamed on Joe Seymoe, who overaroused the Falcons at their Army pep rally with tales of the frightful strength of the Big Rabble. An indication of their anger may be gained from the fact that Bill Patch found his trousers hanging from the uniform flag pole during an OC tour shortly before the game. (Please say it *isn't so, Jim Sandman.*)

Incomplete returns show that Les and Ginny Carter and Dave and Sarah Mallett represented the class at the Duke affair, augmented by Walt Meinzen who managed to wrangle an OIC assignment for the game. While Bruce Buechler watched from the stands, the local crew attended the Oklahoma battle in Thayer Hall, thanks to the AAA sponsored closed-circuit telecast of this one. Despite some bad fumbling, the team displayed some terrific football (with Carpenter cinching his selection as All American in this game).

The naval encounter, earlier referred to, was distinguished this year by a fine display of spirit on the part of Washington, D.C., compatriots who chartered their own bus for the trip North. A quick check after the game at the Philadelphia Quartermaster Depot Officers Mess provided what I hope is a complete list of the '48 participants in this noble scheme: Jack and Mary Ella Waggener, Art and Marjorie Barondes, Joe and Marianne Kiernan, Chloe and Imogene Swearengen, Stan and Jane Harsh, Paul Weaver, Jay Josephs, Andy and Pilarica Witko, and Joe and Louise Bratton. Louise is doing very well in her recovery from injuries suffered in an automobile accident in Washington shortly before the Homecoming game. Because of the convenience of the QM Depot, it has been suggested that the Officers Mess there be considered as the official rallying point for the class after future Army-Navy games. According to Jack Waggener's latest count, we have over forty '48ers in the Washington-Baltimore area! Locals making the big game included the Olsons, Tyrees, Meinzens, and Robertsons. John and Sandy Egbert just can't seem to shake the habit and showed up in fine shape from Newport. This completes the pigskin report for this year, no bowl games being in sight!

And now for a quick review of the mail from some very fine people who have reported in since our last issue: Hank Perry writes from Thailand that on his way out he encountered J. B. Hughes in Oakland, bound for Korea. Before they could get J. B. on a plane, however, he was tabbed to be General Riggs' Aide in Ankara, Turkey. J. B. was last seen disappearing in a cloud of dust headed for the Brooklyn Army Terminal. J. C. Pickering was seen at Clark Field, near Manila, assigned to Air-Sea Rescue. Hank also reported the presence of Gene and Shirley Dutchak ('48 ROTC, U. of Ga., Ft. Riley) in Bangkok. By the way, Hank's address is JUSMAG Army Elm, APO 146, San Francisco, and I suspect he would enjoy hearing from some of you, how about it?

From Ft. Bragg the word is that Al

Alfonso is keeping the 82nd AB Division in top shape while Les Carter is homesteading as CO of Headquarters Company, XVIII Corps (two and one-half years so far). A note from Arnie Sargeant at Knox discloses that a certain '53 Mercedes diesel is still belching forth a smoke trail that has stretched from Germany to Knox, to Seattle, to Vietnam, and back to Knox. Thirty-one miles to a gallon of diesel is too much for the ole Sarg to part with. He belatedly reports the addition of the third Sargeant heir, Michel Edward, born at Dalat, Vietnam, on the 8th of February 1959. Arnie also relates the news that J. B. Hughes made it to Ankara, and, as might be expected, is already complaining of his heavy schedule of social activities, and the inadequacy of his three bedroom, living room, dining room, etc., bachelor apartment. (If nothing else, this exposé will get me a letter from J. B. for our next issue.) Arnie is busily engaged in the coming Fifth Triparte Conference on Armor and reports the work "very interesting".

Maxwell AFB sends the news that the present AC&SC includes Bruce and Wanda Buechler, John and Betsy Edwards, Evan and Martha Rosencrans, Mo and Pat Selig, Grim and Sharon Locke, and Charlie and Dottie Wurster. Heirs are as shown in "Who's That?", with the exception that the Wursters have added another boy, Jack, to make it four boys and one girl, and the Lockes were presented with their fourth daughter on the 22nd of November. Grim maintains this will be the last one, since he is even now having difficulty in finding an acceptable name for the new young lady. So far, he has refused to accept his daughters' suggestion of Goldie Lockes. Grim has provided us with a few interesting insights into the present AC&SC course; students are required to utilize at least one of the two 18-hole golf course there at a frequency of once a week as a minimum; Mo Selig quickly established himself as the most astute question-asker in the class and appears to be increasing his lead each week; and Charlie Wurster is still refusing to be quoted on his opinion of the course.

The latest communication from the AF Academy discloses that Bill Patch has infiltrated the place to the point that he now heads the Academy's Aero Club as President. Rumor is that a smear campaign has been organized against him, less he gain complete control and bring the USAF back into the fold. Dick Miner is scheduled to attend AC&SC this summer, as is Pete Shively. Don Swenholt plans on joining them from Headquarters, SAC, where he is presently engaged in writing missile training programs for the USAF. There is a rumor that Otis Moore is going to finally give up his squadron at Davis-Monthan AFB for graduate schooling after a nine year tour of duty there (which will have to go down as a new record). Jim Sandman writes that he recently had the opportunity to visit Hank and Lucille Stelling in Little Rock, and that Hank is navigating B-47s and doing a "mighty fine job".

Ben and Irene Loret are reported at Wright-Patterson on a two year tour while Ben is attending the first astronautics course being offered by the AF Institute. Grim Locke sends word that Ralph and Janie Hinckley (formerly Mrs. Walt Della Chiesa) are stationed in Okinawa, and will be rotating to the states next year. Kathy Meinzen passes the word that Gene and MaryLou Forrester, along with Chipper and Pamela, departed for England on 3 December. Gene will be a student at the British counterpart of our C&GS, and then hopes for a two year tour in England or Germany. The word is out that Dave and Benning Garrison are planning to leave Alaska during February, making the trip by car via the Alcan Highway. Dave tentatively is assigned to Special Forces at Ft. Bragg.

Joe Meyer reports a recent '48 assemblage at Bill and Donna Cook's in North Hollywood. Those in attendance included Ken and Marge Pressman, Charlie and Betty Crouch, W. W. and Dusty Scott, Wally and Connie Hubbard, Joe and Ginnie Meyers, Bill and Marie Hayden, and Jay and Kay Brill. Jay is now with the Ballistic Missile Division of the USAF, while Bill is now a civilian and working with Coleman Engineering in Torrance. Bill and Rachel Thomas announce the arrival of their third boy, Neil, on 18 November, which confirms the strong hint passed along in this column in the Summer issue.

On the local scene, most are recuperating from the hectic fall season of football, flu shots, and valiant efforts to get the new classes off and running. At a recent class luncheon, we recognized talent by "electing" Fran Schless as our new class "Coordinator" and Jack Capps as OIC of class entertainment. A '48 Bierfest at Roundpond following the Villanova game was the occasion for carrying-ons that would have put Munich itself to shame. Tom Tyree proved his mastery at the keyboard for once and for all time, while John Wadsworth entertained with his one-man-band (affectionally referred to by J. B. as his "devil's stick") in a style that no one will ever surpass. Our biggest regret was that more of you were not on hand to join in on the chorus of "In München steht ein Hofbräuhaus"!

Thanks to the Association of Graduates, I now have a fairly complete and current list of addresses of members of the class. If this can be of any use to anyone in tracking down their long lost roommate, or for other purposes, drop me a postcard and I will be glad to send the latest information I have by return mail.

—Robbie Robertson

Department of Physics and Chemistry

1949

Surprise! The class has a column in this issue. I missed the deadline last time so no notes. It did inject a certain amount of suspense however. Now when the ASSEMBLY arrives you won't know whether or not there will be any column. My apologies to all.

In September the annual welcoming boat ride was held with a buffet at Gus' Antique Bar in Cold Spring. A fine outing to renew friendships and those who attended the buffet there during June Week will recall that a fine table is spread there.

Following the Penn State Game the class had a cocktail party and dinner at the club. Visiting for the game were Craig, R.M. Brown, J.P. Chandler, Vandervort, Morton and Howell. You will note that I have deleted those in the area. Why have the same names over and over?

After the Homecoming Game with Colorado State there was a cocktail party in Cullum Hall before the dinner in Washington Hall. A warming activity after the rain during the game. Red Ronald, Duane Smith, Marfuggi, Birch and Rosenblatt were here. Red was representing the West Point Society of Seattle.

A party was planned after the Air Force game in New York to be held at the Officer's Club at Governor's Island but we were outranked by the West Point Society of New York. A few did attend and in passing I would like to recommend the club there when you are in New York. The food, service, atmosphere and prices are excellent. Saw Tom Bullock from the Air Force Academy looking like the cat that had just eaten the canary. Observed at the game were Jamison, Bullock, Stender, Luzon and Mark Finnegan.

George Sylvester went to the Oklahama game and reports seeing Guthrie, Hammack, Stuart and Saarsfield there.

John Sutton, Philadelphia Correspondent for the Navy Game saw Hahn, Birch, Bob Nelson, Leubert, Howell, Leisy, Wilford, St. Clair, John Miller, Craig, Estes, George Graham, Murray Williams, Gerometta, Bryant, Steffy, Goesling, Magnotti and Bamford. John says that he probably missed some as about half of the class was sitting at one end of the field and the other half at the other. Guess the AAA has trouble counting seats.

New Class Officers for the group here as provided for under the rules approved last June are: President—John Sutton; Vice President in Charge of Social Activities, Gloom Raising and Festive Gatherings—Don Keith; Secretary—Bill Huber; Chancellor of the Exchequer—Hill Dickenson.

John Costa reports that the Ten Year Book is in production and will be out late this winter. John is to be congratulated for the work he has done on the book.

Stock statistics. The Hal Lombards have a new son, number four, Peter Fairchild. Hal is taking his graduate degree in Aeronautical Engineering at the University of Michigan. Anyone with four daughters is urged to contact the Lombards for future arrangements.

Had a short note from the Joe Mays. A baby girl, Jeanne Marie, on October 9. The Mays are living at 212 Calument Avenue, Aurora, Ill. and extend an invitation to any of the class happening to be in the area. The Bill Gustafsons live a few blocks away having transferred from Pennsylvania.

Tut Hendricks sends greetings from the Far East. Mentioned seeing Bob Gilroy, Bruce Peters and Dean Balmer. Also saw Willie Bounds in Hawaii on the way over.

Dane Freeman is commanding a Redstone battery in Heilbron. Saw Burt Turner, Jack Machson and several other classmates in Heidelberg but from what Dave says no one comes to Heilbron but inspectors.

Had a card from KELSO JONES. Am putting his name in caps as this is the first time he has appeared in an ASSEMBLY column. He wrote that in addition to Marcie, 3½, Kelso Jr., 10½ months, they now have Phillip Stanford, born 16 August. Since getting his Master's at Michigan in EE, Kelso had been working at WADC on flight vehicles, satellites, etc.

An interesting bit of information from

deCorrevont at Sill. He has an excellent idea and it would certainly be helpful if some enterprising individuals at other posts would do the same. Doc circulated a DF through the classmates at Sill and asked each of them to write any news they had. Then Doc forwarded it for the column. It certainly would make for a better column if each post had a similar system. Doc is in Gunnery Research doing work on Graphical Fire Direction Equipment for cannon and missile artillery. Bart Day after a year in Greenland is working in Gunnery Research developing firing tables, computations, crew drills, etc., for missile artillery. Norm Hopkins in Course Planning Branch dealing with courses to be taught for future missile systems. Apparently it is a sort of crystal ball job developing courses for systems not yet in existence. Frank Sarsfield is in the Department of Training Literature and Nonresident Instruction preparing and revising extension courses. Boyde Allen is in Combat Development Department. Board member in Division of Doctrine, Policy and Tactics. Again he is looking into the future of Artillery. Boyde saw Bill Kennedy in the Pentagon on a recent trip. Bill is attending the Signal Officers Advanced Course. Jim Coghlan is Aide to the CG at Sill. Before becoming an Aide, Jim taught Missile guidance. Jim mentions seeing George Pollin, now an Aide at CONARC. Charles Smith is Executive Officer, 2nd FA Missile Training Battalion training filler personnel for Honest John and Lacrosse Missiles. Before coming to Sill he was an advisor to the Chinese Nationalists. Pete Petranck, one of the last known bachelors of the class, is assigned to the Corporal Division of the Material Department. Mentions spending a couple of days with Skeeter and Barbara Meek at Canyon, Texas. John Maurer was assigned to the 209th Artillery Group (R) as S3 but now he is assigned to the USA FA Missile Board for further assignment to the Missile Systems Evaluation Group, Redstone Section.

Bettey Nordin writes from El Paso that she is settled, waiting for Bill to return from a tour in Korea. Bill is Battery Commander, "C" Battery, 2nd How Bn, 76th Arty. He mentioned seeing Dick Gillespie, presently a BC too.

Had a letter from Bud Rufsvold. Bud is working for the Lytle Corporation, an engineering firm in Albuquerque. Bud mentions seeing Jim Rawers, Bob Orem and Knapp at the local West Point Society meetings. Rawers and Orem are at Kirtland AFB and Knapp at Sandia Base. In June Bud and his family visited Jack Rust in Bloomington, Ill. On the same trip they stopped by the AF Academy to see Lew Browne and also saw Jack Wogan. Last summer saw Jack Cronin, representing TAC no less, Bill Bumpus and Arnold Winter at the Air Force Association convention in Miami. In early November Bud visited J A Paterson, now living in Palos Verdes Estates out of Los Angeles and Bob Means in West Covina. After the Air Force-New Mexico football game a '49 party was held at the AFA Club. In attendance were Lew Browne, Tom Bullock, John Woodson, Bob Pursley, Jeff Simpson, Don Braun, Joe Pospisil, Walt Miliken, Bob Ennes, Jack Hayne, Punch Jamison, Chuck Agnew, Charlie Brown, Dave Colgan, Paul Murray, Bill Lambert, Art Bannister, Bob Slizeski. All but Bud and Don Braun are either at the AFA or Colorado Springs. Ed Triner was also present at the game but couldn't make it for the party.

—*G. W. Kirby, Jr.*
Dept. of MT&G

Class of 1950 at Fort Leavenworth last September

Left to right: Smithers, Crittenberger, Morrissey, Manion, Love, Hughes, Baxley, Baishore, Watters, Spence, Scandling, Quarstien, McCoy, West, Steele, Hanna, Aton, and "friends."

1950

It is a unique opportunity to be able to write a letter to each member of the class, but the problem is to make the most of this one chance.

Our sympathy to the Dan McDaniels whose 4 year old son was killed by an automobile in front of the home of Dan's parents last September. Dan had just returned from Korea. He is now assigned to Redstone Arsenal, Ala.

Hank Sachers in Germany after his years at the Indian Defense Services Staff College in South India.

Gus and Donna Hergert cooling off at Leavenworth after three warm years in Hawaii.

John Ufner promises in writing to return to West Point for June Week. See you here, Uf!

Marv Rees writes that he is at the Citadel with Gus Dielens, Roswell Rounds, and Wilbur Warren.

Grayson and Anne Tate at Redstone Arsenal with Morris Herbert, Chuck Means, Dan McDaniels, Kilbert Lockwood; George Middleton, Jim Ross, and Art Porcher at Redstone and at Cape Canaveral. John Jones liaison officer from Redstone to Lockeed plant in Sunnyvale, Calif. Hi, John! How are the fish? Grayson Tate, John Jones and Morris Herbert attended Army-Duke game where they saw Charlie Elliot, Winkey Mallett, Jim Barnes, and Lyman Hammond. Grayson also made the Illinois game and reports seeing Philo Lange, Gerry Kelly, Muck McBride, Frank (Mercedes) Duggins, and Joe Lacetti there.

Glenn and Ruth Knauer beginning their third year in Schwabisch Gmund, Germany.

Former classmate Roy Clark and wife, Joan, to report to the MT&G Dept. in July replacing Bill Aman as the Air Force representative in MT&G. Roy is now with the office of the Director of Plans, Hq. USAF, Pentagon; previously he completed work in the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University.

The traditional beer and spaghetti party after the first football game (Boston College on 26 September) was given by the Amans, Hubbards, Kessingers, Morrisons, Sharps, Foxes, and Genuarios. Attending were Art and Barbara Blair, Frank and Sue Borman, Jim and Mary Lou Boylan, Harry and Jo Jo Coyle, Ed and Marcia Crockett, Lou and Elaine Dixon, Roy and Betty Easley. Ken and Loris Ebner, Lauris and Jean Eek, Al and Joan Fern, Tom and Dot Fife, Bob and Lucy Gard, Chuck and Alice Graham, Jim and Gladys Geiger, Al and Bettie Griebling, Dick and Biddy Hoffman, Dunc and Patty Joy, Jim and Pattie Kelly, Hugh and Billie King, Bill and Pat Lamdin, Bob and Joan Leary, Burke and Lish Lee, Lin and Jackie Mather, Bob and Jean McCandlish, John and Rickey McCormick, Paul and Carolyn McDaniel, George and Carol Patterson, Bruce and Barbara Petree, Bill and Mary Ann Read, Jack and Joan Roehm, Manley and Martha Rogers, Leo and Marilyn Romaneski, Denny and Cyril Roush, Jack and Rita Saalberg, Don and Claire Sampson, Phil and Pat Samsey, Art and Joan Shemwell, Sam and Ruth Stapleton, Jim and Hazel Thompson, George and Sally Tilson, Jim and Ann Tormey, Dick Trefry, Bill and Ann Trigg, Paul and Lonnie Vanture, Ira and Phyllis Ward, Volney and Janice Warner, John and Ann Wickham. Visitors included Dick and Ruth Newton, Jack and Margaret Wagoner, Bill and Elaine Ward, and Pete Abbruzzese.

Seen at the Homecoming game: Dave Gameron (studying math at RPI in Troy, N. Y.), John Truesdale, Walt Hester, George Rees (working for Westinghouse), Terry Parsons, Tom Hughes, Bill Ward, Roy Lounsbury, Cloyce Mangas, and Peter Abbruzzese. Other recent visitors to West Point included Bill and Risi Brandes, Dick and Ruth Newton, Tom Tullidge, Vic and Carolyn Cuneo (ROTC duty at Brooklyn Poly), and Bob Wilson (Chief of Engineers Office in Washington). Greet Colonel Haq, Bob, when next you visit Rawalpindi.

New Births: A daughter, Mary Catherine, born to Jim and Ellen Workman on

31 October, and a daughter, Mary Catherine, born to Bob and Lee Werner on 20 August. The naming of these two girls is just coincidence. May the tribe increase!

Our congratulations to the following classmates whose names appeared on the last "outstanding" list to be promoted to major: GEORGE BALL, AL CRAWFORD, ROY EASLEY, LAURIE EEK, "TUG" GREER, JIM KELLEY, BOB LEARY, BURKE LEE, EMMETT LEE, JACK MACKMULL, RALPH PINTO, BILL READ, "ROS" ROUND, BOB SHADE, SID STEELE, GRAYSON TATE, JIM THOMPSON, GEORGE TILSON, VOLNEY WARNER, CHUCK WATTERS, and WALT WOOD. In addition, the following are on the same list but in the primary zone—PAUL McDANIEL, STAN REINHART, MARTY SMALL, and SAM STAPLETON.

Plans for June Week festivities at West Point are in the able hands of a steering committee composed of Phil Samsey (Chairman), Art Blair and Tom Fife. This reunion promises to be a grand one, and we urge you to attend if you can possibly come. Here are some interesting statistics: There are 61 members of our class stationed at West Point. This figure represents a fairly large segment of our class. A percentage breakdown is even more interesting. Of the active duty Army-Air Force, 12.7 percent are stationed here; of the active duty Army, 15.9 percent. With this number of persons as a nucleus, the West Point reunion is bound to be a well-attended gathering. It will probably be the largest assemblage of classmates at one spot since graduation.

In connection with this tenth year anniversary, Committee Ten-'50 has been at work since last June on a tenth year class book. Each of you has already been contacted by mail, so that this announcement merely serves to remind you to send a current picture of yourself with your family plus a paragraph or two summarizing your first ten years to Committee Ten-'50, P. O. Box 31, West Point, New York. Also, if you'd like to have a copy of the class book for your very own, send along a check for $5.00 payable to Committee Ten-'50. The book will not be published until September of 1960 to allow time for news and pictures of tenth year reunions all over the world to be included. It's going to be a wonderful book. Happy Tenth Reunion wherever you are.

—Al Romaneski, Dept. of Mechanics

Thank you, Leo.

Lou Genuario

1951

Greetings, Friends:

You will probably be glad to learn that this is my last column, and from now on you will be getting a lot less loose lip and a lot more news as Dick McLean takes over this particular function. His address is Capt. R. P. McLean, Department of Electrical Engineering, West Point, so fire off that post card you have been promising to write to bring him up to date on the family.

We start this one with a note from an ex-column writer, Russ Johnson (nothing like a tour in this job to make a devout letter writer out of one) who has moved Mary and the four little Johnsons to Lawton, Okla. while Russ attends the Artillery Advanced Course at Ft. Sill. Russ tells us that his course includes Bill Lemnitzer, Don VanMatre, Jim Keeley, John Hook, and himself at Sill. At Ft. Bliss are Frank Hamilton, Gus Villaret, Bob Howes, Alan Dean, and Lane Holman. Bob Howes just arrived from work on the Jupiter, clutching an autographed picture of Werner Von Bruan. Russ also ran into Bill Depew and Dick Ryan at Sill. Dick is with a Lacrosse unit there and Bill was on the golf course.

From the New Hass Hair Force Academy comes word that Bill and Ann Lackman are the proud parents of Frances Xavier on 14 November last. You will remember that Bill is out there on an exchange arrangement to keep the fly boys from getting too far off the ground.

Class of 1950 attending Georgia Tech gathered at a dinner party recently at the home of Bob and Gwyn Groseclose. From left to right are Phil and Lorel Bolte, Bob and Nancy Shaffer, Austin and Jeanne Veatch, John and Herta McCleary, Carm and Barbara Milia, Wendy and Penny Phillips, Joe Gappa and Janet Groseclose (Bob's sister), Lloyd and Margaret Mielenz, Bob and Gwyn Groseclose, and in the foreground Pat and Po Cornay and Jim Workman. Unable to attend the party were Doug and Mary Poage, Joe and Kay Kay Green, and Ellen Workman.

Bob Prehn writes from Hq Third Army in Ft. McPherson. Bob is in the Manpower Survey Branch there and reports that he is less than popular in his job of telling people their slots are not really necessary after all. "Tee" Nance works down the hall from Bob in the office of the Secretary of the General Staff. Bob has seen some of the crew who are attending Georgia Tech, among them Jim Phillips and Ed Lukert. Roy Herte and bride were there for a couple of days on the way to Germany. Those of us here at West Point got a chance to see Roy again and meet Mary Ann at an early football game this fall.

Bob and Candy also managed to get to the Duke game, and tell us they saw "Moose" Matney, fraternity member par excellence, there. John Glassbrenner, Dan Foldberg, Walt Russell, John Hemphill, Bob Hyatt, Ken Herring, and wives were also in attendance, as well as a few others from the Ft. Bragg contingent. According to reports there was much reveling after the game.

In my well organized way I just came across a note from Jim Phillips, of Georgia Tech, who says that in addition to Ed Lukert, John Lewis, Jim Barron, and John Byers are also attending Georgia Tech. We find much to our relief that Jim really *is* married; in fact they had a boy in September. From same note comes word that "Tee" Nance and wife are proud parents as of August.

Other recent arrivals we have learned about—or, more accurately, other arrivals we have recently learned about are Elizabeth Katherine (Beth) Louisell to Ann and Bill at Benning last August; Sarah Elizabeth Birdseye to El and Alice (MT&G Dept.) on 4 August 1959; a baby daughter to Marian and Dick Szymczyk (Foreign Languages) last July (Nothing like being up to date, is there?), and also in July a baby boy to Rose and Al Costanzo of the Math Dept., Robin Gail on 13 November to Alice and Wayne Miller of MT&G is probably the most recent arrival we have heard of at press time. The Charlie Knapps had a boy on 11 August, for a rousing total of four, two of each brand.

Got a newspaper clipping telling about Harlan Johnson's wedding to Darlene Stensel at Belvoir on 14 October '59. Congratulations, and welcome to Darlene as she joins the rowdy throng (fortunately the ASSEMBLY comes to the office and I don't take it home, so I hope to get by with that remark without a skinned head. Never was lucky, though.) Bill Vandenberg was Harlan's best man at the ceremony in the Chapel at Belvoir. Same clipping stated that Harlan was to be assigned to an Atomic Energy installation at Idaho Falls, Idaho.

We learn of two classmates in Germany through news releases to the Association of Graduates. Bruce Bailey is an assistant operations officer of the 7th Artillery at Mannheim, and Des O'Keefe is a photo interpreter with the Seventh Army Air Reconnaissance Support Company at Kaiserslautern. Des got to Europe in September.

From an Air Force file in Europe, Pat Ryan, comes word that he and Jo Anne are leaving Germany this December. Pat will attend the Survival School at Stead AFB en route to B-47 Aircraft Com-

mander School at Wichita, Kansas. He will be there until September of 1960. Still from Europe, but France this time, comes word from Lynn McCrum who is in the Trois Fontaines area. Further west, Peyton Cook checks in from Sculthorpe AFG in England (that is the most English-sounding name I've encountered in some time). Peyton married Anne Schlater (Dave's sister) and they now have two boys: Peyton, 2, and David Owen, 1. The Cooks have been in Europe since late in 1957, first in Rome before going to England.

Speaking of the Land of Lasagna, Barnett De Ramus reports on a tear-stained page that someone finally caught up with him and booted him forcibly out of Italy. It was a battle, but Barnett lost and is now in the S-3 section of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment at Strauking, Germany. Barnett and Betsy have adopted a nine month old boy and christened him Thomas Barnett, III.

Another resident of Germany now is Brooks Martin. He and family are in the American Embassy at Bonn, busily engaged in trying to find out what a military attaché is supposed to do. His comment to date: "This life is sure *different*." Brooks saw George Hardesty and Bob Flanagan in Frankfurt. Paul Coughlin is east of the Atlantic somewhere, at APO 185, New York. (I'm not *very* desperate for news when I start recording APO addresses, am I? Yes, I am.)

Going west for a change, we hear from "Sam" Samotis that being a weatherman in Hawaii is just as good a deal as it sounds like. Apparently the only problem is how good the weather is going to be, and nobody really cares too much about that except Sam, and after all he has to make a living some way. (Sound like sour grapes? It is—we had our first snowfall two days ago.) Sam got a call from Ted Long who stopped by on his way to Guam, where he is flying with the typhoon hunters. (Guess a little snow doesn't sound so bad, after all.)

As if Hawaii weren't far enough west, Fran Magsino is Head of the Department of Military Art and Leadership of the Tactics Group at the Philippine Military Academy, Fort del Pilar, Baguio City, P. I. Fran says he is enjoying the tour very much. He married Caridad Viana in 1956 and they now have a year old girl, Marirose. Congrats to all concerned.

To return to classmates in the states for a few lines, we get a note from John Granicher in Corvallis, Oregon, that tells us about the arrival there as another PMS&T at Oregon State College of Jim Pitts with wife, Pat. Garland Owens is also in the PMS&T business at Kentucky Military Institute in Lyndon, Ky.

Joe Rice is in the Infantry Branch at Knox, and reportedly has his hands full keeping the advocates of the 90 mm self propelled wire cutters in check. Joe keeps insisting that no matter how they develop the tank. it will never replace the feet. Keep up the good work, Joe.

Howard Wiles got an M.S. in Engineering from Armed Forces Institute of Technology in August of 1958 and is now stationed at the A.F. Special Weapons Center at Kirtland AFB, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Gerry Dingman and Howie are both project officers there.

John Glassbrenner, mentioned earlier as seen at the Duke game, is still pushing airplanes for a living, presently at Seymour Johnson AFB, North Carolina.

Last minute tip from the Navy game, where Dick Harriss, Dick Schwartz, Bruce and Pat Elmblad, Pud and Joan Keesling, and Howie and Dotsey Steele were seen, among others whose names I haven't yet been able to get. Howie, you will recall, is now aide to General Lemnitzer and is finding himself singularly unburdened by excess free time.

A number of those of us stationed here got down to see the debacle, including Reb Barber, Harry Lombard, Don Anker, John Hill, Pete Thorsen, Gill Stephenson, Fred Rockwell, Dan Wardrop, Pete Beczkiewicz and George Harman. Various and sundry of these people saw Jack and Evelyn Martin from Belvoir, Pat and Pat Patillo from R & D Office, Pentagon, Joe and Betty Jean Fleming (Joe is in his last year at Columbia Law School), Delmar and Jean Ring, Al Lichtenberg, Otto Doerflinger, Frank Sheriff, Lou Bretzke, Don McGann, Sam Dickens, Chris Rupp, Jim Guyer, Ed Partain, and Howie Sargeant in addition to the ones mentioned earlier. The class had quite a get-together at the Philadelphia QM Depot club.

Word from two civilian types this time. Steve Watsey resigned from the Air Force in 1955 and is now a partner in an electrical equipment firm in Florida. Steve and Mary Lou have three children now; Stephen, 7, Kenneth, 3, and Brenda Ann, 1. Steve and Mary Lou live at 5011 Longfellow Avenue in Tampa, and state that they would be more than glad to see any classmates who happen by.

Our ex-classmate Don Zanfanga continued his success in the art world with a one man exhibit at the Comara Gallery in Los Angeles. His showing was very well received and complimented highly in the Los Angeles Times.

I don't know, but I suspect this column would make considerably more interesting reading if it could have more family news and more news of the individual's activities rather than so much listing of current assignments and addresses. You know—all the wife's hair turned white overnight, and homey little tidbits of this sort.

—*"Smitty"*
Dept. of Soc. Sci.

1952

Winter Greetings, Classmates: Now that the calendar has turned over to a fresh leaf marked "1960", we can speculate on what this new decade might hold in store for our class. Pay raise? Major's leaves? Uniform change? Sure is hard to predict, but we can all make it a decade of worthwhile service. One event for which it is not too early to begin planning is our tenth reunion in June of 1962. Everyone can do two things which will insure its success: 1) keep this column informed of your address so that you can be contacted; and 2) begin "pulling strings" and "working deals" so that you can make it back for that big occasion.

My thanks to those whose letters have made the column possible. Don't forget it can work both ways and you can enclose a plea for information on specific classmates which I will dutifully put into print. Also, the class appreciates the fact that there are a few less "recalcitrant misers" as of this issue. The term seemed to give some of you the urge to write checks as well as letters.

We've put the 1959 Navy game in the past (as far as possible in the past) but will risk opening the old wound long enough to report on classmates who attended. We had plenty of time for visiting this year, for in trying at times to avert our eyes from the agony on the playing field, we just naturally turned to classmates nearby. Up from Washington was Metz Seebach. So was Dave Lyon, your old reporter and presently at the Quantico Marine School. John Misch, also at Quantico, was there: he's due for the University of Michigan soon and thence to the Department of Mechanics at the Academy. Otis Moran and Hank Mosely came up from Fort Bragg, where they're flying airplanes. Bill Snyder came from Princeton; Birt and Rita Kidwell from Fort Knox. Jim Aldredge came from Atlanta, Bill and Chase Raiford from Washington, Clyde Earnest from Fort Belvoir. Terry Allen was there: he's Aide to General Hart of the Northeastern Air Defense Command. Kent Knutson, "Gaylord" Sluga, Mike Duerr, Joe DeAngelis, Ash Speir, Pete Selleck, Tom Fiala, Ralph Girdner, Gordy Hahn, Roy Young, Mart Celec, Danny Hoge, Dick Stanier, Ralph and Charlotte Garver, and Joe Hannon were there from various and assorted places. Down from West Point were some of the crew here: George Tronsrue, Sam Wetzel, Tom Leggett, Jack Driskill, Jack Pilk, Hank Meyer, King Coffman, Bert Stubblebine, Walt Ulmer, Danny Danford, and yours truly. Joe Austin made it from Stewart AFB. It was a pleasure seeing so many classmates. Post-game activity news is scarce: King and Irene Coffman and Ruth and I attended the Officers' Christian Union 12th Annual Banquet that night at the Penn Campus; though not there in fact, I'm sure Chuck Wallis, Bill Boyles and Art Elmore were there in spirit. From an intercepted letter from Bill at Fort Benning we find he and Chuck Wallis are busy there with OCU activities. Chuck is due at the Point next year.

Jane and Lou Davis are the proud parents of a new son, James Dawson, born 1 October 1959. We understand Coach Dale Hall is already interested: James was 26½ inches long and weighed 11 lbs. 1 oz. at birth! John and Marianne Brewer also are proud to announce their fourth child (a girl after three boys) who was born at Fort Belvoir 3 September 1959. They have something in common with John and Marjorie Aker, who had to wait till December 1958 to greet their first boy, after having three girls. And the Thompsons here at West Point raised their total to four when Jan presented Ed with Harry William on 1 October 1959. Congratulations to all the new parents and God's blessing on the little ones.

Sam Wetzel, who didn't let much grass grow under his feet last fall (can you imagine anyone more mobile than the Supe's Aide during football season?) bumped into Ed Gilbert after the Illinois game. Sam also saw George Bartel after the Oklahoma game, and Joe Hannan and Joe Clement in New York after the Air Force game. Joe Hannan is in the advertising field in New York. Sam and Jack Driskill in the Admissions Division are in good positions to be the eyes and ears of our class and have helped the column considerably. Al Bracy, who will be re-

turning from Saigon soon, is being assigned to the Admissions Division here also. Another newcomer to the Hudson Highlands is Joe Austin; he's been assigned to Stewart Air Force Base recently. Some of the gang who made it back to the Rock for football games, including Homecoming, were: Denny Mullane, Joe Hannan, Pete King, Dick Stanier, Jim Paris, Bob Wells, Danny Hoge, Jim McInerney. Jim Mueller, Jim Spence, and Tom Ashton, to name most.

Congratulations to Bill Raiford on a recent promotion with IBM: he stopped by here on business recently and had lunch with Driskill, Kiefer, Kenny, and Pilk.

Thanks to Bob Rounding, we have a fairly up-to-date summary of classmates at the Air Force Academy, and would like to hear from them individually, as time permits. Bob and Bev and their two children live on post (pleasant thought) and he's assigned to the Math Department, along with Jim Sullivan. In Chemistry is Frank Keilt; Nib Niblack is in the Mechanics; George Rule—English; Bob Carlone and Bob Winger—Language. Expected to arrive in the near future are Ted Loeschner and Phil Erdle. Bob also reports that Jim Cain is at nearby Ft. Carson. Before leaving the Air Force, some comment seems called for regarding the recent Army-Air Force game . . . but, I can't think of any.

Getting back to the Akers, who were mentioned above, we appreciate the nice letter from them. John got his Master's at Purdue in June 1959, and has been assigned to Detroit Arsenal as Project Engineer in the Research and Development Division. They believe all the old E-2 files would like to hear from Charlie Steen, and Marjorie voices very well the lament of all conscientious corresponders (C.C.'s for short): "After seven years without a word we received a wedding announcement in the mail with no return address!" Well, Charlie? The Akers are at 8129 Garbor, Warren, Mich.

Paul Gray has furnished a fairly complete list of those at the Infantry Advanced Course this year at Fort Benning: any overlooked are invited to write to me and complain. (A letter is a letter.) Mike Boos, Tom Collier, Dumbo Dumbrowski, Wally Hastings, Dick Larkin, Dave Martin, Larry Mickel, Loyd Rhiddlehoover, Bob Sears, Bob Wheeler, Charlie Steen (Akers, take note), Bud Thompson, George Underhill and Jack Witherell. Paul and Mary stopped at West Point briefly on returning from Germany last winter, and Paul comments on all the "wind-blown Plebe chins hanging out" That will all change when '52 breaks into the Tactical Department.

Art Taylor has "escaped" from Fort Benning after five years there and is now studying at the Army Language School. In March he and Elaine will try out their new language in Frankfurt, Germany. They have a daughter, Camille, 11 mos. old. Be sure to send your address in Germany, Art.

Harry Dutchyshyn, along with Val and the two boys are in Heidelberg: Harry is with G-4 Division of USAREUR headquarters and used his strategic location to bring us up to date on Engineer classmates there. Harry came to his present assignment from the Engineer Section of the same headquarters. John Cannon is Post Engineer at Bad Tolz, and Al Lawrence is Post Engineer of the Trois Fontaines Ordnance Depot in France. Ed Wuthrich has left Paris for the Advance Section Area to supervise some Ordnance Depot construction. Don Weinert is now commanding an Airborne Engineer Commoved from Kaiserlautern to Frankfurt so now works under Northern Area Command. Drake Wilson was moved from Pirmasens to Frankfurt as Liaison Officer to COMZ from the US Army Construction Agency. Willy Williams is now teaching Demolitions at the Murnau Engineer-Ordnance School. And as a final note Harry mentions that John Tipton is stationed now with an armored outfit at Mannheim. Good luck to all of you in Deutschland: Jack Driskill and I are still carrying the Engineer banner for the class at West Point and would like to see more of you here.

Jim Wallwork continues to maintain a fine record in the National Guard by completing the Armor Associate Advanced Extension Course with a superior rating. He's now Intelligence Officer in the 50th Armored Division Headquarters, East Orange, N.J. His efforts to raise OCS standards have drawn praise from the N.J. National Guard brass also.

Jim Tow has been transferred from Ft. Benning to the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Ky. He's with their Aviation Company.

Can you picture Birt Kidwell dressed in a Roman toga and sandals? Doug Ludlam, reporting from "Kirtland Air Patch" near Albuquerque, N.M., saw just that when he bumped into Birt enroute to a swimming party last August. Harvey Dana also dropped in to Kirtland to take a physical for the Astronaut program. Harvey's with NASA at Edwards AFB. Be sure to plant your class ring as our first representative on the moon, Harvey. Bob Kendall was recently assigned to Kirtland from Wright-Patterson. On a recent trip to Wright-Patterson, Doug had a gab-fest with Bob Smyth and Glenn Kingsley and their wives. He sends up an SOS to John Morgan for a letter: send it to the 4946th Test Squadron at Kirtland. Doug and his bride Edna (married 11 July 1959) cordially invite passing classmates to drop by.

Pappy Yocum, who has chosen the civilian route to fame and fortune, writes from Flemington, N. J., where he is Senior Project Engineer for Ortho Pharmaceutical Corporation. He and Jan and their two boys live at 7 Meadowlane, Route 4, and he passes on his greetings. Pappy got an M.S. Degree, cum laude, from the Newark College of Engineering. (The hard way—2 years of night school) Congratulations, Pappy!

Nancy Roper writes from Bethesda, Md., that Ken is hard at work for an IG somewhere in that mountainous, dependentless paradise of the Far East.

Jim Pettit reports from Georgia Tech on the marriage of Gordon Pahre to the former Miss Anne Leslie Hornbeck of Falls Church, Va. The wedding took place on 12 September 1959.

He also mentions with envy the Phi Beta Kappa type of work that Charlie Watkins is doing at Tech. Thanks, Jim.

A general note to those of you who send your $3.00 for the class fund check: please be patient in waiting for its return from the bank—the red tape of administration has invaded even our simple finances. In other words, don't order a Congressional investigation (why not for that too?) till the fourth month.

A recent *Journal* announced the engagement of Loyd Rhiddlehoover and Miss Elizabeth Ann Dawson of Fayetteville, N.C. Loyd is stationed at Fort Benning. Al Thieme has been transferred to Vietnam from Fort Benning.

—*Jay Luther*
Dept. of Mech., USMA

1953

The furor of fall is over, but I'm still in a slight tailspin getting this, my first class report, together. By the time you read this I hope that all will have had a most Happy Holiday!

First, news of a somewhat official nature. As provided for in the Class Constitution, election of class officers was held here at West Point in Oct. by those of us present. The results follow: Pres.—Bill Hilley; V-Pres.—Lou Friedersdorff; Secy.—Ed Davis; Treas.—Herb Friesen; Historian—Ed Andrews; General Committee Head—Max Noah.

At the same meeting, it was decided to form a committee to review our Class Constitution with a view to making any necessary changes. The main objective is to bring it up to date by removing those provisions no longer applicable. More news of this in the next ASSEMBLY.

On to news of individuals:

Fred and Mary Taylor came to the opening football game against B.C. and brought along Freddie III. They want to get Freddie in the spirit early.

Bob Bartlett received his Master of Business Administration from Lehigh U. in June. He is still with Bethlehem Steel. Also, Sarkis Semerjian reported as assistant PMS and T at Bordentown Military Institute, Bordentown, N.J., in Sept.

Roy Fowler joined the 1st Cav. Div. in Korea in Oct. Roy is with the 1st Recon. Squadron, 9th Cav. Polly is living at 45-30 220th St., Bayside, N.Y.

Walt Cousland went to Germany in August and is Executive Officer, Hq. Co., 34th Armor., 24th Inf. Div. News from Fort Campbell has it that Craig Coverdale is Commanding Officer, Hq. and Hq. Co., Support Group, 10st Airborne Div.

Ed Davis flew from here down to the Oklahoma Game. While there he saw Abbie McLennan, Carey and Pat Hutchinson, and the Bob Dalys. Stu McLennan began a tour in Korea in Sept.

Bets and Lew Andrews made a long haul up to the AF Game and brought along some news. Lew is now stationed at Gunter AFB, Montgomery, Ala., where he fires Bomarc for the SAGE System. Knowing Lew, we hope they get off the ground! Sam Barrett is a Section Leader at the Squadron Officers School, Maxwell AFB. Bob and Sally Thomas are believed to be at the Montana School of Mines on ROTC duty. Bob Karns is an instructor at Moody AFB, Valdosta, Ga., in F-86L's and Martha Lindsay is now living in Louisville, Ky.

Other classmates seen at the AF Game were George Williams, Bob Karns, Harry Dunivant, Ray Battle, Jerry O'Malley, and Early Rush. Harry is now an Air Officer Commanding at the USAFA, and he sent along some good poop: Ray Battle is jockeying F-104's at Hamilton AFB, Herm

Gilster and John Nave are at March AFB where Herm is flying B-47's and John is flying KC-87's. Jim Elliot was seen at the Missouri-AF Game by Harry. Jim is now at Nellis AFB. When last heard from, Tex Schneider was in Ramstein, Germany, flying C-131's for MATS, and Hal Porter was in Artesia, N.M., working for the "Underground Oil Co." Harry's address is Qtrs. 6409-D, USAFA, Colo.

Others at the AF Game who joined in a party at Governors Islands after the game were Spike and Betty Flertzheim, Max and Priscilla Noah, Ken and Lois Heitzke, Bill and Ann Miotke, John Meglen and George Williams. John is now at Picatinny Arsenal and is studying at Stevens Institute. Jack and Dot Johnson were also there. Jack is making use of his free time by studying finance at NYU. Jack told me at the game that Bill Fiorito is now in California where he is establishing his own business.

Ken Dawson was at Fort Bliss for a week in Oct. He attended a Special Weapons Course there and filed a report on return. Howard Hazlett, Harl Graham and Bill Cole are on the Staff and Faculty at the Army Air Defense School. Bill Snead was there earlier in the year, but has since departed for a tour in Korea. Bill Rawlinson, Jim Linka, John Stoneburner and Jim Bambery were there in the Artillery Advanced Course.

A letter from John Scoblick in early Nov. reported that he was on his way to Germany aboard the SS United States for a year of study of international law. He received his law degree from Georgetown Law School in June and is a member of the bar in Washington, D.C., and Virginia. He then received a fellowship to Frankfurt for a year. His address: Institute for International Trade Law, University of Frankfurt, Frankfurt am Main, Germany. The best of luck, John!

NEW ADDITIONS

A girl, Marilee, to Barbara and Ed Talley on 17 Oct. '59 in Greensboro, N.C. Ed also writes that he is with Southern Bell Telephone Co. Ken Faust is also, but he is in the Atlanta office. Ed's address: 3105 Bernard St., Greensboro, N.C.

The first child, William Phillip, to Weemo and Marie Wubbena on 30 Aug. '59 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Weemo is there studying Portuguese and will be here in the Languages Dept. next year. Congratulations!

The first girl, Rachel, to Ross and Langley Kenzie in August.

Jim and Liz Knox had a boy, David Yeats, in July; likewise Kitty and Vald Heiberg had a boy in July, Elvin R. Heiberg IV. It was the Knoxes first and the Heibergs third.

Al and Joan Merritt had their third girl, Tracy Lee, in Germany in Sept., and Earl and Nancy Chambers brought forth their second, a boy, Timothy Reynolds (buddy) on 20 Oct. '59 in El Paso, Texas. The Bartons had a boy, Kenneth Gerard, here at West Point on 25 Mar. '59.

Congratulations to all the proud parents!

A recent letter from Vald Heiberg contained some good news on the doings at Fort Belvoir. He enclosed a picture of a class party at Belvoir on 28 Aug. which I'll endeavor to have published. Absent from the picture are Liz and Rog Peterson. Rog was down in the swamps working on his ranger tab and jump wings. They left Belvoir in late Nov. for France (concurrent travel on the United States). Larry and Nancy Crevoiserat are also at Belvoir but could not make the party.

A fair-sized gathering showed up at the Navy Game despite the weather. Those of us who did not drown at the stadium did so afterwards in more ways than one. On to next year!

Graham Vernon and Ray Conder journeyed eastward from the Middle West. Too bad Ray does not understand the eastern ways for he was unavoidably detained and did not make the first half. Others who were present (and I hope I have them all): Bob Bartlett, John Brinsko, Tom and Martha Jones, Jim McCluskey on his way to Thailand, Ed and Nancy Demand, Larry and Nancy Crevoiserat, Jim and Myrah Endler, Fred Gilmartin, Bernie Hughes, Don Becker, Bud Tardiff, John Meglen, Tom and Ruth Brian, Bill Horton, Red Martin, Chuck Fiala, Don Ramsay, Charlie Bishop, Ray Colvin, Lou and Joyce Friedersdorff, Ed and Betty Davis, Lamar and Carol Appleton, Bob Ayers, Con Blastos, Jack Hughes, Art Shaw (sat on the Navy side), John and Edie Oblinger, Curt and Zeb Brewer, and Jan and Ed Andrews.

Ray Colvin told me that Walt and Anne Henderson have their second girl. Walt is with General Electric in Washington, D.C., and is also working on a law degree. Also from Ray: Jerry Brophy is at the Army War College in War Gaming Dept. but is going to the 101st Airborne Division. Jerry and his wife now have their second child.

Next deadline is 1 March. Remember, for me, no news is *not* good news!

—*Ed Andrews*
Dept. of Mechanics

'53 Party at Belvoir

Kneeling and sitting, left to right: Fran Ramsey, Don Ramsey, Bud Tardiff, Florence Tardiff, Bugs Segal, Donnal Segal, Lucy Crosby (front), Carol Appleton, Jim Knox (back), Lamar Appleton, Lee Crosby, 'Liz Knox (back), Kitty Heiberg, Norm Delbridge, Khaki Martin (front), Bob Martin, Marge Delbridge (back), Colvin's date, Dave Pistenma (back), Ray Colvin, Vald Heiberg, Nancy Horton. **Standing**, left to right: Sandy Eineigl, Ray Eineigl, John Angstadt, Vince Araskog, Nancy Angstadt (back), Araskog (wife), Angstadt's sister (back), Al Grum, Jane Grum, Lois Ehlers (front), Kirk Ehlers, Chuch Fiala, Edie Fiala, Mary Toman, John Toman, Mary Ann Alch, Wayne Alch, Bob Ayers, Bernie Hughes, Kathie Hughes, Walt Henderson, Ann Henderson, Bill Horton.

1954

Greetings to all. The news of '54 is on the slim side this time. First, let's round up those overseas.

Germany: Bill Hauser left the Second Cavalry for a job as aide to Lt. Gen. Meloy, commanding general of the VII Corps in Stuttgart (APO 107, New York). Bill reports he's "up among the wheels and going round and round with them. I am traveling all over the place—to Paris next week. I'm seeing things that lieutenants are not supposed to get to see—and am having a ball." Bill expects to return to the States in July to the advanced artillery course at Fort Sill.

Also in Stuttgart are Wendy and Jill Gilbert. He's aide to Brig. Gen. Speidel, commanding general of VII Corps Artillery. Bob and Jeanne Cottle are in Furth, near Nurnberg, where he's aide to Brig. Gen. Ryan, CG of 4th Armored Division Artillery.

Japan: That's where Jody Rude is off to, with the 613th ACWRON (and this civilian couldn't begin to tell you what an ACWRON is). You can write Jody in care of APO 919, San Francisco. Jody says that Ann and the children are living at 2009 Glenwood, Eldorado. Ill., and "all classmates are welcome any time."

Hawaii: Ed and Betty Knoff are still in Hawaii (APO 958, San Francisco), where he now has a new assignment as "administrative assistant" to Maj. Gen. Costello, Assistant Chief of Staff, USARPAC. Ed adds that he managed to pick up a commendation ribbon on his departure from the 35th Infantry.

Also scheduled to leave the 35th in Hawaii are Chet Piolunek and Dave Holtam. Piolunek expects to go to Fort Benning for the communications course; Holtam, to the artillery advanced course at Fort Sill.

Dick Hobbs, back from Hawaii, is with C Company, Student Detachment, USACS, Presidio of Monterey, Calif.

Stateside: Stan Beck is still at Loring AFB, Me., as a KC-135 pilot with SAC. Stan belongs to an airplane club there and recently took the whole family on leave to Phoenix, Ariz., via a light plane from the club. Of course, he couldn't have done it without Betsy, who is now a top-notch navigator, (or navigatrix).

At Davis Monthan AFB, Tucson, Ariz.,

are John and Margo Hall and two children. John is flying the F-89.

Paul and Betty Powers, still at Fort Bragg, report the arrival of Paul Vincent, Jr. on Sept. 5. Paul Sr. is assistant adjutant, XVIII Airborne Corps Artillery.

After completing the basic transportation officers course, Dick and Cay Kavanaugh and daughter Polly are staying on an interim assignment at Fort Eustis (10 June Terrace, Lee Hall, Va.) through March. Then they will be off to Fort Rucker, Ala., to begin flight training in April.

Students: Luverne Wooge, Warren Palmer and Jim Halvatgis entered Purdue University in the fall with the Class of '61 in the Ordnance Engineering Science Program. Also at Purdue are: Jim Miller, in electrical engineering; George Chancellor, taking chemistry prior to returning to West Point; and Dick Tyler.

Three of the class are working for masters degrees at the Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio. They are: Bud Gurney, in aeronautical engineering and air weapons, Larry Drum, in electrical engineering; and John Stephenson, in nuclear engineering. Previously, the three of them had been at Hawaii, flying C-124's with MATS Bud and Gail Gurney report the tour in Hawaii was productive—two sons, born in Honolulu.

Civilians: Ed and Becky McNair, and son and daughter, have their own house at 233 Haverhill St., Reading, Mass., a suburb of Boston. Ed says he's very pleased with his job as a maintenance engineer with Monsanto Chemical. Ed and Bob Blaisdell were surprised to find themselves sitting next to each other in a class in marketing at Boston College. They are both working for Masters degrees in business administration at night.

Robal and Jody Johnson and three sons are at 4 Gardners Acres Road, Norwich, Conn. Robal is a production superintendent with the Gair Division of Continental Can.

Jesse and Joan Moore and son Davy left New York State in the fall and headed back to Texas. They're living at 9915 E. Lake Highland Drive, Dallas. Jesse is still with Texas Instruments, now as manager of product marketing for special computer devices.

Ed Berko, who is in the insurance business in New York, is now living at 47 Chapel Hill Drive, Brentwood, Long Island, N.Y. The Berkos have a son and daughter.

Bill and Sissy Haskell are settling down in New York City as civilians. And Ohio State University tells us that it granted a master of arts degree to Phil Vollman last June.

Married: Don Kirklighter and Patricia Schenck of Arcadia, Calif., on September 20. . .Jim Randall and Georgine Zieske at Seattle, Wash., on Nov. 13.

That's all the news. But, just to stretch this skimpy news column, let me add that Jini and Jim Plunkett, and son and daughter, are very happy with their lot in life these days. My writing-editing job on "Sales Management" magazine is working out quite nicely. And any of you civilians in the selling game had better get a subscription soon.

Let's have your news, and a lot of it, before March 1st. The address is the same: James G. Plunkett, Tompkins Ave., Upper Nyack, N.Y. Best regards to all.

—*Jim*

1955

In true "follow me" style the Class of '55 representatives at Fort Benning have left those of us who have repeatedly said "next week we've got to get organized" wallowing in the mud of our inertia while they took the high ground. Calling themselves the "'55 Stag Association." the group has already held its first meeting, come up with a motto, planned a schedule of future meetings, made a recommendation to the Association of Graduates, and collectively penned an informative letter to yours truly for use in this column. Their motto is "to relive the past, hash out the present, and plan for the future." The group, which held its initial meeting November 11, made plans for an Army-Navy game get-together, to be followed by regular meetings once every two months thereafter. The recommendation to the Association of Graduates was that Mike Stevenson, now stationed at the Military Academy, be nominated for membership on the Board of Trustees.

Present at this first meeting were Fred Bliss, Bill Wilcox, Dan Malone, Jerry Denman, Billy Arthur, Norm Smith, Al Parker, Bob Nourse, Dick Bean, Bill Lozier, and Ed Nidever.

Fred is still with the OCS Battalion; his wife, Dorothy, is expecting their second child in February. Jerry Denman just arrived at Benning following a year MAAG tour in Iran; this tour followed his attendance at the Army Language School at the Presidio, where he graduated number one in his class in Persian. Jerry is currently assigned to the Map Reading Committee with the Infantry School. Billy Arthur is still with the 2d Division, and still a bachelor. Norm Smith presents his current status as "no auto accidents lately—no wife yet—am with G4, USAIC, whatever that is." Al, Irene, Claudia, and gal III Parker have come to Benning, where Al is with the mortar committee, from an assignment in Germany. Dick Bean, after two years in the Florida Camp of Ranger School as lane grader and company commander, is now a tactical officer with the Ranger Combat Conditioning Committee at Fort Benning, currently supervising the activities of USMA Class of 59 Rangers in two large RA companies. Dick expects to attend the Infantry Advanced Course in August, 1960.

This "'55 Stag Association" also provided news of others of the class. "Vee" Singer, last seen with his new bride, at Rhein-Main, hopping a ride to the States, is reported now settled in New York City. Hi Stevens is now in Washington, D.C., as is Jim Miller; the latter is an honor guard platoon leader. Mike Gallup, who married Melinda Wallace in Tehran the end of May, 1959, with Jerry Denman as best man, is now stationed at Fort Belvoir. Carl and Jo McNair recently arrived back in the States from Formosa. They will arrive at Benning following helicopter school. Bill Haas, Phil Blanton, Bill Peters, Ed Trobaugh, and Tom Mullan are all contributing their talents to the Ranger Department, in either its swamp or mountain outposts, at present. Dick Cheesborough and his family are planning to return to the service; they were expected for a visit to Benning in late November. Bill and Dorenda Burrus and their twin sons are now at Fort Carson; Bill completed the air transportability course at Fort Eustis the end of August.

Plans for our class five-year reunion at West Point are progressing. The date for Homecoming had been confirmed; but, like the mattress covers on our cow summer trip, this date has been "on" and "off" several times now. Things seem to be down to a mild gyration between 8 October and 26 October; I shall let you know the final resting place. Principal events planned, at this point, for the reunion include (1) the Homecoming football game, at which our class will be seated together, (2) a class business meeting, and (3) a dinner-dance in Washington Hall for all alumni, not just our class. Reservations for the Hotel Thayer as well as for the dinner-dance must be in at least three days in advance to allow for adequate purchase of food. Also, Mike Stevenson stresses the need to get reservations in for hotel or motel rooms well in advance; he suggests at least eight weeks in advance. (Incidentally, we were unable to reserve a group of rooms for the class, as we had planned). In addition to the Thayer, Mike has furnished me with the names and addresses of several other hotels and motels in the West Point area. I will run these in the next issue with (hopefully) the finalized date for the reunion.

The time available to us, amongst these other activities, to discuss class business will undoubtedly be extremely limited. For this reason, if for no other, it would seem imperative that we formulate in advance what the agenda for our business meeting should be, and have our opinions individual and collective, well thought out in advance on the business to be decided.

One problem that must be solved soon is just when the business meeting will be held. It would seem that the only real alternatives would be to hold it in the morning on Saturday, about ten, at which time some of those coming to Homecoming may not have arrived yet; or to hold it immediately after the game, which might cramp the time of those staying other than at the Thayer, who will want to go back to their lodging to change for the dinner-dance. Let's hear your preferences.

Among the issues that we might want to include on the agenda for discussion, it seems to me, are these: (1) Rules of procedure. This sounds a mite legalistic, but in order to forestall future objections to class actions or expenditures it might be well to determine just what constitutes a quorum for doing class business, what sanction the class officers should be given to make expenditures on behalf of the class, and with what authority they can expect to act between class meetings. (2) Election of officers. Perhaps my memory is failing; but I cannot recall an SOP being established as to how often officers should be elected. This presumably should be done, and elections held if desired. (3) Expression of sympathy. Perhaps it would be desirable to standardize, at least in a general way, the token of sympathy to be sent by the

Class President or his representative to the family concerned on behalf of the class in case of the death of any of our members. Also some standardized procedure for rapid notification of the Class President in this eventuality might be in order. (4) Class plaque or gift in memory of our deceased classmates. This has been discussed previously in the column; letters I have received to date have unanimously favored the donation of some functional item, such as furniture, to the proposed new alumni building at West Point in lieu of adding another plaque to the many already evident at the Academy. (5) Insurance plan on a collective basis to provide an assured college education to the children of any classmates who die before they are of college age. Jim Plunkett, of the Class of '54, has sent each of the class officers information on such a plan, which '54 and certain other classes have instituted. Perhaps we can get Jim to attend our business meeting and explain the plan to us, to enable us to determine whether we would find such a plan worthwhile. (6) Class log. I have attempted to keep track of each of you, and your families. But in such a prolific class, this is a nearly impossible task. The five-year reunion will provide the best opportunity to date to acquire current information on classmates, their families, and their current branch or occupations. We might want to consider the publication of a new pamphlet similar to the "Glove Compartment Guide" to the class that we put out first class year, containing up-to-date information and current permanent addresses.

These are merely suggested items for inclusion on the agenda. Discuss the reunion among yourselves and let us hear, through this column, your proposals for issues to be decided by the class when we meet in less than a year.

By the way, present at Homecoming 1959 at West Point were Mike and Ada Stevenson, Jim Torrence and date, Carl Bossert and date, and Earl Singer and his wife and sister, Anne Ralls. Anne is Rawleigh's wife. Rawleigh is now serving in Korea.

John McCloskey was married in the Catholic Chapel at West Point on 26 August. Cliff Fralen was best man; Bob Brown, Hal Vandersee, and Mike Stevenson ushered. Cliff soon will be returning to West Point, as an instructor in MT&G, following his present scholastic work at the Johns Hopkins guided missile course.

Bulldog Drummond and his wife, Helen, are now at Fort Meade, where Jim is aide to the Chief of Staff of Second Army and Helen is teaching in the Post School. The couple were married Dec. 29, 1958, with Lou and Cathie Tebodo best man and attendant, respectively. Lou has sinced resigned, and is working with General Motors, taking on the job training with their overseas division. The Tebodos are currently in Birmingham, Mich., but anticipate a move to South America before long. Also departed from Fort Meade to civilian circles is Lee Erminger. Frank O'Brien spent a short tour at Fort Meade, but now is TDy to, of all places, NYC. Graham and Betty Wood and their young son are recent arrivals at Meade. "Woody" is currently Asst. S3 of the 19th Engineer Battalion.

During a recent trip to Fort Sill, "Bulldog" saw a number of classmates. Chet Pond and Bob Schmidt were both receiving diplomas from the Artillery Associate Battery Officer Course. Bob Brown and Ted Patterson are both with OCS at Sill; Don Andrews and Bill Terrio are in the gunnery department. Dave Hufnagel and Ken Ikeda are also stationed at Sill. The "Drummond Report" also contained news of Walt Ryan, Don Hilbert, "Zip" Spellman, Dave Young, and "Whit" Whittaker. Ryan was last seen at Camp A.P. Hill trying to turn in some holey tent canvas, and is currently, along with Hilbert and Spellman, in the Arlington area. Young is working in the family lumber business in Louisiana. Whittaker is now in Ordnance at North Depot, Romulus, N.Y.

Jim McIntosh is studying law at George Washington University, and living in Falls Church, Va. Jim and Earlene recently had their third child, Bruce James. Bruce has a brother, Richard, and a sister, Debbie. On October 7, Lloyd and Pearl Wolfe had their first child, Linda Kay. The Wolfes are spending their fourth winter in Dover. Del., out of which Lloyd flies the C-133 to Europe and back.

"William III" was the name selected by both Bill and Joan McCulla for their new addition, born in Stuttgart, Germany, October 5, 1959, and Bill and Pat Lucas for their second child, born in California October 15. The Lucases have bought a home in Santa Monica; Bill works with missile and space systems for Douglas while continuing his work for a Master's Degree in nuclear engineering at U.C.L.A.

Their second son, David, was born to Dick and Barbara Hargrove August 4. Dick is now with the S3 Section of the 12th Infantry at Fort Riley. In Alaska, on October 5, Lorily McCrillis was born to Walt and Nancy.

Fort Bliss, Texas, is the scene of much class activity of late. Bob and Nena Stanley, parents of the class godson, Forrest, and his sister, Tina, have become home-owners in El Paso. Their former neighbors, Jack and Joani Matteson, have left Fort Bliss for Felicity, Ohio. Also in Ohio, at Oxford, from Fort Bliss are the Hasbroucks; Astrid expects her mother to join them there from Germany for Christmas.

At last count, Russ Parsons had "maxed" all exams but one in school at Fort Bliss. Vying with Russ for tenths are Bob Henry, Myron Minich, Marty McNamee, and John Rudzki. Myron is scheduled to go on for a master's degree in 1960, prior to reporting to the MT&G Department at USMA to teach. Jim and Madge Fleeger are to leave Bliss for Fort Banks, Mass. in February. The Fleeger's newest is a redheaded son, David Clark, born 11 July. Leo Hergenroeder made a brief visit to Fort Bliss last summer, but is now back in Pittsburgh with his wife and trio of hearty young "Hergeys."

European news is brief. John Senger is in England, as a civilian. John Feagin who married Martha Bagley of Montgomery, Ala., August 19, combined honeymoon and schooling in Dublin, Ireland, before returning to Duke University Medical School in November. Don Jellison is now with the 903d Ordnance Company in Germany. Ron and Marion Cairns have made their third move in a year, now living in Baumholder, Germany.

Over in the Pacific, however, Duane Smetana finds that typhoon chasing is a good way to run into classmates. "Smitty" is with the 54th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron, flying WB-50's out of Guam. In this work, he has literally breezed in on John McDonald, Dick Baker, Bob Pheiff, Dempsie Davis, Jud Faurer, John Sechrist, Ken Donaldson, and Chuck Roades. "Smitty" and his wife, Elaine, were expecting a second child and a typhoon momentarily at the time of his October letter. Incidentally, the Smetanas claim the first son born at West Point in the class. Scott Michael Smetana was born 4 November 1957 after an arduous trip over icy Storm King Mountain from Stewart AFB. Any challengers? Speaking of challenges, "Smitty" claims that the Dempster Davises have twins who were a year old last July, which would give them "date of birth" over the Burrus twins. Dempsie is at Itasuke, Japan, with a room full of trophies he has won shooting skeet in the Far East.

John McDonald is flying in a Fighter Interceptor squadron, Dick Baker a B-47 navigator, and Bob Pheiff a SAC instructor, all on Guam. Jud Faurer is Base Assistant Personnel Services Officer on Okinawa, teaching college mathematics evenings for USAFI. Jud and Carol and their two children are living in a house on base, complete with housemaids and yardboys. John and Georginne Sechrist and their three children are also on Okinawa; John is administrative officer for a special weapons squadron. Ken Donaldson is presumably back in the States by now; "Smitty" ran into him briefly in Japan when the former was on leave from Korea and the latter chasing a typhoon out of Yokota Air Base. Chuck Roades, although flying out of McCord AFB in Washington, was encountered by "Smitty" in the Philippines. Chuck was described "chasing around like a typical MATS co-pilot with starched uniform and clipboard in hand."

Army had a small but enthusiastic rooting section in the stands at Urbana for the Illinois game this year. Ken Ginter, Paul Bazilwich, John Pearson, Gerry Samos, Bill Volkstadt, and Bill Norvell are all going to school at Illinois currently. Ken and Paul are working for a master's degree in civil engineering, with a physics minor. Ken and Joan have a year old son, Gregory. The Bazilwiches have a son and a daughter, with a third expected in January. The Ginters recently saw Bill Roth at Chanute AFB.

Here in Madison, Bill and Betty Goodwin had their first child, Nancy Kay 1 September 1959, the day after I sent the column in for the last issue. Well, I've tried to tell you people, if you want your baby to be a current news item, you've got to meet these deadlines.

Happy gloom period.

—*John Lovell*
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1956

I have received word of Sam Lansing's untimely death in an airplane accident over Japan. I am sorry that no further details concerning the accident or the subsequent funeral are available at this time. On behalf of the entire Class, I express the

deepest sympathy to his family and other close friends. I also pray that this will be the last such death that I will have to report for many years.

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Mike Conrad desires to know how the Class feels about staging their 5th Reunion during the Annual Homecoming Football Game at West Point in the Fall of 1961. He feels that this offers many advantages over a June Week reunion because more facilities will be available and housing won't be at such a premium. Rooms can be set aside at the Thayer Hotel at this time, but this is not possible during June Week. I wish that every member of the Class would tell me by mail what their personal desires are on this subject. All information received at my address will be tabulated and forwarded to Mike.

Mike mentioned that he will be assigned to the States (destination unknown) by April 1960, but he is, at present, quite satisfied with his 24th Infantry assignment. As for other Class news around Bavaria, Ed and Ellen Neary recently departed for the U.S. and the 77th Special Forces at Fort Bragg, N.C. Bob Scully left for Army Flight School at Fort Rucker, Ala. Paul and Nancy Merola were blessed with their third girl in August. Among the new arrivals in Germany are Dave and Mary Sue Horton. Dave is assigned with the 2nd Infantry. Heath Twitchell arrived and is stationed in Munich with the 46th ARB. While Mike Conrad was on his extended field duty in the early autumn months, he met Bill Roll (who is in Ranger School by this time), L. G. Smith, and Ed Valence, all with the 4th Armored Division. Bob Hammond and Gene Lynch, both stationed at Augsburg, resigned from the service. If you are within writing distance Bob and Gene, please forward your civilian addresses.

It appears that '56 has been in the thick of most of the football contests in Germany. Luciano Salamone coached the Schweinfurt team this past year, while John Stevenson was head coach of the Aschaffenburg Cardinals.

Bob Goodwyn and his Judy are expecting their second child in February. Chuck Gorlinski, after transferring from the Infantry to the Signal Corps, was assigned to the 123rd Signal Battalion. "Giff" McRee and Tom Miller are expected to be doing graduate work at Stanford by January, 1961.

Bob Duncan wrote to remind me of the old days we spent in Prep School together. Bob spent the first two years of his career at Fort Ord in the same Battle Group as Don Shannon. In 1958 he transferred to the Transportation Co. in Kaiserslautern, Germany. His Jo Ann presented him with their first child, Michael Jeffery, born 11 April 1959. He has seen "Pat" Haley and his wife recently and had lunch with Rich Frederick in Mannheim.

Do you remember Dick Malinowski? Forget that last name gents, because it's been changed to "Malin" by a court order. Dick explains that he had his name shortened to allow for plenty of signature room in those ⅝-inch DA Form name blocks. John Wall's only comment when informed of this change was, "Well, there goes a good spec word!" Dick bumps into '56 classmates at nearly every turn. He saw Rick Brown in the Frankfurt PX. Jerry Raymond, now in Berlin, was seen on a training exercise. Dick explains that Ted Dayharsh, Herb Wagenheim and Mit Shattuck all transferred to the Transportation Corps in order the keep up their flying time. Before I forget, Dick is still with the 299th Engr. Bn. in Wildflecken, Germany.

Ginny Renshaw did her utmost to bring me up to date on the Air Force news by writing an informative letter from Tampa. She and Al were married in March '58, and their first, Avis Ann, arrived in December of the same year. They are now expecting their second between 1 December and 10 December 1959. If it's a boy and arrives on the 1st, you should name him Stan because that's my birthday Ginny. Al is flying B-47's with the 306th Bomb Wing, 423rd Bomb Squadron. Pete and Anne Verfurth are at Davis-Monthan AFB in Tucson, they have one son, Teddy, and are expecting again in March. Lisle Kendall is the envy of his classmates because he's sporting the new F-104 out of George AFB in Victorville, Calif. He and Leslie have two children, David and Kim. Terry Prossner flies B-47's for the 305th Bomb Wing at Bunker Hill AFB near Kokomo, Indiana. They have a boy, James Brady. His nickname: "Diamond Jim," natch. Bob Arnold (ex-'56) is working for Boeing in Seattle and is planning a big matrimonial step in January. Those recently seen around McDill AFB are Chuck Torrey (F-102's), Rollo Crase (C-47's), Bill McClung and Jim Linden (KC-97's) and Darold Clonts (C-121's).

Bob and Jan Krutz sent a baby announcement from Luke AFB to announce a sister, Carol Ann, for their son Bobby. Carol Ann arrived 14 September 1959. Bob is an instructor on the T-33, F-100 and F-84 and appears to be enjoying his work immensely.

Jerry Skatvold wrote from Kelly AFB that he has been flying both oceans. They have a boy over a year old and are expecting another child in May. During his world travels, Jerry has seen Bob Stewart at Richards-Gabeaur AFB, Chuck Young at Ramstein AFB, Germany, and "Butch" Harbold and Al Hoffman at Bitburg AFB, Germany. Jerry extends an invitation to all passing near Kelly AFB to drop in on him. The address: 103 Gorham Drive, San Antonio, Texas.

The word from the Stateside Army types is as follows: Frank and Rina Bonnarens proudly announce a girl, Joanne Marie, born at Fort Lewis, 2 September 1959. George and Barbara Woods celebrated their third son, Stephen Gary, born at Fort Campbell, 12 September. Ward and Judy LeHardy gave their little girl a brother on the 8th of October. He's a "junior." George claims that most of '56 formerly stationed at Campbell have long since departed for Germany. Carl Coulter sent his regards from Fort Belvoir and the information that he commands Co. "C" of the 87th Engr. Bn. (Constr.). He saw Chuck Brinkley and Don Morelli recently. Both are BOMOP tac's. I'm embarrassed to say that I don't remember what "BOMOP" stands for, but I'll pass these initials on for what they are worth to those of you more intelligent types.

Steve Beebe sent several bits of information to me from behind his books at New Mexico A&M. Mike and Sidney West boast of Timothy, born 6 September. Woody Hayne seems to be very happily married. Shirley and Bob Devoto are civilians now, and Bob is taking a graduate course in nuclear engineering at MIT. Their present address is 31 Bay State Rd., Apt. #4, Boston. Shirley is completing her senior year at Boston U. Jack Sloan now has Nick Beal's old job as aide at Fort Leavenworth.

I finally heard from the Stroopes, but it took a letter from Jim's wife, Shelley, to break the ice. Jim is still with the Sohio Oil Company and is presently living in Lafayette, La. They presently have a 17-month-old "junior" and the guy will be another golfer. Papa Jim has already purchased him a set of miniature clubs. The Stroopes also mentioned that "Woody" and Patty Woodmansee are quite happy with their two wee-ones and will return to the States in a year.

As for Betty and me, we have contacted Dex Shaler who is a civilian and training to work in the Sales Division of the General Tire Corporation. Also, we have talked on the phone a few times with Jim Lane and his wife. Jim is obtaining his Master's Degree in the Motion Picture Art at USC. We hope that we will all be able to gather together for a gala reunion soon. The Wilkers are spending the majority of their time slaving around the house and worrying about the next ASSEMBLY deadline. Keep those fine letters coming, and you'll keep on making my job a pleasurable one.

—*Stan Wilker*
22439 Marlin Place
Canoga Park, California

1958

On the 4th of December, I should like to report, the Class of 1958 shed its gold bars for silver ones. In the years to come we'll no doubt cast many a wistful glance upon this past tour as neophyte lieutenants. Just the same—Hurrah!

Mike Jones, Charlie Davis, Joe McElroy, and Willie Marshall are all attending Instructors School at Craig AFB, Ala. This is quite an honor I understand. Charlie was first man and won the ATC Commander's Trophy for his performance before entering the Instructor program.

Bill Parks recently led the 91st Engr Bn golf team to its post championship at Fort Belvoir, Va. Bill, his wife Mary Jane and Bill, Jr. are at home at 1107 A-4 Kimbro Loop, Fort Belvoir.

Al and Cynthia Claflin have a third member in their home with "B" Btry, 1st Msl Bn, 562d Arty, Davidsonville, Md.—a girl, Catherine Ann. Dick and Vivian Reynard were blessed with a baby girl in September.

Last spring Jim and Gerry Jones were joined by a young fella, Jimmie, Jr. Perhaps he'll take after his dad, who did quite well last year in the Perry Matches. Jack Madigan writes that John and Carol Devens are now proud parents of John Wellington, Jr. Jack is a B. C. in Korea. Paul and Arlene Haushill, and "Corky" and Ann Henninger are also parents.

First twins in the class belong to John and Karee Roe. I imagine both have their hands full now—our best wishes to them all.

Mike and Jane Riordan at Fort Devens have a sone, Mike, Jr., born this spring. The Joe Brandls and the Danny Brockwells each have the addition of a girl to their family.

Strube and Esther Jackson have been

blessed with a young boy, William Dalton, born on June 20. Strube is with "E" Co, 1st ABG, 327th Inf, 101st Abn.

"Bin" and Judy Barta now have a baby girl—born in the Wiesbaden Hospital on October 13th. Bin's a Platoon Leader with the 1st Msl Bn, 84th Arty.

Mike Mahler finally took Ellie as Mrs. Mahler this past June at the Old Cadet Chapel at West Point. Joe Paes was an usher. Mike and Ellie are now at Fort Knox with the 6th Cav. Home is 5418-D Gilkey St., Fort Knox, Ky.

Glen and "Cookie" Bugay, who were also married in June, are with Mortar Btry, 327th Inf, 101st Abn, Fort Campbell, Ky.

Paul Makowski was Dick Reidy's best man in his recent wedding to Carol Helene Kowalski at Fort Belvoir, Va. The Reidys are now with the 4th Inf Div in Bamburg, Germany.

On 8 August Bob Bunker took Marion Owen Sims as his wife at the First Baptist Church in Richland, Ga. His ushers were Sam Collins, Don Palladino and Jack Lowe. Bob is now stationed with the 307th Engr Bn, 82nd Abn Div, Fort Bragg, N.C. Stu and Evie Willis are at home after a grand wedding—home is 804 8th Street, Apt. T-1, Laurel, Md. Stu is with the 60th Signal Bn at Fort Meade.

Bob Dey took Jo Ann Bogue of Greenwood, La. as his wife on September 6. Bob is stationed with the Engineers in Germany near Hanau.

Jim Chapman has also joined the married ranks—having married Gail Brough in Syracuse, N. Y. on September 12. Bob Shellenberger, now in F-86's at Moody AFB, Ga., was an usher. The Chapmans are now at Hickam AFB, Hawaii, where Jim flys C-124's.

On October 17 Herb Puscheck took Elizabeth Lina Schlecht as his wife at the Post Chapel, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. Best man was Bob Hayden. Herb is now stationed in Aschaffenburg, Germany.

Ray Hanson, who is now at Luke AFB, Ariz., married Patricia Rae Schroeder on October 17 in Omaha. Jim Ryan was Ray's best man.

From Portsmouth, Va. comes word of Bill Tuttle's engagement to Helen Lynn Warren. Bill, who plans to wed in December, it with the 82d Airborne. Another December wedding is planned by Bruce Packard, who will marry Nancy Bettencourt on the 5th in Lexington, Mass.

While at White Sands in September for my unit's Annual Service Practice, I ran into Denny Sharon and his wife Shirley at the Florida Cafe in Juarez. Denny was on his way to Luke AFB, Ariz.—expecting to fly F-100's. The Sharons have a little girl, Susan Coneen, born 23 July.

Also, while in El Paso I saw Hugh Bauer, Bob Clewell and Ash Haynes. All are with the 1st of the 40th at Fort Bliss, spending much time on the missile range. While flying back to Germany through McGuire AFB, I spent several pleasant hours with John Kubiak, who is with air control there. His address: 2017 AACS Sq, McGuire AFB, N. J John is hopeful of getting his medical clearance for a crack at the wings soon. Walt Patterson is a recent arrival at McGuire, flying C-118's from there.

Dan Charlton, Billy Mathews and George Huff were recently attending the Special Weapons School in Germany. Billy is with H & S Btry, 1st Msl Bn, 80th Arty, APO 221, along with Al Pensiero who is Btry Exec. George is a Firing Platoon Leader with the 1st Msl Bn, 82d Arty, also in SETAF (Italy). George and Al have a hilltop villa outside of town—soon planning a housewarming and promotion party I'm told in a recent postcard. Terribly rough!

Fort Knox has quite a '58 contingent it appears—Mike and Ellie Mahler, Jack and Jackie Eliot, Mike and Sarah Davall, Bill and Ann Clary, and Tommy and "Middie" Thompson. I'm told most of the above were in on escorting the Class of '60 around when they were on post in June—kicks! Mikes Mahler and Davall hope to have orders for Germany in February.

Rumor has it that Tom Conti is on "special assignment" with the Air Force. Jim Corcoran and Walt Barnes are also in this "cloak and dagger" business—attending the Air Force's OSI (Office of Special Investigation) in Washington. They love it, I'm told.

At Zweibrucken, Germany with the 2d Msl Bn, 40th Arty are Lee Miller, Jack Larson, and Bob Higgins—Guidance, 2d Firing and 1st Firing Platoon Leaders respectively. My apologies to Lee for placing him in Berlin in a past article. Lee, I believe, is to be congratulated for coming out with the top Guidance Platoon in Germany on his recent Army Training Test. That's APO 572.

Pete Millspaugh is "showboating" Europe with a traveling NIKE demonstration. "Chuck" Toftoy passes on John Herren's address in Augsburg, Germany: "A" Co, 2d BG, 2d Inf, APO 112, N.Y., N.Y. Chuck remains the sole '58er in Berlin.

Way up in Washington state, Don Williams has left his position as Executive Officer, Hq and Hq Btry, 2d How Bn, to aide the local general officer.

While at the Grafenwohr training area in mid-November met many classmates. It's said if you stay there long enough the whole army will pass through. Tony Nadal, who with his wife Billie is stationed in Southern Bavaria, Munich, with the 1st ARB, 46th Inf, APO 29, was one. He said Tony Smith (3d Engr Bn), Bill Harry ("A" Co, 2d BG, 28th Inf) and Bill Graf ("D" Co, 2d BG, 28th Inf) are others stationed in the Munich area. Bill recently sent out invites for a class get-together in ol' Munchen—the mission: annihilation of enemy forces in and around Munich's famous Hofbrauhaus. They're hoping for a big turnout.

Bruce Hamilton was another at Grafenwohr. Home base is 3rd Msl Bn, 21st Arty, APO 185 (Mainz). Don Martin is with "E" Co, 2d AC, APO 139 (Bamberg). Max Pearsall (also Armor) is with "E" Troop, 12th Cav, APO 39 (Budingen). You can bet your life there's plenty of field work in Europe.

I understand Pete Penczer is at Schweinfurt. Carl Sullinger called while passing this area one day. He's Ass't S-3 of his Bn in Babenhausen now. Rock Hudson is in Frankfurt—drives his sporty TR-3 with the 299th EC Bn, APO 169, N.Y.

Way back at Fort MacArthur, Calif., Floyd Spencer is Launcher Platoon Leader, "D" Btry, 3d Msl Bn, 57th Arty. Others in the area are Joe Davis, Neil Mathis (12th Arty Gp, Pasadena), Larry Shull, Dick Garlick, Jim Lancaster, Mike Daley, Bob Pointer, John Devens, Tony Forster, Vern Stilson, Harry Shedd, and Tom Mason (3d Msl Bn, 75th Arty).

A letter from Jim Chapman in early November gives some word on our AF people. In early September many received their wings and moved on to other bases. Pete Trainor flys KC-135's out of Wright Patterson. "Mac" Williams is with F-86's out of Moody AFB, Ga. Tony Munger and Fred Schluter are buzzing around in F-100's at Williams AFB, Ariz. Stan Slater is flying radar patrol out of Otic AFB, Mass. in RC-121's.

Strube Jackson writes that the 101st is privileged to have Joe Guenther and Bill Brown flying C-123 troop carriers for them out of Seward AFB, Tenn.

—*Frank Waskowicz*
2d Firing Platoon, FB
2d Msl Bn, 82d Arty
APO 36, New York, N. Y.

ASSEMBLY, Spring 1960

The Spring issue of ASSEMBLY will be unusual in several ways. Primarily, it will differ from our past practice by being dedicated to a living graduate.

The stirring events of Founders Day, including the presentation to the Honorable Henry Cabot Lodge of the Sylvanus Thayer Award, will be presented in pictures.

Interesting articles on USMA and its graduates will be worth reading.

Look for the next issue.

"Be Thou At Peace"

We, sons of today, salute you,— you, sons of an earlier day;
We follow, close order, behind you, where you have pointed the way.

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Horton Whitefield Stickle

NO. 3870 CLASS OF 1899

Died at Fort Devens Hospital, Massachusetts, on March 20, 1959, aged 83 years.

Horton W. Stickle was born on a farm in Jones County, Iowa. His father, Augustus Caesar Stickle, was married to Mary Cooke. There were two children—Horton and his younger sister, Bertha, who became Mrs. Bert Muzzey. Both of his parents having been teachers, he was taught at home until the family moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where his father owned and operated two newspapers. Here he went to public school. Later the family moved back to the farm and Stickle graduated from public high school in nearby Anemosa in 1893, standing No. 1 in his class. He entered the United States Military Academy two years later and graduated third in his class.

He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers, U.S. Army, and at once was ordered to the Philippine Islands. After returning to the States, he was married August 25, 1901, to Ora Dell Condit. Of this marriage there were five children: Donald A.; Mary Josephine (who became Mrs. L. M. Noak); Leonora C. (who became Mrs. E. Joy Reed); Horton W. Jr., now (1959) Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Air Force; and Robert C.

Ora Stickle died in January 1954 and, in 1955, Stickle married Helena Brown, who survives him.

In 1904, Stickle was sent to West Point as an instructor in civil and military engineering. About this time a nineteen million dollar construction program was started there and, as the Quartermaster Department then had charge of all Army construction, this work was assigned to the Post Quartermaster. At his request, Stickle was assigned as his assistant to take charge of the work. The writer, then a bachelor, lived with Stickle and his family for two years during this time and remembers, distinctly, some of Stickle's construction problems. For example: The architect's drawings showed the tall stone headquarters building built on fill with no foundations except simple footings extended only a few feet into the ground. These footings would reach solid rock on one part of the building and on other parts would rest on fill with rock up to nearly forty feet below. Stickle hesitated to extend the foundations to rock everywhere because of the great cost, but it was evidently necessary and he did it, saying, "If I don't do it, it might fail and in any event I can see the superintendent in his office, contemplating big cracks and saying, 'If they had a decent engineer in charge when this building was put up, we would not have this problem with it now.'"

Stickle was next requested by General Goethals for duty in the Panama Canal construction. He opened up and operated the quarries at Porto Bello, some thirty miles down the Atlantic Coast from the Canal. He operated a line of barges and delivered all the cement, sand and gravel for the Gatem Locks and Spillway until the work was completed.

Ordered back to the States, Stickle served a while on rivers and harbors work, and was then retired as a Lieutenant Colonel under a special law allowing certain officers to retire, at an advanced rank, as a reward for their service in building the Panama Canal.

Stickle was 41 years old at this time and he threw himself into a diversity of entirely new commercial jobs which could have been done only by a man of initiative, energy and marked ability. This new career, moreover, was twice seriously interrupted by his being recalled to active duty in military service in both World Wars I and II. Here, his valuable services are a matter of public record.

In his commercial activities, Stickle held a long succession of important positions with large firms covering a multitude of duties, such as purchasing agent, location and estimates for air fields, building and managing manufacturing plants, construction of dams, etc. Among others, he worked for the Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific Construction Company, Dravo Construction Company, S. Deischer & Sons, Jackson Steel Products, Rock Island Manufacturing Company, and Florence Stove Company.

He also served for a while as City Manager of Bay City, Michigan.

Stickle loved the soil so, in 1923, he bought a farm near Midland, Michigan. The house on the farm burned down, so his family followed him wherever his work headquarters were. At 65, he retired from his civilian jobs to his farm where, in the meantime, he had built a house. He called his farm "Stickle's Sterile Acres" and generally followed the name with an invitation, "stop and starve."

Stickle was an individualist with marked personal traits. He lived vitally whatever his surroundings were and he made an impression on any community in which he lived. He managed the company baseball team while employed with Florence Stove Company. He served as Tax Assessor for Lincoln Township, Midland County, Michigan, and also was a member of the local County Board of Supervisors. He saw to it that all his five children received a college education. At the age of 62, he had an emergency appendectomy during the period when his job required much rail travel. He started back to work while a tube for drainage was still necessary, having the nurses at the various railroad stations dress the drain and re-bandage it while he continued his travel from city to city.

He was forthright in expressing himself when there was call therefor. He worked hard but he enjoyed life too. He was a skilled poker and bridge player and enjoyed both of them immensely. He also played cribbage and chess with gusto and skill.

He possessed a delightful sense of humor. I have seen him, when a friend slapped or touched him on the shoulder in a friendly gesture, casually brush off the spot while he continued his conversation. During a discussion with a friend, I have heard him say, "Well, you are right and I am wrong—as you usually are." The friend's discomfiture in each case was always highly amusing to him.

He was a boon companion and never a bromide. When he was a friend, he was a real friend and a joy forever. His career made him a credit to his Alma Mater; to the United States Army; and to his country; while his passing leaves an aching void with his family and his friends.

"He was a man, take him for all in all;
I shall not look upon his like again."

—*F. W. A. '97*

William Howell Williams

NO. 4089 CLASS OF 1902

Died August 11, 1959, at Berkeley, California, aged 78 years, 6 months.

William Howell Williams, the son of a professor, was born in Lancaster, New York. He was appointed to the Academy from Lancaster, and, after preparation for the entrance examinations at Braden's Preparatory School at Highland Falls, New York, entered in June 1898, graduating four years later, B.S. degree. He married Miss Cora S. White at her home in Sacramento, California, in 1910. She is his only survivor.

Upon entrance some upperclassmen bestowed the name "Wildeye" Williams, due to his large, intelligent eyes and to distinguish him from the other Williams in the class above. Thereafter, his classmates never knew him by any other—even now I find it unnatural to speak of him otherwise than "Wildeye." The classes were small in those days, especially ours, which graduated only 54—about half the starters having fallen by the wayside for various reasons. Consequently, we knew each other intimately, and only on official business addressed one by other than his nickname.

Upon expiration of graduation leave a number of us, including "Wildeye," joined our regiment in the Philippine Islands. He chose and was assigned to the Artillery Corps—at that time the Field Artillery and Coast Artillery consituted one arm, and officers assigned to the Artillery attached to one or the other, generally in accordance with their desires. Later, the Artillery Corps was separated into two arms, Field Artillery and Coast Artillery. "Wildeye" went to the Field Artillery, I to the Cavalry. He resigned from the Army in 1906.

I remember seeing him only once after graduation; that was shortly after arriving in the Philippines in the fall of 1902. Seventeen of us were on the October 1st boat, having arrived in San Francisco too late for the September one. "Wildeye" must have been on the latter as he was already

in Manila when we arrived the latter part of October.

What an unusual combination he was: brilliant, but would drift along without too much effort, totally indifferent as to his academic standing. Yet upon reaching a subject in advanced mathematics difficult for many of us he would dig into it with the greatest enthusiasm. So in thinking back through the years of these traits of character when a cadet, we see that he settled in a niche in life best suited to him and where he was no doubt happiest. There his inquiring, searching mind could have full play in his chosen field.

As to his success in it I quote in full a memorandum from a professor emeritus, Department of Physics, University of California, Berkeley, and a letter from his students:

"Memorandum concerning the late Professor William H. Williams appointed instructor in physics July 1, 1919; Associate Professor in 1921; became Professor of Physics in 1928.

"Courses taught: Throughout his career at the University he taught an upper division course in Vector Analysis, which also included tensor analysis. Most of his teaching was on the graduate level; however, he gave courses on Advanced Dynamics, Electron Theory, Quantum Theory, Theory of Relativity, Thermodynamics and Kinetic Theory including Statistical Mechanics.

"Graduate studies at the University of California, 1912-17, Goettingen, 1927-28. He was a member of the American Physical Society.

"The special contribution that Professor Williams made to the Department of Physics is that he initiated advanced instruction in the newer theoretical physics, namely Einstein's Theory of Relativity, of which he was a profound student; Quantum Theory which is the basis of Atomic Theory and Nuclear Physics."

Extract from letter, Dept. of Physics: "Professor Williams came to us as an instructor, inspired with the doctrines of the new theory of relativity, as the department was emerging from its classical phase into the modern atomic age. His keen appreciation and enthusiasm for the new quantum physics, as well as his excellent knowledge of the classical physics, brought to both the members of the staff and our many graduate students, in thermodynamics, statistical mechanics, and kinetic theory through the years, helped to train the many distinguished physicists which this department turned out during his active period of teaching, extending from 1919 to his retirement in 1949. In extending to you our feeling of sympathy in your loss, it is, therefore, fitting that we also tell you what a valuable and important role Professor Williams played in the growth and development of the department and the training of many useful American physicists throughout his many years on our faculty."

Most sincerely,
F. A. Jenkins
Acting Chairman
Department of Physics
University of California

The following is a copy of a letter which accompanied three framed etchings given Professor Williams at his last lecture, June 3, 1949:

"To Professor William Howell Williams: Recognizing your many years as a teacher at the University of California, during which you have ably taught, and inspired your many students, and wishing to honor you for all that you have done for us and our predecessors toward giving us a profound understanding of and a deepened interest in physics, the graduate students of the department, represented by the undersigned, present you on this occasion of your last lecture, these etchings by John Winkler and Roi Partridge as a token of our appreciation and deepest regard. We wish you the best of everything."

This was signed by 120 graduate students of many nationalities.

MILITARY SERVICE

Resignation from the Army accepted 14 Nov 1906. Volunteered for military service upon opening of World War I and commissioned Capt., F.A., 15 Aug 1917.

Rapidly promoted to Major, Lt. Col. and Col.

Whether carried on the records as in Officers' Reserve Corps, National Army or Army of the U.S., no changes in the duties were involved; all were active duty in time of war.

Student Officer, then Statistical Officer, then Director of Instruction at F.A. School of Fire, Fort Sill, Okla., Jan 1918 to Apr 1919.

Assigned to Office of Chief of F.A. April to July 1919.

Honorably discharged 25 July 1919.

Col. Officers' Reserve Corps 2 Jan 1920 to Dec 1929, when appointment terminated.

Returned to active duty as Colonel. Army of the United States, 14 March 1942. Member of National Research Committee, Liaison Section, Development Branch, Requirements Div., Hq. SOS, later Army Service Forces, 21 July 1943 when retired for physical disability. Thereafter in slowly declining health, but returned to his duties in the Dept. of Physics at the University until retired—Professor Emeritus.

DECORATIONS AND AWARDS
World War I Victory Medal
American Campaign Medal
World War II Victory Medal

While it is unfortunate that the Army must lose a mind such as this, he was no doubt of far more value to it and to his country where he chose to study and teach than had he remained in the Army. The part he played in training the many scientists emerging from that great institution at Berkeley since 1919 must have been very great.

And so, as you cross the Great Divide to wait for us in the Valley on the other side we bid you farewell dear old carefree "Wildeye." Well done old man, you were a credit to your country that you served so well. Our ranks are getting thin over on this side; the rest of us will be joining you in time to fall in for the last roll call and answer—HERE.

—Dockery
Class 1902

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Pelham Davis Glassford

NO. 4232 CLASS OF 1904

Died August 9, 1959 at Laguna Beach, California, aged 76 years.

As each of us must do only too soon, Dad turned in his suit of mortality. In many ways he was famous and his name will be remembered in history perhaps as each of us hopes to be remembered by the Corps and by the world. However even Dad's fame must eventually fade and disappear as history unfolds. In these recent weeks I have searched my own soul to find if any man can create something everlasting. Dad's memory provides me a most definite affirmation and as it has been for me, this affirmation will be consolation for all of Dad's associates who, to a man, I know were admirers.

Dad never wavered from his life of fearless honesty and keeping to his principle he never lost a friend. Even after his complete honesty in dealing with the Bonus Marchers in Washington became an important factor in the defeat of President Hoover, there was not a single enemy, neither the ex-President nor any of his followers. This phase of Dad's life, and many others like it, demonstrated the thing that is immortal. His steadfast honesty was an inspiration to thousands of men. Those thousands will achieve some measure of Dad's great character providing inspiration to other thousands and those to the many thousands afterward until the end of man.

This is Dad's immortality. His fame and

his name may soon be forgotten. Even the goodness he inspired will be credited to others. These others are only the men who join his team. The men who wear the kind of suit that can never be turned in. And anyhow, a truly immortal soul never rests uneasy for lack of credit.

—*Pelham D. Glassford, Jr.*
U.S.M.A. '35

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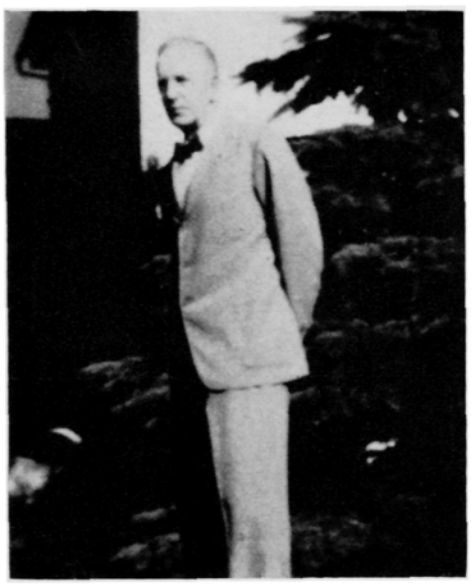
Christopher Jensvold

NO. 4273 CLASS OF 1904

Died March 20, 1959 at Krisan Farm, Sterling, New York. Aged 78 years.

"Chris", as he was affectionately known to his many friends, was born in the then small town of Waterville, Iowa. His parents, Andrew C. and Julia Grangaard Jensvold, were of recent Norwegian descent—and it was this Nordic ancestry that led to Chris's later nickname of "Sky" at the Point.

At the age of 14 Chris graduated from



the LaCrosse, Wisconsin high school with valedictory honors. Already pondering the questions that were destined to puzzle him to the end of his life—those of the meaning of life and death—he entered Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, with the intention of becoming a minister.

Chris was at Luther scarcely a year when the Spanish-American War broke out, and, now 15, he rushed to enlist. The military authorities took a dim view of his scant years but Chris was allowed to drill with Company M of the Third Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Regiment. As soon as he was 16 he was sworn in and served in the Puerto Rican Expedition as a Private. He fought in two big battles: Coama and Aibonito Pass.

When the war ended Chris became interested in entering West Point and won the competitive examination from Wisconsin. He often told the story of his all important interview with the Wisconsin Congressman. Describing himself as something of a country bumpkin, Chris related how he managed to flip a piece of lemon meringue pie into his lap at the luncheon interview. However the Congressman apparently saw through this embarassing mishap and Chris won the appointment and entered with the class of 1904.

At the Point, Chris acquired many life-long friends along with the nickname of "Sky" (Skyweigian). He was a halfback on the Army team for three years and won his letter senior year. His interest in the sport never flagged and it was a rare year when he wasn't on hand to see the traditional battle between Army and Navy. In his later years, when he was too crippled with arthritis to travel, he always got tickets for his daughter and she hasn't missed a year for a long time either.

Chris fought in the Philippines after the Point and then was stationed at Fort Niagara and later at Fort Ontario, Oswego.

His association with Oswego (while still at Fort Ontario he coached Oswego's high school football team on to a victorious year), led to his making that city and area his home after he resigned from the Army. He became owner and operator of the successful Aluminum Container Corporation in nearby Fulton, and directed that business until his retirement in the early 1940's.

Around 1930 Chris bought the beautiful home on Lake Ontario in which he eventually died. Outside, for many years, he kept up one of the most magnificent gardens in the area. Inside, his huge library reflected his taste for reading and his special interest in philosophy and religion.

Chris was well-known in the area not only for his intelligence and business judgment but also as a thorough individualist. One of the best loved stories still told around Fulton happened one noon when most of Main Street was considerably startled by a deafening crash caused by a truch smashing into Chris' new red roadster parked in front of the Chamber of Commerce—all except Chris, who was taking his daily nap on the third floor. When the apologetic truck driver rushed in to tell him the news, Chris' only comment was to admonish the man for disturbing his nap.

On the more serious side, Chris spent much time pondering and discussing with his friends the problems of world brotherhood and peace. And even though he never became a minister, there are few religions he did not undertake to study and understand.

It was Chris' wish that his body be cremated and his ashes scattered among the birches facing the clear blue waters of Lake Ontario. With a simple service, this was done.

He was married and divorced twice; his first wife was the late Elsie Gray of Oswego, and his second the former Anne Archbold of Syracuse.

Chris leaves behind him a son, Gray Jensvold, a daughter, Anne Christine Jensvold Fannin, and a brother, Dr. Orinus Jensvold.

—*Anne Christine Jensvold Fannin,*
his daughter

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William Logan Martin, Jr.

NO. 4640 CLASS OF 1907

Died February 25, 1959 at Birmingham, Alabama, aged 76 years.

Our Sunny Jim has passed on. About the turn of the century there was a daily cartoon advertising a breakfast food. Its leading character was Sunny Jim, always in good humor and bearing an infectious grin. When Logan Martin reported to West Point in 1903 he was quickly recognized as the embodiment of Sunny Jim and was promptly labeled so. He went through life lovingly known as such to his classmates. To the end he maintained the light, playful humor and sudden grin. It shows in the last 1907 class picture at our 50th reunion at West Point in 1957.

The following editorial in the Alabama Journal, Montgomery, February 26, 1959 best tells of Sunny Jim's life in his community and the estimation in which he was held.

"Alabama has suffered a great loss in the death of Judge William Logan Martin, and the state and nation lose a great constitutional lawyer by his passing . .

"Montgomery especially will feel a sense of personal loss in the passing of the head of the large Birmingham law partnership which has handled the legal affairs of the Alabama Power Company for many years.

"Judge Martin lived in Montgomery for many years where his father, for whom he was named served as attorney

general of Alabama.

"Judge William Logan Martin was also judge of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County during his residence here, and he served one term as Attorney General of Alabama and was a former president of the Alabama Bar.

"Following his marriage to Thelma C. Sloss in 1954 their home in Birmingham became a center of interest to friends and congenial companions, and these too, will miss the close personal associations growing out of their warm hospitality.".

William Logan Martin was born in Scottsboro, Alabama, February 20, 1883, grew up in Montgomery and went to West Point in 1903. After graduation in 1907 and a year at the University of Alabama he gained his law degree and entered law practice with his brother Tom in Montgomery. In 1920 he went to Birmingham and set up the law firm of Martin and Blakey. In 1946 and 1947 he was President of The Alabama Bar Association and from 1943 to 1946 served on the Board of Governors of the American Bar Association. From 1937 to his death he was a state delegate to the National Association. He was a member of the Birmingham Bar Association and the New York City Bar Association; a Trustee since

1954 of the Association of Graduates of U.S.M.A.; a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, the Society of Colonial Wars; and of the Army Navy Club of Washington. He belonged to Phi Delta Theta, Theta Nu Epsilon and Phi Delta Phi fraternities. He was a member of Mountain Brook Country Club and the Independent Presbyterian Church of Birmingham."

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As a rule, except for a few, we do not know our classmates very well at West Point. Later service with them and meetings tend to change that. So it was in the past seven years a happy privilege to this writer to visit Logan twice a year over weekends in his beautiful Birmingham home. Also to see him at other times when he was traveling in California, Boston and Washington. He loved to talk on political and economic matters. Law was always a consideration in these things. However, always the talk came back to West Point, the Army and its service to the country, and of old friends and incidents. Long after midnight it would go on with story and laughter. With relish he told me of an exploit he and Andy Lang (roommates) had. It seems they squired two lively and charming young ladies at West Point who taunted them of being slaves after declining to come to dinner at their home in New York. This aroused Andy's ire and pride, so he said, "We'll be there. Make it a little late." Logan proceeded to tell with gusto the detailed plan and how it was carried out. It needs him to tell it. His eyes sparkled and he became again for a moments the Cadet of our youth. Those moments were wonderful! It seems Logan hired a waiter to sleep in his bed and Andy persuaded Pappy Weeks ('08) to sleep in his through inspection. They knew the Tac's unfailing custom of inspecting Logan's division of barracks first and then Pappy's. Pappy would sleep first in Andy's bed and after that inspection would flee to his own before the Tac got there. It worked. Logan told of timing it to get by the sentry while the latter was at the end of his post, of making a quick dash to cover in the moat and then on to the West Shore station. They caught a passenger train, had dinner and an evening of dancing with the ladies and returned on an early morning train for a quick dash into ranks at reveille. The side remarks by both of us kept Sunny's eyes shining. We were briefly young and mischievous again. The return brought near disaster and it was another classic. An instructor who knew them was in the same car. By now Logan was no longer the jurist and lawyer with weighty cares. From then on we swapped stories and comments far into early morning. Our last weekend together preceded his first heart seizure by only one day. Logan's mind was wrapped up with West Point when he could release himself from hard legal duties and studies, and he yearned to have old West Point friends visit him. He was interested in everything and in the views of people. Logan was a stimulating and animated conversationalist, a grand companion.

At West Point he studied law on his own and haunted the library to the detriment of his proper studies. Law was in his blood. His father and brother were an eminent law firm in Montgomery. Shortly before our graduation Logan went to his father's funeral. Family considerations made it necessary for him to resign his commission soon after graduation. He entered the University of Alabama and took his law degree in 1908. Entering the firm with his brother Tom, they built it up to become one of the strongest and best known in the south. Tom became head of Alabama Power Company and in 1922 Logan formed the firm of Martin and Blakey, and became general counsel for Alabama Power.

Logan was nationally well known in the American Bar Association and held important assignments in it as a Director and as head of or member of many committees to make studies and recommendations to the association for its action. He was consulted by lawyers from all over the country. This writer attended with him one annual convention of the American Bar Association, and saw many lawyers, young and old, flocking to his room for advice and discussion. Logan became known as one of the nation's top constitutional lawyers, and carried on extensive correspondence in that connection.

There was much of the idealist and reformer in Logan. Anything that was wrong that could be corrected by law engaged his interest and aid. Matters that affected the nation's walfare, or the state's, challenged him to do something. The writer once told him he was a modern Don Quixote tilting with windmills everywhere. . . . It promoted a near all night session of discussion and fun. He was Assistant Attorney General of Alabama 1911-15 and Attorney General 1915-17. As such he cleaned up terrible conditions in Phenix City, Alabama, and they might have remained so if the War in 1917 had not come. The writer has learned that from there it was but a step for him to Governor of the state. But he resigned to go into the Army. Commissioned in the Air Service he soon gave up his commission as Major, seeing no chance for action, to enter the Field Artillery candidates' school and become a Lieutenant in that branch during the war.

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Logan remained a bachelor until in 1954 he married a lovely southern lady, Thelma Sloss of Birmingham. From then on they had a wonderful and happy home life that was a pleasure to see. It was long coming for Logan. His many years as a bachelor meant a long day in the office and at night long hours in his fine law library studying and writing. That is how he accomplished so much—dedicated to the law, his state and the nation. His was a great loss to his profession, the community, state and nation. Our nation needs men of his caliber. With him West Point lost a devoted son who added luster to its annals and our class lost a distinguished and loved member.

—*C.H.W.*

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Robert Butcher Parker

NO. 4785 CLASS OF 1909

Died September 29, 1958, at Stone Harbor, New Jersey, aged 72 years.

Entering the Military Academy at the age of nineteen, Bob Parker went through the four years of Cadet life quietly, and, without undue effort, graduated in the upper half of his class. Always popular with his classmates, he served as Hop Manager and was generally respected by all his associates. For four years a stalwart player on the hockey squad, he helped to establish this sport at West Point.

Shortly after his graduation he resigned his commission as a Second Lieutenant of Infantry and joined the Packard Motor Car Company in Detroit. From 1911 to 1923 he was associated with ex-Governor Alvin T. Fuller of Massachusetts as a Packard distributor, becoming general manager of this business in Boston. In 1923 he became a partner of Mr. Fuller in the Packard Philadelphia distributorship. He remained in this very successful enterprise as president and general manager until 1949 and served on the Board of Directors of the Packard Motor Car Company for eighteen years.

Upon our entry into World War I, Bob volunteered for duty in the Ordnance Department, being commissioned a Captain in December 1917, and becoming a Major in the fall of 1918. His Army service was mainly as military instructor in the Ordnance Maintenance and Repair School.

Bob married Margaret (Madge) Hockmeyer in 1912. Five children were born: (1) Nancy, the first born, died in infancy. (2) Robert B., Jr., served as a Lieutenant, U.S. Navy, in World War II. He married Harriet Jones in 1937 and is now in business in West Hartford, Conn., with an advertising firm. They have four children, the oldest, Priscilla, being in the Presbyterian School of Nursing in New York City. (3) Ann, married C. Clothier Jones, Jr. (Harriet's brother), in 1940. Her husband also served in the late war as a Navy Lieutenant and is now one of the senior vice-presidents of Penn Mutual. They have a son and a daughter and are building a new home about a mile from Ann's mother's home in Gladwyne, Pa. (4) Patricia (Patsy) married Henry W. Gadsden, now executive vice-president of Merck Drug Company, in 1943. He served in the Army Ordnance during World War II, being discharged as a Lieutenant Colonel. They live in Short Hills, N.J., and have four sons. (5) Douglas S. had his war service as a Lieutenant (bombardier) in the Air Corps. In 1948 he married Virginia C. Barba. They have two children and live in Wyndmere, a short drive from Gladwyne. He is with W. W. Ayer.

Bob was a devoted husband, father and grandfather, and was very proud of his family. Years ago he and Madge turned

their summer home at Pocono Lake Preserve into a guest house for their children and built another for themselves, so that they could have their children and grandchildren with them as much as possible. He was an ardent fisherman, belonging to two or three fishing clubs, and spent nearly every morning in season on the stream.

Bob's interest in church, welfare and civic affairs was unflagging. He was a member of the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, serving as a trustee and for three years as chairman of the Every Member Canvass Committee. He was a director of Babies' Hospital, Philadelphia; a division director of the Philadelphia United War Chest Campaign in 1942; chairman of the Executive Committee of the Philadelphia Cancer Crusade in 1947. His clubs included the Philadelphia Union League and the Merion Cricket Club.

Although he had suffered from a serious arterial condition for some years, the end of Bob's full life came suddenly, while he was spending a weekend with three old friends at Stone Harbor on the South Jersey coast. The funeral services were held in the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church. Burial was in Laurel Hill Cemetery.

Although his adult life was spent mainly in industry, Bob never forgot his Alma Mater or his West Point contemporaries. He was a regular attendant at class reunions and gave generously to class projects. A true friend to his fellow men, he is remembered affectionately by all who were privileged to know him.

—G. L. V. D.

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Oscar Nathaniel Solbert

NO. 4858 CLASS OF 1910

Died in Rochester, N. Y., April 16, 1958, aged 73 years.

All whose privilege it was to know Oscar Solbert, and to be counted among his host of friends near and far, could not fail to sense his very special quality of spirit above and beyond the noisesome dissonances in which Twentieth Century man seems immersed. Merely to receive from him that undecipherable note gave one a lift; a long distance call was a thrill, pleasant though sometimes disconcerting —perhaps a foreign prince would enjoy a dinner-dance next week; while a visit in person was an experience to be cherished down the years.

Now Oscar has left us, quickly as he would have wished, but for us with a feeling that it cannot really be so. Having come to accept his exuberant friendliness as something fixed in our way of life; let us now agree that his spirit, truly out of this world, is with us still.

Oscar's story is so well known, not only to his classmates but to countless others at home and abroad, that biographical details seem quite superfluous. Yet, as we pause to think again of him and of his colorful and outgiving life, it can be refreshing briefly to review some of the highlights.

Born in a little town in Sweden in 1885 one of five children, Oscar came to Worcester, Massachusetts, with his family when eight years old. Always a superior student, he had completed two years at Worcester Polytechnic when he joined us in June of 1906, among the oldest and more experienced of our little group of dazed young Americans. Up in front then, he stayed there throughout his cadet days, taking a zestful interest in all manner of activities as well we remember, until he left four years later with castles on his collar. Whatever present day educators and sociologists may think of that, we can agree it did Oscar no harm, and so he was off blithely on his life's adventure.

This was when the Chief of Engineers had a brilliant idea about a year of travel for his newest charges among the districts and along the Panama Canal, then at the peak of construction effort. All of which Oscar took in stride, actually performing some useful service on the Isthmus despite the skepticism of Colonel Goethals as to the value of our help. There followed Engineer School in Washington and duty at Leavenworth and on the Texas border before assignment to West Point as instructor in engineering under Colonel Fiebeger just as World War I was getting under way. While at the Academy, Oscar was married to Elizabeth Abernathy, the

charming young lady he had met during Leavenworth days.

When we entered the war in 1917, Oscar's services were sought in connection with military intelligence activities based in the Scandinavian countries. As military attaché to Denmark and Norway he collaborated in devising schemes for obtaining vital information from within Germany of great value to the successful operation of our forces on the western front. Besides receiving the DSM and a bevy of Allied decorations for these outstanding services, Oscar was further recognized by his appointment as military attaché to the Courth of St. James for five years 1919 to 1924. During this period he was largely instrumental in establishing the very successful British-American student exchange program supported by the Commonwealth Fund. From this undertaking there developed a lasting association with the British sponsor, Edward, Prince of Wales, whom Oscar, as aide to President Coolidge, was later to accompany during the Prince's American tour in 1924.

But with the war to end wars over, and things back home returning to normalcy, peacetime routine was hardly consonant with Oscar's flair for imaginative thought and restless action. Untrammeled spirits are like that—and we could do with more of them—so with regret but an urge to play a part in the American dream, he left the service to become associated first with a group of young and vibrant entrepreneurs in Chicago and then with Will Hays, head of the Motion Picture Producers Association. It was through this last contact that Oscar came to know some of the people at Eastman Kodak, who were quick to recognize his peculiar gifts. Beginning as assistant to the vice president for sales and advertising, he was later closely associated with Mr. George Eastman who learned to depend upon him more and more for special assignments both here and overseas.

Our entry into World War II naturally found Oscar back in uniform and, as might be expected, he was soon performing signal service in areas sorely needing his unusual talents and experience. After assisting his friend, Anthony Drexel Biddle, ambassador to the exiled European governments in London, he became Chief of Special Services, European Theater of Operations, with rank of Brigadier General, a post for which he was eminently fitted. The war over, Oscar returned to Eastman as a member of their executive staff until his retirement in 1949.

But of course Oscar could never really retire, so he next persuaded those concerned that the George Eastman house, in its square block of spacious grounds, should become the site of a permanent museum of the photographic arts and sciences. As director of this memorial to George Eastman and center of photographic history and contemporary practice, Oscar was able to guide to successful completion an institution of significant value to the future of this vital field of modern life and technology.

At Arlington one can visit a beautiful hillside where we stood briefly to hear the three sharp sounds spoken by the rifles pointed high, and the clear call of taps. And this is as it should be: a memorial where those who loved him may think again of Oscar's spirit which can never die.

—F.S.S.

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Meade Wildrick

NO. 4887 CLASS OF 1910

Died July 25, 1959, at Hope, N. J., aged 72 years.

Meade Wildrick was born into the Army at Fort Hamilton, New York on May 16th, 1887. He was the son of Abram Calvin and Marion White Wildrick. His father, having been graduated from the Military Academy in the class of 1857 and brevetted Brigadier General during the Civil War, was a Colonel of Coast Artillery. His mother was an authoress of no small renown. At the age of five, death claimed both his parents and he went to live with two aunts in Hartford, Connecticut. Though temporarily divorced from the Army, it seems his sights were always set on attending West Point. Accordingly, as a young man, he prepared for the Military Academy at Manilus School in upstate New York.

In 1906 Meade Wildrick entered West Point with the class of 1910 to follow in his father's and older brother's footsteps. From what has been said of his cadet

days, he was a spoony soldier. Yet on the other hand, he was far from an angel. He achieved the distinction of becoming a cadet company commander. He also was tabbed in the 1910 *Howitzer* with the dubious honor of being one of the class "Area Birds." Besides studies, soldiering and brushes with the Tactical Department, he found ample time to drag, inherit the nickname "Skinny", captain the hockey team and be art editor of the *Howitzer*. He often said his ice skating was of doubtful quality, but as the goalie of the Army team, his long arms and legs enabled him to stop pucks with the best of them. One only needs to turn the pages of the 1909 and 1910 *Howitzer* to see ample evidence of his excellent art work.

On graduation from the Military Academy in 1910, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Coast Artillery. He served at several CAC posts until his recall to West Point in 1913 as an instructor of drawing. It is doubtful that the Army could have given him an assignment that could have pleased him more. It was his first opportunity to serve his Alma Mater and repay in part what she had given him.

In the days immediately preceding the United States entry in World War I, he became deeply involved in the Army's civilian training program to prepare officers for the coming emergency. It was at Plattsburg and Fort Monroe that he garnered quite a reputation as in instructor. His efforts went beyond the classrooms and field. His quarters were always a center of social activity for the fledgling officers for whom he was responsible; Friendships were made with these men that would endure a lifetime.

During the War, his reputation as an instructor kept him from going overseas. Although this was one of the biggest disappointments of his life, he plunged into the task of training others to do the job that he would have preferred to do himself. He saw the urgent need for a simplified text on Coast Artillery gunnery that the average civilian officer candidate could understand and master within the short training period allowed. Accordingly he wrote such a book which was adopted and used by the coast artillery school as a standard text for many years. He also authored several articles on the use of railway heavy artillery which were recognized at the time as the accepted doctrine. Along the mechanical line, he donated several patents to the government for new and improved type of depth charges. His efforts were not overlooked. He rose from a Captain to a full Colonel in 18 months, and at one time during the war was the youngest member of the regular Army to wear eagles. He was nominated for promotion to Brigadier General in November 1918 but the Armistice froze all further promotions. In 1919 he finally got overseas where, in Paris, he was instrumental in organizing the first American Legion Post.

In the 20's he saw service in Hawaii, Fort Totten, Fort Leavenworth and again at Monroe. He graduated from the Coast Artillery School in 1926 and the Command and General Staff College in 1927. While in Hawaii, he invested the Sesame Lock, a keyless lock, for almost any type of use. Together with several civilian friends, he formed the Sesame Lock Co. of Hartford, Connecticut which prospered for many years.

From 1928 to 1936, he served in various military capacities in Wilmington, Delaware, New York City and the Canal Zone. In Wilmington he was the Army adviser to the Delaware Organized Reserve. Through his influence, the emphasis on training the Reserve Components in Delaware was switched from Infantry to Coast Artillery Anti-Aircraft. In Panama he served with the 4th CAC Regiment at Fort Amador.

In 1936 Meade Wildrick retired from the Army on physical disability after 30 years of service. He took up residence in New York City where he became associated with Francis I. du Pont & Co. and later with Birmingham, Castleman, & Pierce, Advertising. He was Vice President of the latter company. While in New York he was quite active in the West Point Society. He later became president of this organization. His clubs included the Military Naval Club, The Metropolitan Club, both of New York City, and the Wilmington Country Club and University Club of Wilmington, Delaware.

Just prior to the United States' entry into World War II, he returned to active

duty and was assigned as Public Relations Officer at West Point. No assignment could have meant more to him. With his experience and contacts in civilian advertising, he was eminently qualified for this position. He worked unceasingly to better acquaint the nation with the role of the Military Academy in war and peace and its close association with the destiny of our country. Under his supervision and guidance, several motion pictures on West Point were made and released on a national scale and at least five books were published about West Point, past and present. The welcome sign on "Quarters #86" was always out and the house was continually full of cadets, old classmates and army friends, reporters, sports writers, VIP's from Washington and the like. Meade Wildrick never tired in expounding to all on West Point's value to the nation. He took as a personal affront any critism or unfavorable publicity of the Military Academy appearing in the countries' newspapers and rebutted them at every opportunity. During his tour of duty he was elected to the Board of Trustees of the Association of Graduates and was awarded the Legion of Merit by the Superintendent.

At War's end in 1945, he returned to New York City and semi-retirement. He remained active in the West Point Society of New York and was elected President of the Military Naval Club. Shortly after his return to civilian status, he was also elected as an Honorary Trustee for life on the Board of Trustees of the Association of Graduates. He esteemed no higher honor.

Alternating in winter and summer between New York and his country residence, Wildrick Corners, in Blairstown, New Jersey, he busied himself with oil paintings and many civic affairs. He was quite active until he suffered a stroke in the fall of 1949. Under the loving care of his wife, Beatrice, he was made as comfortable as humanly possible. Although he was incapacitated, his many friends never forgot him. Some ten years after suffering his initial stroke, he died peacefully on July 25th, 1959 at Blairstown.

With his wife Beatrice, his daughter Belle Giles of Wilmington, Delaware, and his son Meade Jr., Major USA, Class of 1947, and a few close family and friends present, Meade Wildrick was buried with simple military honors at the post cemetery at West Point beside his father and mother. It is quite fitting that the Military Academy be his final resting place. Among the many graduates of West Point, Meade Wildrick had no peer in his devotion and loyalty to his Alma Mater and to the ideals for which it stands.

While still a young officer, Meade Wildrick married Belle O'Driscoll Battie in Savannah, June 4th, 1913. Belle, their daughter, was born July 26, 1917, at Fort Monroe and is now married to Dr. Junuis Giles, Wilmington, Delaware, and has three children. Young Meade was born September 18th, 1922, and is at present a Major serving in Hawaii. He is married to Anne Christian of Richmond, Virginia, and they have two children. In 1938 Meade Wildrick and Belle, his wife, were divorced and in 1940 he married his present wife.

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Pearl Lee Thomas

NO. 5061 CLASS OF 1912

Died August 10, 1959, at Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, D.C., aged 69 years.

This obituary will record to a multitude of friends, both in and out of the Services, the death of Colonel Pearl L. Thomas at Walter Reed Hospital on August 10, 1959.

Born in Monroeville, Ohio, the son of Elton B. Thomas and Harriet Rush Thomas, Tommy was appointed to West Point from the fifth district of Ohio and graduated in the class of 1912.

He and Gladys Booth, daughter of General E. E. Booth, were married in Douglas, Arizona, November 4, 1916. Both she and a son, Booth Thomas, formerly Captain, U.S. Army, survive him.

Tommy's first command after graduation, was in the 6th Cavalry with which he moved from Fort DesMoines to Texas City, Texas. He returned to this regiment some fourteen years later as a Squadron Commander.

Other Cavalry units in which he held commands, were the 12th in Panama; the 7th at Fort Bliss; the 3rd at Fort Myer, Va. and the 2nd Brigade of which he was Executive Officer.

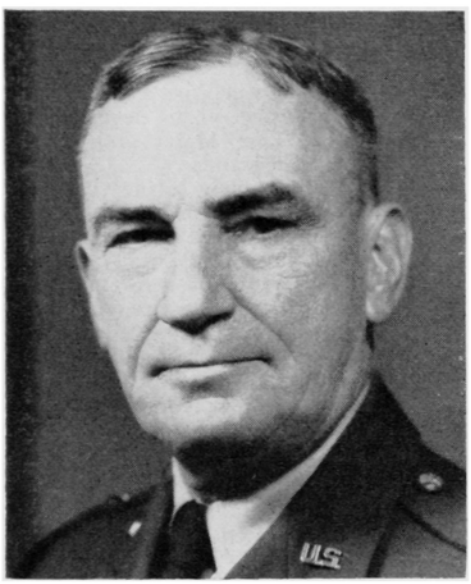
Other varied services included duty as

an Aide to General Bell; Provost Marshal of New York City; Motor Transport Corps, Washington; Instructor in The Cavalry School at Fort Riley; General Staff, Headquarters, Philippine Department and Washington, D.C.; and The Inspector General's Department.

During World War I his service was all within the United States. When World War II was imminent, he served with the 1st Armored Division; and with the formation of the Sixth Armored, commanded the 68th Armored Regiment in it.

Tommy had been selected for and had completed all the schools of the Army, including the Army War College. He was a distinguished graduate of the Command and General Staff School and a graduate of the Navy War College.

His World War II service was all in the Southwest Pacific, where he was Liaison Officer with the Australian Army, Australia and New Guinea; General Staff I Corps, New Guinea, Philippines and Japan (this duty covered four years); then to duty in Washington, where he retired in



1949, after over 41 years of valiant service.

His quiet, substantial personality brought him a host of friends whom he dearly cherished and enjoyed. He had learned the art of acquiring and keeping them. He was thoroughly and completely loyal and devoted to the Army and to West Point and lived to the full the principles of both.

After his retirement, he dovoted much time and effort to visiting those of the Army in Walter Reed Hospital who had had the same desperate cardiac operation as his own.

Courageous, capable and competent, Tommy greeted the world with supreme good nature and modesty. His memory will long remain with us.

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John Hartwell Hinemon, Jr.

NO. 5068 CLASS OF 1912

Died March 4, 1959, at Little Silver, New Jersey, aged 69 years.

On March 2d, 1908, there entered the East Sally Port a blithe and handsome young son of Arkansas who, of all the 164 plebes making their first fateful step into the rigors of military life, was probably the least daunted by the combined menace of welcoming detail, tacs, and yearlings. It was well said by a classmate that Heinie must have absorbed more than his share of Arkansas sunshine to be able, even in the cold, gray dawn of a winter reveille, to preserve and to reflect upon his fellows his unfailing and exuberant spirits. His entire life was a supreme example of the Victory of Spirit which could not be downed even by the long succession of devastating blows which finally stilled his great heart. Such a Spirit is eternal. At the time of his earthly demise, another classmate wrote his bereaved wife, Mildred: "I think—Heinie's great fight against odds—the most inspiring of examples for all of his classmates. Your sorrow must be tempered with joy in the thought of an indomitable soldier marching on to Glory!"

One does not easily associate such a sunny disposition with grim and determined effort. Yet by such effort, Heine fought his way onto the USMA fencing teams of 1911 and 1912. In 1912, his well-trained and adroit left wrist contributed mightily to giving West Point the Intercollegiate Fencing Championship of that year. Then he graduated, and became a lowly 2d Lieutenant of Infantry. At Sheridan, Wyoming, he and Mildred Massey were united in marriage. As his faithful life-mate, she eventually became his eyes, ears, hand and heart during his last fight. Their one daughter married John W. Grant, in 1940. Colonel Grant died suddenly of a heart attack, in Japan in 1957, leaving Martha with her four children.

Heinie became 1st Lieutenant in 1916, Captain in 1917, and temporary Major in October, 1917. Meantime, he received the Mexican Border Medal. He was selected to organize and train the 51st Telegraph Battalion in San Antonio, Tex. He took this unit overseas in August, 1918, where it became the 7th Corps Telegraph Battalion, building communication lines in the Vosges Sector, with billets in French barracks at Remiremont. In September, 1918, he left the battalion to join the 42nd Division Signal Section. He was then assigned as Signal Officer, 89th Division which position he held until the end of World War I. In the Army of Occupation in 1919, he commanded the 89th Division Technical School. He was awarded the Victory Medal with two bronze stars (Argonne Defensive Sector and Argonne Attack). He ended the war as temporary Lieutenant Colonel.

After the war, Heinie was selected to attend the Communications Course in Yale University, 1920. He graduated from the Command and General Staff School in 1926 (as Distinguished Graduate). He was Personnel Officer of the Signal Corps 1927-30. Assistant Military Attaché, U.S. Embassy in Berlin, 1931-33. He took the Advanced Course, Signal School in 1933-34. Again Personnel Officer, Signal Corps, 1934-38. He graduated from the Army War College in 1938, and became Signal Officer, Fifth Corps Area in Columbus, Ohio.

The above record proves unmistakeably that Heine was on the way to outstanding success in his career. But the Guiding Hand of the Universe decreed that he was to prove his fine mettle in another kind of warfare. At the very height of his powers, he was stricken by deadly Parkinson's Disease! For this cause, he was retired as Colonel, November 30, 1940. Here was a hopeless fight, against cruel odds. But Heinie did not quit, and never stopped smiling. The warm sunshine of Arkansas continued to shine about him. He bought a wood-working set from a classmate and moved to a 10-acre farm in Scobeyville, N.J., which he and Mildred had bought for their next billet. There they began his last and most inspiring campaign of all.

Overflowing with love for mankind, he had to build up a new associative life, to replace the Army which he had to leave behind him. He became Master, Washington Lodge NR 9, F&AM, Eatontown N.J.; Sojourners Club No. 155, Fort Monmouth, N.J.; Member of Trenton Consistory of Trenton, N.J.; Member of Crescent Temple, Trenton, N.J. Of course, he was also Member of the West Point Society of New York.

On the farm, Heinie and Mildred labored. They raised turkeys, ducks, chickens, pheasants, and parakeets. They

developed a fine garden, and they always had a pig or two to put in deep freeze. At last, however, Heinie wrote: "We found the farm a little too rugged for us." So they moved to the pleasant town of Little Silver, N.J., as the Ultima Thule. From here Heinie wrote in 1952: "Just now we are living a rather quiet life, as my health has been a little below par the past two years." Thus simply did this great soldier speak of the devastating blows which were being rained down on his poor weary frame!

That year, 1952, was our Fortieth Reunion at West Point. It was a gay and happy gathering. The gayest and happiest classmate present was Heinie. He came in his wheel chair, with Mildred as his faithful nurse and attendant. He could not walk. He could scarcely move. He spoke only with a great effort. Yet his chair was constantly surrounded by a throng of classmates and wives, laughing uproariously and weeping a bit on the side. But Heinie was not weeping. With the same old dauntless smile, he gave forth a continual succession of gay anecdotes which made us laugh in spite of the tears. It was a miracle of spirit. But this was not the end of the battle.

Little by little, all of his faculties were taken from him. At first he continued to

communicate with his friends from his typewriter. Then he lost control of his fingers. Next went the power of speech. Then he lost his sight. But never his courage nor his blithe spirits.

Shelley might have been writing of Heinie when he put this down:

"To suffer woes which Hope thinks infinite;
To forgive wrongs darker than death or night;
To defy Power which seems omnipotent;
To love and bear; to hope till Hope creates
From its own wreck the thing it contemplates;
Neither to change, nor falter, nor repent;
This, like thy glory, Titan, is to be
Good, great and joyous, beautiful and free;
This is alone Life, Joy, Empire, and Victory."

In his message to the Class in 1952, Heinie wrote: "Our love goes to all members of the big 1912 family, and may you each have many more years of health and happiness. We send our sincerest sympathy to those who have lost dear ones, and our hope that time has healed, at least partially, their grief and loneliness". To Mildred, this now we pray for you!

The World is too much inclined to measure greatness by high position. We now believe, as a classmate wrote to Mildred, "Here passed one of the greatest of them all." From this great and everlasting spirit, may there be reborn strength and invincible courage for Alma Mater, whom he loved, and for Country, to which he dedicated his life. Well done thou good and faithful servant!

—B. G. Chynoweth

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Joseph Frank Richmond

EX-CADET OF 1912

Died May 5, 1959, at Nashville, Tennessee, aged 69 years.

Colonel J. Frank Richmond, Sr., (USA-Ret'd), died in Nashville, Tennessee, on 5 May 1959, following a lengthy illness. He was buried in Cookeville, Tennessee, where he had spent much of his childhood and early manhood, as well as several years of his retired life.

Colonel Richmond was born in Flynn's Lick, Jackson County, Tennessee, on 28 September 1889. He was the second son of James Franklin and Ova Moore Richmond. His brother, Colonel Henry Russell Richmond, who was also a cavalry officer in the United States Army, preceded him in death by several years.

After completing his early education in the schools in Cookeville, Colonel Richmond entered the United States Military Academy in 1908.

He began a long and colorful career in the United States Cavalry when he enlisted in the 15th Cavalry Regiment in December of 1909. Commissioned a Second Lieutenant on 30 November 1912, he joined the 10th Cavalry Regiment at Forth Ethan Allen, Vermont, in March, 1913. Later that year he was sent to Fort Huachuca, Arizona. In 1916, he went into Mexico with the expedition under General Pershing in pursuit of Francisco Villa. When the expedition was withdrawn in 1917, he returned to Fort Huachuca, where he was promoted to Major. In 1918, he saw service briefly at Fort Hancock, Georgia; Fort Bliss, Texas; Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and again returned to Fort Huachuca. In 1920, he began a five year tour of duty at the Home of the Cavalry, Fort Riley, Kansas. For the seven years between 1925 and 1932, Colonel Richmond was stationed at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, leaving there to go to Nashville, Tennessee, as senior cavalry instructor with the National Guard. In 1937, he was ordered to duty at Fort Bliss, Texas, and in 1941, he returned to Tennessee, this time as personnel advisor on the staff of Lieutenant General Ben Lear in Memphis. When the 15th Cavalry Regiment was reactivated at Fort Riley, Kansas, in 1942, Colonel Richmond was assigned to command the regiment he had enlisted in as a young man. His service in

World War II carried him into the Pacific area, where he was commander of a Replacement Depot in New Caledonia from May 1943 until late 1945. It was during this tour of duty that Colonel Richmond was awarded the Legion of Merit on 16 August 1945. Following a leave of absence upon his return to the United States, he was assigned to Fort Knox, Kentucky, in February, 1946, as commanding officer. He left this post to retire in 1947, after thirty-eight years of service.

After his retirement, Colonel Richmond took up residence in Cookeville, Tennessee. He was appointed as Field director of Civilian Defense of the Middle Tennessee area, covering fifty-eight counties in 1951, when he moved to Nashville. Ill health forced his retirement from this position in December, 1957. As soldier and civilian, he had served his beloved state with a devotion known only to native sons.

A true soldier at heart, Colonel Richmond tried always to hold high the motto of the Academy. His sense of duty to his country honored the service he loved so well. No finer tribute could be paid to his memory than that a lifelong friend and fellow officer remembered him thus—"He had three outstanding qualities—high ideals, a hard worker and a very keen sense of humor. His laugh was long, loud and spontaneous."

In 1952, Colonel Richmond married the former Abigail Sparkman who survives. Other survivors include his stepmother, Mrs. Josie Lee Richmond, Cookville, Tennessee; his daughters, Mrs. Charles G. Meehan, wife of Colonel Charles G. Meehan, USA-Ret'd (USMA 1924), and Miss Susan Richmond, Cincinnati, Ohio; his sons, Captain J. F. Richmond, Jr., currently stationed in Frankfurt, Germany, and Harry B. Richmond, East Haven, Connecticut; his stepdaughter, Mrs. Louise Leeman of Detroit, Michigan; nine grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

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Hugh Allen Ramsey

NO. 5520 CLASS OF 1916

Died February 25, 1959, at Lisbon, Ohio, aged 68 years.

Hugh Allen Ramsey, the son of Allen A. and Mary Pritchard Ramsey, was born in Lisbon, Ohio, December 31, 1890. It was there that he obtained his early education, graduating from high school in 1909. In the intervening period, prior to entering the Military Academy, he spent a year teaching in a country school and, later, spent one year studying at Ohio State University.

When Hugh reported as a new Cadet on June 14, 1912, it was soon apparent that he did not intend to take his West Point training lightly. He consistently applied his best efforts to anything that he undertook whether it was in the halls of the Academic Building or with the Cullum Hall football squad or the target range where he earned his Expert Rifleman badge. "Duke" (his Cadet nickname) was modest and unassuming. He graduated well in the upper half of his class, and he left West Point with an enviable reputation for cooperation and dependability.

In June of 1916 when the clouds of World War I grew blacker and blacker across the ocean, a training camp had been established at Plattsburg, New York, for civilians who volunteered for short periods of military instruction. Providing adequate instructors was a problem for the small regular army of that era and volunteers were requested from the graduates of 1916. "Duke" saw this as an opportunity to acquire additional experience before reporting to his first command and gave up the major portion of his graduation leave to serve as an instructor.

In late September 1916 he reported for duty as a Coast Artillery Officer in the Coast Defenses of Boston where he served until August 1918, first at Fort Revere and later at Fort Banks. Then he joined the 50th Artillery, a regiment of heavy mobile guns, organized for service in France, at Ft. Eustis, Virginia. The regiment arrived in France on October 24th. To his keen disappointment he was detached at once and ordered to the Heavy Artillery School at Angers. There he was when the Armistice shattered all his hopes for front line service. Then he was ordered to the port of Brest where, for almost eight months, he went through a series of assignments such as fell to so many regular offi-

cers in speeding the rest of the A.E.F. homeward.

On July 11, 1919, he was back in the United States. Several more months of duty at various demobilization camps were to be his lot before he joined the 56th Artillery in October. With that regiment he served, first at Fort Schuyler, New York, and then at Camp Jackson, South Carolina, until October 1920. Then he was detailed in the Ordnance Department and stationed at Raritan Arsenal, New Jersey.

Like all his classmates, the expansion of the Army had given Hugh his promotion to Captain in the regular army in 1917 and in April 1921 the vacancy existed for his promotion to Major. Due, however, to the delay of Congress in acting on the nominations, a year went by before his commission was issued in the spring of 1922. At that time he was back on Artillery duty at Fort Hancock, New Jersey. Hardly had he donned his gold leaves when the news broke that Congress was directing a reduction in the regular Army that would force out more than 2000 offi-

cers and cause the demotion of many others. This was a discouraging outlook and Hugh asked to be discharged in December 1922.

After leaving the service he first took a position in the engineering department of the Los Angeles Gas and Electric Company but gave this up to return to Ohio to become Assistant Secretary of The Peoples Savings and Loan Association in Lisbon. His father, who had founded the business in 1899, was then its Secretary.

In 1934 he succeeded his father as Secretary and Manager, a position he held until 1943. From April of that year until June 1944 he served as a Captain in the Army Air Corps, most of the time as a ground officer at an Air Base in Nebraska. He then returned to Lisbon and resumed his former position with the Peoples Savings and Loan Company, which he held until September 1957.

He was a lawyer for the company and also had some private practice, having passed the bar examinations in 1927 after studying law at Western Reserve University in Cleveland. He was a Justice of the Peace in Columbiana County from 1943 to 1957. He also operated a farm on his days off and after hours.

Hugh married Lenore Stack in Boston in 1920, a marriage that ended in divorce in 1925 and he never remarried. His only son, James A. Ramsey, graduated from Harvard University, served in the army in World War II, and now is in the foreign service in Russia.

For several years prior to his death Hugh had been in ill health but refused to take his condition seriously until it was too late for a doctor to help him. Quiet and unassuming as we had known him as a cadet, so he was to the end, giving of himself unstintingly to everything he undertook.

"May it be said 'Well done,'
Be thou at peace."

—*E. G. Bliss*, '16

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William Edgerton Morehouse

NO. 5567 CLASS OF 1916

Died December 26, 1958, at Veterans Hospital, Long Beach, California, aged 67 years.

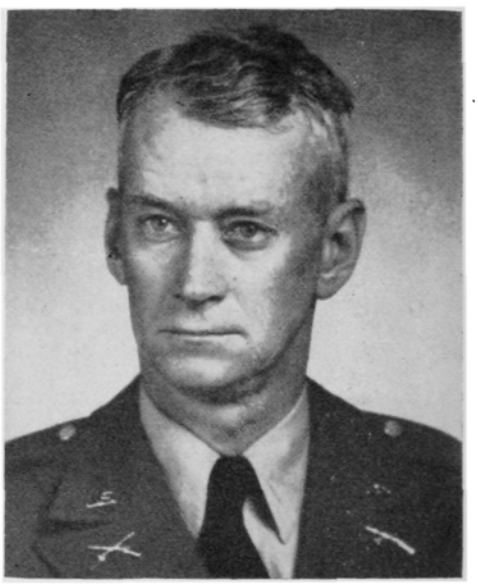
William Edgerton Morehouse was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on March 8, 1891. There he spent his early life and attended school. In 1911 he received a Senatorial appointment from his native state and entered West Point with the class of 1915. In June 1912, however, he was turned back by the Academic Board to join the then-entering class of 1916. If this was a disappointment he did not show it and his new class found him to be a most welcome addition. With the experience he had gained in that previous year he was able to help many a plebe of 1916 over the rough spots of that first year.

The Academic Department was now no longer a problem for "'Spider," the name by which he was affectionately known to his classmates on account of his wiry athletic build. He became a regular frequenter of the gym and started setting records for himself and his class in intramural athletics. In the fencing and broadsword squads he was outstanding but boxing was where he really shone. In the Indoor Meet he won the lightweight championship of the Corps. It was reported that his home town paper ran a front page news item hailing Milwaukee's lightweight champion. But it is not for his athletic accomplishments that his classmates remember "Spider" in his cadet days. They found in him a man who was dependable, a man of strong, but modest and unassuming, character. A classmate once summed it up, saying, "Morehouse is a friend that you are proud to know."

After graduation he joined the 7th Infantry at El Paso, Texas, and served on the Border Patrol with that regiment until May, 1917. The regiment was then transferred to Camp Colt at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, where it was reorganized, and began intensive training for service in France. The reorganization brought "Spider" his promotion to Captain. November of that year found him en route with his regiment to join the A.E.F. There he had combat service in the Vosges sector and, later, in the Argonne Offensive where he was serving as a Major when the Armistice brought the war to an end.

The strain and exposure of his field service during the rugged weather of the fall of 1918 had undermined his health. He was hospitalized and there the doctors found that he had contracted T.B. In January, 1919, he was sent back to the tuberculosis hospital at Oteen in the North Carolina mountains. There his health improved after a year of treatment but not sufficiently for him to return to duty. He was retired for disability February 20, 1920.

The first years after his retirement he spent travelling as representative of a New York business firm, in South America, Europe and Asia. In 1924 he returned to Milwaukee as an engineer with the Wisconsin Telephone Company. It was during this period that he married Ruth Woodward. They had one son, William Edgerton Morehouse, Jr., now living in San Clemente, California. After several years with the telephone company "Spider" moved to Los Angeles where, from 1930 to 1934, he had a chicken ranch. Then he moved farther south to San Clemente. There he remained until 1940 when he went to The Citadel, the South Carolina military academy in Charleston, as Assistant Commandant of Cadets. He remained there until 1945 when he moved to Wash-



ington, D.C., staying until 1955. In early 1956 he was touring in Europe. It was then, while in Naples, that he was seized with the illness from which he never fully recovered. The medical officers of the American headquarters in Naples decided that he needed hospital treatment that could not be given in Europe, and he was transferred as a patient to Fitzsimmons Army Hospital in Denver, Colorado. There it was determined that his case was chronic and he was transferred to the Veterans Hospital at Long Beach, California, where he would be near his son's home in San Clemente.

It was there that he died on December 26, 1958. A good soldier, a true friend, a loyal son of West Point.

—*E. G. Bliss*, '16

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Richard Bryan Wheeler

NO. 6253 CLASS OF NOVEMBER 1918

Died July 25, 1959 in USNH, Portsmouth, Virginia, aged 61 years.

Richard Bryan Wheeler, son of John Richard and Gabriella Wheeler, was born at Edenton, North Carolina, where he grew to manhood. At an early age he displayed his liking for the military and when

he was old enough he joined the North Carolina National Guard and was on duty with them on the Mexican border in 1916 when he received his appointment to West Point. He entered with the "Juliets" and was soon known to all as "Mr. Wheelah, Suh, from North Carolina, Suh!"

Early graduation on account of the war found Dick in the Infantry, and after a short course at the Infantry School, then at Camp Benning, Georgia, he was sent to Europe in early 1919 where he remained with the Army of Occupation until 1922. Returning to the States he went to the Tank School at Camp Meade, Maryland.

While on leave at his home in 1923, Dick met a charming young lady, Margaret Williams from Durant, Oklahoma, who was visiting at Edenton. He went into action and soon convinced her she was to become Mrs. Richard Wheeler. They were married in Durant, Oklahoma, in 1924. To this happy union two daughters were born, Margaret, now Mrs. Harry M. Kemp, and Jean, now Mrs. Falkner Heard, Jr.

In 1927 Dick was selected to attend the

French Tank School at the École de Guerre at Paris, France. From 1930-34 he was with the tanks at Fort Meade, Maryland, and Fort Benning, Georgia. Then followed a tour with the Infantry at Vancouver Barracks, Washington, and in Panama. He returned to the States in 1940 and was again with the tanks. At the outbreak of World War II he was utilized to train armored troops at various camps and stations throughout the United States. In 1944 he was ordered to Europe with Patton's 3rd Army. With the defeat of Germany he returned to the States for a short tour, but was again assigned to Europe in 1947 with the occupation forces. He was in command of a Military District with Headquarters at Bad Nauheim, Germany. Upon completion of this duty his next and last assignment was to Houston, Texas, in charge of Reserve Training and Affairs. He remained on this duty until his retirement on July 31, 1953.

After his retirement he lived in Houston for a while and then moved to Bayside, Virginia, where he personally supervised and helped build a beautiful home. Dick participated in civic affairs and was particularly interested in boys and helped many with their schoolwork. Their grades improved to such an extent that he was asked to assume the professorship of mathematics in the local high school but had to turn it down on account of his health. For many years he had been afflicted with cirrhosis of the liver. Finally it became so acute he could carry on no longer and entered the Naval Hospital at Portsmouth, Virginia, where he answered the last roll call on July 25, 1959.

Dick dearly loved the service and his work, and performed every job cheerfully and enthusiastically to the very best of his ability.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Margaret, two daughters, their husbands, and four grandchildren, Margaret and Harry M. Kemp, Jr., and Falkner III and Victoria Louise Heard.

Dick's earthly remains were laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery on July 28, 1959, in the presence of his sorrowing family and a host of friends.

—*Fred Pearson*
A Classmate

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Godfrey Douglas Adamson

NO. 6557 CLASS OF 1920

Died September 11, 1959, at San Francisco, California, aged 61 years.

Godfrey Douglas Adamson was born Sept. 8, 1898, at Louisville, Kentucky, to the Rev. George and Mrs. Mary Adamson. His boyhood was spent in that city and in nearby Illinois. He graduated from the Joy Illinois High School in June 1915, and spent the next two years in Blackburn College, Carlinville, Illinois. With the onset of World War I he immediately enlisted in the newly formed Army Air Corps and quickly rose to non-commissioned rank. Later when he realized that most of that branch was doomed not to see active service in World War I he took the competitive examination for West Point and entered the Academy in June 1918.

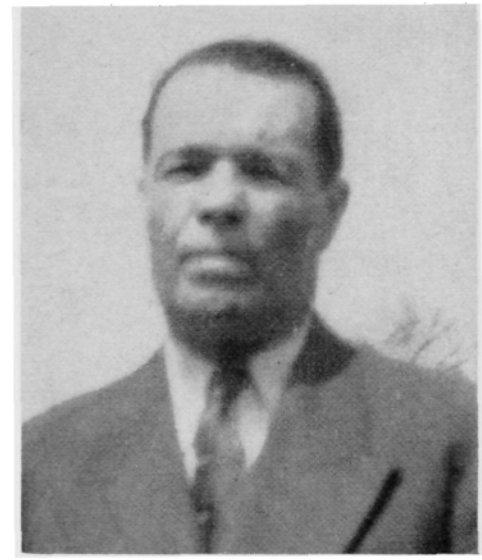
Lacking the pounds and the inches for varsity athletics, he nevertheless made the football squad. He expended part of his abundant enthusiasm and drive in writing for, and editing, student publications. His innate friendliness and irresistible smile made him popular with all who knew him and the friendships he formed at the Academy remained his for the rest of his life.

Although he was never a bookworm, he ranked very close to the top of his class. Upon graduation in 1920 he chose the Field Artillery over the Engineers, however, and with about sixty of his classmates was assigned to Camp Knox, Kentucky, to take the Basic Course of the Field Artillery School. Again the academic course was not sufficient to absorb his overflowing energy and he managed the student basketball team. Louisville, only a few miles from Camp Knox, was a familiar stamping ground. He employed his weekends there to such good advantage that shortly after the school year was over, he was married at Kokomo, Indiana, to Miss Ruby Myrtle Dickason, daughter of Mr. Walter and Mrs. Matilda Dickason. To their union two children were born, Mary Eleanor in 1922 and Godfrey Douglas Jr. in 1931.

Godfrey, like all other officers commissioned in the years immediately following World War I was caught behind a Promotion List, "Hump," and perforce spent the next two decades in junior grades in the Field Artillery. He was just attaining the rank and seniority which would permit his assignment to tasks more nearly commensurate with his abilities when he was retired in the rank of Major for physical disability on Oct. 31, 1940.

He retired to his beloved Louisville, and most of the rest of his life was spent there except for several years at Nashville, Tenn., while his son was attending Vanderbilt Medical School. He had several long periods of hospitalization which prevented his taking a very active part in civic and business affairs. He was always active in the affairs of his church, the Bardstown Road Presbyterian, and in the affairs of Masonic Order. Unable to return to active service in World War II he participated vicariously through the activity of his daughter who served as a Lieutenant, J.G., in the U.S. Navy.

I had the good fortune to see Godfrey several times in the last few years during periods when he came West to visit his daughter and her children at Vallejo, California. I am happy to report that he retained his disarming grin and his enthusiasm and keen interest in every facet of life



While on such a visit this year he died quite suddenly of bronchial pneumonia on Sept. 11, 1959, at Letterman Army Hospital in San Francisco, California. He was buried in the National Cemetery at the Presidio of San Francisco.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ruby Adamson, 1907 Deer Park Rd., Louisville, Kentucky; his daughter, Mrs. John Miller, 1105 Shasta St., Vallejo, California; his son, Captain G. Douglas Adamson, M.D., U.S.A.F., 747 Upchurch Circle, Montgomery, Alabama; and five grandchildren.

With his death, the State has lost a devoted patriotic citizen; all who knew him have lost a loyal friend; and his family has lost a loving husband and father.

—*John R. Culleton*
Colonel U.S.A. (Retired)
U.S.M.A. 1920

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Martin Charles Casey

NO. 6685 CLASS OF 1920

Died May 17, 1959, at Los Angeles, California, aged 61 years.

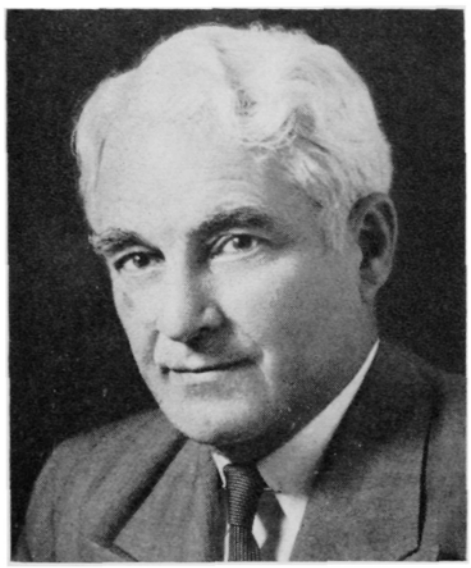
When Martin Charles (Pat) Casey on May 17, 1959, stepped across the horizon that separates mortal life from the promise of a greater being in the eternal hereafter, he stepped into the presence of his Maker,

who must have been satisfied that here was a man who had accomplished all that was expected of him.

Pat Casey lived a full life in the span of 61 years allotted to him. It was an unselfish life, one that embraced countless of his associates. No person ever moved in and out of Pat's sphere of activities without having benefited in one way or another from the experience. Pat gave freely of his time, talents and money to help his fellow men; his reward was their respect and love. He was the type of man who would always reason this to be a fair exchange.

Born June 7, 1897, Martin Charles Casey decided in 1916 he wanted a military career. He entered the Military Academy at West Point and graduated with the class of 1920. A good student and athlete, he absorbed the qualities that were to make him a good officer. Marksmanship, boing, wrestling, horsemanship and music were some of his school activities. He also sang in the Catholic choir.

After graduation, Pat served twice at



Fort Monroe, Virginia, being assigned to the Coast Artillery; Fort Randolph, Canal Zone; Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, recruiting; and Fort Kamehameha, Honolulu. He was retired for physical reasons in 1931 from Letterman General Hospital in San Francisco. It was said of him then that he had top rating as an officer and distinguished himself during each assignment.

Top rating just came naturally to Pat Casey. He entered the Stanford Law School in 1931 and graduated in 1934—again with distinction. He and his family located in Colton, adjacent to San Bernardino, California, and he opened law offices in both cities. In a short time he became City Attorney of Colton, a post he held for 19 years. In the meantime, he was building a tremendous private practice in San Bernardino, also taking an active part in the social, political and business life of the two communities.

He helped organize the Orange Belt Federal Savings and Loan Association of Colton, was a Director for 23 years and also served as Chairman of the Board and Vice-president. He was President of the San Bernardino County Bar Association; held a similar office with the Knights of Columbus, of which he was a Fourth Degree Knight; was a member of the Rotary and Wilsonian Clubs, the American Legion and a leading figure in the Democratic Party, having been Campaign Chairman for Congressman Harry R. Sheppard. During World War II he was a member of the Selective Service Appeals Board.

A public speaker of note and an excellent tenor, whose voice held the qualities found so often in the Irish, Pat Casey was always in demand wherever people were moved to assemble. Humorous and with a sharp wit that was best in repartee, Pat was an inexhaustible source of information on one hand and an irrepressible entertainer on the other. It is a rare combination that few possess, but Pat had both in abundance.

No one could appeal to Pat without arousing his sympathies and desire to help. The demands upon him were constant and weighed more heavily with the passing years. He was spread too thin, but he just couldn't find any duties not worth his full attention. In 1951 nature moved in with a coronary thrombosis to slow him down, but not sufficiently for his own good.

Earlier this year he had another heart attack and rallied for a time, but the toll had been taken and, after several relapses, Pat found the rest and peace that he had denied himself throughout his active life. His death brought sorrow to two communities and an outpouring of friends from far and wide.

So well had Pat built by his good deeds that no other monument was necessary to apprise others of his worth. An overflowing church at the funeral services was testimony to the place Pat held in the hearts of his fellow men. Leaders of both communities and scores more from as far away as the Middle East and East bent a knee in silent, sad tribute to a man who had been their man, but now was called elsewhere.

The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy, Bishop of the San Diego Catholic Diocese, broke tradition when he elected to sing the Mass. It was the first time in the history of Colton that this had transpired. It was just another indication that Pat Casey had lived well, built solidly in a spiritual manner and was now reaping the rewards of his unfailing efforts. The Knights of Columbus were subsequently to present to the Immaculate Conception Church in Colton, where Pat Casey was a member for years, a chalice in his memory. This and other tributes continued for a long time.

Surviving Martin Charles Casey, soldier, lawyer, businessman, benefactor, husband and father, are his widow, Heloise; two daughters, Colleen Stoll of San Diego, Kathleen Gold of Chicago, and three grandchildren.

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Cornelius Walter Cousland

NO. 7621 CLASS OF 1924

Died June 29, 1959, at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, aged 58 years.

Born August 19, 1900, in Pinos Altos, New Mexico. Cornelius was the eldest of the five children born to Walter and Annie Laurie Campbell Cousland. His mother taught him to read and write; and he had read the Bible before he went to school. He attended school in Deming and worked in the copper mines during the summers. When he was about fourteen, the boy, Cornelius, rode with the men of his state to drive Pancho Villa out of our United States, back into Mexico. He was a born patriot. He early learned his way about his native land of rocky cliffs, tall trees and mountains. While he was a senior in high school he first heard of the United States Military Academy. He managed to pass the examinations and get an appointment. He never forgot the week-long trip by train from New Mexico to New York and "the walk up the hill" at West Point in 1920. In 1924 he graduated and joined the Air Service. He was interested in everything pertaining to aeronautics, astronomy and astronautics. One paper that he kept throughout the years shows that he asked to have his name added to the list of "Dead Reckoning Celestial Navigators." He was also rated as a Command Pilot with seven thousand hours of flying time even credited to him. He knew both peace and war. He was highly individualistic, original, fun-loving, playful and yet serious and devoted to duty. He spoke three languages and was "at home" anywhere in the world. His early travels took him first to the Philippine Islands,

where he piloted Mr. Patrick J. Hurley on an inspection tour. Later he went to Argentina, Panama, the Galapagos Islands, Peru, Egypt, Turkey, Mexico, North Africa, England, Italy, and Spain. He was pleased with the honors that came his way, including the medal conferred on him by the Republic of Argentina, the Distinguished Flying Cross by our government and the mention of his name in General H. H. Arnold's book, "Global Mission." He loved his friends and appreciated their friendship, with an appreciation that is rare. He endured many severe injuries and illnesses. He was an uncomplaining, wonderful, interested and interesting companion. He was retired at forty-eight and he died in his fifty-eighth year, June 29th, 1959. He had a strong sure faith in God. He was a fine man.

—*Kathryn Storts Cousland*
(Mrs. Cornelius Walter Cousland)

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George Kenyon Withers

NO. 7637 CLASS OF 1925

Died May 3, 1959, at Atlanta, Georgia, aged 55 years.

On Sunday, the third of May, 1959, a cruel and relentless illness completed its conquest over the physical body of George

Withers but it could not destroy his spirit and his soul which will remain eternal and in the devoted memories of his family and his friends.

George was born September 4, 1903, at St. Louis, Missouri. His family subsequently moved to Kansas City and later to Great Falls, Montana where he began high school. The family moved to Washington, D.C., early during World War I where his father, Guy Withers, was commissioned as a Major in the Corps of Engineers. George graduated from Central High in Washington, D.C., and then attended a West Point prep for one year before struggling up the Hudson for his new station on July 1, 1921.

Academic requirements presented no serious problem and George sailed through his four years solidly in the top few (despite a goat "wife," myself) and of course selected the Engineers as his career. The year '26-27 at Cornell produced a degree in civil engineering, thence to the 8th Engineers (Mounted) at Loredo, Texas. Transferred to Schofield Barracks on the

Island of Oahu which is only ninety miles around, he had, according to Kay, no chance whatsoever of eluding the daughter of Captain W. J. Zalesky, surgeon of Pearl Harbor. George and Kay were married in June, 1931, at St. Andrew's Cathedral in Honolulu. Five sons were born over the next twenty-one years, ranging from G. K. Jr. in January of 1934 to Benjamin in May of 1952.

On their return to the States in 1932, George accepted a detail in the Ordnance and was assigned to M.I.T. for a year's course in mechanical engineering. Thence to Aberdeen Proving Grounds until 1935 when he returned to the Engineers and was transferred to Rivers and Harbors at Los Angeles.

Foreign service again in 1939, to Fort McKinley, Philippine Islands. War clouds were darkening soon after and Kay and three small sons (by now) were evacuated to the States, and to Coronado specifically. George got back in January of 1942, and was assigned to the Office of the Chief of Engineers. Then, as happened to most of us about that time, overseas again to the combat zone. George saw the drama unfold via Africa, Italy, France and Germany.

After VE-Day, back to the United States and to the Staff and Faculty of the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth for five happy years. Four of those years, the writer of this piece was a member of the same team and enjoyed to the full the opportunity to "catch up" after a lapse of twenty-one years since graduation.

From Leavenworth to the Canal Zone as Director of Engineering and Construction for the Panama Canal. Back to the States in 1952 and to Fort McPherson, Georgia where he was Third Army Engineer until retirement in 1955. Much of the last tour was clouded by the beginnings of the illness that increasingly laid its heavy hand on him until the last year of his ebbing life; he lay helpless and immobile, able only to breathe and swallow.

It is so difficult to write of George. There is so much to say, but how does one go about saying it? Let me quote a few sentences from the more than three hundred letters that Kay received after his death:

"Outstanding record of service and devotion to the Corps of Engineers!"

"George was a great American and our Country has suffered irreparable loss."

"My good friend George was one of the finest men I ever met. In every way he was truly an officer and a gentleman."

"I have happy memories of George's always considerate recognition of friends."

"George was one of the finest officers I ever knew; but better still, he was a true Christian gentleman, a devoted husband, a wise father and an example to all who knew and served with him."

There are many more and they all say that which I am trying here to say. It is sad that he has had to leave our midst but we are deeply grateful that he had the privilege of knowing him. Rest in Peace, George.

—*Haskell Cleaves,* Col. USA ret.
George's "wife" 1921-25

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John Robert Crume, Jr.

NO. 8036 CLASS OF 1927

Died March 7, 1959, at Medford Lakes, N.J., aged 54 years.

John Robert Crume, Jr. joined the Long Gray Line on March 7, 1959 at Medford Lakes, New Jersey. His many friends who loved him will miss the "colorful Cocky", small in stature but large in fantastic stories which destined him to be the "life of the party". Combined with this unforgettable talent was always his warm, sincere friendship and helpful attitude to all.

Cocky was born at Bardstown, Kentucky on July 11, 1904, where he lived until he entered the Military Academy in 1923. Those who met Cocky became well acquainted with Bardstown, including Cocky's brilliant days as a 110-lb. quarterback on the championship high school football team. Cocky maintained this high strata for his school by crossing the goal line for the winning touchdown with some half-dozen giants on his back. Rightfully, Cocky's final resting place is Bardstown.

Cocky was an ideal cadet, of good bearing, with a high degree of leadership, and an outstanding academic coach for athletes. He graduated No. 14 in his class, with a score of 2640.7 out of a miximum 2795. During cadet days, he became affectionately know as "Cocky"—an individual with a very out going personality and one who was always telling stories and continuously entertaining his classmates. Looking back on the cadet days, we wonder if Cocky ever stopped talking long enough to get any sleep. He certainly out-talked the talkative Texans. Cocky did have one barrier to surmount. In spite of being a "star-man", he was not so agile in one line and got turned out in dancing.

On graduation night, Cocky, along with a few other classmates, caught the S.S. George Washington for Europe. Per usual, he was the life of the ship. During the cruise, he inaugurated a kite-flying contest and, when the George Washington sailed into the Port of Cherbourg, there were kites flying from its stern. While on the ship and after arriving in Paris, Cocky became associated with some graduates of Princeton. This new team bought a car and toured Europe. Cocky lost his passport and had to get back across the German line by executing an end run.

Upon graduation, Cocky became a member of the Corps of Engineers. His varied assignments included more schooling, troop duty, teaching at West Point, and river and harbor assignments. During pre-World War II days, in Cocky's words, he had "to fence the Post" at Fort Lewis, Washington. The fence, some 100 miles long, was built by Cocky's ability to scrounge materials. At the outbreak of World War II, he was serving in the Little Rock, Arkansas Engineer District. 'Twas a shame to break up this peaceful tour, but Cocky, in his entertaining manner, gathered contractors and materials for the military construction program assigned to that District. In Cocky's words, "I'll get the contractors and materials—you make those contractors get the job done" Subsequently, he fought in the Southwest Pacific with the 544th Engineer Boat and Shore Regiment, where his steak dinners were supplied by the Navy. In 1947, he transferred to the U.S. Air Force, and subsequently served in Panama, California, Ohio, and New York. At the time of his retirement in 1957, he was the U.S. Air Force Regional Representative for the North Atlantic, with station at New York City. After retirement, and

until his death, he was with the Radio Corporation of America.

During the period 1934-36, while on duty in Panama with the Eleventh Engineers, Cocky became famous for several feats. A boa constrictor attempted to overcome Cocky—but lost. Cocky disengaged himself from the reptile by cutting it into several 1-foot lengths. Supplied from the air by a classmate, he led his troops through the jungles and across the Isthmus on a special mapping mission. Also during this tour, he met Rita and married into the famous Quinn family. Rita, two daughters —Mrs. Jane Slosson, and Joanne who is presently a junior at the University of Pennsylvania, his father and sister Elise, survive Cocky.

Cocky was well liked, a real Engineer, and in his exuberant, energetic way, never a grind.

—T. G. McM.
E. G. H.

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Bruce Douglas Rindlaub

NO. 8506 CLASS OF 1929

Died March 11, 1959, at Lockbourne AFB Hospital near Columbus, Ohio, aged 54 years.

Bruce's sudden passing has left a great void in our ranks.

Bruce Rindlaub aspired to be and was a leader throughout his brilliant military career.

He entered West Point in 1925 after attending Yale University for one year and North Dakota Agricultural College for two years. He was thus both mature and more advanced in studies than the average of his class-mates.

With his maturity, his tall and handsome appearance, his restrained dignity, his conscientious application to duty and his driving ambition to be a leader, it was but natural that he was selected to be First Captain of his Class. Near the top of his class, he was graduated in 1929 into the Corps of Engineers in which he thereafter served with distinction throughout his subsequent Army career.

His service was a varied one.

He aspired to be a military pilot and attended the Primary Flying School at March Field 1929-30 but it was one of the keenest disappointments of his career that he was not finally qualified. In later years he pursued that ambition and when the opportunity arose to undertake private flight training in 1958, at age 53, he applied himself intensely to that task, won his Private Pilot License in December 1958 and, up to his death, was working toward his IFR rating.

Bruce was also of a studious type. His post-graduate studies included assignments at the University of California, where he received a B.S. degree in 1933 and an M.S. degree in 1935, both in Civil Engineering. He also attended the Engineer School in 1936-37 and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces in 1949-50, after which he was selected to serve on the instructional staff, rising to Vice Deputy Commandant of the Industrial College in 1954.

Shortly prior to World War II, Bruce served with distinction in the Philippines where as a young officer, Adjutant of the 14th Engineers, he contributed greatly to the training and preparation of that fine Philippine Scout unit which distinguished itself during the later operations there.

His early war-time service included assignments as District Engineer at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and at Boston, Massachusetts. But he sought service in the field and preferably back in the Pacific Theater. In January 1944 his wish was fulfilled when he joined General MacArthur's Command. His service there included the U.S. Army Services of Supply; Engineer of the New Guinea Base Section; and assignments as Executive Officer, and as Chief of the Engineer Division, and later, Chief of the Operations and Engineering Division in the Office of the Chief Engineer, G.H.Q. Bruce's innate ability, his careful and meticulous attention to detail, coupled with his highly conscientious application to duty, made his contribution on these assignments to the overall engineer effort in that war theater, where the engineer operations were of such great importance, a most valuable one. His performance was recognized with the award of the Bronze Star Medal and the Legion of Merit.

We who worked with him during that critical period well recall his intense devotion to duty throughout on the planning of important engineer operations including New Guinea, the Philippines and the occupation and reconstruction of Japan and Korea.

One of his most enjoyable assignments was from 1955 to 1958 when he served overseas as Deputy Engineer, Headquarters, U.S. Army, Europe, and, as a Brigadier General, as Commanding General of the 7th Engineer Brigade which was then spread over England, France and Germany. Bruce was one who appreciated even more than the normal officer both the honor and the responsibility of being a general officer. That was an office for which he, throughout his career, had dedicated and prepared himself.

Upon his return from duty in Europe, he served as Commanding General, U.S. Army Engineer Maintenance Center at Columbus, Ohio, until his sudden and untimely death.

Bruce was in many respects a perfectionist. Both as a cadet and as a commissioned officer, and even in his hobbies of photography, or, in his earlier days, of riding and polo, he continuously sought perfection. Such was his nature that he found inner satisfaction nad enjoyment in performing his duty or any assigned task in as nearly a perfect manner as was possible.

Bruce has, all too soon, left our living Long Gray Line to join those comrades in the great beyond who have passed before him. We, the living, shall miss his intensity of purpose, his loyal and persevering performance, and the twinkle that showed in his eyes when a humorous incident dispelled the normal gravity and seriousness of his character. He has served the Corps and his Country well.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret, and two children, Katherine and John, and his daughter by a previous marriage, Cornelia, now Mrs. J. Crabtree of Jacksonville, Illinois.

—Hugh J. Casey

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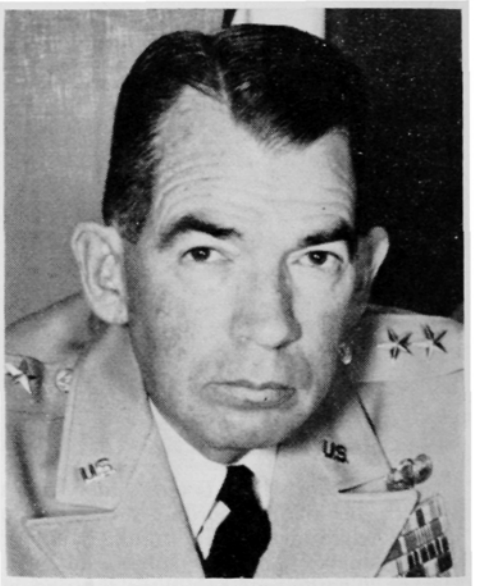
Paul Russell Weyrauch

NO. 9021 CLASS OF 1930

Died May 6, 1959, at Ft. Stewart, Georgia, aged 51 years.



It is not easy to write about the death of one of my best friends. Paul and I had known each other since cadet days, and I had the privilege of serving as his best man when he married Margaret Fletcher of Marfa, Texas.

His career was cut short by his losing battle with brain cancer. And the Long Gray Line has gained a distinguished addition to its ranks from the Class of 1930.

Paul lived a very full life in his fifty-one years and the record of his accomplishments is a tribute to his integrity, and the dedication of his life as an officer of Infantry and Field Artillery.

His achievements and decorations are written down elsewhere. Here, it is enough to say that he always served his country with distinction. That he was held in high esteem by authorities, both civil and military, is attested by the many letters of commendation and appreciation he received.

At a time when so many young officers are not sure of their desire to make their

lives a continuing service in the Armed Forces, they might with great profit study Paul's complete dedication to his profession. And for those of us who mourn his years of illness and untimely death, it is good to know that his son, Paul, is now at West Point determined to follow in the footsteps of his father. His wife, Margaret, was a tower of strength to him in his last and hardest days and is carrying on in the age-old tradition of the women of the Army.

Paul's success as an officer cannot be measured solely by the rank he attained, but also by the number of friends he made and the professional and personal respect in which he was held.

—L. V. H.

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George Winfered Smythe, Jr.

NO. 17038 CLASS OF 1949

Died April 22, 1958, at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, aged 31 years.

"Train a child up in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it," applied throughout the rewarding, but foreshortened, life of George W. Smythe, Jr. From his earliest years, George became indoctrinated with the military spirit, and the goal which he set for himself, "to serve his Country." He could not have lived any other way, nor would he have chosen any other way of life.

George was the elder son of Major General and Mrs. George W. Smythe (USMA 1924) who are living in retirement in Arlington, Virginia. His brother, 1st Lieutenant John D. Smythe (USMA 1953), always a close companion, is an officer in the 3d Infantry Regiment (Old Guard) presently stationed at Fort Myer, Virginia.

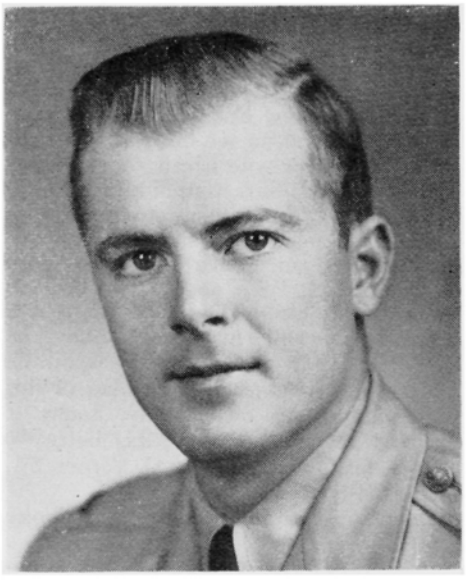
The climb up the ladder toward his objective commenced with Cub Scouts at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, followed by Boy Rangers and Boy Scouts at West Point, N.Y., and culminating in the receipt of the coveted Eagle Scout Award at Honolulu, T.H., in February 1942. Thus his efforts in scouting exemplified the zeal and spirit with which George applied himself in his activities outside the home and school.

George was subjected to the normal changes from one military reservation to another, involving periodic adjustments in his schooling, and managed to increase the tempo with each succeeding change. The first highlight occurred in his attendance and graduation from the elementary school at West Point, N.Y. Here also he was able to observe the life and activities of the cadets at the Academy. He derived great satisfaction in his association with the cadets, particularly in being taught by them in the Post Sunday School. Later he became one of the mascots on the Army baseball team, which kept him active and alert to athletic games.

Schofield Barracks, T.H., was to be a place of great opportunity for him, and he took special pride in attending the Punahou Academy in Honolulu. Unfortunately, this schooling was to be interrupted by the attack on December 7, 1941, at which time Punahou was taken over for military purposes. The air attack which occurred at Wheeler Field that Sunday morning enabled George to watch and observe the maneuvers of the Japanese planes as they were diving in on the installations. Later, when conditions became more stable on Hawaii, schooling was resumed in the various homes in the vicinity of Punahou.

While being evacuated from Hawaii in March 1942, an unusual opportunity came to George on the Transport Republic. He was one of two youngsters who were old enough to be assigned as ammunition passers on the tail anti-aircraft gun of the Transport. Up before dawn every morning while at sea, to him it was a task to be accomplished with willingness and obedience on his part, despite the possible dangers which lurked in the Pacific at that time.

Following his return to the United States, George attended and was graduated from Washington and Lee High School, Arlington, Virginia, where he met his future wife, Eleanor Murray Spence, who was to be his helpmate during his subsequent Air Force career. After a year at Sullivan's School in Washington, the next important step in his education can best be described in a telegram sent on July 1,



1945, to his Dad who was overseas, "Following in your footsteps. Entering the Military Academy today," signed, "George, Jr."

While a cadet at West Point, George had his ups and downs with the academic work, particularly English and Portuguese, but excelled in mathematics. He participated in fencing where his ability as a left-handed foilsman enabled him to win his "A" under the tutelage of the old fencing master, Jack Diamond.

Following graduation from the Military Academy, 1949, George took his basic flight training at Randolph Air Force Base, and it soon became apparent that he had a natural gift for flying. When he was graduated from jet training at Williams Air Force Base he was sent to Germany, where he served for three years in the 525th Fighter-Bomber Squadron, 86th Fighter-Bomber Group, first as a pilot, then as a flight commander, and then as operations officer. His love of flying and his skill as a pilot, along with his intelligence, common sense, and likeable personality, showed him to have outstanding ability as a leader of men, an Air Force Officer, and a flight commander. He well knew and understood the need for an ever ready Air Force, prepared at any time to provide our country the necessary defense. This thought, always before him, led him to carry out his administrative duties rapidly and efficiently so that he might spend as much time in the air as possible. Constantly called upon to carry additional administrative duties, George still managed to amass a great number of flying hours, steadily practicing and perfecting his skill as a jet fighter pilot.

On his return from Germany, George was assigned to the Air Force Operational Test Center, Air Proving Ground, Eglin AFB, Florida, as a test pilot and project officer. For five years he flew operational suitability test missions on the latest Air Force aircraft and was widely known as one of the finest test pilots in the Air Force. He was also responsible for the preparation of a large number of invaluable evaluation reports on the late model aircraft published by the Air Proving Ground Command.

In recognition of his superior ability, he was chosen several times to fly the highlighted "one man Air Force" mission in the Air Force Fire Power Demonstrations, where crowds of thousands, including observers from all over the world, were thrilled at seeing a target completely demolished by napalm, bombs, rockets, and 50-cal. guns, all delivered with superb accuracy in rapid succession from George's aircraft.

It was while on a practice flight for a Fire Power Demonstration in an F-100 D aircraft that George met his death. He experienced an engine failure while at low level. Instead of immediately seeking to abandon the aircraft with its valuable test equipment, he first sought to restart the engine in a futile attempt to save the aircraft. Then, being too low to bail out, he tried unsuccessfully to crash land on the rough terrain of the bombing range. The aircraft exploded upon impact.

Just a few months earlier, he had experienced a similar engine failure, and, though the normal procedure indicated abandoning the aircraft, George skillfully managed to return to base. For this action he was awarded the Air Medal.

George lived up to the finest traditions of "Duty, Honor, Country." He always did his job quickly, quietly, and to the best of his ability, and this he inspired in those who served with him. He won the hearts and admiration of both his fellow officers and the enlisted crewmen up and down the flightline.

And yet with his deep dedication to his work, George was also a devoted husband and father. He was married immediately after graduation from the Military Academy to Eleanor "Tracy" Spence, who resides in Fort Walton Beach, Florida, with their two boys, David, age 7, and Donald, age 5. He brought to his home the finest moral standards combined with love, understanding and patience. He gave to all of his friends unwavering loyalty and support. All of us who knew and loved George feel thankful for all that he gave to our relationship and left to us as his legacy—his love, his example of faithfulness and devotion to duty, his generosity and thoughtfulness in all things. Our lives are richer for having known him.

It is not the number of years that a man has to live that really matters, rather it is the way in which a man chooses to live the years that he has. For the exemplary way in which George W. Smythe, Jr.,

lived and served his country and his fellow men, I am sure that the Lord and Father of us all said unto him, "well done, good and faithful servant, you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master."

—*The Rev. Maurice M. Benitez*
USMA—1949

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Roy David Varner, Jr.

EX-CADET OF 1957

Died March 18, 1959, at Alameda, California, aged 26 years.

Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea.
(From: "Crossing the Bar" by Tennyson)

Lieutenant (j.g.) Roy D. Varner, USN, has left us and "put out to sea." On the night of March 18, 1959, Lt. Varner died as a result of an aircraft accident at Alameda Naval Air Station, California. Behind him remains a history of a man devoted to his country, his family, and his friends.

Lieutenant Varner, better known to us as Sonny, was born at Maywood, California, on June 23, 1932. His boyhood was spent in Coronado, California, where he graduated from high school in 1951. While in high school, he was guard on the football team and a letterman for three years. It was at the age of 17 that Sonny made his first step toward a military career, which he so greatly desired, by joining the Naval Reserve. After completing his secondary education, Sonny tried to gain entrance to one of the Service academies by first attending Boyden's Prep School in San Diego, and then Hilder Prep in Washington, D.C. Returning to California, he entered San Diego State College for one year, and then was able to join our class at West Point in July of 1953. Prior to coming to the Academy, Sonny had maintained his Naval Reserve status, both in a Surface Division and in a Submarine Division.

Sonny was with us in 5th New Cadet Company, and Company D-2. By June of 1954, the Spanish Department had proven too much for him and Sonny suffered a great personal defeat in having to leave West Point. It was not easy for him to go; it was not easy for many of us to see him depart.

This was not to be the end of his efforts to enter the Service of his country, though. Sonny was accepted into the Naval Aviation Cadet program in September of 1954 and trained at Pensacola and Corpus Christi. A milestone in his career was attained when he graduated and was commissioned an Ensign, USNR, in September of 1956. His first duty stations were at Coronado and San Diego, flying jets for the Navy. In September of 1957, he was promoted to Lt. (j.g.) USNR, and in August of 1958 received his appointment in the Regular Navy. On March 6, 1959, Sonny was transferred to Alameda NAS, California, where he was serving at the time of the fatal accident. A Memorial Service was held for him on the 23rd of March at the Alameda Navy Chapel, and he was laid to rest on April 10th at Arlington National Cemetery.

When Sonny left the Academy, he did not forget the friends he made there. When our class traveled to Eglin AFB, Florida, during Second Class summer, he was there to visit with us. In September of 1956, as a new Ensign, he returned to West Point again to see his class.

Sonny and his wife Eleanore were married in St. Aloysius Catholic Church in New Canaan, Connecticut, on October 13, 1956. Their marriage was a very rewarding one for them. Richard Scott was born on October 11, 1957, and Wayne William joined the family on December 15, 1958. Were Sonny with his family today, he would be happy to know that he would be a father a third time in November of this year. Besides his own family, Sonny is survived by his mother, Mrs. Betty V. Davids, his father, Mr. Roy D. Varner, Sr., and his sister, Jane.

One can see from his history that Sonny possessed a great desire to have a career serving his country. He always acted in a manner to make that desire a reality. His commanders thought highly of him. One states, "During the months that Lieutenant Varner was attached to this command (Attack Squadron 126), I found him to be exceptionally competent and hardworking. He . . . was admired and respected by his seniors and the men assigned to him for supervision." Another of his commanding officers wrote, "Lieutenant (j.g.) Varner was an outstanding officer and Naval Aviator who always did more than his share of the squadron's work. He voluntarily worked many extra hours on his own to further the combat readiness of the squadron and performing his duties as legal officer. His keen interest and eagerness to excel in all phases of carrier aviation won him the respect of all of us who knew him. . . . His loss was a great shock to us all. We not only lost a good shipmate and aviator, but a very good friend."

His mother wrote perhaps the best personal description of Sonny's character: "Sonny was a very kind and considerate person and loved life and people. . . . [He was] very happy, and lived to fly his plane. . . . [He] was very devoted to his wife and boys, and all who knew Sonny loved him . . . his passing is not only a loss to us, his family, but to the world."

We, his classmates, found Sonny to be a most personable individual. His love of living and his fine sense of humor were an inspiration at a time when many of us tended to become downhearted. From what his commanders have written, it seems obvious that Sonny, although at the Academy only a short while, took away with him many of the characteristics embodied in our code of Duty, Honor, and Country.

—*Bruce F. Stout*, '57
Lieutenant, Artillery

FUND LETTERS GOING TO GRADUATES

The annual fund raising letter to members of the Association of Graduates is being distributed. This is a "soft sell" appeal for funds to help the Association carry on its current projects. The Association is absolutely dependent upon these contributions for its work.

This year our primary project is to achieve the election of Sylvanus Thayer to the Hall of Fame for Great Americans. This is an informational program requiring considerable expense for printing and postage.

SEND YOUR CONTRIBUTION NOW

LAST ROLL CALL

Reports of deaths of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of the Fall 1959 ASSEMBLY

Name	Class	Date	Place
David L. Stone	1898	December 29, 1959	American Lake VA Hospital, Tacoma, Washington
Robert F. Jackson	1900	November 24, 1959	Cooperstown, New York
Guy Kent	1901	November 9, 1959	Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, D.C.
William H. Williams	1902	August 11, 1959	Berkeley, California
Homer N. Preston	1903	October 26, 1959	Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, D.C.
Thomas N. Gimperling	1904	October 11, 1959	Denver, Colorado
Carl A. Baehr	1909	December 22, 1959	Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, D.C.
George B. Glover	1908	December 3, 1959	US Naval Hospital, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Theodore K. Spencer	1908	November 10, 1959	Temple, Texas
Thruston Hughes	1909	November 15, 1959	Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, D.C.
Walter B. Robb	1910	October 11, 1959	Buffalo, New York
Paul W. Baade	1911	October 9, 1959	Letterman Army Hospital, Presidio of San Francisco, California
Frank H. Hicks	1911	March 19, 1958	Arizona
William A. McCulloch	1913	December 2, 1959	Asheville, North Carolina
Henry B. Cheadle	1913	December 16, 1959	Nogales, Arizona
Lawrence B. Weeks	1913	November 29, 1959	South Orange, New Jersey
Charles C. Griffith	1914	August 14, 1958	Denver, Colorado
Donald M. McRae	Ex-1914	October 1957	San Jose, California
Adlai H. Gilkeson	1915	November 2, 1959	US Air Force Hospital, Andrews AFB, D.C.
Metcalfe Reed	1915	June 29, 1959	Honolulu, Hawaii
Roy L. Bowlin	April 1917	November 21, 1959	Tequesta, Florida
Henry I. Szymanski	1919	November 6, 1959	Colorado Springs, Colorado
Harold F. Handy	1920	October 8, 1959	Letterman Army Hospital, Presidio of San Francisco, California
John L. Davidson	1920	December 9, 1959	Madigan Army Hospital, Tacoma, Washington
James L. Frink, Jr.	1935	October 21, 1959	Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, D.C.
Clarke D. Hain	January 1943	November 16, 1959	Glen Cove Hospital, Glen Cove, Long Island, New York
Charles E. Duke	1959	October 21, 1959	Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana
John A. McInerney	1959	December 28, 1959	Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, D.C.