



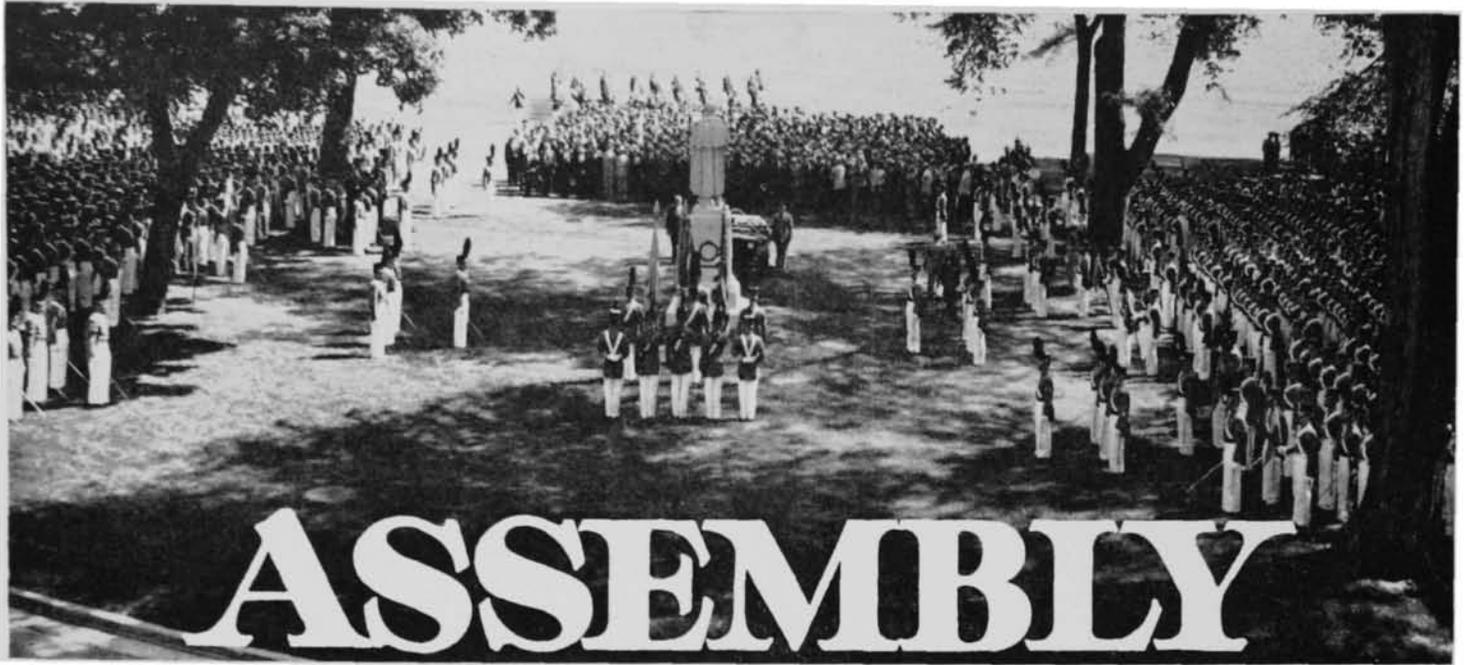
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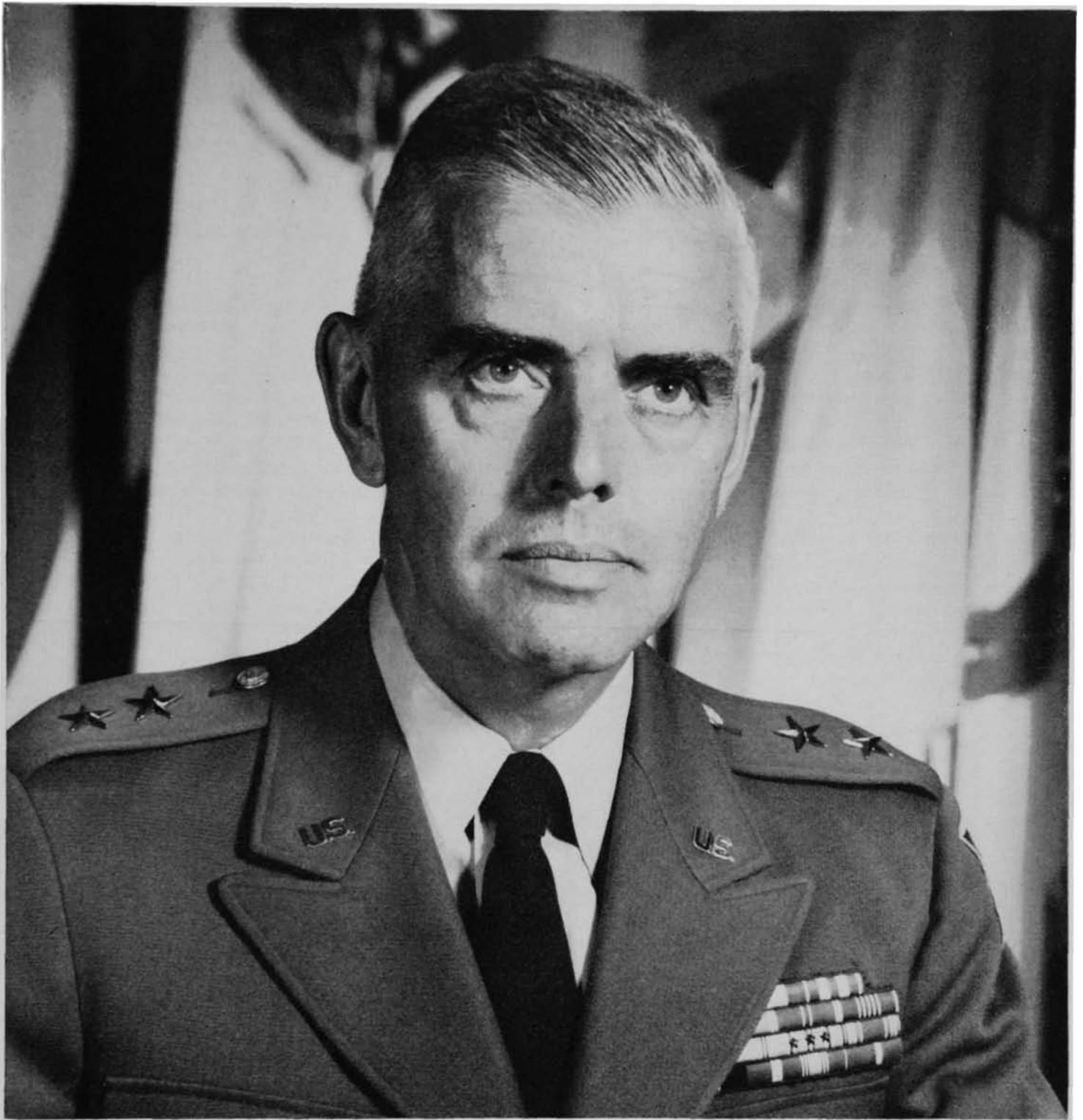
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New Superintendent

MAJ. GEN. JAMES B. LAMPERT '36 assumed his new duties as the 46th Superintendent of the United States Military Academy on 28 June. Prior to reporting to West Point he was Director of Military Construction in the Office of the Chief of Engineers, USA.

During World War II Gen. Lampert served with Engineer Commands in the Southwest Pacific-Philippines Theatre from 1942-44; the following year with the Engineer Sections, Headquarters IX and XIV Corps, South Pacific Theatre. During this period he received the Silver Star for

gallantry in action, the Legion of Merit, and the Bronze Star Medal.

Gen. Lampert was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for his service from 1946-47 as Executive Officer to Lt. Gen. Leslie R. Groves, Chief of the Manhattan Project. For his outstanding accomplishments as Chief of the Army Nuclear Power Program, OCE, from 1952-57 he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

In Vietnam Gen. Lampert was stationed with the United States Military Assistance Advisory Group, initially as Engineer and later as the Deputy Chief for Logistics.

PLAIN TALK



Dear Fellow Members of the Association:

The legislative proposal, DOD 88-13, described in the Winter issue of ASSEMBLY was not introduced into Congress. In its place HR 6611, a bill which would make appointments to the Military and Air Force Academies equitable with the appointment of midshipmen to the Naval Academy, has been introduced. Hearings on this bill were held before the Hebert Subcommittee of the House Armed Services Committee in June. As of this writing, the bill has not been reported out of the subcommittee.

Mr. John J. McCloy, Chairman of the President's Advisory Committee on Disarmament and former President of the World Bank, was presented the Sylvanus Thayer Award on 25 May. In his acceptance address, Mr. McCloy paid tribute to the many West Pointers whom he has known in his years of service to the Nation. In speaking of the Armed Forces of our country, Mr. McCloy said: "The strength of the 'military' Corps and its value to the country lie in the fact that it is *there*—in peace and war—always with a level of training, knowledge, and discipline on which the country can constantly depend."

The Richard King Mellon Trusts of Pittsburgh have given \$200,000 to the West Point Alumni Foundation for the development of an outdoor amphitheater. Such a facility has long been a dream of Academy planners, and with the receipt of the Mellon gift we expect to move ahead with plans for the amphitheater. Situated on Trophy Point, it will take full advantage of the beauty of the location and the natural hollow just below the Plain. The amphitheater will be used for cadet summer chapel services, band and glee club concerts, outdoor symphonies, and other appropriate presentations and ceremonies.

Also, I am happy to report the Rockwell Foundation of Pittsburgh has given \$25,000 to the West Point Alumni Foundation for the restoration, renovation, and furnishings of Benet Hall, a part of the First Class Club located in the Old Ordnance Compound.

Both of these gifts have been credited to the West Point Superintendent's Fund, a special account established in May 1961 by the West Point Alumni Foundation, Inc., to receive gifts and contributions from friends and alumni of the Military Academy. I am grateful to General Lucius Clay and his fund committee for the support that they have given to this effort in behalf of the Corps and the success that has been forthcoming.

The five spring athletic teams enjoyed a successful season overall and rounded out the year with a remarkable weekend against Navy. In the Army-Navy contests we won baseball, lacrosse, track, and tennis—the Middies won in golf. Major upsets were registered in baseball and lacrosse. The baseball win came in the last of the tenth inning with two out on a two-base hit by Cadet Boice, team captain. The lacrosse team overcame an early lead of the Middle National Championship Team to win 9-7. In track, Cadet Straub, Class of 1964, turned in an amazing performance by winning the mile, the half-mile, and

the two-mile, all run within an hour and fifteen minutes. The year's record in Army-Navy contests stands at a creditable 9-8 in favor of Army.

June Week activities were blessed with good weather. General Maxwell D. Taylor's graduation address, titled *The American Soldier*, charged the 504 graduating cadets with their broad responsibilities as officers and welcomed them to their new roles in the profession of arms. Leading the Class of 1963 in General Order of Merit was Cadet Homer J. Holland of Mukwonago, Michigan. The class holds the distinction of having scored the highest combined average marks so far recorded by a USMA class on the Graduate Record Examination.

Major General Henry Clay Hodges, Jr. (USA-Ret.), Class of 1881, the oldest living graduate at 103 years, again led the alumni march in the annual exercise held before Thayer Monument on Alumni Day.

The Homecoming football game this year will be against the University of Cincinnati on September 28th. On that date the expanded and renovated facilities of the West Point Army Mess should be completed and available for use by class reunions and other Alumni activities.

The Department of the Army has approved the Academy's request to strengthen the faculty of the Associate Professor level by authorizing extended tours of duty at West Point for fifteen officers as Associate Professors. Officers selected for these positions must have had at least one tour of duty at West Point as an instructor and at least fifteen years of service at the time of assignment. More detailed selection criteria will be established by the Academic Board. Those officers selected for assignment by the Department of the Army will remain on the Army promotion list along with their contemporaries, and will be retained on duty at the Academy until eligible for retirement.

Major General J. B. Lampert, Class of 1936, will become the 46th Superintendent on approximately 1 July. His brilliant record of performance in many responsible assignments portends great advantage for the Academy during his Superintendency.

In this, my last Plain Talk, I wish to convey my deep appreciation to all West Pointers everywhere for the support, assistance, and cooperation provided during my three year tour at West Point. For me, it has been both an honor and an inspiring challenge to serve as Superintendent of our beloved Alma Mater.

Finally, may I assure all members of the Long Gray line that after an extended period of careful study, this graduate can report: The Corps has NOT.

Faithfully yours,

W. C. WESTMORELAND
Major General, USA
Superintendent

ASSEMBLY

Maj. Gen. Henry Clay Hodges, USMA '81

Be Thou At Peace

THROUGH THE YEARS OF A
CENTURY TOLD

GENERAL HODGES had been the Academy's oldest graduate since 2 April 1955 when Colonel Clarence E. Dentler, USMA 1884, passed away in Portland, Ore., at the age of 95. General Hodges also had the distinction of being the only centenarian in the history of the Military Academy.

Henry Clay Hodges, Jr., was born 20 April 1860 at Fort Vancouver (later Vancouver Barracks.) Washington Territory. His father graduated from the Military Academy in 1851 and lived to be the oldest member of his class. His mother was the former Annie Abernethy, daughter of the first elected Governor of Oregon Territory. As a typical Army "brat" young Hodges attended many different schools and terminated his secondary education in a boarding school at Sing Sing, now Ossining, N. Y., in preparation for West Point. He received his appointment from his father's very good friend, President Ulysses S. Grant, who had served with him in the Fourth Infantry in Oregon Territory years before Henry Jr. was born. Henry entered the Military Academy in June 1877, the second youngest in his class.

His nickname at West Point was "Cap", a carryover from his school days in Philadelphia where he had worn a coat with brass buttons which his young classmates thought befitted a captain. Cap graduated number 23 out of 53 cadets in the Class of '81. He was one of the most popular members of his class and earned the respect of the entire Corps of Cadets. Consideration for his fellow man continued throughout his military career and after his retirement he declined many of the privileges and honors due him on account of his age and grade because "someone might be inconvenienced."

General Hodges was commissioned in the Infantry and was initially stationed with the 22d Infantry at Ft. Clark, Tex. While stationed there he experienced his only brush with Indians when his regiment rounded up the Comanches who had left their reservation near the Pecos River. After serving at other frontier posts he was ordered to West Point in 1886 as an instructor in mathematics. During this tour one of his plebe students was Col. Lewis S. Sorley, Class of 1891, now living in Washington.

General Hodges returned to frontier duty in 1891 at Ft. Keogh, Mont. However the following year he was assigned as an instructor at Groton School in Mass., and continued as a teacher at the New Hampshire College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts, now the University of New Hampshire.

Following these four years of teaching he returned to frontier duty at Ft. Crook, Neb., in '96, during the Spanish American

MAJOR General Henry Clay Hodges, Jr., USMA 1881, passed away in his sleep at 0730 hours 15 July 1963, at his home in Stamford, Conn. He was 103 years old. His devoted daughter, Evelyn, who had tenderly cared for this favorite son of West Point all during his declining years, was with him until the end.



Gen. Hodges as he appeared on his last Alumni day, June 1963

War. From there he was transferred to the Philippines during the Moro Insurrection and participated in eleven separate battles with the natives before being re-assigned to Boston, Mass., and later to Newport, R. I.

As a major he returned to his first love (the Infantry) in the Philippines where he served as a battalion commander before being recalled to the states as a student at the Army War College. His next assignment with the 22d Infantry in Alaska and Texas preceded his assignment to the office of the Chief of Staff where he was later assigned as Secretary of the General Staff and promoted to lieutenant colonel.

Colonel Hodges departed Washington for duty with the 17th Infantry at Eagle Pass, Tex., to help suppress the raidings of Pancho Villa. In 1916, upon his departure for the Hawaiian Department and the 1st Infantry, he was honored by the officers and men of the entire post. While in Hawaii he was promoted to brigadier general and subsequently to major general as the Army began to expand with America's entry into World War I.

He was ordered to Camp Beauregard, La., to take command of the 39th Infantry Division. When the division left Camp

Beauregard for overseas, the citizens of the city of Alexandria presented him with a chest containing 200 pieces of silver engraved with his name. General Hodges took the division to France but did not get into action since the war was nearing an end and his division was deactivated to furnish replacements for other units.

Upon his return to the States he was again assigned to command Camp Beauregard and the 17th Infantry Division until it was demobilized. He reverted to his permanent rank of brigadier general after the Armistice and was again transferred to the Hawaiian Department and later to Schofield Barracks. With over 40 years of active duty General Hodges retired at his own request on 1 December 1920.

While an instructor at USMA, Hodges married Miss Netta Haines, the daughter of Thomas Jefferson Haines, USMA 1849, at Poughkeepsie on 24 October 1891. Three children were born to this marriage. Miss Evelyn Hodges, who lives in Stamford, Conn.; Mrs. James L. Crenshaw, Bryn Mawr, Pa.; and a son, Parke, of New York City. Mrs. Hodges died in 1919.

Since his retirement General Hodges lived in Connecticut. On 27 December 1920, he married Mrs. Carrie Jones and lived in Noroton. Since her death in 1949 he lived in Stamford.

General Hodges continued his active interest in all things and most especially things concerning his beloved Alma Mater. Each year he returned to the Academy to participate in the alumni ceremonies. As the oldest graduate present he led the Long Gray Line since 1949 in their measured step to Thayer's monument. He missed this formation only twice, each time because of illness. The Corps of Cadets was his greatest interest. On June 3d this year he made his final roll call and again led the Long Gray Line to Thayer Monument to rededicate themselves to the West Point motto, "Duty, Honor, Country."

With his passing the Military Academy and the Long Gray Line have lost a distinguished son. Quoting General Dwight D. Eisenhower: "General Hodges had a distinguished career and has for many years been an inspiration for the stream of cadets who have seen in him, our oldest living graduate, an outstanding devotion to West Point and her noble motto."

Funeral services were held in the Noroton Presbyterian Church in Darien, Connecticut, on 17 July, followed by interment in Arlington National Cemetery on 19 July.

With General Hodges' death the honor of being the oldest living graduate now passes to Col. John P. Hains, USMA 1889, who will be 98 years old on 23 August. Col. Hains resides in Washington, D. C.

JUNE WEEK 1963

By
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Class of '63
discards
Cadet Caps



THE Class of '63 was graduated on 5 June 1963 as a climax to an extremely successful June Week. Witnesses to the festivities included many distinguished members of the Long Gray Line whose candid remarks lead only to the conclusion that the 1963 graduate is an officer of the highest career potential and aptitude and that there has been no compromise in the standard of quality within The Corps.

The dawn of the 1963 June Week occurred on Saturday, 1 June, at New South Barracks where the Alumni Headquarters was located. This was a new location for the Headquarters since this is the first year for the occupancy of this building. Returning alumni found all their needs in the first floor administrative establishment there, including a snack bar.

As per custom, the Thayer Hotel was reserved for families and guests of the members of the Class of '63. Excepting a few of the senior graduates, who were accommodated in Cullum Hall, most of the returning alumni were billeted in New South Barracks, located to the immediate south of Grant Hall. Wives of returnees were quartered, as in the past, at Ladycliff College and in facilities at Camp Buckner. In many instances post personnel opened their quarters to returning classmates and friends.

Shortly after the opening of Alumni Headquarters, the Army Daughters sponsored a Coffee for the parents and fiancées of the Class of '63 at Cullum Hall. Pourers included the wives of the Superintendent, Dean, Commandant of Cadets, Regimental Commanders, Chaplain, and the Cadet Hostess. The first bride-to-be of the Class of '63, Miss Susan Brannon of Dallas, Texas, was honored and cut a beautifully tiered wedding cake with the traditional saber. (On 5 June at 1430 hours, Miss Brannon became the bride of Second Lieutenant Jack S. Davis, Jr., in the Cadet Chapel in a ceremony over which Chaplain Speers, Chaplain, USMA, officiated.)

Saturday afternoon saw the traditional encounters against Navy teams. The Cadets achieved major upsets in lacrosse and baseball and were victorious in track and tennis. These four spring sport victories put Army ahead in the final seventeen-sport rivalry with Navy, nine to eight.

Informal class parties were the order of the day during "cocktail hour." These were followed by the annual assault on Washington Hall for the Alumni Dinner Dance. The buffet dinner over, a receiving line was formed by the

Superintendent, the Dean of the Academic Board, the Commandant of Cadets and their ladies. All then returned to socializing and exchanging views and experiences amidst the aura of history and memory preserved in the historic hall. Dance music was provided by musicians drawn from the USMA Band. All ladies received individual favors of a matching cigarette cup and ashtray by Wedgwood. Numerous door prizes were given by the committee.

Baccalaureate Services were held for graduating cadets of the Protestants faiths in the Cadet Chapel on Sunday morning when they were addressed by the Reverend Theodore Cuyler Speers, D.D., Chaplain of the United States Military Academy on the aptly entitled topic: "A Great Door Is Open." The Memorial Windows donated by the graduating class were dedicated the same day. The 1963 window shows Jesus and the Lawyer as narrated in the tenth chapter of Luke, 25th verse. A second window, given in memory of the graduating class of one hundred years ago, depicts Saint Boniface (675-754), an outstanding cleric and Bishop of Rome.

The Catholic Chapel Baccalaureate Mass was celebrated by the Right Reverend Monsignor Joseph P. Moore, Rector of Holy Trinity Catholic Chapel and Catholic Chaplain to the Corps, assisted by the Reverend Robert F. McCormick, Assistant Rector of the Catholic Chapel, and the Reverend James Hennesey, S.J., of Loyola Seminary, Shrub Oak, New York.

Jewish Baccalaureate Services were conducted in the Old Cadet Chapel by Rabbi Avrahan Soltes, of Temple Sharey Tefilo, East Orange, New Jersey.

The bright sunny Sunday afternoon was highlighted by the Annual Superintendent's Reception for the Graduating Class. Amidst the sounds of the background accordian, members of the Class of '63, their parents, guests, and fiancées had an opportunity to meet with Major General and Mrs. Westmoreland.

Again, in the waning afternoon and early evening hours, the reunion classes gathered to rekindle old friendships and exchange pleasant memories. These gatherings were in locations from the Thayer Hotel Grill Room to Camp Buckner.

Alumni Day, 3 June, opened with memorial services in the Cadet Chapel where a memorial exercise and service of the Holy Communion was held; a traditional Alumni Memorial Mass was celebrated at the Holy Trinity Catholic Chapel.

Following Chapel services, alumni gathered on Cullum Road for the march to Thayer Monument. The ceremony followed the traditional format. To the strains of "The Old Grads March," played by the USMA Band, the graduates marched to Thayer Monument. They were again this year led by Major General Henry C. Hodges, USMA '81, now 103 years old. After the alumni had assembled alongside the waiting Corps of Cadets, the combined Cadet Choirs sang the "Alma Mater" which singing was followed by the Chaplain's prayer. The playing of Taps followed in memory of deceased alumni. After the placing of the wreath at the foot of Thayer Monument, the ceremony was concluded by the Choirs singing "The Corps." The Corps of Cadets then formed for the annual Alumni Review wherein the Corps is presented to the alumni and passed in review saluting the entire line of graduates.

Following the review, the graduates adjourned to Washington Hall for the Alumni Luncheon and annual meeting of the Association of Graduates. Also at this time, the Alumni Ladies Luncheon took place in Cullum Hall.

Later that afternoon, the Superintendent's Awards Review was held on The Plain and outstanding members of the graduating class were honored. Among the awards conferred were the Francis Vinton Greene Memorial Award to the Number One Man in the General Order of Merit, this year to Cadet Homon J. Holland; The Dawes Award (Pershing Sword) to Cadet Richard E. Eckert as First Captain; The Army Athletic Association Trophy to Cadet Cliff M. Natvig, Jr., as the cadet who has rendered the most valuable service to athletics during his career as a cadet; The Eastern College Athletic Conference Merit Medal to Cadet Clark T. Ballard, Jr., for excelling in athletics and scholarship.

The day ended with the Graduation Dinner in Washington Hall for the graduating cadets and their guests. This was the only event during June Week marred by the weather; as the dinner guests converged on Washington Hall, a light rain fell but did not in any way dampen spirits.

Tuesday morning, 4 June, saw the Academic Departments holding Open House. The Department of Earth Space and Graphic Sciences was host to the model of the West Point Expansion Plan. In North Auditorium of Thayer Hall, two new films entitled "New Cadet Barracks" and "Camp Buckner" were shown to the assembled alumni, parents and guests.

The Awards Convocation was held later on Tuesday morning in the South Auditorium of Thayer Hall; here military, academic, athletic, and extracurricular awards were presented to outstanding members of the graduating class. This ceremony was followed by a reception and luncheon at Cullum Hall for the donors, their guests and escorts.

Suspensefully, the hour of 1700 approached and the time for Graduation Parade 1963 was at hand. The crowd appeared the heaviest of June Week as the weather was bright and sunny. The particular sequence of music for the graduation parade is not used for any other. The Brigade marches on The Plain to the tune of "Stars and Stripes Forever," changing to "The Dashing White Sergeant" as the initial line is reached. The Band troops the line to the "Graduation March," consisting of the first eight bars of "Home, Sweet Home," followed by parts of "100 Days 'till June," "The Wedding March," "The Girl I Left Behind Me," "Auld Lang Syne," and concluding with the entirety of "Home, Sweet Home." The Graduating Class forms for "Front and Center" to the tune of "Army Blue" and marches "Front and Center" to "Alma Mater." They then form a reviewing line which reaches the length of The Plain and

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The Corps passes in review to the "Official West Point March."

As each company comes abreast of the first man of the graduating class it executes "Eyes Right" and holds the salute until it passes the last man. Those graduating salute by uncovering at the approach of the Acting Brigade Commander and hold their salute until the last company has passed.

Immediately following Graduation Parade, Plebes were recognized in a ceremony in Central Area with the entire Corps assembled. For the Class of 1966, a landmark event in their Academy tenure had been achieved.

Graduation Hop was held in the Army Theatre and in East and Central Gymnasiums for the graduating class while underclassmen held their hop in Lee Hall.

The dawn of Wednesday, 6 June, was the dawn of military careers for five hundred and four members of the Class of 1963. The graduation speaker was General Maxwell D. Taylor, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. A 1922 graduate of the Military Academy, General Taylor has had a most distinguished military career, including such assignments as: Commanding General of the 101st Airborne Division in the European Theatre of Operations from 1944 to 1945, during which time he led the airborne invasion of Normandy on 6 June 1944; Superintendent of the Military Academy from September 1945 to January 1949; Commanding General, Berlin Command, 1949 to 1951; Commander of the Eighth United States Army in Korea, 1953 to 1954; Commanding General, United States Army Forces Far East, November 1954 to March 1955; Commander-in-Chief, Far East Command, April 1955 to June 1955; and Chief of Staff, United States Army, July 1955 until June 1959 when he retired from the Army with the rank of General. In 1961, General Taylor was recalled to active duty to become Military Advisor to the President of the United States and in 1962 he was named Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

General Taylor's speech was entitled "The American Soldier." It recalled an oration in 1837 by Ralph Waldo Emerson, called "The American Scholar," when Emerson stated that American scholarship was no longer dependent upon the European influence from which it had sprung.

"I have often felt that a West Point graduation should sometime have been the occasion for a similar address dedicated to the American Soldier," said General Taylor. "Like other forms of American scholarship, American military thought was also once in European bondage but likewise has become emancipated."

"This ascendancy of American arms and military concepts is recognized more often abroad than at home," he went on; "last year approximately 17,000 students came to the United States to learn the American way of waging war and of keeping the peace.

"Why am I raising these matters with the West Point Class of 1963? Because you are about to become an American Soldier, one of the band who, having emancipated themselves from foreign authority, now set the dominant tone in matters of national defense, strategy, tactics, and advanced weaponry." The complete text of General Taylor's speech is quoted elsewhere in this edition.

General Westmoreland told the graduates that their class had distinguished itself in a number of ways. On the Graduate Record Exams, the Class of '63 rated higher than any previous USMA Class.

"In addition," said the Superintendent, "they asked for and were given more authority in directing the Corps of Cadets than any other class."

Thus, the curtain was brought down on an extremely successful June Week which saw the Long Gray Line add its 24,918th member.

JUNE WEEK 1963

PICTURE SECTION

PART ONE: CEREMONIES

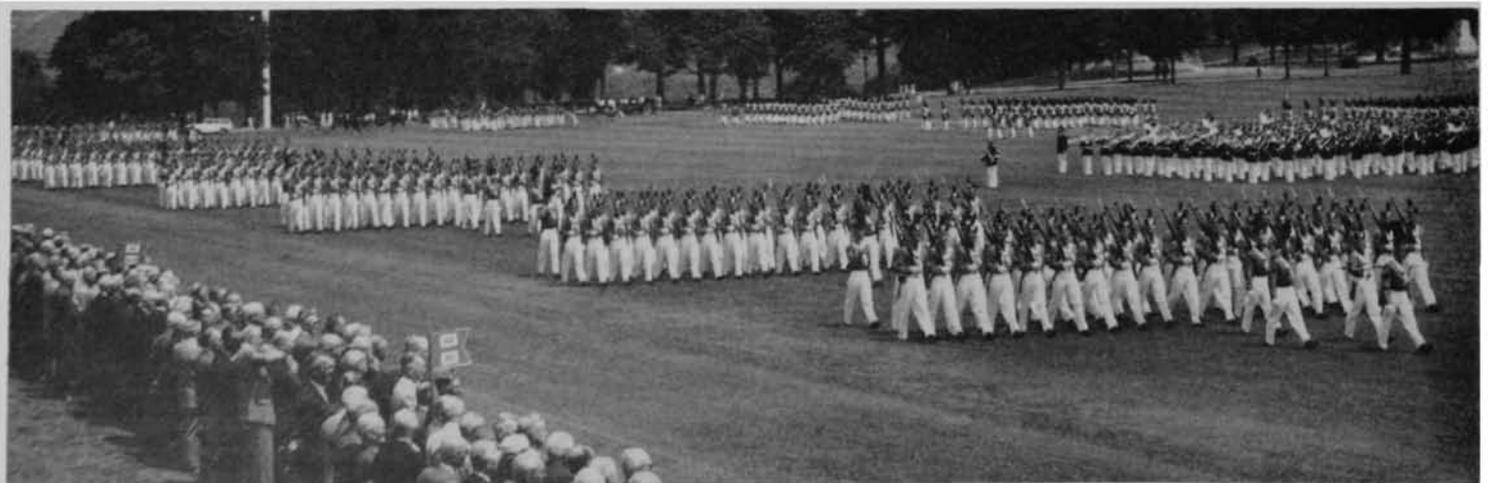


Col. Lewis S. Sorley '91, second oldest graduate present accompanied by Metz '37, Alumni Secretary, and Hunt '50 aide.

Alumni Memorial exercises at Thayer monument.



Alumni Review





Clay Jun'18 accepts check from Hodges '81 for Superintendent's fund.



Maj. Gen. Gibbs '33 presents class check to the Superintendent's fund.



Maj. Gen. Greene '13 presents class check to the Superintendent's fund.



Superintendent's Reception for Alumni. Receiving (Right to left) Gen. Westmoreland, Mrs. Westmoreland and Gen. Bessell.

PART TWO: MISCELLANEOUS



Class of '63 sons of '32 receive class gifts from Army Chief of Staff.
SUMMER 1963



Superintendent's Reception



Batson '39 and family relax between events.



An annual pilgrimage by Hayden Apr '17, Gallager '16 in background.



Alumni Secretary undergoes Third Degree by old Toc on right. Thirty years have not dimmed those piercing eyes.

PART THREE: AWARDS



Col. Kobes presents The George A. Campbell II Trophy to Cdt. Jackson, Coach of Brigade Basketball Champs.



Col. Heiberg presents trophy to Co M-1 for company contributing most to inter-collegiate sports. Cdt. S. J. Best receiving.



Maj. Gen. W. C. Westmoreland presents the AAA Trophy to Cadet Natvig.



Cadet William H. Alexander receives a watch in the name of the "Army Times" presented by Mr. Tom Scanlon.

PART FOUR: ARMY DAUGHTERS' COFFEE



A fiancée rehearses.



Army Daughters' coffee for parents and fiancées of '63.

Mrs. Holland, Cadet Hostess, pours for '63 brides to be.



PART FIVE: CLASS PARTIES



Class Dinner '03



Class Dinner '13



'23 Class Party at Leones



Cocktails with the Leones.
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The Squirrels—Class Nov'18



1928 Party



Class '33 at the Thayer
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Class Party '28



1933 at Round Pond



'33 Class Party at the Thayer



1938 Class Party—the Thayer



1938 at Buckner



Class of '38 at the Thayer
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Jan'43 at the Golf Club



'48 has a ball.

1948 a sober moment





Class of '53 in the Pershing Room



Class '53 has a Beer Bust.



More of the Beer Bust

JUNE WEEK 1963

ALUMNI RECOVER!



the AMERICAN SOLDIER

At a meeting of the Phi Beta Kappa Society in 1837, Ralph Waldo Emerson delivered a famous oration entitled "The American Scholar." In it he proclaimed to the academic world the emancipation of American scholarship from dependence upon the European influence from which it had drawn its inspiration since colonial days. "Our day of dependence, our long apprenticeship to the learning of other lands, draws to a close," said Emerson . . . "We have listened too long to the courtly muses of Europe." This pronouncement came to be regarded as the Declaration of Independence of American scholarship recording the dawn of a new intellectual era for the maturing republic.

I have often felt that a West Point graduation should sometime have been the occasion for a similar address dedicated to the American Soldier—and I use that term broadly this morning to mean the American man-at-arms be he soldier, sailor, airman, or marine. Like other forms of American scholarship, American military thought was also once in European bondage but likewise has become emancipated. Our Civil War marked the turning point in this trend. Drawing confidence from the experience acquired in that war, American military leadership became more and more independent of the European tradition which once controlled its thinking and limited the soar of its initiative. Since World War I, the American Soldier has generated his own military doctrine, devised his own strategy, produced his own weapons, and developed his own relationship to civil authority, largely without benefit of the theories of the Napoleons or the Schlieffens of the Old World. The American military doctrine which proved itself in World War II was essentially the product of our native school system wherein student officers in the years of peace meditated on the requirements of future war. The soundness of their judgments is the more surprising since they were reached by men who had never had the benefit of experience in the command of large units, for large units in our armed forces in that period were woefully few. Officers like General Eisenhower and General Mark Clark were fortunate if they obtained in time of peace the command of a battalion before receiving in time of war the command of an Army or a theater of war. In spite of a monotonous life and the absence of challenge which is often conducive to stagnation of thought, such men learned to think in broad terms unrelated to their routine tasks and prepared themselves for an international role on the company drill field.

The American Soldier working in close association with the American Scientist and Engineer were responsible for effecting the greatest change in weapons since the invention of gunpowder—the introduction of nuclear arms and their missile delivery systems. Thus they contributed to giving America pre-eminence in this awe-inspiring category of

weapons and at the same time in the sobering responsibility for their use in a world beset with fears and tensions. As the military adviser of civilian leadership, the American Soldier acquired the task of fitting these new weapons into a strategy of flexibility adapted to the shifting requirements of national defense. With an understanding of nuclear weapons effects he has come to realize that these are not all-purpose weapons—on the contrary, they must be supplemented by non-nuclear means of use in limited wars and in guerrilla insurgencies of the kind which we have known in Korea and Vietnam. Thus, the American voice is now heard in allied councils urging greater balance of effort without undue reliance on an immediate resort to nuclear weapons to arrest the initial phases of aggression. This is the so-called "new" American strategy which some of our European friends have misunderstood—it is not really a new strategy at all but merely the logical readjustment of former concepts to the changing requirements of the defense of the West. The American Soldier has learned that there is no single, unchanging formula for preserving the peace.

Yet, as I said at the outset, no orator has thus far seen fit to memorialize the deeds of the American Soldier and of American arms. Even if an Emerson were here today with this purpose—and all too clearly one is not—any oration in praise of the independence of the American Soldier would be largely postlude to the present fact of the ascendent role of America in military affairs.

Abroad, this ascendancy of American arms and American military concepts is accepted as a matter of course—it is imperfectly or reluctantly recognized at home. Abroad, the successes of our armed forces in World War II and Korea and the visible deterrent power of our arms today as shown in the Cuban crisis have enforced this appreciation of American primacy—for in the military field as in other fields of endeavor, it is success that brings conviction.

Abroad, the success of the American military effort has led to an inquiry into its causes, into the form of its concepts, and the nature of its tactics and technique. Hence, allied and neutral powers send their representatives to our military schools in vast numbers—last year approximately 17,000 students came to the United States to learn the American way of waging war and of keeping the peace. These same countries draw heavily on our military literature to guide their own studies. A few decades ago we in the United States learned from foreign military text books. In the Superintendent's quarters here at West Point some of you have no doubt seen the desk of Sylvanus Thayer, the great superintendent whom we know as the Father of the Military Academy. There you have noted some of the military texts to which he turned for counsel in administering West Point at about the same time that Emerson was deliv-

ering his oration in Cambridge. Most of these books are in French, a few in the English of the mother country. Today, the library of the head of any foreign military academy is apt to be filled with books written in the English of the military centers of the United States. Last month, I stood on a hilltop in Iran and with the military representatives of the CENTO Alliance watched with the Shah a military demonstration presented by the Iranian Army and Air Force. The explanation to the assembled international audience was made in English by Iranian officers in uniforms similar to the US field uniform and the briefing bore the unmistakable mark of Fort Benning or Fort Sill. One sensed the influence of the American Soldier in his role as teacher of the armies of freedom.

If recognized and respected abroad, at home the achievements of the American Soldier are often ignored or perhaps taken for granted. We are not an immoderately modest people. We like to boast of our wealth, our size, our scenery, and our climate. We laud the American Scholar, the American Businessman, the American Scientist, the Yankee Trader—but it rarely occurs to us to boast of the American Soldier. It is true that our generals and admirals have led vast forces to victory in some of the greatest campaigns of history—the invasion of Normandy, the conquest of Japan, the liberation of Italy, the defeat of the Communist aggression in Korea. The lands, seas and air spaces which they have conquered and the prisoners which they have taken dwarf the deeds of the great conquerors which provided the familiar faces in the history books of our childhood. But still no orations are devoted at home to the ascendancy of the American Soldier.

Why is this so? One incomplete answer would be that we Americans are made uneasy by the responsibilities of military leadership. As a nation we are still the prey of clichés about men on horseback and of the dangers of the military to democracy. We still have trouble distinguishing between what is military and what is militaristic; between what is peaceful and what is pacifistic. We must perhaps progress further toward maturity before there will be wholehearted acceptance at home of the continuing need for a large and respected military profession in the United States in the same way as there is a need for a class of businessmen, professional men, scientists, clergymen, and scholars. Uncle Sam has become a world renowned soldier in spite of himself.

Why am I raising these matters with the West Point Class of 1963? Because you are about to become an American Soldier, one of the band who, having emancipated themselves from foreign authority, now set the dominant tone in matters of national defense, strategy, tactics, and advanced weaponry.

If you are to be a useful member of this honorable company, you must bring to it the qualities which have made the American Soldier the figure he is today. Let me remind you of a few of these qualities. First, he has the professional competence without which he has no right to command his fellows or to advise his superiors. West Point has given you the basic ingredients of academic knowledge to provide a solid foundation for your future professional development. Awaiting you as officers in the service is a very complete military school system which will offer you advanced levels of instruction in phase with the advancing levels of your responsibilities. Following each return from school, you will receive assignments in command and staff where you will have daily occasion to apply the instruction received in the graduate school system. With diligence, I have no doubt that you can and will acquire the professional competence necessary to join the ranks of the American Soldier.

Beside and above professional attainments, the American Soldier has always carried the stamp of character, integrity and reliability—all virtues which have been set before you as precepts of conduct during your four years at West Point. If you have heeded and respected the teachings of our Alma Mater, I have no doubt that in this category also you will qualify for fellowship in the profession of arms.

However, there is a final and more difficult test to pass, the need for the kind of wisdom which expresses itself in breadth of human understanding—understanding of your men, of your associates and of your superiors. This is the quality which is the indispensable attribute of leadership. To understand people requires an understanding of their problems and interests. Since the American Soldier walks and talks with the leaders of his own and foreign governments, to be effective in these contacts he must be familiar with the principles of government and politics. He must have a just appreciation of national objectives and of the role of military power in attaining them. He must understand the proper relation of the military in support of civil policy, and comport himself in accord with the code which has always guided the American Soldier in the past—loyal support of the Commander-in-Chief and the civil authority which he represents.

Let me close with a few words about the responsibility of the military to advise and support civil authority. Military men who have spent their lives in the uniform of their country acquire a unique experience in preparing for war and in waging it. No theoretical studies, no intellectual attainments on the part of the layman can be a substitute for the experience of having lived and delivered under the stress of war. Hence, the voice of the American Soldier is entitled to a serious hearing in our national councils—and I am happy to report that he today receives that hearing. If his views on subjects within his competence do not always carry the day, it is not because our civilian leaders do not seek his advice and listen to his arguments. When he fails to persuade it may be that he has been misunderstood or that his view has been only a partial one, outweighed by other and higher considerations of national policy. Or it may be that he has not been sufficiently persuasive—that he has talked the jargon of the Pentagon without using the lay language which can always be found, if sought hard enough, to make any technical military matter understandable to the attentive civilian leader. If the American Soldier is to be true to the principle of civilian control of the military—and his past record makes impossible any question of the sincerity of that commitment—he must be willing to have his judgments challenged and expect to be called upon for the proof of their rightness. Hence, he must be a skillful and effective advocate, able to carry conviction before judges who are unimpressed by service stripes and who are immune to appeals to the military scriptures of the past. If he is such an advocate he will have no need to fear the IBM machines or the cost-effectiveness charts of the research analysts—these men and their methods also have a place in modern defense planning—in fact, he will learn to use their techniques as a part of his own professional equipment. Thus armed, the American Soldier is prepared to play his part at the national council table, there to present the military case logically and persuasively, seeking with all his might to obtain the decision which he believes right. But when civil authority takes the decision, it then becomes his own decision—thereafter to support loyally and to execute faithfully in the tradition of the American Soldier.

Gentlemen, I congratulate you on your graduation day and welcome you to the fraternity of arms, to comradeship with the American Soldier.

AN APPRAISAL OF WEST POINT

THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS

By MAJ. GEN. W. C. WESTMORELAND

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ALUMNI WHO WERE NOT IN ATTENDANCE



GENERAL GROVES, Colonel Sorley, Fellow Graduates, New Members of the Association of the Class of 1963, Gentlemen:

DURING the past three years I have had an opportunity to observe the Academy in detail from a unique vantage point; one that has enabled me to assess its progress and determine the direction in which it is moving. I would like to take this opportunity, in delivering my final address as Superintendent to you, the Alumni, to present with impartiality and objectivity my appraisal of the institution that each one of us reveres as his Alma Mater. Some may question the ability of one who has been so intimately associated with the administration of the Academy to render such an objective evaluation; however, I have, on this occasion attempted to shed the frocks of the Superintendency and I address you as a fellow graduate.

In developing the outline for my talk, I tried to reflect upon those questions most frequently asked by Alumni, and asked by myself to myself on frequent occasions over the past several years. This, in itself, proved to be a revelation because it became readily apparent to me that, collectively, the answers to these questions presented the very appraisal that I desire to make.

After circumspect thought, I pose these questions:

1. How successful has the Academy been in getting the right young men interested in, and admitted to, West Point?
 2. Is the present curriculum adequate; is it too sophisticated?
 3. To what extent are the standards of discipline and military training responsive to the requirements of the Army?
 4. Are athletics playing an appropriate role?
- And finally—but of primary importance—
5. Is the Honor Code still a fundamental part of cadet life?

I have developed my talk around these questions, and hope at the same time to provide an answer to the one central question that concerns each one of us, that is—Is the Academy doing its job?

During the past year the Academy has been the object

of criticism from several quarters, emanating from the public press as well as from other sources. We accept the fact that criticism of this type inevitably accompanies the conduct of affairs of a tax-supported institution and therefore is of interest to large segments of the population. This recent criticism has not caused us to become overly concerned, because, for the most part, it has been readily identifiable as being a superficial evaluation. Regrettably, though, this criticism has distorted, in the eyes of some people, the purpose and programs of the Military Academy. Our detailed analysis of this criticism reveals that it stems from one of two situations. First, the critic is not well-informed on the mission of the Academy and the details of its programs, and second, the critic has the conviction that in a military academy there is a basic incompatibility between a military environment and an intellectual environment, and the educational process is therefore inhibited. Needless to say, we reject such a thesis.

Perhaps some of you have had to assume the position of defender of the Academy as a result of this shallow criticism. If so, I hope, by my appraisal, that I might reinforce your thoughts concerning the validity of conclusions drawn by these critics.

Adhering to the outline, earlier developed, for the presentation of my evaluation, I would like to comment about the quality of the young men entering the Military Academy today. An examination of the profile of the classes that have entered during the past decade reveals a steady and impressive growth in the qualifications of our candidates. By all significant measures, the quality of the entering cadet has improved. To be truly objective, however, we must compare our entering classes with those at comparable level academic institutions. Such a comparison reveals that, although we have full reason to be proud of the type young men who today are seeking the challenges of a West Point education, we are merely abreast of the national trend. Between 1950 and 1960 college and university enrollments in public and private institutions increased by nearly 57%. Between now and 1970, we can expect these enrollments to double. By 1980 they will have tripled. This is attributable not only to the increasing number of young people of college age (16.2 million in 1960) but also to the increasing proportion of young people who are pursuing post-high school work (22% in 1960). This growth, though shown in quantitative terms, has been accompanied by qualitative development of the student population. With more (and better prepared) students competing for the limited number of spaces available in our leading colleges and universities, it is of paramount importance and in the best national interest that we seek, as do other leading schools, those candidates who have demonstrated outstanding qualifications. We have endeavored to do this through what I believe to be an excellent admissions program. Not only are we reaching a greater proportion of the young men who might be classified as prospective candidates but we are, with gratifying results, informing secondary-school educators of the scope and quality of our endeavors so that they may effectively counsel their students on matters pertaining to the Military Academy and a military career.

In addition to focusing our efforts on attracting the young men who we feel are likely to succeed at West Point and later as officers, we have adopted admissions procedures which serve this same end. Following several years of study, we revised, in 1961, the means of determining academic qualification of candidates. As most of you are aware, we no longer rely solely on the results in aptitude and achievement tests. It is already evident that

we are more efficient than we were before in predicting, for admissions purposes, the applicants most likely to succeed academically. I do not believe West Point has ever been more popular with the young men of the country. For the past several years, we have had an estimated 20,000 young men competing for approximately 800 vacancies at the Academy. With an ever increasing number of college-bound youth from which to select, we are seriously obliged to become more selective so that we obtain our "fair share" of the top talent among the young men of the nation.

Just as the increasing number of youth seeking post-high school education has prompted us to become more selective, the rapid scientific progress and change characteristic of the times have caused us to examine and re-examine our total program in an effort to develop that curriculum best suited to producing officers who will be prepared to assume the responsibilities of the modern Army. The total curriculum must equip these future officers to lead in this increasingly complex technological environment. This includes developing those qualities of character, intellect, and physical competence needed to lead the smallest combat unit or to advise the highest governmental council. We feel that the introduction of the revised curriculum has enabled us to move forward with the advances being made in the fields of science and technology while giving proper emphasis to the humanities and social sciences. When subjected to truly objective evaluation, the curriculum, as well as the graduates that it produces, fare well in comparison with other comparable level academic institutions. We speak of the present academic curriculum as the revised curriculum and as most of you are aware, it consists of a standard and an advanced studies program with standard courses, augmented courses and an extensive offering of electives. Although we refer to a revised curriculum, it might more appropriately be referred to as the "curriculum undergoing revision" because it is indeed under constant review and change. It is not, however, our intention to stray from the Philosophy of Education that has guided curriculum adjustments over the years toward the objective of providing a broad education in both the Arts and Sciences. The present curriculum has been tailored to provide that education we feel is required for an Army officer of the latter half of the 20th Century. I am convinced that a less ambitious approach would be contrary to the interest of the Army.

In identifying the educational requirements to be faced by future graduates, there are those who believe that the present curriculum is still too broad. The Academic Board is presently studying the feasibility and desirability of programs that would permit further concentration in selected areas of study to enable cadets to develop more fully their specific interests within the framework of an oriented curriculum.

Contrary to criticism which may have come to your attention through a recent magazine article, the Military Academy faculty is a good one and we should not believe otherwise. Newly selected permanent professors either have received their Doctor of Philosophy degrees or they are actively participating in a program that will ultimately result in the award of this degree. With 76% of our present faculty having advanced degrees from nearly 65 different colleges and universities, we note with satisfaction the reduction that has occurred annually in the number of instructors possessing only their Bachelor degrees. As with the curriculum, our faculty is also on the move.

I regret to announce the retirement, during the coming year, of Colonel Mike Esposito, Professor and Head of the

Department of Military Art and Engineering, and Colonel Charlie Barrett, Professor and Head of the Department of Foreign Languages. These officers have done an outstanding job and will be greatly missed by the Academy.

Not through academic instruction alone do we produce a graduate who is equipped to meet the requirements of the Army. A vital part of the training program, now presented principally during the summer months, is the program of military instruction conducted by the Commandant. Concentration of this phase of cadet training in the summer months has resulted in the development of the most rigorous and demanding summer training programs ever conducted. The training presented to members of the Third Class at Camp Buckner is, in my opinion, a model in practical military training. Not only are the cadets taught the basic military skills but they are toughened physically, mentally, and psychologically. To observe the change which takes place within a class during the short space of three months between recognition and completion of Yearling Summer is a revelation. In no single stage of cadet training is leadership potential so clearly brought to the fore. The Yearlings say the Camp Buckner program is physically tougher than Beast Barracks, but they like it and appreciate it.

For those who are interested in gaining an appreciation for the scope of this training, we have recently completed a new training film on the Third Class Tactical Training program. Arrangements have been made to show this film to interested alumni in North Auditorium of Thayer Hall on Tuesday at 0930 and again at 1330 on the same day. Shown also will be the recently completed training film on New Cadet Barracks. This film will reveal to you that Beast Barracks is little changed from what you experienced. Last year we studied this program in detail and reassured ourselves that it is a sound and effective training experience.

Alumni have traditionally used the state of discipline within the Corps as a gauge to determine whether or not the Corps HAS. Although a close examination would reveal that today's Corps falls short of perfection in this regard, I am convinced that no better disciplined young men are to be found in any college or academy today. Our disciplinary efforts have been focused on self-discipline, less "spoon-feeding," and emphasis on duty. Through the extension of more privileges during the Second and First Class years, we have put the cadets in the position of dealing with options on the use of their time where individual judgments have to be made by them since they are not made by the system. As a result of this policy, a number of cadets have fallen by the wayside but it is our opinion that these individuals would inevitably have run into trouble at a later date, probably as officers.

It has been and is our belief that training on the athletic field produces, as nothing else can, the attributes of fortitude, self-control, resolution, and, of course, physical development—all of which are essential in making a career soldier. Our athletic policy gives due respect to the importance of producing winning teams. It is clearly in the Academy's interest (and I believe in the national interest) to have a reputation of being a winner. The desire for this reputation, however, has not and will not assume such proportions that it becomes warped and reflects a philosophy of "win at any cost." Respect for fair play and sportsmanship are an important part of the Academy's physical training program. I can faithfully report that our Corps squad members are good cadets first and athletes second, and that policy and procedures require such an objective relationship.

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With a comprehensive program of intramural athletics consisting of 18 different sports presented during three seasons of the year, cadets, today, enjoy one of the most effective and scientifically designed intramural programs in the Academy's history. This year, in both intramural program and in the Physical Education program, we have added skiing on an optional basis. The addition of this sport which provides military skill, as well as physical development and enjoyment, to the physical training program has been made possible by the development of an exceptionally fine ski slope on the reservation, thanks to the support obtained through the West Point Superintendent's Fund.

An effective intercollegiate athletic program is greatly dependent upon the quality of the coaching staff, and, in this regard, I can assure you that we have an outstanding group of coaches, as fine a group as we have had at the Academy in recent years. They are not only highly expert in their athletic sport but are gentlemen of excellent character who appreciate and admire the Academy and what it stands for.

Although outmanned by the Navy (they have on board this date 3,800 midshipmen compared to our 2,380 cadets), during the past year in 15 athletic contests between the two academies, we have won 8, they have won 7. On Saturday, in our final competitions of the year, our cadets won: track, baseball, tennis, and lacrosse. The Mid-dies won golf.

On the 4th of May we were given a preview of what's in store for the forthcoming football season when spring practice was concluded with the traditional intra-squad game. Coach Dietzel tells me that he is cautiously optimistic about the prospects for the coming season. As you are probably aware, Army's special offensive unit (the "go team") and defensive unit (Bandits) will be abandoned this year. NCAA rule changes regarding substitutions have contributed to a return to more conventional team organization.

Most of you have undoubtedly viewed the new permanent addition to Michie Stadium which was completed just in time for last year's opening football game. Needless to say, this much-needed addition was financed by the Army Athletic Association. This building investment, which also included extensive renovation of the old stands, amounted to \$1,600,000 has produced for the time being a \$350,000 debt in the Association. I can assure you, however, that the AAA is well managed, and moving dynamically forward. The addition of seating capacity is timely since it would seem desirable to play more home games at Michie Stadium in view of the poor attendance at games in New York City in recent years.

If there is one assurance that the returning graduate seeks on these occasions, it is to know that the Honor Code continues to be sacrosanct within the Corps. This assurance I feel fully qualified to give and I offer it without reservation. The widespread low moral standards prevalent in many segments of our society put an added burden on the Honor System but, at the same time, make its effectiveness all the more important. The system continues to ferret out cadets who have not accepted the Code or who fail to adapt to the system, and throughout the past year there has been a small increase, compared with previous years, in the number of cadets separated for violations of the Honor Code, including violators in each of the four classes. The number of cases does not condemn the system but rather commends it because it shows that the Honor System is effective, vigilant, and uncompromising. As you are all aware, the Honor Code and System are the

exclusive domain of the Corps. I have the greatest admiration for the Honor Committee—I applaud their results.

Through our Alumni magazine, the ASSEMBLY, I have endeavored to keep you abreast of legislation being developed by the Department of Defense to expand the Service Academies because I believe this to be a matter of vital interest. Such legislation, HR 6611, is now under consideration by the Congress and we hope will be passed at this Session. The Bill will put the Military Academy on the same legal basis from an enrollment standpoint with the Naval Academy. The size of the Corps will be increased on an incremental basis, consistent with the capacity of the physical plant. Several years ago, master plans for the expansion of facilities at West Point were prepared. These plans have recently been revised. In the development of the Academy's concept for expansion, many factors had to be taken into consideration. Bearing heavily upon any acceptable plan are the following factors: the criticality of cadet time, the requirement to maintain the esthetic character of the West Point scene, the efficient use of premium real estate in the cadet area, and the requirement to maintain quality construction at minimum cost. While working up our expansion plan, we consulted with former Superintendents and former Presidents of the Association of Graduates, and I am pleased to report that the plan has been universally well received. Numbered among those who have been briefed on and indorsed the expansion plan are Generals MacArthur, Eisenhower, Devers, Collins, Bradley, Clay, Mark Clark, Schuyler, Eddleman, and Bruce Clarke. We have arranged a similar briefing on the details of this plan for all interested alumni and hope that a large number of you will take advantage of this opportunity. We invite your active participation by asking questions that you may have, as well as expressing your own personal views on ours or other expansion concepts. This orientation will be conducted in the Lecture Hall of the Department of Earth, Space and Graphic Sciences (the old Drawing Department) on the fourth floor of this building immediately following this luncheon. A similar orientation will be conducted tomorrow morning at 0930.

The expansion legislation started from a requirement that additional West Point graduates were needed in the Regular Army. As General MacArthur so aptly expressed himself to me: "The West Point trained officer is not necessarily better than the non-West Point trained officer, but a young man with the prerequisites to become an officer will be 25% better if he has had the benefit of West Point education and training."

With the formation of a formal Product Appraisal Committee nearly a year and a half ago, we undertook a long-range program of graduate assessment. Eventually, we hope that our research will permit us to develop adequate criteria to conduct a truly comprehensive and meaningful appraisal of the performance of Military Academy graduates. At the present time, however, we are at least heartened by the results of a recently completed long-term evaluation of the retention rate in the service of graduates of the Military Academy. Based upon statistics released by the Adjutant General, an analysis of resignations by Military Academy graduates in the 30 classes from 1931 to 1961 reveals a retention rate of approximately 85%. Close examination of resignations reveals that the abnormally high rate experienced for a few years following World War II and the Korean War has now leveled off. Until a more effective measure is devised, I know of no more valid index of the success of Academy graduates than the appraisal of demonstrated dedication to a career in the military service.

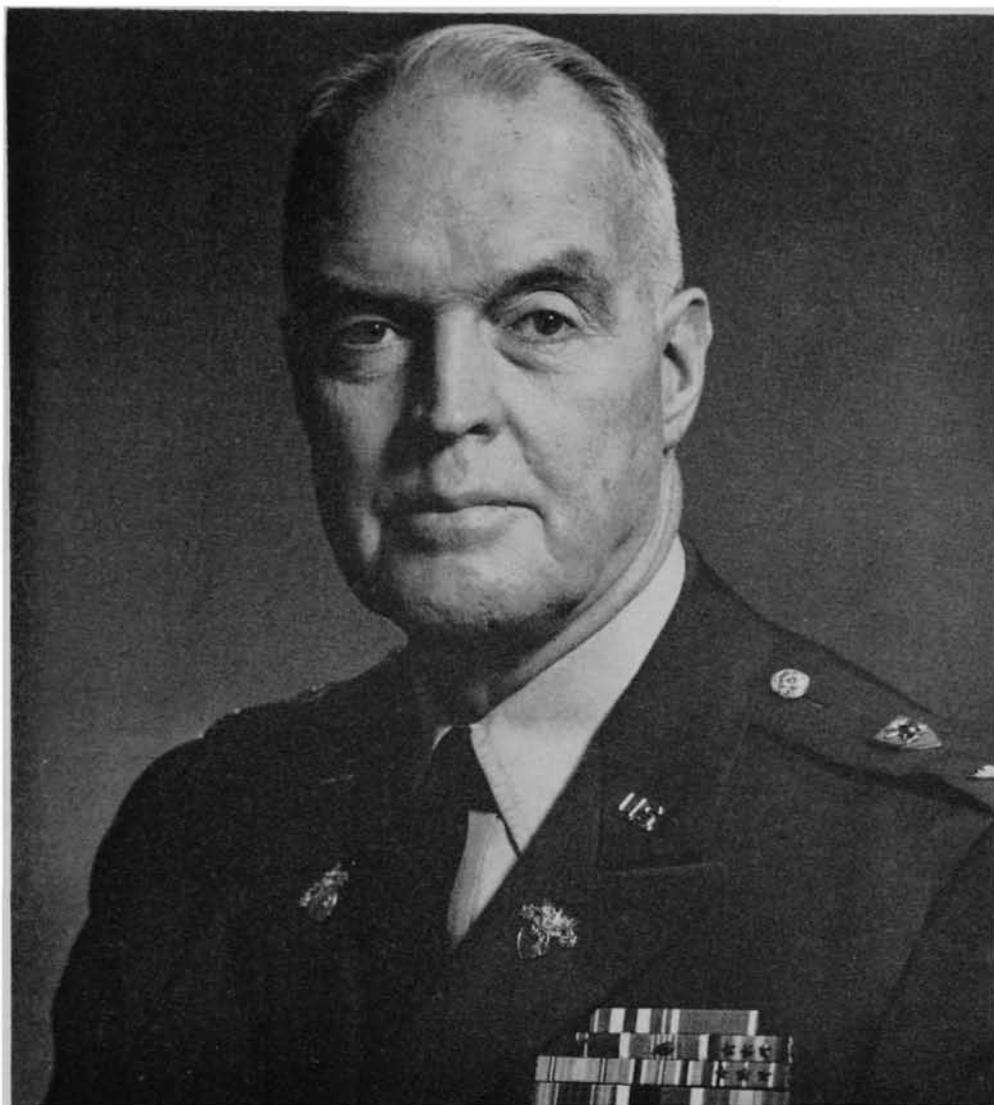
We frequently find that competition for the defense dollar relegates certain of our projects to positions of such low priority that appropriated funds cannot be secured. The West Point Superintendent's Fund, in the year that it has been operating, has demonstrated the wisdom of calling upon alumni and friends of the Academy to undertake, through contributions, these small but important projects that contribute greatly to the welfare of the cadets. We are grateful to General Clay and his Fund Committee, assisted by the Advisers to the Fund, and General Danford and Colonel Branham of the West Point Alumni Foundation, for their enthusiastic support of this long-range effort in behalf of the Academy. Through contributions already received, it has been possible to fully equip a modern T-bar ski lift, to assist in the conversion of the Old Ordnance Compound into a social activity center for the First Class, to make a major addition to the Cadet Chapel organ, and to modernize equipment of the skeet range. (The latter by the Class of 1932.) At this time, I am proud to report to the Alumni, a gift presented by the Richard King Mellon Trusts to the Fund of \$200,000 for the construction of a shell and stage for a proper amphitheater at Trophy Point. This project as it grows may provide an excellent potential for memorial gifts from individuals and classes.

To conclude my remarks, I would like to review with you the role played by West Point during the period of our nation's struggle for independence, because to me, it is symbolic of a sound military philosophy. You will recall that the strategic advantages of West Point, early identified by General George Washington, resulted at his direction in the construction of strong fortifications at this site. Such an installation, dominating the Hudson River at a point some 50 miles north of New York City, proved to be vital to retention of control of the river which, if secured by the British, would have separated the Colonies and subjected the young nation to the strong probability of defeat. George Washington referred to West Point as the most important post in the country. The West Point fortifications were so imposing that the British gave up any hope of being able to storm them by direct military attack—thus they served both a tactical and a strategic purpose without a shot being fired or blood being shed. By their strength they accomplished their military mission. From its early beginnings, West Point has played a vital role in the defense of this country. As a military fortified area and as a producer of graduates who have fought for the preservation of the freedom earlier won, West Point has stood through the years as a symbol of a sound philosophy of national defense—BE STRONG, BE WILLING, BE ABLE, and thus discourage aggression.

The increasing complexity of the world scene requires constant adaptation by the military profession and by the institutions which prepare its leaders. But while adapting itself to the changing world, the Academy must and will continue to emphasize the devotion to Duty, Honor, and Country which has traditionally been the hallmark of its graduates.

In conclusion, let me say that I cherish my three years as Superintendent. I am deeply grateful to the Alumni for the loyal support you have given to me. Particularly, I appreciate the faithful support by the President of our Association of Graduates, General Leslie Groves.

I speak from long personal friendship in assuring you that my appointed successor, Major General James B. Lampert, is uniquely qualified to become the 46th Superintendent of the Academy. I am sure that he has your full confidence; I know he will have your full support.



The late Brig. Gen. Charles J. Barrett who served as professor and head of the Department of Foreign Languages from 1947-1963.

General BARRETT Dies

BRIG. GEN. CHARLES J. BARRETT '22 (USA-Ret.) USMA Professor and Head of the Department of Foreign Languages from July 1947 to June 1963, died Sunday, 30 June, at Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, D.C., following a brief illness. A Requiem Mass was celebrated on 3 July at Holy Trinity Catholic Chapel followed by interment in the West Point Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, Gen. Barrett's family requested that donations be made in his name to the American Cancer Society, 521 West 57th St., N.Y.C.

Among his many contributions to the Academy's Department of Foreign Languages, Gen. Barrett revamped all foreign language courses emphasizing a speaking rather

than a reading and writing knowledge of the language.

In addition to directing his Department work, Gen. Barrett served on a number of committees of the Academic Board, including the Admissions Committee, the Library Committee, and the Athletic Board. He served with distinction as Executive secretary to the Board of Visitors from 1951-62.

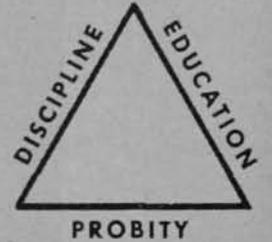
Before coming to West Point in 1947, Gen. Barrett was Deputy Chief of the Civil Affairs Division, War Department Special Staff in Washington, D.C.

Gen. Barrett is survived by his widow, the former Maxine Fulton of Oxford, Ala., and by a daughter, Miss Diane Fulton Barrett.



SONS OF THAYER

ALUMNI PROFILES



MILITARY SCIENTISTS OF THE AMERICAN WEST

By PAT RYAN

"In 1838 there was activated a branch of the Army that exerted a far-reaching influence in the growth of science and the early development of the United States. Known as the Corps of Topographical Engineers, it vitually dominated the era of official exploration that began about 1840 and ended with the outbreak of the Civil War. For practically the entire span of its life (1838 to 1863, when it was merged with the Corps of Engineers), its wide-ranging activities were directed by Col. John James Abert (Class of 1811), a scholar generally regarded as one of the leading geographers of his time.

"The aim of geographical observation, the chief preoccupation of the Corps, was to achieve an accurate, comprehensive notion of the Trans-Mississippi West's gross features: the location and extent of mountains, deserts, plains, and forests; the variations of climate, soil fertility and mineral deposits; the relative abundance of animal life; and the ease of travel from one region to the next. These were the general questions carried into the West by the topographical officer.

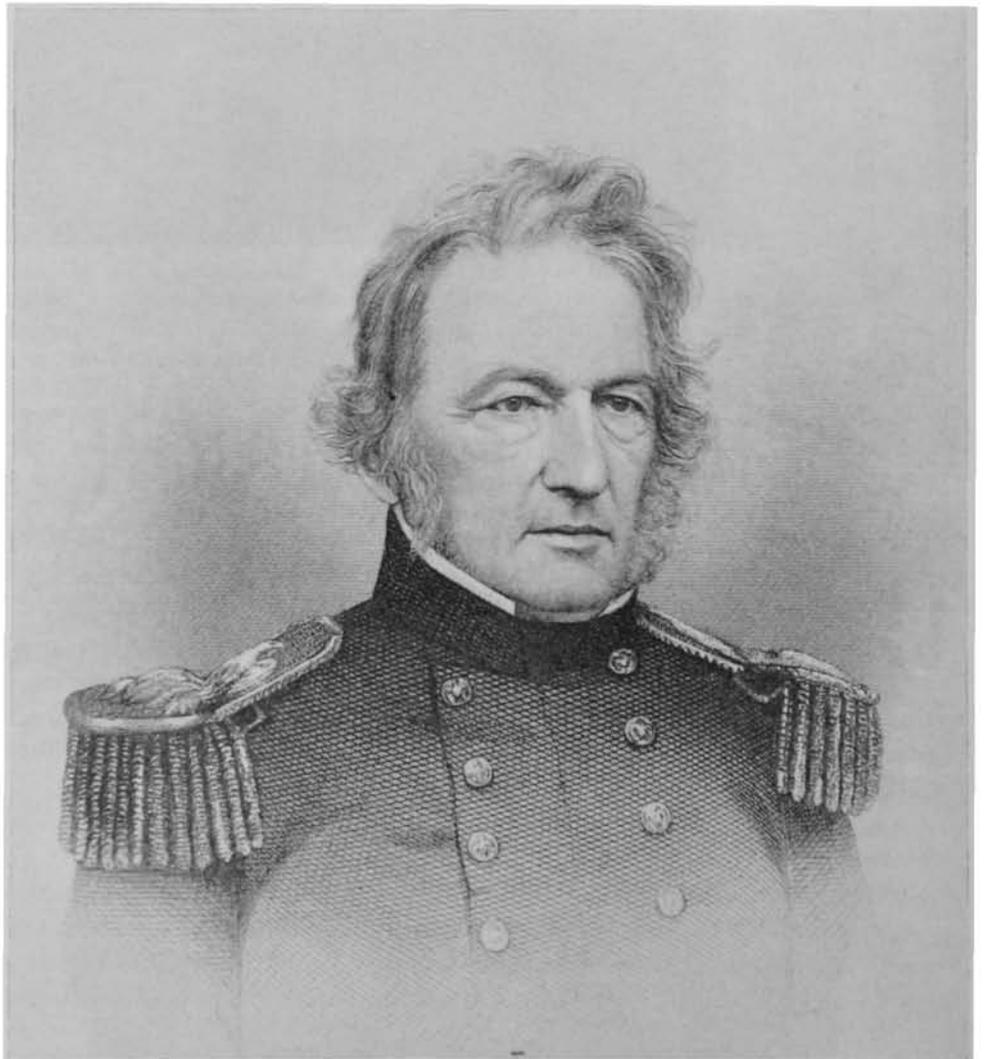
"The first systematic survey of the southwestern United States was by Maj. William H. Emory (Class of 1831), who accompanied Brig. Gen. Stephen Watts Kearny on his Mexican War reconnaissance through the Southwest to California, and who later was a central figure in the survey of the boundary separating the United States and Mexico. It was chiefly through Emory's work as topographer on the Kearny expedition that the Southwest lost its status as an unknown quantity.

"The basis of Emory's official report was an excellent map that filled in a major area of Western geography. In

addition to this geographical aspect of his work, Emory was a pioneer in shedding light on the anthropology and archaeology of the Southwest.

"Emory returned to the Southwest in 1851 as surveyor and chief astronomer on the controversial Boundary Survey,

during which tenure he virtually directed it. The high scientific value of his resultant Boundary Survey Report was enhanced by a master map. In the course of his survey, Emory calculated 208 points of latitude and longitude from the Gulf of Mexico to the Pacific,



John James Abert: Directed Corps of Topographical Engineers.

and supervised the determination of an elevation profile all along the line. His report also embodied an impressive array of zoological, botanical, geological and ethnological data.



William H. Emory: Mapped the Southwest.

"Probably the greatest single result of the Corps' surveys was the special map of the Trans-Mississippi compiled by Lt. Gouverneur K. Warren (Class of 1850). During the 4 years between 1855 and 1859, Warren was much occupied with settlement problems in the Dakotas and Nebraska territories. His meticulous surveys led to reports and recommendations stressing the need for forts to protect settlers, better communications, and a fair policy toward the Indians. Warren's stellar achievement, however, was a comprehensive map of the Trans-Mississippi West, which summed up decades of explorations and surveys. Published in Volume II of the Reports of the Corps of Topo-

graphical Engineers, issued in 1859, it was an event easily comparable in magnitude to the publication of the reports by Lewis and Clark.

"There were many other reports, each of which made some part of the Trans-Mississippi West more intelligible. Lt. Joseph Christmas Ives (Class of 1852) explored the Colorado River from the Gulf of California to the Grand Canyon, and he was the first to descend to the yawning chasm's rocky floor. Capt. James H. Simpson (Class of 1832) further clarified the nature of the Great Basin and explored the Wasatch Moun-



Amiel W. Whipple: Surveyor in the Southwest.

tains region, collecting the usual wide range of information that characterized nearly all the reports by the Corps. Lieutenants James W. Abert (Class of 1842) and William G. Peck (Class of 1844) completed a thorough survey of the huge territory of New Mexico, defining its geography in a good map replete with information of every kind.

"During his survey along the 35th parallel in the Southwest, Lt. Amiel W. Whipple's (Class of 1841) party attempted measurements of terrestrial magnetism that later supported Humboldt's theory of declining magnetic intensity between the Poles.

"The total effort of the Corps, and its results, merit deference and admiration. Depending for transportation on mule, horse, and wagon over some of the roughest country in North America, harrassed or attacked by hostile Indians, frequently suffering from lack of food, clothing, and other necessities, picking their way laboriously over the sprawling wild terrain of a largely uncharted continent, the determined officers of the Corps described, evoked, staked out, and mapped the main features of



James W. Abert: Surveyed New Mexico.

the Trans-Mississippi West within a space of 20 years—a fantastic accomplishment for a group numbering fewer than a modern Infantry platoon. The work of the Corps still forms the basis of American geography and mapping.

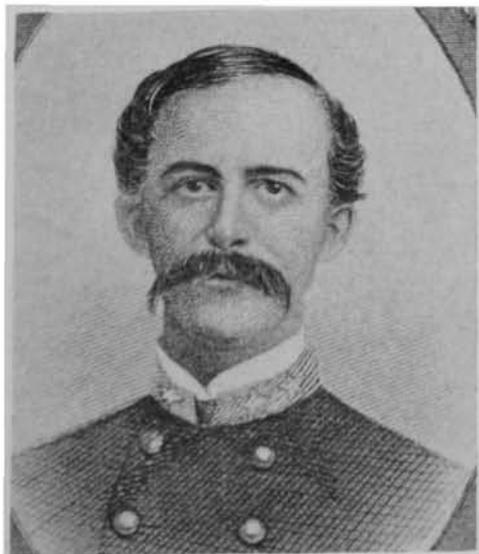
"The scientific work of the Corps had immense scope and was of general significance, directly influencing the European scientific community. There is no doubt that the rich assortment of maps, reports, specimens, journals, papers, and statistics accruing from 20 years of exploration and mapping comprised a singular contribution to Western man's understanding of interior North America."

**"THEY WERE SHAPED INTO
SOLDIER-ENGINEERS BY THE RIGOROUSLY
PRACTICAL CURRICULUM INTRODUCED
BY COL. SYLVANUS THAYER."**

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EDITOR'S NOTE:

This feature, Sons of Thayer, will appear in subsequent issues and will portray those early graduates who have contributed to the educational and scientific growth of the United States.



Joseph C. Ives: Explored the Grand Canyon.



Mr. McCloy receives Thayer Award:
left to right: Lt. Gen. Leslie R. Groves
Nov. '18, Maj. Gen. W. C. Westmore-
land '36, and Mr. McCloy.

JOHN J. McCLOY

On Saturday, 25 May 1963, Maj. Gen. W. C. Westmoreland, Superintendent USMA, was host to Mr. John J. McCloy and the Association of Graduates on the occasion of Mr. McCloy receiving the Sylvanus Thayer medal awarded annually by the Association of Graduates to an outstanding citizen whose service in the public interest best exemplifies the West Point motto, Duty—Honor—Country.

At noon the Corps of Cadets held a review in honor of Mr. McCloy. During the review the cadet brigade adjutant published an order of the day acknowledging Mr. McCloy's service to country both in peace and war. Following the publication of orders, Gen. Westmoreland and Mr. McCloy trooped the line (see photo) after which the Corps passed in review.

At luncheon in Washington Hall the Thayer award was presented to Mr. McCloy (see photo) by Lt. Gen. Leslie R. Groves Nov. '18, president of the Association of Graduates. The following citation was read by Gen. Groves:

"1963 Sylvanus Thayer Award
Citation
John J. McCloy

"For more than forty-five years as soldier, lawyer, banker, statesman, John J. McCloy has advanced his country's welfare in peace and in war by his outstanding leadership.

"As an officer serving in the American Expeditionary Force in World War I, as The Assistant Secretary of War during World War II, as President of the World Bank, as United States Military Governor and High Commissioner for Germany, making a great personal contribution to the transition of an enemy to a great ally, as an advisor to the United Nations on Suez Canal Problems, as chairman of The Chase Manhattan Bank and The Ford Foundation, as an advisor to the President of the United States on Disarmament, as Chairman of the Coordinating Committee of the United States Government during the Cuban Crisis, and as responsible participant in national and international high policy making, this distinguished citizen has long served his country and mankind outstandingly in the highest positions of responsibility.

"By his unswerving and devoted Duty to his Country,

he has greatly enhanced its Honor and strength. Accordingly, the 1963 Sylvanus Thayer Medal is hereby awarded by the Association of Graduates of the United States Military Academy to John J. McCloy."

The following are excerpts from Mr. McCloy's acceptance address:

"Gen. Westmoreland, Gen. Groves, graduates of the Academy, the Corps of Cadets, ladies and gentlemen:

"I wish I could find the words adequately to convey to this Corps and their friends who are here today the sentiments and the memories which are prompted by this award from the graduates of West Point. As I am flattered, I am, at the same time, deeply moved. I have known or worked with, I believe, all of the distinguished figures who have preceded me as recipients of this honor—with most in time of war—and I have had such close association with graduates of this Academy over the years that to be selected by them for their award, which bears the name of the Father of the Academy, warms me beyond measure.

"I am likewise honored, but I must confess I am also appalled, at the thought that I am following Gen. Douglas MacArthur, who last year delivered that extraordinary farewell to the Corps with its resounding refrain of Duty, Honor, Country. I do not need to remind you that I cannot attain the heights which that occasion and his eloquence reached."

In recalling his World War I service McCloy stated:

"And so you can perhaps imagine some of the memories and thoughts which passed through my mind as I stood at the review this morning. I imagined that I saw interspersed among the ranks, the Menohers, the Pershings, the Liggetts of the old war, as well as the Eisenhowers, Bradleys, and Clays of the more recent one. But it came upon me also that the real strength of the Corps is not expressed in individuals. Among the graduates of the Academy, for every one whose name has become a household memory, there were probably a dozen as good or better men, the juxtaposition of whose stars just did not happen to produce the combination of time and talent that makes for public notice. The strength of the Corps and its value to the country lies in the fact that it is *there*—in peace and war—always with a level of training, knowledge, and discipline on which the country

ASSEMBLY

Receives the THAYER AWARD

can constantly depend. From time to time, when great names or what the world is prone to class as great, emerge, it really is only evidence that the Corps is still performing its task of having available at all times a sizeable and competent supply of those, from among whom the sometimes weird accidents of opportunity, will select the famous.

"And this brings me to the point I would like to make by way of response to this award. Vast new dimensions, the extent of which you, and in all probability your instructors, have not yet fully comprehended, have been introduced to the science of conflict and destruction. They transcend in their effects all the accumulations of the so-called advances in warfare since Adrianople was fought. Many implications of these new developments remain obscure, but one thing seems certain, and that is, that the character of military service, the type of leadership, the skills and even the forms of courage which the nation will require, will differ in many aspects from the requirements of the past. With the threat of a war in which civilian casualties might run into scores of millions and the incapacitation of millions more, with the attendant upheavals of the nation's life, it is certain that something much more than that which was demanded

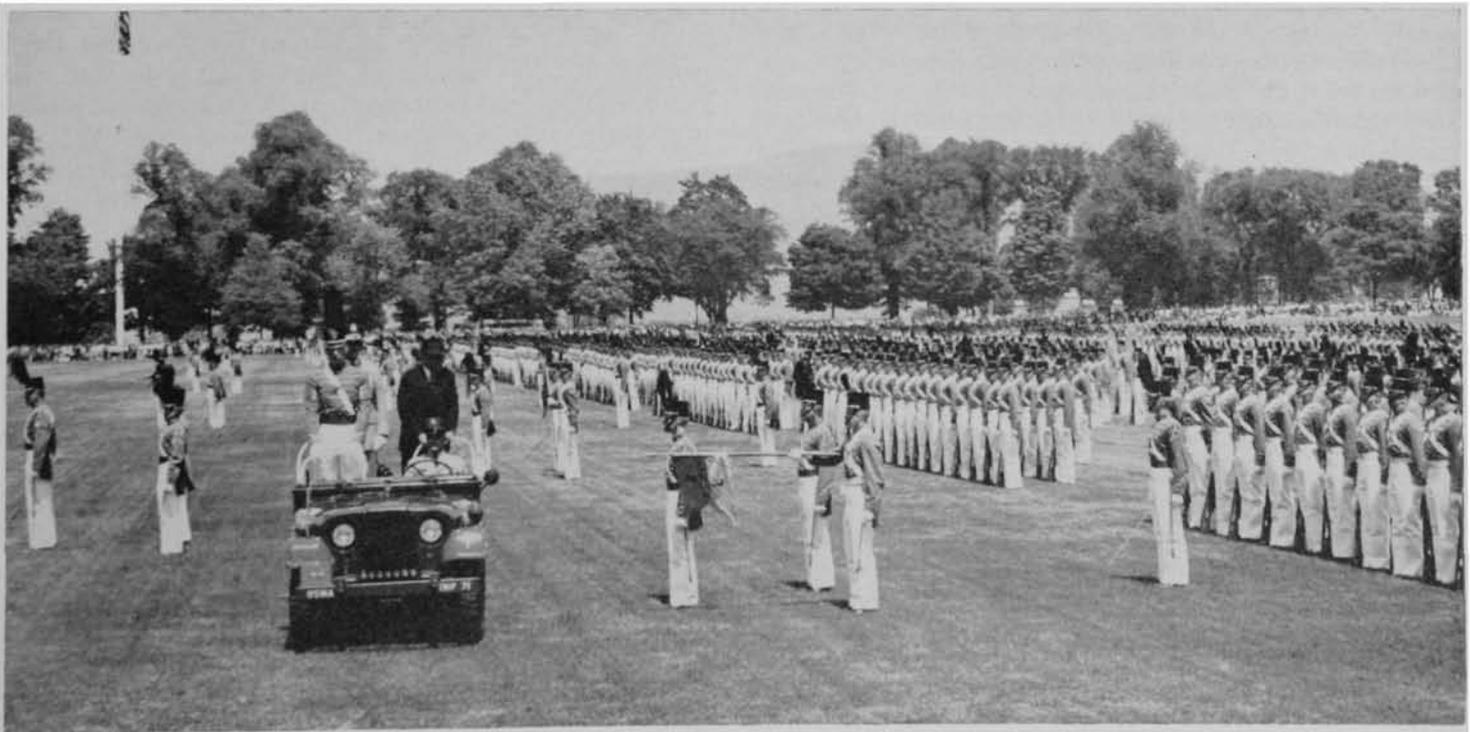
of the cavalry leaders of the 19th century or the tank commanders of the 20th, will be exacted from you and those with whom you become associated in your Army careers.

"The chief problem among many which confront the country and the world is, at least as I view it, how such destruction can be averted without loss of self-respect or impairment of the country's vital interest. Winning such a war is almost a contradiction of terms, yet men and nations will probably continue to harbor the ambitions, display the prides, and indulge in the obduracies which generate conflict. Moreover, accidents can happen. All this demands fundamentally new concepts of what constitutes the true security of the nation and how it can best be achieved. No one has yet the full answer."

In concluding, Mr. McCloy added:

"I have been pleased and warmed by this honor. I hope my response has reflected my feeling for the traditions of this Academy and my respect and regard for those graduates of it whom it has been my good fortune over the years to know and be associated with in peace and war.

"Thank you very much."



Gen. Westmoreland and Mr. McCloy troop the line, accompanied by Cadet First Captain Richard E. Eckert.

MEMORIAL PLAQUES

AT 1600 hours 4 June 1963 Maj. Gen. W. C. Westmoreland, in company with Mrs. Chauncey L. Fenton and numerous friends and relatives of Gen. Robert L. Eichelberger '09 and Gen. Chauncey L. Fenton '04, gathered in Cullum Hall to dedicate memorial plaques to Generals Eichelberger and Fenton. Mrs. Eichelberger was unable to attend for reasons of health.

Col. E. R. Heiberg, acting as master of ceremonies, explained the history of memorialization in Cullum Hall and introduced Chaplain Theodore Speers, D.D., who delivered the invocation. Col. E. C. Gillette, Jr., a professor during Gen. Eichelberger's superintendency, unveiled the plaque commemorating the service of Gen. Eichelberger at West Point. (See photo)



Gen. R. L. Eichelberger

The following eulogy was delivered by Gen. Westmoreland:

"I consider it a personal privilege to give the eulogy to Gen. Eichelberger. When I was a cadet he was the Academy adjutant. He was a classmate of my wife's father, a member of the Class of 1909. Gen. Eichelberger, appointed from the 8th Congressional District of Ohio, was admitted as a cadet to the United States Military Academy on 15 June 1905. He was graduated 68 in a class of 103 members and was commissioned as a 2d lieutenant in the 25th Infantry. While a cadet, Robert L. Eichelberger served as corporal, sergeant, quartermaster sergeant, acting sergeant major, and lieutenant in the United States Corps of Cadets.

"Gen. Robert Lawrence Eichelberger has left with us the lesson of how a man can win reputation and fame by successfully meeting unexpected challenges. During World War I, while momentarily expecting orders to sail for France with the 8th Division, he suddenly found himself the assistant chief of staff of the American Expeditionary Forces in Siberia. For almost 2 years, he served in that big, empty country, where the Japanese, the British, the French, the White Russians, the Bolsheviks, and various brutal bandit bands and groups struggled for control.

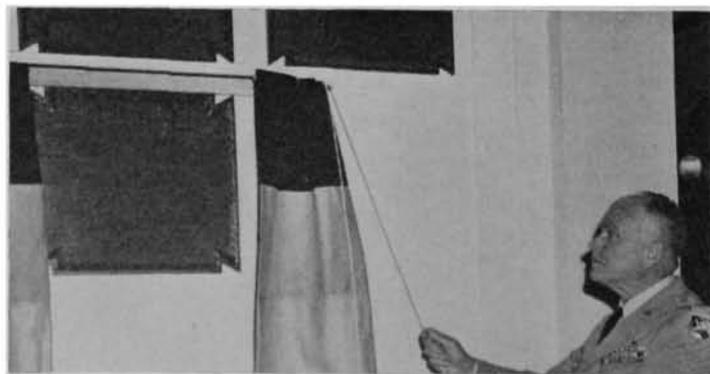
"In June of 1942, he was scheduled to command an amphibious corps for the invasion of North Africa. Abruptly, he was reassigned to Australia. As Mrs. Eichelberger said as she kissed him goodbye, 'When there is a war, you always seem to go to the queerest places.'

"Not too long after Gen. Eichelberger's arrival in Australia, Gen. MacArthur sent him off to command personally the American-Australian offensive in New Guinea, which had bogged down around the Japanese strongholds of Buna and Gona. Gen. MacArthur's farewell was terse: 'I want you to take Buna, or not come back alive, and that goes for your chief of staff too.' Buna was taken, and thereafter Gen. Eichelberger led the long, difficult campaign into the back of New Guinea. He won the command of the Eighth Army, fought on Leyte, and Luzon, cleaned out the odd corners of the Philippine Islands, and went on to take part in the occupation of Japan.

"Here at West Point, our First Classmen study Gen. Eichelberger's World War II campaigns. But we also have other proud and happy memories of him. After graduating with the Class of 1909, he returned in 1931 to serve capably until early 1935 as Adjutant General and Secretary of the Academic Board. In 1940, after having been the Secretary of the Army's General Staff, and Commander of the 30th Infantry Regiment, he came back to West Point as Superintendent.

"During his tenure from 1940-42, he had to combat the uncertainty and tension that gripped officers and cadets alike, as war spread around the world. He did this—as he did everything else—by personal example and expert military leadership. Always calm, self-confident, and purposeful, he intensified practical training, put the cadets into fatigues, worked up joint maneuvers with active Army units, and increased the emphasis on aviation. Newspaper and magazine articles on West Point no longer featured pictures of trim cadets smiling down at pretty girls or putting horses over high hurdles. Instead, there were photographs of sweaty cadets practicing assault-river crossings under simulated combat conditions. At the same time, mindful that the mission of West Point is to train the future military leaders of the United States, and not merely next year's platoon leaders, Gen. Eichelberger—with the full support of the Academic Board—fought off all attempts to shorten USMA's course of instruction to one year, as was done during World War I.

"Finally, knowing the importance of morale, Gen. Eichelberger took measures, including the procurement of



Col. E. C. Gillette, Jr., Department of Physics and Chemistry unveils Gen. Eichelberger's plaque in Cullum Hall.

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Mr. Earl Blaik as football coach, to improve the Academy football team. The explanation he left of his purpose in this gives us an equally clear explanation of Gen. Eichelberger's success as a man and as a soldier. 'I felt the cadets deserved a team that would teach them to be good winners. I still think insofar as Army officers are concerned, that the concept of graceful losing can be overdone: in combat . . . there may be no game next week.'

"This day at this place we pay homage to a former cadet, a distinguished soldier, a former Superintendent, a gentleman, a friend, a West Pointer in the finest tradition."

Following Gen. Eichelberger's eulogy, the group moved into the Pershing Room where Mrs. Fenton unveiled Gen. Fenton's plaque commemorating his service at West Point.

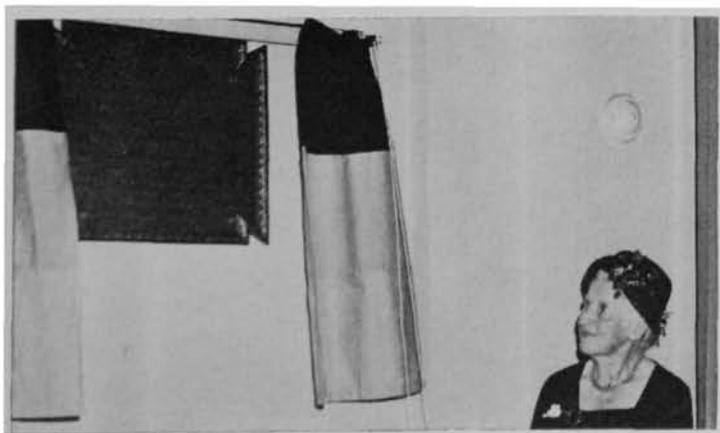
Gen. Westmoreland delivered the following eulogy:

"I deem it a great personal and official privilege to give the eulogy to Gen. Fenton. When I was a cadet I was instructed by the then Col. Fenton and I cherish the friendship that was ours during the first year of my superintendency. I am grateful to Gen. Fenton for the wise counsel that he provided me which was invaluable.

"Chauncey Lee Fenton, appointed from the 18th Congressional District of Ohio, was admitted as a cadet to the United States Military Academy on 19 June 1900. He was graduated No. 15 in a class of 124 members and was commissioned a 2d lieutenant in the Artillery on 15 June 1904.

"While a cadet Chauncey Fenton served as a corporal and a sergeant in the United States Corps of Cadets. He also served as President of the Young Men's Christian Association, the predecessor organization to our present dependent Sunday School run by the cadets.

"Following his initial service in the western United States and Philippines he returned to serve brilliantly as an instructor in the Department of Mathematics. Then came World War I and he rose rapidly to lieutenant colonel, serving as Chief of Artillery for the First Army of the American Expeditionary Force from April to October 1918. His work as a member of the Operations Division, Personnel, of the War Department General Staff during the post war period of demobilization and reorganization won him the Distinguished Service Medal.



Mrs. Fenton unveils Gen. Fenton's plaque in Cullum Hall.

"From 1924 to 1927 he again returned to West Point as associate professor of mathematics. In 1928 he returned for the third time to become professor of the Department of Chemistry and Electricity. Aware that the United States was entering a period of intense technological change and progress, Col. Fenton was determined that West Point would insofar as humanly possible lead the way. He initiated an instructor training program, sending his staff to leading technical schools for advance studies and taking additional work himself at Columbia University. He constantly improved his department's laboratories, showing great resourcefulness in procuring extra funds during the lean years. Parenthetically, which I think is evidence of his initiative, part of the electrical machinery now in use at the Academy was purchased by the Army Athletic Association.

"Col. Fenton was an idealist, a perfectionist. He would exhort the Second Classmen to greater efforts by assuring them that there was no reason in the world why every man if he applies himself properly cannot make the maximum mark of 3.0 every recitation.

"Col. Fenton was involved in a complex of problems and a multitude of personal interests. But the heart of every problem and interest alike was West Point. Here



Gen. Chauncey L. Fenton

are a few random examples to demonstrate what I mean. The development of the three-year course of instruction used during World War II, the improvement of the lighting system in the cadet barracks, the development of our present day Sunday School system for the Protestant children of the post, the Athletic Board, the restoration of the original Thayer office in the basement of Quarters 100, and the Chapel Board. He became such a vital part of the Academy that he was continued on active duty until June 1946, almost two years beyond the statutory age for retirement.

But retirement did not separate him from West Point. He and Mrs. Fenton settled in Cornwall and Gen. Fenton became manager of the First National Bank of Highland Falls, N. Y., an enterprise serving Army people around the world. He was always active in alumni affairs and efforts to gain a place for Sylvanus Thayer in the Hall of Fame, and in any way that West Point needed him. He was even known on occasion to make a fourth at bridge when the local ladies' duplicate bridge club found themselves one lady short.

"As long as the staff and faculty of the United States Military Academy includes officers who once knew Gen. Fenton, this plaque will be only an unnecessary formality. Few men have so thoroughly dedicated themselves to West Point and its mission. Gen. Fenton made himself a strong abiding part of the daily life of the Academy for many years and the sense of his presence remains with us today. His spirit will always be a part of West Point."

First Classmen visit FLORIDA

By ROBERT R. (JACK) HORNER (USMA 1945)

VICE CHAIRMAN, GOVERNING BOARD

CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN FLORIDA FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT

WEST PALM BEACH—It has been 121 years since US troops invaded the Florida Everglades during the Seminole Wars. But a platoon of West Pointers re-visited those swamps in June. This was a very different sort of mission to the marshes. The men in khaki travelled in a unique style, carried no guns, and sought no Indians, though many Seminoles still live deep in the watery wilderness.

On this expedition, 25 selected Cadets of the incoming First Class at West Point rode airboats into the primeval bogs. Their objective: to get a first-hand look at some of the vast water conservation areas created with dikes by the Army Corps of Engineers and the State of Florida.

The man-made reservoirs in southeast Florida—which cover 1,345 square miles of Everglades marshes—are vital elements in the 18-county Central and Southern Florida Flood Control Project.

The Cadets flew to West Palm Beach from Fort Benning on the weekend of 8 June to inspect this \$381,000,000 federal-state undertaking. It is one of the nation's largest civil works projects concerned with primary water control.

Before the weekend was over, the Cadets saw typical levees, canals, spillways and dams. They visited one of the world's largest pumping stations, located 20 miles west of the Winter White House in Palm Beach and they ate alligator tail and catfish in the Everglades.

The idea of the tour originated last spring when I was at the Academy for a short visit. I discussed the possibility

with some of my former classmates and officers now at the Point and we agreed it might be fun as well as educational for Cadets to inspect a big civil works project and see the Corps of Engineers "in the field". It might also be helpful to First Classmen in choosing their branch of service for a career, and especially to those who are considering the Corps of Engineers.

Senator George Smathers extended the formal invitation for the educational training exercise on behalf of the State of Florida and our Flood Control District (the state agency responsible for all local cooperation in the Project). The Senator secured necessary permission from the Department of the Army and then Lt. Col. Joe Kingston, in charge of the First Class trip this summer, set up the details for the Cadets to fly to Florida from Fort Benning. Maj. James E. Bowen, III was assigned as officer in charge of the Cadets making the visit and did a splendid job.

At 5 p.m. Saturday 8 June, an Army Caribou taxied down the runway and came to stop in front of the main terminal at Palm Beach International Airport. "They're here," chorused several West Point alumni who were on hand to greet the Cadets. After the First Classmen disembarked, we promptly whisked them in a caravan of autos to headquarters of the state Flood Control District in West Palm Beach.

There the Cadets were briefed on the scope, purpose and functions of the \$381,000,000 water control Project.

Col. H. R. Parfitt of Jacksonville, District Engineer, US



Army corps of engineers' work in Florida is outlined to cadets in briefing session.



Eating 'gator tail for an appetizer.

EVERGLADES

Cadets ride airboats out into the Everglades swamplands. State and federal wildlife officers, piloting the airboats, took the cadets skimming out over the sawgrass marshes at speeds up to 65 mph.



Army Corps of Engineers (USMA '43), briefed the Cadets on the duties, experiences, and responsibilities of future officers in the Corps.

The Corps designs and constructs all the works of the Central and Southern Florida Project. The Flood Control District then takes over most of these works and operates and maintains them. Although the total Project is only one-third completed, the Flood Control District is already managing more than 1,200 miles of levees and canals; eight pumping stations; more than 60 major spillways and dams; plus several hundred secondary water control structures. In the past decade flood damages of \$84,000,000 have been prevented by the works of this partially-built system.

On Saturday evening the Cadets were honored at a dinner dance in the ballroom of the Hotel Pennsylvania. Their dates were college girls provided by the Panhellenic Association of West Palm Beach.

West Point alumni who are now living in Florida joined the Cadets at dinner. They included (in addition to Col. Parfitt and myself): Lt. Col. Herbert C. Gee '31 (Ret.); Capt. Loren Fletcher Cole '31 (Ret.); Col. Herman W. Schull, Jr., '27 (Ret.); John Charles Cassidy '46; and Maj. James E. Bowen, III '54.

Both Col. Schull and Col. Gee are former District Engineers of the Army Corps of Engineers.

On Sunday after church services, the Cadets were taken on a whirlwind tour of flood control works in Palm Beach and Broward Counties.

They had lunch at a new quarter-million-dollar public recreation area west of Boca Raton, at the point where two of the water conservation areas meet. The lodge where the Cadets ate is located on top of a filled area adjacent to the main levees which form the eastern boundary of our conservation areas and protect the entire southeast coast from flood waters.

The airboat tours were conducted after lunch and later the Cadets rode in automobiles on top of the main east coast protective levee, and visited our largest pumping station (S-5A) at Twenty Mile Bend, on the West Palm Beach Canal. This facility pumps over 2,000,000 gallons of water per minute from an agricultural area of more than 200 square miles in Palm Beach County.

They inspected the big diesel engines, saw the pumps turned on, and watched thousands of gallons of water *per second* boil from the pumping station into storage in Conservation Area 1. The three conservation areas in southeast Florida cover more acreage than the entire state of Rhode Island.

Excess fresh water supplies stored in these Everglades reservoirs during rainy seasons are released when needed by cities and agricultural and industrial users all along the southeastern coast.

Many of the Cadets told me that the Florida visit was one of the best trips they have ever made. We enjoyed having them and are hoping that another group of First Classmen will visit the Central and Southern Florida Project next year.



Saturday evening, in dress whites, cadets meet dates at reception by poolside of Hotel Pennsylvania, West Palm Beach.



West Point alumni, wives, and flood control district director join cadets at dinner.

PICTURES IN THE NEWS



Taylor '22 addresses Class of '63.



Lt. Col. Joseph F. H. Cutrona '44 (center) represented the President of the West Point Society of the District of Columbia (Maj. Gen. Robert L. Walsh '16 USAF-RET.) on 11 May by presenting plaques to faculty members of Washington area high schools for football, scholarship, and leadership awards earned by their students.



1937, 1939, 1940, 1945, 1958: 1963 Founder's Day Dinner in Phnom Penh, Cambodia—Left to right: Col. Bernard G. Teeters (Class of '39), Col. Milton D. Lederman (Class of '40), Brig. Gen. E. C. D. Scherrer (Class of '37), Mrs. Scherrer, Mrs. Lederman, Mrs. Ramsden, Mrs. Amos, Lt. Col. Amos (Class of '45) and Capt. Ramsden (Class of '58)



Gen. Stilwell '38 and Lt. J. A. Hixson '60, on field trip in Vietnam at a USA Special Forces Camp in Pleiku Area.



Maj. Gen. John Fred Thorlin, '33, Commanding General, White Sands Missile Range, N. M., is describing a missile to classmate Maj. Gen. John T. Honeycutt, Gen. Robert E. Wood '00 and Col. Alston Grimes '33.



President Kennedy admiring the "Howitzer" presented to him at the White House, by the Editor Cadet David W. Knowlton, left, and the 1963 Class President, Cadet Capt. Lyndol L. Cook.



Can you beat this—oldest USMA grad with a son in a Service Academy. Foote '13 and Midshipman Morris C. Foote, USNA '66.

Five members of the West Point Class of '38 greet a classmate, Brig. Gen. K. G. Wickham, who was a guest speaker during a course attended by the group at the US Army Management School, Fort Belvoir, Va. Those who attended the Army Management Orientation course are (Left to right): Brig. Gen. J. M. Finn, Brig. Gen. W. B. Latta, Gen. Wickham, Brig. Gen. J. T. Corley, Brig. Gen. H. E. Michelet, and Brig. Gen. F. K. Mearns.



Classmates again after 30 years. Six members of the West Point Class of '33 who recently completed the Army Management Orientation Course at the US Army Management School, Fort Belvoir, are (Left to right): Maj. Gen. E. A. Chapman, Maj. Gen. R. J. Meyer, Maj. Gen. J. T. Honeycutt, Maj. Gen. J. J. Lane, Maj. Gen. J. F. Thorlin and Brig. Gen. C. G. Dunn.

MINUTES OF THE 94th ANNUAL MEETING Association of Graduates, USMA

CALL TO ORDER

Following the Alumni Exercises at Thayer Monument and the Alumni Review of the Corps of Cadets, nearly 750 members of the Association of Graduates assembled for lunch in Washington Hall. Monsignor Joseph P. Moore, Cadet Catholic Chaplain, pronounced the invocation and all sat down to a baked-ham luncheon served by the Cadet Mess. At 1305 hours, the annual meeting was called to order by President Groves Nov'18.

INTRODUCTIONS

The President first introduced Col. Lewis S. Sorley '91, the oldest graduate present at the meeting. Next the President introduced the following additional graduates seated at the head table: Maj. Gen. Robert M. Danford '01; Brig. Gen. W. W. Bessell '20, the Dean of the Academic Board; Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe '19; Brig. Gen. Michael S. Davison '39, Commandant of Cadets; and Col. Thomas M. Metz '37, Secy-Treas of the Association of Graduates.

The following graduates were then recognized in turn:

Class of 1901: Col. William R. Bettison.

Class of '03 (60th Reunion): Maj. Gen. U. S. Grant, III; Maj. Gen. Max C. Tyler; Col. Francis H. Farnum; Col. Marion W. Howze; Col. B. F. Ristine; Col. Dorsey R. Rodney; Col. Lewis Turtle; Col. Jacob Wuest.

Class of '06: Maj. Gen. Edmund L. Daley; Maj. Gen. Rene E. Doyle.

Class of '07: Col. Abbott Boone.

Class of '08 (55th Reunion): 9 members.

Class of '13 (50th Reunion): 22 members.

REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATION

After the introductions, Groves Nov'18 made the following annual report of the Association of Graduates covering the period 1 April 1962 to 31 March 1963:

During the past year 642 graduates and 13 former cadets joined the Association. So far this year 401 out of 505 members of the Class of 1963 have signed up to join. There were 108 members who are known to have died since the last annual meeting which gives us a total membership of 16,225. This includes the Class of '63. Since we have a total of 17,835 living graduates, our percentage of membership

in the Association is 91%, the highest of any college or university.

During the last year our Fund Raising efforts totaled \$19,492.22 from 1770 donors, representing an average donation of \$11.02. Unfortunately only 10% of the membership have contributed.

The Association sells a number of items such as china, glassware, and chairs more as a service to the graduates than as a money-making venture. In the past our inventory has been as high as \$60,000, mostly in china. We are now endeavoring to reduce our china inventory more in line with our annual sales. Last year we had gross sales of \$20,008.75 with a gross profit of \$2,127.58.

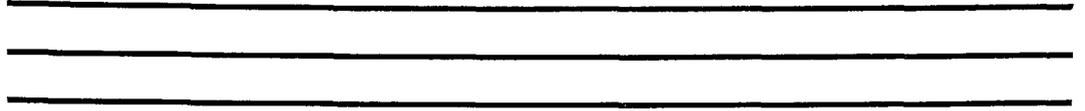
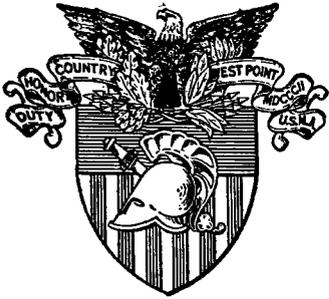
As you may know we have a number of funds in the Association. Our General Fund, with a net cash working capital of \$17,624.61, is utilized to support the day to day operations. The Cullum Fund originated with a \$10,000 bequest from Gen. George W. Cullum and has a current value of \$10,897.38. The proceeds from this fund are available for the conduct of Association business.

Several years ago an Endowment Fund was started to provide the income required for the support of the Association's operation, it having been recognized that the Cullum bequest was insufficient for this purpose. This Endowment Fund consists of stocks, bonds, and a savings account and has a market value of \$856,569 which includes a \$24,232.02 increase since last year, derived from dividends and interest.

The Cullum Biographical Register Trust Fund started as a \$20,000 bequest from General Cullum, the proceeds of which were to be used for the publication of the CULLUM BIOGRAPHICAL REGISTER OF GRADUATES AND FORMER CADETS. The current value of this fund is \$20,992.85. Since the Cullum REGISTER as such is no longer published, the proceeds from this Fund are transferred each year to the West Point Alumni Foundation to help defray the expenses of the Cullum Memorial edition of the REGISTER OF GRADUATES which is published each 10 years by the Foundation.

Several years ago a building fund was established as a repository for gifts and donations towards an alumni building. The value of this fund is \$1922.15.

The Pierce Fund of \$1,000,000, a bequest to the Associa-



tion by the widow of Gen. Palmer E. Pierce, was donated by the Association to the restoration of the West Point Army Mess. The restoration of the Mess is expected to be completed in early September at which time the Pierce Fund will be liquidated. By astute investment of this fund, the Association has received \$44,500 in interest and at the same time has met all of its obligations during the restoration period of over one year.

In concluding the financial aspects of my annual report I would like to add that the healthy state of our finances is due, in the main, to the bequests which the Association has received in the past several years from the graduates who have remembered us in their wills. It is hoped that through bequests our Endowment Fund will eventually reach a level where the dividends and interest will pay for the cost of our day to day operations. Until this goal is reached we will be required to continue with our annual requests for donations. (A complete financial statement follows the minutes of this meeting.)

The Association annually awards savings bonds to the authors of the three best cadet essays. Each essay must be a character study of a deceased graduate showing how his cadet training was reflected to an unusual degree in his later life. First prize in the 1963 contest was won by Cadet Michael J. Soth who wrote on Ranald Slidell Mackenzie, Class of 1862.

The Association also awards annually three savings bonds to the Second, Third, and Fourth Classmen who have been adjudged outstanding among their classmates in military efficiency and leadership. These three awards will be made in the fall.

The Sylvanus Thayer Medal is awarded annually to an outstanding citizen whose service to country best exemplifies the ideals of the West Point motto, Duty—Honor—Country. The 1963 medal was awarded to Mr. John J. McCloy on 25 May 1963.

I would like to express on behalf of the Association of Graduates our appreciation to the retiring Vice Presidents and Trustees who have given generously of their time and efforts.

Following his introduction by the President of the Association, the Superintendent addressed the members.

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(Gen. Westmoreland's stirring analysis of the current status of the Corps is quoted elsewhere in this edition.)

The President made several announcements and then asked if there was any business to be brought up by any member present. There was none, whereupon the President called upon McAuliffe '19, chairman of the Nominating Committee, to submit the Nominating Committee's report. McAuliffe announced the following selections for nominations which were reported in the Spring issue of ASSEMBLY:

To be President

Leslie R. Groves Nov '18

To be Vice Presidents

William C. Foote '13	John C. Oakes '28
Ernest W. Gruhn Jun '18	William J. Ely '33
Louis P. Leone '23	

To be Trustees (until 1 July 1966)

Willis D. Crittenberger '13	James H. Drum '37
Ralph A. Tudor '23 (R-Sixth)	Kenneth F. Hanst '42
Clyde D. Eddleman '24	Carl B. Anderson, Jr. '44 (R-Fourth)
Charles E. Saltzman '25	Thomas W. Bowen '48
John H. Murrell '30	Frederic G. Agather '53
Walter J. Renfroe '34	Richard W. Gell '58

McAuliffe then took charge of the meeting, since Groves was a candidate for reelection, and invited nominations from the floor. There being none, the polls were duly closed and the slate was unanimously elected by voice vote.

Boyd W. Bartlett '19, having served as a trustee for 15 years, was appointed as an Honorary Trustee for life.

President Groves introduced the USMA Chaplain, the Rev. T. C. Speers, D.D., who pronounced the benediction. The meeting adjourned at 1405.

THOMAS M. METZ
Secretary

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

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

31 MARCH 1963

EXHIBIT A—Balance Sheet as of 31 March 1963.
 EXHIBIT B—Changes in General Fund during the year ended 31 March 1963.
 EXHIBIT C—Changes in Endowment Fund during the year ended 31 March 1963.
 EXHIBIT D—Changes in Cullum Fund during the year ended 31 March 1963.
 EXHIBIT E—Changes in Building Fund during the year ended 31 March 1963.
 EXHIBIT F—Changes in Cullum Biographical Register Trust Fund during the year ended 31 March 1963.
 EXHIBIT G—Changes in Pierce Memorial Fund during the year ended 31 March 1963.
 SCHEDULE I—Investments as of 31 March 1963 and income received thereon during the year ended 31 March 1963.

EXHIBIT A BALANCE SHEET 31 MARCH 1963	
ASSETS	
SECURITIES—At Cost or Book Value..... (See Schedule I)	\$1,145,197.10
CASH ON HAND	45.00
CASH IN BANKS	124,253.51
INVENTORIES	33,488.64
CLAIMS PENDING	19,508.76
FURNITURE and FIXTURES (CONTRA)	15,045.20
TOTAL	\$1,337,538.21

LIABILITIES	
GENERAL FUND	
Balance 1 April 1962	\$ 81,524.91
Less: Decrease (See Exhibit B)	11,447.24
	\$ 70,077.67
ENDOWMENT FUND	
Balance 1 April 1962	\$ 657,757.64
Add: Increase (See Exhibit C)	108,855.10
	766,612.74
CULLUM FUND	
Balance 1 April 1962	\$ 10,651.58
Add: Increase (See Exhibit D)	245.80
	10,897.38
BUILDING FUND	
Balance 1 April 1962	\$ 1,849.81
Add: Increase (See Exhibit E)	72.34
	1,922.15
CULLUM BIOGRAPHICAL REGISTER TRUST FUND	
Balance 1 April 1962	\$ 20,148.97
Add: Increase (See Exhibit F)	843.88
	20,992.85
PIERCE MEMORIAL FUND	
Balance 1 April 1962	\$ 970,379.75
Less: Decrease (See Exhibit G)	518,978.87
	451,400.88
EMPLOYMENT TAXES	589.34
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES (CONTRA)	15,045.20
TOTAL	\$1,337,538.21

EXHIBIT B CHANGES IN GENERAL FUND DURING THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 1962 TO 31 MARCH 1963	
INCOME	
Dues and Memberships	\$ 10,589.00
Gain in Salable Merchandise	2,127.58
Interest on Deposits	294.14
Contributions	19,492.22
Royalties	29.70
Founders Day	90.65
Sale of Equipment	35.00
Sale of Arm Bands, Name Tags, etc.	122.91
	\$ 32,781.20
EXPENDITURES	
Salaries and Services	\$ 20,478.96
Annuity	2,295.96
Freight, Express and Postage	5,815.23
Awards	618.75
Dues, Conferences and Travel	238.85
Printing	3,682.91
Supplies and Equipment	6,548.46
Maintenance and Repairs	690.16
June Week	2,278.54
Homecoming	535.64
Thayer Award Expenses	761.18
Other	283.80
	44,228.44
Net Change (Decrease)	\$ 11,447.24

EXHIBIT C CHANGES IN ENDOWMENT FUND DURING THE PERIOD FROM 1 APRIL 1962 TO 31 MARCH 1963	
PRINCIPAL	
Contributions and Bequest	\$ 56,572.44
Profit on Sales of Securities	30,147.80
	\$ 86,720.24
INCOME	
Interest and Dividends	24,232.02
	\$ 110,952.26
EXPENDITURES	
Commissions for Review Services	2,097.16
Net Change (Increase)	\$ 108,855.10

EXHIBIT D CHANGES IN CULLUM FUND DURING THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 1962 TO 31 MARCH 1963	
INCOME	
Income from Securities	\$194.75
Interest on Savings Account	51.05
Net Change (Increase)	\$245.80

EXHIBIT E CHANGES IN BUILDING FUND DURING THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 1962 TO 31 MARCH 1963	
INCOME	
Interest on Savings Account	\$ 72.34
Net Change (Increase)	\$ 72.34

EXHIBIT F CHANGES IN CULLUM BIOGRAPHICAL REGISTER TRUST FUND DURING THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 1962 TO 31 MARCH 1963	
INCOME	
Interest on Bonds	\$ 720.00
Interest on Deposits	68.88
Sale of Registers	55.00
Net Change (Increase)	\$ 843.88

EXHIBIT G CHANGES IN PIERCE MEMORIAL FUND DURING THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 1962 TO 31 MARCH 1963	
INCOME	
Interest and Proceeds on Sales and Redemption of US Treasury Bills	\$ 23,790.23
EXPENDITURES	
Expansion of Building 603: Portrait (Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Pierce)	\$ 5,500.00
Payments to Contractor	493,996.55
Payments to US District Engineer	42,525.18
Purchase of Building Supplies	747.37
	\$ 542,769.10
Net Change (Decrease)	\$ 518,978.87

SCHEDULE I INVESTMENTS, 31 MARCH 1963 AND INCOME RECEIVED THEREON DURING THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 1962 TO 31 MARCH 1963			
NAME OF SECURITY	Face Value Or Number Of Shares	Approximate Market Value 31 March 1962	Interest & Dividends Received
CULLUM FUND			
USA Saving Bonds, Series H	\$9,500.00	\$9,500.00	\$ 76.00
INVESTMENTS SOLD OR REDEEMED SINCE 1 APRIL 1962			
USA Savings Bonds, Series G, 2½% due 5/1/62	9,500.00		118.75
		\$9,500.00	\$ 194.75

NOTE: Bequest of \$10,000.00 to the Association of Graduates by General George W. Cullum under the stipulation that after investment the income is to be used for current expenses of the Association but only as long as the principal remains undiminished. If a loss in the amount of principal occurs, income is to revert to the principal until bequeathed amount is again attained.

CULLUM BIOGRAPHICAL REGISTER TRUST FUND		
USA Treasury Bonds, 4½% due 2/15/80.....	\$18,000.00	\$17,910.00
		\$ 720.00

NOTE: Bequest of \$20,000.00 to the Cullum Committee by General George W. Cullum transferred to the Association of Graduates. The will provides that after investment the income is to be used for the decennial publication of General Cullum's Biographical Register of the Officers and Graduates of the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. Any losses to the fund shall be made good by the accumulation of the income of the remainder before any further expenditures shall be made.

PIERCE MEMORIAL FUND		
USA Treasury Bills, due 6/20/63	\$450,000.00	\$447,068.00
INVESTMENTS SOLD OR REDEEMED SINCE 1 APRIL 1962		
USA Treasury Bills, due 9/20/62	950,000.00	\$ 13,563.50
USA Treasury Bills, due 12/20/62	150,000.00	614.75
USA Treasury Bills, due 3/21/63	750,000.00	9,611.98
		\$23,790.23

NOTE: Bequest of \$1,000,000.00 to the Association of Graduates by Mrs. Agnes Young Pierce, widow of Brigadier General Palmer E. Pierce. The will provides that the "Trustees of the Association shall in due course establish a suitable memorial in memory of my late husband." The Pierce bequest is being used for the expansion of Building 603. Completion of the expansion program is scheduled for September 1963.

	Face Value Or Number Of Shares	Approximate Market Value 31 March 1963	Interest & Dividends Received
ENDOWMENT FUND			
BONDS			
Federal Land Banks Cons Farm Loan, 4 1/2%, due 10/1/70	\$ 100.00	\$ 102.00	\$ 4.50
Phillips Petroleum Co, Conv Sub Deb, 4 1/4%, due 2/15/87	5,000.00	5,700.00	212.50
Sinclair Oil Corp, Conv Sub Deb, 4 3/8%, due 12/1/86	\$10,000.00	\$10,200.00	\$ 437.50
USA Treasury Bonds, 3 1/4%, due 6/15/83-78	10,000.00	9,112.00	325.00
USA Treasury Bonds, 4%, due 2/15/80...	8,000.00	7,940.00	320.00
USA Treasury Notes, Series A 4 3/4%, due 5/15/64	13,000.00	13,227.00	617.50
USA Treasury Notes, Series B, 5% due 8/15/64	36,000.00	36,866.00	1,800.00
USA Treasury Notes, Series C, 4 7/8% due 11/15/64	5,000.00	5,129.00	243.76
USA Treasury Notes, Series D, 3 1/4% due 5/15/63	180,000.00	180,111.00	1,281.81
USA Treasury Notes, Series D, 3 3/4% due 5/15/64	40,000.00	40,262.00	1,500.00

STOCKS			
American Electric Power Co, Inc.	640	21,840.00	659.20
American Metal Climax, Inc.	400	13,950.00	560.00
American Telephone & Telegraph Co.	300	36,337.00	1,080.00
Bankers Trust Co. of New York	444	24,864.00	821.40
Eastman Kodak Co.	100	11,487.00	245.00
First National City Bank of New York	129	12,609.00	378.00
General Electric Co.	150	11,193.00	300.00
General Motors Corp.	600	39,000.00	1,300.00
Gulf Oil Corp.	306	12,775.00	459.00
Ingersoll Rand Co.	600	44,625.00	1,100.00
International Business Machines Corp.	122	51,362.00	396.50
International Nickel Co. of Canada, Ltd.	400	23,750.00	680.00
International Pipe & Ceramics Corp.	80	2,500.00	40.00
North American Aviation Co.	400	24,200.00	800.00
Phillips NV, New York	328	13,899.00	136.55
Radiore Exploration Co.	2000	200.00	
Sears Roebuck & Co.	850	66,193.00	1,367.50
Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey	600	37,950.00	770.00

STOCKS			
Texaco, Inc.	850	\$56,418.00	\$ 1,615.00
United Aircraft Corp.	200	19,600.00	800.00
United Fruit Co.	2	50.00	.51
Zenith Radio Corp.	450	23,118.00	562.50

	Face Value Or Number Of Shares	Approximate Market Value 31 March 1963	Interest & Dividends Received
ENDOWMENT FUND			
INVESTMENTS SOLD AND REDEEMED SINCE 1 APRIL 1962			
US Savings Bond, Series F, due 2/1/63	\$ 100.00		\$ 26.00
US Savings Bond, Series G, due 5/1/62	100.00		1.25
USA Treasury Bonds, 2 1/2%, due 12/15/72-67	17,000.00		395.97
US Treasury Bonds, 2 1/2%, due 6/15/67	10,000.00		232.92
USA Certificate of Indebt, Series A, 3 1/2%, due 2/15/63	23,000.00		805.00
Central Foundry Co.	1		.25
Dow Chemical Co.	293		234.40
Eastman Kodak Co.	156		156.00
Florida Power & Light Co.	400		120.00
General Telephone & Electronics Corp.	600		114.00
Israel-American Oil Corp.	100		
Johns-Manville Corp.	175		87.50
Lock Joint Pipe Co.	160		40.00
Minnesota Mining & Mfg Co.	300		60.00
Philips Glow Lamp Factory	7850		218.00
Sears Roebuck & Co.	450		301.00
Tampa Electric Co.	700		140.00
Texas Utilities Co.	600		336.00
United States Steel Corp.	200		150.00
		\$856,569.00	\$24,232.02

SUMMARY		
Cullum Fund	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 194.75
Cullum Biographical Register Trust Fund	17,910.00	720.00
Pierce Memorial Fund	447,068.00	23,790.23
Endowment Fund	856,569.00	24,232.02
	\$1,331,047.00	\$48,937.00

Book Value of Securities—Cost or value at time of acquisition is shown at \$1,145,197.10, with a market value of \$1,331,047.00

THOMAS M. METZ
Colonel, Artillery
Secretary-Treasurer

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

CLASS of '58 FIFTH REUNION

HOME COMING 28 SEPTEMBER 1963
At West Point, New York

- Football Game at Michie Stadium
- Cocktail Party at the New Officers' Club
- Alumni Dinner-Dance
- Picnic at Round Pond, 29 September

Watch for the Homecoming letter to be mailed out during August by the Association of Graduates. It will contain a Class Reunion bulletin with information on the final plans for our 5th Reunion, including the handling of hotel accommodations and football tickets, and details of the cocktail party and dinner-dance. The Sunday picnic is still tentative.

Let's have a big turnout. Mix a little of the "good ol' days," war stories, etc., with a homecoming victory, cocktail party, prime ribs of beef, and good music, and you have the FIFTH for FIFTY-EIGHT!

Bulletin Board

HOMECOMING 1963

The following is the schedule of activities for Homecoming 1963:

Friday, 27 Sep 63

Registration: Hotel Thayer
2030 — USMA Band Concert

Saturday, 28 Sep 63

1000 — Alumni Headquarters Opens, Cullum Hall
1000 — Meeting Board of Trustees
Dean's Conference Room
1130 — Brigade Review in honor of Alumni
(Sections H, J, & K reserved for Alumni and dependents)
1200 — Buffet Lunch—WPAM
1400 — Army vs U. of Cincinnati
1830 — Homecoming Cocktail Party
2030 — Alumni Dinner Dance

Sunday, 29 Sep 63

Chapel Services dedicated to Alumni

On or about 15 Aug 63 all alumni will receive a Homecoming Bulletin and application forms for the buffet lunch, Alumni Dinner Dance, billets, and parade passes. Applications for football tickets should be made direct to the AAA. In this connection alumni are reminded that the closing date for ticket applications (Army vs U. of Cincinnati) is 27 Aug 63.

JUNIOR SCIENTISTS MEET

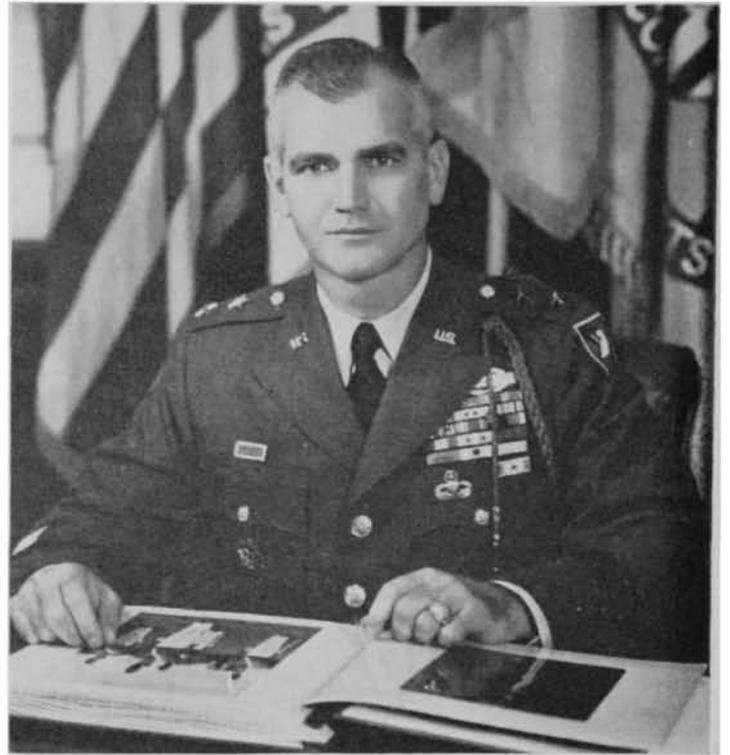
The national U.S. Army Junior Science and Humanities Symposium took place at West Point in April, and gave over 125 of the nation's top high school science students and their teachers, advisors and counsellors an opportunity to examine some of the educational facilities of USMA, such as the nuclear reactor laboratory, and the physics, chemistry and mechanics laboratories.

In addition to Dr. Edward Teller, key developer of the H-Bomb, the group heard talks by Lt. Gen. Dwight E. Beach '32, Chief, Research and Development, U. S. Army; Dr. Ralph G. H. Siu, Scientific Director, U.S. Army Material Command; Dr. Harold Cassidy, Professor of Chemistry, Yale University; Col. Elvin R. Heiberg '26, Professor and Head of the Department of Mechanics; and the Honorable Finn J. Larsen, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Research and Development.

GEN. WESTMORELAND REASSIGNED

Maj. Gen. William C. Westmoreland '36, USMA Superintendent from July 1960 to June 1963, has been reassigned as Commander of the XVIII Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

The forty-fifth Superintendent, Gen. Westmoreland expanded and modernized the cadet summer training program to include the realistic Ranger-type "Recondo" instruction at Camp Buckner, and implemented the cadet orientation tours as "Third Lieutenants" with US Army units in Europe. He is credited with establishing the West Point Super-



Gen. W. C. Westmoreland

intendent's Fund which provides resources for facilities needed by the Academy and the Corps of Cadets which are unsuited to the expenditure of appropriated funds. Additionally, Gen. Westmoreland's guidance of a post management program, to include the functional relocation of activities, resulted in increased operational efficiency.

Gen. Westmoreland has commanded the 101st Airborne Division (1958-60) and the 187th Regimental Combat Team in Korea. He was Chief of Staff of the 82nd Airborne Division, Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff G-1 at the Pentagon Headquarters of the Department of the Army, and was Secretary to the General Staff of the Department of the Army. Gen. Westmoreland, who has been nominated by President Kennedy for promotion to Lt. Gen., will replace Lt. Gen. Hamilton H. Howze at Fort Bragg.

MORE LONGSTREET RELATIVES UNCOVERED

The ASSEMBLY was enlightened as a result of the publication of a reprint from *The Atlanta Constitution* in the Spring issue concerning the widow of Lt. Gen. James Longstreet, Class of 1842.

Gen. Longstreet's first marriage produced three grandsons; another West Pointer, Col. James Longstreet Whelchel Nov'18, and two brothers, graduates of USNA, who are all still alive. Col. Whelchel has remarked: "I knew the second Mrs. Longstreet intimately, and I greatly admired her determination and her talents, as demonstrated in her activities to clear Gen. Longstreet from the political stigma put upon him by foolish contemporaries after the death of Gen. Robert E. Lee. General Lee never lost his confidence in, and his affection for Gen. Longstreet."

KERMIT ROOSEVELT LECTURERS

Lt. Gen. Sir William Pike, Vice Chief of the British Army's Imperial General Staff, spoke on the subject of "The Soldier" at the 17th annual Kermit Roosevelt exchange lecture program at West Point on 16 May.

The Roosevelt lecture program, named in honor of Maj.

ASSEMBLY

Kermit Roosevelt, son of President Theodore Roosevelt, is sponsored by the Kermit Roosevelt Fund, established by a joint Resolution of the Senate and House of Representatives in 1945, and passed by Congress into law. The idea behind this fund is "fostering a better understanding and a closer relationship between the military forces of the US and those of the United Kingdom" by sponsoring lectures or courses by visiting officers at USMA or Britain's Sandhurst Royal Military College.

Gen. Barksdale Hamlett '30, US Army's Vice Chief of Staff, is this year's American exchange lecturer, and his tour of the United Kingdom was scheduled during May.

HONOR MAN - 1963

2d Lt. Homer J. Holland, son of Mrs. Dorothy M. Dettmering of Mukwonago, Wis., and the late Homer J. Holland, was the No. 1 Man in General Order of Merit among this year's graduates on 5 June.

Born 30 Nov 41, in Madison, Wis., Lt. Holland was graduated in 1959 from Mukwonago Union High School as salutatorian of his class. He entered West Point in 1959 through a competitive appointment from Representative Robert W. Kastenmeier. His First Class year, he was appointed a captain in the Corps of Cadets, serving as executive officer to the brigade commander.

During June Week, Cadet Holland received a number of awards, including: THE FRANCIS VINTON GREENE MEMORIAL AWARD, a set of books, presented as a memorial to the late Maj. Gen. Francis V. Greene, Class of 1870; THE CLIFTON CARROLL CARTER AWARD, a pistol, presented in the name of Mrs. Carter as a memorial to the late Brig. Gen. Clifton C. Carter, Class of 1899, for the highest rating in Second Class mechanics of solids; THE EISENHOWER AWARD, a silver tray, given by Mr. Charles P. McCormick of Baltimore, Md., for excellence in military psychology and leadership; The LESLIE R. GROVES AWARD, a silver tray, presented by Lt. Gen. Leslie R. Groves '18, for the highest rating in nuclear physics.



Cadet H. J. Holland

SUMMER 1963



Rev. Theodore C. Speers

CADET CHAPLAIN REAPPOINTED

President Kennedy has reappointed Dr. Theodore C. Speers as Chaplain of the Military Academy for another four-year period starting 1 Sept. Before replacing Chaplain George M. Bean in Sept. 59, Dr. Speers had been Pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church, Park Ave., N. Y., since 1936.

Chaplain Speers received his B.D. (magna cum laude) from Union Theological Seminary in 1925 after graduating from Princeton University in 1921. Ordained in 1925, he was Pastor of Bethlehem Chapel, N. Y., from 1924-28, and Minister of the First Presbyterian Church, Utica, from 1928-36.

A member of the Board of Directors of Union and Auburn Theological Seminaries, Dr. Speers was Moderator of the Presbytery of New York from 1944-45 and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

LIBRARIAN SELECTED

Mr. Egon A. Weiss has been selected for appointment as the Librarian of the U.S. Military Academy. Mr. Weiss has been with the Library since 1958 as Assistant Librarian, and subsequent to Dr. Sidney Forman's resignation in July 1962 as the Acting Librarian. Previously he was Branch Director for the Town of Brookline, Mass., Public Library.

Mr. Weiss is a member of the American Library Association and the Division of College and Research Libraries, and serves on the Program Advisory Committee to the Office of the Chief of Military History. He holds academic degrees from Harvard (A.B.-economics), Boston University (M.A.-Germanic languages and literature), and Simmons College (M.S.-library science).

Mr. Weiss holds the rank of Lt. Col. as Chief of the Special Functions Division in the 356th Civil Affairs Area Hqs "B" in New York City. His active service during World War II included assignments as radio operator-gunner and aerial gunnery instructor, and overseas duties in intelligence as Prisoner of War interrogator, and after V-E as a member

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Mr. Egon Weiss

of the De-Nazification Branch of the Public Safety Division of Military Government (Germany).

Mr. Weiss now lives in Cornwall-on-Hudson, N. Y., with his wife Renee, and two children: Helen Louise, 12, and Steven Arthur, 8.

PLAQUE PRESENTED

Maj. Gen. Robert Danford '04 (USA-Ret.) (Center) President of the West Point Alumni Foundation, and Gen. Lucius D. Clay '18, (Right) Chairman of the West Point Superintendent's Fund Committee, present a Bronze Recognition Plaque to Maj. Gen. W. C. Westmoreland. The plaque will list the names of major contributors to the fund.



Left to right: Gen. Westmoreland, Gen. Danford, and Gen. Clay

MAJ. GEN. WESTMORELAND RECEIVES HONORARY DEGREE

Maj. Gen. William C. Westmoreland was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws at Temple University's 77th Annual Commencement on Thursday, 13 June, at 10:30 a.m. in Philadelphia's Convention Hall.

At the ceremonies some 1,800 students received degrees from the University, which is celebrating the 75th Anniversary of its chartering in 1888. Gen. Westmoreland was presented by Dr. Robert L. Johnson, former president of Temple University and a member of its board of trustees. The degree was conferred by Dr. Millard E. Gladfelter, president of the University.

Receiving honorary degrees with Gen. Westmoreland were British writer and scientist C. P. Snow, and his wife, author Pamela Hansford Johnson; Pennsylvania Governor William W. Scranton; Dr. Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance; Dr. Louis Finkelstein, president of the Jewish Theological Seminary, New York; and Brother Daniel Bernian, F.S.C., president of LaSalle College in Philadelphia.

NEW BOOKS

The Story of the First World War—by Col. Red Reeder '26, USA (Ret). Duell, Sloan & Pearce, N. Y.; \$3.95; 243 pp. Reviewed by Dr. Theodore C. Speers, Chaplain USMA.

Col. Red Reeder '26 has rendered invaluable service to the USA both as a fighting leader of fighting men, and as a chronicler of generations of US fighting men. His latest volume which falls into his series of American and world war histories is "The Story of the First World War." To anyone who has read any of his previous 17 volumes (including two written in collaboration with his charming and gifted sister Nardi Reeder Champion) the announcement of a new book by the redoubtable Red is "enough said."

What we have here is a comprehensive one volume history of World War I written by a man who has participated as a combat commander in modern warfare (and earned many well deserved decorations for exceptional bravery) and who for many years has been a close student of warfare, ancient and modern. Col. Reeder journeyed to Europe to visit the main battlefields of the First World War, to get his own first-hand perspective and "feel" of things. Witness to the bibliography in the back of the book. Add to this the still further fact that Red has always had a real talent for sensing the feelings of the individual fighting man under fire. The story of the First War, of necessity, has to paint its picture on a wide canvas—one that must include as diverse developments as Austria-Hungary and Archangel, China, Japan, the Arabian desert, Gallipoli, the Turks, and last but not least the Bolsheviki, as well as the orthodox contestants of the Central Powers and the Allies. Here too are not only pictures but discriminating pen-sketches of Von Hindenburg, the Kaiser, Ludendorf. "Papa" Joffre, Clemenceau, Lloyd George, Woodrow Wilson, Pershing, Haig, Foch, and the rest who had their brief chance to effect the struggle for power and for peace. The author has an invaluable capacity for sorting out and separating the important from the less important or the unimportant.

Col. Reeder's volume provides a "refresher course" in the history of an era in which some of us oldsters participated as servicemen or civilians or both. It also provides a clear simple outline of history for students who will subsequently fill in the picture with more detailed studies of one segment or another of the confusing complex which was World War I and its aftermath. Like all of Col. Reeder's volumes, this latest one is good reading. It is well nigh irresistible reading. Once you get started you're "a goner" till you get to the last page. We hope that Col. Reeder is already planning the sequel, "The Story of World War II."

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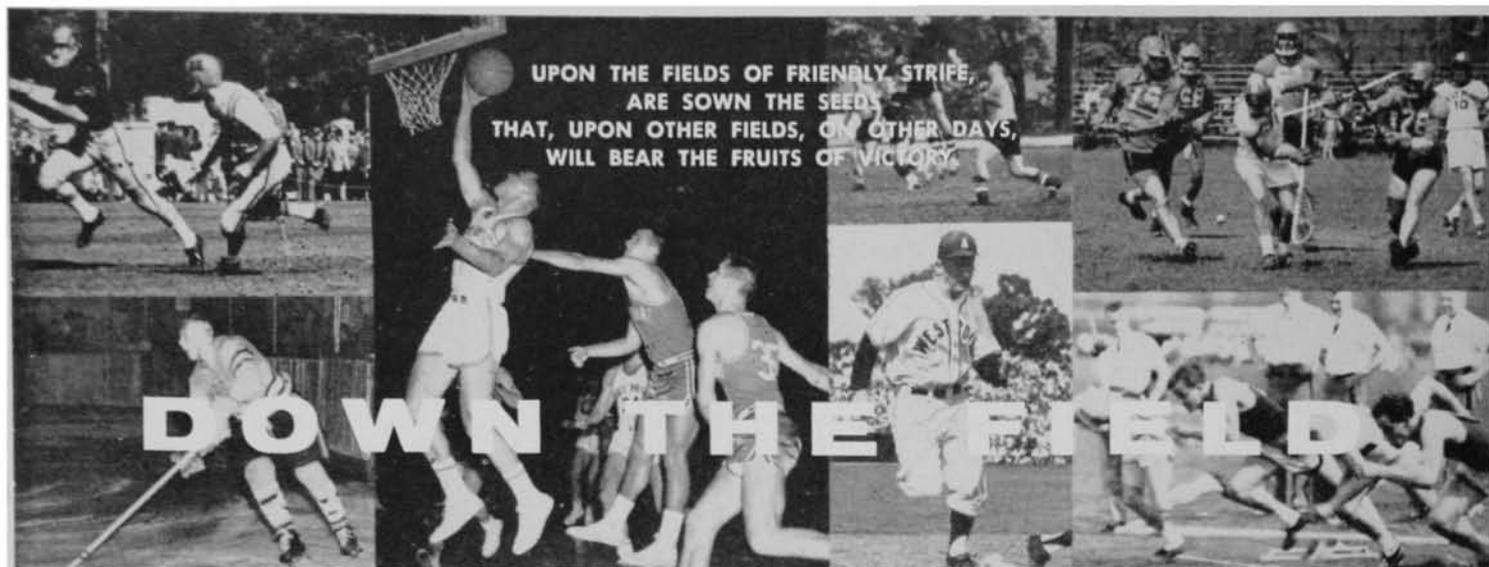
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By FRANK WALTER

Assuming the role of "spoilers," Army's five spring intercollegiate athletic teams made the annual June Week Saturday a joyous one for those Academy graduates who returned to the Plain on the Hudson, and a mighty gray one for the wearers of the blue who had journeyed back to Crabtown on the Severn.

Army won four out of the five events of the day. There were cadet victories in baseball and track at West Point and in lacrosse and tennis at Annapolis. Only in the golf match at West Point did Navy win, 5 to 2.

Take baseball at West Point. Navy came into the game needing a victory to clinch its third straight Eastern Intercollegiate title. And it went home sharing the bunting with Columbia and Dartmouth. Army's Captain Bill Boice hit one out of Doubleday Field only to have it strike an elm tree and rebound onto the playing field. The ground rules state that the batter may get as many bases as he is able. Boice got as far as second but the hit brought Joe Blackgrove home with the winning run in the last of the 10th inning and it was Army, 6 to 5.

Baseball had an up-and-down year, having trouble with such teams as Harvard and Columbia but finishing better than .500. When it came to competition with New York's representatives in the major leagues, the cadets almost caught the Mets, only a 3-run uprising in the seventh inning giving Casey Stengel's team a 3-0 victory. It was different with the Yankees who pounded out a 15-2 triumph. Terry Rusnak found an offering by Yankee Bill Kunkel to his liking and drove it out of the park for a home run.

Ed Haydash, Army outfielder, won all-Eastern honors for the second year. He received 43 out of a possible 45 votes in selections made by the league's nine coaches. He will be back in 1964.

Distanceman Billy Straub, another Second Classman, posted three victories to lead the cadets to an 82-67 track and field triumph. Straub won the 880, mile, and 2-mile in what Coach Carl Crowell calls "the greatest performance in the history of track and field at the Military Academy."

Straub had other good days, too. He became the first performer in the 29-year running of the Heptagonal Games to win both the mile and 2-mile. He also set Academy records for the mile and 2-mile, indoor and outdoor.

Other stellar performances in this sport were recorded by pole vaulter Dick Plymale who, although bothered by an operation on his ankle and an injured wrist, turned in two vaults of 15-9 and one at 15-8½; by Clark Ballard in winning the Heps and Penn Relays hammer throw titles,

and by John Ahern with his third straight win in the javelin event in the Heps.

Army's lacrosse team faced a Navy squad at Annapolis whose record of 18 straight victories had extended over a 2-year period. The last setback had occurred in 1961 in the final tussle with Army. And the Middies had already clinched the national title 2 weeks earlier. But when all was said and done, Army's stickmen had registered the upset of 1963 and possibly one of the biggest surprises in lacrosse history with an 11-9 victory.

A. Norman Webb, Jr., Army goalie, was selected to the 1963 All-America Lacrosse team. He's another Second Classman who will be back in 1964. Paul Stanley was a second-team choice at defense. Tom Sheckells at attack and Roy C. Buckner at midfield were on the third team. Stanley, who captained the team, graduates, while Sheckells and Buckner will be returning.

The tennis match was rated even, but Army climaxed one of its best seasons in recent years with a 5-4 victory. The overall record for the netters was 14-2 and third place in the Eastern Intercollegiates. The Oehrlein brothers, Walt and Richie, paced the squad, Richie going undefeated in 16 matches. Both will be back next season.

While the golfers stumbled before the Middies, Steve Pembrook, who will captain the 1964 team, was unbeaten in 11 dual matches and a semi-finalist in the Easterns.

The future looks promising. Bill Bradburn, all-American in rifle, is a member of the Class of 1965. All-American swimmers Tony Clay, Steve Bliss, Bill Landgraf, and Jerry Merges will all be around next winter. The undefeated Plebe basketballers move into varsity circles and hockey has good potential with a nucleus of experienced players.

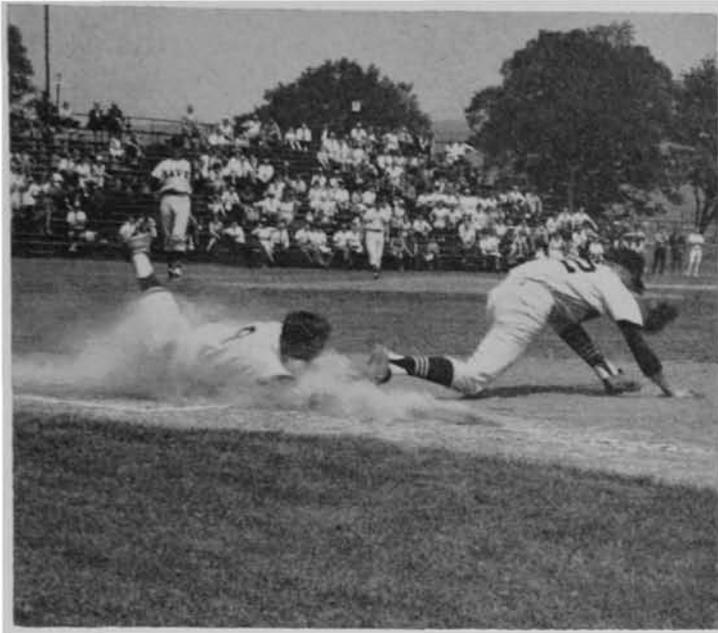
TITLES

Three titles were gained by cadet teams during the year. The Pistol team again won the National Intercollegiate title. The 150-pound football team regained its role as Eastern Conference Champion. The indoor track squad won the Heptagonal Games.

The over-all record was again above average and if one were to compare the statistics, it paralleled the 1961-62 efforts. One team, 150-pound football, was undefeated, and two—pistol and indoor track—lost but one meeting. Army sent teams against 218 opponents and won 149, lost 64, and tied 5, for an impressive .6995 in the win column.

In 17 meetings with Navy in 1961-62, Army won nine and the Middies eight. The same final total occurred in

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Gordon Dopsloff slides safely into first.



Cadet Billy Straub, Track Captain of Army Track and Field Team for 1964 won 880, mile and 2 mile events in '63 Army-Navy meet.

1962-63. The results by season read like this: Fall—Navy 3, Army 1; Winter—Army 4, Navy 4; Spring—Army 4, Navy 1.

National recognition came from another source as Peter Hall of the Class of 1963 won the Class B National Intercollegiate 4-wall Handball singles crown in April.

Lt. Ronald Zinn of the Class of 1962 continued to dominate the walking competition with a new national AAU record in the 2-mile event in June. He negotiated the distance in 14:03.6, nearly 20 seconds better than the old record. In second place was Cadet Akos Szekely of the Class of 1964 with a time of 14:45. Zinn and Coach Carl Crowell will go to Russia this summer with the American track and field team. Crowell will assist Stanford's Payton Jordan, coach of the American contingent.

BANDITS ARE GONE

The Chinese Bandits are gone. The colorful band of defenders who graced the Army gridiron last fall as defensive specialists have been outlawed by the NCAA rules committee, which has changed the substitution rule.

Spring practice for Coach Paul Dietzel and his aides required three important actions: teach the offensive and

defensive specialists of last year to go both ways; find a new quarterback; and install a new offense.

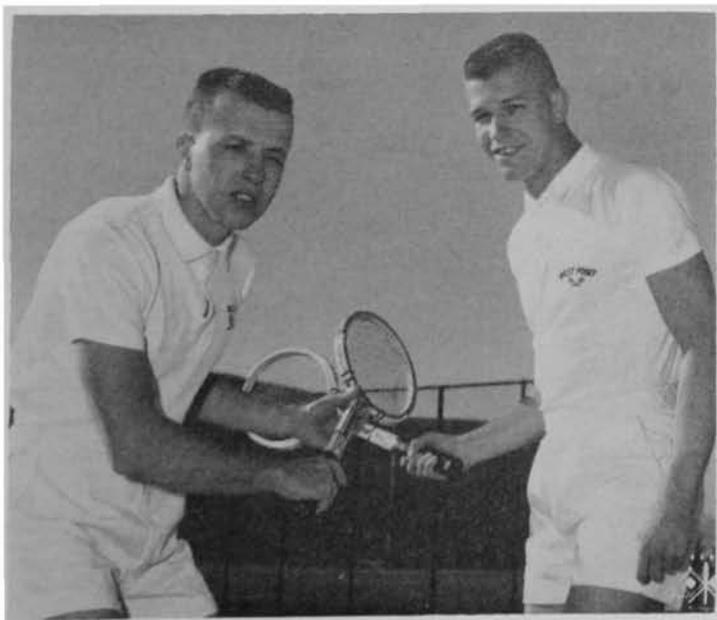
By the close of the spring workouts Dietzel felt that progress had been made on the first requirement. Graduation took most of the Regulars, who could go both ways, but the returnees appeared to have adapted themselves to the new rules, but on a two-team basis only.

Dietzel hopes to have two teams of equal strength with possibly a third team made up of younger players to fill in in case of injuries.

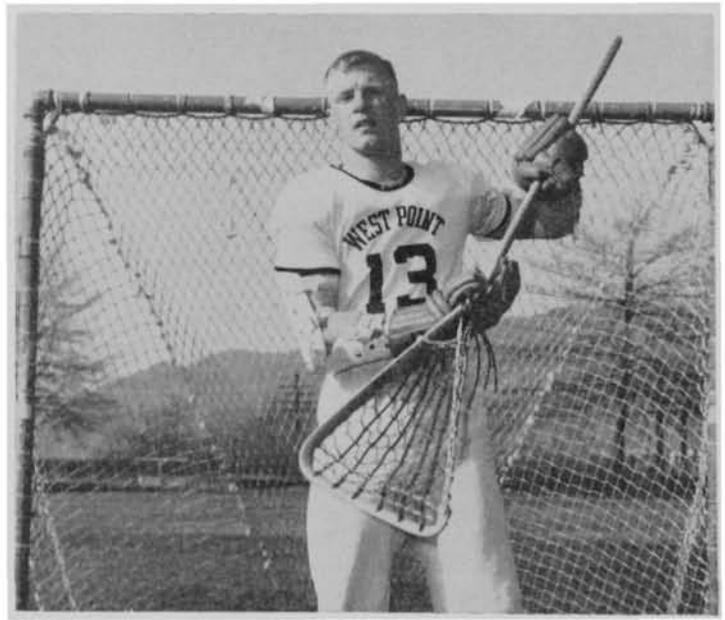
As for the quarterback situation, Carl "Rollie" Stichweh, a Second Classman from Williston Park, Long Island, is the leading candidate. Stichweh divided his efforts last year between the Bandits and the Regulars as a halfback. His conversion to the signal-calling spot took place this spring. The assignment is not new to him; he held it during his 3 years in high school and won all-Scholastic honors.

Backing up Stichweh will be Jim Beierschmitt, a defensive specialist last year, but a second-string quarterback as a Third Classman. Curt Cook, a Third Classman from Tulsa, Okla., rates third.

Attention will be given to the end spots when fall train-



Cadets Walt Oehrlein and brother Rich



Cadet Norm Webb, Lacrosse All-American goalie

ing begins. Six of the expected flankmen missed spring practice because of injuries and two others were on limited duty. Two Plebes, Sam Champi and Ed Unruh, saw most of the wing action during the spring drills.

The new offense, a wing-T with variations, was tested and found to be satisfactory. But it will be in for some severe polishing come late August when the fall drills start.

Away-from-home games will be played in Minneapolis (5 Oct) against Minnesota, in University Park (12 Oct) against Penn State, in Chicago (2 Nov) against Air Force, in Pittsburgh (16 Nov) against Pitt, and in Philadelphia (30 Nov) against Navy.

RECEIVE ATHLETIC AWARDS

Wrestler Mike Natvig and Trackman Clark Ballard were recipients of the two most coveted athletic awards which were presented at the Superintendent's Awards Review during June Week.

Natvig, who is from Decorah, Iowa, received the Army Athletic Association trophy, which is annually awarded to the member of the graduating class who renders the most valuable service to athletics during his career as a cadet at the Military Academy.

Natvig won the NCAA 147-pound wrestling championship in 1962 and again in 1963. By winning the NCAA crown in 1962, he became the first cadet to win a National title in wrestling.

Ballard, who won the Heptagonals and Penn Relays hammer throw and the indoor Heptagonals 35-pound weight throw this past year, was awarded the Eastern College Athletic Conference Merit Medal for excellence in athletics and scholarship. The native of Cincinnati, Ohio, was 10th in the graduating class of 504 members.

NEW CAGE COACH

Taylor (Tates) Locke has been named head coach for Army's basketball team. He succeeds George Hunter, who resigned to enter private business.

Locke was Plebe coach this past year and a varsity assistant for 2 years while stationed at West Point in the Army. A graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University, he guided the Plebe basketball team to a perfect 17-0 record during the 1962-63 season.

He was captain of the Ohio Wesleyan basketball team in his senior year, 1958-59, and also a 2-year letter winner on that school's golf team.

Following graduation he coached the Ohio Wesleyan freshman basketball team for one year.

He is married to the former Nancy Craig.



Cadet Plymale goes over the bar at 15'0" during Track meet with Quantico Marines at USMA.

ARMY VARSITY SPORTS SUMMARY

1962 - 63 Season

Sport	Contests	W	L	T	Pct.	1963-64 Captains
*150-lb. Football	6	6	0	0	1.000	Bill DiNeno
Tennis	16	14	2	0	.875	John Leyerzaph
†Pistol	8	7	1	0	.875	Everett Grimes
Swimming	15	13	2	0	.867	Bill Landgraf
‡Track (Indoor)	7	6	1	0	.857	Bill Straub
Gymnastics	10	8	2	0	.800	Mike Gray
Squash	14	11	3	0	.786	Rich Oehrlein
Hockey	23	16	5	2	.762	Gary Johnson
Golf	11	8	3	0	.727	Steve Pembrook
Lacrosse	10	7	3	0	.700	Roy Buckner
Rifle	10	7	3	0	.700	Mike Wikan
Soccer	11	7	3	1	.700	Wayne Wheeler
Cross-Country	8	5	3	0	.625	Bill Straub
Football	10	6	4	0	.600	Game Captains
Track (Outdoor)	7	4	3	0	.571	Bill Straub
Baseball	23	12	10	1	.545	Bob Michela
Wrestling	10	4	5	1	.444	Ed Winborn
Basketball	19	8	11	0	.421	Dick Chilcoat
TOTALS	218	149	64	5	.6995	

Note: Ties not included in percentages
 *Eastern Conference Champions
 †National Intercollegiate Champions
 ‡Heptagonal Games Champions



'91

Col. Lewis S. Sorley
3133 Connecticut Ave., NW
Washington, D.C.

As only three of us who graduated from the Academy in 1891 are known to survive, it seems appropriate to record at this time certain items of class lore in the hope that they may be of interest to our descendants through many generations.

In June 1926, our 35th anniversary, we dedicated our original class tree at the southeast corner of the main parade area, across Jefferson Road from the Clock Tower—a spot selected by our classmate, Col. Charles P. Echols, then Professor of Mathematics. In the summer of 1961 that tree, an elm, succumbed to the ravages of the so-called Dutch elm disease and possibly other causes, and had to be removed. Our new tree, a sugar maple, was planted at the site of the discarded elm a few days before June Week of 1962, and promises to be a handsome and durable replacement. The bronze identification plate at its foot shows the dates of planting of both trees. It is hoped that those of our descendants who pass that way will, down the years, bestow a glance of recognition, or even a friendly gesture of salute, upon this memorial of their forebears; and, if stationed at the Academy, that they will maintain an interest in its well-being.

In the Cadet Chapel, the '91 memorial window is located in the northeast corner, ground floor, of the east transept. Its subject, "The Prodigal Son," draws its inspiration from the title of a solo frequently sung in the Old Chapel by our beloved classmate, Isaac C. Jenks, who possessed a fine tenor voice. Also in the Chapel, in the choir section, are several plates designating classmates in whose memory organ stops were contributed by the Class.

Members and descendants of the Class of 1891 may well take pride in the fact that it was a distaff member of our class family whose generosity and love for the Academy made possible the reconstruction and enlargement of the West Point Army Mess—now on the way to completion. Through the magnificent bequest made available to the Association of Graduates at the time of her recent death, Mrs. Agnes Young Pierce, widow of our first class president, Brig. Gen. Palmer E. Pierce, provided the means for those much needed improvements as a memorial to her husband, and in a real sense to the Class of '91 which she held in deep affection.

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Mac Sorley was guest of honor at a dinner in Washington celebrating his 96th birthday in April. Those present included his four children, son-in-law and daughter-in-law, three of his grandchildren, a granddaughter-

SUMMER 1963

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.

in-law and one great-granddaughter, representing four generations and an age span of 90 years. Mac displayed his undiminished energy by delivering a forceful and amusing speech on some of his early experiences in the Philippines, and by dancing with all ladies present. As a former instructor in German at Valley Forge Military Academy until he reached the age of 82, he also learned at this dinner that the Academy this year initiates in his honor an annual award for the outstanding student of German.

**You know where You are, and
You know where We are, but
We don't always know where You are.
Keep Us Posted On Your Address.**

'95

Col. Joseph S. Herron
143 Corona Ave.
Long Beach 3, Calif.

The Class was represented at the June exercises by our Susanna Charles, whose grandson, Peter Sawin, was graduated. Susanna journeyed to West Point from her home in Seattle.

Herron would appreciate hearing from all the class widows, giving their present addresses and any late news.

The Nuttmans are thrilled with their new San Francisco home.

The news of the various classes as presented in the REPORT section of ASSEMBLY is, for each class, the contribution of a member or members thereof. ASSEMBLY is glad to devote as much space to this news as practicable, but ASSEMBLY assumes no responsibility for its accuracy. Any reader who questions any detail of the news as presented by the contributor should communicate with the author of the news—not with the editor of the magazine.

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'02

Col. Frederick D. Griffith, Jr.
2544 Dell Road
Louisville 5, Ky.

Amerine writes that he has not been well but gives no particulars. He sends his best to members of the Class.

Bell reports that the crusade to have the ladies section of the Army-Navy Club reestablished has made some progress and the prospects seem good. Mrs. Bell and their daughter have been touring historic spots with members of the Welcome Society, composed of descendants of the pioneers who came to America with William Penn on the good ship *Welcome*.

Dinsmore is still in a sanitarium in Orange, Calif. He has difficulty in writing and his report is not encouraging.

A letter from Dockery arrived too late for the March ASSEMBLY. In it he reported that his health continued good for one of his age. He still has a Cavalryman's interest in horses and attended the tryouts at Del Monte for the team to represent the United States at the Equestrian Games in Brazil.

The Griffiths spent the Memorial Day week-end in Asheville, N.C., attending the graduation exercises of the Asheville School. One of their grandsons was a member of the graduating class. No other activities to report except spring cleaning and gardening.

The Longleys are back in West Dennis on Cape Cod after a most pleasant winter in Miami. He is looking forward to getting his garden in shape so that he will have a fine display of blooms this summer.

'03

Col. Dorsey R. Rodney
938 Huntington Road
East Lansing, Mich.

Our 60th Reunion has now come and gone. And it was a memorable occasion. There were eight members of the Class there: Tyler, Grant, Turtle (with wife), Howze, Farnum (with wife), Rodney, Wuest (with wife), and Ristine. They were all quartered in Cul-lum Hall, the three ladies being billeted at Ladycliff. That's not bad for a class with 24 survivors. Only three men preceded us in the march to Thayer Monument: Hodges '81—He is the oldest living graduate and is about

103 years old. Sorley '91, and Bestison ('01). We all made a date to be there for our 65th Reunion in 1968! But I wish we were farther back in that column. The only thing one can say is "all you have to do to get up front is to live long enough." Many men sent regrets for not being there and one of the highlights of the class dinner held on the evening of 3 Jun was the passing around the table of many photographs of our candidate and cadet days. Turtle is writing a complete account of the class dinner, which will be distributed. He has a facile pen. Howze did a fine job in arranging all the details of our Reunion. And Grant shows a great interest, as president, in all class matters.

Not long ago the Editor of ASSEMBLY sent a short note to all the people who write notes for ASSEMBLY and addressed them to "Scribes." The only time I have seen that word is in the Bible where it is quoted "Scribes, Pharisees, Hypocrites." You braves, who have time hanging heavy on your hands, research in your Bible, if you have one, and find the reference. But I'll accept that title.

At our class dinner we had a business meeting and the incumbent officers were re-elected. One of the incumbents asked for a recount or "the floor" or something, but he was voted down. But we did vote them a salary increase of 10%. The reelected officers are: President Grant, Vice Pres Tyler, Secretary (excuse me, "Scribe") Rodney, Treasurer Farnum.

Trophy Bendel writes that after receiving the notice of June week he had a dream that he will attend our 70th Reunion. And he said, "Hoist one for me"—Wonder what he meant!

Schley, Tyler, and Rodney had lunch together at the Army-Navy Club in Washington not long ago. Schley has just completed the obituary for ASSEMBLY of Allen Pope and it is a masterpiece. I think the Turtles came the greatest distance to our Reunion—from San Antonio via Florida. Dick Moore and Growler Lyon were coming but the respective distances were a little too great—California and Oregon.

In the last issue of ASSEMBLY there was a questionnaire which the editor wants graduates to complete and send in, showing data which will be helpful for anyone writing obituaries. At a later date this is being copied and will be distributed to class members. Three members of the Class who have never sent any notes to be entered in ASSEMBLY are MacArthur, Telford, and Kilbourne.

Finally, it can be reported that the Corps never looked better, the authorities outdid themselves in making our stay at West Point very pleasant, and the classmates who attended the Reunion were physically fit (or almost so), and the place itself looked marvelous.

'04

Maj. Gen. William Bryden
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Washington 8, D.C.

On 6 Jun 63, at the monthly luncheon of the Washington group of classmates, Harry Berry appeared, having timed a trip from his home in Hendersonville, Tenn., so as to be present at that occasion. Harry looked well and seemed to be in fine condition and we were too glad to have him with us.

Crystal reports that he saw Budd and Harry Reilly recently and that they both seemed to be "hanging on mighty well." *The New York Daily News* of 14 May 63, had an inspiring article, with pictures, of Reilly's determined efforts, in the Veterans Adminis-



1903: 60th Reunion. Left to right: Wuest, Ristine, Howze, Tyler, Turtle, Grant, Farnum. Absent from picture: Rodney, taking picture.

tration Hospital at First Ave. and 24th St., to master the use of an artificial left leg and make good on his resolve: "One of these days I'm going to put on my pants and coat and walk out of here, with crutches maybe, but alone, nobody helping." We who know him would not be surprised to see him do just that.

It is sad to record the death of Danford's wife Katherine at the Naval Hospital, St. Albans, Long Island, on 20 Apr 63. After cremation, burial was at West Point, where graveside services were held.

On 15 Jun 63, the final services were held for Dickinson at the Round Hill Cemetery in Marion, Va., where his ashes were interred in the family lot.

Fite, who served in the Supply Corps of the Navy after leaving West Point and was retired as a rear admiral in 1945, died on 1 Apr 63.

'05

Brig. Gen. Arthur W. Lane
4801 Connecticut Ave., NW
Washington 8, D.C.

Although the death of Norman Ramsey in East Orange, N.J., on 11 Apr was reported on the "Last Roll Call" page of the spring issue of ASSEMBLY, it was not mentioned in the class notes because they were submitted nearly a month earlier. Members of the Class, however, were informed individually and Minna says that she received many very comforting letters from Norman's classmates.

Norman, who had a unique record of 58 years of faithful and devoted service for his Class, will remain our one and only class president. Hereafter the class officers will be two vice presidents. Tom Doe has been elected first vice president and your reporter vice president—secretary and treasurer. Correspondence incidental to the election elicited the unusual amount of information that follows.

Sep Maddox has removed to Bird Hill Park, Nogales. Both Sep and his wife need the climate of Arizona where they will probably remain "for the duration."

Francois Wilby is a patient in the VA Hospital at Otten, N.C., which is about 4 miles from 19 Town Mountain Road in Asheville where Olive still lives. He does not suffer physically but his mental condition is such that his recovery seems highly improbable.

It may be a truism that advancing age reduces activity even though it brings no severe physical ailments, but the limited extent of their current activities seems to be what most impresses many of our classmates. For example:

(1) Ned Hanford's "principal enjoyment is just driving over the countryside with its great variety of aspects in Central Ohio."

(2) Sherman Miles says: "I do nothing in particular and do it very well."

(3) Bill Prosser and his wife seldom go out because of Maude's illness. He is director in the National Bank of Ft. Houston and, at his age, is not looking for additional burdens.

(4) Peterson still lives at Ipswich, Mass., but says his "main concern at present is to find the equivalent of a 'sailors snug harbor', 'old folks home' or similar retreat, and gradually 'fade away'."

(5) DeWitt Jones and Miriam stay close around their home although both of them are in good health. They spend their winters at Coconut Grove, Fla., and their summers in the mountains at Blowing Rock, N.C. Writing late in April, Jonah said that he had been busy the past 3 months supervising construction of a new house next door to his which his son Beverly USMA '33 would live in after he retires with 30 years service next July.

(6) Towhead Broadhurst, who had a "banking job" until over a year ago, is now completely retired. He tries "a little gardening, *inexpert and mostly unsuccessful.*" His son, Capt. Hugh Broadhurst, Jr. after graduation from the Harvard School of Business Administration, was ordered to Eritrea. Hugh Sr. says: "Suppose I'll visit him in Ethiopia," but perhaps this supposition should be discounted because of a reported general physical condition "*below average, arthritis, etc.*"

Yank Upham belongs to the Dallas chapters of three societies or associations which gives him quite a number of outside interests which he finds pleasant. With good cause he is very proud of his daughter, Beth June Glassman, who is the wife of a Presbyterian minister in Seattle. In addition to her academic achievements (as described in Class Letter No. 15) she is the mother of a 4-year-old son, said by Yank to be a very brilliant boy, and is expecting another child in September. All concerned are hoping that the new arrival will be a girl and that she will inherit Mrs. Upham's considerable artistic ability.

Big Chief Seagrave lives at Saratoga (near Los Gatos), Calif., where he had purchased and occupied a new home only 3 months before his wife passed away in 1960. He sees Walker from time to time when the latter is not traveling. Both are members of the Union League and Press Club in San Francisco. Walker "carries his age well."

Calvin Titus, we are sorry to say, was unable to come to Washington when the Medal of Honor holders were brought here for a ceremony at the White House. He felt that he could not leave his wife who seems to need constant care.

Belated word has been received that Frederick Moser ex-'05, died at Honolulu on 1 Mar 59. His wife Doris is now living at 404 SW 155th St., Seattle 66, Wash.

Dad Gibson, as he has done for many years, placed flowers on the graves of our classmates in Arlington National Cemetery on Memorial Day.

'06

Col. Charles G. Mettler
2227 Pickens Road
Augusta, Ga.

That critical remark about Merrow Sorley's Ordnance instruction brought prompt and delightful response from both Lewis Sorley, Sr., '91 and Merrow Sorley '24, telling that not only did Lewis Sr. teach at Valley Forge M.A. till he was 82, but that Lewis Jr., as

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well as Mellow, was teaching in that splendid school of Milton Baker. And what happy memories of past associations with that grand family!

Just learned that Elsie Gordon Bartlett is comfortably located in a nursing home in Winter Park, Fla. Mildred Gillespie is nearby at her home with daughter Puddy (as Alex always called her) and Gordon Bartlett (Ret). They have Puddy's grandson Jimmie with them while Captain Wm. Bartlett, Jr., is in Vietnam.

George and Christine Morrow flew to Birmingham, Ala., their old hometown, in April and are back in Dayton, arriving before all the big Birmingham excitement.

Tubby Loughry had his 81st birthday celebrated with appropriate cake decorations and side dishes. Earl and Edith McFarland, were in the party.

Earl had his photo in the Saratoga papers, showing him presenting Bill Canoe's book, "MacArthur Close-Up," to J. Edgar Hoover.

DeRussy Hoyle got his name in the big book at West Point, where the names of the kings, emperors, princes, and potentates who have visited the Alma Mater, are recorded. The Supe called him in to record the fact that the living grandson of the fifth Supe called. He might have added that the worthy namesake was a great general too. Remember that cookie that stuck in the neck of the portrait in the mess hall! DeRussy and Christine were in Washington, sadly attending the funeral of Higley '08, Margaret Hoyle's husband, a great loss to us all. Daughter "Dee-dee" fell on the church steps in Chattanooga, breaking a vertebra in the same manner as Christine's injury last year. Suzanne is with Deedee to help out temporarily. Best of luck to you, Deedee!

Ruth Akin tried to get some of us old crimon painters together in New York with no success, but Ruth and Bill did have a visit with Earl and Edith McFarland in Washington and with Gene Riley in New York. They, these Akins, are having a nice New York sojourn anyhow, before they return to their California Valley.

McKew Parr had his picture in the Connecticut papers in connection with National Library Week, on account of his excellent work with the local library work in his state. It's a serious business, this collection of books, as well as the making of them. McKew has done well with both. He has finished the biography of one great Dutch navigator and has two more Dutchmen in mind and partly on the typewriter. He made the June commencement address at the Albertus Magnus College for young Catholic girls and gave much sage advice.

Hap Pennell sent a note from Stockholm, Sweden, that he has been to the Hanover Fair in Germany and wherenot on the continent and after touring Norway and parts of England will get back to Lawton, Okla., in late June.

Ned Wildrick's son wrote DeRussy Hoyle that his boy, Ned Wildrick, III, graduated with the Class of 1963 at West Point. Ned Jr. is with Sun Life Insurance Co. in Jacksonville, Fla.

Elizabeth and I are off to Jacksonville, Fla., and Sea Island and Savannah, Ga., on a binge, and will be at Sunnyside Inn, Asheville, from 1 Jul to September. Again, the local historical society drafted me and I will have another year of interesting contacts with a wonderful group, which is easy to lead.

Has 61 years actually gone by since 1906 started this military business under those shady elm trees by the Plain? It can't be!

We are most grateful to Ben Castle for compiling the class notes for the spring ASSEMBLY. Having been out of circulation for so long we are without much news of members of the Class, but will endeavor to pass along such as we have.

Letters and cards from classmates received during our illness were most heartening and more than welcome. We are most grateful. Bob Glassburn wrote and we quote, "I have just licked lobar pneumonia for the tenth time in my life and I know you will lick it also. With a defiant look at Dan'l Boone, we are praying for your complete recovery."

Ben Castle received a very grateful letter from Malcolm Patten expressing his appreciation for the arrangements and assistance given the family at the funeral of his father which consisted of graveside services at Arlington attended by most of the members of the Class of 1907 in Washington. George Patten, Jr., and his wife came on from Seattle, Wash., and his brother was also present.

Clyde Eastman wrote that in St. Petersburg the sun was shining, the birds were singing, the grass was green and the fish were begging to be caught. He suggested we pack up our summer clothes and come on down. He also suggested that we pick up Paul Larned on the way because he too has been under the doctor's care. Paul sent along a few items of news which are of interest. The Washington group have regular monthly meetings now and in January they had Lawton Collins as a guest with 10 present. There has been a rush of ailments in Washington recently—Gute was in Walter Reed for a while—is now out and about. Johnny Sullivan had a minor operation, as did Jimmie Collins—both in good shape now—which brings us to a letter from Sandy Chilton commenting on our own incapacity and we quote, "May I hope that it is nothing worse than that old leg demanding attention. You once told me that growing old was only a state of mind, but I think we both knew, even then, that the old machine grows more and more in need of replacement parts, of which the depots are always constantly in short supply. I badly need a new left ear and a new left eye, but I cannot find that they are anywhere to be had. I think there is no remark harder to take patiently than that of a medico, 30 years your junior, you have remarkable hearing for a man of your age." Sandy also reported a letter from Ray Hill. He and Toot got into a family hassle after they read about our accident as to whether or not they should equip their car with safety belts. Ray wrote me after he had lost the battle, so I was unable to enter on his side with the evidence that seat belts would have done nothing for us in what happened. I can't picture Ray, who until he was past 70, did his getting around on a motorcycle, winding himself into a seat belt just to go to the supermarket. Last year the two of them took the trail to Phoenix to look into the possible advantage to old folks of the set-up in Sun City. They lunched with us on the way out, and when they got home, Ray reported that the surroundings of Sun City were too pokey by far for his taste. Alex retired from the Marines last July and is busy at a job with a warehousing company in Portland, Ore. I have long held the idea that retired officers have a good deal to give but I know that the idea is outmoded. Ten years ago, we began to learn that all the brains in the Armed

Services were concentrated in the Air Force; today, we have to accept as the proper dictum that there are no brains anywhere in the Armed Services. Well, as I often tell Omira, the Army is a Club to which I once enjoyed being a member but to which I am glad I do not belong any more. We did lead a gentleman's life at one time, but today a man is apt to be shunted off to Vietnam or the Congo to carry out a plan that has solid form in no one's mind. I read back through to the ancient Chinese only to find that the disease has always been prevalent—they are, and were, all convinced that they lived in a time that had sadly deteriorated since the days of their youth.

In a recent publication of the Presidio of San Francisco there appeared a picture of the USAFS General H.H. Arnold, the Air Force's missile tracking ship which was dedicated and named in honor of our Hap Arnold. With the picture of the 14,300 ton converted transport is a picture of Bee Arnold with her three stalwart sons—a family group of whom we may all be proud.

Memorial services were held for Bunny Crafton at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church at Sun City, Ariz. Mrs. Crafton and members of her family gave a memorial chalice and paten. Col. Dan Russell, an old friend of the family, gave a silver coat of arms of the 3d Infantry. Nan Crafton has sold her house and is moving to Oregon to be near her son and his family. Her new address is 586 Second Street, Lake Oswego, Ore.

Ben Castle wrote that Paul Larned is recovering from an operation which he had undergone about 3 or 4 weeks before. He feels confident that this will end Paul's recurrent trips to the hospital.

At the last class luncheon the group celebrated Gute's birthday with birthday cake and champagne. Gute does not feel particularly robust but his hair is just as black as it was when he was a cadet and he states definitely that he does not dye it.

Ben was elected to the Board of Governors of the West Point Society of the District of Columbia for the fourth consecutive 3-year term. We congratulate him. Such an honor is well deserved. He also had a birthday and was surprised with a birthday cake and champagne.

We welcome letters from two of our class widows. Ruth Watkins is at Distaff Hall and is greatly pleased with it. She had just returned from a sightseeing trip to California which during 47 years as an Army wife she had never visited. She went through the Panama Canal to San Francisco and found that she could enjoy a trip alone. She enjoyed seeing San Francisco and then Marjorie O'Conner drove up from Los Angeles and took her home with her. Ruth reported that Marjorie is the best chauffeur she had ever had the good fortune to meet. From San Francisco they drove down the ocean highway with perfect safety and from Los Angeles Marjorie took Ruth all over southern California. Marjorie is not only a most wonderful driver, but is a beautiful swimmer as well. She water skis and goes camping with her son David and his family. Ruth didn't miss anything of interest and was back at Distaff Hall when she wrote, the only 1907 widow living there.

J.T. (Jack) Knight, Jr. president of the West Point Society in New Orleans, honored Bob Arthur as the senior graduate at the 1963 Founder's Day dinner. In response to an invitation to the dinner, Jesse Drain paid a well-deserved tribute to Bob. Another interesting item about Bob came from Enrique White

and we quote, "Early in May I was at the Chamberlin Hotel for a couple of nights. Among other things while I was in Ft. Monroe, I went to see Jefferson Davis' casemate where he was imprisoned for several months. There are many interesting exhibits in the casemate. My eye caught a photograph of a familiar looking smooth-faced young officer, none other than Bob Arthur. A printed legend said that his history of Ft. Monroe was the recognized basic history of that historic spot. Bob had been the historian of the Army War College; and editor of the *Coast Artillery Journal* also." In response to a letter from Enrique White, Bob thanked him for his comments regarding the Jefferson Davis' casemate. Dr. Bradley, who started the little museum there, gave Bob much credit for the basic research that got him started, and Bob, with characteristic modesty, maintained that he only contributed identification of the particular casemate, its layout and some of the incidents connected with it. Dr. Bradley took it over from there.

Anne Marley wrote to Eva Sullivan from Austin, Tex., where she is living and where she is apparently very happy. She has a two bedroom, brick, duplex, modern apartment with central cooling and heating. She is active in many clubs and enjoys the activities and associations. Her name is mentioned in the latest volume of *Texas Women* but she stated that her friends are responsible for her being included. She sends her warmest wishes to the Class of 1907.

'08

Maj. Gen. Glen E. Edgerton
104-B The Westchester
Washington, D.C.

The 55th Reunion has come and gone. Although not quite so lively as some of our earlier reunions, this one had the same rewarding comradeship that the others have afforded. Only our numbers and youthful exuberance have diminished, not our capacity for reminiscence.

There were nine of us: Avery, Ayres, Dougherty, Edgerton, Ellis, Fletcher, Goethals, Kennedy, and McIntosh. The second half of the alphabet was not represented. It embraces only one-sixth of the membership, but until the end of May half of them expected confidently to attend.

Most of the credit for the admirable arrangements for the class dinner on 4 Jun, and other features of our visit to the Academy, is due to Capt. John L. Ballantine, III '54, who served as local liaison representative for our Class. We could not have had more efficient or more congenial assistance.

We had a good time but we missed the many absentees. They were toasted appropriately at the class dinner by Ray Avery, the class president. The names of the absentees were called in alphabetical order. After each man's name was called, members present gave all the information we had of his current situation and the reasons, if we knew, why he was not with us.

Now that the 55th Reunion is over, preparations must proceed apace for the 60th, which will be upon us before 10 of you get around to answering the letters about the 50th.

Since the last letter in *ASSEMBLY*, five classmates have passed on to the First Section of the Long Gray Line: Cummins, Cunningham, Hall, Hartman, and Terry. It is a large proportion of the current membership, and we can ill spare them. Cunningham's funeral at West Point was on 31 May, the

day before his classmates began to arrive for the reunion.

Coulter, whose career since his retirement in 1920 has been largely devoted to writing plays, novels, and other literary products, has been nominated for the Nobel prize in literature as the author of *Time For Rebellion*, his latest literary work. He was unable to attend the reunion on account of poor health. He has recently had 6 weeks in the hospital.

Curry has been partially immobilized for a time by an attack of phlebitis, from which he is making a good recovery.

Dickinson writes that he nearly made the trip to West Point to attend the reunion, but finally had to give it up because of conflict of dates with graduations of his grandchildren.

Goethals, who is residing now at the Continental Hotel in Cambridge, Mass., was the first to arrive at West Point this year, and almost the last to leave. He will spend the summer as usual at Vineyard Haven.

Gottschalk had a major operation in May. He is recovering satisfactorily, and extends a cordial invitation to any classmates who have the opportunity to come to see him at 130 Gatewood Drive, San Antonio.

Mrs. Meredith died in January of this year, but the sad news did not reach any of us in Washington until just before the reunion. Med is staying on at his house in Pebble Beach, Calif., at least for the present.

"P. D." Miller (E. S., properly) wrote from Honolulu his regrets that he was unable to attend the reunion, but he was pretty reticent about any of the facts and circumstances that might justify his decision.

Although it isn't news to any of us who know him, Putney is building a boat. The only news features are that it is a small cruising boat, that it will be ready for launching some time this month, and that he will make a cruise in it later in the summer. We in Washington hope that he will cruise down into Chesapeake Bay and give us a call. Monthly class luncheons are at the Army & Navy Club in Washington, on the second Friday of each month. Everybody please note.

Ray and Mrs. Avery are starting soon on a long trip to Europe, Africa, and Southeast Asia, which will probably have taken them around the world by the time they get home to The Westchester in Washington, where they own an apartment.

Burns, who has been in poor health for the last few years, is greatly improved. He couldn't make it to the reunion, but he comes down to the Army & Navy Club whenever he wants to, and looks and acts about like he used to when he was 30 (or maybe 35).

'09

Maj. Gen. G. L. Van Deusen
66 Tivoli Garden Apts.
Bath and Westwood Aves.
Long Branch, N. J.

P. S. Gage reports, as of 25 March: "I'm still plugging away at the life insurance business, this week seeing the 16th anniversary of my joining the John Hancock Agency here in Atlanta. I'm not making much money any more, as I don't work as hard as I used to, but I don't know what I'd have done without some worth-while occupation. Of course I plan to be at the 55th Reunion next year, the Lord being willing."

"Mardie" Sage, in acknowledging the new Class Directory, says, "Reading through the

list brings many happy, as well as sad, memories."

Gil Wilkes advises us, to our chagrin, that his address is Mount Pleasant, S.C., (not N. C.).

Illmah Meyer, as of late April, writes: "Little Bobbie, 6' 3", (Monk's son) enters West Point this July. He is quite an athlete already. Three months ago I had a stroke and was in the hospital 14 weeks. Am fine now. Have a small apartment with charming people and am near Marguerite and Tom." Her new address, 507 54th St., N.W., Harbor Hills, Bradenton, Fla.

Dotchi McGee tells us: "We accept right now for the ladies' portion of the 1964 Reunion and are looking forward to the occasion."

Joanne Holbrook Patton, writing from Washington, D.C., to thank the Class for the new Directory, says, "As you may know, George is still in Vietnam but will return in late May and will be assigned to the 1st Armored Div. at Ft. Hood. As a Lt. col., he is looking forward to this command."

Aileen Hill tells us: "The Hill family does not change much since Jimmie left us. My older daughter Aileen (Mrs. Richard Mettee), husband and two children live here in El Paso. She has a son in college and a daughter in high school. My son and his wife and 4 children live in Los Alamos, N.M., where Jimmie is with the AEC. My junior daughter Barbara and I live together in El Paso."

Ethel Wright reported in late March: "This has been a busy winter and a rather upset one, as my sister, Edna, gave us a scare by being ill. Fortunately, she seems perfectly well again. Edith Walker and I went to Italy for 4 months in the winter of 1962. Upon returning in May, I went to my sister's in the Berkshires, making it my headquarters for various visits. One of the most pleasant happenings was a brief visit with Suzanne Purdon, a delightful hostess. Dorothy North was in Washington briefly but promises to return. Very handsome, and her hair, now touched with gray, adds distinction."

"Check" Mills' loyal step-daughter, "Pat" (Mrs. K. F.) Zitzman, writes from Paris where her husband is representing IT&T. They were (in March) planning to attend a conference in the US and hoping to see their good friends, E. S. Hartshorn (classmate of Ken Z) and his wife Dorothy, daughter of the Fred Mountfords. (A small world, but with a goodly number of nice people.)

Louisa Hickok tells us (15 May) that she has decided to keep her apartment at 124 Babcock St., Brookline 46, Mass., although she spends a great deal of her time with her son Marshall and his family. A street at Ft. Banks, Mass., is being named for Monte in memory of his service there.

Bill Simpson reports that he and Ruth are both well but haven't seen any '09 folks for a long time. They plan to attend the Reunion in '64.

Margaret (Mrs. H. L.) Taylor writes: "How grateful I am to have the reminder (Directory) of my beautiful life in the service. My eldest son John is a retired AF colonel, living in Washington. The second son, Peter, is still active at Andrews."

Eley Denson says that he expects for the next few months to be with his son Eley, Jr., address: PO Box 503, Huron, S. D.

Lin and Carlota Herkness celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 9 June with a supper party at their home in Westtown, proudly presenting their nine grandchildren to friends. Unfortunately distance prevented

many from '09 attending, although Tom and Marjorie **Catron** came from Baltimore, while **Ying Wen** made it from Washington. Fred Strong ('10) and Marjorie, and Charlie Lyman ('13) and Polly were among the others attending.

'10

Brig. Gen. Burton O. Lewis
The Berkshire, Apt. 6016E
4201 Massachusetts Ave., N. W.
Washington 16, D. C.

Members of 1910 have noted with great pride that one of our class sons, Maj. Gen. James B. **Lampert** '36, was selected by the President of the US to be the next Superintendent at West Point.

Pappy and Gertrude **Selleck** flew by Pan Am to Paris, France, last May for a month's visit with their son Pete (Major Clyde A., Jr. '52) who is stationed at Orleans, France. Pete and his wife Dolly took them in their automobile on several interesting trips around Europe and they had a wonderful vacation. Returning also by Pan Am, Gertrude and Peggy arrived back in Washington in time for the June Class 1910 Luncheon.

Nan **McCoach** recently moved from her old home in Philadelphia, Pa., to The Army Distaff Hall, 6200 Oregon Ave., NW, Washington 15, D. C., where she is now enjoying the company of her many Service friends.

Marion **Beach**, who had the misfortune to break her hip last winter, has progressed sufficiently to leave the DeWitt Army Hospital at Ft. Belvoir and is again back at her home in Arlington, Va.

Another 1910 classmate has joined the Long Gray Line. Herb **Odell** died in Red Oak, Iowa, on 4 Apr 63, after a long illness which kept him in bed most of the time. He was buried in the Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery beside his wife Olive who died a number of years ago. Ducky **Reinhardt** kindly handled all arrangements for the Class and he, together with Jack **Heard**, Guy **Chipman**, and Roscoe **Woodruff** '15, served as honorary pallbearers.

Ducky **Reinhardt** reports that everything is pretty much as usual with 1910 folks in San Antonio. Laura and Ducky are planning their annual trip to Vancouver, B. C., for a visit with their daughter Ann. Chip and Mary are both well and enjoying life.

Jack and Ella **Heard** have departed the hot summer weather of San Antonio for the cool breezes of Silver Lake, N. H. Their friends and classmates in Washington, D.C., always look forward to a visit either on their way north or on the return to Texas.

Joe and Gwladys **Leonard** are spending the summer as usual at their home in West Winfield, N. Y. They do not plan to return to their apartment in Westchester in Washington until about 1 Oct.

Bob **Dunlop**, who had not been feeling too well for some time, is trying to take it easy and we are pleased to report is beginning to look and act more like his old enthusiastic self again.

Fritz and Marjory **Strong** came on from their home at Orchard Lake, Mich., for the 1910 Class Luncheon on 12 Jun at the Army and Navy Club in Washington. To greet Fritz at the men's table were **Dunlop**, **Millikin**, **Uhl**, **Hines**, **Frank**, **Selleck**, and **Lewis**, and to greet Marjory at the ladies' table Mesdames **McCoach**, **Uhl**, **Lewis**, **Hines**, **Frank**, and **Selleck**.

Olive and D. S. **Wilson** recently had a very pleasant visit to their home state of North Carolina which they always enjoy so much. Later they traveled to Chicago, to visit their

son, Major D. S. **Wilson**, Jr., and family stationed at Ft. Sheridan, Ill.

We are pleased to report that Sam **Edelman** and Jim **Muir** ably represented our Class during June week 1963 at West Point. They had a delightful time and were honored by sitting at the Superintendent's table for the Superintendent's Reception and Alumni Dance on Saturday night at Washington Hall.

'11

Brig. Gen. Harold F. Nichols
36 Lagoon Road
Belvedere, Calif.

Thanks are given for much appreciated class lists received from old friends George Van Deusen and Bob Dunlop of '09 and '10. We wonder what George thinks of the San Francisco Giants!

In March, Gertrude **Booton** was with her daughter, Mrs. W. K. Titherington, in Litchfield, Conn., recuperating from an upset that in January had sent her to the Chelsea Naval Hospital in Boston. She expected to return to her Boston home in late April. She also wrote that her son's wife, Kage **Booton**, had another story, a novelette, "Don't Even Whisper," published in the April *Cosmopolitan*.

Ross **Batson** tells of leaving by air with Getty from New Orleans in late March for a checkup in Baltimore, which they passed with flying colors, and returning 72 hours after their departure. Their younger son, Dick, is now commanding the General Depot at Kaiserlautern, Germany.

In a first draft of early items for this column, mention was made of not hearing from Philip **Coldwell**, though Hatch said that he appeared in excellent health. Then, in May, John wrote of Coldwell's death at Ft. Sam Houston on 15 Feb last, unknown to either him or Ike **Spalding**. Apparently, Phil lived alone in San Antonio. To date, no reply has been received to a letter written to his nearest relative, in Bellevue, Wash.

That stalwart son of 1911, Edwin Noel **Hardy**, who was affectionately known as "Pink," will be greatly missed from future gatherings. All were delighted to see Pink at the 50th reunion, although he was not at all strong, and to note his enduring enthusiasm for everything connected with West Point and with 1911. He died 1 May at Ft. Huachuca, where services were held on the 3d at the Post Chapel, with interment in the little post cemetery. Colonel Hardy had been the WW II commander at Ft. Huachuca. After retirement in 1946, he managed the Geo. K. Reeder Ranch in Montana for 5 years. Thereafter, the Hardys' home was in Miller Canyon near the Fort. He is survived by his widow, the former Charlotte Howard Reeder, by a daughter, Mrs. Mary Hardy Wagner, by a son, Edwin Noel Jr., and by five grand children. Also living are a brother and two sisters.

Cards have been received from Nelle and Herbert **Nollman**, now travelling in Europe. The extent of their tour was not given. Heck **O'Neill** writes that delay in answering a letter was caused by a flu virus that put him out of action for a month. In mid-March he had quite recovered despite the past Siberian winter in Chicago.

Gerry **Stanton**, bereaved by the unexpected loss of her mother in New York last March, planned to clear affairs there by late April and return to her Cornwall-on-Hudson home. To you, Gerry, goes the sympathy of us all.

Marjorie **Walker**, in March, was visiting a daughter in Virginia. She is proud of a grandson now with the West Point Class of '66, Charles A. W. **Hines**, named after his grand-

father. In California, the Bay Area group meets as usual each third Thursday, the last gathering being at the **Weavers** in Menlo Park. The only absentees were the **Shekerjians**, who are on extended sojourn in Cairo, Egypt.

The cruise ship on which they travelled stopped at Casa Blanca, Palma on Majorca, and Messina before reaching Alexandria on 27 Mar. There they were warmly greeted by various officials, including George **Mardikian** from San Francisco, and after reaching Cairo and being settled in the Cleopatra Palace Hotel they were honor guests at numerous functions. In late April Shek flew to Geneva for a large conference gathering under the auspices of the International Committee for European Migration. A letter to the Shekerjians can best be sent on the 11¢ aerograms, addressed c/o US Embassy, Cairo, Egypt, UAR.

Virginia and Speck **Wheeler** spent Christmas with their daughter, her husband, Col. Wilkinson, and their two children in Izmir, Turkey. Later, they went on to West Pakistan where Ray inspected projects in the Indus Basin, and to Southeast Asia and the Mekong River Basin. Barely home, Speck was again called on by the UN to go to the Congo to survey the bridge situation in Katanga, where some had been destroyed by Tshombe's forces. The Wheelers said that mission was "very interesting and even exciting." An unusual experience was in seeing wild animals, especially in National Park Albert, located between Lakes Kivu and Edwards in eastern Congo. The animal highlight was a pride of lions that permitted them to drive within 10 feet to take pictures!!!

Word has just been received of the death on 7 Jun of our classmate, John M. **Thompson**. After a cataract operation in March, from which a good recovery was being made, poor Tommy had the misfortune on 27 May to fall and break a hip. He was back in Brooke Hospital when a weakened heart finally gave way. A lonely widower and wanderer, he was still of high spirit and good cheer, as we who were at the '61 reunion remember. John Hatch arranged for flowers from the Class.

'12

Col. Karl C. Greenwald
2204 Mountain View
Austin 3, Texas

The S.W. area of '12 seems to have expanded a bit, due to the peregrinations of Wm. H. **Wilbur**, so it now includes Ohio, Illinois, and Michigan. This is the reaction of **Vaughan**, Edgar J., who sounds off in typical fashion—"Michigan a part of the S.W.? Hell, no, man. The S.W. is a minor part of Michigan. Here I'm dropping everything in the middle of spring round-up just to tell you how busy we are on this small spread. The place is busting out at the seams with unbranded calves. Everybody is well, busy, and poor from pumping oil; hope this finds you in the same fix." As the Furlough Book says of **Vaughan**—"Gone but not forgotten."

Hager, Richard B., writes—Always feel complimented to be able to extend once more in the long life journey—greetings, affection, and best wishes to great old files of '12. Family well, children and 10 grandchildren nearby.

Robertson—Lorene reports on numerous activities at Carmi, Ill. (No slips since Reunion.) The major item on her calendar being a 5-year running battle with the mayor over rezoning of the block in which she lives. Kept

alive by her petitions, the case finally reached the courts, and the Supreme Court of Illinois held a hearing on 26 May to settle it. Naturally Lorene was there. Says it is costly excitement, but worth fighting for. (That's known as tenacity.) Hope you won, Lorene.

Deuel—Thorne appeared on my doorstep after a lapse of 49 years. Last time I saw him was on a fine white charger at Naco, Ariz., just before Christmas 1914. Good to see him. He looked very well indeed. Nora and Thorne were headed toward the Gulf Coast, no particular itinerary, just taking a deserved break from the routine of research. He's been researching for 14 years and has plenty more to go. Plans call for a trip to New Zealand and Australia next winter.

Kuldell—Ethelyn and Cuddle have been busy with pills and doctors, but feel fine now. They took off for Philadelphia to the 50th Anniversary of the Garden Club of America, of which Ethelyn is past VP. Spoke to Big John and Mary, also Katherine and Maxie in Washington. Then on to Baltimore to visit his sister, and learned of their nephews, the Nickerson boys, who have done extremely well. Fred, son of David who was lost on a torpedo boat in the Pacific, is entering Annapolis. Rudolph says retirement makes him lazy, but reports taking off for his ranch at 8 A.M., so he's still not rocking, after 25 years ranching.

Johnson, D. Johnny writes me—Imagine over 55 years ago you were my first wife. "Darling, we are growing old." A severe drought has hit El Paso Co., with consequent water rationing. He finds his well gives only a trickle, and trying to distribute that to the trees, grass, etc., really keeps a one-legged man hopping. Otherwise, the Johnsons are in fine fettle.

Whiteside—Houston's Colorado phone is still disconnected, Johnny says. He's liable to be anywhere from Hutchinson to Mexico—fishing.

Bodine—On 14 May Nall's wife Mary passed away at Brooke General, where she had been hospitalized for several months, 1912's sympathy goes to Nall and their son and daughter, Robert Jr. and Ann Clifton, in their great loss.

Kelly, J.D.—Martha and John enjoy life from their apartment overlooking the Ft. Sam Houston golf course. John plays regularly. Mighty handy arrangement.

Weaver, W.G.—Chicken Bill says they are getting along in a quiet sort of way. Dorothy, as you know, has been ill for some time. Has daytime nurse, and Bill hopes that arrangement will get her back on her feet. Young Bill retires in June in the grade of captain. Of course Bill hopes that a local offer will keep the family in San Antonio, so the two grandchildren will be available for spoiling.

Youngs—Helen spent Mother's Day with Col. and Mrs. (Betty Youngs) Chandler Robins on Lake Austin. Being a great-grandmother twice over doesn't seem to have any effect. She still rolls her own. Her grandson, Wm. Robbins, graduated June week, and goes into Armor. Naturally the Robbins were at West Point for this event.

Wilbur—Apparently not picking up his mail. Probably talking to Tito or Mr. K. He gets around, and is very well informed.

Spalding, I.—Ike and Al will avoid the Texas heat at 401 Chautauqua Park, Boulder, Colo. In August they will be joined by their daughter Ansley and her husband, Brig. Gen. Francis Hill ('33), returning from a

tour in Germany. (Ike runs up the flag when he's "In residence", and carries that WP 1919 license number on his car to show where his heart is.)

Delamater—Rachel has resided in San Antonio for several years. Her daughter Rachel is with her husband, Col. Jas. H. Keller '39 in Frankfort, Germany. Her son, Benjamin F. III, is in Korea with G-4. His wife Anne and three sons are in the Delamater home in Caldwell, Tex.

Browne—Amy has had a visit in Dallas with her daughter Barbara and son-in-law, Bruce Martindale. She attended their son Herman's graduation from St. Marks. He will enter Williams this fall.

Lewis, J.E.—Bismarck appears to be suffering from a peculiar malady known as "writers Cramp," caused, oddly enough, by not writing. I've asked Dr. Spalding to look into this case and report. However, by way of the Far West, Chen reports word from Jack. There is hope.

Dunsmore, Earl W., sends an outline of their trip to far-off places, from which I quote—Florence and I enjoyed so much having dinner with Chen, Slats, and Andy, with their wives in Frisco. Slats was in the hospital when we returned, so we did not see him again. From S.F. we flew to Honolulu and then on to Tokyo. We enjoyed the visit there but more particularly visiting Kyoto, Nikko, Hiroshimo, as well as smaller cities—all beautiful scenery. From Tokyo we flew to Taipei, where we were met by our oldest daughter's former schoolmate, who is married to a US Navy doctor, Phillips, who has gained success in treating tropical diseases, especially cholera. They took us to a reception at the Embassy, given by the Ambassador of Vietnam, as it was a national holiday. It was all very interesting to us, as the pomp and ceremony with glittering uniforms and beautiful Oriental women clad in exquisite silk brocades were all new to us.

I guess our favorite city was Bangkok, as it was so different from any place we had visited in all our travels, and so colorful and beautiful. We went on to Singapore for a few days, where I attended a Rotary club meeting, and made some interesting friends.

We went on to Manila, where I saw my first real cockfight. I have had it. Then to Hongkong, and again to Honolulu and home. It was the most delightful trip I have ever taken. (Do you wonder?)

Allen, T. de la Mesa—Terry sends greetings to 1912. This delayed message was late in making the Christmas Bulletin, but is included now. Terry late? Never! It was the printers' fault, according to our esteemed President, Dr. Cook.

Greenwald—Daughter and K.C. call themselves "ranching" but it may be a dodge to get away from civilization and saddle a horse now and then. Livestock—horses, cows, ducks (non-quackable), peacocks, lots of white tail deer. Best crop to date—thistles.

Dick, Carl P.—Aerobilt let the boom down on 1 Mar because Grumman had to bring all Aerobilt employees in line with their people on Long Island who automatically retired at 65. Carl was probably the oldest.

So he went back to Akron to unpack, repack, and get things out of storage. Ran into old snapshots of border days when B. Q. Jones, McLane, Terry Allen were in the 14th under Col. Sibley.

So now, times being what they are today, he has joined some fighting friends to wage war on the Red Beast, and his address is P. O. Box 342, Belmont 78, Mass.

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The major subject of this report is 1913's ONE and ONLY GLORIOUS 50TH Reunion, with which the weather man, the Association of Grads, and the Supe cooperated 100%.

Present: Mildred and Moose Ardrey, Carlos and Mary Brewer, Pete and Pauline Corlett, Dorothy and Ashley Copthorne, Josephine and Willis Crittenberger, who checked in on Sunday; Dan and Mrs. Colhoun but only for the class party in Cullum Sunday; Pink Crane (Lois temporarily laid up due to encounter on foot with a motor car: we know what happened to Lois, but what about the car?); Tex and Eva Davidson, Catherine and Archer Dorst, Harriet and Cooper Foote, Francis and Martha Fuller and son, Francis H., Doug and Nors Greene; Polly and Lil Lyman but only for our Reunion Dinner Monday evening; Doris and Billy Johnson, Janet and Bug Oliver, Gertrude and Bill Rosevear; Junius Jones, Geoff Keyes, Lynn Roberts, and Chief Rowley; Monk Lewis and Gus Sliney, who came by rail to Washington from San Francisco, rented a car and chaperoned "Dugan" Herwig to Reunion (Hans SIQ); Priscilla Newgarden, transported by Fuller & Co., Elizabeth Palmer; Dorothy King and Cornelia Peale from Distaff Hall; Joe and Dasha Viner; and "Count" Francis Joseph Toohey, chaperoned by his sister and a friend.

Most of us checked in on Saturday and Sunday; the Greens on Friday. As chairman of our Reunion Committee, Doug checked everyone in, aided by Capt. R. L. Hunt '54, detailed by the Supe to assist the 50-Year Class, a duty he did most ably. The ladies lived comfortably in Mary Hall, a new dorm in Ladycliff Academy, Highland Falls, just south of The Thayer Hotel. We men fared luxuriously in New South Cadet Barracks, built on the site of the old Cadet Hospital but extending eastward to the "main drag." Built-in washstands in each room, fluorescent lighting with outlets for razors, etc., book shelves on walls, commodious clothes "presses," plus other stowage spaces. Too much luxury. (Obviously at this point, the Corps HAS.) A snack bar on the ground floor, where breakfast and light snacks could be had for nominal sums, was a most appreciated convenience for us old boys.

Those on hand gathered informally Saturday evening in Cullum, the temporary location of the West Point Army Mess, then took our chartered bus to Washington Hall for the Supe's Reception and Alumni Dinner Dance, following which the ladies motored or bussed back to Ladycliff, the men by Shank's Mare to barracks.

Sunday many attended the stirring and inspiring Baccalaureate Service in the Cadet Chapel. That evening marked our first "formal" Reunion event: the class buffet supper in Cullum. Drake and Snow of '12 were most welcome guests; Sorley '91 dropped in, the oldest grad to take part in all reunion events—'96 and quite spry. The excellent buffet properly stowed, we moved by bus to the West Point Glee Club Concert, an event long to be remembered. The program included the "Missouri National," but it was not the version we whistled as Plebes in 1909, which was born at the World's Fair in St. Louis in 1904, where the Corps was in camp. The original version is musically simpler, even a 100% dumb Plebe could whistle it. History

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will probably prove that it was more effective as a rain producer.

Monday, 2 Jun, opened with the Grads marching from the new library, now building, to Thayer Monument. How close to the head of the column '13 is getting! The exercises at Thayer Monument, followed by the Review of the Corps, were the most moving events of Reunion: really its climax. No Grad present could fail to be stirred to his depths by the singing of *Alma Mater* and *The Corps*. What memories these evoke! Personally it seemed in retrospect that the way *The Corps* was sung in our Cadet days is preferable to the way it is sung in 1963: too many muted voices now; we sounded off musically, respectfully, and enthusiastically.

Following the Alumni Review, '13, together with all older classes, their wives and guests, moved over to the Supe's sheltered "secret" garden for an enjoyable, informal, chatty *coup de flambage*. The Westmorelands are most attractive hosts.

Next the Alumni Lunch and Annual Meeting of the Association of Graduates in Washington Hall. Meanwhile the ladies lunched in Cullum Hall. Gen. Westmoreland, ending 3 years as Supe, delivered an excellent "swan song." At an appropriate place, Doug Greene announced from the rostrum 1913's gift to the Superintendent's Fund of \$3,675, from members of the Class and from all the class widows. This latter was made possible through the generous contribution of one Anonymous Classmate.

Then came a class business meeting in Rm. 220, Thayer Hall. Your scribe arrived a bit late and still lacks a coherent report. Greene re-elected president; Monk Lewis, president emeritus; Davidson, Secy-Treasr; and Foote, scribe for ASSEMBLY.

Meeting the ladies at Cullum, all moved to the cemetery where flowers were placed on the graves of classmates buried there: Brown TK, Danielson, Hardin, Martin, McCunniff, Patch, Russell, Wash, and Leila Keyes, Geoff's wife. Lest we forget, some of us, alas not all, attended the Alumni Memorial Services earlier in the day: one in the Cadet Chapel, the other in the Chapel of the Most Holy Trinity.

Monday evening, 1913's 50th Reunion Dinner at Bear Mountain Inn. Wonderful meal, much conversation, no speeches. A never-to-be forgotten event for those present. A group

photo was taken, results unknown at this writing. By 11:30 P.M. the rear guard had embussed for Ladycliff and New South Barracks, ending our OAO 50th.

Many of us saw Lt. Col. Charles Echols Spragins '45 at West Point, Lil's stalwart second son; another chip off the old block.

Most of us took off on Tuesday, 4 Jun—Pete Corlett, probably the first, since he was seen at 6:30 A.M. with suitcase in hand, awaiting the descending elevator. Critt and Josephine stayed over: Critt to present the AUSA Award to the worthy winner of the Class of 1963 at the Awards Convocation in Thayer Hall. Since Ye Feet shoved off that same morning, taking the two Distaff Damsels along, info is lacking as to who of '13 besides the Critts were present for graduation.

Lathe and Constance Row had planned to attend but unfortunately they were in an auto accident, returning from Denver to Lead, in which Constance was injured. No details sufficient for a correct report. All wish her a full and prompt recovery. Jack McMahon's presence was contingent on selling his house in Saratoga, Calif.—evidently he did not get it sold in time. Rietta Weeks, who entered Union Memorial Hospital in Baltimore on 2 Apr to undergo major surgery, got out in May, spent about 2 weeks in her Bethesda, Md., home and then re-entered the hospital early in June with hepatitis. She has our best wishes for a speedy recovery. Write her and cheer her up.

Whatever success our 50th Reunion attained is due in the largest measure to Doug Greene, Chmn of the Committee. Joe Viner set up the dinner at Bear Mtn Inn; Doug, by personal reconnaissance at West Point and conferences with Col. T. M. Metz, Secy Assoc of Grads, set up the detailed plans, bustled the bus, arranged schedules, etc. Any gripes on the banquet liquor fall on Ft.

Reunion was brightened by the victories the Cadets won over the Middies during June Week. Unrelated but factual: Junius Jones joined the GGP Frat: a granddaughter was born to his eldest daughter, Mary Beirne, on 31 May 63.

Statistically, with 49 grads living at Reunion Time, or 52.8% of the 93 who graduated 12 Jun 13: 22 grads (44% of the living), 2 Ex-'13-ers, 18 wives, 4 widows, 1 son plus Toohey's fems-2, an O/A total of 49, got to Our 50th.

On Friday, 7 Jun, the DC DET of 1913 held its June Lunch, postponed to take in Monk Lewis and Gus Sliney. Of the DC Gang, Critt, Crane, Foote, Johnson, and Schmidt were present. All voted our 50th a huge success. Incidentally, this was one of the most enjoyable and interesting of our many Washington class lunches. Item: Tex Davidson brought Chief Rowley back via Reading, Pa., visiting one of Tex's three daughters there, thence to Washington and the Farm ("Cremona") for a week-end visit and to ride herd on a square dance group. Dave put Chief to work stringing wires for outdoor lighting through the trees; Chief fell off a ladder, bruising but not breaking a hip. A few days later Rowley flew back to LA and Downey, Calif.

Death bracketed our 50th Reunion. On 25 May Gordon Young died suddenly as he was about to start his car in the garage of the apartment house into which Dorothy and he had moved on 15 May. He had had at least two heart attacks: this was another and fatal one. Funeral services conducted by Canon Luther D. Miller, Retired Chief of Army Chaplains, at Ft. Myer Chapel, with full military honors, and burial in Arlington, Monday 27 May. Honorary pallbearers: Glen E. Edgerton '08, R. A. Wheeler '11, Dabney Elliott '14, John Conklin and Tom Larkin '15, F. J. Clarke '37 representing the Engineer; Craig, Critt, Davidson, Johnson, and Foot of 1913; and Commodore Stewart A. Manahan, USNA 1910. Archer Dorst, best man at Snake's wedding, accompanied Dorothy throughout the services, along with her sister, Katherine and husband. All are retired except Clarke, shortly departing Dist Engr Commissioner, an assignment held by our unique and savvy Snake from 1 Oct 45 to 31 May 51. Among the many beautiful floral tributes was one from the Naval Academy Class of 1913. Vividly do I recall how he tutored the goats in *Descript and Analyt* and in P. Gordon's *Sound and Light and Mechanics*, to which latter text he wrote a key, published by the Class of 1914. It takes an Engineer to hive the key. Dorothy, his widow, lives at 4101 Cathedral Avenue, NW, Washington 16, D.C.

Saturday, 8 Jun Ernesto Aragon, a nephew by marriage, phoned that Demetrio Castillo died Friday, 7 Jun 1963, in his apartment in The Westbury, 840 Madison Ave., New York.

He suffered from heart trouble. His two widowed sons, Demi Jr. and Joaquin, flew in from Spain for their father's funeral. Services held in New York City, 11 Jun, with burial in Ferncliff Cemetery, Hartsdale, N.Y. Demi is survived by two sons, eight grandchildren, two widowed sisters, still in Cuba, a niece, Mrs. Ernesto Aragon, 233 East 69th St., New York City, and probably others unknown to me. Our Demi was ever bright, spoony, and tactful and was *very* much liked by his classmates, a real hombre. Our deepest sympathies go to all his surviving kin. I quote here what was probably his last message, sent on 3 Jun to the Class of 1913 at Bear Mtn Inn:

"Doctor has dashed hope of joining class for reunion today claiming would be foolhardy in view of present heart condition, disappointment enormous, will be there in spirit and comradeship, my thanks to all who have written me and a toast to 1913 and the corps."

Demi Castillo.

How fortunate for the DC DET that he *did* get to our class lunch, 1 May 62, and what an event that was! Archer visited with him in his apartment Saturday afternoon, 1 Jun 63, and hence is the last one of 1913 to see our Demi.

Word from Lynn Roberts received today (14 Jun) reports that Frank A. Kimball Ex-'13, died late in May at his home in Redlands and was buried 3 Jun 63 in Hillside Memorial Park, Redlands, Calif. Our sympathies go to Clara, his widow, who resides at 1505 West Fern Ave., Redlands, Calif.

1913 had MORE than its share of ASSEMBLY's pages in the Spring 63 issue, due to the Editor's indulgence. MAKES up in part for the years we were AWOL. We'll be briefer in future reports. Please GET your notes for the FALL issue to Foote by 1 Sep 63, so all may be set before Metz's 15 Sep 63 DL. Let's hear from all those heretofore silent.

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As you may deduce from my new address, Earll and I are selling the cozy little home we have occupied for the past twelve years and moving into an apartment this summer, long before this issue will reach you.

I have just hopefully searched my retained file of "Class letter material" and am shocked to find how bare it is this time. Perhaps it's just as well—the Summer '63 issue of ASSEMBLY will be jammed of Class Reunion pictures and letters and space for other classes will be scarce. Our time to spread ourselves will come next June.

And now, here is another message to the Class from Charlie Gross, our 50th Reunion committee chairman:

"1913's Reunion was a close and intimate get-together. All twenty-two classmates who attended lived in barracks. Three had signed up for Cullum Hall, but were routed out and brought into the fold. The fourteen wives and four widows who attended lived together in adjoining rooms in Ladycliff Academy. None used outside hotel, motel, or private accommodations. I hope we may approach such unity of action. 1913's one expressed regret was that the Officers' Club's new super duper dining room was not yet finished. The Class rented a bus and while it was sometimes dif-

ficult to get all the ladies to do the same thing at the same time, it did serve them well.

"We (Charlie means classmates) will probably be quartered in the new South Barracks (on the site of the old Cadet Hospital) overlooking the Hudson, with running water in our rooms and a sink on each floor, to provide the pleasant opportunity to deplore such luxuries for cadets while we enjoy them.

"The new Superintendent is the son of Piggy Lampert, the engineer, who breathed fire down our throats on March 1, 1910 and thereafter. Also, he is the nephew of Pug Lampert, our own beloved goat (who plans to attend our Reunion). With that range, he can embrace the Class of 1914.

"The spot light is now on 1914. So let the welkin ring out the call for our Assembly."

Charlie's letter of 5 June also brings the news that Rudy Whitten recently fell and broke his hip, and now faces a long period of recovery. He is in good spirits, and should shed his crutches and cane long before next June.

Thanks to our efficient Reunion Committee, it seems to me that many details of our plans have already been worked out and passed on to you, and the next step is for each of us who can, to begin to make definite plans to be on hand in June '64. All indications are that this will be the largest and best Reunion we have ever held. Your presence will contribute to the pleasurable success of the Reunion—so try hard to be on hand in spite of Hell or high water!

One of our classmates who had planned to be with us next June will not be there. I was very sorry to hear from Skimp Brand of the death of Reiff Hannum on 22 Mar 63. He had been in and out of Walter Reed Hospital for about six months with a severe heart condition. I am sure that Reiff's devoted wife Dorothy, realizes that we of the Class sympathize with her, and share her grief.

We Classmates in San Antonio enjoyed a brief visit with Ralph and Agnes Royce this spring. They had flown in to Kelly AFB, the attraction being the annual meeting of the Dedalian Society. Thru the sponsorship of Elmer Adler, who is a member, we got together one evening for drinks and a steak dinner, hosted by the Royces, at the swank and exclusive St. Anthony Club. Both the Royces are fine, and they are looking forward to our Reunion.

That's all I have to report for this time. "See you sure in sixty-four."

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Some philosopher (it was not Confucius and I don't think it was Billy Covell) said: "People are like wheelbarrows, useful only when pushed and easily upset."

Your scribe hopes he has not been pushing y'all too much, and that none of you are upset by any of his facetious remarks. 'Tis all done in a spirit of camaraderie. He hopes you will accept it in the same spirit.

The Aurands, as previously reported, have sold their house in Honolulu, and will be "gypsying" their way through the mainland for this year, spending April and May in Europe. Their gypsying, so far, has taken them to San Francisco where they dined with Sophia Waldron and the Bob McBrides; to Santa Barbara where they lunched with Jody Haw; to Tucson where they lunched with the

Bob Strongs; to Las Cruces and coffee with Tenney; and finally to San Antonio where they bought a meal for the John Leonards. From the tone of the letter, I take it they were free-loading all the way to S.A. Even there Dutch managed a free dinner on the Woodruffs who gave a 1915 dinner, at which the Aurands, the Leonards, the Mike Davises, Octavia Halcomb (Bill had the flu), Chick King (Oiseau was in the hospital), and Rosa-May Harmon were present. All in good health, except as indicated.

Mac and I extend an invitation to the gypsies to visit Asheville. We promise a free meal of black-eyed peas, sow belly, and white mule.

The Balsams, so Dolly reports, are well and happy and seem to keep busy. They have been taking dancing lessons and going to a lot of parties. Dolly says, "I am also very fascinated by a course I am taking by mail on Graphoanalysis—analyzing people's character from their writing." Advice to youse gents: "Don't write, telegraph."

It would be interesting to record the reasons why we selected our place of retirement. Maybe Clesen could add a paragraph in our respective biographies. A case in point is Frank Emery. Frank hails from Skowhegan, Maine, and retired in La Jolla, Calif. Quite a shift, don't you think? Anyhow, thanks to Frank, we have news of some of our seldom-heard-from classmates. On the occasion of the Hanleys' visit to La Jolla, the Emerys, the Keltons, the Fletchers, the McNarneys, and Donnelly joined Tom and Cecilia one evening for a happy dinner reunion. Pulsifer was not well enough to attend. Reading between the lines, it seems a good time was had by all.

Det and Laura Ellis spent the winter in the deep South, including Det's old haunts on the lower Rio Grande River of Texas where he served with the 16th Cav 46 years ago. They spent a delightful few hours with Ruth and Philip McNair in Brownsville. Phil took them to Matamoros, Mexico, for lunch and a sight-seeing tour of Brownsville. On their way back to DC they saw Ned Wehman and Laura Brownell in Charleston. All those seen were in the pink.

The Blister Evans are expecting again. A grandchild, that is. Blister didn't say how many he has, but Venus Small says it's number four. Anyhow, that's one activity I suspect will never succumb to automation.

Tom and Cecilia returned home in April after a 3½-month trip which took them to California and intervening places. They saw Clesen Tenney in Las Cruces and visited his lovely home; visited Bob and Midge Strong in Tucson and dined with the La Jolla crowd, as reported by Emery. Tom says: "Both the McNarneys and the Keltons entertained us in their homes. Both of them are beautiful (the homes, he means). Joe is high up on a mountain in La Jolla, and Ed is a little higher on a higher mountain in La Mesa."

The Tom Hearn's are giving up house-keeping and moving into Channing House, which Tom describes as "a 10-story building in downtown Palo Alto which will accommodate 300 guests who must be over 62 and ambulatory. All household chores, medical care, hospitalization, etc., are taken care of from a monthly charge, which is about what it cost to run a home. The location is convenient to all principal activities in town." Sounds O.K. Tom concludes with the news that he and Charlotte are in good shape—slender—that Charlotte's hip is about back to

normal, no pin needed, and Lucy Fox and Sophia Waldron are well and on the go.

No news from Carl Hocker, but much about him. Carl is not doing too well and has had a rough time. He is now with his daughter and son-in-law at the Portsmouth, N. H., Naval Base and is receiving treatment at the Naval Hospital there.

Oiseau and Chick King returned to Asheville in May, and after only a few days, departed for an extended stay in Europe. Despite all he's been through, Oiseau looked quite well. He's a durable old squirrel.

A sad letter from Jake Meneely announced the death of his son and only child, John K. Jr., who died suddenly and unexpectedly on 21 Mar of a heart attack while in his office. Young Jake must have been quite a boy. An editorial in the local paper calls him "A doctor's doctor," and says: "An indication of what kind of individual he was can be gained from his WW II record. As a regimental surgeon with the 10th Mountain Division in Italy, he won three citations for setting up aid stations and evacuating hundreds of wounded over difficult terrain, often under enemy fire."

Our sympathetic prayers go to Jake and Sally.

P. J. Mueller breaks into print and sends in interesting news. I quote:

"We are happy to report that Mary Bradley, Ronnie Bragdon, and Millie Harris are up and around again after sieges at Walter Reed.

"P. J. Mueller, III, arrived from outer space on 31 Mar at the hospital at Ft. Belvoir, Va., announcing he's a candidate for the Class of 1986 USMA. He's grandchild No. 7." (Piker!!!)

A favorite question among the Army clientele at the A & N Club has been: what can be done by Army to win an Army-Navy game?—which is met by the usual answer of a shrug of the shoulders. P. J. wrote to his friend and philosopher Honest John Leonard and received the logical reply, to wit: "Make more points per game than Navy." (Sharp, what?)

Hume Peobody sends in the usual witty tidbits which make these notes readable:

a. "Had to miss the last luncheon because of the rush of local business. I have been tapped to pin the new Gray Lady class at their capping ceremony. Guess I never told you I am a lecturer in the Gray Lady program. I pretend I know all about blood." (I'm sure Hume's experience as a hop manager is helping his "image" with the ladies, especially if they're not all gray).

b. Hume sends news of the Founder's Day Dinner staged at Bolling AFB, but missed the March deadline just as he used to miss the last "Notes of Assembly" (not a bad comparison). When I penned an indictment, he sent this reply: "You show a woeful lack of understanding; I was not late for the March deadline—merely early for the June one." I wish someone would give me a good answer for that shyster remark, or should I write to "Dear Abby"?

c. "I have one bit of news," continues Hume, "that may well render you speechless. Well, not you, maybe, but anyone else. No less a person than the Governor of the free state of Maryland has appointed me a member of the Alcoholic Beverages Board. (Quick, Watson, the jigger). What a shock it will be to you and your confreres who are so busily engaged in the consumption end of the liquor industry to realize that one of you will be operating in the law enforcement realm."

d. Immediately upon receipt of that stag-

gering bit of news, I dispatched a letter to said "Bored member," bawling the fact that he was now "on the wagon." "Who," said I, "will regale the rabble with stories of super salesmen and such if you spurn the juice of the grape. No simon-pure can think of such stories, much less tell them with such finesse." The result was this indignant reply: "Who in hell said anything about going on the wagon? Besides, someone on the Board must be in a position to rule on all contraband likker confiscated by the authorities, and I dare you to name anyone more capable than you know who—or should that be whom." (Your scribe is beginning to see the light!)

Living as he does, across the river from "Hell-on-the-Hudson," Venus Small has occasion to see many old grads. Early this Spring he was surprised to see Blister Evans and Babe Weyand at a lacrosse game. Venus reports: "Blister was playing hockey while his wife was out at the hairdresser's getting primped up for a cocktail party. He and Dot had been helping out in New Jersey where the son's wife presented them with a fourth grandchild—a son. I bet Blister caught Hell when he returned to New Jersey, having missed the K.T. party."

Venus always includes in his letters the lowdown on Army teams, but the best news so far are the victories over Navy in baseball, lacrosse and track.

Mike Summers has had his trials and tribulations. He is recuperating from a heart attack, is on a rigid diet, and has to take it easy. Mike might as well relax. The docs say if you survive a heart attack, you'll live forever. We hope to see him at West Point come Jun 65.

Mike suggests that the class salvage Ike's topper for posterity. Send your vote to Det.

He also enclosed an interesting AP story: "Louis T. Byrne was an upper classman at West Point in 1914, and one day he was giving a Plebe a 'going over.' 'I suppose you expect to become a General?' Byrne asked. 'Yes, sir, I do, sir,' replied Dwight D. Eisenhower, the Plebe."

Bill and Betty Tompkins tripped to San Antonio to see some of their grandchildren. Found all in fine shape. Bill III, a junior at Texas U., just enrolled in the Marines. Will go to Quantico this summer for a 12-week course as an officer candidate, and upon graduation from Texas U. next June, will be commissioned a 2d Lt of Marines. He intends to try for Marine Aviation. The Tompkins saw the 1915 San Antonio contingent, "and," says Bill, "all look in the pink and seem to be enjoying life."

Under separate cover Bill sent a copy of the *Bulletin of the Medical College of Virginia* Founder's Day Issue. On page 23 thereof is a resplendent photograph of Bill in his robes receiving the honorary degree of Doctor of Science from the president of the College. Underneath the photo is this inscription:

WILLIAM FRAZER TOMPKINS
Distinguished Soldier
Devoted Virginian
Outstanding Administrator
Faithful Colleague

"We are proud to honor you. Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Commonwealth of Virginia and by unanimous vote of the Board of Visitors of the Medical College of Virginia, I now confer upon you the honorary degree of Doctor of Science with all the privileges as evidenced by this diploma and appropriate hood."

Gents, I know you will be pleased to learn that at last we have a "hood" among our classmates!

Wop Watson's picture is featured on the front page of the *Beverly Hills Citizen*. He's in the pitcher's box and displaying his pitching arm (southpaw) by throwing out the first ball for the opening of the Beverly Hills Little League season. The Yankee team is lined up behind Watson in the event of recoil.

The Doug Wearts' No. 1 grandson, Chas. D. Ogren, graduated from the Air Force Academy in June. Time marches on. Doug and Gertrude moved to Washington 17 Jun. 4101 Cathedral Ave, NW Washington 16, D. C.

Roscoe Woodruff begins his press report with the following remarks: "I am paint up to my elbows, the lawn needs mowing, I need a haircut, and our son—with his wife and five daughters—will arrive tomorrow, so I guess it's as good a time as any to give you what dope there is around here as to classmates. (And you think you have troubles)."

John Leonard is well recovered from his bout with pneumonia. Woody then gives news of the Kings and Hockers, which are covered elsewhere in these notes.

A postcard received just the other day announces that: "Alice and I are visiting our daughter and family at The Hague. Her husband is in charge of our MAAG to the Netherlands. Flew over and should be back home sometime late in June."

And that, friends, ends another one of my informative and sparkling reports, made so by your cooperation. Any dope about June week will be covered as an addendum by Det Ellis, as Mac and I are on our way to Denver, Colo., to see son Jack, Katrina, and seven bambinos—the last one a girl, having arrived in November to brighten their small family. I'll be talkin' to you in the Fall. Next deadline 15 Sep. Peabody, please note.

Hasta la vista and God bless y'all.

Addendum: Quesenberry: Marshall's widow Mary died on 21 May at Letterman Genl Hosp, Presidio of San Francisco. No details as yet.

June Week: Only a few of 1915 were present for June Week. Dick Richards, Mason Young, the Smalls, the James, the Hydes with daughter and husband, the Tates, and the Weyands attended the usual gracious dinner at the Leones. Gene Leone particularly stressed that those who had been at any of the Reunions 1950-1960, as well as those who have never been at a Reunion, make a special effort to be there in 1965. He promises a better party than any of the previous ones—and that's some promise!

Peggy Beukema was up for part of June Week, and presented the Hal Beukema Memorial Award to the outstanding hockey player.

Laura and Det Ellis could not arrive until Monday morning of June Week, as they first attended Laura's "big" Reunion at Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa.

Bob Strong, Jr., is Commandant of Cadets, US Air Force Academy. Congratulations, Midge and Bob! It is interesting to note that the Commandant of Cadets, US Military Academy, is a nephew of our Don Davison!

A grandson of Tex Avent graduated at USMA on 5 Jun 63!

A grandson of Ed Wallington graduated at USMA in 1962, while Ed's daughter graduated at George Washington University in 1963! What a man! Congratulations to all!

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Washington 8, D.C.

It is with heavy heart that we report the deaths of four classmates this spring. On 24 Mar Al Draves died at his home in Milwaukee. On 11 Apr George Andrew died after a heart operation at Walter Reed Hospital. He had come from his home in Fla. to have an examination and Anne and their older son, who is stationed in Germany, both came to be with Andy when an operation was advised. On 1 May Joe Tully died at Beaumont Hospital in San Antonio. He had been taken ill while playing golf a week before and was rushed to the hospital where a brain tumor was discovered. He never regained consciousness. On 28 May Parker Kuhn died suddenly at his home in Bedford Hills. He and Margaret had been in Washington only a short time before and he was planning to attend the Alumni Meeting at West Point in Jun. The Class has suffered a great loss in the death of these four members and extends deepest sympathy to their families.

Before returning home after a winter in Tucson, the Kuhns stopped in Coronado. While there the red carpet was rolled out for them. A buffet supper at the Coronado Hotel was given by the Styers, a cocktail party by the Irvines and a luncheon by the Worshams. Murph has sold his ranch in Ariz. and now makes Coronado his full-time home. He and Caroline made a trip to San Francisco last winter where they were entertained by the Bob McBrides, Shuggs and Doneyes. Later they visited San Antonio where Caroline was a delegate to a conference of the Colonial Dames. The Maurice Millers gave a party in Mar for all the classmates in San Antonio. A letter from Parker Kuhn written to Fay Prickett on May 9 reported having met Joe Grant and his attractive bride while in Coronado. Styer writes that he and Doe may come East around Sept to visit their son who is stationed at Ft. Lee. A welcome awaits them in Washington.

Bruno and Jean Brundred arrived in Washington in Mar to visit their son, now in business there, and their daughter in Va. At almost the same time Dwight and Laura Johns arrived to visit their daughter in nearby Springfield, Va., and George Andrew arrived at Walter Reed. The Cockrells and the Blissesses gave a class supper party in honor of all the visitors. Unfortunately Bruno burned his hand severely and he and Jean were unable to attend. They are back in Calif, now, living at his sister's ranch in Chula Vista while looking for a permanent home.

Woody and Celeste Woodward were in Washington in Apr to visit their son, Hunter, now on duty at the Pentagon. Hunter and his wife invited all the Class to a cocktail party at their home. Woody had brought his golf clubs along and the local golfers gave him a good chance to use them. He attended the April class luncheon while Anne Maguire entertained Celeste and the Class wives. Helen Inglis was in the Washington area in May visiting her brother, Col. Samouche. She had previously stopped in El Paso for a week-end with the Hendersons.

Dizie and Eleanor Britton, after visiting their married daughter in Stuttgart, have been motoring through Europe. They clocked 3000 miles in Spain where they found beautiful scenery and reasonable prices. They were in Holland at tulip time and will visit Berchtesgaden in Aug, Berlin in Sept, returning to New York 1 Oct. The Maurice Millers are

also on a European trip. They motored from San Antonio to New York and sailed "space available" on 25 May.

Tom Martin's oldest son has just been appointed Dean of Engineering at the U of Florida. Another son teaches chemistry at the U of Michigan and the third, a Lt Col, is a student at AFSC at Norfolk. Willy Wilson, vacationing with Dolly in Honolulu, writes that his son has just incorporated his very successful insurance business in Woodland Hills, Calif., and has taken Willy in as vice president.

The Class had ten at West Point this June: DeWitt, Gallagher, Hoge, Maguire, McCullough, Moses, Mumma, Prickett, Weyand, and Bliss. Spike Maulsby is back home from the hospital but did not feel up to the trip to West Point. It is the first June Week he has missed in many years.

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With his usual punctilio, Jim Hayden reports from the West Coast: "Marking 46 years since graduation, 50 years including cadet service, 26 'boys and girls' assembled at noon Saturday, 20 Apr, in the Portola Room of the Presidio of San Francisco Officers' Mess. Thanks to Love Mullins, we had a flower-decorated table, drinks served at the table and lunch selected from the menu. Jack Code's special request of wine was served. Remembering classmates, we toasted all '17-ers who, because of distance or health, were unable to attend. Yes, we pity those not living in God's Country! We also toasted '17-ers who had joined Benny Havens and that 'Ghostly Assemblage,' and the ladies who have put up with us. All seemed to enjoy the festivities and the get-together. Present: Paul and Ida Brown, Alex and Jeannie Campbell, Jack and Isabelle Code, Milt and Kathryn Halsey, Jim and Laddie Hayden, Spec and Evelyn Irwin (back from vacation early), Dutch and Marion Kaiser, Pete and Edie Kilburn, Love and Jane Mullins, Doug and Betty Wahl (from Carmel in the rain), Sid and Marge Young, Sally Coulter and her daughter, and Helen Daugherty. We all join in our best to our classmates and their families."

On 29 May Jim joined 15 Washington classmates at the A-N Club for lunch, the event having been postponed a week so that we could have him with us. Besides Jim those present were Black, Collins, Crump, Eagles, Eley, Erler, Fales, Irving, Jackson, Noce, Parks, Cowper Smith, Sam Smith, Vander Hyden, and Yuill.

In a later note from West Point (Jim never misses June Week), Jim wrote, "Don Swanton and Jack Nygaard have helped me to uphold the class honor here. More should return on non-reunion years and absorb the beauties here and see old friends at leisure. It's great."

Also from West Point came notes from Jack Nygaard and Don Swanton. Jack says, "A wonderful June Week and my fifth straight." Donovan reports, "On my last sojourn in London I *did* acquire, as a gesture of conformity, a small mustache. My sole activity has been an active interest in the affairs of the Society of the 3d Inf Div, with which I served in WWI. My only claim to notoriety is, perhaps, my long residence in Greenwich Village!"

After completing a course at the British

Staff College and a tour with the 505th Abn BG in Germany, Gladys and Joe Collins's son Jerry, now a Lt Col, and his wife Caroline have returned to the States with their two children. Jerry will attend the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk. "Gladdie" and her husband, Jerry Stenger, and their six children have returned from Saigon, Vietnam, and are now stationed in Washington, D. C. Nancy and Michael Rubino, with their six children, are still with the embassy in Brussels.

At the time of our 29 May class luncheon Bill Heavey was in Boca Grande, Fla., enjoying a long week-end with some officers of his 2d Eng Amphibian Brigade. The fishing was wonderful, and the prize catch was made by Bill. After a 31-minute battle, he hauled in a tarpon that measured six feet 2 inches.

In June, Gay and Kewp's daughter Julia graduated with honors from Stony Ridge School, and she has been accepted and awarded a scholarship at Sophie Newcombe College of Tulane University in New Orleans.

Mark Clark has invited all members of the Class who can make it to a long week-end in Charleston, where, on 18 Oct, the Cadet Corps of The Citadel will give a review for the Class of April '17, and on 19 Oct there will be a big football game.

Since the last issue of ASSEMBLY word has been received of the death of our classmate Charles Mason. The sympathy of the Class is extended to his wife Josephine.

Also, we have been saddened to hear that Cita Harrison, Ray's widow, died in May and was buried in Pittsburgh. The Class has sent a contribution to the Heart Fund.

This interesting clipping from the *Monterey Peninsula Herald* of 23 May has just been received from Bill Chapman: "BERKELEY. The Capt. Henry Henley Chapman memorial trophy was awarded today to Cadet Col. Stephen L. Ulsh, commander of the cadet corps at the U. of Calif. The trophy, awarded each year to the outstanding cadet, is a memorial to the first resident of the Monterey Peninsula to be killed in World War I. Capt. Chapman, who lost his life leading his company in the victorious assault against the Hindenburg Line in 1918, was a graduate of Pacific Grove High School. The award was made this year by Maj. Gen. Henry B. 'Monk' Lewis (USA Ret.), also a graduate of Pacific Grove High School."

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Red Shaffer is still under the weather. He appreciates all the nice messages members of the Class have sent. Please continue to send all communications on class business to Biff Jones, acting secretary.

DeMuth says my class letter re addresses, etc., was just a slick ruse to induce a flood of correspondence. In any case, we received 57 letters with the requested information and good news items for this column.

Harding offered to phone me if I sent him the 3 martinis mentioned in my class letter. Post Office refused to accept the explosive mixture (5-1).

We are pleased to advise that John Martin was voted in as an Honorary Member of the Class. He was so notified and has accepted with appreciation and considerable emotion. The executive committee is working on plans for induction ceremonies to be held in Washington this fall in conjunction with our tra-

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ditional co-ed class luncheon on Veterans Day, 11 Nov. Details will be sent to members of the Class and we know we will have a large turnout.

Herewith is John's letter of acceptance:

"What can I say? I am speechless. Since I told Marie she looks at me coming in the door at night as though I just came back a hero from the Battle of the Marne.

"I hope that I get a chance to show the Class of August 1917 how much I fully appreciate this great honor, and that in the years ahead it will be possible for me to more fully justify the trust and honor that I have been so fortunate to receive."

Jack Knight reports a new address—4828 Cleveland Place, Metairie, Jefferson Parish, La. He reports a flourishing business activity. We are sorry that distance keeps us from seeing him more often.

Our class luncheon in May was honored by the presence of Fred Sharp, III, just back from his State Department assignment in Brazil.

Our luncheon on 10 June was honored by the presence of Luff Meredith. Others in attendance—Huff, Jones, Warner, Durfee, Conner, Wagner, Reeder, and Purvis.

Meredith is just about to return to Brownsville from Walter Reed. This was the first time most of us had seen him since graduation—plenty questions. He still follows his hobby of falconry started in 1911. He traps, trains and gives them away to anybody qualified to take care of them. He has just shipped one to a falconer in England, and Luff is going to join him this summer hunting grouse in Scotland with the bird. Luff was the earliest falconer in *this* country, and is a world authority.

In case you had forgotten, Luff was another first. He won the Class cup for the first son born to the Class. It was noted that Huff, back in 1918, was in close contention all the way—his wife giving birth to a daughter 4 days after the cup had been won.

Let's give recognition also to May Heavey and her family. May was the first grandmother and now is the first great-grandmother. She is particularly proud to have the first grandson to graduate from the Academy. Charles Dudley Hartman, III graduated this June.

Other interesting notes on the distaff side: Victoria Almquist writes that she will visit Washington this summer. Her son, Pete, Jr., is to be stationed here.

Dorothea Matlack, a wheel in the Pentagon, has just received two awards—one for outstanding performance and the other, the Department of the Army Award for special achievement.

Loessa Coffey went to West Point in June Week to award the Baseball Trophy in honor of Jack.

Margaret Barber was in town briefly, but we regret that none of us saw her or had a chance to talk to her. Please give us a ring on the next trip.

Madeline Wilson reports that Carlisle is back in good health. They have just bought an apartment in Sun City, Ariz. and apparently will divide their time between there and John Day, Ore.—which spot they have always liked so much.

Carswell writes from West Palm Beach that he is bringing his wife Billie north to meet his family. Hope we see you on your way up. He invites classmates to visit and use his guest room. Look out, Bill, when the snow starts to fly up here!

The Sarcas are back in Vermont after a fine winter in Fla. At present he and Betty

are having a good time getting the garden in, settling the house, and Swede will soon begin his tutoring jobs.

The Risings have sold their apartment in Bronxville and are now at their cottage on the Finger Lakes of NY. They will go to Europe this fall and then settle in Washington. They will be very helpful additions to the Washington group. We are looking forward with pleasure to seeing them.

Anderson, G. H. writes that he fully recovered from his cancer operation 2 days before our 45th Reunion. He and Grace had to cancel their reservations which they had made with us some months previously.

Bacon advises that one son returns this month from Vietnam and the other leaves in Nov for the same assignment. Both are captains.

Joe Cohen and daughter Betty had minor operations the same day in the same hospital and met in adjoining beds in the recovery room, where they compared notes on the exciting details.

We hope to see Jerry and Anne Counts back here for a visit in the not too distant future. Their son-in-law, Lt. Col. Max Minor arrives 25 Jun with the family for a year's preparation for duty as one of the air attaches in Paris.

Bill Deeble, anxious to get in under the deadline with the information requested by me, phoned the previous night from New Hampshire, and I ran him overtime with questions. He and Katharine are back in North Conway for the summer after a pleasant winter in Charleston with classmate Deas and contemporaries Eddie Sibert, Opie Clark and Busbee.

Bob Bringham told me that he was going to visit the Chapmans in Monterey on 8 Jun, while having a family reunion with son John, a student at the Army Language School, and son Pete, an engineer at Berkeley. So on 8 Jun I phoned Chapman and caught all assembled. This was a real bargain at \$1.00. In the conversation, Chapman told me that Dutch Gerhardt and his wife, Teddy, had stopped by for a visit. Bringham advises that his grandson, Robert M. Jr., will enter the Academy this summer with the class of '67. (Note: His graduation will be an added attraction for our 50-year Reunion). Bob thought "Mac" might be the first grandson of the class to enter the Academy. However, as stated above, Heavey's grandson has already graduated. Bob also reported that he and Frog Reed attended the Founder's Day Banquet in Los Angeles. They missed seeing Jimmy Hea who heretofore has attended. Bertholet was laid up with a heart attack from which he has recovered and is now back playing golf.

Herewith the latest from Dent Sharp:

"Here is some dope on our doings for the Class notes. We left here on 18 Dec just ahead of the heavy snows all the way south. We left here loaded to top of station wagon and on top two Christmas trees and two wreaths. Inside one grandson, F.D.S. III's small boy, Sandy. Picked up another grandson—C.L.S.' oldest boy from Valley Forge Military Academy—then on to Fla. We spent a month in Indialantic, Fla., which is the beach of Melborne, Fla., and just south of Cape Canaveral, where my younger son is the RCA Engineer in charge of maintenance of electronics for the entire missile range. Spent the month surf and deep sea fishing. Did the tourist circuit for the benefit of young Sandy Sharp, including the famous Alligator Farm south of Orlando, the Jungle Gardens, Silver

Springs, and Marineland near Saint Augustine.

"After a very happy month with my younger son and his family we went over to Winter Park and took an apartment at the Park Knowles where we spent two months. You know W. P. is the home of several of our classmates—Pinky Rolfe, Morgan, Eddy House, Phil Day. During our months there we did all the rest of the tourist rackets as well as a ten day fishing trip to the Keys where I had a lot of fun and quite some luck. We did enjoy the fish—it is most delicious. We left W.P. and went over to Sarasota for a week's visit with Ellanor's cousins and some old friends of our days during Military Attaché tours in South America, and had a lovely evening with Jean and Jack Stewart—April '17—and had cocktails with Betty and Swede Sarcka.

"Leaving there we wended our way north thru Tampa, so naturally had to take in Wicki Wachi and Cypress Gardens. Of course we saw the Passion Play at Lake Wales which is very moving and impressive.

"We went to Jekyll Island, Ga.—a very pleasant place to spend a couple of days and nights enroute—thence on to Charleston where we spent several days at Yeamans Hall Club with Eddy and Laura Sibert—class of 1919. Thence on home where we still found plenty of snow.

"We are home here and extremely comfortable. I am about ready to start my planting. My plots are full of new young plants, crying to be put in the ground. Our salmon are slow in coming into the river this year, but we should have a good lot of fish when they start. The weather is cold—still we may have some summer one of these days."

Bulletin: Fred Sharp, III just phoned to say he just heard from the old man that he had caught a 9 pound salmon off his front porch in Dennysville, Maine. I will now wait to hear some story from my old fishing buddy, DeMuth. I'll believe anything you say, Henry—fact or fiction. After all, I did see you hook a twenty-five pound beaver with light tackle, up in Colorado, and nearly land him while I took to a tree. Was that beaver mad!

Henry DeMuth will be interested to know that Leo Conner is fishing our favorite streams of 30 years ago around Chama, Taos and Santa Fe, N. M.

For you hunting enthusiasts, here is a word from my roommate and favorite partner in plebe dancing class, Jack Johnson, who for the last 15 years has held residence in Mexico:

"... The above mentioned Florence B. and I recently got home from a great hunting trip along the Rio Lacantun in the jungles of eastern Chiapas, Mexico. We flew in to a landing strip at a settlement on the Usumacinta River called Agua Azul and went up-river from there in a pair of dugouts into the vast jungle covering southern Mexico and northern Guatemala, where no one lives, only wildlife, some of the finest. We (mostly Florence) shot deer, tigrillos (ocelot), wild pigs, curassows, cojolites (crested guans), and a variety of smaller things. That's grand virgin rain-forest down there, excellent for big game hunting in the so-called 'dry season'—which is never really dry..."

For you travel enthusiasts, here's a word from Tracy Dickson:

"... As for news—Betty and I took a 45 day cruise on the *Gripsholm* in January thru the Panama Canal, down the West Coast of South America with visits to Peru and Chile.

By good fortune we had excellent weather going thru the Straits of Magellan so the snow covered mountains and a glacier were in clear view. We were very impressed with the City of San Paulo, Brazil where industry is very important. The number of new tall buildings is unbelievable.

"We found Rio de Janeiro a busy metropolis with the cable car ride up Sugar Loaf Mountain a big thrill. After a short stop at Bahia we visited Bridgetown, Barbados and finally St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands as the last stop.

"After a 4 day stay at home we guided our car southward and westerly to Texas to see relatives. We left our car with our daughter in Topeka after seeing grandchild #9 and landed in Denver. We can heartily recommend the famous California Zephyr train from Denver to San Francisco which has excellent equipment and courteous personnel. The scenery on the Denver & Rio Grande and Western Pacific Railroads is tops in the U. S.

"We visited our youngest son, Paul, who after 10 years in the Air Force resigned as Captain (Jet Bomber Pilot) to attend Divinity School in preparation of becoming an Episcopal Minister. A side trip 200 miles north of San Francisco gave us a fine visit to the great Redwood Trees which make man pale into insignificance.

"After a visit in Hinsdale, Ill., with the second daughter we came home to find the flowers and shrubs in full blossom. Further deponent sayeth not!"

Speaking of far-off places, here's some news from our boys in Hawaii:

From Ed Leavey:

"As to ASSEMBLY, I have little to report. Ruth and I lead a more or less typical 'retired life' of the Honolulu variety—a fair amount of social doings, fair amount of local 'civic' work, too little work at and around our own house but enough to keep us busy; I recently resigned as Chairman of the Board of an old, but not very big, local company (Honolulu Iron Works) but still retain my membership on the Board and Executive Committee of the Bank of Hawaii, and on the Board of the Hawaiian Telephone Company and of the Sheraton Hawaii Corporation (the Sheraton chain in Hawaii), all of which contribute to my working hours and (modestly) to my income! We plan a trip to Fort Sill (via Canada) to see our son and his family in July but will probably not go east—too hot, too far."

From Bart Harloe:

"Having had our 45th wedding anniversary and not knowing in what shape we would be when the 50th rolled around, Virginia and I decided to jump the gun and have a 50th style celebration this month.

"On 15 Jun, Anne's husband, Lt. Col. Lucian K. Truscott returns from a 13-month 'hardship' tour in Korea. Anne is leaving her little family of five children in the town of Leavenworth, Kan., and will fly to Honolulu for a reunion-holiday of two weeks' duration with us and Lucian.

"At the same time Jack and Marion Harloe are flying out from New York leaving their two boys, to join the celebration. Parts of the proverbial fatted calf are already in the deep-freeze and our now weedless garden looks beautiful. Life is being particularly kind to the Harloes."

Here's a word from our Virginia farmer, Henry Cantt:

"... We all enjoy keeping up with the ac-

tivities of our classmates and their wives even tho we seldom see many of them. I hope to get to Washington more often to class luncheons and West Point dinners. Although retired I keep extremely busy with community work and working around my own home. I have 22 acres on the York River just across from Yorktown. With a small orchard—50 trees—a vegetable garden, a garage, and garage apartment, a crib tractor, a barn, two boats, a pier and pier house, and having little and inefficient help, I keep busy keeping things in shape. For two years I was Civil Defense Director for Gloucester Co., but due to pressure of other duties had to give it up. I am also Senior Warden for Abingdon Episcopal Church which takes quite a bit of time. Labor, both skilled and unskilled is inefficient, high priced, and hard to get, and that means that I have it to do. I still play tennis occasionally, go fishing and hunting once in a while, and enjoy a good bridge game when I have a chance.

"Rachel is well and works with the Women's Clubs of the Church and community, and works some with flowers. Two of my four girls are married and the other two, who graduated from college last June are working at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore."

Several nice notes from Winter Park, Fla. Phil Day writes:

"I think the Committee made a very wise decision on the 50-year Book. It would have been a nightmare for the editors trying to get material and by the time it was finished, if ever, there would only be a couple of long-beards left to read it. I must confess I haven't yet forwarded the biographical stuff previously requested. Will do so soon, I hope. My son, Phil Jr., is just arriving in DC for a tour in the Pentagon (Operations). You might run into him sometime. He is Lt. col. Not much news here except that we are all alive. The four of us still meet regularly for lunch, a drink, a swim (if the water is at least 80) out at my cabin. Sometimes we bring out old West Point mementos. I still have the cadet registers of our day... The Rolfs are taking a freighter trip to Scandinavia with some other Army friends in August. Tommy and I will head north sometime but don't know when or where.

"Heard Charlie Gerhardt give a book review (*The Guns of August*) (say, that's a good name for our class) the other day at the University Club. Charlie is by far the most active retired officer in this neck of the woods, especially in church work and other public affairs."

Eddie House adds:

"Just a short note to let you know that those of our class here are all well, and meet once a week. We had a hard winter and it will take Fla. a few years to heal the cold wounds.

"We all enjoy hearing from you. Keep up the good work."

Pinkie Rolfe mentioned a nudist camp but did not give the range from Phil's artist studio. This added attraction may explain why they meet weekly instead of monthly as we Washington boys do at the sedate Army-Navy Club.

Troland writes that daughter Nancy and her 7 children are living here in Chevy Chase while her husband, Lt. Col. Jack Cushman is in South Vietnam. We hope this will mean a visit here by Girard and Marion. Please arrange one of your visits so you can

be present at our traditional co-ed class luncheon on 11 Nov.

Our faithful scribe, Pablo Cole writes from San Francisco:

"Concur heartily on all actions taken by the Executive Committee. However, suggest that Bill Reeder try again to get all the dope before he asks some in the area of the delinquent to help out. Young Fran de Camp talked to me about the data on his father and said that Taylor had had it practically completed. I believe that most everyone who has not completed his sheet should be prodded into doing so. You will find that there are some who will not comply with the directive. Why?—I surely don't know. We were in Monterey and were notified of the passing of Taylor deCamp, by Bill Chapman. As usual we had a wonderful visit with Bill and Toodles. Barbara deCamp got in touch with Mickey Kernan and Mickey took over and did a bang up job. When I got back home all that could have been done had already been done.

"I am getting this off today as we are getting ready to take off for a visit to Grand Rapids to attend the wedding of a niece of Laura's. While in that part of the world we will visit relatives before returning home around 17 Jun. Flying, of course, as one can get to the destination so much faster by jet.

"Regards to every one and tell them to keep fit until after the 50th Reunion."

Mickey Kernan who handled all of the details for the funeral of Taylor deCamp writes:

"I shall miss Taylor very much, but am glad we had a very pleasant evening together at the March dinner with Chapman, Cole and Moore.

"Incidentally, Taylor's son Bill was a friend of our second son, Redmond F. III while in training camp. The latter is now a Captain in the reserve engineers, and is presently touring Europe on a six-week vacation. He just completed a course at Belvoir.

"Tom (Thomas J.) our oldest, is now at Notre Dame, as Field Secretary of their Alumni Association. Our youngest, Adrienne, recently completed her course at Seattle University, graduating with a degree in nursing, and is now home. Our daughter Jeanne Weseloh is the only married one—has three children aged 2 to 5. She lives nearby in Menlo Park."

A social note from Monterey, of interest to all of us:

"Mrs. Raymond E. S. Williamson of the Monterey Peninsula Country Club announces the engagement of her daughter Louise, to Lt. Charles Gordon Bassett, US Navy, son of Mrs. James Charles Bassett of Waterford, Mich., formerly of Shawnee, Okla."

Willie Wilson mailed us a news clipping showing 2 photos of the class of 1913, Pacific Grove H.S.—one at their graduation and the other at their recent 50-year Reunion. Both pictured our Bill Chapman.

Which reminds me that I and 15 of the girls of the Class of 1913, Central High School, Washington, D. C., celebrated our 50th on 25 May. J. Edgar Hoover, of FBI fame, our class vice-president, I believe was afraid of the above boy-girl ratio and was out of town. But he did send us a nice message; none of our other boys are in the area.

I am particularly happy to report that Dodson Stamps is back in good shape after a long siege with the medicos. He is back on the job at the U. of Maryland.

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Bob and Forrest Willard left Washington on 29 May to take up permanent residence in Fla., probably Miami. We hope they will return and visit us.

Re: Recomputation—The Class particularly thanks Schaefer, Dickson, and Griffith who will not benefit by the legislation, but who have written their Senators and sent me their favorable replies. We thank McNiell also for his work with two key Senators who were his fraternity brothers in college, and with whom he is on a first-name basis.

Re: Biographies—Bill Reeder advises that he has received 28 to date and is hopeful the others are nearing completion. The Association of Graduates is anxious to have 100%.

Re: Address List—I have received 57 replies giving (1) address changes (of which we have quite a few); (2) names of wives (of course we knew most of these before we wrote, but to save embarrassment to us, we asked for all); and (3) phone numbers and area code (for ease of contact, when the brotherly spirit moves). We hope to get the list in a new format distributed in Sept. We want this list to be so complete and accurate that we will not republish until our 50-year Reunion. Therefore, will those classmates who have not already got their material in, please do so as soon as possible?

Treasurer Huff on behalf of the class wishes to thank the following for their contributions: Bringham, Carswell, Cohen, Gantt, Griffith, Harloe, House, Jones, Kernan, Morgan, Rising, Rolfe, and Jules Schaefer.

Huff and I both thank the many members of the class who so kindly wrote notes of appreciation for our taking over at this time. We pledge our best efforts with the guidance and assistance of our conscientious executive committee appointed by Jack Knight.

For your tickler: We will have our traditional co-ed Class Luncheon here at the Army-Navy Club on Monday, 11 Nov, 63. In addition to those in our immediate area, we hope for a good attendance from all others. Especially we hope those contemplating local visits to children, grandchildren, etc., will make the date thereof coincide with this annual class party. This year the affair will be highlighted by the induction ceremony for our first honorary member—John S. Martin.

In conclusion, my usual plea—Let me have a volume of news for our fall issue. Our deadline—1 Sept.

Have a nice summer!

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You folks who stayed at home really missed a bang-up reunion. Not only were the participants at their best but even the heavens smiled upon us. Anna Mary and I kept busy trying to observe the far-flung activities which extended from The Holiday Inn at Newburgh, where most of us were bivouacked, to the barracks at West Point, where some of the classmates bached.

Because of previous commitments we missed Chesty and Bunny Wards' cocktail and luncheon party at their home in Stamford, Conn., Saturday afternoon. However, we arrived at The Holiday Inn and registered in time to greet the various contingents who had attended. Their praise of the hosting Wards was very enthusiastic. Some 24 of our classmates and wives attended.

At 6:15 P.M. Saturday all of us at the Inn



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piled into our chartered class bus, so thoughtfully provided for our convenience and safety by Growley and Steve Gruhn, (the barracks group bused directly from the Clock Tower at the Point) and proceeded to the cocktail party at Bryant Conrad's on the lovely lawn of "The Squirrels" overlooking the Hudson River at Highland Falls. The party was hosted by Willard Holbrook and the Class of Nov '18. Many a joyous shout and embrace were heard and seen at the party and it gave all of us a marvelous opportunity to get reacquainted. Very reluctantly we boarded our bus at 7:45 P.M. for the trip to Washington Hall and the Alumni Dinner Dance.

Washington Hall, the Cadet Mess Hall, was gaily decorated with black, gold, and gray balloons ascending from each table of 10 (the regular cadet seating arrangement) and massed in nets high up in the ceiling alcoves of the vast hall, to be released on the dancers during the evening. Table decorations carried out the West Point color scheme in the candles and mints; even the nuts were in individual gold and gray striped boxes with gold ribbon handles stamped "June Week—1963." Our Class occupied an overflow of four tables plus, and we were justly proud of our representation of classmates, wives, and widows (the best looking class in the hall). All the gals were recipients of a special gift from the Alumni Assoc consisting of a small Wedgewood cup and saucer with West Point designs, insignia, and quotation, adaptable for use as an ash tray and cigarette holder. These were gaily wrapped with gold and black striped paper and ribbon. Bunny Ward held one of the lucky numbers for a door prize and received six West Point dinner plates. A feature at our table was Lucius Clay banging his glass and letting it fly to the other end of the table where water corporal Chesty Ward sat. Chesty missed the first but after that none of them phased him, not even those with water in them. About 11:15 P.M. we climbed into our bus and returned to the Inn. And so ended our first full day.

Mike and Aline Grenata came for the Alumni Dinner but had to leave early as Mike had a teaching assignment the next morning at Allentown, Pa. Handsome and debonair, Mike made his rounds for brief chats before he departed. We were sorry to see him and Aline go but happy they were able to be with us even for a short period.

Bob and Louise Bishop barely managed to catch the bus for the cocktail party and dinner, as they had just arrived and registered 15 minutes before the bus's departure.

Connie and Peg Jadwin were ready for a

bit of real relaxing away from their Angus cattle herd, now almost 100 head. Connie claimed he had so much to do he was still in the hay field at 7 P.M. the night before leaving for West Point, but was up again at 7 A.M. and on the road headed north.

Fenie Miley thought she had everything packed for their trip, but was awakened Sunday morning prior to their departure from Washington by footsteps in the attic. She discovered Bud missing. Tip-toeing up the stairs she found him pulling out one of his winter suits which she had carefully packed away for the summer. He thought he might need it—never let it be said the Army goes unprepared. OK Bud, pack it away again, glad you didn't need it, but bring it along to the 50th. Maybe it was the influence for the ideal weather.

Andy Moore drove up from Florida with Frances and Hal Lewis and kept them regaled with his fund of stories all the way from Miami to West Point. After the reunion Andy planned to visit his daughter in N. Y. State. The Lewises were to pick up two of their grandchildren and take them back to Florida for a vacation. Now how's that for streamlined travel cooperation?

Four of our widows were at the Alumni Dinner: Louise Dean from Washington, Alice Kramer from California, Marion Ross from Missouri, and Sylvia Shattuck from Highland Falls. Helen Newman arrived from Washington the following morning and we were very happy to have been on hand to greet her as she drove in with her sister and brother-in-law. She occupied the room next door to us.

Betty Barragan, recovering from an operation, wasn't able to make the trip east, but insisted Milo come as he had been planning and counting on it for such a long time. So Milo became a barracks bachelor at the Point along with Meyer Casman, Jigger Cobb, Squire Foster, Jack Grant, Charlie Hoffman, Daddy Holman, Daddy Holt, Bob Horr, Harry Mewshaw, Andy Moore, and Clarry Townsley.

Our breakfasts at The Holiday Inn after the night before were the scenes of much chatter and post-mortems. Sunday morning was no exception. Chatty groups were breakfasting here and there in the dining room: the Rundells and the Siberts; the Bishops and the Lorences; Louise Dean, Alice Kramer, and Marian Ross; the Lewises and the Robinsons; the Krebers and the Mussils; and goodness knows how many other combinations of Jun 18 sat at the same tables before and after us.

Many of the Class were reporting in as we prepared to drive to West Point to register at Alumni Headquarters. Others were on their way to the Baccalaureate Services at the various chapels. Still others lazed at the Inn, gathering strength for our class cocktail party and dinner at the Inn Sunday evening.

After lunch at the Officers Mess in Cullum Hall with Robbie and Barbara Robinson, Anna Mary and I made our pilgrimage to the cemetery where seven of our classmates are buried: John Paul Dean, Paul Deylitz, Eddie Jones, Ham Kelly, Mac Machle, Jake Sucher, and Pat Wilson. It's truly a beautiful cemetery on the lower heights of the Hudson with its spreading copper beeches, horse chestnut and maple trees. The grounds are kept spotless and the Old Chapel blends beautifully with the surrounding hills. It does not make one feel of sackcloth and ashes, but rather breathes of ancient traditions of the Corps and the contentment of those who are fortunate enough to be buried there. To me it is hallowed ground and if it were for me to decide, I would move the motor transport facilities located just to the rear to Stewart AB and extend the cemetery in that direction, planting more fine trees and curving paths. I would love to see a class fountain there. Not a modernistic one of marble and chrome, but one carved from the green stone of the Hudson Palisades encrusted and tableted with old green bronze, a fitting accompaniment to its surroundings.

At 6:30 P.M., reinforced by those who had been arriving all day, 58 classmates, wives, and widows were on hand for our class cocktails and dinner in the Charter Oak room at The Holiday Inn. It was a merry gathering during the cocktail hour as small groups moved about on the patio around the swimming pool, renewing acquaintances and exchanging reminiscences. Our five widows were there and blended beautifully into the activities, both gay and serious. Their faces clearly showed their great pleasure at again meeting old classmates and their wives, and reliving old times. Ethel McKee and Jo Rice who had planned to attend were forced to send their regrets at the last moment. In a letter to me written moments after her return to Washington, Helen Newman expressed our widows' universal sentiment of the reunion. She wrote: "While I have no news of import, I just plain had to write and express my thanks for making my trip to the reunion so wonderful. It was something I shall always treasure . . . and now to bed with wonderful memories of the happy hours with the Class of June 1918." Helen and Alice K. drove back to Washington with Bud and Fenie Miley, as Louise Dean and Marian Ross still had a bit more visiting to do.

Now for a few comments heard at the class party: Lloyd and Maurine Mielenz, when asked how they reacted upon reading Lloyd's name in the deceased column in the *Engineer Register*, answered: "That was the biggest surprise of our lives." Laddie Bellinger: "Spike, I want to apologize for not writing. We have no news because we just do the same thing every day;" then Rose piped up, "Yes, we are stick-in-the-muds." My reply was to send me a short essay entitled "How to do nothing while being stuck in the mud," or else I would write one using my own imagination. Blackmail? Perhaps, but the column must go on. Ann Kreber, whom Leo had brought to her first reunion, said, "My, I'm glad to have become a part of this fine group." Betsy Irish, also attending her first reunion with Wynot, echoed the same sentiments. Bob and Marguerite Hamilton: "It's

a wonderful feeling meeting with classmates again, just as tho' we'd never left the Army; the members of our Class seem especially close to each other."

Pat Casey was his usual gay, cheery self, full of pep and comradeship and in good voice. Dot ably assisted him, and during our bus trips, took over the mike, led the singing and provided much good cheer.

The class dinner lasted for many hours as there was much to relive. But finally as all things must, the thinning out process gained strength and the die-hards adjoined to what I might properly call "the informal round of room to room friendly last drink gathering of the clan." The Earle and Bee Rundell room, which faced inside toward the swimming pool, became an important focal point for the late, late informal parties. It was also the distribution point for the class cheer, thus it became a natural as the Class Distribution Center. Bob Bishop, libation in hand, gazed at the array of clothes in Earle Rundell's closet and exclaimed, "Gee, he brought more clothes than I did. I brought six suits and I've already worn all but one, not counting the sport coats." Then, pulling out a sleeve of one of Earle's sport coats, remarked, "I've got one almost like that." From my observations, the old grads, particularly Jun 18, must have made three or four changes a day and I venture to say the females did us one better.

Monday morning we were all in formation opposite the new library at the Point ready for the Alumni Exercise at Thayer Monument. While we were forming up, Jawn Mesick joined the column. It was a great pleasure to see him as we were not sure if he would be able to make it due to the serious illness of his sister, and the sudden necessity to have his son's left hand amputated at the wrist to prevent the spread of a malignant growth. Jawn said his boy (13 yrs old) is a better and braver soldier than his dad. We are all pulling for him, Jawn.

The exercises, as usual, were impressive and the review by the Alumni of the Corps of Cadets was thrilling. Our gals watched us from the reviewing stands. After the review we assembled for our class photo. Then the girls proceeded under their own steam to Cullum Hall where they enjoyed a bountiful buffet luncheon, renewed old friendships with members of other classes, and just plain did a lot of chattering. The men met at Washington Hall for the Alumni luncheon and the annual meeting of the Assn of Graduates.

During the Alumni luncheon and meeting, Eddie Sibert remarked what a thrilling experience it was to observe the semi-circular group of clean-cut dedicated men, interested not in self-seeking or profit making ventures, but rather in furthering the future of the Corps in the cause of Duty, Honor, and Country. It makes us proud to know that some of us followed in our fathers' and grandfathers' footsteps and that our Class has sons who are carrying on the tradition.

Immediately after the Alumni meeting, we proceeded to Clarry Townsleys room in barracks to hold our own class business meeting. The Class received many personal regrets from classmates who, because of illness of self or family, or other causes, were unable to attend the reunion. Letters were received from Red Alexander, Scip Axelson, Heine Baish, Bit Barth, Bill Barriger, Max Corpening, Savvy Cruse, Peggy Deylitz, Hab Elliott, Paul George, Helen Gerhard, Jim Gillespie, Paul Hurt, Tom Kern, Dick McKee, Ethel McKee, Murray Neilson, Tom Nixon, Robbie Newman, Bob Offley, Jo Rice, Sam Sturgis, Pat Tansey, Pat Timothy, and Reg Whitaker.

Due to lack of space in this issue because of reunion news, I shall use the news in your letters in the next issue of *ASSEMBLY*.

During the meeting Clarry was instructed to send Sam Sturgis a telegram expressing the deep appreciation of our Class for his long and loyal service as Chrmn of the Exec Com, and to advise him that he had been elected Honorary Pres of the Class. Sam replied as follows: "Thanks deeply for your wire on the honor that the Class bestowed on me and the kind words from the Class. Somehow, God willing, I'll be there for No. 50 in 1968. My deepest thanks to the Class."

Clarry was also instructed to send a wire to Jim Pichel expressing our delight on his brave recovery and progress after his serious operation. Jim and Mildred had expected to be with us.

The Class extends deepest sympathy to Savvy Cruse on the death of his wife Margaret who died 17 Apr after an illness of several years. She was buried in the Ft. Bliss Natl Cemetery.

Notes on the rest of the business session will be sent you with the next warning notice for class news in August.

After a brief respite in our rooms we gathered at 6 P.M. Monday for our bus trip to Round Pond for the class picnic. A brief shower fell but certainly didn't dampen any spirits. An accordionist provided music for dancing, the kitchen came up with 2" thick charcoal broiled steaks with all the trimmings, and the bar poured forth liquid of every description.

When Growley Gruhn, well in advance, bought the cases of liquid refreshments for the reunion, they were loaded in the trunk of his car, and he told Steve he'd be darned if he was going to unload it and reload it again later, so, for several days he drove back and forth 35 miles to school (a very staid one, too) with the trunk full of liquor while Steve hoped and prayed no one would run into the back of the car. Your prayers were answered, Steve.

After much thought Growley decided to retire from teaching this year. The school kept raising the ante but Growley held firm. A great fisherman and gardener, he will divide his time between the outdoors and a bit of super math writing. Good luck to you in your retirement, and the thanks of all of us again for the superb job you and Steve did in organizing our grand 45th reunion.

When things began to warm up at the picnic, Jigger Cobb and Eve Blanchard flipped off their shoes and each gave us the low-down on dancing in their respective bailiwicks of Georgia and Texas. Eve and Tex Mussil demonstrated the Illinois angle, while Grace Mussil and Charlie Blanchard sat it out. In another corner Birdie and Hughie Hewitt were tackling 2" steaks the size of a platter. Lucius and Marjorie Clay, completely relaxed, joined in the fun. Lucius remarked that he got the biggest satisfaction and most pleasure out of meeting and being with his classmates.

During the course of the evening Chesty Ward took the floor, holding a West Point tie in his hand. He said he took the tie from Hans Kramer 10 years ago at our 35th reunion as a good luck token for a safe drive home; he re-presented it to Alice Kramer as a memento of our 45th reunion and for a safe journey back to the west coast.

About 11 P.M. into our bus and back to the Inn; the bachelors into their bus and back to barracks. Again we were most thankful for the foresight of the Gruhns' in providing transportation facilities for our conven-

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ence and safety. Much singing, gabbing and merriment on the trip back.

Another late, late gathering for those final, final nightcaps which lasted into the wee hours. Laura Sibert, Bee Rundell, Dot Casey, Louise Bishop, Peg Jadwin, and Anna Mary Lorence, conducted by Pat Casey and Alice Kramer gave us a real soulful rendition of "The Daring Young Man on the Flying Trapeze." And strange though it may seem, no one ended up in the swimming pool.

The next morning at breakfast many of us said our adieus and departed for home or other visits. A few stayed on for the graduation parade and exercises.

As I sit here looking over our placid clear blue lake in the Green Mts., I think of the events that took place during our reunion. Coming from the hustle and bustle of Washington, it was an easy transition to the gay cocktail parties, dinners, and late highballs, the changing from dress to dress and suit to suit. Up here in the solitude of nature it is much easier to pick out the deeper meanings of our reunion—a small compact group of classmates, wives, and widows all attuned to each other. At the cemetery where seven of our classmates rest on the heights of the scenic Hudson, the same calm and peaceful feeling. A feeling that we have led a good, clean life, and helped in some small way to serve our Country and our God.

Well folks, that just about does it. This is a good time, while things are still fresh in your memory to send in your suggestions for our 50th reunion in 1968.

So long, Felicia, wherever you are.

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Brig. Gen. G. Bryan Conrad
Sunnybrook
White Post, Va.

"THE ARMY NAVY CLUB, WASHINGTON
Subject: Explanation of late arrival at Reunion

From: David W. Griffith
To: Reunion Committee, Class of November 1918

1. I was forced to atone for past neglect of my family due to the exigencies of military service by giving priority over the Class Reunion to the graduation of my daughter Frances, from Smith College at Northampton, Mass., on June 1 and 2, 1963.

2. By careful organization of logistics Edith and I and my daughters, Nancy and Frances, arrived at Bear Mountain Inn about 1900 hours 3 June.

3. We did our best to make up for lost time in renewing acquaintance with everyone and hope to see more of those who come to Washington and consult the Class Directory or the Washington, D.C., phone book."

O'Grady sent a long telegram of regrets and greetings which was read at the dinner. What excuses have the rest of you delinquents? But never mind, you all missed a swell reunion—perhaps our best yet. We missed every one of you and hope you will make it in 1968.

Altogether there were 49 men, 36 wives, 4 widows, 2 daughters and 2 sons, Walsh's fine son graduating with 1963, and Conrad, G.B.'s 7 year old, the Class Caboose. Saturday we all renewed acquaintances at a cocktail party at The Squirrels. We had scarcely identified each other—there are some physical changes, a certain maturing, mellowing perhaps, that takes place in 45 years—when June '18 arrived 33 strong to join us. It made a grand party.

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The picnic was Sunday on the lake at Camp Buckner. After the accustomed stimulants followed by steaks, baked potatoes and salad, Arch Colwell unlimbered the old guitar and the Doughboys and Cavalry were at it again. Monday night there was a splendid dinner at Bear Mountain Inn. Over coffee Howard Peckham, in the absence of Roger Wicks, called the Class to order and proposed that the vacancies in Class Offices, due to the death of Saville, 2d V.P., and Niles, Sec'y-Treas., be filled. Holbrook was elected 2d V.P., and Conrad, G.B., Sec'y-Treas. (Personal note by your amanuensis: The Steam Roller skidded somewhere. Bill Badher should have been elected treasurer. However, he does most of the work anyway, and I shall demand the formation of a Finance Committee and that Bill be prominent on that.)

At the dinner a new Class Directory was distributed, with addresses of all Classmates or their widows. Copies of this Directory and the Report of the Reunion Committee should be in your hands before you read this. Hunk



Nov. '18: Sallie Colwell, Dzau, Colwell,
May, 1963, at Macau.

will also include a list of those present at the Reunion.

We have suffered many sad casualties recently. Howard and Jackie Brimmer had planned to be at the Reunion, but in May Howard wrote: "Jack and I so wanted to attend our class reunion. We had looked forward to it for the past few years. But it wasn't to be. Jack died of cancer May 1st at the Memorial Hospital here in Cheyenne. Fortunately, I have Jacline and the grandchildren. I just can't make it without Jack. Please give my best to old friends and classmates." "Chief's" address is 401 West 4th Ave., Cheyenne, Wyo. Marian Peckham died in May. She rests now in Arlington. Classmates and their wives in and around Washington attended the services. Willie Webster died in San Antonio 2 May. Dunkleberg, Moore, C.H., and Pearson represented the Class at the interment at Ft. Sam Houston Cemetery. Margaret has not been well for some time. She is selling the house and moving to Los Angeles to be near their son, William, Jr. Bev Tucker died 8 Feb 63 in San Angelo. Gwen's address is 1324 So. Madison, San Angelo, Texas.

Chris Knudsen's six-year-old grandson, Robert Knudsen Leavitt, died of cancer during the spring. Good news about Knudsen is that after 25 years requiring a hearing aid, a newly developed operative procedure has restored hearing to his right ear. In a few months the same procedure can restore hearing to the other ear.

Although his general health is good, Andy

March's sight has not improved. Roger Wick, too, is having trouble with one eye.

The Charlie Moores' daughter from Canada and her family have been visiting them. Pearson reports that despite the merry chase the youngsters led Charlie, he is hale and hearty. On one of Maud Muller's recent visits to San Antonio, he and Fred Pearson visited the Mackenzies at their 360° view hilltop at Divine, and give good reports of them. Pearsons are boasting of another granddaughter so perhaps we can absorb a little of Fred's romanticism. I will quote only a few lines of a three page prose poem written from a motel en route to visit in Wisconsin: "Memories—Well, June Week has come and gone. We live on memories, and what a pleasant one this has been. The privileges of seeing long time friends and classmates will warm the cockles of my heart from now on. There was only one regret, and that is that there were not more present. It was one of the most delightful weeks of my life."

Dunkleberg's son is on duty at Valley Forge Hospital. Recently a patient rolled up to him and said, "You are Duke Dunkleberg's son? I am his classmate, Monk Dickson." Duke, Jr., reported that Monk is making progress in his fight for health. A place-mat from the Superintendent's dinner in Washington Hall for the Alumni on 1 June was autographed by all of November '18 in attendance and mailed to Monk Dickson.

A grand letter came in April from Harry Krieger, 643 South 21st Ave., Maywood, Ill.: "The necessity of finding dollars that stretch from payday to payday has kept me on friendly relations with my best friend, the time clock. It is a pleasure to compose letters for others to sign covering legal opinions relating to postal laws. Needless to say such activity does not set the world afire, but it does permit time for several hobbies." Harry is District Commissioner of the Boy Scouts, for which he has been awarded the coveted silver beaver; Exhibition Chairman and M.C. of the West Suburban Artists Guild, exhibiting extensively himself; and sings in the Methodist Church choir. More power to his brain, hands and lungs.

From the return address—Mrs. Kenneth S. Stice, Box A262, 6200 Oregon Ave. Washington 15, D.C.—which turns out to be the Army Distaff Hall, comes: "Milly Bickmore Stice (widow of Kenneth Seymour Stice) is the first of our class of Nov. '18 widows to move into the Army Distaff Hall. She held the 'Baby of the Hall' distinction for several months. At our 45th reunion June Week she was 'Jimmy' Hemenway's driver (and how those gals got around), even wearing the much coveted decorations of the '48 class to the envy of many."

Arch Colwell came to the Reunion directly from a visit to Dzau at Macau. He reports Dzau working very hard, living very frugally and sending all he can of his earnings to his family in Communist China.

Jack Curtis proudly displayed his lovely bride of a week, the former Mrs. Ragner Hummel, during Reunion festivities. Nov. '18 must be the senior class to have a bride and groom in attendance at June Week.

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Col. Carlisle V. Allan
1304 30th Street, NW
Washington, D.C.

The spring issue of ASSEMBLY announces the death of McMaster, who was stricken by a heart attack at a dance in Tucson on 19 Jan. Edna's address is 5431 California St., San

Francisco 18. **Panzarella** died following a heart attack at the Veterans' Hospital, Coral Gables, Fla., on 24 Feb and was buried in Buffalo 3 days later. **Rick** represented the Class at the funeral. Joe was unmarried and had been in poor health for many years. He lived with his sister, Miss Josephine Panzarella, at 293 Pennsylvania St., Buffalo. **Wilson LC** died at Walter Reed on 7 May, after a month's hospitalization for lung complications. He was buried at Arlington on 10 May with members of the Washington contingent as honorary pallbearers. Dorothy will continue to live at 4713 Yuma St., NW, in Washington. **Rick** is writing Panzarella's obituary and one of Roy's sons will write his. A volunteer to write McMaster's is desired.

As we go to press on 15 Jun I have had only one inquiry indicating interest in the 45th Reunion—and no volunteers to run it. **Stu (Old Crow) Little**, the lone correspondent, made two helpful suggestions: that one of the class sons now on duty at USMA do the preliminary pick and shovel work; and that we accentuate the positive by ceasing to mention attrition and ailments. **Stu** wants to go on record as being the first to inquire about plans for our 100th Reunion in 2019. On 12 Jun I received the disappointing information from The Bear Mountain Inn that a training school operating at the Inn has booked the cottages that we had in '59 and had requested for next June. By the time that the next ASSEMBLY appears I shall have made firm reservations elsewhere and shall furnish details in my next report.

When **Stu Bardon** and I circularized the Class with our recent pay bill letters we used the addresses given in the 1962 REGISTER OF GRADUATES. Letters marked "Moved-Forwarding Address Unknown" were returned for **Barlow, Burgess, Dalbey, Dillaway, Hopkins, Hutchins, Jones, HC, McLean, Moore AL, Morris, Miller PRM, O'Connor, Ruth, Starr, Vance, and Whitesides**. We plan to have the Association of Graduates mail the 45th Reunion information from their mailing lists. Therefore, please inform the Editor of the REGISTER of your correct address at once. The pay bill letters were sent only to those classmates affected by the equalization provisions. It is possible that others in addition to those listed above are incorrectly shown in the REGISTER. Check your listing.

I was pleasantly surprised by the number of letters that I received thanking me for what I had done for the equalization of retired pay. It was very nice to get those letters, but they should have gone to **Barden**, for it is he who has represented the Class for the past 5 years on the Washington pay committee. The originator of the committee and the man who did the most to keep it moving is **Kewp Yuill '17**. **Sam Sturgis Jun '18**, **Elmore '23**, and **Richards '15** served as chairmen of the committee; and **Charlie Bolte** gave a great deal of his time and effort to the project. The issue will be settled for better or for worse when you read this. It was amusing to discover that one classmate opposed the bill "as a matter of principle." A cursory investigation of his PCS reveals that he retired in 1959. When last heard of he was heading for the Border, but the lynching party was hard on his heels and confident that they would head him off at the pass.

My appeal in the spring issue for more news from the hinterland brought a gratifying response, notably from **Gus Broberg**, to whom we are indebted for the quoted paragraphs that follow.

"Several classmates in S. California are still

in harness, probably not so much due to the salubrious climate, or the smog, as to good old HCL. Among them are **Marlow, Denny, Bready, Hale, Child, and Kanaga**. These are all located in the Los Angeles and Ventura areas, while farther south there are still more.

"Fred Marlow has for years been the largest home builder in Los Angeles but has now grown out of space in Los Angeles County so he has branched out into Ventura County where he has several hundred homes underway near Oxnard. He has also acquired 650 acres near Solvang, above Santa Barbara for estate development. His son Hobbs is with him in business. The rest of the family is going to Europe again this year while Fred slaves for more income tax. **John Denny** is Asst City Atty for Los Angeles. The **Dennys'** son, **John Jr.**, is Professor of mathematics and statistics at Indiana State U. Their daughter **Joan**, married to a leading bio-electronics scientist at Stanford Research Institute, presented the proud parents with a grandchild in January. The **Breadys** live in Pasadena where **Bill** is Asst General Counsel for the Los Angeles Army Procurement District which is operating a 2½ billion dollar procurement program. Their daughter **Alice** is teaching in San Gabriel, Calif. **Hale** is deputy probation officer for Los Angeles County and states that he is not ready to retire for a long time. His son **Douglas, 17**, is prepping to enter Stanford this fall, and the two **Hale** girls are married. They have made their dad a grandpa nine times.

Child is the banker among our classmates, and is active in that profession in Ventura, Calif. **Dorothy** and **Bob** moved there from Riverside 3 years ago, and now live in a lovely hillside home overlooking the blue Pacific ocean. Their big news is a forthcoming leisurely round-the-world trip starting in the direction of the Orient in May and ending up in California in the fall. The **Kanagas** are residing in the orange groves just outside of Santa Ana, but **Andy** is too busy with his auditing activities to bother with agriculture. In contrast with these active businessmen, **Sutherland** reports from Santa Barbara that he is really living the retired life. Their four daughters are scattered and one is even as far away as Ankara, Turkey. He also reports that they didn't get to Europe as previously reported.

"**Liz** and **Helen Barlow** live in Chula Vista, below San Diego and just a jump from the Mexican border. **Liz** received his teaching credentials several years ago, and is a math instructor at San Miguel School, an Episcopal Boys' School in San Diego. The **Barlows** bowl in several leagues, but **Liz** still spends most of the summer on the golf course. They have two sons, both majors, and five grandchildren. **Ralph** and **Mary Bassett** are still living in El Cajon, in a house that **Ralph** built with his own hands. **Mary** graduated from San Diego State in Jun 61 (at which ceremony **Al Gruenther** was the principal speaker), and received her teaching credentials last summer. She is now teaching at Spring Valley Jr. High School while **Ralph** is doing the dishes at home between his construction jobs. He lost his gall bladder last November and hasn't missed it. They spent last summer in Europe with their son **Bob**, covering a lot of ground by air and Volkswagen but not 'space available.' There are 10 grandchildren scattered between Germany, Italy, Florida, and California, and the class grandson is a sophomore at Florida

State U. **Bob** is a junior in high school. If he gets into West Point in a couple of years, will that make **Ralph** also our 'oldest pappy'?"

"**Kirby** expects to complete his Master's degree in June at San Diego State, and will then try for a teaching job in history. The **Kirbys** live in the midst of a Navy colony at Coronado where **Mary Frances** is active in everything. Their daughter **Nancy** teaches French in Coronado, and **Alex Jr., Lt USN**, is attending the Navy Graduate School at Monterey. The birth of the **Kirby's** first grandchild, a girl, was effectively supervised by the proud grandparents. We certainly hope that **Alex** and **Mary Frances** will attend our 45th, for when charming **Mary Frances** speaks in her deep, deep contralto voice she completely captivates her audience, like **Tallulah Bankhead**. **Charlie** and **Margaret Jackson** are living at Pacific Beach where **Charlie** spends much time and energy helping others. He has recently been coaching boys in Math (without charge). **Margaret** is also busy in her job with the San Diego Board of Education. **Joe Holly** retired last year from his full-time job with Food Machinery Corp in San Jose, packed up the big color TV set the company presented him, and moved with **Carlene** to their beautiful hillside home at La Jolla. From his big picture window there he can see and bask in the brilliant sunshine off the broad Pacific, keep everything within sight and hearing in typical **Holly** apple-pie order, and still find time to help out his former boss in a consultant capacity.

"**Henry** and **Deborah Nichols** made their annual trek to the West Coast by car this year and, after contacting **PD Elms** in the Bay Area, stopped off at Altadena en route to their favorite ranch at Julian, Calif., for a month's stay. Although **Nick** insists that he is now retired, the fact that more gold was mined at Julian than in the highly publicized Mother Lode country farther north seems to attract him. The **Hollys** drove up to the ranch one day from La Jolla for lunch (nobody in these parts seems to mind driving 200 miles for lunch) with the **Nichols** and **Brobergs**, who were stopping off en route to Borrego Springs for a golfing holiday on the De Anza Desert. Both **Joe** and **Gus** agreed that several hours daily in the saddle hadn't reduced **Nick's** plutocratic waistline one bit."

Confirmation of various items in **Gus'** letter comes in letters from **Sebree, Jackson, and Nelson, D.H.** **Sebree** writes that **Joe Holly** converted **Cong. Gubser**, the man who led the fight for equalization of retired pay in the House, from an opponent of equalization to a zealous partisan. **Ed** claims that his grandson **Mark F. Brennan, Jr.**, who graduates at USMA next June, is the class grandson. Are there other contenders? **Wedemeyer** says that he hears from **Rollie McNamee** from time to time. **Rollie** is a librarian at Stanford U. (Our accredited West Coast correspondent's last report was: "Nothing to report.")

From the troubled Southland have recently come letters from **Lawrence, Emery, Morgan, Warren, Noble, Zimmerman**, and our senior and revered classmate, **R. John West**. The **Lawrences** celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary en route to Hawaii, repeating a voyage made on their first anniversary. **Ike** returned with almost a mile of movie film, including shots of the **Byrnes** and **Makinneys** made at the Cannon Club on Diamond Head. Just a week after their return to Florida the **Lawrences** were involved in an auto accident in which **Margie** suffered fractured ribs and wrists and **Ike** came out

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with a fractured and dislocated hip. Both are now well recovered and enjoying life in their Casita del Mar, which Sis **Donnally Wardwell**, Paul's remarried widow, who stopped off in Washington last spring, says is something. Ike reports that the **Bartletts** were in Florida last winter visiting Helen's brother in Sarasota.

Dick Emery writes that he sees Eddie **Strohbehn** frequently in Orlando; but that Gus Shea, the old golf pro, makes but one appearance a year; at the Founder's Day Dinner. The Emery son, Dick Jr., is in missiles at Ft. Sill; Caroline is married to a helicopter pilot in Germany. Al **Morgan's** name should be added to our list of active Episcopal laymen. He has been the senior warden of his church in Mobile for 5 years. He especially wants Pat **Echols** to know this. Al is still selling insurance in Mobile; Nonie for several years has been active in the United Fund drives there. The Morgans want to visit Washington but have deferred their trip until they are sure that it is safe to drive a car with Alabama tags in the Nation's Capital. Tex Warren, writing from Dallas, where he has been a realtor since his retirement 12 years ago, reports a recent visit to San Antonio, where Gladys Foss gave a dinner for the Warrens, Nobles, and Springers. Tex writes that Gladys is "doing fine"; and that the **Moroneys**, of Mountain Home, Ark., stop in Dallas periodically en route to visit their daughter who lives in Houston. If you city slickers think that Mountain Home is a rural address, what do you think of Jack **Keeley's**—Big Cedar Lake, Slinger, Wis.? In a recent letter to Jack I said it couldn't be real. A few days ago I got a letter from him from the Hotel Alois Lang in Oberammergau, confirming the address and telling me that he and Gladys will be touring Europe until the end of July. Lil and Toots **Fredrick** seem to spend very little time at home. In each issue I report that they were recently seen "on their way back to Florida." This time they have been out to California and stopped to see the **Warrens** in Dallas. Tex appears to be a traveling fisherman; this year it was the West Coast; last year Colorado, Jackson's Hole, and the Black Hills. Chick Noble reports plans for class get-togethers in San Antonio, with the **Nobles**, **Bennetts**, **Colliers**, **Gards**, **Springers**, **Winnie Hoffman**, **Gladys Foss**, and **Nell Kindley** (Brown). The Nobles are going to the West Coast this summer and the Springers to Hawaii. The Scherers visited the **Gards** in San Antonio in May.

R. John **West** was hospitalized for 2 months last spring but grew to enjoy the VIP treatment he got. He promises to be with us at the 45th next June. **Zimmerman**, who sneaked out of Washington one dark winter night several years ago, has turned up at 1711 Laurel Road, Belleair, Clearwater, Fla. Recently he forgathered with **Kean**, **Cookson**, **Pierce**, and **McLean** to drink to the Queen of Italy. **Frederick** was there, too; he's in Florida at last.

Tom **Dameron**, the Hon. Tom Dameron, and our only Hon. now that **Doc Loper** and **Palmer** are ordinary citizens, went to bat on the equalization bill. He is a Democratic member of the Republican Colorado House of Representatives. He sends the sad news that **Don Hardin** has been busted from colonel to a minor NCO grade, not Sgt, but Asst Sgt at Arms of the Colorado legislature, but that **Don enjoys the bust**. Tom, like all good politicians has something to give away. He offers first-quality tomcats to any classmate who

pinies for feline company. A recent entry to the political field is Pat **Echols, Jr.**, who goes by the fancier name of M. Patton Echols. Pat announced in May that he will seek nomination on the Republican ticket as a candidate for the Virginia House of Delegates, declaring that he has switched parties because he "could not conscientiously support the views of the national Democrats," and "because the Republican party offers the only consistent philosophy for present-day Virginians." (Note to **Burgess**, **Crichlow**, **Hammond**, **Hopkins**, **Martin**, **Ovenshine**, and **Raaen**: get out and vote early and often for Our Boy.)

Palmer spent May and June touring the Great West and visiting friends from Washington, D.C., to Washington State. **Wyman** has gone back to Maine for the summer. **Gruenther** is back on the chicken a la king—apple pie a la mode speaking circuit. **Tony McAuliffe** is reported to be planning to move to Washington should he retire next autumn. News recently came to us by our hot wire to **Packy McFarland**, in Phoenix, that Tony was given the honorary award of Doctor of Laws by Marietta College (Ohio), on 21 Feb. Dr. **McAuliffe** has modestly withheld this information, and it came to light only because Elaine McFarland, who is a graduate of Marietta, noted the doctor's picture in the college alumni magazine. Our congratulations to our new LL D. When we were cadets P. Holt was the only PhD on the USMA faculty. Now we have at least three docs; **Bartlett** (earned), and **Gruenther** and **Tony** (honorary). There are probably others not known to me. **Bartlett** spent Jun and Jul in Walter Reed. He plans a Mediterranean cruise next spring and may miss the Reunion. **Ray Burgess** is back in circulation and appears now and then in Washington. **Jeanne-Marie** visited her family in France during the summer. **Sanderson** was in Washington in May, en route to sail on a Caribbean cruise. Because he has not missed a Rotarian meeting in 15 years he had to fall out on the spring luncheon meeting of the Washington West Point Society which fell on a Rotary day. **Eddie** and **Barbara Starr** were also in Washington for a few days in May. **Bill** and **Buzz Dunham** spent 3 months in Europe during the summer covering the Scottish golf courses; and France, Belgium and Luxembourg. **Rick** has moved from Long Island to Chicago where he is the editor of *The Pit and Quarry Handbook*. The **McGinleys** got smashed up while waiting for a green light to change in Florida last March. Both **Peg** and **Gene** have recovered and are actively covering the Washington cocktail rat race.

Here's an amusing anecdote that was sent me recently about Jack **Bruckner** '31 (deceased). Jack, a brash young shavetail, coined the nickname "Inky," signifying incompetent, for his first battalion commander. When "Inky" learned what the battalion called him he was not flattered, and on investigating came to the conclusion that Jack had originated the canard. He had his revenge when he completed Jack's efficiency report some time later. In his general estimate he wrote: "Lt. Bruckner is the most promising young officer in the Army. He will promise you anything."

More on the 45th in our next issue. If you have any thoughts on the subject let me know. It is interesting that I've had only one letter about the reunion, but a score about the pay bill. Truly, as the Good Book says, "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Here endeth the lesson.

You know where **You** are, and
You know where **We** are, but
We don't always know where **You** are.
Keep Us Posted On Your Address.

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Col. Leland S. Smith
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St. Petersburg 7, Fla.

A nice note and newspaper clipping from Jeff **Box** of Columbus, Ga., with a full account of Jeff's selection as King of the City's Fifth Annual Mardi Gras Ball sponsored by the St. Francis Hospital Auxiliary. Jeff is VP of The Trust Co. of Columbus—also secretary of Willcox-Lumpkin Co. His business interests include banking, real estate, insurance, and the soft drink industry. He mentions seeing quite often **Tracy Davis** who resides in Columbus.

Bill Nye writes that he is no longer employed by the Military Service Publishing Co. of Harrisburg, Pa., but is now managing editor of *Civil War Times Illustrated* with offices in Harrisburg, but the magazine mailed out of Gettysburg, Pa. **Bill** and **Eilean** live at Pennsboro Manor, Wormleysburg, Pa., and this summer, for a vacation, are visiting their children and grandchildren in Puerto Rico.

A further note from **Don Leehey** states that he and **Gerrie** spent a wonderful 2 weeks with **Dinty** and **Annie Moore** at their lovely plantation home at Point Clear on Mobile Bay. **Don** states that the **Moore**s are the world's finest hosts. Their stay included 2 days with **Johnny** and **Demaris Moreland** at their home on Doge River just across Mobile Bay from the **Moore**s. **Don** says that **Rip** and **Polly Brady** spend a couple of months each summer down in **Brawley**, in the great Imperial Valley of S. Calif. and they plan to get together this year at Palm Desert.

Jim Cullum writes of an Engineering gathering that took place in NY in January when **Robbie** (BL) **Robinson** and **Alice** passed through NY on their way to the Far East. **Bill** and **Lillian Bessell** came down from West Point; also present were **Henry** and **Grace Lambert** plus **Henry Hannis** who was making one of his rare Eastern trips at that time. **Jimmie Stratton** was on a business trip to South America and could not attend. **Jim** states that he and **Ross** have purchased a new home at 31 Wellington Road, Locust Valley, N. Y., for occupancy in June.

A note from **Wayne Barker** says that he has a job with the City of Oakland, Calif., and can retire from that with 10 years' service in 2 more years. **Wayne** and his wife are bridge masters and expect to go to LA in July for the National Bridge Tournament. Good luck to you both.

Myra and I enjoyed a 4-day houseparty at Crystal River with **Harry** and **Madeline Travis** and **Bugs** and **Mildred Raymond** recently. During our visit **Harry**, **Bugs**, and I went on a fishing expedition 20 miles out in the Gulf and were very fortunate in landing 17 king mackerel, average weight 10 pounds each, a real day's sport. **Bugs** won the prize by landing half a fish. Just as he was about to boat a big one, a shark bit it exactly in the middle, much to **Bugs'** disgust.

Recently **Myra** and I had a delicious luncheon as guests of **Joe** and **Anne Rousseau** at the Miami Shores Country Club. **Razz** has a lovely home at 480 N. E. 103d St., Miami

Shores, Fla., which keeps him busy tending his grounds.

The Class extends a vote of thanks to Wilmer Merritt for keeping us up-to-date on the workings of the Uniformed Services Retired Officer Group which has been so influential in fighting for our pay recomputation bill. Let's keep our fingers crossed for a wrong to be corrected.

A letter from John McNulty states that on their return trip from Florida in March, they enjoyed delightful visits with the Travises and also Charlie and Harty West in their new home at Gainesville, Fla.

Deadline for the Fall Issue, 15 Sept. Keep up the good work by sending me your items on class news.

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Orioles mourn the death of Charlie Barrett in Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington on 30 June 1963. Funeral and burial were at West Point on 3 July with many classmates present. Our sympathy has been expressed to his widow and daughter, and '22 has made a contribution to the Cancer Fund in his memory.

The Oriole representation at West Point during June Week 1963 was in sharp contrast to the massive return for our "Flaming Fortieth" in 1962. Only Albert, Branham, Bryan, Douglass, Johnson, R.H., Klein, Spalding, and Taylor, M.D. were here this year.

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REUNION

Our Flaming Fortieth has! However, the warm embers of pleasant companionship and of moving and inspirational events will glow in our memories for a long time. The whole Reunion program deserved the description, "Strictly Wonderful", which I am told Dan Chandler applied to one part of it. The weather was most favorable, the Corps was in fine shape (it definitely, *has not!*) and the events in our program went off smoothly and most enjoyably.

The stage was set in the proper spirit on Saturday by the results of the athletic events which I trust are described fully elsewhere in this issue. The unmistakable evidence of a fighting spirit in the Corps made itself felt among the old grads. In the afternoon the Class program got under-way with Pete Leone's cocktail party in the beautiful setting of his home overlooking a long valley. This gave us a chance to greet classmates we had not, in some cases, seen for years and to identify some who had changed considerably in face and figure over the last forty years. At the request of the Committee, Jim and Naomi Carnes displayed the Class cup which many of us had never seen.

That night we attended the Supe's Reception-Alumni Dinner Dance in Washington Hall. For most of us, this was the first time we had enjoyed a meal with the "femmes" under the watchful eyes of the portraits of past Supes and of the great mural in the Cadet Mess. Though we were seated as a group that was ample opportunity to meet members of contemporary classes, also. As you would expect, a few of the "hopoids" were ardent dancers, but most of us were



1923: Forming up for the Alumni Ceremonies

content to shoot the breeze and do a bit of table-hopping.

When the door prizes were announced, Johnson, H.C., Holcomb, and Pierce (sharing King, J.C.'s ticket) all "drew".

On Sunday a respectable number of us attended one of the Baccalaureate Services. At one of them several of us were in a group of old Grads whom the Supe had invited to sit in the area reserved for his party. Those who had sung in the Kaydet Choir particularly appreciated this thoughtfulness. The singing of "Alma Mater" and "The Corps", and the recitation of the Cadet Prayer sent tingles up and down our spines. It was truly an impressive occasion.

That afternoon, the Class picnic at the golf house gave us a chance to do some real visiting under relaxed and convivial circumstances. The high point of this event was the presentation by Fritz, of a plaque with the Class seal and an appropriate inscription to the son of Charlie Stewart as the only Class son graduating the year of this key reunion. The seal was cast from one which Heaney presented to the Washington group two years ago. Young Stewart rose to the occasion in both attitude and words. All of us shared his

mother's well-deserved pride in this fine young man.

Monday was Alumni Day. It brought on the march ("walk", would be more accurate) to Thayer Monument for the traditional exercises. Some of us felt we were getting uncomfortably close to the head of the line until we learned that General Hodges at the age of 103, was attending his 81st reunion. That cut us back to boy size. The solemnity of the occasion was disrupted when some of us took the Secretary of the Association's command; "Alumni! recover!" to refer to the after effects of the picnic. It was a genuine thrill to see the Corps march in review in the same formations we used so long ago.

The reports made at the Association of Graduates luncheon are given in detail elsewhere in this issue. The report of the Supe particularly, merits your attention. We were proud to see Pete Leone become a vice-president of the Association and to have Ralph Tudor elected to the Board of Trustees. While we were attending our luncheon there was one for the ladies in Cullun.

Our Class program wound up with the Class Dinner that evening at Stewart AF Base. The setting was attractive and the at-



1923: Part of the Gang at the Class Dinner



Class of '23.

mosphere delightful. In the business phase of the dinner, Fritz introduced R. W. Yarborough, ex '23, now Senior Senator from Tex. He also thanked the Reunion committee and the Washington group for their work in setting up and conducting the Reunion. As a member of the committee, I can assure you that Ted Osborne, the chairman, and Pete Leone, the man on the West Point scene, really did a tremendous job which required many hours of tedious work. The other two members, D'Espinosa and I, played minor parts in support of the troops making the main effort. Fritz also invited our attention to the existence of the Regional representatives and urged that the Class make full use of them and give them full support. It should be noted that Lyle Rosenberg has replaced Deke Stone as the representative for the lower part of Calif.

At the request of Fritz, Chambers and Lord had looked into what the Class might do for USMA as a Fortieth Reunion project. After hearing their report it seemed that the consensus was that we should make some contribution that would be of benefit to the Corps, or to the Academy as a whole, rather than to an individual. Fritz then asked Timberman to appoint two members from the Washington group to make up a Committee along with Chambers, Lord, Fritz, and Timberman, to look into this matter further, and to come up with a proposal on the subject. He also asked us all to consider the idea of having a reunion two and a half-years from now instead of waiting until 1968 and suggested that the Washington group come up with a proposal on the matter.

Berb Schlatter expressed the pleasure of the ladies in being at the Reunion, even though it was with old crocks who had graduated so long ago. She concluded by reciting the following which they had used at the Ladies luncheon:

We're the gals of '23,
Not as young as we used to be.
We walk now, we do not run.
But we're not so old
We can't have fun.

Fritz stayed on to present the Class swimming award on Tuesday. Fortunately, he and Roma did not attend the luncheon from which several people became so ill. A few of us stayed to see the Departmental exhibits

and several stayed through graduation. Most, however, were gone by Tuesday afternoon.

Fritz has written to express his thanks to all who worked on the program and to describe how much the Reunion impressed him.

Records available to me now indicate that the following were present at one time or another during the Reunion: Albrecht; Biddle*; Binns; Boone; Breidster; Bowen; Carnes; Carroll; Chambers; Chandler, D.; Chandler, R.; Cowles, C.W.; Crawford; Craigie*; D'Espinosa; Drummond*; Dwyer*; Early*; Ed-



1923: Mildred Stewart, her son, and Fritz after presentation of the Special Class Plaque.

wards; Ellerthorpe, Mrs. D.; Enslow; Farrow; Greene, Mrs.; Grombach; Gunn; Hardy*; Hallock; Hanson*; Harriman; Harrison; Haskell*; Heavey, Mrs.; Higgins*; Holcomb*; Howell; Hall, R.H.; Johnson, A.L.; Johnson, H.C.; Johnson, W.G.; King, J.C.; Kehm*; Lancaster; Lawrence*; Leone; Lewis*; Lord; Maddocks*; Mahoney; McEldowney; Newman; Oliver; O'Reilly; Osborne; Pierce; Price; Phillips; Reid; Rosenberg; Roth; Salsman; Sass*; Scheetz*; Serig*; Schlatter; Timberman; Tormey*; Stewart, Mrs.; Towle; Tredennick; Weikert; White, J.H.; White, W.C.; White, W.W.; Yarborough*.

* denotes solo travelers.

LIFE AT HOLIDAY INN as described by Wendell Johnson: "Thirty rooms were oc-

cupied by the class of '23, twenty-six of them by husband and wife; four by wives whose husbands still relished reveille! The moot and unsolved question: Who celebrated loudest and longest at the Inn, the wives or the others? Regardless of the night before, breakfast brought most of the gang together, in reasonably cheerful groups, between 0900 and 1030. There, as well as on the patio and in individual rooms, a lot of the past and recent present was hashed over. Sunday afternoon a big bull session took place by the pool with contributions from Fritz and other husbands who had come up from Barracks for the occasion.

Familiar sights at the Inn were Salsman sunning poolside in a comfortable chair; Ruth and W.G.J. taking their daily swim; Frenchy walking his poodle; Lord with his nose buried in a newspaper, Ted Osborne discoursing on Reunion finances; Dan Chandler running room checks, especially wives' rooms, and offering to zip dresses; and everyone shoving off gaily in the late afternoon for Class doings. At these and at the Inn probably no one had more of a ball than Dodie and Ossie Cunkle, Kay and Shim Reid and Dud and Ann Roth. But all had fun and didn't seem to mind the 18-mile drive to USMA."

LIFE IN BARRACKS in 1963 was a far cry from that in 1923. In fact, it is rumored that several of our heroes are looking into the possibility of arranging for permanent residence in the new barracks in which we were quartered. The bull shooting at night was both extensive and intensive. Chambers, Dwyer, Lawrence, O'Reilly and Maddocks easily made *expert*. Breidster, Howell and McEldowney were shoo-ins as Sharpshooters and none of the rest failed to qualify.

Perhaps the most revealing event was the morning trek to the sinks. Here we appeared in various styles and colors of "underthings" but alas, not a single pair of Scrivens! The parading figures varied from some as scrawny as Ichabod Crane, to those with considerable spherical excess, carried in a posture that reminded one of old sway-backed GLENCOE. Attitudes varied from the dour, strong silent man to the cheery in-the-shower-whistler. Nature is amazing!

The only disturbing note in barracks life came from one room in which there seemed to be a collection of highly accomplished

snorers. They waked each other up and each in turn sought refuge in another room. This seemed to start a chain reaction of midnight moves. When the boys came to in the morning, some feelings were ruffled when they discovered the low esteem in which their original roommates held their gutro-nasal efforts!

RANDOM OBSERVATIONS

The more recent Class brides making their first appearance were each an attractive addition. May our Class continue to be so augmented.

The graduation of young Stewart means that only two of us, Raymond, A.D., and Tredennick, now have sons in the Corps. Gilmartin has a son at Annapolis but he gets few Brownie points for that.

Tredennick's son tells us that the P.Ds are no longer required to sound off: "In Pennsylvania there are many Pennsylvania Dutch, Von of whom I am vich." nor: "The Lehigh Walley Wolunteers vent vildly down the walley. . ."

One of our number was *courting!*

Class sons stationed at West Point were: Ballantyne, Bowen, and Drummond. Ellertorpe from First Army was also present. Those of us who met them felt that each was the kind of officer we would be proud to claim as a son.

Two of our dedicated Texans, Drummond and Hallock, appeared in their ten-gallon hats!

Several families, notably the Pierces, Albrechts, Reids, Rosenbergs, Newmans and Hallocks combined trips to other places with their Reunion visit.

The large group picture which I hope appears with this column is available from White Studios at one-dollar. It would be a splendid idea if someone could work out a plan for exchanging copies of the hundreds of pictures that must have been taken providing dramatic evidence that we have not forgotten the Comm's suggestion; "Take lots of pictures." The small group pictures were made available by Johnson, W. G.

No small part of the pleasure of the Reunion was to find Ps, Tacs, and employees who still remembered us.

The many who admired Les Holcomb's USMA blazer can get the address of the tailor who made it and the emblem by writing to Les at Wolfpit Avenue, Norwalk, Conn.

Adams, Heaney and Torrence had to cancel plans to attend for health reasons. Torrence is up and at 'em. Adams has recovered sufficiently after his operation to offer what

the doctors removed from him as fish bait! No news from Heaney or a few others who failed to show.

It was especially gratifying to find that the Class widows who attended the Reunion seemed to be enjoying it thoroughly.

CONCLUSION

I heard of no one who failed to enjoy and be inspired by returning to his Alma Mater. Many have resolved to do so more frequently.

MISCELLANEOUS

Clyde Rich informs me for the second time that his current address is: APO 686, c/o P.M. New York, N.Y. I regret having misplaced it the first time he sent it in.

Paul F. Laning one of our ex-cadets sent



1923: Guys, Dolls and Drinks at the Picnic. How many can you recognize?

in an interesting note including the information that he has made a study of the use of railroads in the Civil War and is called upon to make presentations on the subject from time to time. Civil War Buffs, Please note!

SAD NOTES

Earl Gruver died at Walter Reed on 22 April and was buried at Arlington on the 25th. The Class was well represented at the services. Their daughter Sue stayed with Peg for a time after Earl died. Peg is remaining here in Washington.

Hivey White whose death in Spain was noted in the last ASSEMBLY, was buried at Arlington on 6 June. Because so many of us were late returning from Reunion, class representation was less than we would like to have seen it. Betty expects to return to Spain and stay there for the present, at least. The two girls are in school in Switzerland and the son, Alex, is a senior at Brown.



1923: Waiting for the Alumni Review.

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Maj. Gen. Robert V. Lee
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Arlington 7, Va.

Following a custom started in 1945 when the first sons of 1924 were graduated from West Point, Pat Pasolli, representing the Class, presented a scroll to Donald Henry Conrad, son of Vic and Martha, immediately after the Alumni Review on 3 Jun. Witnessing the presentation were Vic and Martha Conrad, Haydon Boatner, Clyde and Lorraine Eddleman, Denis Mulligan, Bob Finlay, Gerry Sullivan, Peyton McLamb, John Archer and Helen Stewart, Jimmy Stowell, Helen France, and Mrs. Lester Tacy. The following sons of 1924 were also present, some with their wives: Eleazar Parmly, IV, '46, James E. Macklin, Jr. '48, James G. Boatner '51, Ralph A. Koch, Jr., '53, James E. Moore, Jr., '54, Robert C. Forman '54, and Richard C. Baughman '54.

With the graduation from Annapolis of Keith Reeves Ker, son of Howie and Henrietta, some kind of a record may have been established. Keith is the sixth generation to choose the Service as a career. His great-great-grandfather, Maj. Parke Goodall Howle, was adjutant and inspector of the Marine Corps for 36½ years, serving 42 years in the Corps. His great-great-grandfather, I. S. K. Reeves, was a captain (brevet major) in the Army. A graduate of West Point in 1838, he was Asst Prof and Adj at West Point where he died in 1851 and is buried there. Keith's great grandfather, Commodore I. S. K. Reeves, II, was born at Fortress Monroe and was an officer in the Navy for 42 years. Keith's grandfather, Henrietta's father, Capt. I. S. K. Reeves, III, was a surgeon in the Navy for 38 years. Howie (Maj Gen, USA, Ret) is the fifth in the chain and Keith the sixth generation.

On 1 Jun, Gus and Millie Watson gave one of their class picnics at their beautiful place on the Patuxent River in Maryland. In addition to the Watsons' sons, Jim and Charles, Jim's wife Jennifer (nee Chazal), and George and Helen Decker, the following members of the Herd enjoyed the famous Watson hospitality: Harry and Jenny Bertsch, Ray and Betty Beurket, Charlie and Helen Dasher, Val and Rita Evans, Lorraine Claybrook Gants, Carroll Griffin (on leave from his post in Korea), John and Selma Hill, John and Mae Hincke, Pete and Bobbie Lee, Red and Mary Bruce Mead, Deck and Erminie Reynolds, Jean and Hank Scott (they were up from Florida so that Scotty could have a check-up at Walter Reed), Cle and Rosemilie Sibley, George and Susie Smythe, Edie Thompson, Charlie and Hazel Van Way, and Marian Weinaug.

Frank Gillette is anything but retired. He has recently been elected to the Vista (Calif.) city council. The city has just been incorporated, so the new council is the first. Frank has been very active in civic affairs, such as Pres of the 60 Plus Club, Bd Mbr of the American Red Cross, United Fund, and Civil Defense Dir. He may have to give up some of these activities in order to devote more time to the city council, but he will retain the presidency of the local Officers Club with a membership of 150.

Ken Strother is another active one. He is still with the Rand Corporation in Santa Monica, Calif., as is Wally Hastings. Ken is serving this year as president of the West Point Society of Los Angeles, as well as Disaster Chairman of the Red Cross, chairman of the Citizens Advisory Committee for

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Civil Defense, and secretary of the local Republican Club.

Morrow Sorley continues to teach physics to college sophomores at Valley Forge Military Academy and has been awarded a National Science Foundation grant for study this summer at Stevens Institute of Technology. Morrow's son, Lewis S. III (USMA '56), received his MA at the U. of Pa. and is returning to West Point as an instructor.

Howie Kessinger is still with Parker Pen as VP for Corporate Development. Kess' outside work includes being senior warden of Trinity Episcopal Church in Janesville, Wis. Daughter Ruth Ann is to be married on 27 Jun.

Dutch Rothgeb resigned his teaching position at the Academy for Boys last June and is now dean of the faculty at Coronado Technical Institute in Albuquerque, where he teaches all of the math courses and sometimes an English class. The Rothgeb's have six grandchildren, but it will be a long time before another Rothgeb goes to West Point. Their youngest grandchild is the only male carrying the Rothgeb name and he was born while Dutch and Catherine were at West Point for the 35th Reunion.

Pat Pasolli has been quite active in his work with the admissions program at West Point. He attended a 3-day conference at West Point in February where, in addition to the usual briefings, discussions were held on ways to improve the program.

Herb Vogel did not remain inactive very long. He has been appointed engineering consultant to the World Bank in the Dept of Technical Operations.

Briant Wells has been appointed Pres of the Title Insurance and Trust Company in Los Angeles, with which he has been associated for many years.

Doc Eaton and Les Skinner are holding down the fort in Asheville, N. C. Les is now in the real estate business.

Wallace EC has been quite ill, but is again full of fight. He has been on the candidate committee for the West Point Society of Los Angeles for some time and has been very active.

Peyton McLamb, on a trip to Florida in March, spent an evening with Jimmy Stowell and Slim Turner and their wives at the Stowells' home. Mac reports a lively evening of reminiscing.

Ben Mesick wrote us a note on the letterhead of the Southern Arizona Section of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers of which he is vice-chairman. Ray and Peg Raymond spent a few days in Tucson just before Christmas. Pete and Helen Shumate were there in January and then returned for March and a part of April. Slim Turner spent 3 months or more at the Circle T Ranch near Benson, Ariz. Apparently the Tucson contin-

gent of Mesick, Lenzner, Forbes, and Frierson gave everyone a rousing time. Ben, who is a Prof at the U. of Ariz., has arranged a European study tour this summer from 11 Jun to 16 Aug. There will be six in the group besides Ben and Evelyn.

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Col. Vincent J. Esposito
West Point, N. Y.

A nice, long chat with Bruce Clarke, up to lecture to the cadets, and some fine advice and information re improvements to our leadership instruction. Bruce keeps hopping in a variety of endeavors (mainly to avoid Bessie's exhortations to keep the grass cut around the house). A letter from Spilly Spillinger ensconced in Bellevue (not the hospital, but in Washington State) since retirement in 1958, and working for Boeing. He and Peg love the area and intend to re-retire there 4 years hence, when the younger boy graduates from college. Older boy now an Air Force captain at Maxwell AFB. Spilly proudly enclosed a clipping announcing his entry into the Hole-in-One Club with a 2-wood, 179 yard shot, and his victory in a best-ball twosome with a 67. Intends to go all out on this golf when he retires again. Andy Barlow passed away in May after a courageous fight and was buried here in impressive ceremonies.

Another June Week and a nice one. Though the weather threatened constantly, it was always beautiful at the time of every event. General Maxwell Taylor gave the Graduation Address, and it was an inspiring one. The tedious period of passing out diplomas was virtually cut in half by the simple expedient of having each cadet start from halfway up the ramp instead of at the bottom, as in the past. Our visiting contingent small—Daddy Dunn, Robbie Robertson, Gus Farwick, and Bill Wood. Missed the pleasure of more than a brief chat with them at the Alumni Luncheon, as I had to sit at the head table; nor did I get a chance to see them elsewhere, for a Prof here is really tied up with official duties during June Week.

Our youngest son, Curtis, graduated this year and went Armor instead of Engineers, as his older brother did. Our roost is now emptied, and Eleanor and I plan to move out ourselves next October. We have bought a house in Milford, Del., only 8 miles from our cottage at Slaughter Beach, which has been our vacationing place for the past 30 years. Both towns are small and we can be easily found, so stop in when in the area.

With these, my last ASSEMBLY notes, I wish you all the best of luck, happiness, and health.

'26

Col. William A. Walker
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Alexandria 1, Va.

Frank Purcell has returned to Malaga, Spain, after criss-crossing the United States checking up on his grandchildren. He attended our April class luncheon here in Washington and gave an interesting account of life in sunny southern Spain. That is, when he could be diverted from reminiscing with Herb Ehr Gott about their experiences in Vietnam.

A card from Louise and Bill Hawthorne from Wiesbaden. They are making their first visit to Europe after having been stationed there. At the time of writing, they were anticipating the pleasure of a trip through Italy and southern Spain.

Rod Corderman has re-retired from his RCA job and is now taking things easy at his Red Bank, N.J. home. Red's son married Anky Ankenbrandt's stepdaughter last year.

Freddy Munson tells me that the Van Hornes are coming home from Geneva, Switzerland and are scheduled to arrive in Miami on 12 July.

Our May class luncheon in the Washington area was a joint affair of Army and Navy '26ers; 16 Army and 18 Navy. It was a lively, happy, joke-telling occasion. Vice Admiral Smedberg, '26, Chief of Naval Personnel, gave a quick run-down on Capitol Hill activities pertaining to service personnel, both active and retired.

'27

Brig. Gen. Geroald F. Lillard
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Arlington 7, Va.

Emerging somewhat bloody but unbowed from the flurry of final high school examinations and final painful determination of senior failures, this scribe offers a comparatively brief compilation of class letters and reports. Omissions and mistakes are regretted herewith in advance of notification, but here goes!

Gar Davidson, from his many peregrinations as CG, First Army, took time to send in several informative items. He reported having seen and spent a major portion of a "good day (and night)" with Bill Verbeck, CG, Ft. Devens. Gar was "delighted to report" that Bill "looked grand and was his usual lively, effervescent self." Gar also recalled the retirement ceremony, previously reported, for Willis Matthews, which Ray Bell and Bill Verbeck also attended, mentioning especially his pleasure at being designated to present to Willis his DSM. Perhaps the most unusual and most relieving event for busy Gar and Verone—"the New York social circuit, between the UN and the First Army, sometimes becomes an endurance contest"—was their attendance at a meeting of the Regional Committee of the Boy Scouts of America in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Indispensable Tulio and Eve Segarra, true to their now long-established pattern of hospitality, showed the Davidsons the town, their beautiful home, beautiful daughter, and two fine grandchildren.

Dutch Holland sent a delightfully refreshing and welcome letter from Chicago. His boning up on a new typewriter, he conjectured, was the immediate cause of the reporting. Although the local Founder's Day dinner was past, the memories still lingered on. Three, Dutch informed, of the Class had made that memorial party: Hank Hoeffer,



1924: Col. Emil Pasolli, Jr., Ret., presents gift to class son.

"still telling people to avoid accidents through the National Safety Council"; Cece Land, still with the U of Michigan, in town "getting his stepson married on the memorable day"; and of course Holland, "still leasing anything leasable, some items of course against the law." Ed Farrand of Saint John Military Academy was in Calif. "plugging business", Dutch commented. Bob Aloe, in Ann Arbor, Mich., still has the Midas waffler agency there. Looking ahead as usual, Dutch plans to "suggest that Bob bring a few to the 40th, in case someone gets the idea to talk too much or sing too long." Dutch and Donnie, who by the way, Dutch confessed, is "still in command," having "enjoyed the fastest promotion known to the Army from a light colonel to a 5-star general through the blessing of the priest at the altar rail," have not seen any other classmates out there in the "storm-isolated middle west." Well, they should have this summer, doubtless, as classmates went through or near the Windy City.

Jack Spurgeon, Toledo, O., in his usually encouraging response to our ASSEMBLY offering, commented re Harry McKinney's mention of *Black, Gold, & Gray* that the book's effect was "both depressing and distressing." Somewhat in that vein Jack "was aghast at the announcement that the South (and Central to me) Barracks and North (and not Old) Barracks must go! I hope suitable ghost housing will be provided. Soon my only contemporary will be Mrs. Thaw, E. N." However, the Superintendent's comments, Jack sadly acknowledged, "concerning this sad development are a clear exposition of necessity." Yes, time marches on inexorably, and soon our memories of living at the Point 40 years ago will be just that.

One of the most unexpected letters (I suppose that I overwork this word *unexpected*, but candidly every letter is!) came from our Henry G. Douglas, 410 North St., Sausalito, Calif. His After-Action Report concerned the "most exciting event in the recent life of the Dougli"—a visit with Scoon and Chris Gardner in Tampa, Fla., and places southward. After a pleasant jet flight to Tampa, the Douglasses were feted by the Gardners at a gathering which included Freddy Day. George and Joe Martin were called by phone, but they were leaving for Washington and were not to be seen. A week of playing around in Tampa included a visit to Miami and a Gardner-conducted tour of Coral Gables, Fort Lauderdale, Miami Beach, and other related areas. Following the Tampa session, Henry recommends enthusiastically their subsequent cruise on the SS *Bahama Star* for Nassau, a trip credited to the wise suggestion of Mary Berrigan. "The cruise was really wonderful, and it was also most reasonable: \$59 per head from Monday afternoon to Friday morning, including all meals," and Henry reports the meals as almost too many, what with coffees, bouillons, teas, and snacks. Henry's financial report, nevertheless, had the familiar ring of post-vacation accuracy: "The piggy bank is really smashed." Some factual items included one that Scoon is "VP of a firm that manufactures dishwashers similar to the Clippers we had in the Army messes." Henry himself is now "at liberty" appraising several interesting leads. Henry and Paul Berrigan were the only class representatives at the annual business luncheon of the San Francisco Area WP Society. With both children now in homes of their own, the Douglasses wished this column to be certain to include the fact that the red carpet is ready for unrolling for traveling classmates. "Just call 332-2005," Henry requests.



Class of '28

Retirement news is plentiful this issue. By the time of this ASSEMBLY, Stan Meloy will have been retired from his CG spot in Korea. Details of his settling down are not now available. Here in the States, Bill Verbeck sent along a copy of DA SO 130 directing his retirement on 30 June, with the comment that "Gar Davidson will hand me my walking papers on Friday, 28 Jun here at Devens." Bill had previously, by phone while on a quick trip to Arlington, informed the column that he and Peggy were going to resettle in their original home at 2320 North Florida St.

Re another retirement of class interest—concerning Ray Bell—we all pray that long



1927: Woody Burgess presents Class Award to Cadet Captain Lawrence A. Britten.

before this ASSEMBLY reaches you Ray is completely recovered from the heart attack of 10 June which placed him in the West Point hospital. Johnny Upham, CG, Second Army, for whom Ray is Deputy CG, in a letter which arrived just in time for this column cancelling the planned retirement program of 28 Jun for Ray, stated that latest reports were that he was resting comfortably at the Point, where he would remain for the immediate future. Doubtless Ray and Mary are now at home at Cornwall-on-the-Hudson.

We shall follow items of retirement with one of commencement. An academic item of interest to the many who know her is the June graduation from the U of Maryland of Dabney Bixel, daughter of our Charles and Ev Bixel, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in sociology, course work which included much interesting study in criminology.

Although many have perhaps heard the news of the death of Margaret Sink, 29 Apr, at Womack Army Hospital, Ft. Bragg, it is our duty to include that sad fact in these notes. Funeral services were at Bragg, with burial in Arlington Cemetery on 2 May. To

Bob Sink and the three surviving daughters—Mrs. Thomas Twohey, Wheaton, Md.; Mrs. William E. Swenson, St. Petersburg, Fla.; and Mrs. James Reavis, Jr., Fayetteville, NC—go the sincere condolences of the Class.

Of belated news, but more cheerful now than it would have been earlier, is that of the full recovery of Tom Watlington from a three-vehicle mix-up on the Pennsylvania turnpike during a snow flurry in late spring. Wat, coming from a completely wrecked car with one broken and one cracked ankle, proceeded through, first, a civilian hospital, then the Army hospital at Carlisle Barracks, and thence to Walter Reed, where difficulties with the cracked ankle took him in and out over a very considerable time. However, at press time an entirely reliable source confirmed that both Wat and Chick are in great shape and high morale, anticipating the arrival in the East this summer of daughter Mary Clare Edwards and son-in-law Maj. Stephen O. Edwards, Armor, USMA '46.

Apropos our class participation in this year's June Week activities, Gar Davidson in a second report stated that he had enjoyed representing '27 "at the wonderful victories over Navy at West Point" and, with Wink Ehrgott, at the Alumni Exercises. In as much as he had to make the graduation address at the Coast Guard Academy, Gar was unable to be present on Tuesday, 4 Jun, when Woody Burgess at the Awards Ceremony presented the Class of 1927 Award (the class watch) to the selected "outstanding company commander of the 1st Regiment," Cadet Captain Lawrence A. Britten, Co. L, of Calif. See the picture herewith.

This column should reach your eyes in late August and should remind you, too, as it did several reporters who contributed above so invaluable, that now is your time to write in about yourself, your family, your work, your play, your anything! Your Column needs you!

'28

Col. John D. Billingsley
Dept. of Ordnance
West Point, N.Y.

With the Thirty-fifth Reunion behind us we can now look forward to the Fortieth.

Returning for the Thirty-fifth were the following: the Boatners, Bredens, Roland Browns, Bulgers, Butchers, Butlers Calyers, Cummings, Currans, Farras, Finnegans, Flemings, Gavans, Haskells, Lunlams, Lunlows, Mattesons, McLennans, McNamaras, Nelsons, Oakes, Rebers, Reynolds, Richs, Seemans, Simons, W. D. Smiths, Somervilles, Staleys, Steeds, Tarrants, Traubs, Webbs, and Billingsleys. Also Boland, Briggs, Cole, Finlay,

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Harbold, S. H. Lane, Sturies, O'Brien, and Weiner. Guests at class functions included: **Lucy Meehan, Capt. Madison Schepps, Cadet Fred Cummings** and date, **Major and Mrs. Streett (Boatner's daughter)** and **Senta Bell (W. L. Bell's widow).**

All class functions were well attended and weather good except for the picnic. Fortunately the latter was held under cover at Camp Buckner and thus the only discomfort was getting to and from. Pictures, both with and without, were taken and these will be sent out to those who placed orders as soon as practicable. Presentation of Class Gifts to **Fred B. Cummings** and **William D. Smith** was made by **Seeman and Briggs.** Notes of regrets and wires were read at the picnic from many classmates who had planned on attending but were at the last moment unable to do so. These were appreciated.

Copies of the Reunion Book will be sent out to all classmates for whom I have a current address. If you have not gotten yours, please let me know.

This summer will see all the active duty AF Officers retired and many active Army Officers will don their civies. The AF is planning a retirement ceremony in Washington for those retiring 31 July. These include: **Anderson, S.E., Briggs, Landon, Mundy and O'Donnell.** Those remaining on active duty in the Army and on whom no definite information as to retirement is known are **Adams, Anderson, W., Barnes, Billingsley, Butchers, Fleming, Hennig, McNamara, Seeman, Upham, and Walter.**

Currently there are only three class sons in the Corps: **R. J. Michela, A. N. Webb** and **S. Weiner,** all in Class of 1964. Young Michela was outstanding in the Army-Navy baseball game as catcher and was rewarded by being elected Captain for the 1964 season. Young Webb contributed materially to the Navy defeat in lacrosse, being outstanding in the goal for the entire game.

Glad to hear **Scott Riggs** has recovered and is back home after his recent illness. **Buster Briggs** was awarded an honorary lifetime membership in the National Armed Forces Management Association.

Approximately forty members of the class have contributed to the Superintendent's Fund as suggested in connection with our Thirty-fifth Reunion. It is not too late to make your individual contribution, based on years since graduation, direct to the Fund.

'29

Brig. Gen. W. J. Thompson
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June Week at West Point saw four sons of '29 graduated and commissioned in the Army: **E.H.J. Carnes, Jr., Inf; J. R. Hannigan, Arty; W. Y. Robbins, Armor; and J. S. Walker, Inf.** **J. R. Hannigan** was further distinguished by being one of five '63 graduates who have been awarded National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowships. **Hannigan** will study electrical engineering at Cal Tech. Class congratulations are extended to all new members of the Long Gray Line and to their parents.

Abe Lincoln reports from West Point that all proud parents of the new lieutenants were present for the regular June Week functions. **Joe Colby** and wife were also there briefly, and **Phil Bennett** and wife came to visit their son in the Second Class. **Paul Thompson** had been over to West Point from Reader's Digestville a couple of times to play golf. The Class will be sorry to hear that **Paul's** wife

Friedel had a serious heart attack while with him in Rome a few months ago. She is reported coming along nicely, convalescing at their Riviera home.

Abe makes a general comment on USMA: "It seems to me our graduating classes get a bit better every year and our incoming classes do the same. This is as it should be with expanding population, the low proportion (about a fifth) of the Regular Army intake provided by USMA, and the more exacting requirements of the Service. It does make the up-coming First Class squirm in their seats when I tell them, in my closing lecture, that the Plebes in Beast Barracks will be a better class than they are—or our admissions system will have failed."

Abe and **Freddie's** last daughter goes away to school in September (that makes two at Emma Willard). This will leave them with **Freddie's** paintings and two dogs, **Freddie** having added an alleged Malemute pup to garnish their string of five horses. It should be noted that **Abe's** latest book, "The Dy-



1929: Hammond, J. W.

namics of International Politics", written in collaboration with Professor N. J. Padelford, continues to receive recognition, the latest being its addition to the Army's contemporary military reading list.

Another class son who has won distinction is **F. H. Chaffee, Jr.,** who graduated from Dartmouth in June and has been awarded a national defense graduate scholarship to study astrophysics at the U. of Ariz. **Freddie** and **Win Chaffee** attended the Dartmouth graduation, as did son-in-law and daughter **Fanchon, Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Gerstenberg.** **Fanchon Chaffee Gerstenberg,** having provided the first Chaffee grandchild, **Matthew,** last fall, is now continuing her post-graduate studies for a PhD in French language and literature.

Freddie Smith and **Jim Gavin** were among the distinguished alumni who participated in the ceremonies at West Point in May when the Sylvanus Thayer Medal was awarded to the Hon. **John J. McCloy.** Both **Smith** and **Gavin** had served on the selection committee for this award. In June, **Jim Gavin** was awarded the honorary degree of LLD by NYU. Congratulations, **Jim.**

Another '29-er was the recipient of an award here in Washington in April when **Pat O'Hara (Maj. Gen. John J., USAF, Ret)** was decorated with Thailand's Most Exalted Order of the White Elephant by the Thai

Ambassador at a ceremony and reception at the A-N Country Club. **Pat's** decoration came for his success in furthering the training and equipping of the Thai Air Force while on duty as Asst for Mutual Security in USAF Hq. Congratulations on your new decoration, **Pat.**

Paul Harkins, invited as a *Time* magazine cover story subject to the gala celebration of the magazine's 40th anniversary in New York, had to decline because of the pressure of business in his Vietnam command. **Paul's** regrets stated that they were already on three shifts over there and would go to four if they could stretch the days and nights.

Bill and Dot McCulla are now open for business in their inn, Latham's on Cape Cod, Bittersweet Hill, Route 6A, Brewster, Mass. Their daughter **Jeannie** and son-in-law, **Lt. David K. Riggs,** presented them with a new grandson at Schofield Barracks in March. **Bill and Dot** visited **Bill Jr. (Capt. Sig C, USMA '55)** at Ft. Bliss for Christmas. While there **Dot** had emergency surgery at William Beaumont Hospital, which kept her away from home until Easter. All seems well now.

Don Quinn, who retired for physical in 1946 and lives in Gretna, La., says he has a license to sell insurance in Louisiana, but doesn't work at it. If someone is nice to him and says "please" he'll consider selling a policy, but otherwise he devotes most of his time to maintaining a reasonable balance between flowers and crab grass around the house. **Dan** had about a third of his stomach removed a year ago and has been in excellent health since then. (The things the human body can do without!) **Dan** has two daughters and two grandsons.

Zeke Napier, who retired on physical in early '59, is well established in San Antonio, where he is active in real estate development and church work and is a director of the National Bank of Ft. Sam Houston. **Zeke** and **Libby's** daughter **Betty** is married to **AF Capt. R. G. Blanchard,** now stationed at Colorado Springs, and has provided two granddaughters, now ages 9 and 7. The **Napiers** visit Colorado Springs two or three times a year.

Dick Scott has been in Redlands, Calif., ever since retirement and wouldn't change it for any place. **Dick** is Dir of Administrative Services for the Lockheed Propulsion Co., a division of Lockheed Aircraft, and is deeply involved in community services—YMCA, Rotary, Community Chest, School District Board of Trustees. "Redlands is a great town," says **Dick,** "and I'm trying to keep it that way." **Dick** and **Eleanor's** children, **David, 16,** and **Pam, 14,** are both expert swimmers and have won many awards. **Eleanor** works part time at the U. of Redlands and part time at tennis, at which she is good enough to give **Dick** a real battle. The **Scotts** see much of **Don** and **Charlotte Stevning,** the other '29 residents of Redlands. **Don's** citrus industry is flourishing and he is very active in business and civic affairs.

Also happy in the far west and intending to stay there are **John and Mary Lee Hammond.** In August they expect to move from their present Phoenix, Ariz., address to 10154 Desert Hills Drive, Sun City, Ariz., the Del Webb retirement community some 14 miles from Phoenix. The **Hammonds** are active in gardening and garden clubs, and **John** has just been elected treasurer of the local retired officers club. Recently they opened their home with its collection of oriental art objects for a benefit for the garden club scholarship fund. **John** now wears a beard during the cooler seasons of the year, and very distinguished it is, as evidenced by a photograph.

Of classmates in the area, the Hammonds occasionally see Robey, but have never caught up with Greeley or de Riemer. Nellie and Trude Lynde were through Phoenix earlier this year, when Nellie went out to inspect Yuma Test Station, and the Hammonds believe the Lyndes may be considering Arizona as an eventual retirement site.

Cal Partin, whose address is simply Bardwell, Ky., says he and Opal live on a 165 acre farm "so far out in the sticks that no arm of a corporate populated place will ever reach it," but that this has more advantages than disadvantages. Cal writes in his characteristic perky, intelligent, and irreverent manner. He disclaims any serious farming, says all his land is in turf and mostly under contract to the government, but he does own a complete tractor rig and a few registered Hereford cattle. His big project just now is building a 2½ acre fish pond about 100 feet from his house which will provide both fish and swimming. Two of the three Partin sons have left the homestead: the oldest, John, is now a full-fledged MD after the U. of Ky. and the U. of Cincinnati Medical School. He has just completed a year in residence at Cincinnati General Hospital and will go to Puerto Rico this summer with a tropical medicine research unit. He has four daughters. The second son, James, is an officer in the Regular AF, now stationed with SAC at Fairchild AFB, and has provided two more granddaughters. The third son, William, still an undergraduate at the U. of Ky., was a National Honor Finalist in high school.

Fred Dent, who has lived in Towson, Md., and worked for the Martin Company since retirement, has now severed that connection with the completion of the Mace Program for which he was program manager. The Dents have their house up for sale and will move to Shalimar, Fla., near Eglin AFB, to which young Fred has just received orders. The Dent daughter lives in Mobile, Ala., so this will put them close to 2/3 of their children and all four grandchildren. Fred and Cora Lynn had a trip to Puerto Rico this spring and talked to George Keeler in Charleston en route. George has the job of golf coach in his school there, in addition to his teaching duties.

Jeff Seitz' son, George van Hardenbergh Seitz, was to be married in June to Miss Suzanne Manning Barr of Summit, N.J. Young Seitz graduates from Yale this year. Jeff is still C/S of the NATO Hq in Naples.

Johnny Underwood is now working in the Eng Div of the VA Hospital in Chillicothe, Ohio, and his address there is 95½ W. 5th St.

Roy Vincent, who resigned shortly after graduation, was in Washington in June and contacted Jupe Lindsey. Roy is in business in Sewickly, Pa., but is considering entering the Federal civil service. Jupe reports that Roy is as slender and youthful (almost) as in cadet days.

Jupe made one of his periodic trips south this spring on Army Distaff Hall business, unaccompanied by Judy this time. (Jupe says that Judy feels she's heard his spiel enough by now.) In Florida Jupe saw Kirk and Edie Wee Kirkpatrick in their beautiful home in Melrose. In Riverview he visited Eddie and Ruth Mays in their likewise beautiful place on the banks of the Alifia River, surrounded by 12,000 orange trees (very little freeze damage), with a 3-hole golf course and a private dock with cabin cruiser. The big decision when leaving the Mays' house is whether to go by boat or by car. The Hal Huglins from St. Petersburg and the Jim Stephensons from Bradenton spent an evening

at the Mays while Jupe was there. Jupe and Judy are looking forward to the return from Korea this summer of son Bobby (Capt, USA) who will be on ROTC duty at Kentucky Military Institute in suburban Louisville.

Nick and Jackie Nichols, with son and daughter David and Jan, also made a recent Florida visit and saw the Kirkpatricks, who were then about to embark on a freighter from Jacksonville for a European tour on which they would visit son Terry, Lt, Engrs, USMA '61.

Dave and Irma Jane Brown were in Washington in April on a trip from their Austin, Tex., base. They had stopped in Chattanooga to see the Armstrongs and went on from Washington to Raleigh, N.C., to see John and Sara Phillips. DeeDee Armstrong is making a slow but satisfactory recovery from her very serious fall this past winter. By early spring she had progressed to a body cast and graduated to a brace in late May. A letter from her evidences her wonderful spirit and courage; even in a cast she was participating, with Army's ever-present help, in school social activities.

Isabel Wentworth was on the serious sick list this spring with a detached retina. After a grueling period of illness, a surgical operation, and a special and very new light fusing treatment at Walter Reed, the damage was successfully repaired and she is now well on the way to recovery.

Don Graul, who retired in March from the position of Dep Comdr, AF Communications Service, has joined Radcom Division of Litton Industries with offices in Silver Spring, Md., and will conduct special studies in the field of communications. The Grauls are a welcome addition to the Washington Group, which also looks forward to the arrival this summer of Tommy and Renee Sands. Tommy is being assigned to the JCS from his job with SHAPE in Paris. The annual family picnic of the Washington Group was scheduled for 28 Jul at Bolling AFB, courtesy of Bozo and Gertrude McKee.

'30

Col. Alexander G. Stone
2 Quincy Street
Chevy Chase 15, Md.

Dear Gang:

Let's start this one with an "Honors List". To begin with, we've acquired two more four-star generals. Ham Howze, who has sparkled in one assignment after another, has joined the select top group with his new job as CG Eighth Army in Korea and, simultaneously, CinC US Forces and CinC UN Command. That should be enough hats for anyone, even one as talented as Ham. (Parenthetically, Ham isn't the only parachutist in his family; his son Bill, only 16, recently qualified as a freefall parachutist at Bragg. What a hobby!) And Andy O'Meara's important contribution to national security in the Caribbean area has been recognized by a grateful government which hung a fourth star (and added responsibility) on his shoulders as Unified Caribbean Commander. We proudly salute these promotions and warmly congratulate the recipients and their ever-loyal wives.

A different kind of tribute, but certainly noteworthy, was paid to Al Watson by Pennsylvania Military College, which conferred on him an honorary Doctor of Law degree at their commencement exercises on 2 June. At the same time, he and Anne had the great pleasure of seeing their son Albert Watson

III receive his BA degree and a commission as 2d lieutenant. A very happy June Week for the Watson menage, and we can all share in their pride and pleasure. Al is also the one who sent me the accompanying picture, taken in early June at Bragg on the occasion of a demonstration for the NATO Council.

Not to be overlooked, either, is Wally Thiede's promotion to brigadier general in the New York National Guard. This is no "Kentucky Colonel" type appointment, but a working deal, following well-deserved promotions. He has been named CG of the Sixth Area Command. Our hearty congratulations to Wally, who has been in uniform in one status or another for over 32 years.

Two other members of the Class were recently honored in unique fashion. For reasons that will directly become obvious, I absent myself temporarily and let Ray Brisach take over the next few paragraphs.

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At the Army-Navy Country Club a class party was held on 3 May, marked by several notable features. One is described by the following notice which went out early in March to no less than 70 members, ranging westward to Chicago, north to New York and south as far as Atlanta.

"Dear Friends and Gentle People:

It's nearly 33 years now since we launched forth from our entombment behind the grey walls. During that time, the efforts of two of our members to keep the Class of '30 an active and going organization have been tireless and highly effective. In recognition of this, several of the wives of those of us residing in the Washington area have suggested that next time we have a Class party it be designed to give honor to the two stalwarts. It was natural that the idea caught fire and it was so decided.

The two, of course, are Bob Wood and Sandy Stone. There is no need to elaborate further on the enormous contribution made to the cohesion and solidarity of the Class by those staunch fellows. So it is that we plan a gathering at the Army-Navy Country Club on Friday, 3 May 63. This date was selected for the fact that it appears at this point that both the Woods and the Stones will be able to make it."

Next feature was the turnout, numbering 31 guys and 26 dolls, as merry and jovial an assembly as we've had in many a year. All the way from Panama, no less, came Ellen and Andy O'Meara and Eleanor and Ted Bogart, they being in on the Army Commanders' Conference here in Washington. Also appeared Dottie and Fred Ammerman, Claire and Fred Atkinson, Helen and Ben Beasley, Connie and Bob Booth, Charlotte and Ray Brisach, Sally and Bill Carter, Ruth and Al Dennis, Sis and George Duehring, Catherine and Spike Eckert, Guy Emery, Caroline and Alva Fitch, Ham Hampton (unhappily Cora fell ill just before the party), Ted Kimpton, Adam Koscielniak, Dorothy and Pappy Lewis, Alice and Roy Lindquist, Jimmy Lunn, Tom Mifflin, Bernice and Pie Nyquist, Molly and Cayce Odom, Louise and Dick O'Keefe, Jean and Howie Quinn (all the way from Connecticut), Margurite Stoughton (Tom was in Europe with the ICAF junket), Julie and Archie Stuart, Sue and Red Timothy (from New Jersey), Anne and Al Watson (from Atlanta yet!), Tillie and Sterling Wright and Betsy and Paul Yount (they having just relocated to Washington from Akron).

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When the party started really rolling, a pause was called to do honor to the honorees and the following testimonial was read aloud for all to hear:

"WHEREAS, over the many years that have elapsed since the emergence of the Class of 1930 from the cloistered cubicles of our Dear Old Alma Mater, the fortunes of peace and war and cold war have scattered us to the four corners of the earth; and

"WHEREAS, despite the constant boiling of the flux the Class of 1930 has maintained a cohesion and an effective solidarity through, in greatest part, the painstaking, selfless and persevering efforts of two of its members in the reams and reams of poetry and prose composed about and for the Class, and the countless hours of dreary administrative chores that had to be done; now

"THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that those of us who are fortunate enough to be present at the Class gathering this third day of May in the Year of Our Lord One Thou-



1930: Left to Right: Cynthia Beach, Kathy Guthrie, Cdt Richard P. Guthrie, Maj. Gen. Guthrie, John Bigelow (Gen. Guthrie's stepson) and Mrs. Guthrie.

sand Nine Hundred Sixty-Three, do constitute ourselves as acting in behalf of the entire Class of 1930 in bestowing upon the aforementioned two this expression of our genuine affection and lasting gratitude for a magnificent and enduring job well done, to wit:

Bob (Robert J.) Wood
Sandy (Alexander C.) Stone"

Ray Brisach then read messages from a number of members who couldn't attend, and after signature of classmates on each of the two copies—one for each guy—the testimonials were withdrawn for framing and later delivery to said Stone and Wood, and the assemblage returned to the more earnest and serious business of the evening. As you can well imagine, corny were the jokes that were uttered about "Wood turning to Stone" and "Stone turning to Wood", but the spirits were high and it was a real nice clambake.

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Speaking for myself (and, I'm sure, for Bob) I can only say that I was mightily touched and most grateful for such generous recognition of our efforts. "Aw, shucks, fellers; don't think it hasn't been fun, because..."

Finally, to round out our "Honor List", we note with pride and gratification the addition of three more sons to the commissioned ranks. John Guthrie went to West Point for June Week and presented our Class Gift to his second graduate son, Dick, and to Peter



1930: Maj. Gen. Guthrie and Cadet Peter L. Sawin

Sawin and Paul Weyrauch. John joins Roy Lindquist as the second of our classmates to have two sons graduate from the Point, and if all goes well Max Janairo will become the third with the graduation of his second boy Tony, next year. John wound up a busy but happy two weeks by coming to Washington for the wedding of young Dick to Cynthia Beach, daughter of Dwight Beach (USMA '32).

It is with real sadness that I have to record that our well-loved Moon Sudasna finally died of the throat cancer that I reported last year. He lived in a far away land and few of us had seen much of him since we graduated, but we all remember him as a cheerful and genial comrade, especially proud of his West Point education, and his passing leaves a special kind of gap.

Locally, i.e., in the Washington area, May seemed to be the month for visiting firemen. Seafood Garton was here on 1 May, checking on some Army Map Service material for General Motors, and found time to lunch with me. He's dropped quite a bit of poundage, looks very well, and says he feels fit enough to carry on for any number of years



1930: Ft. Bragg, June '63. Left to Right: Howze, Watson, Dunn, Sweeney.

yet. On 2 May Larry Norstad was in town en route to Winchester (Va.) to crown the queen of the Apple Blossom Festival, which ceremony he performed with his usual courtly aplomb and was properly blessed by the grateful pretty. Larry and Isabelle have moved from the apartment in the Hotel Lowell to their permanent residence in New York at 7 Gracie Square. Paul Yount decided to move the executive offices of Consolidated Freightways from Akron to Washington and opened his new office here on 1 May. He and Betsy have an apartment at 4101 Cathedral Avenue, Washington 16. And on 15 May Chuck and Rosa Keller were in town. Ray Brisach and I had the pleasure of rounding up Bill and Sally Carter and their charming daughter Linda Bell, and Pappy and Dorothy Lewis for a most pleasant luncheon for the Kellers. Some of you may have seen a recent article in the *Engineering News-Record* about Chuck's having become president of Associated General Contractors. Apparently he's



1930: Maj. Gen. John S. Guthrie (ret.) Cadet Paul R. Weyrauch and Mrs. Weyrauch.

a very successful and important "wheel" in the contracting game. I also got in on a briefing for retired officers at the National War College during May and found Freddy Ammerman, Thad Broom, Bill Carter and Herb Mitchell also in attendance. We in this locale are looking forward to the arrival of Phil (Big Daddy) Wehle, who takes over as CG, MDW in July. He and his tribe will be a welcome (not to say substantial) addition to the local contingent.

New addresses (and some corrections) for those who like to keep their lists up to date: Wally Ahearn moved some months ago, but for some reason I failed to hear about it; he's now located at 346 Marius Road, North Port Charlotte, Venice, Fla. John Berry has given up politics in Mississippi and accepted a position with the Area Redevelopment Administration. Apparently as part of the relocation he now calls himself J. Gordon Berry and gives his address as 1321 Pendleton St., Columbia, S.C. Jim Brett has done so much to put his suburb of San Francisco on the map that it now boasts its own post office; address him from now on at 729 Chiltern Road, Hillsborough, Calif. The Carmichaels have built themselves a new house in Sarasota, at 1737 Sandalwood Drive, which sounds like a delightfully fragrant place. Bill Diddlebock has severed his connection with the Materiel Command in St. Louis and is prospecting for another job, hopefully overseas. In Washington recently I had the pleasure of lunching with him and Mac McCoy and found Diddle looking very fit and full of

beans. His address, until such time as he finds a new assignment, is 2 Whitford Place, Godfrey, Ill. Correct Wiley Ganey's address to: Box 1315, Main P.O., Santa Monica, Calif. Joe Haskell, remarried, is now at 136 East 64th St., New York 22. And Carle Howell sent me a handsome brochure of their Horse Happy Farm which shows the address as Schaefferstown, (not Sheridan) Penna. Incidentally, the Howells seem to be running an excellent and successful sort of resort, catering to adults mostly in the winter and juniors in the summer, with special "family plans" for those who like (or can't escape) togetherness. Noel Neal's latest missive shows the same street address, 500 Pelican Drive, but it's now Satellite Beach, (instead of Eau Gallie) Fla. Charlie Odenweller asks me to publish a correction to their address also. It's still 316 McKinley Road, but Grosse Pointe Farms (not Detroit). Howie Quinn, after kicking around Washington for a year or so, has settled at P.O. Box 136, New Fairfield, Conn. Ross Sampson has *really* moved; from representing Collins Radio in Paris he has gone to work for the Far East Division of I.T.&T. in Bangkok and can be reached through JUSMAG-General Delivery, APO 146, San Francisco. Sory Smith has just received orders transferring him from JTF 4 at Ft. Monroe to be Chief of MAAG-Italy, APO 794, New York. Mort Townes is now at 1000 Fribourg St., Mobile, Ala. And finally, I apologize for a typographical boo-boo that showed Andy Wright's box number in Balboa as 2022. The correct number is 2202.

Notes from here and there: To show how completely he's thrown off any lingering ill effects of his automobile accident Prep Bradley recently fired an 84 against no less an adversary than the redoubtable Gene Sarazen—and with the added pressure of a considerable gallery trailing them around! Our Cavalry members will sympathize with JoJo Carrithers, who lost his prize two-year-old filly; she tried to jump out of a corral, broke her leg irremediably and had to be destroyed—a sad setback to JoJo's plans for her, but he isn't giving up the horse game. Jimmy Darrah, now with New York Life, reports that Jim Junior, only eight years out of the Academy, is under orders to the C&GS College. Charlie Haas writes that he has permanently retired and will now sit back, play the stock market, and watch his daughter's progress through college. Phil Kromer is teaching at the University of Florida to keep himself busy. On the other hand, Jack MacFarland has resigned his position on the faculty of Albany Academy in favor of devoting full time to his golf game. Gerry Mason has been seriously ill, but at last report was recuperating well. I note that Cam Sweeney's father died this spring, and we extend our sympathy to him on that account; as if to make up for this loss he gained a son-in-law when his daughter Anne married Dr. James Franklin Smith four days later. Bernie Twyman writes that Joe had to have brain surgery to remove a tumor but is making a fine recovery and apparently will be none the worse for this scary experience. Fergy Wall finds life in Florida just what he wanted: three kinds of fishing, depending on your mood, the weather, and the season! Jimmy Wilson reports that he and Lena spent a very pleasant month in the Caribbean this past winter, especially enjoying seeing the Bogarts and O'Mearas. And Fuddy Wing avers that he and the U.S. Equestrian Team are "riding easy"; he seems quite happy with his job even though it has its headaches and frustrations.

I'm indebted to Charlie Dodge for digging up another ex-member, Dave Cordray, who left us during Yearling year and has become a successful doctor in Chicago. His address is shown on the latest list that I sent out in May. And speaking of the address list, note that I still have no address for Harry Anderson, Marvin Johnson and Buster Perry. Any clues you may stumble on that might lead to locating these characters would be appreciated.

All of us can thank Mark Smith for the fine obituary of Phil Smith that appears in this issue. Mark had help from Joe Haskell and one or two other friends but the main work is his and we are all grateful to him for the excellence of the result. In this connection, I invite the attention of all hands to an editorial suggestion in the spring issue of ASSEMBLY on the subject of biographies. With no desire to be morbid—just practical—let's face the fact that the older we get the harder it is to remember details, and the smaller grows the circle of acquaintances who are able and willing to undertake writing an appropriate obit. I commend the article to your attention—and action.

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Congratulations are again in order for three of the Class—Ted Parker, Jake Smart, and Bob Lee. All three are going to new jobs and one more star. Ted and Nina Parker have already left for Paris where Ted will be CofS of SHAPE. Bob and Mary are also going to Paris, after 1 Aug, where Bob will be Chief Air Officer for SHAPE. I don't recall too well Ted's or Bob's standing in demi-tour, but I am sure that their wives will soon learn how to say "Take me to your fashion leader" to the Paris taxi drivers. Jake Smart is coming a little closer to home from his exile in Japan, but not all the way. He is stopping at Hickam AFB to be CinC PACAF. I understand the President saluted Jake by name when he made his speech at the USAFA graduation, for which more congratulations, Jake. Space available travel to Europe and Hawaii looks right inviting at the moment. Bert Muenter will probably take off on another 'round the

world cruise any moment. Speaking of Bert, Jake wrote that he had a card from him from Ill. Bert claims to be looking for a job, but apparently not too hard. I'm beginning to think that a good part of these notes for the past three years has been concerned with Bert's peregrinations and indecisions.

There have been and will be some other moves among those still on duty. Willie Bell is going to Norway to have something to do with NATO Air Forces. One can only hope that the Scandinavians have recovered sufficiently from the visit of P. Otey Ward some years back to be able to endure this latest gift from us. Curt Herrick didn't stay in this country long enough to get to Washington for even one luncheon. He is going to Turkey to replace Ed Messinger in JUSMATT. Ed is coming to Washington to be in DCSLOG. Curly Wilson sent me a copy of a St. Louis newspaper with a picture of Curt posing with Miss Armed Forces Day of St. Louis. Of the two in the picture, she was by far the cuter. Andy Adams is also on the move, being ordered to Ft. Shafter. Earle Cook, as I have previously mentioned, is retiring on 30 Jun.

Bill Hall has returned from Paris, is retired and living in the old homestead in Washington and claims to have a job. I received a postcard advertisement from John Feagin, but since he didn't mention that the commission on any real estate deals would be waived for classmates, I don't think that I will take advantage of his multiple listing service. Gerry Flaherty dropped me a line from Denver to say that Henry Langlois had been dead for several years, but gave me no other details. Henry's name has been listed in the Register for some time and I did send one of the class notices last year to that address. If anyone has any more information, I would be glad to hear it.

I had a nice note from smiling Leo Cather regarding another of those shindigs put on by Jack Gordon at a sumptuous villa on Medina Lake near San Antonio. The reason for the gathering, if any were needed, seems to have been the itinerant passage through the area of Dick Wise in the Yellow Turtle. It looks as if this were all a put-up job of Dick cruising back and forth in that area and getting a party every time he lands near San



1931: Happy group.

Antonio. If Dick and Bert ever decide to settle down, I'll run out of comment. Anyway, among those present were; John McGee, who has just written a book—*Rice and Salt*. Do you have your copy yet?; John Sullivan, who has a home in the country where the deer and the antelope play; Gordon Cusack, investment counselor; Hector Truly, fisherman; Jim Stroker, banker; John Feagin, semi-retired realtor—as I mentioned before, he lets his wife do all the work; Ernie Peters, who convinced the medics that active duty is more strenuous than golf; Charlie Densford; Dick Wise; and Leo who is still student aiding at Trinity U. Leo sent the picture that I hope appears somewhere in this column. As near as I can make out, since no identification was forthcoming, the left to right are: Leo, a young Leo, Sullivan, Densford, Wise, Truly, Feagin, Stroker, Peters, Gordon, Cusack. Don't blame me if I'm wrong, some of us have changed in thirty years you know. Many thanks for the note, Leo.

Charlie Densford also came through with a couple of letters, extracts from which ap-



1931: Marvin Coyle and Curly Wilson present class gift to Joe Dickey's son, Jim.

Speaking of the feminine angle, I now have another ASSEMBLY fan. I received a nice long and informative letter from C for Catherine Taul in Fresno. I really shouldn't have mentioned her name as she said that she would receive a tongue lashing if the other, not better, half knew she was writing. Since I never publish anonymous letters, it's too late. She sent me the snap, in this column, of Wayne, (who thinks that cameras lie) and the bottle-holding famous character along side. The picture was taken in Feb or Mar and if you look closely you will note that the Xmas tree lights are on the tree, either early for next year or left over from last year. Catherine mentioned that she and Wayne went up to San Francisco to a reception for John and Anne Waters, but gave no other details. The Tauls say that a perusal of the fine (advertisement) class directory of last year, shows that over one third of the class have visited the Taul household. I suggest that the other two thirds of us do something about that before the hospitality runs out, particularly in view of one of the latest visitors noted above. Catherine claims to write longer letters than Charlie Densford since she is a native Fresno Indian—that's a new kind to me—and Charlie is only a long horn by osmosis or adoption. I quote the PS to the letter—"Even if your c'mates don't appreciate your working so hard for the lazy sons of 31 (I had trouble making out that last part) some beautiful, wonderful, obnoxious wives do. I close before the men in white coats come by." Catherine, all the wives of '31 are beautiful and wonderful and none are obnoxious. I loved your letter and hope to get more of the same from you and from others.



1931: Curly Wilson presents class gift to son Butch.

A note from Charlie Hoy enclosed a clipping from an Orlando paper about, of all people, Charlie Densford. I must say that the picture really flatters him, if the snapshots he has been sending me are of the same person. Charlie, (Hoy that is) said that Julian and Lois Chappell came up to spend a weekend at the time of the Founder's Day dinner and both looked well. Charlie is just off a ten-day rest in the hospital and reports the entire Hoy family well. I had a note from George Dietz enclosing a check for one of the 25th HOWITZERS. George says nothing happens where he is except an occasional tornado warning over the radio. The nearest classmate is Johnny Hauck, thirty miles further back in the hills, with whom he exchanges Xmas cards saying, "Why don't you ever come over?" He said that Johnny is probably busy rebuilding his burned out mills. I never knew before that granite would burn. P. Fenton never said so.

I mentioned before that I had some news from Densford. He gets more mention than the latest couple of Egyptians. He told about another orgy at Starlot, Jack Gordon's villa.



1931: Jawn Westermeier presents Class Gift to son.

I leave you to imagine what Charlie said the name rhymed with, since this is a family newspaper. At this get-together, John Feagin inveigled some of them into a poker game in order to make a down payment on a new Cadillac. He has to trade in his old one since the ash trays are full. Charlie and Dick Wise are working on a device to keep a sick cow on her feet. Don't ask my why, but if you have any ideas on sick cows, send them (the ideas not the cows) to Charlie. If the idea gets patented, maybe some of the royalties will accrue to the fund. I received a letter two days after the Mar deadline from Mike Irvine, subbing for Chet Diestel, and telling about the San Francisco Founder's Day dinner. It took Mike nine days to recover from the dinner, by his own admission. Among those present from ought-thirty-one were: Merv Magee; Jocko Malloy; Harry Cooper; Deane Gough, Rags Ragland and Mike. Concurrently, the wives had a dinner at the Scott Club, which was apparently quite a party, since Mike says that he would have been home sooner if some of them hadn't gone over to the club to pick up their respective wives. Thanks a lot for the report, Mike, I can use all the news I can get.

I forgot to say that in the letter I had from Johnny Waters, he said that Tex Hightower had arrived and was "hard at work." This letter was written before John had gone on the wining and dining circuit noted above,



1931: Left: Horace Wayne. Right: Harry George. San Pedro in background.

pear below. Charlie reports being a bit busy with a ranch, a cow down, must be a discontented cow, real estate deals in various stages of snafu and Dick Wise visiting. Those first few details can be easily accounted for, but the last statement requires the additional explanation that Dick's visit has added the burden of a fifth of Old Overshoes to Charlie's usual—I just have to use the word—load of half a case of Gordon's Lone Star beer. Charlie reports that the reception for Johnny Waters et al went off very well with the et al including Dick Wise, Gordon Cusack, Jim Stroker, Ernie Peters, Leo Cather, Johnny Sullivan, Jack McGee, Harry Candler, Willie Bell, Jim Mooney, Frank Corbin, John Feagin, Al Greene, Ole Olsen, Jack Gordon, and Charlie. Of those not present, Jim King, A.J. McVea, and Johnny Hansborough could be excused on account of distance to travel, but no excuses were offered for Hector Truly, Johnny Skeldon, Merle Fisher, and Nosebag Bays. That statement should get a rise out of somebody with a letter of protest attached. It has worked before. Charlie also offered to name the wives present, with a guarantee of walking east until his hat floated if he missed any of them. He mentioned the following mesdames as being present: Waters, Cusack, Stroker, Peters, Cather, Sullivan, Candler, Bell, Feagin, and Olsen. It must have been a very enjoyable party with those stalwarts of 31 and their charming wives present.

so I am at a loss to explain such a rash statement.

The Class gifts were presented June week by Curly Wilson to four class sons. I haven't yet received any pictures but hope to have them for the next issue. Pistols were presented to Bill, son of Don and Kelly Little; Jim, son of Joe and Virginia Dickey; John Jr., son of Westy and Bobbie Westermeier; and Curly Jr., son of Curly and Marian Wilson. Curly reports that besides the parents who were present, Les and Leonie Kunish were there. George Hartman was registered but not in evidence. If I remember correctly, George was headed for Mexico some time ago.

Locally, we have been about as busy as ever. The Class luncheons are popular despite, or due to, my absence. For some silly reason the local school board takes a dim view of teachers playing hookey for such minor matters. Bo Beishline made it down from New York for the Apr luncheon and Trickie Troxel now promises to become a regular attendee. The last week in Mar some of us attended the wedding of Don and Alice



1931: Don Little presenting class gift to his son, Bill.

Webber's boy, Bob, to a charming Navy junior. Fred and Marie Warren, Jim and Kel Corbett, Ted and Nina Parker, Warren and Margo Hoover, the Pat Hunters, Don and Kelly Little and Betty and I were at the wedding and the reception afterwards at the Naval Medical Club. Don Little may be able to furnish some of these services at a discount later on, but is not fully qualified yet. Alice and Don Webber will be moving around 1 Sept to the University of the South at Sewanee, Tenn., where Don will be hablaing Espanol at the poor college kids there. He will, by the way, be addressed as Colonel Doctor at that time. Which reminds me that I just received a notice from Jim Baker from the U of Southern Cal that he has received his doctorate of business administration from that institution. That is quite a switch for Jim. He went from an AB to a BBA and now to a PhD. Bill Train has also received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Dickinson College in Carlisle. Strother can no longer claim unique title to that soubriquet of "Doc". I can hardly wait until Bill Dick retires and gets a degree. Then we can call him Dick Dock. This started off to be a resume of our activities here in DC, but I got sidetracked.

In Apr, several of us got together and went out to the stadium to see the Senators (the baseball kind) play. There were 54 of us all told, including many younger members of the families, too many to mention individually. Peter Otey Ward was in town between trains and came to the party with his brother-in-law. Bill Hall and family made their first public appearance since returning

from Europe and besides that among others were, the Cassidys, Eatons, McBrides, Rothrocks, Eddie Browns and Joan, Carlsons, Cooks, Hunters, Pachlers, Warrens, Wertzes, Callahans, and Stinesses. The above was done from memory since I have lost the poop sheet and I probably left somebody out. If so, I'm sorry. We are planning another similar "do" sometime in Aug and if any of you are interested get in touch with Clyde McBride who is the master mind of the affair.

I see by the papers that Chuck Westpheling and Grove Powell have been elected officers in retired officer associations in their areas. Chuck is president of the Fort Worth chapter and Grove is Asst VP of the Sacramento chapter. Dick Harrison has been promoted to a vice presidency in Babcock-Wilcox. Sounds a bit like the old Tinkers to Evers to Chance-Babcock to Wilcox to Harrison. Congratulations, Dick. Glenn Farris has been appointed foreign student adviser at the U of Florida, where he had previously been instructing in French. I understand from Curly Wilson that he and Marv Coyle have just become a male grandfather. This rather unusual turn of events is the result of natural causes following the marriage last July of Marv and Pat's son, Mike, to Curly and Marian's daughter, Mary. I don't know of any class members who can make the same claim to distinction, but would be glad to hear of any. I have received one very small and minor complaint that I would like to take care of here and now. Bill Hardick finally mentioned a couple of weeks ago, some six months after the fact, that I had retired him as a Col. Since the official register has him listed as a BG, I hereby apologize and restore to him his rightful rank.

Many of you have already heard of the mishap that befell Tick Bonesteel a couple of months ago. Tick apparently stood too close to an anti-tank gun or some such and the blast caused a detached retina in one eye. Tick was flown back from Germany to Walter Reed for treatment and I saw him and Mary a couple of times in the hospital. The prognosis at that time was favorable for sight in the other eye and Tick has, as far as I know, returned to duty in Germany prior to returning to the States this summer on regular rotation.

I have also learned of the death of Mary, Frank Corbin's wife, in Jan in Tex. The deepest sympathy of all in the Class goes out to Frank in his sorrow.

I would appreciate any news any of you might have and some pictures.

Editor's Note: Sorry the photographer lost the picture of Curly presenting the class gift to son, Butch. So the least that I can do is add a picture of Butch.



1932: Gen. Wheeler '32 presents class gift to Cadet Francis G. Hall as Col. Hall '32 looks on.

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One more June week chalked up and gone. Had it not been for my volunteer assistant, Gale Hall, I would have little to report of this most important period. First newsworthy item—the class gifts were presented by the Chief of Staff, Earl "Bus" Wheeler, at a private ceremony at the Supe's quarters. The recipients were Francis Hall, Dale Means, John Roth, and Edmund Roland. This was quite an affair, with proud parents as witnesses. The added ceremony given at 9:45 the day before graduation lent the finishing touch to the affair, according to Gale. Bus also gave a talk to the graduating members and their parents and dates at the graduation dinner Monday night at Washington Hall.

Having disposed of our class presentation so nobly handled, I'll let Gale talk. "At first I was the only '32 wife—escorted by husband Gary and classmate Bill Powers, who, incidentally, makes every June week an annual 'must' affair. Later the Distaff section of the



1932: General Wheeler '32 presents class gift to Cadet Edmond M. Rowan as Col. Rowan '32 looks on.

Wheeler and Means family arrived, giving us our total '32 female attendance. However, before they arrived I found Gen. Hodges' (oldest living grad) sister and Chauncey Fenton's widow at the Ladies Alumnae luncheon. We had a gay time—in fact the whole week was the greatest I've had in a long time." Gale further reported that daughter Martha and husband also attended with their boy (aspirant West Point '83) named Peter Douglas Yoke. Apparently one can't start indoctrinating too soon. She added that 17-year-old son George won intramural bowling championship at Indiana U. with a 191 average! Let's throw the books away lads—there's more money in that kind of work!! Jude Able's son is a member of the same class at Indiana U. On the way to West Point, the Halls stayed overnight with the Goodrichs at 130 Wierimus Lane, Hillsdale, N.J., and recommend any who want to see how the other half live to include this stop on the itinerary. Their estate is beautiful and the service par excellent. Their son, who graduated from the Naval Academy in 1960, is on the *Piper*, a submarine. Along the line, Gale learned that Carl Scherer (lost to most of us) has been living in El Paso but is soon moving to Washington State. And speaking of "class" again, Avery Cochran is adding a huge swimming pool to his estate in San Raphael, Calif. (Why, oh why can't I be rich too?!) I hope, my dear Gale, that I have not misquoted or misinterpreted your excellent report. If so, please send corrections for inclu-

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1932: Gen. Wheeler '32 presents class gift to Cadet John C. Roth as Col. Hall looks on.

sion in the next issue. In fact, send something anyway. We remind you the Halls living in "Badgerland" are at 1505 Tyler St., Janesville, Wis., and Gary is employed by the Gillman Engineering Company, an automation business. Many thanks for your call, folks. Perhaps Gale's inspiration comes from her "descendance" from the Long Gray line. Grandpappy was Class of '79.

Now to "retroact" . . . Sunday evening, 31 Mar, was quite an evening. From 5 to 7 Eleanor and Jim McCormack presided over a cocktail soiree in the McNair Room. Now I've been around and all that but such a superabundance of "Haute Societe" is too much for a humble man like Davidson. I tried to sneak over to the bar for reinforcements but couldn't quite escape Jim's eagle eye. He intercepted me in welcoming me to the illustrious gathering. I have yet to find the motif of the party. Jim said he simply wanted to get some friends together in the Washington area. Let's hope he gets this inspiration again soon if the exchequer permits—it was a most pleasant evening with conversation, conviviality, attractive people, delectable buffet, and a generous supply of liquid ebullients. "Dort" Fisher and Mary Cain, the former in gold brocade and the latter in svelte black crepe, were well contoured and Eleanor and Dossi were suitably "poured" into Boston and Washington purchases, respectively, that turned out to be similar in every respect but color. Eleanor is down to the Eleanor Glynn slimidity.

I don't know whether "Pop" Duncan was a guinea piggy or not but "Bus" Wheeler moved in the day before Pop left Walter

Reed for the same operation. It just goes to show what one classmate will do for another. Pop has been on duty in this area for quite a few weeks but is back at Monroe, or at least operating from there once again. About 10 days ago Pop was our host at dinner at the Flagship and an evening of pure delight with Pop relating his experiences in the world of "men and women in white" as only he can do, giving the appropriate descriptions in that inimitable Alabama accent.

A hot news flash is Harvey Fischer's hurried but temporary return from Korea due to "Dort's" major surgery at Walter Reed on 10 Jun. Dort is doing okay now and receiving visitors.

Johnny Gavin is entering the educational field in September and will teach several subjects at Harker Preparatory School in Potomac, Md. Vi and Johnny have their daughter Joan Landau and her 2½ year old daughter, Shawn, with them this month. Joan's husband had an emergency curtailment of his tour in Germany due to his father's serious illness and they will be stationed at Ft. Knox later this summer. Vi received a letter from Mary Coutts telling that she and Lou will be moving into a typical San Francisco four bedroom home at 2633 Turk St., San Francisco 18, Calif., next month. Their newlywed daughter Kathy and her husband have been constantly on the move and are now in Pensacola where he is at advanced flying school. Vi also passed along the news that the Culps have bought a home in Cincinnati and Bill has been made president of the Trade School at Ohio College of Applied Science.

Another news item fresh as a daisy is about Dwight Beach's daughter Cynthia, who will be married 15 Jun at Ft. Myer to Dick Guthrie, son of Johnny Guthrie of famed "C" Company '30 USMA and the late Isabel Parks Guthrie. Speaking of Dwight, brings up the matter of class elections. A nominating committee headed by "Honey" Whalen presented the following slate: Chrmn Ash Manhart; V-Chrmn Don Hardy; Secty-Treas Horace Bigelow; Secty-Treas Ed Howarth, Councilmen Bus Wheeler, Dwight Beach, Johnny Steele, Dick Hunt, Johnny Jamison, Ernie Powell, Ward Gillettee, and Bill Davidson. Harace got the works again and Ash says he and Sherman feel the same way about serving but he hasn't got the nerve to decline. Wouldn't do any good anyway, Ash! I'm reminded of Dwight's second term. We must concede that he has really done a fine job.



1932: Gen. Wheeler '32 presents class gift to Cadet Dale F. Means as his father looks on.

We owe him many thanks for devoting so much time from a busy job. Re the skeet range (class gift), Dwight received a letter from Westy Westmoreland that they changed the site from the North Athletic Field to an area adjacent to Thayer Hall and near the tennis courts. If you want to shoot after a hearty breakfast at the Officers Mess there is a ramp that leads directly to the range.

Jay, the pride of the Morris clan, graduated from Maryland this June with honors. He's turned into a scholar as well as a campus light. Already credited with graduate work, he is headed for a Master's and no doubt a PhD in Journalism. Luke gave up his two stars and has a position as VP of Assoc of American Railroads with headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Received a card from Helen Pryor from far away (?) Hawaii where she had flown to visit son Ralph, his wife Marilyn, and most important, the first grandson. Helen was on the same plane with the Cooper family of outer space fame and in Helen's words: "The only camera aimed my way was Ralph's as I landed."

Dick Hunt is working on a research project for the U. of Pittsburgh at Du Pont Circle. Son Larry has just finished a year at Columbia Prep.

Good ol' Danny Daniel sent a note to me re the West Point annual dinner held in Detroit. Frank Britton was guest of honor and besides Danny, Chip Lavigne and Bill Garrison completed the foursome.

Bill Huber in a card to Dwight Beach expressed regrets at missing class luncheon (they are really worth attending). On a visit with Vera's brother at San Antonio he has seen Milt Glatterer. Milt reported that Steve Braude's wife is a patient at Lackland Hospital. We hope things fare well. Steve says he is going to school in Arizona.

Dossi returned from the Keatings one Sunday and reported that Bobbie and Danny Sundt dropped by for a visit with their son Dick, his attractive wife (originally from Denmark) and their little daughter Kathleen. Danny and John are both working for Research Analysis Corporation. Bobbie has to commute from New Mexico to keep up with the family. The Keatings' son Pat is home on leave after completing that first long mile—Plebe year.

As a last new item, I can report again a very successful '32 Navy-West Point dinner held at the AN Country Club. Outnumbered as usual, we held our own. These get-togethers are really something. Everyone enjoys himself. The Navy suggested having another yearly party with the wives and music. Sounds good. Any comment?

We must close, having exceeded the ver-



1932: Sons of '32 Class of '63 receive class gifts from General Earle G. Wheeler '32, Chief of staff, U. S. Army.

biage allotment. I should like to close with a brief account of a pleasant evening—particularly enjoyable because of its spontaneity. Dossi and I were dining at the McNair Club one evening when the Keatings entered, so naturally we joined tables. After eating, we noticed familiar faces in the McNair Room as we were passing by. Rush Lincoln was having his “coming out” party on his new job as commander, Defense Traffic Management Service. We were invited in by host Lincoln, ably seconded by Frank Besson. Later, Nancy invited us to their quarters where we sparkled and scintillated for some time until gracious host, Frank, cooked up ham and eggs. We discovered that Nancy is quite adept at the “twist.” She has an unusual sway if I may call it that—it’s full of zest and yet dignified. After deep concentration I decided it was the articulation of the arms which added the dignity and vivacity. Anyway, next time you see Nancy Besson be sure to ask for a demonstration.

So long till next issue.

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Guiney says that the Reunion was a “howling success.” Pat writes that according to his beer stained records there were 54 Classmates at Round Pond, 2 June, for a shindig, which featured red and white checked table cloths, 12 tables, posters on walls drawn by Park and Westermeier '31 depicting various facets of cadet days plus high points of our service—CCC, World War II, Occupation of Paris, Pacific campaigns, Fraternalization in Germany, etc. Scotch, gin, and beer flowed like wine. Food—huge individual steaks (avec all the trimmings). Desert was “Lucky Star” layer cake. Class photo was a bit out of focus, as were some of the participants. It was so noisy that the records of appropriate nostalgic tunes couldn't be heard.”

He also sent a copy of his invitation—“You are cordially invited to drop by the Class of 1933 off-post headquarters at Pat Guiney's house in Highland Falls. Whiskey, gin, beer, tea, coffee, aspirin, steam iron, sewing machine, shoe shine, and genial companionship available day and night during June Week. Be seein' you—Pat.”

Baumer, who had charge of arrangements for the 3 Jun dinner dance, says that with some exceptions, the same group (80 in all) was at the Thayer. This was held along with the Class of '38, who were also having a Reunion. Broshous showed some old silent movies of West Point during the “good old days” when we were all in gray. The guys bunked on the fourth floor of new south barracks and their gals were accommodated at Ladycliffe.

Tom and Trudy Moorman were hosts to the Coopers in Hawaii, after the astronaut's space flight. Jean and Lessie Engler announced the engagement of their son Jean '59 to Judith Ann Kuhnlein. Stilwell was cited for dragging several wounded Vietnamese soldiers to safety, during a battle in the Mekong River delta. Hurlbut has been nominated for major general rank; Hurly stays at Monroe and takes the place of Meyer RD, when the latter moves to OJCS. Lipscomb continues with Pan Am; Lafar is now a Roving Base operations manager, and spends most of his time on the upper range instead of only Ascension Island. Truesdell has retired to Phoenix, where he and Lavinia make their home. Gibbs, the Army's new Chief Signal Officer, personally welcomed the number one USMA graduate into the Signal Corps. Dave's late father was Chief Signal Officer from '28 to '31. Lisa Shinberger writes of the wedding of her and Shinny's daughter Adelaide to Mr. William T. Hesdale, in Richmond.

From Berlin, Dot Hartel writes: “Our biggest news is the '33 Reunion here. Dolemans, Chapmans, Sparrows, Shinkles, Dick Montgomery (Dick just wrote that he regretfully couldn't make it), Akers, and Jiminez have said yes; Billy Harris and the Hills couldn't make it. The Polks and Hartels are hosts. We have a tour of West Berlin laid on for the morning, then lunch at the Hartels, a free afternoon to play golf, go sightseeing, or shopping, or what have you. The British are having a celebration for the Queen's birthday so we have a block of seats—for '33. We plan a boat trip, weather permitting, that afternoon, and a dinner dance at the Ansee Guest House that night. We have tried to include the class children in this but they were just too spread out and there were too many problems. But we did have Kacky Pritchard Berry and her husband and Marge Edwards,



1933: Maj. Gen. John T. Honeycutt chats with Col. and Mrs. Lamar Rotcliffe, after presenting him with Legion of Merit.

Dick's wife, and Bert Sparrow's daughter—for Sunday brunch at the Harnack House.

Armed Forces Day, '33 had three of the reviewing stand—Montgomery, represented the AF, Polk, Berlin's US Commandant, and Fritz, CG of troops—about a quarter million Germans turned out—it was a tremendous review... We are looking forward to the President's 26 Jun visit. We had beer mugs made with the Berlin 'touch' for the men, and silver Berlin coffee spoons for the ladies... ”

Dottie Messersmith recently retired as president of the St. Louis OWC. In June, Fred and Laura Coleman gave a “coming out” party for their daughter Tyler. Bob Turner retired 1 Jul and entered Duke a few weeks later to study for an MA in Math; Ann will remain here with the children during the 1-year course. Van Way retired to live at 2645 Chestnut St. in San Francisco. Parker returns to Bangkok for work with RAC; Helen will join him around Christmas for about 2 years. Son Danny enters Georgetown U. this fall. Johnson, DCSOPS, and Senter, Dir of Petroleum Logistics Policy, have both been promoted to three-star rank. Johnny has just been honored by Yankton (S. Dak.) College with an honorary LLD degree, to add to the DEd degree he got from Park College (Kans.). Park moves to Walter Reed's Delano Hall after Rosie goes to Atlanta; Dick will join her when he retires 31 Jul. Gerry and Maxine Chapman are now practising grandparents. Their oldest daughter Susan has a summer job with ASA, and then will go back to studies at the U. of Ga.; other daughter, Allison, will be a senior in high school this fall. They recently returned from a 2-month jaunt in Europe, and may possibly leave Liberty, Mo., and move to the old home town, Andalusia, Ala. Betsy Damon writes that she and Bill hope to travel to, among other places, Carmel, mainly for golf. McClellan's daughter Libba was married this spring. “Tommy” Dahlen is practicing up on her golf while waiting for Chet's return from Formosa.

Our treasurer reports that a check for \$3300 has been sent to the Superintendent's Fund. Since all pledges have not yet been fully paid, Dave completed the total by borrowing from the class treasury, with the advice and consent of other class officers. The new address for Ned and Gladys Gee is: USA Elm, Cento, Turkey, APO 254, N.Y. Honeycutt left Sheridan to report, later this summer, to Paris for SHAPE duty. Included here is a picture taken just after John pre-



1933: Classmates again after 30 years. Six members of the West Point Class of '33 who recently completed the Army Management Orientation Course at the US Army Management School, Fort Belvoir, are: Left to Right: Maj. Gen. E. A. Chapman, Maj. Gen. R. J. Meyer, Maj. Gen. J. T. Honeycutt, Maj. Gen. J. J. Lane, Maj. Gen. J. F. Thorlin, and Brig. Gen. C. G. Dunn.

mented a Legion of Merit award to Lamar Ratcliffe. Lamar's wife Ruth is with them. Disosway has been promoted to four-star rank; Gab assumes command of USAFE. Welling was commended by resolution of the Georgia State Senate. Al has been in charge of ICBM site construction and will supervise construction for NASA at Cape Canaveral, Huntsville, and the Mississippi Test Facility. Mack retired recently to 630 42d Ave., San Francisco 21; and Dick King left active duty with an address of PO Box 3574, Myrtle Beach, S. C. Charlie and Barbara Carver greeted the SA's civilian aide for Alabama at a reception for him in Birmingham. Johnny and Helen Ferris plan to build a home in the Bahamas, where they will live part of each year after retirement this summer. Donnelly comes back to the Pentagon, this time from Sandia Base, as Asst DCS for R and D. Rayburn received his 30-year pin for Federal service from the Comdr, Air Procurement Region, Europe, at Chateauroux, France. Quinn was a member of the Board of the West Point Society of DC. Jensen, with his second star, takes command of the XI Corps,

with Hq in St. Louis. Powers, with his second star, moves to Washington for JCS duty.

This column ended in the last issue with a statement that orders had been issued to increase the Corps to 4500. This was in error, in that those orders haven't been issued yet.

'34

Time, that elusive fourth dimension which is ever with us, appears determined to pass by all of us. Those thinning pates and whitened thatched coifs are but moot evidences of the gentle touch of "Father Time", whereas those relaxed muscular areas are indicative of the years of being spoiled by the little woman. True, there are exceptions but ye scribe and those other pencil pushers of the five sided foxhole are not the exceptions.

At times this column may appear to jump about chronologically, it is not intentional but merely the pressure of trying to get the col-

umn in to the printers in between out-of-town trips.

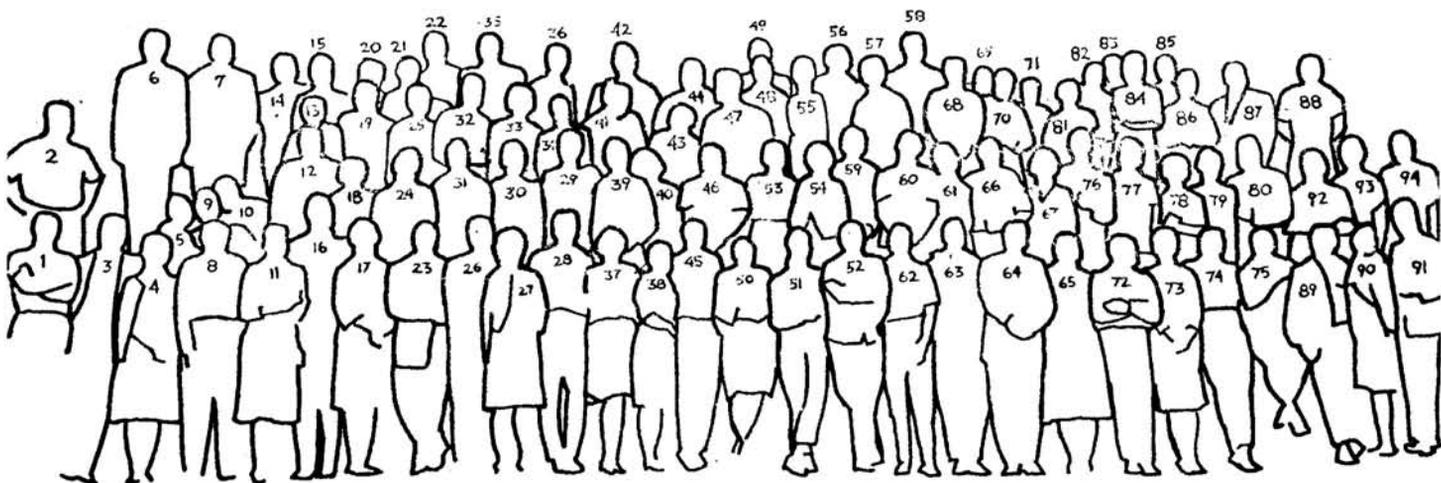
Jack Renfroe wrote a very nice letter from Paris where he is refreshing himself academically. In the EUCOM housing area Nancy and Moon Northam entertained Bert and Fran Spivey, Tom and Lydia McCrary, and Ruth and Jack. Will be looking forward to seeing you stateside soon, Jack.

At the February luncheon, the Class was surprised by the attendance of Bill Gross from DENMARK MAAG. Bill has aged a mite, but the twinkle in his eye is still there. Also in attendance were: Ted Hoffman, Bill Stone, John Cary, Bob Kyser, George Gerhart, Jim O'Hara, Cy Betts, Bob MacDonnell, Gene Corrigan, Dale Smith, Bob Tyson, Fred Barnes, Bent Kern, Beaz Beazley, and Bill Voehl.

Bob MacDonnell is now the new Deputy Chief of Engineers, with no change of address, except a room number. Some one once said that a room number was merely a system devised to separate the Chiefs and the Indians.

Ye olde scribe missed the March luncheon

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1933: 1. Charley Wynne, 2. Russ Broshous, 3. Graydon Essman, 4. Dorothy Essman, 5. Lydia Gott, 6. Rodney Gott, 7. "K" Kaesser, 8. Bill Bailey, 9. Fred Coleman, 10. Laura Coleman, 11. Maxine Bailey, 12. Jack Lewis, 13. Barbara Carver, 14. Andrew Stephenson, 15. Betty Stephenson, 16. Hadley Richardson, 17. Hester Richardson, 18. Rip Lewis, 19. George Carver, 20. Helen Parker, 21. Rowena Lipscomb, 22. John Honeycutt, 23. Robin Speiser, 24. Carol Speiser, 25. Lafar Lipscomb, 26. Bill Ely, 27. Helen Ely, 28. Bill Ryan, 29. Allen Chapman, 30. Ellie Sibley, 31. Alden Sibley, 32. Flingfanny Hurlbut, 33. Polly Hurlbut, 34. Lovey Meyer, 35. Dan Parker, 36. Dave Gibbs, 37. Marge Ryan, 38. Betty Clarke, 39. Jvava Chapman, 40. Barbara Broshous, 41. Ed Hale, 42. Jim Boswell, 43. Betty Gibbs, 44. Gordon Elyer, 45. Billy Clarke, 46. Tom Glass, 47. Richard D. Meyer, 48. Maurice Kaiser, 49. Richard J. Meyer, 50. Bebe Fuller, 51. Bill Fuller, 52. Lyle Bernard, 53. Clara Glass, 54. Diddy Hackman, 55. Ethel Kaiser, 56. Marney Meyer, 57. Connie Elyer, 58. Slugger Douglas, 59. Emory Hackman, 60. Bill Fritz, 61. Betty Gallagher, 62. Emory Hackman, 63. Mo Edwards, 64. Jack Rudolph, 65. Fran Webster, 66. Bob Gallagher, 67. Petey Miles, 68. Jane Douglas, 69. Bill Fletter, 70. Irm Fletter, 71. Bill Given, 72. Pinky Webster, 73. Marjorie Corum, 74. Ray Corum, 75. Marian Cyr, 76. Harlow Miles, 77. John Ferris, 78. Helen Ferris, 79. Mary O'Connor, 80. Tom O'Connor, 81. Kay Bernard, 82. John Cleveland, 83. Bing Downing, 84. Bimbi Downing, 85. Bob Leslie, 86. Ruta Leslie, 87. Bill Thompson, 88. Bert Holly (x-'33), 89. Bob Cyr, 90. Alice Baumer, 91. Bill Baumer, 92. Rita Guiney, 93. Pat Guiney, 94. John Breit.

at Bill's Beanery but Fred Barnes filled in quite capably (he says). The following were in attendance: Cy Betts, Bob MacDonnell, Emery Lewis, Paul Barton, Johnnie Stevens, Jack Schaeffer, Gene Corrigan and Fred Barnes. The indications were, so Fred goes on to say, 'quality not quantity' were in attendance. There are those that would disagree and merely indicate that they were saving their energies for the Wing Ding later in the month.

"You Maxed It Mister!" Jack Schaeffer, the congenial planner for the Class really out did all his previous efforts so that the Class party on the 29th of March was a huge success. Remember my comments about some were saving their energies? Well, look at his imposing list of those who came: Cy and Pat Betts, Bob and Sissy MacDonnell, Dale and Virginia Smith, Bob Kyser, Ted and Zora Bilbo, Fred and Rosa Barnes, Paul and Ara Barton, Bill and Cressie Bunker, Gene and Hope Corrigan, Bill and Peg Craig, George and Salye Gerhart, Charlie and Susan Hill, Harry and Eddy Hillyard, Jabo and Virgie Jablonsky, Bill and Ann Kern, Tom and Louise Lipscomb, Jim and Elinore O'Hara, Dave and Helen Routh, Jack and Lucille Schaeffer, Jack Seaman, John and Fran Stevens, Bob and Lydia Tyson, Bill Voehl and Lou and Louise Walsh.

We were all sorry to learn of the passing of Jack Seaman's dad. Our deepest sympathies, Jack.

I have heard of people losing their buttons, but when the cause is a new granddaughter, then Lou and Louise Walsh can continue popping them to their hearts content.

George Gerhart now works for Technical Operations, a Burlington, Mass., research company with an office at Ft. Belvoir.

Cy Betts, that congenial photographer, class president, etc., showed some scenes of yesterday and you can be sure that all had a wonderful chuckle or two. Cy also took some film of the dinner and we are now looking forward to the results.

Fred Barnes told us that he is a nominee as the republican candidate for the Virginia House of Delegates from Arlington. One thing for sure there will be no rocking chair conferences for Fred. However, Rosa, seems like I recall a lot of stumping trips and smoke filled caucus rooms are in the offering.

Cy, our roving reporter (wish there were more), reported that he saw Jud Reeves at Scott Field where he is Vice Cmdr of MATS. Jud's oldest, a graduate of USAF Academy, is now stationed at Moody AF Base, and the second son is at the U of Arkansas. Looks like only you were crazy enough to play lacrosse, Jud. Cy also saw Jack White at Sandia AF Base in Albuquerque, where Jack heads the AF Special Wpns Ctr.

Word has it that we now have two Division Commanders. Bill Cunningham has the 24th in Europe and Jabo has the 1st Armored Div in CONUS.

Jabo, the fountain of knowledge, will be sorely missed by all in DC but yours truly will miss him even more. Jabo was always ready to help and to gather news of classmates. Good luck, Jabo, on your new assignment.

Axel Waugh called the other day to say that he was enroute to Hq Fifth Region, Ft. Sheridan, Ill., where he will be the new Deputy CG. Long time since we chatted, Axel, and keep us posted.

Jabo reported that the following are to return stateside soon: Tom Foote to Ft. McClellan; Murray Cheston to retirement 30 Jun. Chcs, keep in touch. Jabo also said

that his new ADC in the 1st Armored was Frank Norvell.

Sev Beyma is still teaching math at Hampton Institute and from all reports Mary is still spoiling him. Rita Kyser is rapidly recovering from her operation and we missed her at the spring Wing Ding. Dave Routh is the business manager at St. Agnes School, Alexandria, Va.

It soon will be voting time. The committee of Pinkie Alness, Jabo, and Jack Schaeffer have submitted the following slate to Cy Betts:

President and Vice Presidents: Barton,

O'Hara, Gerhart, Hillyard, Kyser and Smith

Treasurer: Crystal and Tyson

Secretary: Bilbo and Voehl

News of changes to occur during the present quarter (there may be others but Bob Kyser has not been notified as yet). Retirements: Tom Rogers and Johnnie Darrah. Reassignments: To Alaska—Jud Reeves, to 4th Army—Charlie White, to Korea—Kermit Davis, to CONARC—TNT Brown, to 7th Region—RH Adams.

Last but not least is the planned barbeque in August. Hope someone has some news soon on the time and place for all to make further plans. Be sure and keep us posted on your doings so that we can turn out a good up to date roster of the Class this fall.

The luncheon on 18 April was the best attended to date. It appears that records are shattered whenever ye scribe goes out of town. The following were in attendance: Betts, Jabo, JB Richardson, Alness, Hill, Barnes, Stevens, Lipscomb, MacDonnell, O'Hara, Beazley, Schaeffer, Kyser, Hillyard, Corrigan, Gerhart, Lewis, and Kern.

Jack Stanley writes from Japan that all is serene, is most happy place, and in rolls the do-ra-me. He makes a suggest that all classmates include details on their retired status to include type of work that they are doing. Being in the export-import business I feel Jack has something really worthwhile to exchange.

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Returnees to West Point for June Week included the Thayers, the O'Neals, "Iron Man" Russell, and Bud Schlanser. Ralph Haines was present to see his son graduate, as was Geoff Ellerson to observe his twin sons make the grade. Lucy and Somers Dick held an affair at their quarters on the afternoon of 4 Jun for the graduating class sons, their parents, guests and other '35 members in the area. Somers presented class plates to each of these sons in the Class of '63: James A. Armogida, Geoffrey D. Ellerson, John C. Ellerson, Palmer S. Haines, and Phillip W. Mock. Somers writes that this younger generation is hard on autos. Both Palmer Haines and Geoffrey Ellerson, Jr., were involved in automobile accidents during May (Ellerson was a passenger only). Both cars were total losses; Ellerson picked up a few broken bones but Haines came out of his accident unscathed.

Out in Colorado, Jim Wilson did the class honors at the USAF Academy, presenting a '35 plate to James D. Lang, Jr., our sole graduating son from USAFA. Jim says young Lang was a cadet wing group commander as well as tackle on the football team. Jim Lang, Sr., was in Hawaii on a construction job and unable to make the ceremonies. During the

past year Jim Wilson has been on sabbatical leave from his professorship of electrical engineering at the Academy. He frequently sees Ken Curtis, who is at ARADCOM in Colorado Springs.

Somers Dick also reports that Stu and Helen Fries were up for a day last spring from Camp Kilmer to attend the Thayer Award ceremony. Stu's headquarters were about to move to Ft. Wadsworth. Rooney Rynearson had lunch with Somers while getting his retirement physical at West Point. Rooney has accepted a position as Asst Prof of civil engineering at Norwich U., Northfield, Vt. This is the same spot where Dave Gregg has been teaching engineering for several years.

Received a nice letter from Brad Means. He has been assigned to the 4th Inf Div at Lewis for the past 3 years; the last year as C/S. However, he is currently under orders to the Presidio of SF, where he will be Dep C/S for Admin for Sixth Army. Hard to take! Brad has seen several classmates in the far west. Frank McGoldrick is CG, X Corps; Dick Agnew is his C/S. Ducky Farnsworth was PMS at the U. of Ore. Kelso Clow is IG of Sixth Army. Deke Moore works for Boeing and lives in Seattle.

Bill Proctor writes from Florida, "retirement is terrific." He works 7 days a week (doesn't sound like retirement to me) and he and Eulalie play plenty of golf (that's better). Bill has quite a good position as Asst VP with the General Development Corporation in Miami, the granddaddy of the land development giants. His oldest daughter, Ann, graduated with honors from the U. of Mich., while number two daughter, Blair, just completed her sophomore year at Purdue, and Dorothy is in junior high. He says Herb Gee drops in quite frequently. Herb is president of Gee and Jenson, the best development engineering firm in the south. Bill hopes to see Rob Booth, who is close by, real soon and also reports the latchstring is always out to any classmates at 1440 Palancia, Coral Gables, Fla.

The Washington group turned out for lunch at Arlington Hall Station on 22 May and enjoyed a fine get-together. Present were: Bowyer, Rumsey, Maroun, Ingram, Morgan, Thayer, Patterson, Glass, Wright, Ziegler, Gibson, Leonard, Pillivant, Spring, Thomas, Bernier, Greenlee, Haug, Beall, Cole, Hardin, Ferris, Mitchell, Mente, St. John, and Parrot. The "Tiger" was the only visitor, having come up from Knox for the occasion. Butch Morgan recently returned from a trip to Paris where he saw Chuck Symroski at the Embassy and Ham Twitchell at SHAPE. Moon Ferris again made a plea to keep him advised of latest addresses. The local gang is planning an informal luau, Hawaiian style, at the Vint Hill Farms Station Officers Club for 29 Jun as this goes to press. Mike Mitchell is carrying the ball on this one—and it should be good.

Many of us were pleased to see Lee Davis on TV as he received an award from President Kennedy during the Cooper ceremonies at the White House on 21 May. Tommy Sawyer is the new Chief of Transportation for the Army. Congratulations! Bob Booth has left CINCNELM in London and is headed for Atlanta where he will be with Hq Ga Sect Cmd, XII Corps. Harry Critz continues to command the Screaming Eagle Div (101 AB) at Ft. Campbell. Bob Tucker left Lexington, Ky., and is back at AFSC in Norfolk again. Gene Walter is finally managing to get out of Washington. He has been assigned to IV Corps, with station at Jacksonville, Fla.

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Incidentally, John Williamson is Dep Cdr, IV Corps, but he hangs out in Birmingham.

Ralph Haines and Jim Alger have both shown up for new jobs in Washington. Ralph is Asst C/S for Force Development; Jim is in ODCSOPS. Norm Skinroad has been reassigned from Naples to DASA, here in Washington. The Warren Everetts, now in Vicksburg, have announced the wedding of their daughter Judith Ann in late June. Jeff and Charlotte Rumsey took a month's trip in the South last winter—Mardi Gras and everything included, as it suited their fancy. While on the trip they saw the Gees, Halls, Bidgoods, and Sinclairs. Jeff is retiring this summer at Ft. Meade and will move to Silver Spring, Md.

Seth Weld has departed his air defense brigade in New Jersey and should be in Korea by now. Hoot Gibson has added his second star. He and Stumpy Haug are trying to keep the Army Materiel Command on course. Armo Armogida is now CO of Nurnberg Post in Germany. Baldy Bare left Riley for a new assignment at Ft. Stewart, Ga. Tommy Gent is now the Dep Cdr, JTF4, at Ft. Monroe. I see by the press that Ken Curtis was called in to serve as military aide to the President of India during the latter's recent state visit to the US. Jimmy Adams is headed for the west coast, finally, going to duty at Ft. Ord, I think. Ray Pillivant is about to complete work on his Master's at George Washington and hopes to teach math in Massachusetts this fall. Johnny Wright and family are en route to new station at San Antonio, Tex.

About all the news I have for this issue. Good luck to all of you.

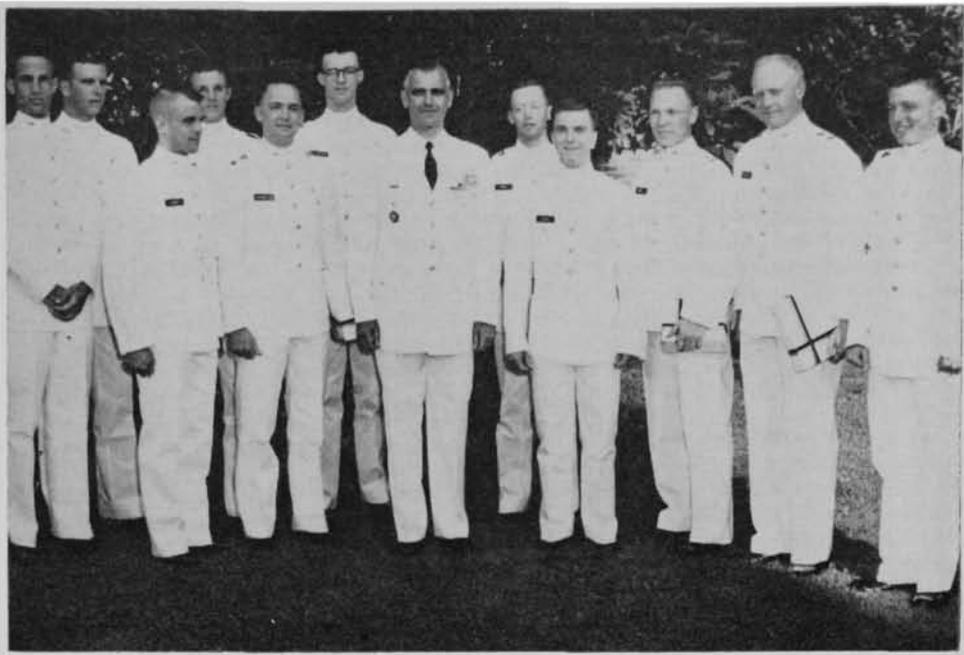
'36

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Who hasn't, at least once in this life time indulged in such "vagaries" as: suppose I could have known 30 years ago what I know now? This is the way you would have played the game. On an autumn S.I. (Saturday Inspection) in Central Barracks, you—anonymous, you—would stride up to the Com (probably Simon B.) and say, "I have something of importance to reveal about your new Plebe Class. Please follow me, Colonel!" Forthwith, you would pass down the line of companies until you reached "c." You'd approach the first squad, rear rank, stop in front of one red headed file with neck w-a-a-y back. "Mr. Dumbjohn, where'll you be 29 years from today?" Of course, in your reverie, no one can divine the answer. You move to the next Plebe. Same question. Then the next Fourth Classman—same question. Then with obvious concern at the gross indifference and complete lack of knowledge of these men, you turn to S.B. with a haughty look of disapproval. "Well!" you explode, "for the benefit of all, let me make an announcement. This man here in less than 3 decades will become the president of one of the South's largest steel plants and will be making equipment to send man to the moon! This next man will become one of the youngest and the 45th Superintendent of this Academy. The next man will succeed him as the 46th Superintendent. I can go on and on, Colonel, but my time is short. I suggest you train these young men well." End of vision.

Needless to say, only once before have classmates relieved each other as Supe—in June 1916. It is a tremendous omen and reaffirmation of the greatness of the Class of

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1936: Sons of '36

1936 and we are tremendously proud of Westy's unforgettable mark and we look forward to more of the same from Jim Lampert, the newest and 46th Supe.

Westy, of course, takes over as XVIII A/B Corps CG at Bragg with a 3rd star. I believe Ben Evans will assist him. Additional last minute orders—before ASSEMBLY deadline—Holtens return to Infantry Center at Benning from Korea. They have made this route so many times they're beginning to revise that old "saw", "Was this trip really necessary?" Ted Klock leaves Washington for Engineer post, First Army, N.Y. I forgot to mention that Bob Kessler is coming back to Redstone to be with NASA, and Foster Furphy is retiring. Of course, you know my source of information is none other than that blonde "goody," V.P., who denounced me with blandishments for quoting her as my source so often. Altho I appreciate her modesty, my love for her Duty, Effort, and Class Spirit outweighs her request for oblivion. She also stated that Bill Conner will take hubby Pete's old assignment as 32d Arty Brig. in Germany.

A number of June weddings have taken place, among which a few were newly graduated (USMA '63) Holterman and Hartman, and MIT Jim Lampert. To all—the class blessings.

According to Gil Dorland, Westy's usual turnout for '36 and its graduating sons, was "unmatchable." Besides parents, the Chaplears came on from California. Daddy Broyles came through Atlanta and called in May; then later called from Raleigh several times without "us" getting together. Finally he resorted to the old "faithful five" center.

Congratulations and best wishes were conveyed from us to our West Point lieutenants who graduated. These proud and important young men are Bob Drain, Charles Hartman, John Dorland, Larry Janof, and Gordy Holterman. We had no sons graduating at the other Academies this year, but two of the sons above have had brothers at the Academies already.

The Class is still climbing into the "stars;" we are proud of Abe who gets three, two each for Bev Powell, Ben Evans, and Ike Smith, and so that no one thinks we're getting too old to join the select group of generals, Randy Dickens got his promotion to brig-

adier. Maybe you-all saw a most unusual pic of Jack Kelly getting "pinned" (for his second star) by two chiefs of staff.

The Class mourns the loss of our illustrious and most versatile friend, staunch supporter and classmate, Dr. Phil Cary Whitehead. He and some others were apparently drowned on a very dangerous body of water near Seldovia, Alaska. He was on a fishing excursion 27 Mar when the accident occurred. Phil and his wife, who was also a doctor, moved from Virginia recently to establish a much-in-demand clinic in Alaska. Phil leaves behind—in addition to his widow—four lovely children whose pictures I see every year at Christmas when the Whitehead card arrives. Phil left the Army shortly after graduation and was one of the very few paratroop marines. Later he took up medicine which he has practised many years. The Class made a gift—at the request of his family—to the School of Medicine at the U. of Va., Anyone wishing to contact the family may do so in care of Chatham, Va.

Abe will relieve Mike as V Corps Commander this summer. He was again a visitor to the South in May in connection with "federal and state government" matters. He was in Birmingham this time.

Received some choice travelogue from Joyce; all about Austins arrival at Fontainebleau and describing items like the "dog sitter," which those of us who NEVER would get to France—would never hear about. You may remember that Joyce first described several years ago "space-available air" which the Austins used and which lead the way for many others enjoying this most unusual benefit.

Guess Don Bodine will miss the 50th's climate as he reports to the Sig Chief's office, D.C. In May, Bob Burnett wrote from Western Springs, Ill., that he'd been in correspondence with Ed Leach—"Mr. Big" in the hotel biz. Bob said his health hadn't been up to snuff and that he was going to Washington to get a thorough check-up. Adam Buynoski has left Monroe after many years there (almost as many as Tom Cooke's) and has been reassigned to VI Corps, Battle Creek, Mich.

Dave Chaffin left Pentagon for Engineer assignment in Mediterranean; Italy being his

new Hq. Bub Clark left the "swivel for the saddle" as he departed AF personnel to take command of 313th Air Div in Pacific. With his excellent background in Spanish affairs—as well as leadership, south-of-the-border politics, etc.—Jack and Lucy Chiles swapped command at Hood for diplomat at Mexico City. The Daltons were host for a gathering of the clan at Andrews on 25 May. All of us who weren't there missed "a big thing"! Eddie Dunn moved across country from Colorado to an assignment at the Armed Forces College at Norfolk. Jack Daly, too, left "troops" for school when he went from GM Brigade to Asst Com at Army Air Defense School at Bliss. Saw a photo of Ben Davis on a weapons tour at Vandenberg, Calif. Ben doesn't seem to look any older than he appeared 25 years ago. Dawalt had to leave his Okinawa roost and return to you-know-where—Pentagon at DASA.

Although I guess we thought it couldn't happen again, it has! There's a new class son chez Ellerts. Little Eddie arrived in Jan 63 and if he does "what his daddy used to do," it's very possible that some of his daddy's classmates' sons' sons will rank him. Larry is with the Case Institute of Technology in Cleveland, Ohio. He said that Westy delivered a stirring address to educators and businessmen in that city in April. Bill Haseke said that Bill Steele visited the Finance Center in May and also made an impressive appearance. Dutch Hartman honored me (also flattered me) with a phone call from Washington in May. She was looking forward to (1) the Daltons' party (2) her son's USMA graduation and (3) his marriage. She indicates that she is holding a good civil service position in Washington. Also stated that she saw Atlantan Jane deLesdernier who was up for arrival of a granddaughter. A not-too-long-ago distaff portrait of Engineer wives showed three from the illustrious Class—namely Lampert, McElheny, and Harvey. Still another Asst school Comdt is Ray Harvey who assumes that title at Belvoir after his return from Eighth Army in Korea.

Just in case someone should say that it's easy for Army brats to go to West Point and that Army folk send all their kids there 'cause it's the only place available, let me

tell you a story: Unlike the allegation, the Kesslers—like quite a number of others I could name—have been trying for some time to get son Bob up the Hudson. Well, come July, he's in! Maggie K. was so elated, so up-in-the-air with joy that she probably bought 300 4c post cards and wrote everybody the good news. But being all excited, she forgot to whom she mailed them. Any of you who didn't hear from her, the probable reason is that some of us got more than one—I did. Or could it be, she was just emphasizing her joy? The Kimballs report being grandparents down at Macon, Gorg-ah, suh! to a filly by their best mare, that is!

Jim Landrum has written several times in connection with Phil Whitehead. Jim was quite close to the accident and offered what assistance he could, up in Alaska. Ike Smith is returning to the Pentagon from Germany; will be in Army Materiel Command. Jimbilly Leer finally got me five members' pictures at Founder's Day at Monroe. The group should have included Punsalan, Buynoski, Faiks, Beard, Evans, Illig, Dickens, and Leer. Jimbilly is now at MAAG UK.

Mike writes on his departure from V Corps to new address at Izmir. He'll have Allied Land Forces job. He said that Wert Williams, presently Seventh Army G-1, should be due for a rotation soon. He reports that Art Jacoby is C/S of 4th Log Command at Verdun (I'm not guaranteeing that this IS where he is, mind you, I'm just saying Mike said so. Between Maggie Kessler, Ginny Persons, and Mike—Career Management had better check into Art Jacoby's status!) Mike also said he had a briefing from Ken Tiffany who is Seventh's QM.

Eddie Miles wrote that the Kinards had stopped by to see them on way to Iran. Miles are civilians at Solvang, Calif. Bill Prince let me know from Thailand that his new domicile will be as Senior Army Advisor NG, Boise, Idaho. The Saffords left Sill for Hood—maybe replacing Jack Chiles. On the eve of departure for DCS/M, USAF at Wiesbaden, Norm Spencer said Cec Combs is last 'mate left at Wright-Pat. He said Cecil has "made" the Air Force Institute of Technology. There's no doubt that Norm is right and, if anything, this is a gross understatement

of how much our brilliant classmate has done in moulding and building this unique school among all branches of the Services. Norm also stated that a most attractive wife of a young lieutenant in his command was Ham Morris' daughter, pretty Polly Jo. Hand-some Howie Snyder's picture appeared in recent news at Governors Island, N.Y., where he's been C/S of First Army quite a while. It was noted that a new vestryman at St. David's Episcopal Church, Washington, is our Bill Steele. Received a note from the class treasurer, Ben Turnage. He's in Joint Chiefs still.

Hope that everybody has a pleasant vacation—and if not—at least an enjoyable summer. Also hope that long-missing star catches up to the man at the Point.

'37

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Everyone must be busy getting ready to move, for I did not receive many letters bringing us up to date on the various activities of the Class. The Class Spring Party in Washington was held on 24 May 63 and attended by 45 people. The following classmates and their wives attended: Cone, Underwood, Hines, Pearsall, Hall, Eubank, Ostrander, Sloan, Palmer, Williams, Hobbs, (from Maryland Eastern Shore), Walker, Low, Graham, Dougan, Stumph (Fort Lee), Byroade, Shive, Skeldon, Leist, Whitesell. In addition, the following came: Betty Spengler, Bob Herman, and Bill Maxwell. The Cocktail-Buffer Party was held at the Army-Navy Country Club and appeared to be enjoyed by everyone.

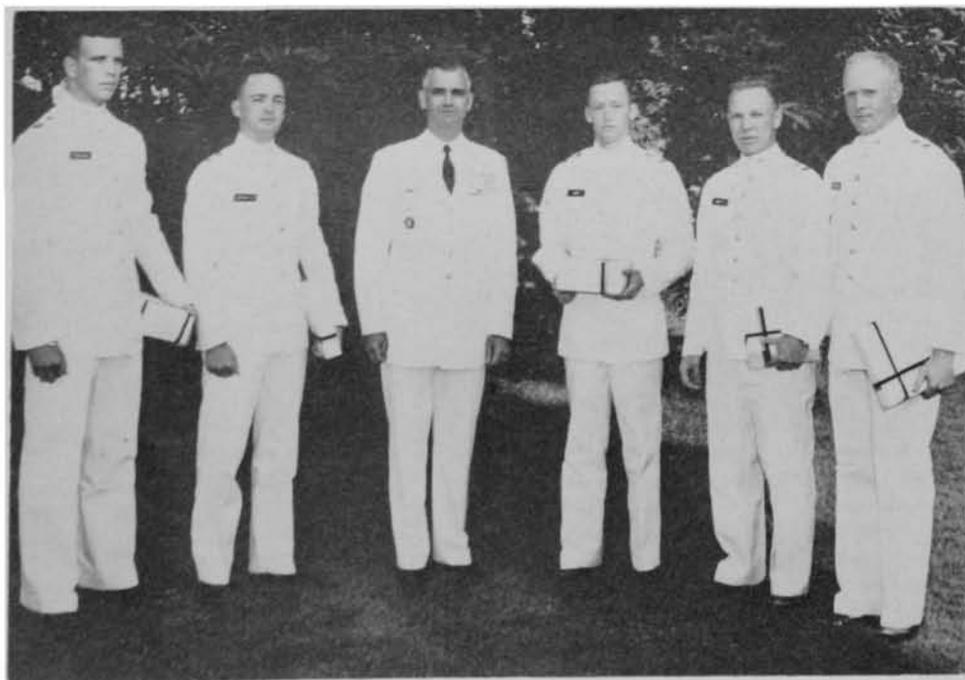
The Acting President of the Washington contingent, Nils Ohman, missed the party, as he was in the hospital recovering from too much work in the Pentagon.

The last Class Luncheon to be held in the Washington area until fall was held on Wednesday, 26 Jun 63, at the Army-Navy Country Club. One of the orders of business was my replacement as the Acting Secretary. I am regretfully leaving the active service and the Washington area. Curt Low was unanimously elected as the new acting Class Secretary. Please send him the latest news so he can prepare the next column which will be due about the middle of September. His address is 3601 N. Abingdon St., Arlington 7, Virginia.

On the Saturday before Easter, a refurbished Revolutionary War Cannon in memory of Hank Spengler was officially presented to the Academy by the 32d Artillery Brigade and certain members of the class of '37. The Superintendent accepted the gift on behalf of the USMA and Pop Metz delivered a fine eulogy. It was a very impressive ceremony and one that will be long remembered by those in attendance. Betty Spengler and her three fine sons were in attendance as well as many classmates and the Cadet Sons of '37. Among the former were Monty Montgomery, secretary of the Army War College, but soon to be transferred to the Defense Intelligence Agency in the Pentagon. Bob Stumpf came up from Ft. Lee, Virginia; Randy Hines, Finn Unger, Eph Graham and Martin Green attended from the Washington group. Hal and Bitts Hallock from Pennsylvania; and the Posheng Yens from N.Y.C. Incidentally, Randy will leave this summer for Carlisle Barracks where he will be the Deputy Post Commander.

Giles Evans usually can be counted upon

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1936: Sons of '36, Class of '63, receive class gifts from Maj. Gen. W. C. Westmoreland '36. Left to Right: Dorland, Hartman, Gen. Westmoreland, Drain, Janof, Holterman.

to furnish information on classmates and this time he has forwarded a newspaper photo of Westy Westover with the comment that he looks well. Doug Quandt writes cryptically that he is in Omaha, and is somewhat confused over keeping his class dues straight, a problem that bothers all of us. Leroy and Louise Lutes write from Quarters 40, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland. Bud Hines writes from Heidelberg that the West Point Reunion Dinner, held on 15 Mar, was represented by only two classmates: Ed Richardson and himself. Ed Richardson is PIO for USAREUR and Bud is G-2 of CENTAG. George Murray dropped Diercks a note recently—he lives at 21 Sunset Road, Darien, Conn. Dick Clark, on the last report, was still with Headquarters, USAFE Services, San Antonio, Tex. Wilbur Davis wrote from Sandia Base, N. M. At the time of the Spring Party, a large scouting event in Washington prevented several from attending. Among these were Luke and Florence Hoska and the Fred Clarks.

Howie Smalley is at the Presidio as Dep Comdr of the 15th Corps. This is his second recent assignment to the Presidio, and how fortunate he and Peg are. He writes that there are 11 of the Class of '37 in the San Francisco Bay area: Chapman, Compton, Forney, Magoffin, Nance, Porterfield, Ressegeiu, Seaman, Tincher, Young and Smalley. Howie is on the Board of Governors of the Bay Area Chapter of the West Point Associates. The Smalley welcome mat is out for any classmates coming through San Francisco. He writes also that he recently saw Bill Travis who is living in the Seattle area.

Bob Seedlock wrote a letter full of news to Choppy. Tense is back on her feet after a series of serious operations. Bob has seen Fred Ressegeiu, Doug Quandt, and Bud and Mary Hines in Omaha recently. Obie Oberdeck, Monk Meyer and Bob recently dedicated an Army dam in Kansas. There must be a lot of activity in Omaha! Bob makes the trip to Washington occasionally and the last time, Tense accompanied him.

Other news may be a repetition for those of you who read every word the the *Army-Navy Journal* or the *Army Times*. Bob Herman is leaving the Washington area for Columbus, Ohio, to be Commander of the Defense Construction Support Center. The Class is sorry to learn of the death of Bob's wife. Day Surles is going from Naples to Heidelberg this summer. Noel Menard is retiring, as are Bill Strandberg, Bill Chase, and Meyer Edwards. I hope they will write and tell us what they are doing and give us a current address. Ed Broadhurst is going to Korea as CofS of US Forces and the United Nations Command. Jim Skeldon is moving from Deputy J5 of JCS to Ft. Polk as CG.

Gene Stann and his wife recently announced the engagement of their daughter, Carol Marie, to Lt. Hodson of the Air Force. The wedding is planned for August.

Frank Taylor is moving from Headquarters, USAREUR to the Office of the Army CofS. I understand he will become director of Army Programs. Joe Chabot is going from Headquarters, Second Army, to Headquarters, Third Army. Kelsie Reeves returned from Europe to the JCS, and Bud Teeter is being assigned to the Directorate of Personnel and Training, DSA. We enjoyed seeing Kelsie at the Class luncheon. Chester Johnson is returning from Mexico where he was Army Attaché, and going to Camp Carson, Colo. Moe Preston is moving from Vandenberg to the 17th Strategic Aerospace Div, SAC. Ed Spaulding is moving from Oklahoma City to

Headquarters, Fourth Army Recruiting District, Ft. Sam Houston. Tom Neier is moving from ARADCOM to Army Materiel Command, Washington. Pony Scherrer is going to the First Armored Div, Ft. Hood. I believe Pony is now in Cambodia. Fred Clark, who was Engineer Commissioner of the District of Columbia, will remain in Washington and be assigned as Chief of Military Construction in the Office of the Chief of Engineers. Jack Tolson has returned from Ethiopia and taken over Delk Oden's job as Chief of the Aviation Directorate in the Office of the Dep CofS, Operations, Army.

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Having just taken over as the new scribe for the Class of '38 I am in a bad way. I was not able to get up to USMA for our 25th, so I am trying to get the news by picking the minds of some of the Washington contingent who did get up. If I miss somebody or something, please be forgiving and chalk it up to the fuzzy memories of some of us.

First, it appears that almost 60 of us made it for at least part of the activities. Apparently the picnic at Buckner was the highlight of the reunion with plenty of thick steaks and good cheer. To make things realistic, the weather gave forth with a few showers to give everyone that old familiar, wet, soggy feeling. This apparently was not enough for Nick Chavasse who went swimming (unintentionally) in the lake both before and after the picnic and then with Curly Harvey's help took three hot showers. To avoid the dampness, it was reported, Peetee and Marion Preuss slept in the car. The picnic, the Supe's reception, and the dinner dance at the Thayer all added up to a very busy weekend.

Now, who was there and what did they say? The largest group, as could be expected, was from Washington. These included with wives, Andy Anderson, Ed Bailey, John Boyt, Nick Chavasse, Trevor Dupuy, Curly Harvey, Mike Hayes, Willy Langford, Mac McHaney, Art Maloney, Dave Sherrard, WW Smith, Ben Sternberg, Swede Swenson, Jesse Thomas, and Butch Blanchard, Bob Kasper, Jim Mazek, Des Brown, and Bob Hill solo.

Now for those stationed outside of Washington:

Ken and Betty Mearns enroute to Germany (3d Armd Div) with two kids and three dogs. Birdsey Learman, gentleman farmer, and Jane, up from Chestertown, Md.

Bob Kuhn and wife in from Fairborn, Ohio, where he is a sports car dealer.

Lloyd and Kitty Johnson up from Warner Robbins AFB on 30 days leave and enroute to the West Coast to see their first grandchild.

Hope and Andy Lipscomb on way to new assignment in Alaska.

Art Collins (about to get second star) and Nim up from STRICOM. Art is on orders to join OPO.

Alice Stillwell about to join Pinky in Vietnam.

Vic Warren and wife down from Ithaca. Si and Elaine Sinnreich from Long Island where he works for Republic Aviation.

Merrick Bayer up from San Antonio with family in home trailer.

Chum Morrison—PAS&T at Rutgers.

Will Walsh—Still a bachelor and college professor at St. Joseph's College in Indiana.

Tony Chanco and wife made it back from the Philippines where he is in the construction

business after having attained rank of Maj Gen, Chief of Engineers, Philippine Army.

Alan Seff up from New York City.

Bob Snider flew up from Maxwell Field.

Freddie and Rosemary Dean from Waco, Tex.

Keith and Margie Kincaid drove in from Sunnyvale, Calif.

Dow and April Adams came from Ft. Ord to see their son Peter, the only class son to graduate this year, receive the class plate.

Willie Weissinger up from Huntsville, Ala.

Cozy and Roz Pitchford from Columbus, Ohio, where Cozy is with North American Aviation.

Paul and Peggy Davis up from Columbia U.

Dallas and Mabel Haynes enroute from Korea to Colorado Springs.

Carl Dapprich and wife over from Valley Forge Military Academy.

Harvey and Peg Barnard from Utica, N. Y., where Harvey is still with Mohawk Airline.

Frank and Marion Glace in from Philadelphia. Frank was busy taking photos for our class book.

Hank and Jean Crouch who drove over from nearby Stewart AFB.

Paul Cornwall came up from Florida where he is with the Martin Co. in Orlando.

Jack and Mary Jacunski also up from Florida. They are still at the U. of Fla.

Ward and Margaret Ryan drove over from Carlisle where Ward is Dep Comdt.

Mert and Jean Singer came up from Governors Island.

Let us not forget the people now at West Point—John Jannarone, Mick Amick, Fred Lough, and George Bixby. Fred and George were our committee in charge of arrangements and did a wonderful job. Many thanks.

'39

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OCLL, OSA
Washington 25, D. C.

In this final column of the year, it seems best to begin with thanks for the single correspondent who has responded lately to our numerous pleas for news. Happy Serrem writes from Carmel, Calif., that Don left for Korea in May and has an Ord Gp until September, when he moves to Seoul. She says that she is durationing in Carmel, where Sybil Conner and Ruth White are in the same boat. The Don Millers are living there, too. A number of others are on their way to Korea as well: Art Reed departs Ft. Banks in July and will be followed in August by Jimmy Collins from the Defense Language Institute here in Washington, Lee Webster from the Army Materiel Command, and Casper Clough from the U. of Dayton, Ohio. Casper is joining KMAG, but is not taking his family.

Other travelers bound overseas include Ken Scott, who is giving up his job as PMS, U. of Wis., for an assignment in Hq USA Ryukyu Islands, Okinawa, in August. He will be joined in September by Bill Reilly, presently assigned to CINFO, DA, who will become information coordinator to the High Commissioner of the Ryukyu Islands. Steve Farris makes a long safari from Ft. Ord Calif., to Ft. Gordon, in July and then on to CENTAG, Germany, in October. Chuck Medinnis gets sprung from Springfield Armory for a billet in France for the summer, and even that hardy perennial of SAC, Jim Knapp, will be pried out of his civil engineering directorship at Offut AFB for a tour as Cmdr of the 16th AF in Spain. Sid Martin moves on a little farther to the Eng Div Mediterranean, Italy, in

July from the Corps of Engineers Ballistic Missile Construction Office in Rapid City, S. Dak. Ray Janowski, now at Ft. Sheridan, Ill., has drawn one of those jack-pot assignments in Germany in July. The last of the overseas travelers we know of at the moment is Bob Coleman, who will exchange the warm weather of Ft. Campbell for the clouds of mosquitoes in Alaska in July.

As for returnees from the far places. Ben Miller loses command of the 4310 Air Div in Morocco to assume command of the 817 Air Div at Pease AFB, N. H.; that probably winds up things for Morocco. The rest of the AF types seem only to be changing offices at the moment: P. D. Wynne moved up in the office of the Asst CofS for Intelligence, HQ USAF, to Dep ACS in April; and Jack Samuel left Joint Task Force 8 for the Special Investigations Group, HQ USAF, as IG in June. Will close out the AF news now by admiring their perspicacity in awarding their Legion of Merit to Woody Wilson, now CofS at Ft. Belvoir, for his performance as director of construction of the Atlas F. Bases. Congratulations, Woody, for helping out the Air Force so well.

Congratulations are also in order to Tom Dolvin on his recent selection for another star and to Ray Marlin and Charlie Duke for being tapped as BG's. Charlie is entering the political arena as engineer commissioner of the District of Columbia, so Bunch may not see much more of him than if he had remained in Korea. A final accolade is due Bernham Batson, who is managing the Chicago branch office of the Connecticut General Life Insurance Co.; that branch won the Company's "Outstanding Agency Award" for 1962, having placed 16 million dollars of new life insurance in force during the year.

Turning to stateside reassignments, Bob Camp left the faculty at the Army War College for the Office of Reserve Components in the Pentagon in April. Riel Crandall reports to Mike Davison at West Point after finishing his tour at Ft. Benning. Benning is also losing Lou Kunzig and Ray Marlin this summer: Lou enters the New Frontier factory at Harvard for an international relations seminar before joining the faculty of the Army War College, and Ray joins the office of the Chief of Research and Development, Pentagon, in July. Bill Price escapes the Pentagon for a job in the Army Security Agency, Arlington Hall Station, in June, and Phil Davidson ducks out of the office of the Secretary of Defense for a faculty position in the Intelligence School

at Ft. Devens this summer. Our gift to the Navy, Bob Cassidy, winds up his tour at the Naval War College to rejoin the Army at Ft. Rucker, Ala., in August. And Jack Norris relinquishes command of Camp Wolters, Tex., to do his flying on the staff of the Asst Secretary of the Army for Financial Management in September.

Among the visitors to the Pentagon during the Commanders' Conference at the end of April were Danny Nolan, G-3 of Fifth Army, Sailor Byrne, Dep CofS of Fourth Army, Sterling Johnson, G-3 of Fourth Army, and Max Cochran, who is in the comptroller business at Sixth Army.

We were shocked when Glad Hill, Bob's wife, died suddenly after a very short siege of Rocky Mountain spotted fever in April here in Washington. Glad had been bitten by a tick and had developed symptoms so similar to virus flu that her illness was not diagnosed until it was too late to save her. She had not realized that the tick bite was involved. She will be sorely missed in the Washington contingent.

On a somewhat brighter note, Seth Hudgins gave us a scare in April by having to reenter the hospital, but it turned out to be nothing connected with his heart condition, and he is well again.

On the brightest note of all, your scribe has graduated with the rest of the happy people this summer to a position of comparative ease by finding a replacement to hack out this column. The most worthy replacement will be Dick Morrison, who will be most happy to hear from as many of you as can find the time to help him out. Au Revoir.

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This is the time for brooding and looking through a glass darkly. I am not sure what that last means but when one does not have what is known as "copy" or "material," one must depend upon a literary ploy to get into orbit.

So though the glass darkly it is and this is what I see:

Graduation in the Class of 1963 of Victor Bunze and Steve Silvasy, the first sons of the Class of 1940 to graduate. For the record, we have the following in the Class of 1964: George Egner (Stablein's son), Bernard Ferry, Peter Gleszer, R.L. Shoemaker, Glenn

Wilderman, and Harold Winton. In the Class of 1965: K.M. Lemley, David V. Masttran, S.R. Morrissey, Richard Sullivan, and Roderick Wetherill. In the Class of 1966: David Crocker, Michael Fellenz, Frank Meszar, James L. White, Robert B. Williams, and Michael Wynne.

Joe Hardin is QM US Army Communications Zone, Europe, and Ross Milton moves from APO 74 SF to FPO 128 SF as DCS/Plns & Opns. Hank Arnold joins other members of the Arnold family in christening the USAFS *General H.H. Arnold*, the world's most modern missile tracking ship. Ray Clock to Germany. Rod Wetherill selected for BG.

Bob Delaney to AWC at Carlisle and Ed Fitzpatrick to 1st Armd Div at Hood. Walt Gunster to the Pentagon and Dean Benson to JUSMAG, Thailand. Swampy Marsh to Korea. Dennis Barton to TUSLOG APO 663, N.Y. Bob Williams turns author with article for 27 Apr issue of *J&R*. It's official now and you can call Penny, Cassidy, and Cagwin *General*. Thad Floryan from Germany to Ft. Bliss. Clapsaddle to command 52d Arty Brigade.

Sid Fisher assigned as E/O to SHAPE Air Deputy L/Gen Robert M. Lee. Two new advisors to AF Academy were in action in early June. Mrs. Robert Warren and Mrs. Robert Strong head committee of 35 Academy wives to provide information to groups of brides-to-be of the Class of 1963. The "Golden Brides" get a diploma asserting that they have been introduced to the mystery and reality of an Air Force wife.

Sam Goodwin to National War College. Jim Greene from Germany to Port Washington, N. Y. Murphy to Monroe and Hennessey to U. of Fla. at Gainesville. Larry Forbes from Monmouth to APO 20 SF.

What to do about a yearbook? Some want 25-year book, some a 30-year book, and some want nothing. Since there are a number of the Class gathered in the Pentagon we are running a survey. If you want to be counted write me and indicate: Whether you wish a 25, 30, or no Reunion year book. If you indicate that you want a 25-year book please indicate further whether you will support it financially (minimum charge \$15 per copy) and whether you will submit pictures and biographical data. Any remarks or suggestions also welcome. The staff of the 15-year book is farflung but can do. I'm on my island, Orman in Rio, and Deems and Wermuth are in France. Will give you a report in next column.

Don Yeuell (Ret) has been named Exec Advsr to William Ritter, VP of North American Aviation's Autometrics Division's Eastern Region. Sid Bingham still jumping out of airplanes. Commands 2d ABC 504th Inf at Ft. Bragg. Urey Alexander assigned to SHAPE. Shoss in Heidelberg. Carnahan from AWC to Korea. Graf selected for BG. Sam Patten, known to me as loyal contributor, leaves Europe for AWC. Wally Clement to CO 14th Armd Cav Regiment APO 26, NY. Joe Couch in Okinawa still. Tony Wermuth is the new CO of the 24 Inf Div's 1st Brigade. Paul Deems assigned Program Div SHAPE. Lee Bell in Log Command, Orleans, France. Bill Clay with ammunition depot near Bordeaux. Bill Bennett is Stuttgart Post CO. Vic Conley commands 2d BG at Schwienfurt. Ford Fuller in SETAF Hq in Verona. Mandell is Post CO at Bad Kreuznach. Hank Miley new Ordnance officer USAREUR. Art Nelson is Seventh Army QM at Stuttgart. Freddy White commands 1st ABC, 505th Inf, Mainz. Woodward commands Combat Command B of the 3d Armd Div at Gelnhausen. Gasperini in



1940: Class of 1940 presented silver trays to its first two graduate sons—Class of 1963. Left to Right: Colonel Bunze, Cadet Bunze, Colonel Adams, Cadet Silvasy, Ann Silvasy, Colonel Silvasy.

Munich. Don **Baumer**, who sends the information above, is the European manager of Mutual of N.Y. He spreads his charm over West Germany, France, Italy, Spain, and the United Kingdom.

In the late May mail came a welcome letter from Mrs. Harold W. James of Carol Drive, Norwalk, Conn., who reports that her granddaughter and Joe Cole's daughter Carolyn Jo has just finished her junior year at Vassar. "Cali" is a lovely girl and the Class of 1940 would be proud of her, reports Mrs. James. Which brings up a point. We are always looking for reports, letters, or information concerning our classmates who have passed on. Please write me for you may be sure we are always interested and this column is available to pass on the information.

Also in the May mail came my annual report on the Washington dinner. Since reading of the actual billet doux enclosed defies one with normal perception, I do have a translation from Jim Milner who apparently was driving. Such report states that a good time was had by all, which is probably the understatement of the year.

I thoroughly recommend the Orman Arms in Rio de Janiero should you be passing through. It is here that you change your dollars to the local currency at the dressmakers and you have to send a cable to get the refrigerator repair man. You get pills at the Embassy and can go swimming in the front yard. No credit cards accepted or needed. When in Rio it's the Orman Arms.

Last item from the southwest. Tom Hargis in Tucson, and now a practicing attorney, tells the story to Don Robinson of the *Arizona Star* of his capture of the Lipizzaner mares and their German grooms. All this because Mr. Walt Disney has come up with a film called the *Miracle of the White Stallions*. To date Mr. Disney has not crossed the path of 1940 but if he does he will get short shrift from Tom. My reporter on the spot sends a quote after interviewing Tom which states: "I refuse to go see the *Miracle of the White Stallions*," said Tom *horsely*. The reporter: None other than Ray Downey who is retired and is operations officer for the local City-County Civil Defense Agency.

If people would send news I would not have to stoop to "Tom Swifties." See my address at head of this column.

'41

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Surely there is no leer like the leer of a Pentagonian upon greeting a new arrival. The intensity of the leer varies directly with the length of time since you were last assigned here. This is my first hitch! While driving to work at 5 miles per hour in my civilian suit at the wheel of my miniature car, I decided to take a fresh approach: I will start an "I Like it Here Club."

In spite of temperatures in the low 50's, a good crowd of stalwart '41-ers, wives, and kids assembled in Rock Creek Park for a picnic on 12 May. George and Ellen Stillson did an excellent job of preparing all the food. One of our leading industrialists, Jim Sykes and his lovely wife Ann were among the earliest arrivals. Cele and Roy Clinton had barely arrived when son James, age 6, managed to fall into the creek. Roy is bound for Europe, Hq CCB 4th Armor Div, APO 66, NY. Justine Tansey was there with the kids, sweating out Pat's return this summer from Korea. Bill and Marie Starr, Judy and

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Max Tyler, Laura and John Richards, Jack and Muriel Christensen, Nancy and Frank Stainback, Nancy and Bill Vaughan, Lucy and Jack Millikin, Jim and Irene Lancy, Lyman and Jane Faulkner, Ted and Caroline Brown, Willis and Tom Corbin, Bill and Marie Clifford, Fred and Mykie Stanford, Paul and Tressa Pigue, Jim and Ruth Forsythe, June and Wilson Reed, Pete and Tula Crow, Aileen and Howard Felchlin, Paul and Marcie Ramee, and Burt and Kay Andrus comprised the drill roll of couples. Stags besides Justine included Terry Chapman, Joan King, and Doris Lauterback (also sweating out Korea), and Arnie Phillips, who had to leave Lib home with the second team and the mumps. The center of attraction was the latest addition to the class family, Ann Fletcher, age 7 months. Charlie is reassigned to the 210th Arty Gp, APO 177, NY. Johnnie, looking as young as the teen-agers, had more baby sitters than she knew what to do with. I'm not sure I got all the kids, but the teen-agers included Mike King, Sandra Starr, Mike Romee, Lunsford Phillips, Sheryl Laney, Curt and Wendy Andrus, Cynthia and Aletha Corbin, Mark Clifford, and Leslie, Billie and Bill Brown. The other troops included Jane Clifford, Beth Corbin, Punky and Cheney Crow, Mary, James, and Margaret Fletcher, Marnie and Bobby Andrus, Patience Phillips, and June Reed.

Orders: George Brown to be Comdr, Eastern AF, MATS, with station at McGuire.

Elmer Yates to Engr Div N. Atlantic, Phila.
George McIntyre to Hq EUSA, APO 301, San Francisco.

Irv Perkin to OOAMA, Tinker AFB, Okla.
Fox Rhynard to be CofS of the Northern Command in Norway.

Rod O'Connor to be Air Attaché, Caracas, Venezuela.

Jim Laney has just moved up to be Dep J-1, Office of the Joint CofS.

John Locke moved up to be Dep Dir of Military Personnel, DCS/P.

Arnie Phillips, John Richards, Bill Gurnee, Ben Mayo, and Fred Stanford are putting in their papers for retirement.

On 16 May the Class convened in the Secretary of the Army's dining room (at Bill Gurnee's instigation) for a very sumptuous luncheon. The paid attendance included Moody, Clinton, Sykes, Faulkner, Stillson, Starr, Clifford, Smith (Brad), Reed, Ramee, Phillips, Woods, Easton, Gauvreau, Purdy, Forsythe, Gurnee, Andrus, Pigue, Coakley, Ellis (Harry H.), McClure, Fletcher, Woolwine, Yates, Laney, Marsh, Tyler, Lanigan, Tuttle, Kisiel, and Vaughan.

During the business meeting that followed, Bill Vaughan announced that the decision on graduating sons was to present a silver cigarette box appropriately engraved with the class crest of father and son.

The sad announcement was made that Dunc Brown is seriously ill with a variety of muscular dystrophy in Walter Reed. As this goes to press I checked and learned that he is making good progress. Molly and the kids are moving to a new address—2518 N. Harrison Street, Arlington, Va. You may write him there or at Walter Reed.

Other orders include Dave Woods to Hq Western Comm Region, AFCS, Hamilton AFB, Calif. Jack McClure is going to 3d AF, S. Ruyslip, England, APO 125, NY. A letter from Don McMillan, 4 Dupont Plaza, Ft. Bragg, relates that four of the stalwarts attended the Special Warfare School and he included a picture of five surprisingly young-looking men: Jess Unger, Moose Male,

Wendy Knowles, Mills Hatfield, and their host, Don. Jim Graham and Buck Buchanan are also at Bragg and Tuck Brown dropped by the other day from Aberdeen.

Ren Keleher wrote from the U. of Ark at Fayetteville to say that he is soon to be a schoolteacher. Haven't seen him, but a note on my desk announced that a Wray White has also taken up residence in these inversions. He is with the Air Guard Bureau as civil engineer.

Bits and pieces of news mostly from correspondence to our new secretary, Brad Smith, include the info that Bizz Moore will join the NATO Standing Group here, John Barney to ODCSPER, Bill Roton and Ed Rowny to OACSFOR, Wally Lauterbach to Arlington Hall, Pat Tansey and Ray Schnittke to Army Mat Comd, Gravelly Point, Tom Cleary to Bragg, Al Muzyk and Bob Salisbury are reported at Holabird, Paul Pigue to CINCPAC, Mo Molesky to Eustis along with Tidmarsh, Burnside Huffman to Vietnam, and Bob Samz to Belvoir.

Jim Roy writes:

"At Christmas time Biz and I had a few of the boys(?) in for libations. Bill Seawell, 'Fox' Rhynard Malcolm Troup, Malcolm Johnson, Lemoyne Michels, and Ben Spiller showed up with their beautiful wives. Appears to me as though the wives haven't aged, maybe they enjoy life more. It was a real treat to see Lemoyne and Raymes Michels, inasmuch as they have been civilians since 1946.

"I'll leave here on 8 Jun and take up residence in Rehoboth Beach, Del., on 16 Jun. I'll be in the real estate business working for the Mae Hall McCabe Agency, right on the main drag. There will be a lot of you in Washington and nearby environs who will be looking for a place to rest, relax, and recuperate. Rehoboth is but a short drive away, and I'll be most happy to assist any and all to find good rentals at a price they can afford. I will also establish a Class of '41 chapter and be available to discuss a grand place in which to retire."

Pooge Curtis, 2145 E. Ocean Blvd., Balboa, Calif., a big executive, was in town last week. He is his usual ebullient self, hard at work to see to it that the family buggies traveling the spaceways of the future are plainly marked Ford!

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Bless the cotton-pickin' li'l hearts of those who took my nagging to heart and spent a few minutes helping to fatten up our column for *your* benefit—as well as for the benefit of the many others who are interested in '42. May I suggest the motto "More Yet"—more news, please, from those who have helped, and more wrinkles from those who haven't!

Changes of assignment or station, in process or upcoming:

Wyley Baxter to JCS, Ken Charbonneau to OTIG, Jack Crowley to Supply & Maintenance Cmd, Bill Ford to DCSPER, Ink Gates to OPO, Jim Hayes to OSD, Stan Josephson to ICAF instead of AWC, Butch Offley to OCR&D, Eric Orme to DIA, Dick Reinbold to AF Plans, Cuth Reinert to DC-SOPS, Tom Rienzi to OSigO, and Ernie White also to OSD, to take care of the local scene. Bob Bringham joins the 1st Inf Div at Ft. Riley (those two Californians must have a real friend in OPO to get sent back to Kansas after a 1-year respite at Carlisle!),

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Dave Clagett is off to ALS, Bill Crosson goes to the 45th Arty Bgde at Arlington Heights, Ill., Fergy stays on the S&F at Carlisle, Charlie Hill goes to SHAPE, Chuck Howe gets a chance to disabuse the NWC and Newport of any false, unfavorable impressions left by Jack Barnes and Al Hunter and to sell the USAF doctrine, Bob Kates has had a reprieve to attend the AWC, Bill Kraft and Ted Marks are off to Germany, Jere Maupin leaves us for Paris to render aid and comfort to Gen. Lem, Pete Moody goes back to his job as Prof. of English at USAF Academy hoping he can justify that 2-year sabbatical in England, John Murphy joins TAC at Langley AFB, Floyd Robinson has orders to Norfolk—I think, Dick Scott is off to Wright-Patterson, Howie Slaton to Air Attaché in Uruguay, Jerry Snow to MAAG, Vietnam, Rollin Steinmetz to Hawaii, Bob Terry to Ft. Bragg, Carl Ulsaker to Korea, leaving the family here, Gene Weeks to Germany, and Andy Weigel to Ent AFB.

For any who may not have noticed the new star rising in the East (DC, to be precise), it belongs to Jack Crowley, our first Army nominee for BG and the fourth class goat in 50 years to attain such eminence. You lads in the First Section are going to have to put out a little harder if you're going to do for your caste what Jack and Lu Clay have done for the bottom 20!

Pushing hard on their heels are new Colonels Pete Florceruz, Duke Grimshaw, promoted into a new job in the office of Reserve Components, Grant Jones, Lin Jordan, Doug Murray, Ed Pezda (USAF), Bob Spilman, leaving us for the 5th Inf Div at Ft. Carson, and Pat Timothy.

Heeding the call of greener or wider or softer pastures are Joe Hennessee, Chief Lumpkin, Bill Morgan (all set to teach math at NMMI in Roswell—if you want to make a *real* contribution to your Alma Mammy, switch some of Navy's scholarship athletes our way, Bill!), and Bill Warren.

Crit wrote that all is creative confusion in their household and that GRAND SLAM II had involved Eric Orme on the umpiring staff, Joe Morey on JCOC, Crit and Jack Davies in G-3 and G-2 CENTAG, and Bob Clagett in G-3, Seventh Army. The first four mentioned plus Miles Wachendorf were also together for Founder's Day frolicking.

Joe Cannon confirmed his plans to retire 31 Aug and promises to continue his almost unique efforts (dig!) to contribute to the column with whatever tidbits he can scrape up from the San Jose-Santa Clara area.

Al Hunter wrote that the pace at Newport had been a bit too strenuous for the Hunter and Barnes families. Al had a double hernia repaired, Jack a single, and both Mary and Nancy indulged themselves in a bit of fancy stitching. All are now back to square dancing, but I take the above as complete justification for my indulging in more sedentary recreation! Jack goes to the 7th Div and gets a Brigade, Al takes over the 36th Arty Group which is composed of all kinds of heavy stuff. The two of them were up to their ears as committee chairmen for the Global Strategy Discussion Week and preparations to move. Thirteen-year-old Jim Hunter had just made Eagle Scout, and Al had the privilege at a most impressive ceremony of pinning on his old Eagle badge—and Jim, that's an *old* Eagle! Jack Cockrill was due to stop by on his way to California from Paris in early June.

Fred Rosell sent a note of thanks for the plaque given him by the Class in recognition of his major contribution to our solidarity

through the medium of the "Thames Turbulence." He was to receive his M.S. in electrical engineering in June and then look for a place to put all that knowledge to use. Fred also passed along the very sad news of the death of Dick Field's lovely wife Anne. John Atwood, who timed his 2 weeks of active duty for a Class luncheon, advised that because of her previous bout with polio, Anne just didn't have the strength to throw off an illness from which she might well have recovered otherwise. Our deepest sympathy to you and your attractive daughter, Dick.

Jim Studer returned the poopsheet for ASSEMBLY-REGISTER OF GRADUATES which I had forwarded to him, with the admonition that we not foot the bill, that later on he could probably handle it, etc. etc. At this distance from Collegeville, I'm pretty brave so we've gone ahead with his subscription as planned. Of course I'm counting on Rienza, Flanagan and a few others to intercede for me if Jim tries to slip a reprimand through the Methodist chain of command!

Tom Trainer has changed his address to Grand Prairie, Tex., from the Virgin Islands. Such a change would only make sense to Margaret Bolton or Millie Marks so please explain why, Tom!

Bud Ryder was back from Paris with some bigwigs in late May, to the physical detriment of the Boltons. He and Caldly are most elated over son Skip having made the Junior National Honor Society. Fran Roberts and I got Bud and Don on the golf course and dipped into their pockets a bit before putting Bud on the plane for home.

Comes the bad news, third hand, that Garrard Foster was so impressed with the attention given Harv Shelton that he decided to come down with ticker trouble, too. The word is that the worst is over and that he'll probably be flown back to Walter Reed shortly. Harv and Sissy are freshly back from a pleasant vacation and all goes well with them.

Bill Gernert was here in late March bragging about how the "Old Fox" had hornswoggled the young whippersnappers and finished as runner-up in the Sandia Base squash tournament. After sneaking into the Andrews AFB Hospital to be Harv's first visitors and feeding Barbara at the club, we shanghai'd Sissy and went to see Diana Reinbold, Dick being conveniently away on the NWC trip. Five minutes later came a long distance call from Sandia and there was that super-sleuth Mary. She knows that boy so well!

Saw Ted Marks and Bill Shedd while the Army Commanders were here. Barbara and I had a good visit with Bill during the course of a tea (ugh!) at Army Distaff Hall. Bill and Kitty are due back this fall and hoping to go to Ft. Hood. Attn OPO—billshedd has neverbeeninthepentagon.

John Sitterson had some surgery this spring which was compensated for by a delightful 2 weeks in Puerto Rico. He and Marie strongly commend it to all.

Pat and Ink Gates timed an April house-hunting trip here with the bi-sexual class luncheon Jack Deane hosted at Ft. Myer. Pierce and Alice Doyle had that function for their introduction to the local scene, Pierce being back in A-1 shape and ready to start earning his pay again.

Johnny Reid had a trip to the West Coast in May. He missed Bill Gernert and Bill Snow but found Chuck Bortell happy in his new job with North American.

Jack Watson came down for our 29 May luncheon and brought along plans for the proposed expansion of USMA. They are truly terrific as Doc Hyde has reported after a trip

up there in the Bureau of the Budget's behalf.

Received a most impressive brochure from the Robinsons in connection with Charlotte's 2-week exhibit in Paris during May. Among other things, it said, "Ses toiles nous font penser qu'elles on été réalisées avec son âme, qui a trouvé la paix après de longues recherches." How 'bout that? We're glad that we have Floyd so that we can have you, too, Charlotte! Congratulations and continued success.

The May issue of *U.S. Lady* pictured Mrs. George Rehkopf and other members of the Antilles Command Officers Wives Club planning a gala charity ball at Ft. Buchanan for the Army Distaff Foundation. Thanks, Helene. It's a most worthy project—and we need the money!

A photo including Marcie Bringham for her part in a skit parodying the life of the Army wife at the Army War College made a June issue of the *Army Times*. The *Journal* also reported her as a participant in an Officers Wives Club fashion show at Carlisle. Is Bob at long last putting his PIO training to some worthwhile use?!?!—Also noted in the latter publication was Emily Short's election to custodian of the Ft. Benning Woman's Club. Now to figure out how to be elected the custodian's custodian!

Had lunch with the Cutlers and conversation with Jack Watson, Charlie Mizell, and Hank Ivey during a quick trip up the Hudson in April. Same month dined at the Thompsons with Dotty, Edith Clagett, Lee and Jack Colladay, and Orpha and Dale Buchanan. Prospects looked great with Al and Dave away on trips, but that Dale Buchanan is as acute as he is cute (Barbara's opinion only) and never left my side! I hope those kids at Parsons College where Dale will soon be teaching math never make the mistake of asking *him* to be a chaperone!

Late flashes—Larry Caruthers moving to OCS and Al Scullen joining the retired ranks. Also a note from Gene Voegeli that he will retire 31 Jul to become an assistant physics P at the Citadel. We're especially anxious to hear from those of you who are turning in your suits so that we can all figure out where to freeloader overnight on our vacation trips—and those of you who have been out for awhile must occasionally do something or have something done to you which you'd be willing to have the rest of us know about—so write a'ready.

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Having had the somewhat dubious distinction of holding both president and treasurer titles when Terry Ellis goofed off on a 60-day TDY, I now find a repeat situation since Joe Benson decided to hang up his signal flags and become a civilian expert. Joe is scouting Indonesia in prep for a possible move out there with family for a 2-year stint in the field for Philco. We all wish Nancy and Joe the very best.

Deeply indebted to Phoebe Foote who gathered the following poop: Ben Bevan is off to join the 10th Recce Wg at Alconbury. Chuck Lenfest after a stimulating tour in J-5 is heading for Honolulu and Hickam AFB. Phoebe Foote, after lo these many years, is the father of 8-lb Richard. Jack Daye has moved in at the AF Academy; he needs the schooling. Tote Talbott is keeping

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the Special studies Group of J-5 in line. Flip Fenili made full bull on 28 May. Art Hurr has returned to Pope AFB after a 3-month stint on an air transport board in the Pentagon. Jim Hackler continues to burn up the links on the east coast. Bart Yount after a tough siege in the Andrews AFB hospital is again about to spring from the Pentagon at long last. Mole Lovett is having great success in the financing arena in Orlando. Has a new bride also. Ted Seith is on the way in from balmy California for duty in personnel in the Pentagon.

Don Vleck promoted to colonel. Steve Benner to Saville, Spain. George Sykes to Hq TAC. B-ball Harrington to J-2, CARIBCOM. Billy Hovde to Mexico City. Johnny Baer to Cdr, 20th TFW, Wethersfield, England. John Buckner from Ramstein to Bitbug, Germany, as Dep Cdr 36th TFW. Sonny Pitts to NWC.

We were all shocked to hear of Bart Malloy's untimely death 5 Jun while on duty at SHAPE.

Pass on the poop and I'll pass it on to the new VP. whoever that lucky one may be.

Bill Wade passes on the following report of the 20th Reunion activities during the past June Week at West Point:

"For various reasons, including probable exhaustion of body and pocketbook after the world-wide celebrations on 19 Jan, the turnout for our 20th Reunion was not as large as we had hoped for and were prepared for. Certain tie-ups in disseminating the poop were partly responsible, but quite a few who indicated that only a catastrophe could keep them away, apparently met that catastrophe. It was too bad that we didn't get more returnees, for this June Week the weather was generally fine, accommodations were excellent, and there didn't seem to be the crush of traffic and impossibility of parking that has been prevalent in previous years.

"Those who arrived early on 1 Jun were able to see a terrific track meet at Shea Stadium, with Army upending the Middies in a rousing finish before lunch. Afternoon brought more classmates, and many saw Army knock off Navy on Doubleday Field as the cadet captain broke up the game with a tie-breaking double.

"The first official class function was a cocktail party at the Golf Club, and most of the visitors were on hand for this ice-breaker. The setting was ideal, and everyone seemed to have a ball. A group photo is clear evidence

that we have about the most gorgeous collection of wives since Thayer's time; as for the men—well, *distinguished* is a safe description. Of those in the picture, Bill and Mary D. Starnes get the palm for travel, coming all the way from Satellite Beach, Fla. Up from Washington were Ed and Dot Bennett, Rex and Marge Dettre, Flip Fenili and his strapping son John, and Milt and Marilyn Stevens. Bob and Virginia Fiss and Les Harding made it from Carlisle, and Jim and Alice Frankosky dropped down from Plattsburgh AFB. From our not-too-distant residents we corralled Bill and Jean Cucolo, Jimmy and Pat Changaris, Bill and June Dannacher, Bob and Marge Lawrence, John and Peggy Linton, and Jack and Barbara Upchurch. From the local contingent: Irene Curtis, who lives in Garrison until Wes returns in August and drags her off to CONARC; Charlie and Margaret Heltzel, Bud and Marcia Hood, Art and Mary Sebesta, Bill and Ruth Wade, and Don and Louise Wilbourn. Regrettably, both the Stevens and Changaris entries crossed the wire just after the picture was taken. (Two additional fillies were on post, but not at all interested in their elders: Teri Dettre was dragging a First Classman, and Mary Jane Frandosky was playing off a couple of Yearlings.)

"From the Golf Club we wove our way to the Cadet Mess for the Supe's reception and dinner dance. Here we were joined by Tom Harrison, who flew in from Albuquerque and just missed the cocktails; Tom looks tanner and healthier than he did after the Plebe Hike. After some fine, non-cadet-type roast beef, everyone table-hopped throughout the Jan-Jun '43 area to the tune of such hearty prevarications as, 'You don't look a pound heavier than when we graduated!'

The big event of Sunday, 2 Jun was the joint Jan-Jun '43 dinner dance at the club at Stewart AFB. The youngsters from the June Class outnumbered but by no means outshouted us throughout a fine meal and some wicked rug-cutting to a good combo. Most of our original group was still with us, and we were reinforced by Harold and Mary Walker from across the river, and by Dee Armstrong, lent back to us briefly by the State Department, and Butch Rader, a mainstay of CONARC.

"Monday morning our survivors took part in the Alumni ceremonies at Thayer Monument, and then lined up in the Long Gray

Line to take the review of the Corps. I would say that the Corps has *not* in the matter of reviews, and the squad-type drill and the pass-in-review in column of platoons took us back to Plebe Summer.

"Our group started to thin-out after the Alumni Review and the two luncheons which followed, and as predicted, attendance at the class picnic Monday evening was limited to the local types plus a few hardy souls who were able to stay over. The last gasp of the class reunion was held at the Heltzels' quarters in the late hours after the picnic, at which Butch Rader definitely established that he was *not* Whispering Smith.

"Thus ended our 20th Reunion. The consensus during the affair seemed to be that all who came enjoyed themselves, and we have had testimonial after-action reports from Dettres and Frankoskys putting the feeling in writing. Perhaps even now it's not too soon to begin thinking about our Silver Anniversary in '68."

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I know the entire Class joins in extending our deepest sympathy to Louis Francisco on the tragic loss of his wife Frankie, following surgery. Frankie was buried at Arlington, on 25 May after services at the Ft. Myer Chapel which were attended by much of the Class in the Washington area.

The Twentieth Reunion has passed noisily into history. It was a resounding success due to Ed and Dorothy Geaney, Hank and Betsy Romanek, and Bill and Miriam Roos, the resident WP contingent who organized the shoot and who are to be complimented highly on their skill, ingenuity, and sheer grit. Above and around are sample photos of different activities. Following is a list of the attendees (If there are errors, please practice Christian charity and consider the difficulty of making notes under adverse circumstances.): Lemon and Kathryn Blank, Al and Marge Bowley, Ernie Boruski, Jake Brier, John and Pat Buyers, Al Burdett, Bernie Callan, Rip and Virginia Collins, Bill Cover, Charlie and Katy Crane, Ed and Pat Curcuru, Dave and Mary Davenport Doug and Mary Deal, Frank and June Dirkes, Bill and Kathy Falck, Clare and Jane Farley, Jess and Jane Fishback, Seth and Marguerite Frear, Hi and Dotty Fuller, Dave and Kay Galas, Bill and Jane Glasgow, R. C. and Barbara Grady, Arch and Rundy Hamblen, Tony Hartman, Lee and Dorothy Hayes, Hal and Helen Head, Ernie and Jodie Hinds, Rocky Iletto, Walker Jamar, Felix and Barbara Kalinski, Fergie and Mercedes Kowles, J. R. Lloyd, Luke and Peggy Lucas, Ed and Helen McCabe, Beverly McCanna, Wally and Peggy Magathan, Bill and Nancy Malone, Bob and Elinor Mathe, Buck and Barbara Newman, Dick and Jean Orphan, Nick and Cynthia Parker, Larry and Doris Pavy, Jim and Helen Phillips, Fred and Mary Proctor, Bill and Maggie Ray, Frank and Betty Saul, Ned and Ginny Schramm, Dick and Caroline Shaefer, Tuber and Ward Smith, Bob and Valerie Sonstelie, Stukie and Cam Stevens, Sully and Jinnie Sullivan, Art and Jean Surkamp, Lorry Thomas, George and Anne Thompson, Tinker and Elsie Tyrala, Cotton Warburton, and Bill and Teddy Wilson.

To go into detail about the various functions and parties would be unkind to those who were unable to take part so only a few



Jan. '43: 20th Reunion Party—Front Row: Dot Bennett, Mary D. Starnes, Margaret Heltzel, Louise Wilbourn, June Dannacher, Ruth Wade, Marcia Hood, Irene Curtis, Jean Cucolo, Marge Lawrence, Mary Sebesta. Middle Row: Rex Dettre, Les Harding, Virginia Fiss, Bill Starnes, Marge Dettre, Alice Frankosky, Charlie Heltzel, Bill Dannacher, Bill Wade, Peggy Linton, Barbara Upchurch, Bill Cucolo, Bob Lawrence, Art Sebesta. Rear Row: Bud Hood, John Linton, Jim Frankosky, Bob Fiss, Jack Upchurch, Don Wilbourn, Flip Fenili, Ed Bennett.



Jun '43: Left to Right, **Front Row:** Hubert Smith, Ward Smith, Bill Ray, Maggie Ray, Frank Dirkes, June Dirkes, Valerie Sonstelie, Cadet Richard R. Sonstelie, Bob Sonstelie, Barbara Kalinski, Nancy Kalinski, Felix Kalinski, Dorothy Geaney, Ed Geaney. **Second Row:** Dependent, Katy Crane, Charlie Crane, Hank Romanek, Betsy Romanek, Fred Proctor, Mary Proctor, John Bowley, Marjorie Bowley, Dependent, Pat Buyers, John Buyers, Larry Thomas. **Third Row:** Al Tyrala, Elsie Tyrala, Art Surkamp, Jean Surkamp, Kathy Falck, Bill Falck, Kay Galos, Dave Galos, Mary Davenport, Dave Davenport, Walker Jamar. **Fourth Row:** Clare Farley, Jane Farley, Dependent, Dependent, Hi Fuller, Dotty Fuller, Al Burdett, Rocky Ileta, Bill Cover, Cotton Washburton, Jack Brier, Dependent, Dependent, Betty Saul. **Fifth Row:** Ed McCabe, Helen McCabe, Dependent, Ned Schramm, Ginny Schramm, Jinnie Sullivan, Sullie Sullivan, Dependent, Buck Newman, Barbara Newman, Dorothy Hayes, Lea Hayes, Frank Saul. **Sixth Row:** Dorothy Tomlinson, Bill Roos, George Thompson, Dependent, R. C. Grady, Barbara Grady, Cam Stevens, Stukie Stevens, Teddy Wilson, Bill Wilson, Mercedes Knowles, Fergie Knowles, Peggy Lucas, John Lucas. **Seventh Row:** Tommy Tomlinson, John Lloyd, Mrs. Lloyd, Virginia Collins, Rip Collins, Peg Magathan, Wally Magathan, Miriam Roos, Cynthia Parker, Nick Parker, Helen Head, Hal Head. **Eighth Row:** Bill Roos, Jr., John Fishback, Rundy Hamblen, Arch Hamblen, Father Tony Hartman, Dependent, Jesse Fishback, Jan Fishback, Ed Curcuru, Pat Curcuru, Dick Orphan, Bev McCanna, Bob McCanna, Jr., Sherry McCanna, Nancy Malone, Dependent, Bill Malone.

bits of incidental intelligence will here be offered. The Knowles held the record for coming the farthest distance having wangled transport by subway, bus, and Hudson tube all the way from Morocco.

Norm Keefer, Jack McGregor and Si Silvester all worked diligently to line up an airplane to get them to the Reunion from Los Angeles, Calif. They were within thirty minutes of take-off in a T-39 when they were ranked out of the plane by some major general. These fine lads then sent a telegram to West Point extending warm regards to the Class. Many thanks for your thoughtfulness Norm, Jack, and Si.

Arch Hamblen achieved some other kind of record by loading his car for the trip to WP with every necessary item except one tiny thing, his wife's suitcase; Rundy continued to speak to him during all the days of the Reunion thus furnishing an edifying example for all wives. Those ladies who took advantage of the comfortable billets offered by Ladycliff encountered a very nostalgic situation; they're pretty strict about lock-up time at Ladycliff and one-thirty a.m. saw a scampering rush around the gates reminiscent of the Thayer Hotel entrance when 3 x's were running out. Finally, if you ever have wondered what happens later to a plebe who receives a squealing ovation from a large group of handsome ladies when his company passes the reviewing stand, you can find out by asking young Sonstelie who has had that traumatic experience, not once but several times.

During the course of events, a business meeting was held. As a result, the Class will soon be canvassed on its feelings re such matters as its responsibilities towards Class sons in the different service Academies, whether to have or not to have a twenty or twenty-five year book, and how about a little money? Under the influence of a general atmosphere of good-will and implicit menace, a volun-

teer was found to undertake the task of coordinating such a canvass so by the time you read this you each should be receiving an individual letter. The big thing is to answer it. Luckily, Lee Hogan, our own President, will shortly be arriving in Washington.

To move on to other topics, our industrious classmate Johnny Moses, currently in England with the NATO Standardization Agency, has compiled a set of statistics on the ground force members of the Class which should be of interest and which it is hoped will encourage some flying members to emulate. Here they are:

CLASS OF 1943 GROUND FORCES

Entered on Active Duty	296
Current Status:	
Active duty	201
Retired	23
Deceased	33
Resigned	31



Jun '43: Left to Right: Elinor Mathe, Dave Garroway, Betsy Romanek, Jane Glasgow, Jean Surkamp, Bill Glasgow.

Transfer to AF	1
Hon. discharge	4
Discharged	3

By Grade:

Colonel: 26	(Engr: 12)
(Includes selectees)	(Arty: 4)
	(Inf: 8)
	(Armd: 2)
Lt. Colonel: 175	

By Branch:

Infantry	56
Engineer	46
Artillery	68
Armored	16
Signal Corps	3
Ordnance	7
JAGC	3
Chemical	1
Trans. Corps	1
	201

Advanced Military Schooling:

(Includes '63-'64 selectees)	
National War College	4
Army War College	39
Industrial College	5
Naval War College	2
Air War College	2
Armed Forces Staff College	17
UK Jt Service Staff College	2

And now for some random reports. Bill Brake is still in the cadet business; he is with the MAAG in Japan as Senior Advisor to the Supe of the Defense Academy. Jim Christy, a tasteful Atabrine yellow, has returned from his Attaché job in Mali and is assigned to DCSOPS here in Washington, he hopes he won't renew his dengue and blackwater fever, and he probably won't so long as he remembers to keep his sleeves rolled down and sleep under a mosquito net. Frank Dirkes, after collaborating with June in the

production of five girls in a row, now has an authentic baby boy, living proof of the value of pluck, luck, and persistence; the event happened late last March in case any of you are still wondering what that strange noise over the horizon was. Big Bill Malone is making a fifty cent PCS from the Pentagon to CDC at Belvoir; at least, he may get an outside window at his new job.

Maggie Saine writes from Alaska, a place it is hard to think of as Stateside, with the information that fighting the blackflies with him are Roger Conarty, Don Dargue, and Reading Wilkinson. He further mentions with well justified pride, that his son James has won a Presidential appointment and enters WP 1 July 63. Congratulations to all.

News from Paris, mostly furnished by Bob



Jun '43: Left to Right: Ed Geaney, Dorothy Geaney, Dave Galas, Kay Galas, Helen McCabe, Ed McCabe.

Plett, discloses that besides himself, Gabby Ivan, Duke Hunt, Mark Boatner and Al Shipstead are suffering out a couple of years in that city. Bill Calnan and Walt Beckett were there but will have departed by the time this is printed. Calnan for the NWC and Beckett for some outfit here around Frontier Town East.

George and Barbara Newman are attaining father and mother-in-law status. By the time you receive this, their lovely Janet will have married 2nd Lt. Paul Maxwell, Class of 1963, in a ceremony at Ft. Belvoir Chapel on 28 June. Best wishes to all from all of us. There is one special advantage in having a '63 son-in-law. The whole family can attend reunions together.

Three recent retirements have been reported: Frank Ball to Calif., and Carl Wolf and John Butterfield (Leroy Wilson) to areas not known at this time.

Write, and if you don't have information, send money. Suspicious individuals can make checks out to "June 1943 Class Fund."



Jun '43: Left to Right: Ron Grady, John Brier, Walker Jamar, Cotton Warburton, Bill Wilson.



Jun '43: Round the table, Left to Right: Cotton Warburton, Cynthia Parker, Nick Parker, Rundy Hamblen, Peggy Lucas, John Lucas, Nancy Weaver (Guest of the Pavys.)



Jun '43: Left to Right: Ernie Hinds, Bill Wilson, Fred Proctor, Lemon Blank, Hank Romanek, Jess Fishback, Lee Hayes, George Thompson, Ron Grady, Sully Sullivan, Stukie Stevens, Rip Collins, Allen Burdett, John Lucas, Bill Ray.



Jun '43: Left to Right: Ed Curcuru, Bill Tomlinson, Joe Hartman, Bill Ray, Eddie McCabe, Al Bowley, Clare Farley, Rocky Iletto, Larry Thomas.

The Bob Armstrongs have left Naples for back home where Bob will shortly report to the NWC. Chuck Czapar is working and honeymooning in Paris as he and Barbara Sacher were married in Munich the early part of June. Seems that the current joke of whoever decides on who goes where has Joe Cutrona going to Harlock Staser's beloved Alaska and Staser heading for Italy. Joe is going to Fairbanks and Rock is going to work for NATO. Jack Cushman qualified this spring as a paratrooper at Benning and also did some L-5 and helicopter work before reporting to Vietnam. Nancy and the children are staying in Washington. Bob Conant is in the Military Const Div of OCE at the Pentagon. Now you know where to direct your housing complaints. Keith Eiler and Al Weston are working in the OCE along with Bob. Ken Cooper will leave Washington in July for Korea where he is slated to command the 11th Engineers. For the past four years Ken has been in OSD doing research in ballistic missile defenses with particular emphasis on re-entry physics. This has been a broad scale job and, I would think, most interesting. Barbara and the boys are to stay in Washington.

Bob Drake has been a Tank Bn Comdr at Ft. Lewis the past two years and this summer is going on to the AWC. Jim Dunham, Beattie and their five children have moved from Calif. to South Bend where Jim is now Director of Marketing, Aerospace Division of Bendix. Sounds like a big job—I saw a picture of Jim and it looks like he's held up well these nearly twenty years. Harry Grace has left Ft. Lewis, where he has been an Arty Bn Comdr, for duty at the Pentagon. Ernie and Nancy Graves are living in Livermore, Calif., where Ernie is head of the Nuclear Cratering Group interested in a nuclear method for building a new Panama Canal. Looks as if we may have a new 'Canal Builder' in our class. Don and Jeanette Ingram, I believe, are living in Calif. where Don is in the paper business.

Bryan Leeper is at Schofield Barracks as Comdr of the Engr Bn for the 25th Div and seemingly enjoying life out there. Tom Mahoney is changing locations but remaining in Calif., and is using his new Triton yawl for the trip to LA, where he will be with the Space Systems Div. Frank and Arlene Merritt have left Wiesbaden for home where Frank will attend NWC. John and Dottie Moore are also leaving Wiesbaden where John has been a Sqdn Comdr the past four years. They will be at Pope AFB in N.C., for a while now. Their teenage son and daughter will have lots to tell some of the N.C. younguns. Alf and Joyce McCorkle have moved back to the US from Canada and their new address is 12831 N.E. 61st St., Kirkland, Wash. Alf has had a big logging operation in Vancouver for quite some time but his accident of about three years ago made this type work too strenuous so he has taken a new job as sales manager of the Boelite Com. Joyce and Alf have five children and would love to see any of you who might be up in the Northwest.

The Bill Stegers have at long last left Wyoming and returned to Washington this summer where Bill's AF work is in the Fuels DIV. Jim Scoggin is also with OSD in Advanced Research Projects and he is in Bangkok, Thailand with a development test center of Project Agile. Lee and Audrey Smith are

at USAFE Hq in Wiesbaden. Bev Snow graduated from AWC in June and is now Comdr of 2d Engr Bn at Ft. Benning. Jim (Mason) Young has been an Arty Bn Comdr at Ft. Lewis for the past year but I think he and Helen and the children are leaving for Formosa this summer. Helen had written that they would be in Washington another year but a later note from someone else has them now headed for Formosa.

No late word from Pappas, Patton et al., on the Reunion and the Year Book but I assume they are hard at work. More on that later. Let me hear from you.

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SCHOOL

Don Fowler, in Hawaii, headed for the Army War College; John Kennedy at Ft. Benning moves 90 miles or so to the Air War College at Maxwell.

PROMOTIONS

Colonel promotion board for the Army expected to publish results in July; some classmates should make the outstanding part of the list. Also, latest "sinkoid" from somebody or other, third or fourth hand, says the AF class contingent will be promoted as a group in June or July. Al Price, Colonels Branch OPO, complains he hasn't had much business from classmates. Here's hoping Al's business soon picks up!

YOUR NEW OFFICERS

The annual class meeting was held at 1730 hours 7 May at the Officers Club, Ft. Myer, Va. Bob Reese, outgoing Class President, reviewed the past year's activities and the status of the Class Memorial Fund. As usual, the nominating committee had done an outstanding job, and as a result the elections were speedily dispensed with. Elected were:

President . Jerry Briscoe, OPD, OPO, DA
Vice-President . Wally Hynds, AFORQ
Secretary Bill McNamee, ARPA

John Geer, COA until recently and now in the Programs Office, CSA, remains as treasurer. According to our constitution, Jerry is also chairman of the Board of Governors, and Bill McNamee is also secretary of the Board. No members of the Board of Governors had to be elected since all have one year remaining to serve: Bart Kerr, now Civil Service with DCA; Joe McDonough, OPD, OPO; Del Fowler, DASA; Bill Perry, OASA; Jim Ingham, OCRD; and Bob Reese, OPD, OPO, who becomes a member as past president until he moves this summer. Jim Ingham is a member by virtue of his position as President of the Washington class contingent. Let me assure you that the outgoing Bob Reese, John Sherwood, and Bill Love deserve a large medal; but all I have is words and so they'll have to do. All those present then adjourned to the bar and joined latecomers and wives for drinks; a dinner followed and was attended by the following: w/wives; Charlie Dubsky, Jim Patchell, M.L. Price, Bill McNamee, Jerry Briscoe, Joe Kovar, Bill Love, Tony Parrish, Andy Favret, John Ferguson, Jack Burke, John Sherwood, S.E. Salter, George Casey, Bob Reese; w/o wives: Fred Archibald, W. T. Galligan, Larry Hardin, Wagonhurst, Russ McGovern, Wally Hynds. And so another year has!

RETIREMENT NUMBER 2

Bill Norris, now at Ft. Campbell, retired effective 30 June and my latest information says he will move with Virginia and family to the Washington area.

NEW JOB

You have all, no doubt, read or heard by now, but I'll repeat it anyhow. Rafe Rafalko has been appointed as Director of Athletics at the US Air Force Academy.

CIVILIAN SUCCESS

Bill McNamee reports Doug Kenna is vice president for R & D at AVCO and has recently moved to the Shore at Beverly Farms, Mass. Bill adds that Doug will accommodate any classmates visiting the area.

Press release from Corning Glass Works, Corning, N.Y., locates Dale Hall for us. He is manager of college and technical employment, Industrial Relations Division. Dale has been a staff associate there since joining Corning in Apr 62.

And from the Million Dollar Round Table, Chicago Ill., the info that John J. McDonald joined the fewer than 1% of the world's life insurance agents who are members of this group. John and the other members of the 1963 Round Table must have sold at least a million dollars of life insurance in 1962 in accordance with rigid Round Table standards or else have met the special requirements for Life membership by their million dollar a year sales in prior years. Membership in 1963 in this unique organization is about 3400.

From ALCOA, Pittsburgh Pa., the word that Bob Erickson, a member of Alcoa's legal staff since 1956, has been named manager of urban development for Aluminum Co., of America. Bob, formerly general attorney in Alcoa's legal department, will direct the company's interests in eleven major redevelopment projects in seven US cities. He also becomes a director and secretary-treasurer of Alcoa Urban Development Corp., formed recently to administer five of the eleven projects in New York City, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh. Besides his new assignment, he is an assistant secretary of Alcoa and an Alcoa management representative to Alcoa-Hico Co. Bob is a member of the American and Allegheny County Bar Associations and has been admitted to practice in Penn. and Calif.

ARMY SUCCESS

Selected Army PIO released of the last few months illustrate the promotion of most of the class to lt. col.

Fred Goeth, left, instructor in the Dept of Div Opns, gets the big one pinned on by the Commandant, Maj. Gen. Harold K. Johnson ('33). Harold Van Hout, also instructing at C&GSC gets his pinned on by the Family Commandant, wife Mary. Tom Maertens, right, member of the Dept of Command, joins the LC group.

FROM FT. SILL

Nancy Starkey reports from the land of howitzer, gun, and missile the following: "Hank and I are leaving shortly for Athens, Greece, where he will be assigned to the O&T of the Joint Staff. Our new address will be Army Sec, JUSMAAG, APO 223, NY. We are taking all five children and are fortunate to have concurrent travel. We had a letter from Karl Liewer today; he seems to be en-

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joying his assignment to the embassy in Moscow despite many minor annoyances such as no water for ten days and the commissary not being open for about the same. To my knowledge there are only four classmates here at Sill at present. Pat Powers, Jim Rasmussen, Hawk Wood, and Hank. Pat and Jim are both commanding Bns, Pat the Pershing and Jim a 175 mm outfit." Thanks for the news, Nancy.

BLACKJACK—THE GIANT KILLER

This is the title of the lead article in *Army* magazine for a spring issue this year. Needless to say the story concerns the Pershing missile; and the author is Pat Powers. Good story and very good publicity for the 2d Bn/44th Arty which Pat commands.

FROM THE COMCENTER

Wagonhurst, for the last year or so in the Strategic Plans and Policy Directorate of DCSOPS, moves to the rapidly expanding Joint Staff where he will work for Admiral Smith, Special Assistant for Military Assistance Affairs. Wag reports the following: Harry Shaw, across the hall in the same



1945: Tom Maertens.

office; Larry Hardin working in the same office with Wag awaiting assignment to the AWC. Larry commutes to NC to visit with his family on the weekends. Aus Yerks, with his newly won AM degree in International Affairs will join the same group. Jim Elkey, previously reported in Washington is in the Special Warfare Directorate of DCSOPS. Lee Shoaff bought a trailer and is off to Calif. on 30 days leave from his job at Cameron in Alex. with DSA.

Fay Worthington, from his new office in the Pentagon (with an outside window on the E ring) in conjunction with Bill Burns ('48) reports on the few Engineers that we missed in the last issue: Loch Caffey in COMZ France; Dick McConnell married after 15 or so years as a widower, leaves his command of the 14th Engr C Bn at Ft. Bragg for SHAPE and Paris. How's that for a honeymoon trip? Hap Adams will remain at Carlisle as an instructor with the Operations Group; Klima comes to Washington with Hq AMC; Vernon Pinkey also to check in at T-7 with OCE, where he will be in the Mil Engr Div of the Office of the Director of Topography and Military Engineering. Bob Reese graciously rounded up Lou Schelter, Joe McDonough, Jerry Briscoe, Bill McNamee, Al Price, and John Geer the other day. The following notes are the result of brain-picking for a half hour or so. The first comment I heard from someone in the group was,



1945: Fred Goeth.

"Hooray—as of 5 June we're in the Safety Zone!" Jim Maris has arrived in Washington from Hawaii—he will be Exec for Requirements in OPO, OPD. Jim Patchell, DDRE, has received his Doctorate in International Relations from Georgetown, I assume, since he went there for graduate study from 58-61. Having attended classes in the Pentagon one night a week for the past year, I can appreciate the effort that Jim has put into his achievement. Congratulations. John Geer reports he trimmed Bob Mann at tennis. Bill Walker, Ord, formerly Inf, leaves for Korea in July. Iris presented him with a new daughter in Apr to add to the other two girls and one boy. John Forbes, DCSOPS, going to Europe. Joe McDonough just returned from a 30 day trip to Europe to "interview and counsel the troops"—concerning personnel matters, of course. Joe reports Bick Sawyer still at Hq USAREUR assigning Combat Arms Officers; Bill Holcombe to command an Arty Bn at Schweinfurt; Joe Hoffman is with G-3 in USAREUR; Tipper Dallman is with Hq USAREUR; Warren Drake and Jack Hoffman were seen in Orleans at Hq COMZ. Bob and Janis Krebs will spend two weeks at Benning while Bob attends refresher course prior to departure for G-3 Sec, 7th A, in Stuttgart. Dave Fink was until recently Infantry Instructor at the Finance School at Ft. Benjamin Harrison. Jim Rasmussen and his 175 Bn may go to Europe. Bob Reese leaves 1 Aug for Florence, Ala. where he will be The PMS&T at Florence State College. Pat Cummings runs the Collingswood Inn on the George Washington Parkway in Fairfax Co. Tiger Atkins, with Combat Developments Command (CDC), is on TDy in the Pentagon and living at the River House. Charlie Limpus returns from Europe and goes to the Ft. Lee QM School as Infantry Instructor. Tom "Low Gear" Longino, with the CONARC Comptroller called Jerry Briscoe for a replacement, since he is headed for the new 11th Air Assault Div. Chuck Knudsen has returned from Hawaii and is with the CONARC Comptroller. Fred Archibald is the Public Relations representative for General Motors in Washington. Bill Clark was recently elected as a member of the Board of Directors of the West Point Society of Washington. Chuck Curtis leaving for Alaska expects to get a Bn. Tom Drake, John Bennett, and Bob Mackinnon command three of the four Infantry bns of the 3rd Armd Div; these are reported by someone to be the best three bns in the Div. Van Cleve, JAG, was seen by Joe McDonough at Hq COMZ in Orleans. Bob Fye had two weeks home in McLean on leave from Kwajalein and Nike Zeus tests in the Pacific; he's due back in July for a

month at Virginia Beach and then the AFSC at Norfolk. Mary and John McCulloch recently returned from Honduras; John is assigned to CDC at Ft. Belvoir. Hugh Parker, VP of the 1st National Bank in Gadsden, Ala. was in Washington in May and had dinner with the Reeses. NASA requested Ray Clark be continued in his present job at Canaveral as assistant to Kurt Debius; DA approved the request.

BOX 15

Bill McNamee, your new class secretary would appreciate a change of address card—send it to Box 15. Although your name may end up in the column and all that, Bill's job and mine will be easier if you formalize the routine of change of address.

THERE AND HERE

Doc Hesse wants all to know that he and Ellen have not gone out of circulation permanently. Ellen has been seriously ill with phlebitis, but at last report seemed to be doing nicely. Her illness followed the arrival of Jeanne Ellen in Sept of last year; she spent the months of Sept through Dec in the



1945: Harold Van Hout.

hospital at Ft. Knox and went home as an ambulatory patient in Jan of this year. We all hope everything's normal by now.

A recent issue of the *Engineering News Record* carried a picture and article about Rock McBride and his job in OCE with nuclear explosives. Wynne promised to get a copy of the photo so we could run it in the column—but I guess she didn't find one.

Saw Bob Ives in the wrapping line in Woodies in the Pentagon concourse—no we weren't sending presents to our girl friends—'twere just before Fathers' Day. Bob is with the Special Projects Div of the Joint Command and Control Requirements Group in the Joint Staff.

Faye Bennett reports from Havertown Pa., that Jake is now the CO of the 3rd Bn 19th Arty of the 1st Armd Div at Ft. Hood. He recently returned from Vietnam; during his absence Faye was busy with being a member of the Board of Governors of the International Moth Class Association, with contributing to *Sports Illustrated's* New Book on Junior Sailing. Later this year she is to be a judge for the International Regatta at Larchmont Yacht Club.

George Adkisson leaves OCRD here in Washington for Europe and the 24th Inf Div at Augsburg where he is to command the 2d Bn 19th Inf; Caryl and children plan to accompany him.

Bud Pitzer leaves DASA sometime in Sept for some TDy at Ft. Bliss before departing for Europe and command of a Hawk Bn.

HAWAII

George Eyster reports Rolfe Hillman probably home by now from Vietnam; the Eysters spent a few hours with him on the way there and George says Rolfe speaks French the same way he does English—"Hillmanese". Christiansens and Fitzpatrick's spent some time with the Lutzs as the latter passed through to Saigon. Tom and Jim are commanding Arty Bns in the 25tr Div at Schofield. Bill Farley returned from Indonesia to Hawaii for a few days—George missed him, but says Jim Root in USARPAC G-3 saw him. Harriet has by now returned from her three-week trip to Japan; O for the life of the idle rich!

JOBS

The retirement picture is as yet unclear, but most of us expect that many classmates will be looking for that next job in a couple of years. So to those of you who may read this column and are in need of particular talents that might be supplied by a retiring classmate, a few lines to your reporter might produce interesting results.

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Twenty years ago, most of you entered West Point and the beginning of a military career. For many of us, I'm sure, the picture has changed from what we may have envisioned during those bleak days of Beast Barracks 1943. We ourselves are coming to the stage where our sons will soon be doing the same. Have you answered the class committee in reference to their questions about memorials and class son awards? Now is a good time to do so!

The spring sports season ended on as high a note as we could hope for—winning all against Navy, except golf. It makes one feel good to have the taste of such victories after the previous fall and winter campaigns, not to mention other seasons as well. Here's hoping Paul starts getting some hot Plebe prospects.

Roy Simkins (1035A Drennan Pk, Fort Campbell, Ky.) has written to bring us up to date on the doings of his clan. He, Jane, son Roy III, "Brandy" the Weimaraner, and "Mata Hari" the Siamese cat have been at Campbell with the 101st Airborne Div since Oct 61. Roy reports no other classmates with the Div since Beno Hadley left for Vietnam. When Roy first arrived he was with Div Arty. In Feb 62 he went to G3 as Chief of Opns Div, 101st Abn and Ft. Campbell.

In Jun 62 Roy went to Walter Reed for a lung operation, at which time they removed non malignant material. Fortunately, Roy was able to return to duty and resumed jumping last September. In fact, he qualified for a Masters Parachutist Badge last fall. Then he was Chief of Trng Div, G3, 101st, since Beno was now Chief of Ops. In Nov 62 Hadley went overseas and Roy took over again as Chief of Ops. He is now in command of 2d Howitzer Bn (ABN), 320th Arty and is most enthusiastic. Roy and Jane ask that any classmates near Campbell drop by to say hello.

Harlan Koch, wearing silver leaves these days, has left the US Army Attaché's group

at Taiwan for Staff, CINCPAC, P.O. BOX 10, FPO, San Francisco. That be Honolulu to most of us.

John Callagnan, whose wife Virginia lives at 3324, 2d St., N. Arlington, Va., recently was assigned to the 7th Inf Div in Korea. John, Dep Comdr of the Div's 2d BG, 3d Inf, arrived in Korea for this tour of duty last February.

Stan Welch will join a group of other managers working for the Martin Company as SPRINT development contractors involved in the US Army's Nike-X anti-missile program. Martin will be a subcontractor to Bell Telephone Labs, which has the responsibility for system design and development. Stan will be at Orlando, Fla., while on this project. Welch will be reliability and test director responsible for all aspects of reliability and testing, including testing of components and subsystems, weapon system test, and flight test. Stan has 12 years missile and related experience, and MSAE degree from U. of Mich. and he directed launch operations and flight testing for Vanguard and more recently, Pershing.

Sam Title has won membership in the 1963 President's Club of the National Life Ins. Co. of Vermont. This qualified him for attendance last March at the club's annual educational conference held in Hollywood, Fla.

John Barth has completed one half of his Master's degree in Industrial Engineering at Rutgers U., New Brunswick, N.J. He also has attended Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute in the Industrial Engineering Dept. John resigned in Jun 61. Prior to that he was Ops Officer, G3 sect, Hq. First US Army.

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I never said one word against John Mastin's column. I did say things about him, and I think the fact that he foisted this job off on me confirms every derogatory remark I have ever made about him. He will not be mentioned again—unless I run out of other things to report.

In starting this I thought that a radical departure might be in order, something like a "West Point Confidential," but was informed that I might wind up the first commissioned cadet on the area or be sued or something else nasty. So I won't and more's the pity.

First things first. Congratulations are in order to Bev and Bob Rosen on the arrival of Miriam Rebecca (18 May) and to Yvonne and Jay Bleiman whose Rebecca Anne arrived 27 Mar at Elenas Hospital, Athens. Jay says Rebecca Anne is "lovely like her mother, thank heavens."

Have picked up some helpful bits from the cards flowing in re the Memorialization Fund. John Hoover said I couldn't get his new address in the column, and I forward it herewith with great reluctance: OASD(ISA) with residence at 300 Timberlane, Falls Church, Va. Wayne Hauck says that he will remain at C&GSC as an instructor in Dept of Larger Units for the next 3 years. Lots of luck with that field type Army corps group in the defense of the fuzzy wuzzies, Wayne-O. And how about that group in Korea? Jack Faith said that he, Duke Duquemin, George Lynn, Dick Allen, Ike Iekler, and a group of unidentified martinis were on hand to welcome JAG's gift to Chosen for the next year—R-Doo Peckham (EUSA, SJA Sec, APO 301, San

Francisco). Bill Kuykendall reported on his way to Robins AFB, Ga., as a mechanical engineer. Herb Pinkerton just asked me to make his yearly contribution to the fund, while Bill Reckmeyer was most enthusiastic over the idea of scholarships and recommended 11 to be specific. There were other absurd, obtuse, and irrelevant remarks, but as they were insulting, I won't even mention them.

Some addresses which may or may not be new, but I thought that I would pass them along. Lou Rachmeler, 1st Inf Div, Ft. Riley (after 11 Jul); Chuck Leech, 26711 Shadow Wood Dr., Palos Verdes Estates, Calif.; Jack Young, 1951A Mercury Dr. Kirtland AFB, N. M.; and Don Dexter, Hq 1st Bn 16th Arty, Ft. Hood, Tex. Thank you all for the replies, the addresses, the news, and even the insults.

And a note from Bob Rosen on the DC area. Arrivals include Frank Taylor in Army Research Office (home address in last column), Sam Starobin to OCE, Paul Callan to DCSOPS, Bob Haldane to DCSPER, Meade Wildrick to DCSLOG, and Bill McGee to DCSPER. Departures include Bill Sullivan (destination unknown at this time), John Miller to 1st Cav Div, Korea, and Bob himself to 13th Eng Bn (C), 7th Inf Div, Korea. Many thanks, Bob, for the poop. Watch out for the friendly greeters in Korea—sounds wet out there.

Ron Heiser writes that he is on his way to command 2d Sqdn, 14th AC in Bad Kissingen. Says he and Gwenne have enjoyed Naples, but are looking forward to the assignment in Germany. Big Bill Webb has the 1st Sqdn at Fulda (I am now concerned). Ron passes on word that Bernie DeGil leaves Naples in August to pursue a Master's in International Relations at American U. in D.C. He also says that one of Pete Boerger's companies is at Bad K. All right, Pete, where did you lose the others? Appreciate it, Ron, and by the way, Gwenne and Ron's address (after 15 Jun) will be Hq 2d Sqdn, 14th AC, APO 330, N.Y.

And I bet that Frank Boerger won't be scattering engineer companies all over Europe. Barb says that effective 10 Jul, Frank will be CO, 3d Eng Bn (C), APO 39, in the Munich area. Keep those Beavers Eager, Frank, and congratulations. Know that you and Barb will enjoy Bavaria.

And some more poop from Lanny Dunham. Jack goes to Germany this summer to the 3d Sqdn, 2d AC, the same unit Jack left 12 years ago. Is that border really secure? Lanny says that they are waiting in Leavenworth for a port call.

And a late entry from the Baron of Geraci Estates. Al says he'll be with the 82d Sig Bn, 82d Abn Div in August.

That seems to be it for this time, '47. Just a few quick reminders. Please get in your replies on the Memorialization Fund as soon as possible. We have about half back so far, but if we forgot you, drop me a card and I'll get you the poop. As soon as we have enough to go on, we'll notify you as to where, when, (or if) to send your checks.

Last, your comments on the column and information for it are welcomed and encouraged. Deadline for the next one is 1 Sept, so hurry on. I will scrutinize each and every one carefully, for a successor there will be next year. There will be no dastardly and underhanded method employed next year as there was this. To be fair (and it hurts), John had help—like Rogers, Peckham, and other low forms here.

ASSEMBLY

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Talk about class spirit and prior planning—Denny Patterson asks "What have you done for '48?" On 1 Jun 63 at 9:30 in the evening when '48 was assembled in Washington Hall at the Alumni Dinner comes the announcement from the hospital that Joan and Denny are the parents of '48's Fifteenth Reunion baby, John deLanglade. We're all really proud of the Pattersons and of Dennis' heroic stand. How would you hold up if someone said, "Have one on the new father," in Washington Hall? An equally well planned operation was carried off by Therese and Jack Kean who celebrated the arrival of John Christopher at Heidelberg on 7 Jun—you can't get much closer to 15 years than that. Other valiant competitors are Sara and Dave Mallett who announced the arrival of their first redhead, Charles Peter Beatty Mallett, on 3 May; Joan and Bill Bandeen who reported Kevin in on 2 May; and Mary and Frank McInerney who wrote from Lincoln, Neb., that Patrick William was born 12 (?) May. Frank notes that he is about half through his program for a PhD in Languages at the U of Neb., after which he will return to the Foreign Languages Dept at the AF Academy. Another new arrival, courtesy of Phyl and Bob Hallahan, is Mary Elizabeth on 23 Mar. Bob will leave the Naval War College at Newport for a new assignment in Norfolk this summer.

With that kind of enthusiasm and example our 15th Reunion was bound to be a success, and it was, indeed. Our largest assembly was on the evening of 2 Jun at the picnic in the luxurious gardens of Tom and Betty Bowen's quarters overlooking the river. Here is the roster: From Columbus, O., Charlie (alias Nelson) French and Dorothy. Charlie is general manager of Basic Electric Corp., a wholesale distributor of electric products. Dottie works full time too on portraits; see p. 96 of the Ten-Year Book. Eloise Genebach came with Lowell from Battle Creek, Mich., for a first hand report on what Lowell does here each fall when he comes by himself. Just one big party. Keith and Ingrid Boss from Ft. Devens, Mass. Keith is assigned to the XIII Corps Hqs. which administers the Reserve units in the New England area. Our faithful

supporters from Basking Ridge, N.J., Rog and Bobby Conover were up for a short stay. Rog was selected by GE for attendance at a management course at Dartmouth this summer. Bill and Rachel Thomas added this reunion to their annual homecoming football visits but reported that they would not be visiting as frequently hereafter since Bill is leaving Army Mutual Aid after eight years and moving to West Palm Beach, Fla., as a manager for Jefferson Standard Ins. Co. The '48 Washington core will miss Bill's stabilizing influence. Speaking for the entire class, Bill, we here record our sincere appreciation for all your efforts in behalf of the Class during your time in Washington. Coming all the way from Dearborn, Mich., were Charlie and Betty Ann Shook. Chuck left Kodak in Rochester for a new job—it must be a *position* (Personnel Planning and Administration Dept. of the Finance Staff)—with Ford. Jim and Bev Hall, Jim still with Nortronics, are moving to Calif. shortly as Jim moves up in the organization. Our IBM executive from Metropolitan NY, Paul Weaver, and Marie were able to make some of the functions even though by the time you read this column the Weaver computer will have recorded another digit.

Jack and Tomi Miller arrived from Philadelphia. Jack has still another year at U of Penn in the FAST program after which they will leave for Pakistan for two years or so. Jim and Tammy Richardson made the pilgrimage all the way from Bogalusa (you can tell that's "a furr piece") La., where Jim is practicing law. As all country lawyers Jim has trouble collecting his fees; gets paid in chickens, potatoes, corn, pigs, and the like. Some of his more notable clients are the fight promoters in New Orleans. Other travellers from Dixieland were Wes and Bouchie Jones with Wes Jr., and Janet from Statesville, N.C. Wes is still in the flour and feed business but found time to dabble in politics as chairman of the county Democratic party, seemingly a sure thing in N.C. His man lost. Well, Wes, there's always a demand for flour and feed. Jim Tuthill, head man at Tuthill Pump Co., came all the way from Chicago with Florrie for their first reunion. Everyone was delighted to renew acquaintance with them. After checking a few pumps Jim decided West Point might be a new customer. Do you make pumps for beer kegs,

Jim? Ennis and Novella Whitehead made the reunion a farewell visit in view of their imminent departure for Bamberg, Germany and the 2d Armd Cav. Sam and Joan White returned to the homestead from Westport, Conn., where Sam is with Sikorsky. Hope we will see more of them in the fall football season. Bud and Jane Vreeland, still at Ridgewood, N.J., came up in time to see the Army baseball team wear down the favored Navy nine. Warren and Dotsy Graves timed their reassignment perfectly. We were glad to see Warren took our advice in the last column about checking on the "plan" behind assignments. Instead of Florida they're going to March AFB, Calif. Andy and Pilar Witko came up from Belvoir where Andy is involved with some sort of safety engineering of missile systems—seeing that no one pushes the wrong button or pulls a switch at the wrong time. Pilar promises another component for the Witko system very shortly. Jay Josephs brought his new bride, Naomi, up to see the old homestead and we all enjoyed meeting her and welcoming her to the clan. J.J. and Joan Buckley joined us from their anchorage in Norristown, Pa. J.J. has the same job with GE Guided Missile and Space Div but a new plant to work in near Valley Forge. A few missiles would have warmed the hearts of old George and his troops there a while back. Norm and Carol Robinson were also representatives from the Washington area. We were sorry to hear of their unfortunate auto accident but happy to see Carol well and as lovely as ever. Another commuter up from N.J., a faithful attender of class activities, Bob Taylor, still in Hohokus.

Prizes for the longest trips go to Mort and Barbara Ann Mumma and Bill and Marye Hayden who came from Calif. Mort, who is operations officer of an F-100 squadron, was east also for a survival course at Langley AFB and we hope found '48 reunions worth surviving for. Marye Hayden really earns the honors for effort and endurance having driven from Calif. with Charles, Jon, and Ann to meet Bill at Dayton and come on to West Point and the Reunion. More evidence of '48 spirit. Dick and Joan Weber traveled from Washington where Dick is still with Minneapolis-Honeywell. Complaints about almost anything should be referred to Dick since he and his company operate on the slogan that they "regulate the world." Also from Washington were Irv and Ann Schoenberg, the "official" representatives of the Wash. 25 group. Irv presented their actions and recommendations at the business meeting—see below. Hugh and Barbara Perry, regular attenders from Torrington, Conn., commuted for several of the functions. Barbara is teaching and going to school herself. Yes, Hugh is still working: same job. Jim and Sally Macklin, also up from the Washington area where Jim is busily engaged in settling Army legal problems. This completes the roster of reunion visitors.

Innkeepers for the event were Tom and Betty Bowen, John and Ann Brennan, Harry and Sally Buckley, Jack and Marie Capps, Lee and Johnsie Doyle, Whitey Emerson, Ash and Marian Foote, Jim and Ann Hooker, Denny and Joan Patterson, Bob and Dolly Peterson, Fred and Joyce Tibbetts, Tom and Ann Ware, Glenn and Kit Wilhide; adopted classmates Bob and Mary Ellen Lynch, George Thomes, Chuck and Joan Klausung, Paul and Ann Dietzel, making a total turnout of 85 classmates and helpmates for Number 15.

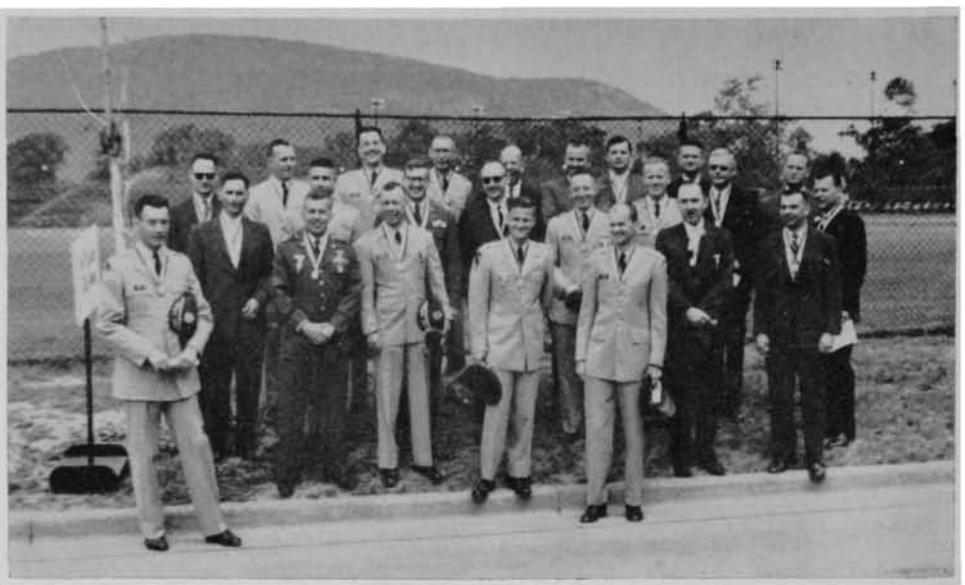
Several others planned to attend but had to cancel out. Otis Moore and A.B. Anderson



1948: Reunion Picnic.

had to scratch but wired their greetings to the Class. Flick and Sue Fleming also had every intention of bringing Dan McGrew to the reunion but the Pentagon was unsympathetic. A quick change of orders sent them to Turkey. From Istanbul came greetings to the '48 Reunion from Al and Austy Pabst on leave before returning to ACSI in Washington from Germany. Dick and Dorothy Miner had hoped to make the Reunion but work was allowed to interfere. Dick is in the AF Systems Command in the Operations Div of the C-141 System Program Office at Wright Field in Dayton, O. He is involved in the development and procurement of this new jet transport. The Miner's strength report as of Jun '63 is 4 children (Barb 9, Beth 7, Jim 5, Janie 2), 1 dog, 2 turtles, 1 firefly, and 1 earthworm. What this AF research doesn't breed!

Believe it or not some business was transacted at the Reunion. Following the plan announced in the reunion flyer, approximately 32 members held a short business meeting Monday, 3 Jun. Two matters were discussed: transfer of the class activities to Washington and election of class officers. In view of the small number of '48ers at WP (9 in the coming year) and the large number in the Washington area (about 55 at present) it was decided that an organization based in Washington could better represent the Class and could conduct class business more effectively and expeditiously. It was also decided that those individuals who were to be responsible for the conduct of class business should be nominated for the appropriate class office. Accordingly the following nominees were elected to hold office during their period of assignment in the Washington area: President, Irv Schoenberg; Vice Pres., Dick



1948: '48 assembled for the Alumni parade.

Weber; Treasurer, John Bellinger; Secy and Column Reporter, Norm Lovejoy. All present and, we're sure the entire class, extends their thanks to our first class officers who led us through the first 15 years. The new officers send this message:

"The decisions made at our Class meeting during June Week, we believe, will have a lasting and salutary effect on the state and strength of our Class. The time was ripe for us to take stock of our Class organization and to look toward our future, our means, and our goals.

"Our HOWITZER said of our Class officers: '... theirs is the task of binding our Class together and providing for class functions in years to come.' We have taken that as your mandate to us.

"On behalf of the entire Class our thanks to those who have carried the Class along as 'coordinators' at WP and elsewhere, and to our first set of class officers: President, Otis Moore; Vice President, Bill Caldwell; Secretary, Stu Young; Treasurer, Arnold Braswell; Historian, Robin Livesay; and Athletic Representative, John Brennan.

"Your new class officers will devote themselves to establishing the kind of objectives you want. We ask you to help us by expressing your opinions and submitting your ideas. With your support the Class of 1948 will continue its excellent reputation in all spheres of service and comradeship."

Another notable event of the Reunion was the brief memorial conducted at the Class Tree on Trophy Point. Jack Capps, speaking for all the living classmates, offered these remarks:

"Although it was dedicated only three years ago, our class tree is no sapling. Perhaps its considerable girth is appropriate to a class celebrating its 15th Reunion. We are halfway through the Regular's usual term of service; we look fondly at the past and turn confidently toward the future. As we do so, we call to mind those twenty-seven classmates no longer with us. Your presence at Trophy Point this morning speaks more eloquently of them than can I. Let us only hope that in the future each of us will at some time be remembered as warmly as those whom we remember here today."

One of the many happy aspects of the Reunion was the fact that so many of those returning were classmates who are now out of

the service and whom those still in service had not had the chance to see often. This made the Reunion especially pleasant. We hope all of our visitors, as well as classmates, who have not seen much of each other for many years will plan to make our next big reunion. And finally, our thanks go to Fred Tibbetts and Tom Ware who were the prime movers and organizers for the Reunion. Letters continue to come from all parts, acknowledging appreciation for their efforts.

Rosie Rosencrans sent the accompanying picture from Japan, taken on the occasion of the presentation of the memorial plaque for the Barrineau Theater at Itazuke AFB. The inscription on the plaque reads:

The Barrineau Theater named in honor of Carey Bishop Barrineau, 1st Lt., USAF, 8th Fighter-Bomber Squadron, who died in an aircraft accident at Itazuke Air Base on December 17, 1949. Presented by his classmates, United States Military Academy, 1948.

A number of letters came in from other classmates who could not be present at the Reunion. Dick and Trish Berry have been in San Bernardino, Calif. for about a year. Dick is in the AF Inspector General's Office at Norton AFB. Add two Berrys to the Ten-Year Book list—Bill, 4 and Louise, 2. Dick notes that Jim Muehlenweg is there also with the Titan Program Office of the Ballistics Systems Div of the AF Systems Command. Dick welcomes any classmates passing through the area. John Pickering reports that, after returning from Clark Field, Philippines, he is now assigned to procurement work in the Contract Airlift Branch, Hq MATS at Scott AFB Ill. Sims Dildy sends a report from Carswell AFB, Ft. Worth, Tex., where he is flying B-52s as a radar navigator. Sims and Marnelle note their family includes two children now, Sims Jr., 2½, and—congratulations—Christine, 2 mos. Ed and Mary Nelson report from Sandia Base that they are leaving for Germany this month. Ed says that work at Sandia is almost like a hardship tour as he is so seldom at home. Charlie Sunder, our man in Kansas, reports the new assignments of inmates of C&GSC. Charlie is going to Korea; Bob and Emilia Kirwan to Germany; Jess and JoAnn Hendricks to CONARC at Ft. Monroe, Va.; Al Alfonso to Test and Evaluation Board, Ft. Benning, Ga.; Joe and Ginnie Meyer to R & D in Washing-



1948: Col. William E. Buck, Jr., CO 8th Tactical Fighter Wing receiving from Rosencrans a plaque for the Barrineau Theater, Itazuke AB, Japan.

ton; Bill and Dinnie Whitson to Formosa to continue in the FAST program.

Ken Olson is leaving Montgomery, Ala. for Korea with Carol and the children going along. Robbie and Lynn Robertson are leaving Montgomery for Germany. Back on the skis eh, Robbie? Howie and Sally Adams will leave the Marines and Little Creek in Aug to go to Tulane to study International Relations. Charlie and Mary Horn are leaving Port Washington, L.I. for Berlin, Germany. Chris McCray writes from Sandia that Jim is on the road a lot, the latest, a trip to Europe this June. She also reports that Jim's trips sometimes bring him into the WP and DC areas, so perhaps we'll see him on one of his junkies. Donn and Letty Starry report from Friedberg, Germany, that all is well with their family. Donn commands the 1st Tk Bn, 32d Armor, 3d Armd. Div. Jim and Pickle Barnett are on the move again, hardly settled at Benning when DA sends them to the Marshall Space Flight Center at Huntsville, Ala. His job—this is really Buck Rogers—is work on a nuclear engine for the final stage of the advanced Saturn. It's for "heavy logistic missions to the moon and to power an interplanetary cruise vehicle." Where do we line up for tickets? Sam and Alice Cockerham are still in Alaska. Sam sees Joe Seymoe frequently, and is betting that he and Joe are as far north as any 48ers. Any takers? Sam is a real booster for the Alaska Chamber of Commerce or Tourist Bureau or something. His letter in Apr commented on the arrival of spring, the 15 hours of daylight, the mild temperatures (-11° in the morning, +28° in the afternoon), a ski slope still operating, and the great salmon fishing. Sam is the USARAL Avn Bn Dep Comdr and Joe Seymoe is S-3 of the 4/9 BG. Jack Kastris was assigned to Thule AFB, Greenland in Apr.

Other notes taken from benoes on the Reunion flyers include one from Jack Peppers in Tampa, Fla. Jack promises to be up next year on a sight-seeing tour with the family through the East. Larry Hoyt used the excuse that he was too far away in Vietnam to make this one. He and Punk Hartnell sent Phil Day and Dave McNeely back to the US and are waiting for Tom Bowen to arrive. Punk is province advisor (Binh Duong Province) and is even getting the Viet Congs to defect. Larry is in the training branch of the MAAG. Herr Walt Plummer, writing from the P & A Div, Hq USAREUR, says he'd be glad to attend a reunion if the policy makers here in the States would bring him to the States long enough. Let's work on the 20th, Walt. Bob and Peg Van Arsdall sent their regrets from Calif., but are already planning on a big 20th. Can't remember whether we reported their fourth child, third girl, Kathryn Ann, born in Feb 62.

George Thomas writes that he and Virginia are living at Fuchu City just outside Tokyo and discovered at the last Founder's Day Dinner that he, Buck Borg, and C² Elebash were the only '48ers in the Tokyo area. Buck Borg is on the way back to the States. We'll look for a report on his new job after his arrival. Ron Morgan's beno revealed that he's at Lackland AFB in Tex. How about a report on your activities and status, Ron?

The Harvard Business School's PIO sent us a release on Grim Locke which reported that that notable politician was elected President of the Harvard Business School's Student Ass'n. On the side Grim is working on a master's degree in BA. How about giving Wes Jones a few tips, Grim? Tom and Barbara Clark didn't quite make it back in time for the Reunion, but did the next best thing

and got here in the middle of Jun. They are returning from Orleans, France, for an assignment with the AEC in Washington. Having missed the Reunion, Tom was eager to pick up his memento, the '48 medallion, of which there are a few left. Anyone who didn't get his, or who needs another to replace the one the kids cornered, should get his request in to Norm Lovejoy or Irv Schoenberg. The price is only \$3 plus postage. Better hurry; get yours before they're gone.

Another classmate has moved up into the rarefied atmosphere of the higher circles of the academic world. Jack Capps received his PhD degree in English from the U of Pennsylvania in May. Congratulations, Dr IQ. Bob and Sally Marshall made a flying trip through here in Apr and we thought we had them lined up for the Reunion but no show. Bob, Sam Holliday, and Monk Doty, all at the U of Pittsburgh, pleaded classes, exams, and all that.

Beginning with the fall issue your column reporter will be Norm Lovejoy. Let's give him a good start by sending in any information we may have about classmates. He'll sort it out. It's easier to throw it away than it is to dream it up. His deadline will be in mid Sept., and his address is:

Maj. Norman B. Lovejoy
2423 N. Roosevelt St.
Arlington, Virginia

Let's flood him with reports especially from or about some of our classmates we haven't heard about for many moons. Maybe he'll offer a reward of a medallion "for information leading to..."

'49

Major F. A. Wolak
Dept. of Electricity
West Point, N. Y.

Another June Week! Another reunion! Our Class had a total of two out of town visitors, Joe St. Clair and Bob Black. Joe came up from Georgia with his wife Penny, and the children. Penny's folks are from Highland Falls, so they enjoyed both a class and family reunion. Bob Black, one of the last of the vanishing breed of bachelors in our Class, came up from Washington. Bob was dragging pro and appeared to be considering desertion from the bachelor ranks.

Our social activities consisted of an informal pot luck supper and dance at Barth Hall, Camp Buckner; and a family picnic at Round Pound. We had a boat ride-cocktail party scheduled, but a fire at the South Dock put the boat out of commission for a month. Gene and Margaret Marder hosted a cocktail party at the Railroad Station for departees of the Class. Some guests could barely restrain themselves from boarding the passing milk trains!

It's a shame that we didn't have more visitors taking advantage of these get-togethers. Maybe, next year for our 15th Reunion we can entice more of you to come up. The committee here is already mapping out plans for great events. So why not decide now to come up; meet your long-lost buddy; give the family a nice vacation; and have an enjoyable time. Let's make it bigger and better than the 10th!

With the closing of the academic year, we change our men in the saddle. The new officers for the coming year are:

President: Snuffy Smith
Treasurer: Ernie Roberts
Secretary: Jerry Schulz
To the new slate—our congratulations!
To the old, retiring officers, "Young" Gene

Marder, "Fearless" Phil Feir, and "Money Bags" Ben Suttle, our sincere thanks for your hard work, time and effort in serving the Class.

No news is bad news as far as the Ten-year Book is concerned. Efforts to reach Johnny Costa have proven fruitless and the question what to do next confronts us. Rather than send out a form letter we are asking each member of the Class to drop a short note telling us your desire, either; (a) you still want the Ten-year Book (b) you do not want the Ten-year Book. In the event (b) is the consensus of the Class, the administrative work-load in refunding the money would be so heavy it has been suggested that the money remain in the class fund for purposes approved by the majority of the Class. Now, let's hear from you!

YOUR REPORTS

The speaker is a director of the Georgia Power Company, the Trust Company of Georgia, the Young Presidents' Organization, Inc., and the YMCA of Georgia. He is vice president of the Georgia State Chamber of Commerce, a trustee of Freedoms Foundation of Valley Forge, the National Safety Council, and the National Recreation Association. He is currently president of the American Water Ski Association, Callaway Gardens and the Ida Cason Callaway Foundation; and the chairman of the Education Committee of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, and a vestryman in St. Marks' Episcopal Church in La Grange, his native city.

An outstanding Georgia businessman, philanthropist, and educator—Howard H. "Bo" Callaway, Class of '49 West Point, so reads the PIO release from Georgia State College where Bo delivered the address at the commencement exercises in June. A very impressive list of accomplishments, Bo, of which you should be justly proud and in which we can share, as well as extend our sincere compliments and congratulations. (The Superintendent's Fund is looking for you Bo.)

Ted Boland enclosed a list of 60 classmates currently in the Washington area. This is over twice the number here at West Point (25). It appears to be the time to consider transfer of the headquarters base to Washington. How about it, George Sylvester and Carl Arantz? Would you bring this up at your next gathering and perhaps in 1965 we can look to Washington rather than to West Point for the poop.

Those listed in DC area are:

Arantz	Hartering
Arnette	(we found him at last)
Arnold	
Banister	Heiden
Baumann	Henry
Black	Hinchion
Boland	Hindman
Brooksher	Hoffmaster
Bumpus	Kemble
Bundy	Knapp
Carswell	Kurtz
Chamberlin	Lamp
Conner	Lay
Corley	Leisy
Denham	Messinger
Dickinson	Meyer
Fagg	Moran
Forrest	Morton
Greenleaf	Peixotto
Guyton	Pfeiffer
Hale	Poulson

Roper	Terrell
Rose	Turner
Ross, W.C.	Wason
Schmalzel	Wilford
Schwarz	Willcox
Shiel	Williams, T.H., Jr.
Stauffer	Wood
Steel	Wynne
Sylvester	

Ab Greenleaf passed through West Point as a member of a DOD team that made a presentation on the organization of DOD to the Second Class. Another AF type, Dan Guyton aiding for General Taylor was here for the commencement exercises.

PIO REPORTS

Maj Charles H. Brown has arrived at Sembach AB, Germany, for assignment. He is a missile launch officer, formerly stationed at Orlando AFB.

Maj. Robert B. Ennis has arrived at Dyess AFB, Tex., for assignment with TAC. He is an operations officer and was previously assigned to Sandia Base, N. Mex.

ODDS AND ENDS

A reminder again to all to give us your opinion on the Ten-year Book and/or what to do with the money.

A reminder to those in the Washington area to consider moving the class headquarters there.

A reminder that the new columnist is Jerry Schulz and that his address is: Maj. Gerhard Schulz, Dept. of MA and E, West Point, N Y

A pleasant so long to all, it's been fun passing out the poop and chatting with you. See you around!

'50

Major Boyd T. Bashore
Dept. of MA&E
West Point, N. Y.

Rex Jennings is taking over from Clyde Spence the project of publishing the class obituaries. Anyone interested in helping is requested to send information to Rex. His address is Dept. of MP & L, USMA.

June Week activities here at West Point were highlighted by the '50 picnic at Lake Popolopen, which featured some sterling water skiing exhibitions topped off by a daring dusk to dark presentation by Lou Dixon to the cheers of an admiring audience on the shore. Sto and Sue Stevens, associate members, and John and Kathy O'Brien were kind enough to furnish their speed boats. Activities throughout the afternoon centered around water sports. Hank Strickland, Tom Fife, George Fullerton, Frank King, Frank Henning and John O'Brien were on the entertainment committee. Assisted at times by their charming wives, they did a splendid job of organizing the party. Also present were Pat and Bert Aton; Judy and I; Elaine and Lou Dixon; Bonnie and Dick Drury; Roxane and Dick Ewan; Connie and George Fullerton; Patty and Tug Greer; Marilyn and Dick Hunt; Dannie and Rex Jennings; Gladys and Ray Maladowitz; Joan and Cloyce Mangas; Kathy and John O'Brien; Barbara and Bruch Petree; Audrey and Bob Shade; Marilyn and Clyde Spence; Earnie Thomas; Sally and George Tilson; Angela and John Vanston; Fae and Chuck Watters; Peg and Bob Wilson; Elaine and Bill Ward; and up from Washington were Anne and Dick Leavitt.

Frank Borman recently made a talk to the



1950: Left to Right: Earnie Thomas, Dick Hunt, Dick Drury, Frank Borman, Tug Greer, and Dave Cameron.

cadets about Project Gemini and related space activities under the sponsorship of the Department of ES&GS. Frank's talks have been very popular with cadets, and they are turning into an annual thing. In the course of his visit, '50ers in the vicinity posed for the inclosed picture. From left to right: Earnie Thomas; Dick Hunt; Dick Drury; Frank Borman; Tug Greer; and Dave Cameron.

Jim Trayers and Bill Read were kind enough to send this list of Leavenworth orders for '50. Best of luck to all in these new assignments. To the hot war in Vietnam: Boylan, W.D. Davis, Griebing, Jennings, Joy, Burke Lee, Howie Parks, Tormey, and Volney Warner. To Korea, assignments as indicated—EUSA: Joe Buccolo, Chapman, Briggs Jones, and Bennet Lewis. To KMAG: Jim Kelly and George Shaffer. Bob Leary was merely listed as "on his way to Korea." To assignments in Europe as indicated: Aull and Ray Barry to USA R&D Group; Haberman and Regi Lombard to USAREUR (Germany); Clark Martin, USA Elem MAAG BENLUX; Bill McDowell V Corps; Morris, US Elem SHAPE; Roush, JUSMMAT, Turkey; Snoke, USAREUR (France). Other overseas tours: Vance Brown, Language Sch and then Costa Rica; Al Flynn, Hq, USA Elem AFSE; Gradoville, exchange officer with the British; Lym Hammond, USMTH, Saudi Arabia; Hugh Holt, USA Elem, Hq Iceland Defense Force; Johnsrud, USA Elem AFNORTH; Emmett Lee, Language School, then Saudi Arabia; Bill Read, Ast USA Attaché, Israel; Shaffer, Bogota, Columbia, Stapleton, Ast USA Attaché, Buenos Aires, Argentina; Trefry, Hawaii; and Tom McBride, Ast Attaché, Philippines. The following received Washington tours: Office of Legislative Liaison—Jim Donovan, Philo Hutcheson and Bill Palmer. ODCSOPS: Dave Hughes and Dick Wyrrough. Dick Rein to OPO; John Jones, USA Materiel Comd; and Monihan, R&D. Other stateside tours are Jim Barnes, civil schooling, U of Alabama; Eshelman, Harvard; Gearan, USA Avn CDA, Ft. Rucker; Bill Howe, USA Arty CDA, Ft. Sill; Hubbard, civil schooling, Tulane; Walt Price, Joint Alternate Comd, Norfolk; Ruppel, Eng School, Ft. Belvoir; Strider, Hq DASA, Sandia, N.M.; Wolfe, USA Eng Dist, St. Paul, Minn. To USMA we welcome: Bob Cheney and Art Trompeter.

The 1 June *New York Times* carried a picture of Al Romaneski and General Mobutu, Commander in Chief of the Congo Army making a courtesy call on President Kennedy

at the White House. Al served as General Mobutu's interpreter during a two-week tour of U.S. Military facilities. During the tour, the party made a stop at West Point and I was able to see Al briefly in the halls as the party walked through Thayer Hall.

"Sib" and Nancy Sibbles write from "Ole Miss" that orders for those taking graduate schooling have been received. Both the Sibbles and Irons are going to ACSI, DA, in the Pentagon.

In May, Dan McDaniel departed Ft. Hood and his assignment as Ammo Officer in the 2d Armd DIV. Dan is now studying nuclear physics at the Naval Post Graduate School. Also at Hood: Bill Lamdin, an exec officer 1st Armd Div Armor Bat; Dick Hoffman, S-3 of an Arty Bat, also 1st Armd; Bill Berry, Eng Supply Officer 2d Armd Div; Walt McSherry, still a backeler, in the G-2 sec of the 2d Armd; and Bob O'Connell is Base Engineer at nearby Killeen Base.

Ralph Pinto has been assigned to the Office of Allied Officer Personnel at C&GSC, Fort Leavenworth.

Sid and Jeanie Steele go to Bragg and XVIII Airborne Corps after AFSC at Norfolk. John Wickham is headed for DCSOPS Plans. Sid says The Founder's Day dinner at Ft. Monroe was attended by Sandy Oliver, Tex Ritter, Vern Quarstein, Tony Parsons, John Wickham and Sid. Both Sandy and Tex depart this summer for Leavenworth. Gail "Zero" Wilson wrote the Steele's that when they arrive at Bragg they will be joining the elite company of Al Paalger, Pete Hayes, Rufe Smith, Ted Seeley, Stu Wood, Chuck Ostendorf, Ed Fox and Ed Pierce.

NOTES FROM THE WASHINGTON AREA:

Stan Fye and Ed Reidy planned the '50 picnic in that area for 1 June. New arrivals were greeted either at that picnic or will be included in the next one in the Fall. Larry and Margarita Birk are the only new arrivals since the last report.

The '50 Wives have been going strong. Herta McCleary, Marion Talbott and Joy Vis-kochel pitched in and had a luncheon in March. In April the departing ladies got together and had a brunch; the hostesses were Beth Griffin (Joe's on orders to USMA); Jeanne Lee (Jim's going to AFSC); and Marilyn Romaneski (Leo leaves in June as Assistant Attaché in Sweden).

Other changes: Mark Hanna to Korea; Leo Wegner, returned from Saudi Arabia, goes to C&GSC.

ASSEMBLY

A letter from Gloria gave recent news of the McBrides from Edwardsville, Ill. Bob has been an executive with Granite City Steel Company since 1956. He started in the industrial engineering department, was promoted to assistant general foreman in the galvanizing department in '59, and to assistant to the divisional superintendent in 1961. In March Bob received another promotion, this time to divisional superintendent proper, which means he is responsible for the production of over half the mill. Bob and Gloria came east during June on an American Iron and Steel Institute Committee.

Bob Ehrlich has been assisting the Ordnance Department here at USMA by setting up and supervising a laboratory exercise for the first class on the subject of land locomotion. Land locomotion is the analytical treatment of the response of unprepared soil to vehicles moving over it, and hence really the largest remaining unsolved problem in the way of the Army's cross country mobility. This is the subject in which Bob got his Ph.D two years ago at the University of Michigan. He is the director of the transportation group of the Davidson Laboratory, the research division of Stevens Institute of Technology, in Hoboken, N.J. Incidentally, Frank King is taking a course at Stevens in this subject taught by him. Bob and Sheila live in Teaneck, N.J.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Charles to the Dan McDaniels, born summer of '62, making the family one girl and two boys.

Paul John, III, to Ann and Paul Mueller, (7 lbs 4 ozs) in Washington 31 Mar 63.

Jan Carol to Carol and Jim Drewry on 7 Apr 63; (weight 7 lbs 8½ ozs, height 20") in Washington.

Also I have a report that the Herberts and Lewandowskis had boys recently, but no details.

'51

Maj. Joe Rogers
2d Aviation Detachment
West Point, N. Y.

Although it was not a reunion year, we did have a few of the faithful who returned June Week to lift their glasses high. Joe Albenda looking fit, and every bit the president of a steel company, was the first to return. His company is located in Poughkeepsie. Tom and Jane Williams were here for the alumni dinner dance. Tom, as we have mentioned before, is with General Motor's Turnstead Division in Trenton, N.J., and has been promoted recently. The Turnstead Division produces the hardware, locks, door handles, etc., for GM cars, so if you have any complaints let Tom know about it.

At the Class formal dinner dance held at Stewart AFB the evening before graduation, almost all of the locals were in attendance. Joining us were Art and Carol Scalise on ROTC duty at Fordham U and the Pete Fosses on ROTC duty at La Salle Military Academy on Long Island. Pud Keesling put the party together and earned a much deserved "well done."

It was the last Class party at West Point for Ed and Fran Partain who leave the 1st Regt to go to Leavenworth; Al and Jean Esser who have orders for Alaska; Red and Patsy Forrester on their way to the AF Command and Staff College at Maxwell AFB; Bill and Audry Malouche also to Leavenworth; Ed and Joan Willis headed for Heidelberg, Germany; and John and Weneke Schweizer who leave for Leavenworth.

Charlie Crowe was elected president of the local "51" chapter for the coming year. He succeeds John Tatum who so ably directed the locals during the past year. Paul Hilty was re-elected sec'y and treas. I volunteered to abdicate as the scribe but John Tatum said that I was appointed for life unless transferred or requested to resign by the readers. Now is your chance, so everyone write.

Gerry Tausch (9131 Mt. Shasta Drive, El Paso, Tex.) writes that Roland is the Senior Advisor to Father Hoa, Hai Yen Special Sector, i.e., the Sea Swallows. He is serving in an Inf MOS (Ft. Knox note). It is a big job and our congrats, Rollo. Other '51 wives in El Paso are Sue Robertson, Mitzi Thomas and Jenny Knittle. Joe Knittle is in Korea while Bruce Robertson and Bill Thomas are in Saigon.

Stan Sheridan, recently returned from Vietnam, wrote while on leave in Ohio that he was enjoying the life of leisure. At the Founder's Day Dinner in Saigon atop the REX BOQ ten out of twelve classmates were able to get to the dinner and from all reports had a ball. Chuck Canham was up from Can Tho and his Special Forces. He is on a six-month Tdy tour from Ft. Bragg. Dave Phillips is the Sr. Advisor at the Armor School. Margaret and children are in Carmel, Calif. Brad Holle, of the brother team, was assigned to the Engr. Sec., Hq MAAG (since rotated home). Rollo Tausch made it also. Bruce Robertson MACV Hq, and Bill Thomas, Sr. Arty Advisor to IIId Vietnamese Corps along with Wally Steiger from Moc Hoa where he is a Province Advisor. For you geography buffs Moc Hoa is 70 miles west of Saigon in the McKong Delta. Norma and family are staying in Radcliff, Ky. Jim Pitts in from the jungles of Phouc Long Province where he is a Province Advisor, Gus Villeret, since rotated to US, flew 400 miles from Danong where he was the Sr. Arty Advisor to the 1st Vietnamese Corps. The two who were unable to get to the dinner were Doug Wainer on an extended Tdy tour doing R&D work for ACTIV (Army Concept Team in Vietnam) and Johnny Norvell who is the Province Advisor at Cao Lanh. Thanks so much for the letter, Stan, and the best to you and Ruth. Hope you enjoy Leavenworth.

Al Costanzo writes from Oberammergau that it was a good winter for skiing. George Bicher is just up the road at Murnau. Can anyone top these for choice assignments?

Clyde Cocks has been with AVCO Corp. in the Missile Management center at Stratford, Conn. for the past three years. Clyde works for former Navy football star, Joe Barto '47. They are involved with the Minute-man Program, manufacturing and servicing AVCO MK 11 nose cones. Clyde is involved with planning for operational deployment of the nose cone system.

Noticed in the 20 Mar *Army Times* that Bucky Harris had been awarded the Legion of Merit. It is an exceptional award for a major. Congratulations, Bucky.

Rocky Milburn writes from the Citadel that three '51ers are there to spread the USMA and USAF word. They are Bill Cuthbertson and Ernie Rose, in addition to himself.

Larry and Lia Mintz write from Cali, Columbia, SA, that No. 3, Arline Joyce, was born 12 Apr, joining their others, Elizabeth 2½ and Garry 1.

Here at West Point Judy and Walt Johnson added boy #4 to the morning report last 31 Jan. He is a fine young boy, if I do say so, and I do since I am his godfather.

That's it from the old sportscaster for now.

'52

Capt. Winfield A. Holt
Dept. of English
West Point, N. Y.

Just as I was about to decide that I was the last surviving member of the class, "Gunner" Deverill rose to the bait planted in the last ASSEMBLY and writes: "After reading the spring issue, I felt it was time to let you know that the Washington group is quite large and fairly active. The only reason Al Bracy hasn't seen anyone is that he hasn't looked. The accompanying group picture was taken at Bolling AFB Club and documents my assertion that we are a large and active group.

"Roper is working in DCSOPS. Morgan and Sells are with the AEC at Germantown, Md. Deverill and Riddlehoover are with the National Military Command System under Defense Communication Agency. Bob Craig (AF) is with the National Security Agency at Ft. Meade, Md. George Grayeb is with ROTC at Georgetown U. George Dietz is stationed at Ft. Meade, also. Bob Underhill is with DASA. Murphy (has seven children) works for Fairchild Aircraft Co. Vince Bailey is with Army R and D. Metz Seebach with an architectural engineering firm and Bill Raiford with IBM. Al Thieme is a graduate student at American U and Al Griffin is one of the Washington area's best dentists. Ackerson is with Army Map Service and Harvey Perritt is with ACSI. Coleman is in the FAST Program at American U. Scotty Shipe is with CIA and Pimental is with AF R and D. Ralph Carver is at Ft. Belvoir doing something with atoms.

"The beauty of this Washington tour has been seeing visiting firemen among whom have been Jim McDonnell from Ft. Bliss, Skip Wenseyl (Intelligence assignment), (scribe's note—I thought Skip was in Vietnam, but if you say so . . .) Jack Pilk enroute to Panama, Jim McInerney (TAC at Nellis AFB), Bill Harrison aide to Gen. Barnes CINCPAC Hqs, Ed Eckert aide to Gen. Waters CONARC, Jim McAndie salesman for Morden Machine Co., Boston, Mass. Thus you can see we not only have an active group increasing every year but we get to see many on their way through. Ackerson and Grayeb are leaving for Leavenworth and Deverill and Weed are leaving for Air Staff College at Maxwell. PS. The sign in the picture says Save Your Money for Tampa!"

Thanks, Art, but there isn't going to be any money to save until somebody in the Washington area gets hot on a certain pay bill.

In a recent letter, Bill Harrison complained that a former letter from him to me had "fallen through a crack." Not so, Bill, but to make your Hawaiian tour more enjoyable I will repeat your notice for you. Bill has a class ring that was turned over to him after being found in Trieste in 1953. Kindly inspect your ring finger, attempt to recall whether or not you were in the vicinity of Trieste in 1953, and if the facts fit the case, communicate with Bill pronto; he must be running close to his weight allowance and he would like to unload the surplus gold.

A note from Marjorie and John Aker at Aberdeen Proving Ground "... our sixth child and third son, Bret Ernest, (10 lbs. 6½ ozs.,) arrived on 24 Feb and at the rate he's growing, I'm sure he'll make the "Big Team" some day. John leaves for Korea the end of June for R and R and I feel I'll manage to keep busy while he is gone." George and Kay Bartel were at Ft. Riley, Kans., until May when George left for Vietnam. Bill Schroeder

is back from Vietnam and he and Joan are at Ft. Bragg for duty with Special Forces.

In an envelope emblazoned on "Her Majesty's Service," a lonesome note from Frank Stevens. "It's pretty rare to see another US Officer, let alone a Classmate here in Wales. I am liaison Officer to the British Artillery School, Manorbier, Pembrokeshire, U. K. I have my family with me—we are in British Government quarters—and we love it. We are also 242 miles from London and there is no Autobahn here. However if anyone wants to make a study of Norman Castles, this is the place to come. On a recent trip to London to see the Queen "trooping the colour" we had a grand time with Peggy and Robbie Robinson (visiting from Heidelberg), and Loretta and John Sullivan, who are with the American Embassy in London.

Bud and Winnie Lichtenwalter announce a new little girl, Katherine Ann, born December 10 at Munich. I'm sure Bud and Winnie have thought I ignored, or lost the announcement, but not so. For some reason known only to the US Postal Service, the announcement came to West Point, was forwarded to Johnstown, Pa., and then apparently walked back here just in time for this issue. Thus, belated congratulations! Congratulations also, to Moan and Liz Asensio for a daughter born in the spring, Dave and Patty Martin for a daughter in early June, and AES and Marie Burkhard for a son born on Father's Day. Since they are all within shouting distance of my quarters, but weak of voice, I have no further details.

Jay Luther is at Ft. Bragg and mentions seeing Micki and O'Ferrall Knight who are in the Psywar Battalion of Special Forces. Jay is presently S-3 of the 14th Eng Bat. While at the Founder's Day dinner at Ft. Belvoir, Jay saw many of the people whom Art Deverrill listed and, in addition, saw Al Lawrence who is handling Engineer major assignments at OPO.

A note from King Coffman concludes "...We got a huge chuckle out of Herbie Hollander's promotion ceremony. Gen. Lemley (CGSC Cmdt) pinned a leaf on one shoulder while Adrian pinned one on the

other (upside down) and when Gen. Lemley reached out his hand to shake Herbie's hand Adrian grabbed it and shook vigorously while Herbie blinked between them."

Now that the list for us late bloomers is out, there should soon be more promotion bloopers to report. And on that note—Finis.

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Future classes will have to go a long way to match the roaring success which was our Big Tenth. From the first sign-in to the last good-bye, the gist of all opinions expressed in one form or another was that none of us had ever had a better time. Most to whom I have talked or heard from also quickly added: "Let's hope it's not 10 years before we all meet again." So, to those of you who were able to make it back, we're sure glad you did. And to you who couldn't for one reason or another, we missed you, and we'll see you at the next one when *you* can make the loudest noises.

I think the first order of business is a quick summary of the weekend. The Saturday morning and afternoon activities included, of course, the signing in at Alumni Hq in the new barracks. At our particular spot, which by the way you couldn't miss because we had the biggest sign, was stationed a rotating force to sign you in, pass out the various mementos, help arrange quarters, give out info on the coming events, and of course to extract the requisite amount of money to cover said events. Here also numerous private reunions could be observed, and the sounds of greetings of long-lost friends and roommates could be heard. After settling in, those who were inclined to something more athletic than elbow bending attended the various athletic events. By the way, we solidly clobbered Navy in everything except golf. As an aside, let's hope the habit carries over through next fall. Meanwhile, back at the Reunion: The rest of the afternoon was spent in various individual parties and small re-



1953: The picnic.

unions and, in general, what you might classify as disorganized visiting—with some drinking.

The first scheduled activity was the Supe's reception at Washington Hall. After the traditional (and delicious) roast beef dinner a la cadet days, the round of handshaking, back slapping, story trading, and reminiscing continued. All this with a back drop of music, dancing—and some drinking. Following this all hands returned to the informal schedule and scattered to various other activities until...

...Sunday: A beautiful day (we were sweating this one out) for the next get-together, the picnic. The center attraction was several kegs of beer, which we all somehow managed to get rid of. Also, provided was a setup for those who wanted something harder or softer as their taste dictated. Not long after the festivities started, big John Smythe (chief picnic promoter) jumped up on the truck next to the then current keg and announced that we were about to have athletic contests. Amid the boos, jeers and raised cups (no mugs) he further announced he was moving the truck to the vicinity of the playing field. You'd be surprised how much interest this generated in athletics. About 5 p.m. all attention turned to the business of putting away the lumberjack-size meal of a half-chicken, potato salad, cole slaw, etc. Another feature of the evening was several contests. First, for the file with the least hair. The winner, hands down was my old roommate, Jack Myers, whose prize was a yellow shower cap to cover his shiny dome. Winner of the prize for gaining the most weight was Frank Doyle. The prize—a can of metracal. Speaking of hair and weight, all agreed that no one had aged a bit and that cadets are much younger nowadays. Originally scheduled for 3 p.m. to 9 p.m., the visiting continued until the wee hours. The informal schedule was again in effect until...

...Monday night saw the last scheduled event, the cocktail buffet dance in the Pershing Room of Cullum Hall. Over 200 attended. Again more visiting, eating, dancing—and some drinking. One of the highlights of the evening was the dancing of the limbo during which many of us demonstrated somewhat less "vigah" than we possessed 10 years ago. The evening went on to round out a highly successful weekend. And of course for some, the informal schedule continued for a day or two until duty called.

Looking back over these lines I see I've waxed windy, but I thought maybe you would enjoy a sketch of the activities. Before I turn to specific comments about people, let



1952: Front Row: Don Sells, Lloyd Riddlehoover, (seated on floor.) Second Row: Nancy Roper, Harry Roper, Ern Dietz, Jo Underhill, John Morgan, Clara Sells, Ruth Bailey, Liz Riddlehoover, Third Row: Alice Craig, Mary Grayeb, George Grayeb, George Dietz, Bob Underhill, Charlotte Garver, Mary Murphy, Tom Murphy, Vince Bailey, Metz Seebach. Heads, from Left to Right: Chase and Bill Raiford, Olga and Al Thieme, Cathy and Al Griffin, Darby and Bob Ackerson, Ralph Garver, Kim and Gunner Deverrill, Nancy Coleman, Mabel Lee and Harvey Perritt, Dick Coleman, Rosemary and Scott Shipe, Let Pimental, Judy Hill, Frank Pimental, Tom Hill. Not in picture: Dutchyns, Flanagan, Lawrences, Relyeas, Weeds and Washburns.

me pass out some thanks from Jack Hayes, our reunion chairman, to his platoon of assistants. We all join Jack in thanking those who made the reunion a success. Kudos: to John Seigle, for his marvelous job in arranging all the entertainment. John had many assistants too numerous to mention; to Ed Dinges, for his handling of the headache of registration and mementos. Through it all Ed managed to keep smiling and keep everyone satisfied. In addition, Ed handled the blazers, which turned out to be fine pieces of goods, receiving favorable comments from all; to Ed Daggit, a special vote of thanks for getting the plaque for the Class tree and arranging for its installation. I'm sure those who attended the impressive ceremony appreciated Ed's resolution and Hubert Lacquement's closing prayer, both of which will be included in the 10-Year Book. Thanks to all.

Along the same lines Glenn Otis, our president when the Reunion ball first started rolling, asked that a special vote of thanks be passed on. I'll quote him so it won't lose the flavor. Says Glenn: "A long overdue and most sincere 'thank you' to the individual upon whom rested all the responsibility for planning, coordinating and executing a memorable 10th reunion. Jack Hayes was asked, and graciously accepted the job of chairman of the 10th Reunion committee. Off hand, especially to those who were not so fortunate as to be here for our 10th, it may not be apparent how big a job this was. But it was nevertheless true that Jack had to spend a great many hours every week since *October 1961* on the several tasks necessary to the big reunion we enjoyed, and to the 10-Year Book soon to be published. When June Week finally arrived, Jack spent 4 to 6 hours per day at the Class registration desk helping our returning elder statesmen to better enjoy the reunion. I'm sure I speak for all of '53 when I say, thanks, Jack, for all your time and effort. The success of the reunion year is a testimony to your hard work." You're right, Glenn. Thanks, Jack, from all of us.

Now let's turn to the people. My original noble intentions were to give you some word about everyone who attended. However, as it turned out, I spent more time enjoying myself than I did playing the reporter. So, I'll let my successor harass our classmates here for info on those of you I missed. If you were here you'll get honorable mention—now or next time. Ed Andrews is still keeping NASA straight in Wash. Brother Lou also came in from the AF Academy. A slightly heavier Charlie Cheves is thoroughly

enjoying his law practice in Fla. Jim Currie celebrated his birthday here. Jim still has his smile for everybody. Fio Rito spent lots of his time taking polaroid snaps of anybody and everybody. Thanks to Fio, who's going great guns in the swimming pool business, we have a double page ad in the 10-Year Book. This represents a fair share of our revenue. Thanks, Fio. Harl Graham made an interesting trip from Colorado. Hopped a flight to Andrews AFB. From there a flight with a Navy captain (the Middies' athletic director, it seems) to Stewart Field and a sedan with the captain directly to Alumni Hq. Says



1953: Class of '53—The Supe's Reception.

the whole trip cost two dollars. Frank Kincaid is still a confirmed bachelor. Says marriage would cause a serious drop in his standard of living. A chat revealed the same Frank—still capable at any dinner-table conversation or debate topic. Frank is in special weapons at Ft. Bragg. Wally Leland says he's trying to keep things straight at the AF Academy. With him and Lou Andrews there, is Byron Tatum, who is peddling social sciences. Ray Lesinski says he likes his work with Sears Roebuck. Red Martin was a smash hit at the picnic by leading group singing with his ukelele. Dyke McCarty still has all his old Hoosier spirit. Frank Mleko roared in with his broad smile, wavy hair, and waving hand. I forgot to ask Frank what he is doing, but he must be a politician! Stu and Abbie McLennan are anxiously awaiting concurrent travel by ship to France. Stu will have aviation duties there. Jack Myers is in the flight

maintenance game at Charleston AFB and will soon go to missile schooling in Calif. Max and Priscilla Noah came all the way from the Panama Canal Zone, where Max is in the R&D office. Says Bill Sifford and family passed through their place in Mar on their way to Venezuela where Bill is Asst Attaché. Bob Porter and I chatted briefly. Bob says he enjoys the outside world. Frank Prieto came up from Miami. Ed and Pat Reed drove up from Ft. Monmouth for two of the days. Ed had to be back Monday to take over a composite battalion. I think Ed is our first batn Comdr. Fred Reynolds drove up from Wash and stayed next door with sister and brother-in-law, Steph and Bill Jewell. Which reminds me—Steph and Bill are having a great leave. They flew down to St. Croix in the Virgin Islands to visit Steph's family. Ken Thompson is still wrapped up in his work with Bendix in Louisville. George Williams drove up from his farm in NJ where he's busy raising animals, including several horses. Says he thoroughly enjoys the quiet country life. Sorry this is not *all* of you, but we'll catch you later. The totals: 69 classmates returned. Including the gang here, 107 attended in all. A good turnout for a great weekend.

Jane Miller writes and sends news of the gang in Vietnam. She reports eight '53ers attended the Founder's Day dinner in Saigon: Whitey Miller, Corkey Nordgren, Bob Fernandez, Gary Colonna, Jack Morton, Sark Semerjian, Art Brown, and Graham Vernon. Whitey, Corkey and Bob led the group singing. She also adds that Whitey will return home in Jul and will head for C&GSC.

Wally Noll has finished at the U of Ill. and will arrive here this month for a tour with the Dept of Mechanics.

A note from Ed Reed reports that Bob Laffam was at Monmouth to brief the Class of '65 in electronic warfare. Bill Weihmiller will be assigned to the Satellite Communication Agency when he finishes school there. A sometime visitor on business is Jack Johnson, who represents AMF.

To follow up my report on Bob Bartlett last time, I am happy to report another feather in the '53 cap. Ed Daggit was recently selected as the recipient of a Danforth Teachers Grant, awarded by the Danforth Foundation, an educational foundation dedicated to the improvement of college teaching. Approximately 500 applicants were nominated by their academic deans from all fields. From this number 200 were selected for interview



1953: Tenth Reunion, Class of '53. Most of the gang—find yourself.

and, finally, only 40 were selected nationwide. All candidates are required to have a master's degree and two years' teaching experience. The recipients are permitted to study for a full year at a university of their choice, with the possibility of extension, the idea being to work toward their Ph.D. Ed has elected to study math at NYU. It will be a PCS move, and he and Darla expect to live at Ft. Hamilton. Ed noted that there is a religious overtone in the selection in that the Founder stipulated that all recipients must have a definite commitment to some faith. Congratulations from all of us, Ed, and good luck in your work.

News of the 10-Year Book: Our business manager, Dave Horner, asked me to pass on that 30 days after this issue of ASSEMBLY is published will be the *absolute* final deadline for receipt of biographies and pictures. Of course, we won't be able to meet our Sept publishing date, but we now plan on getting the book out before Christmas. It's not too late, but get on the ball!! Editor Jack Young asked me to remind you to check the *last* article for the list of type pictures needed. He also adds that right now he has less than 200 replies—about 40%! If we don't want the book to be largely a rehash of HOWITZER info, we need at least 150-200 more! Nuff said? ?

Last month at a luncheon meeting the clan here got together and elected the following class officers for the coming year: president—Mike Cousland; vice-president—Bill Jewell; secretary—Rod Smith; treasurer—Bart Filaseta; historian—Doc Stinson.

I regret that I must again include a sad note by reporting the death of a classmate. Ralph C. Rich died at Hamilton AFB, Calif. on 29 Mar 63 and was buried in the Golden Gate Cemetery in San Francisco. Chuck Doryland and Dick Miller were two of the honorary pallbearers. The entire Class joins in extending to his wife Patricia; his daughters, Marisa and Kerri; and all the members of his family our deepest sympathy in their loss. Our loss, too, is immeasurable.

A final word of thanks to all for furnishing me the info all year. I was at your mercy. Please continue in the same style for Doc Stinson. (Don't you wish his southern drawl could come through in print?) Doc is still claiming that he's "it" because he wasn't present at the meeting to defend himself, but don't believe that. Some good ones are on the way. See you around. Enjoyed it!

'54

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Many in the class have now heard the tragic news that Jim Brodt was killed in action in Vietnam. While Jim's obituary will be published in a subsequent issue, I'm sure that the ASSEMBLY Editor will let me quote here a paragraph from a letter from John Chesbro:

"Jim was a wonderful friend and a respected officer. He had volunteered for Special Forces primarily because he could not stand the inactivity and frustration of his Stateside assignment. Some people feel that 'volunteering' in this manner is not wise. In this case, I feel that it was a measure of the man. For those who knew him well, there is no other conclusion. We will miss him sorely, but cherish his memory."

To Jim's wife, daughters, parents and other family, the Class submits sincerest and most heartfelt sympathy.

Several from the Class either wired or wrote the word about Jim Brodt. Among them was Jay Massaro, who sent additional news from Goppingen, Germany, where he is adjutant of 4th Armd Div Support Command (APO 326). Not many '54 types there, but he has seen Dick Diller, G-3 sec, 7th Army, who was scheduled to leave for Leavenworth in June; George Lacour, who has a sig co in the 26th Sig Bn in Stuttgart; and Ted Neu, who recently transferred to the Transportation Corps and went to Verdun, France, where he's in the 4th Log Command (APO 122). One last note from Jay: the Massaros had their third boy last 1 Sept 62.

Len Reed is finishing a year's tour as a troop comdr with a British artry regt. He reports that it has been not only interesting but productive—their fourth child, Elizabeth Jane, was born 27 Feb. Len was scheduled to spend his last year in this overseas tour teaching in the Intelligence School in Oberamergeran beginning June.

Martin Lachance spent the late spring and early summer in Washington, DC, attending the Defense Intelligence School prior to heading for Guatemala as assistant Army attaché. Pauline and the children will be going along, too. Martin adds that Jim Fraher is doing fine with the Martin Company in Baltimore and John Januleske is living the civilian life in El Paso.

Bill Hauser graduated from U. of Southern California, only to find that his West Point tour was postponed a year because the Army thinks he's been too long away from troops. He is now due to leave for a year in Korea in July, and then on to social sciences at West Point in Aug 64. Helga and son Chris will remain in Los Angeles. Bill adds that Ann Combs is living in the LA area while Skip is in Vietnam; and Bill Barnes is doing well with a research firm in the area.

Stan Beck is about to leave Loring AFB, Maine, after a five and one half-year stay. He and Betsy are entering Air Command & Staff College at Maxwell AFB, Ala., this Aug. Stan reports that Ted Sanchez is studying at Cornell and will return in Jan 64 to the Corps of Professors, Philippine Military Academy; Jack Carter is a sqdn opns officer in a B-47 sqdn at Plattsburg AFB, N.Y.; and Lenny Griggs is completing his tour at the AF Academy and leaving for Evrieux, France, to fly C-130's.

Ben Schemmer is with Boeing and working on such controversial projects as the TFX (Tactical Fighter Experimental) contract. He and Cynthia are now in Seattle but think they might be moving to Washington. Ben adds that Jan LeCroy is with Reynolds Aluminum in Dallas; George Kourakos is working in the Pentagon; Ed Cutolo is at MacDill AFB, Fla. Ben would like to have addresses of John Bard, Bill Bathurst, Jim Zerkel, and Lenny Griggs (mentioned above). Contact Ben, % Boeing Co., Military Aircraft Systems Div., Seattle Branch, P.O. 3999, Seattle 24, Wash.

Other news notes: Jack Moore is now at Offutt AFB, Neb., with SAC Headquarters. In Vietnam are Jim Chandler as an adv and Bill McKenney in command of an ambulance helicopter unit. Dick Hobbs is returning from France to 82d Abn at Ft. Bragg. Jim Kyker, who's a C-124 pilot and operations officer at Robins AFB, Ga., won 2d place in both singles and doubles of the world AF squash tournament. Clark and Asta Benn had their second daughter, Angela Kay, on 22 Mar. Bill and Sissy Haskell had No. 5, Gordon Brooks, on 7 May.

The Education Foundation that our Class

originally founded almost five years ago is still alive and kicking up new dust. It has 57 members from the Classes of '52, '53, '54, '55, '57, '59, '60, '61 and '62. For the first time it has a full-time, active board of trustees with a majority of the board in the WP-NY area. Board chairman is Tom Nelson, '52 at WP; secretary is Scotty Adams '55, at WP; treasurer is Bill Haskell, '54, at Wall Street and Garrison; also in the area are Ed Keiser, '54, at WP, and Plunkttt, '54. The trustees of the Education Foundation are planning a major educational and promotional drive to enlist new members. If you are interested or have questions, please let any of us hear from you—now!

And there's lots of activity at WP. The Steering Committee for the 10th reunion, headed by Bill Wallace, has worked up a number of recommendations. Andre Broumas, who is heading the Reunion Committee, passes on the primary recommendations here (with a little editing):

1. The desirability of publishing some sort of a 10-Year Book. After noting the difficulties inherent in such an undertaking, it was recommended that the Reunion Committee be given wide latitude in selecting the final form of the book.

2. That the 10th Reunion include a suitable memorialization ceremony.

3. That the Class limit its self to two major class activities separate from those of the Assn. of Graduates.

4. That suitable mementos and distinctive class insignia are highly desirable reunion items and plans should be made to offer them to classmates and their ladies.

5. That every effort be made to promote a large reunion, and that classmates stationed at USMA be encouraged to accommodate as many visiting classmates as possible.

Among others working on reunion plans: Ames Albro, in charge of registration and accommodations (also treasurer); John Bard, in charge of activities; Bob Gomez, in charge of the Reunion Book; Dick Baughman, in charge of mementos.

The proposed reunion schedule spans four days (Friday 29 May through Monday 1 Jun 64) and includes a cocktail party before the alumni dinner dance, a memorialization and tree planting ceremony, a class picnic, a class business meeting, and a class party. In view of the financial and publishing difficulties encountered by recent classes in offering a formal "small HOWITZER" type of yearbook, the Reunion Committee has decided on a book that would deal solely with the 10th reunion in content and photographs. An undertaking along these lines should make it possible to get the booklet out a few months after Jun 64 and at nominal cost.

You will be posted on further reunion plans both through this column and separate mailings.

Meanwhile, let us have your news by 1 Sept. Many thanks.

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Way back in April, I spent a week at the Air Force Academy. The ostensible reason for this visit was to do research; but the happy consequence was that it enabled me to see a number of classmates, many of whom I had not seen since graduation, and to meet their families.

The Mechanics Department boasts the greatest number of the Class of '55 at

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USAFA, including Stan Harvill, Al Edwards, Duane Smetana, Al Oppel, and Ron Rule. Stan and his wife Anna are at Wright-Patterson AFB this summer, where Stan is TDy to do research in the metallurgy lab. Al and Edie Edwards and their three children return to Calif. this summer, where Al will work for his PhD at Stanford prior to returning for another tour at USAFA. "Smitty" and his wife Elaine have two boys, ages 5 and 3. Al and Sally Oppel were expecting their third child in May. Ron and Ruth Rule have two boys.

Dave and Penny Burroughs have four children, as do Bill and Jan Anderson. Al and Ann Sheldon have two children. Dave, Bill, and Al are in the English Department. Dick and Greta Masson, Jack and Chris Poirier, and Ray and Kelly Karam are with the Political Science Department. The Massons and the Poiriers each have two children. With the Astronautics Department are Del and Shirley Jacobs, and their four children, "J.J.", Greg, Cheryl, and Jeff; Bob and Kitty Millard and their son Michael; and Bob and Esther McKelvey and their three children.

Bill Goodwin and Dick Prater are in the Physics Department. Bill, Betty, Nancy, and Eric are TDy this summer to Kirtland AFB, Albuquerque, N.M. Dick, Barbara, Ginny, and Richard (and a third child expected in October) are TDy for the summer to Rome, N.Y. Ski Ordway and Bob Strickland are with the P.E. Department at USAFA. Ski is one of the elite group of remaining bachelors in the Class. Bob and Lynn were expecting their third child in June. I understand that Bob has compiled an outstanding record as soccer coach at the Academy. Pete Walton and Roland Nordlie are Squadron AOC's (the equivalent of company tactical officers) at USAFA. Peter and Ruth Ann have two children, as do Roland and Ginny.

Information on some other classmates came my way at the Academy. Al Rupp is now a test pilot at Edwards AFB, Calif. John and Betty McDonald were leaving Oklahoma in June for Brookley AFB, Ala., where John will be F105 Project Officer. Dick and Cynthia Auer are living in Denver, where Dick is with a large department store.

John Wing arrived back from Korea in May. He, Sheila, and their four boys and one girl are now at Fort Eustis, where John is attending the Transportation Corps Associate Company Officers Course. In the autumn, the Wings will move to Fort Rucker, where John will be on the Aviation Board. Buddy and Beverly Roberts, who are also at Eustis, had a boy Kenneth, their third child, in April. Skip Massey was assigned to Germany early this year. Noreen and the two girls were living in San Antonio until Skip could find housing in Germany.

It was "old home week" at Ft. Belvoir this spring for a number of the class. Dave and Toni Maurer, Stan and Ida Mae Johnson, Bill and Paula Edwards, Dan and Donna Ludwig, and Bob and Marvel LaFrenz all were with the same Engineer Officers Career Course class, which graduated in May. Dave has since gone to Thailand, Stan to the Reactor Test Station in Idaho, Bill to a flying job in Vietnam, and Dan and Bob to the faculty at West Point. Dan will be teaching civil engineering in the Military Engineering Department; Bob will be teaching nuclear physics and reactor theory in the Electricity Department. Both have their PhD's. Mike and Melinda Gallup and Graham and Betty Wood joined a subsequent EOCC class at Belvoir. Bud and Bonnie DeMaris, Joe and



1956: Class Picnic at Knox. Left to Right: Jack Nicholson, Marsh Schoonmaker, Bill Weihi, Bill Baxter, John Kirk, Jim Spires, Tom Harding, Chuck Garvey, Walt McCahan, Harry Crandall, Frank Mathews, Dave Berry, Doc Bahnsen, Pat Holey. Picture taken by J. J. Clark.

Connie Franklin, Franz and Joan Schauer, and Lee and Linda McKinney are with the Reactor Group at Belvoir. With the AEC in nearby Germantown, Md., are Jim and Nancy Strickland, and Chuck and Phyllis Domeck.

Jud Faurer has volunteered for the Minuteman Missile Program; after training at Chanute and Vandenberg AF bases, he has become Chief of the Minuteman Standardization Branch at Ellsworth AFB, S.D. On the side, he is working toward a master's degree in business administration, through Ohio State University, under a special "capsule education program" set up by SAC.

Eck, Kitty, Gary, and Leslie Hayes stopped by here in June en route from West Point to Ft. Sill, where Eck will be taking the Artillery Officers Career Course.

Regards to one and all.

'56

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Harold Holmquist died 24 Apr 63 when the F-104 he was flying out of George AFB crashed near Victorville, Calif. Details concerning this crash are not known at this time. Apparently Harold was flying his plane at such a low altitude when a malfunction occurred he was unable to bail out. Ken Lang, one of his closest friends, flew in from Maine to attend the funeral, and a wreath was sent from the Class. Lois Holmquist called a few weeks later and asked me to thank all of you who sent flowers and your heart felt condolences. She and their two children are living with Harold's folks at 1251 North Mariposa, Los Angeles 29, Calif. They expect to visit her relatives in Fla. this summer, and then, hopefully, she will enter UCLA soon to continue her education. She desires to see any members of the Class who are in the Southern Calif. area or passing through, and is particularly anxious to know the current addresses of Connie Ege and Bill DiGennaro.

Greg Wold called me all the way from Ill. to announce the big plans for this year's

Army-Air Force football game in Chicago. Greg is spearheading the attack to hold an Alumni pre and post game cocktail hour at the McCormick Center in Chicago. In addition, a hospitality house at one of Chicago's hotels may be planned for after the game. Those planning to attend should contact Greg and Iline Wold at 845 Emerald Lane, Naperville, Ill. In the meantime, I'll pass along in the next issue of the ASSEMBLY what additional information as is made available. It all sounds like a great opportunity to get together and compare grey hairs, etc. Good luck on your plans, Greg—all of us certainly appreciate your initiative.

IBM has claimed the services of Jim Straub and Ned Serrio. The Straubs are residing at 27 Blue Hill Drive, Saugerties, N.Y., and the Serrio clan, including two children, are living in Phoenix, Ariz.

The Bob Bacons have recently added their contribution to the Class diaper derby. Their son, Robin Hood, checked in 2 Apr 63 at Ft. Benning. At Patrick AFB, Fla. Bob and Dolores Sheridan adopted a second son, Timothy Bruce, on 11 Mar 63 when he was two months old. Their first adopted son, Tommy, is only 7½ months older than Timothy so it's just like having twins to the Sheridans. As you recall, Bob is on assignment with NASA; however, he remains in the AF blue. He will be transferred to NASA's Manned Spacecraft Center in Houston, Tex. come Aug.

Carl Coulter and Jayne are currently with the Engr. Sec, XVIII Abn Corps, Ft. Bragg. He claims he's pushed enough paper work since Feb to last a lifetime. There is quite a group at Ft. Bragg who will eventually be assigned to Vietnam. Among them are Charlie Sarkiss, recently S-3, 187th ABC; George Stapleton, with the 82nd; Gene Eastburn, currently S-3, 307th Engr. Bn; and Jack Woodmansee, who is already on his way to the Far East. Carl saw Whit Coats at Ft. Bragg while Whit was on TDy for a week from his company commander post with the 101st Abn Div. Rod Mac Connell has a com-

pany commander post with STRICAR at Bragg.

My apologies to Roger Redhair for leaving his news out of the last issue of the ASSEMBLY. Your letter was temporarily misplaced. Roger, Roger, along with Norm Levy, Bill Narus, Skip Rajala, Tony Benish, and Mel Wuest are all enrolled in the Guided Missile Systems Officer Course at Ft. Bliss. George Brandel is stationed at the nearby William Beaumont Gen Hosp in El Paso. Norm and Sandy Levy have three offspring, Diane, Jeffery, and Linda. Bill and Sharon Narus have two, Billy and Nancy Lee. Tony and Betty Benish have three children, Vivian, Matthew, and Andrew, and Roger and Mary have two girls, Lee Ann and Susan.

Joe Sanders jotted us a note from the U. of Illinois to mention that both he and Rand Rensvold, graduating from the U of New Mexico, will have the same assignment at Vandenberg AFB this Jun as development engineers with the Aerospace Test Wing. Don Sheehan will graduate from the U of Illinois this Jun and leave for the AF Academy as an English instructor. Nick Bruno will remain at Illinois to continue working on his masters in physics, while Neil Luft is due to join him and don the academic garb this summer.

Jack Nicholson reported on the latest news at Ft. Knox and forwarded a picture of one of the Class reunions there. Those at Knox who expect to remain in that vicinity for a year or two include: Bill Baxter, Walt McCahan, Dave Berry, "Dod" Bahnsen, Pat Haley, Jim Harris, Don Graesser, and John Keutmann. The remainder of the current group at Knox expect to fan out as follows: Jack Nicholson, Chuck Garvey, and Bill Wehl to Vietnam; John Kirk and Frank Mathews to Ft. Benning; Jim Spiers to India; J.J. Clark to Ft. Bragg; "Marsh" Schoonmaker to UCLA; Tom Harding to Carlisle Barracks; Harry Crandall to Germany; and Bob Nicholson to the U of Michigan.

Charlie Parker was assigned to the West Point Department of Social Sciences effective mid-July this year. Jim and Joan Lane are expecting their first child while they are in N.Y. Fred and Robin Holmes have a new assignment at West Point (Department is not known). Mike Esposito is expected to return from Korea in Aug. Larry Fitzgerald is stationed at Arnold AFB Tulaoma, Tenn. Nancy and Ed Redline along with their four children are now somewhere in Germany.

Here in the LA area, Dex Shaler has been elected the Treasurer of the local chapter of the West Point Society. Both Dex and I are on the Board of Governors for the local chapter. Jerry Skatvold, in addition to being appointed assistant manager of Marketing Research at Ducommon Metals, now boasts of a third addition to his family, Nancy Ann, born in Feb 63. Mother Susie is fine. Otherwise, not much else to report this issue. Need more news for the fall. I know I can count on all of you.

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Whew—it is hot as blazes here—105° yesterday and the worst is yet to come. That window air conditioner is straining for all it's worth but simply can't seem to get the job done. Perspiring profusely I am in a terrible frame of mind. Poor Bridget—she sits here fanning herself, staring into space, muttering inaudibly—84° is the all-time high where she comes from. Mint juleps are cooling, but only

for so long—and, anyway, too much of a good thing is rough.

You all haven't contributed a great deal toward making me feel any better—your correspondence is notable only by the lack thereof. This edition of '57's scandal sheet is being composed with the help of only six letters from classmates and two duns from the West Point Army Mess. Don't blame me for the brevity—if you are upset about it, sit down now and jot a few lines on a post-card addressed to me.

Jerry and Jody Scott and daughters, Barby and Lizzie, recently passed through and spent a couple of days with us. We had a great time watching all the kids try to impress each other, and getting ourselves brought up to date. Jerry is en route to Korea and the 1st Cav, following the Career Course at Benning. Jody and the girls will remain in Boston where Jody will await the arrival of number 3 due sometime in December.

Jerry gave me the following poop about others finishing at Benning with him: Don Bowman is also off to Korea along with Howell Jordan and Bob Winters. Don Cline and Bud Krapf will remain at Benning; Don will instruct in TIS, Bud will join the Test HQ, 11th Air Assault Div. Don Wells is assigned to 7th Special Forces Group at Bragg; Andy Weber goes to Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. Dick Olson will be assigned to ATC at Ft. Dix. Tim Murchison and Tony Solberg will attend Columbia U. and U. of Ill. prior to instructing at West Point. Tim will study English, and Tony some kind of engineering. Mike McCarthy has gone to Ft. Riley, Kan., to the Big Red 1. Morrie McBride is on his way to Vietnam; John Loberg will advise in the ROTC program at the U. of Puerto Rico. John Dubbelde will be assigned to the 4th Inf Div at Ft. Lewis, Wash., and Jack Hill will do some ground time with the 1st Armd Div at Ft. Hood.

Jack Meehan is studying nuclear engineering at Tulane and complaining about the high cost of economy-type living in New Orleans. He expects a short tour prior to returning to West Point as an instructor. Jack wants Jack Murphy's address—who can help?

Jim Trainor is now out of the Service and working in DC with NASA on the orbiting astronomical laboratory project.

Jerry Zabriskie wrote from Ft. Ord where he commands a STRAC Signal Co. He says that Frank DeSimone and John Hocker are both at the Language school in Monterey. Frank is studying Russian and will move on to Oberampegau, Germany, for further study late this summer. John is becoming even more fluent in German prior to studying applied mathematics at the U. of Freiberg (? ?) in Germany. Ken Simila is attending the Navy's Post Graduate School in Monterey, Jerry Hawley is getting the 6-week cram course in Vietnamese prior to a short tour in S. E. Asia.

Jesse James is back in the land of the round door knob now after 3 years in Schwabisch Gmund, Germany. He was to start the Career Course at Sill early in July. Jesse said that Hoyt Kennett was in Schwabisch Gmund in an Art Bn.

Jerry Patterson is now at Redstone Arsenal along with Mike Houser and Ted Felber. Bob Reynolds, Andy Johnson, and Jack Apperson were at Redstone, but are now in the Career Course at Aberdeen Proving Grounds. Jerry says that Tom McCall finished at the AFI at Wright-Pat in June.

Bob Drudik is in Lexington, Va., tac-ing for the VMI types. Bob recently saw Bill Seeley who is now aiding in DC and Kerry

Gates, teaching Plebe math at West Point. Bob lives alone in his own "sand bag castle" in Lexington and invites one and all to drop in anytime in the next 2 years.

Due to some quirk of fate, Waxey and Eleanor made it back to the states in good shape (I am certain all the organizing was done by her) and they are now in the Career Course at Ft. Eustis. Waxey calls occasionally and threatens to come down for a visit, but frankly, I have almost given up on him. He does, however, drop propaganda leaflets each time he flies over Albermarle and even this contact is better than none.

That is all for now except for an emphatic plea for J. J. Cortez's address. The West Point Army Mess is on our back to clean up two minor debts, and unless we do so soon, yours truly might become the first civilian at Leavenworth (and I don't mean C & GS).

I need poop. This column cannot be written without it. Please write.

Bridget and the boys send regards.

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ARMOR

Gerry Schurtz took Mary Janet Lynn for his wife on 8 Jun at the Post Chapel, Ft. Lewis, Wash. He and "Bonnie" will make their new home at Quantico, Va., where Gerry will be attending the Marine Corps Career Course. Gerry's last assignment was as S-3 of the 2/8th Cavalry.

"Sammy" Sookmak recently completed the Career Course at Knox with 11 other classmates. By now Sammy has returned to Thailand where he is with the Tactics Dept, Armor School, Bangkok, Thailand. He and his wife had their first child born to them in mid-February. She did not accompany him to the US.

"Butch" Saint received orders to the Joint CofS in Washington. Norm Gustitis has been assigned to CDEC at Ft. Ord. Mike Davall and Dick Graves will both report to the 101st Abn Div. Bill Graf is assigned to ROTC duty at New Mexico Military Institute. Bill Gillette will join the Air Assault Div at Benning.

Don Martin is at Cornell U. studying English. He will be an instructor at USMA upon completion of his degree. Mike Mahler will also be assigned to the USMA English Dept following his schooling at the U. of Pa. Tom Carpenter is attending the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts U., Medford, Mass., where he is studying international relations. Dale Hruby has been assigned to the 8th Medium Tank Bn, 34th Armor at Ft. Knox. In Jan 64 he reports to Columbia for study in European history. In the summer of '65 he reports to USMA. Dan Brookhart has a similar schedule; however, his schooling will be in economics at Harvard.

Cary Martin is an instructor in the General Subjects Dept of the Armor School. His previous assignment had been as ADC to Gen. Dobson, Comdt of the school. George Yurick and Max Pearsall are both commanding units stationed at Ft. Knox. I understand that Stan Bacon is assigned to the Infantry School.

Bill Clary and Fred Easley are scheduled to attend the career course at Knox. George Michael, who has been CO of Troop C, 8th Cav, Ft. Lewis, is scheduled to attend the Infantry Career Course.

ARTILLERY

Bob and Carol Finkenaur are the parents of twins, John Joseph and Elizabeth Ann,

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born on 26 Apr at Bremerhaven, Germany. Their address is the 32d USA Msl Det, BFPO 32, APO 82, N.Y. Jim and Rae Ramsden became parents for the third time when Michael Thomas was born on 27 Mar in Cambodia. (See the '37 Class report for picture of the Ramsdens). Jim reports to AOCC 1-64, Ft. Sill, in July.

Ron Brunner has orders for the 176th Repl Co, 28th Repl Bn, APO 20, San Francisco. His last assignment was with the 2d Msl Bn, 51st Arty, at the Presidio of San Francisco. "Buz" Bruzina will be attending the Canadian Army Arty School following his present assignment with Air Defense in the Seattle area. Dave Depew, whose initial assignment following his return from Okinawa was with the 2d Inf Div at Ft. Benning, is now attending the Inf Career Course. I understand that Tom Kelly has returned to CONUS from Okinawa also. "Dusty" Rhodes is CO of B Btry, 16th How Bn, Ft. Lewis, Wash. Fred Stritzinger is still on Okinawa. His assignment is CO of one of the Hawk batteries in the 8th Msl Bn, 3d Arty.

Lee Miller is attending Harvard U. in Business Administration. Vince DeBoeser and Ben Pellegrini are both attending Tulane U. in New Orleans in nuclear physics. They began the course in June.

ENGINEERS

Bob Dey is attending Stanford U. in California. I understand that Bob and Jo Ann have two boys now. Bob Giuliano is attending Princeton and will report to the Math Dept at USMA this summer. Randy Rodenberg will also attend Princeton, following the career course at Belvoir. Jim Roberts has orders from the Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy at Rolla, Mo., for the 176th Repl Co, 38th Repl Bn, APO 20, San Francisco.

John Shimerda has orders from the 100th Engr Bde, Flight Co at Ft. Belvoir to the 23d Special Warfare Avn Det (Aerial Surv) in Vietnam (APO 40). En route he will attend the Special Warfare School at Ft. Bragg, and the Mohawk Transition Course at Ft. Rucker. Bill Parks has orders from Ft. Belvoir to the USA ELM, Canal Zone Govt, Balboa Hts.

INFANTRY

Linc and Ann Jones had their second child, Kathryn Alexandra, born to them in Rome on 13 Apr. They have been stationed in Italy with MAAG. Linc is to attend the career course this summer.

Some 28 members of the Class recently completed the career course and are on their way to assignments. Pete Bahnsen has orders to the 5th Special Forces at Ft. Bragg. Dan Brockwell and Olin Moore are assigned to the Inf Training Center at Ft. Jackson, S.C. Bill Morrison and Kevin Brown are assigned to the Inf Tng Ctr at Ft. Gordon, Ga., "Vic" Victorine, Lon Spurlock, Doug MacLeod, and Joe Keyes are all on their way to Korea. Bob Moore and Wes Loffert are going to Ft. Ord.

Joe Shea and John Holecek are going to Ft. Hood, Tex. Joe will join the 1st Armd Div, while John will become a member of the 2d Armd Div. John Herren has been assigned to the 2d Inf Div at Ft. Benning. Doug Detlie will assume ROTC duties at the Pennsylvania Military Institute. Jae Stanton joins the 2d BG, 30th Inf at Ft. Sill. Phil Pryor has orders to the 1st Inf Div at Ft. Riley.

Milt Wofford is assigned to William and Mary College as a member of the ROTC complement. Bill McCaffrey has orders to Ft. Dix, N.J. Dick Franklin will be going to Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. Chuck Toftoy and

"Josh" Jaschen are assigned to the 82d Abn Div. Prior to reporting to Bragg, they will attend the Pathfinder Course at Benning. John Buchanan, Gerald Capelle, and Les Gibbings will join the 101st Abn Div. John and Gerry will also attend a Pathfinder course.

Dave Bourland is assigned to the Admissions Office at West Point. Bob Clark will attend grad schooling at RPI in Troy, N.Y., and in Jul 64 will be assigned to the Math Dept, USMA. Jim Davis is attending the Georgia Institute of Tech in Mechanical Engr, following which he will be assigned to the ES & GS Dept, USMA. Dick Kittelson is attending Penn State U., University Park, Pa., in Chemistry.

Bob Lindquist is assigned to the 2d Inf Div at Benning. He probably will soon attend the career course. Dave Swanson, Will Roosma, Fred Mayer, Bob Matsumoto, Hal Lyon, Dick Lynch, Bill Buchly, and Bill Reynolds will be attending one of the two career courses beginning this summer at Benning. Bob Foster is a member of the Command and Staff Dept at the USAIS.

In Okinawa, Ben Crosby is Asst S-3 in the 2d ABC, 503d Inf. John George is still Hq Co CO in the same BG. He is due to return to Ft. Knox in the near future. Ron Short has returned to Okinawa from his Tdy in Vietnam. John Schaffer ended a 3-year tour in Okinawa in June. He stated that anyone assigned to Okinawa should enjoy it. Mel Drisko returned to Ft. Benning from Okinawa in May. From all appearances, the crowd there is thinning out.

ORDNANCE

Neil Williamson has orders from the U. of Mich. to Vietnam. En route he will attend courses in automotive repair organization at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, and a 6-week course at the Special Warfare School, Ft. Bragg. I understood that during April, Glenn Bugay, John Isaacson, and Bob Pointer were all at White Sands Proving Ground in New Mexico. I don't know if that is their permanent assignment.

Tom Cameron and Lorin Farr both have orders to Germany. En route they will attend courses at Sandia Base in nuclear weapons. Lorin's last assignment was at the USA Munitions Command, Picatinny Arsenal. Tom's last assignment was at the USAR Arsenal, Watertown, Mass.

QUARTERMASTER

Larry Bullis has orders from Ft. Lee, Va., to the QM School Parachute Packing and Maint and Air Drop Course at the Abn Equip Det, USA Spt Command, Richmond, Va.

SIGNAL CORPS

Have received several letters from Brian Koster who is Adj of the Hq USAR Carib Sig Agency, APO 206, New York, in Puerto Rico. He has been a great help to me in providing information contained in DA orders coming across his desk. Brian arrived in PR a month or so after Dave Kyle left for places unknown. Brian has been in PR for the past 9 months, or ever since completing the Signal Career Course. He and Judy are about the only Army personnel remaining on the post, which is under Navy jurisdiction. They expect to move in Dec 63.

Gary Kosmider is attending Northwestern U. in Boston in electrical engineering. Al Salisbury is attending Stanford U. in California. Jim Frick is still at Ft. Benning, assigned to the 122d Sig Bn. He was among those attending the Founder's Day Dinner there.

TRANSPORTATION CORPS

Bill Tuttle completed his degree at Har-

vard Business School in June, and departed for Korea in July for a year of research in the field of transportation. He writes that he would like to hear from the members of a club "to whom he owes certain obligations for breaking ranks." Bill's address will remain 39 Briarwood Lane, Portsmouth, Va. Ed Dodd has also completed his civil schooling at the U. of Tenn. in physics.

USAF

Jim Chapman reported to Princeton to study in social sciences prior to an assignment at USAFA. Jim's previous assignment had been at Hickham AFB, Hawaii. Walt Patterson, who was also scheduled to attend civil schooling at Princeton, had his orders canceled by MATS who would not release him. Walt's present job is as a C-118 flight examiner in the 30th ATS, McGuire AFB. Dick Price had been on the same orders as Walt to graduate school, only at Purdue U. in aeronautics. If his orders have not been changed, his assignment is to Purdue, and following that to the Math Dept, USAFA.

This is probably old news, as I believe the Clarks expected to leave Naha AFB on Okinawa in May 62. I am quite certain that they have now departed that station; I believe to Sewart AFB in Tenn. Wayne Hagberg is still stationed with the 30th ATS Maint Group, McGuire AFB. Wayne is a C-118 test pilot.

John Schaefer was studying for his Masters in EE at Stanford U. He was attempting to extend his stay there until Jan 64 in order to work for his doctorate. If he was successful his address there would be 2185 Euclid Ave, Palo Alto, Calif. Dan Yarr has been redeployed from Sembach, Germany, to Rothwestern, Germany. Dan is CO of a detachment which coordinates activities of Army Ground Forces with AF operations.

CIVILIAN

Jim Emmons resigned at Ft. Devens on 9 Apr this year. Jim and Erica had previously been in Germany, when they were with the 14th Armd Cav. Bill Foulkes is presently in his "plebe" year at the Harvard Business School. "Whitey" Hulsman has apparently completed his schooling at Harvard, but is still located in the Boston area at 18 Centre St., Cambridge 39, Mass.

Received a birth announcement from Seena and Joe Katz announcing the birth of their second child, Jonathan Lawrence, born on 1 Apr 63. Joe, who works for the David Marks Insurance Agency, was recently selected to the 1963 Million Dollar Round Table, a distinction in insurance circles reserved for those who, among other things, qualify by selling one million dollars of insurance in a year. Joe is recovering from a back injury received in mid-February.

I'm sorry to report that Mike Riordan was placed on the temporary disabled list on 25 Apr. This occurred by virtue of a finding of 30% physical disability due to colitis. He will receive a 5-year temporary discharge in the grade of captain. Mike and Jane had been living in the San Antonio area at 238 Goodhue while Mike was undergoing evaluation at Brooke General Hospital. I understand it is their intention to return to the East. I'm sure you'll recall that the Riordans have one fine young son named after our late classmate, George Walker.

Ed and Faith Ofgant are living in Puerto Rico, where Ed is the Asst Gen Mgr of Carina Mercury, Inc of San Juan. This is the distributorship for Lincoln and Mercury on the island. Ed is also serving as a Lt in the Puerto Rican Army National Guard. Their

address is 1880 Calle Alcala, College Park, Rio Piedras, P. R. Some have inquired as to Bill Miles' address, which is Nashotah House, Nashotah, Wis.

REUNION

I'm afraid that due to the lead time required in putting this article to press, I haven't been able to assist the reunion committee in publicizing either the June or September reunions beforehand. I hope to cover both in detail in the next article.

I can state that response from the Class indicated a preference for a class reunion on a September football weekend. At that time accommodations should be more readily available, the new addition to the Officers Open Mess completed, and finally we can cheer the rabble on to victory. If on this late date you have not received information on the reunion, either Dick Gell or Dick Traber at USMA will be able to help you, I'm sure.

In the meantime I'm looking forward to joining Stu Willis, Bob Clark, and Jack Burke at RPI. That's in Troy, N. Y. If any of you should be in the area, please stop in; I'm certain we'll have more than enough problems for everyone.

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I have heard many classmates express the feeling that the position of a senior first lieutenant would be a comfortable one. Now we shall never know.

This fourth anniversary of our June Week finds us scattered about the earth in various walks of life, stages of matrimonial and parental achievement, and with more responsibilities, in general, than we had back then.

Chuck and Barb Lutz are moving from the Chemical Officer Career Course at McClellan to the Naval Post Grad School at Monterrey, Calif., where Chuck will work in nuclear effects engineering for his masters in physics.

Tex DeAtkine is now in Korea but holds orders for the advanced course at Ft. Sill which begins in Oct. He and Terry now have a third baby girl, Laura Christine, who resides with her mother and sisters at 801 Albany Ave., Brooklyn 3.

Had a nice note from Will and Petra Wright who invite all classmates in the Hartford area to stop by for a visit. The address is 2345 Ellington Rd., Wapping, Conn. Will is an experimental engineer for Pratt Whitney Aircraft in East Hartford. Wayne and Louise Mercer are also in Hartford and Wayne and Will work together.

Don and Judie Simpson are at Las Cruces, N.M., where Don receives his masters from NM State in Jun. From there they go to White Sands Missile Range. Other classmates at NM State at the time of Don's writing were Jerry and Marylin Aamodt (one son); Ed Bruce and Dottie Medaris (two daughters); Russ and Gray Miner (one son); and Don and Mary Helen Reinhard (one and one). The Reinhard's are also bound for White Sands where they will join Walt and Peggy Brown and Jay and Camille Warren.

Mike and Ann Isacco are in Omaha, where Mike is aide to the CG, XVI Corps. They were married last Aug at Ft. Myer where Mike was XO, Co. C, 3d Inf. They left Myer the same month and Larry Burchell took Mike's old job.



1959: Standing, Left to Right: TV Borlund, Rita Borlund, Marty Roberts, Tom Roberts, Louise Weber, Bill Weber, Roy Losey, Lou Hightower, Bob Howe, Jeri Baldwin, Ron Baldwin, Mike Duggan. Sitting: Marilyn Losey with daughter Diane, Betty Ann Hightower, Judy Duggan with daughter Mary Ann, Pete Dawkins, Judy Dawkins.

Frank Besson had a branch transfer to the Transportation Corps and is currently working on a masters at American U in DC.

Dick Bennett received an M.S. from the U of Illinois last Aug and is presently enrolled in the adv crse at Belvoir. Bill Garcia did the same at Illinois but stayed on to work for his PhD.

Roy and Gail Greene with daughter are in Omaha where Roy is assigned to SAC Hqs., as is Jeff Davis. Jay Weisler is in Vietnam.

New civilians not mentioned elsewhere herein include: Chuck Darby, Joel Kampf, Joe Shea, Mike Morales, John Cohan, Bob Beale, Lou Caruso, Pete Keogh, Blaze Boggs, Norm Rosner, Harry Walters, Bob Ranalli, Joe Moriarty, and Jack Farrell.

Paul Sper resigned his commission here at Knox on 11 Jun. On 29 May he was awarded the Soldier's Medal for an attempt to rescue a soldier from beneath a burning ammo truck in Germany last Aug. On hand for the ceremony were Herb Minton's mother and sister and Paul's parents, who flew down from Rochester escorted by classmate Jerry Fogel. Jerry is still with radio station WBBF in Rochester. Paul has a summer job with Eastman Kodak and begins studies at Harvard Business School in Sept.

Fred Malek has completed his first year at Harvard Business and has hooked a summer job with Swissair in Zurich.

Bill Gailey is with Public Service of N.J. and resides in Orange with wife Jean, and daughter Colleen.

Johnny Hyde is a civilian and lives in Pueblo, Colo.

Pete and Jean Wentworth are still at Ft. Davis, Canal Zone, but will return to the US in Jul, probably to Benning. Pete has been a captain since last Nov and is currently building a home in Highland Falls, which he plans to rent while stationed elsewhere. House will be available in Sept or Oct if any are interested.

Poop really rolled in this time from Bragg in the form of a long letter from Ron Baldwin, who also enclosed a picture. Ron is aide to the CS, XVIII Abn Corps, and he and wife Jeri became parents of a bouncing daughter last 11 Dec. Ron goes to Ft. Sill for the advanced course in Jul.

Lou Hightower has just departed Bragg for Korea. He returned several months ago from a very short tour in Vietnam.

Art and Babs Bair have just arrived at Ft. Bragg and Art is with the 4th Psychological Warfare Co. They are parents of a new son, Art III, born in Apr.

Pete Dawkins is CO, Co E, 505th Abn. He and Judy live at 113 Shaw Rd., Ft. Bragg.

Mike Duggan is with the 801st Intel Detach, a part of the Special Warfare Center.

Bob Howe, still a bachelor, is a pilot with the 50th Sig Bn at Bragg. Bob transferred to the Transportation Corps and will soon receive civilian schooling in aeronautical engineering.

Dick Jordan has been flying Mohawks and is now attending H-21 school before leaving for Vietnam. Wife Jane and two daughters are living in Montgomery, Ala.

Roy and Marilyn Losey are at Bragg and have one daughter. Roy is with the Special Warfare Center.

Andy Kuschner is with the 7th Special Forces Group and Ben Faber is with XVIII Abn Corps Finance at Bragg.

Bill and Louise Weber are living in his parent's home at Lumber Bridge, N.C.

Don Tillar left Bragg in Jan and is presently on an assignment near Salonika, Greece. Wife Hazel, and daughter Kathy, are at home in Columbus, Ga.

T.V. Borlund spent a few weeks at the Special Warfare School at Bragg prior to joining the 8th Special Forces in Panama.

Latest marriage is that of Tom Roberts in Feb to Marty Mueller. Tom is with Co C, 5th Special Forces Group.

Gil and Ina Roesler hit the jackpot with twin boys, Steven and Scott, in Aschaffenburg, Germany, last Mar.

It is with regret that I inform those classmates who do not know of the death of Tom Bolick at Minneapolis on 24 Apr. At the time, Tom was aide to the CG, XIV Army Corps. Death was caused by a heart attack.

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Apologies to all for the mix-up on which article was published when; the editors and I got confused, and one article got lost in the shuffle. I'd better start fresh anyway, since so many people have gotten PCS's. So without further ado, here's the latest:

First off, from the snake charmers and sneaky petes in the Far East comes some fairly comprehensive poop on who's doing what in and around Vietnam. Bob Ammerman wrote me a long letter and he indicates that something in excess of 39 of our classmates are stationed there—the highest percentage of any class. At the Saigon Founder's

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Day blast were: Lee Allen (advising a M113 company), Harry Calvin (was Aide to General Stilwell, now with a Ranger company), Fred Terry (now Infantry—Lord rest his soul), Herm Marmon, Chip Fenton, Mike Plummer, Joe Cannon, Buck Brady (with a "C" team in Saigon), Chuck Luton (with a "B" team), Dick Gates (advising an Engr outfit), Joe Naftsinger (advising a M113 company), Ira Dorsey, Bob Burnell, John Wood, and Joe Sugdinis. Not in Founder's Day attendance but present in the area are: Burt Spivey, Don Prosser, Ambrose Brennan, Jack LeFebvre, George McQuillen, Art Bloch, Dick Boyd, Dean Darling, Fred Rice, Ed Walczak, Ted Danielson, Scotty Brown, Jack Hixson, Olin Thompson, Dick McInerney, Wally Duncan, Chuck Titus, Tom Koentop, and Charlie Watkins. Most of these people are with "A" teams or advising Civil Guards outfits. Four "vets" who just left after a full tour are Bill Harnagle, Bob Heech, Bill Ludovichi and Jim Ramos. Jim and Connie, incidentally have a baby girl, Jennifer, born in Long Beach last September (California, that is). Jim, John Wood and Bob Leech are all going back to Monmouth for the Career Course. Bob will go for only 11 weeks, but will remain assigned there at the USA Electronics Materiel Support Agency. Bill Harnagle has orders for Ft. Knox and the Armored Officers Career Course. Guess we'll see a lot more of that sort of thing in the future. Joe Cannon wrote me also and reports that George McManus is in the same Engr Group with him, and Humphrey Windsor is reported to be in the area also. Dick Gates dropped me a note to add that Bill Ritchie, Bob Johnson and Walker Flint are there too. All of them expound at great length on the fact that war is hell (though I hear rumors here and there about pro drags in downtown Saigon), but thankfully, everyone appears to be in one piece.

Harry Calvin writes about a trip "East" to Hawaii, where he saw the Hesfords and Swains. Jack Dice had just returned from Christmas Island; he was apparently involved in the shot series. Jere Forbus is cooling it in Japan as Aide to Maj. Gen. Engler, CGUSARJ. Both the Chamberlains and the Swains by now should have baby #2 on hand.

More news from Hawaii: Tom Robinson has switched to Chemical Corps and he and Susan have a baby girl, Tamara. Hal Dreibelbis is married; he met his wife Jan, at Wai-kiki. The Brindleys and Lagasses have second children now: Teresa and Christopher Peter, respectively. Dave Hogarth is still batchin' it and having a ball, from all reports. Julie and Ross Cullins have a daughter, Wendy, and are expecting again in June. Tom heard from Chuck Coon, who is in SAC at Greeley, Colo. He is now married to a young lady named Diane, and works one day on, two or three days off—pretty tough! Joan Blackstone wrote for Tony, who was at the time off to Thailand. He was then XO of A Co, 1/35 Inf, probably commands it now. He and Joan have a daughter, Shelly Kay, born last May. Others basking in the sunlight there are Doc Sutton, who married Terry, his girl from Woo Poo, and Patsy and Hal Ladehoff who just returned from the States with their son Hal.

Jumping back to CONUS, I hear from Jim Fairchild (now a battery CO) in Calif. that he and Sandy have a new addition—James Jr. Tom Whitmore, Chuck Gallo and Bob Eckert are in San Pedro with Missile Master.

Bob picked up a new addition also—Chris. Tony Wood and Gene Howell left for Ordnance last August; Tony is now at the U of Alabama, and Gene is at New Mexico State University. Both got married before changing branches. John Sherden writes from Ft. Lewis where he's S-2 of the 1/8th Inf. He just returned from Long Thrust III and saw many of us here in Europe. He says Bob Platt is now building a railroad in Liberia, and Jerry York, with his masters from MIT, works for Con Edison and commutes from Long Island.

Dan Donahue, fresh from the 101 Abn wrote while on leave that he was soon to be shanghaied to Korea, along with Mike Field and Bill McNanara. Here's his poop: Charlie Ostott is Aide to General Rich; Mert Darling is S-3 Air for the 187th; Bax Mowery is Asst S-1 for the 187th and is now married; Jim Ruppert is now the BG S-2 and a father. Art Guise and Don Barrell were XO's in B and C Companies of the 187th; they are probably CO's now. Tom Throckmorton is now Asst 3 for the BG. Dick Healy is BG Commo Officer and John Hubbard just joined



1960: Bill Harnabel '60, Tom Roebuck '57, Bob Leach '60, Wiley Harris '59.

the BG Mortar Btry. Bill Carpenter and George Everbach are playing ball.

Charlie wrote from Campbell also. He says that from the eagles nest it appears that Darrell Houston (D/502) and Dan Campbell (C/501) are both doing bang-up jobs as Company Commanders. Jack Yeagley, his wife Sally and sons Jack Jr., and Joseph Stewart are all at Sandia Base N.M., where Jack is Aide to Sonny Ash's dad, who is there as the Army rep on a joint Special Weapons project. Steve Waldrop stopped walking and hopped on the Arty bandwagon, and by now is commanding an AA Btry at Dallas, Tex., after school at Bliss. Incidentally, Charlie, here's the poop I have: Buddy Mease, How Btry, 3rd Recon Sqdn, 11th Armored Cavalry, APO 225, New York; Mike Mierau, Hq Co, 1st ABG, 505th Inf, APO 185, NY; nothing on Fred Kaiser since he left Korea. Listen, troops, Charlie wants to begin plans for the 5th reunion, so how about dropping him a post card with your most current mailing address on it? Send it to: 1/Lt. Charles Ostott, Office of the Commanding General, 101st Airborne Division, Ft. Campbell, KY.

From down in North Carolina, the other half of the Airborne wrote, and it appears as though everyone is getting orders. Gerrie Noel wrote for Tom, who is leaving in May for Greece. He and Gerrie have a daughter, Lisa Katherine. The Frank Farrells, Chuck Nobles, John Houses and Jack Caseys all

have orders for Europe. Spence Marcy is on his way to Vietnam. Mike Ryan has switched to Ordnance, and he and Betty are expecting a baby. (Should be here by now.) Janie and Don Griffith had a baby girl, Jennifer, last fall. Dick Cox is Aide to Gen. Linville, and Gene Griffith is the same for Gen. Caughy. The Clay's wrote a long letter and it appears that Wayne is not yet in Finance Corps; OPO wants him to go to Korea as an Engineer, first! Others with orders for Korea are: Tom Valente, Buddy Griffis, Rog Ryan, Norm Kuklinski, Chuck Mandelbaum, and several others. The Tim Schatzman's and the Wally Crum's are on their way to Germany. Mark Lowry and Jim Pearl are going to Panama. Some more troops to Germany; Joe Stilwell, Lonnie Coose, Bob Anderson, Sonny Ash, Dick Cato (82d Abn Lt of the Year 1962), and Jim Douglas.

Tom Carabello wrote enroute to Korea and he highly recommends Flight School, especially the Fixed Wing variety. He and Bobby Owens just got their wings (Bobby just deserted the bachelor ranks). At Rucker so far are Dave Wentworth, Dick Daum, Hank Mahoney, Vince Chitren, Jud Bierly, Jack Burden, Tom Eynon and Jim Wiley. Hank Mahoney and Willy Johnson also fell from the ranks of the celibate(?) and got married. Willy commands an infantry Co at Ft. Polk, La.

Jean Burden wrote for Jack from Rucker and adds to the list of those there in flight training: Bob Fairweather, Bill Squire, and Jim Janszen, with his wife Mitzi, and their two children, Karolee and Jeffrey. Jean also mentions that Vince Chitren and his wife Bernice, have a new baby. Ambrose Brennan was married 17 November to Jean's cousin, Susan McPherran, in New York. Kelly O'Malley was best man, and the Sartoris' and Van Riper's were there also. Kelly is on his way to Germany. Incidentally, the Brennans will be living at Bragg—he's with the Special Forces.

The AF sends its contribution from Kansas; John Young says that he and Kathy produced number two, David John, 19 Dec 1962. He is still plying the Atlas Missile trade and trying to get out of it (without much luck). With him—and in the same boat are Harry Lambert, Jim Carver, and John Stanley. Got a hot letter from Jerry Witherspoon which I missed last issue. He transferred from Engineers to Artillery last June, and is now stationed at Sill with the First Operational Pershing Bn. He says he will be there for several years and would like any and all to drop in and see him. Address: 2340 N. 38th Place Lawton, Okla. He mentions that Bob Menzner and Trent Crosby both command Howitzer Batteries at Sill. Frank Bochnowski is an instructor at the Artillery school. Jerry ran into Fred Bidgood at Belvoir, who has transferred from Artillery to Engineers.

So much for the States; motoring further East, we make the scene at Festung Europa. From the Green Beanies at Bad Tolz (10th Special Forces Group) comes some new poop. Jim Booker writes that he, Elaine, and Mike moved there from Augsburg in June. Mike Eckmann arrived about the same time, and he and Jim "Invaded" Greece last fall. George Heckman, Bob Tripp, Kim Mercado, and Fred Faery have arrived also.

With the 3rd How Bn 17th Arty in Schwabisch Gmund are Carl, Jill and Susan (26 August) Miller; Joe, Marge, and Shawn Lucas; Fred, Connie, and Lee Trickett; and Bob and Lucy Klein. (APO 326) Bob and Judy Totten write from HQ V Corps, where Bob is with the Engineer section. In his

travels, he has run into: Les and Gerry Langseth—58th Engr Co, APO 26; John Blanton—Aide to Gen. Davison, C/S V Corps; Nat Fox—12th Engr Bn, Baumholder; Bob and Ruth Clancy—299th Engr Bn, APO 757. Bob and Judy now have three kids!

Here's how the aide situation stacks up in Europe: Bri Chabot is still serving with Lt. Gen. Bonesteel, CG VII Corps; Dick Schofield works for BG Fergusson, 24th Div Arty CG; Don Whitehead is serving with BG Lang, 32nd Arty Bde CG; Jim Lincoln just left Maj. Gen. Harris, 7th Army Spt Cmd CG to command How Btry, 3d Sqdn, 2d Armd Cav; Gene Wilson is Aide to Gen. Smith, C/S 7th Army; Jack Elder works with Lt. Gen. Hugh Harris, 7th Army CG; Rod Seymour was Aide to Gen. Beck, C/S 8th Inf Div, but recently changed jobs—seems like everyone is aiding someone these days!

We have a mob of athletes over here too; Paul Cerjan coached the 4th Armd Div football team to third place in the USAREUR football league last fall. Hank Carmean, with an Engr Bn at Nelligen coached his Little League football team to an undefeated season! Bri Chabot tells me he saw Bart Furey up in Hanau last summer, and he is with one of the Arty Bns in the 3d Armd Div. Mel Rollins, fresh over from Bragg, lives the life of Riley as XO of Hq. Co, US Army School Europe, at Oberammergau. Don Chapman has also joined the 10th SFG. Ken and Gretchen Hill, and Bob Miser are with 3rd Msl Bn, 1st Artillery (NIKE) at Wiesbaden.

Mike Mierau and Don Chapman sent me news letters, but they are fairly lengthy so I'll print them next time around. In my own travels I have run across Vic Letonoff who now has a company in the 37th Armor; Mike Ferguson is CO of Co A, 2/50 Inf at Erlangen; Budge Parker has a troop in 12th Cav, and he and Adie have another little girl, Helene Mary; Dyke and Jill Miller also have another baby, Holly Marie; Paul Roberts is Commo Officer of 3d Sqdn 2nd Armd Cav, and he and Judy had a baby girl, Amy Margaret; Jim and Annie Garvey have a little girl, Lisa Anne, born in March! John McKinney is now an XO in 7th Cav. John Searles is now Asst. S-3 Plans in my Squadron, and he and Jody are expecting in May. I moved again, back to F Troop, this time as CO.

There is lots more, but that's all the room I have this trip. Keep me posted!

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Lt. William L. Heiberg
"D" Battery, 1st How Bn, 94th Arty
APO 326, New York, N. Y.

Summer in southern Germany is becoming very hot and sultry, and I am beginning to wish I had chosen Hawaii for my first tour. Louise and Jim McGinnis write that they have just bought a home there, 200 yards off the Oahu beaches, with palm trees, bananas, papayas, and orchids blooming in their garden. They have taken time from surfing to give year-old Margie a brother, James Patrick Jr., born on 1 Mar. Jim writes that he has been an FO for a 105-155 SP outfit and somehow graduated top of his class in Air Observer School out there. He is now OIC of the school, drawing his \$110/month flight pay. Students under him have included recently married Bruce Lammers, Bob Steege, Al Wells, and Hampy Hodges. Hampy, by the way, reports that he was in Thailand in Jun for a Seato exercise, after sending Buffy and little Hazel home to Dallas. Also on that exercise are Gary Hyde (with Button back on

the Mainland), Bruce Abraham, Joe Czuberki, Jack Dorr, and Frank Rauch.

Bob Strauss, whose wife Lana is living in Waco, Tex., is currently flying combat missions in Vietnam for the AF. Commanding helicopter machine gun platoons there are Ron Beckett, Tom Minnehan, and Wick Wadlington. They recently replaced Jay Hartford, Jim Strachan, Jack Veatch, Jerry Clements, and Jim Altmeyer. Jim and Jerry were outstanding in the 25th Inf football season, Jerry being voted to the All-Division team. Also showing well was Bill Esselstein until he was injured. Mike Brady played for Divarty until he suffered a shoulder separation—since then he has been officiating football, basketball, and baseball.

Mike writes that he and Judie are now the proud parents of Debbie Jean, born in Jan. He is in the 1st Arty Bn in Hawaii, along with Barbara and Harry Miller, Judy and Wayne Ploger, Wendy and Hank Van Gorder, George Seckinger and Dean Frazier. Mike is continually running into the scores of classmates stationed in Hawaii, including Al Wells, XO with the Infantry, and Dave White, commanding a Davy Crockett section.

New aides in the Far East include Tom Sherburne, to Maj. Gen. Easterbrook in Thailand; John Oliver, to Maj. Gen. Boyle in Hawaii; and "Mouse" Maloney, to Maj. Gen. Darnell, also in Hawaii. Jimmy Oaks is finishing up his tour in Korea and now has orders to Ft. Bliss in Aug for a nine-month guided missile system course.

Dick Cullum reports that he is now commanding a Special Forces "A" team in Vietnam, where Dale Himes is S1 of a "B" team. Rod Grannemann has recently left there for Okinawa after being recommended for the Soldier's Medal for saving the life of a drowning man.

I received a note from Paul Palmer, still enjoying sunny Calif. He and Don Anselm recently met Herky Hodge out there, over from Thailand for a few days before traveling to Vietnam. Drew Casani was in Pasadena for a few days to see his brother get married. Trish and Dick Buckner, also in that area, presented to the world a daughter, Elizabeth Marie, born in May.

In April, Rose and Rod Bartholemew announced that year-old Catherine Anne has been joined by a sister, Angela Belle. Rod is presently stationed at Ellsworth AFB, SD, as Target and Allignment Officer with the Minuteman Missile Sqdn.

John Neiger was married to Beth Hansen in late Jun. At the wedding in St. Louis were Jim Connors, Don Walsh, Bob Hampton, and Buck Shaffer. John's Nike battery was recently named best in ARADCOM. In the same battalion is Earl Gilmore, who recently became the father of twin boys.

Dale Shipley dropped a line from Ft. Campbell, where he is commanding a company in the 327th Inf; Larry Welsh has a battery nearby in Divarty. Brenda and Tom Blanda are living on post there, as are Mary and Jim Loomam.

Larry Heikkila writes from Camp LeJeune, NC, where he is an exec in the 2d Marine Div. He got off sea duty in April after spending eight months with the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean. While on leave he was married to the former Margo English in Lima, Ohio.

From Ft. Bragg, Tom Lund reports that he was recently assigned to Brigade Hq, 82d Abn Div, as Ass't S3, but is presently on orders to Vietnam. John Java is holding down a similar job; he and Joan Ann became the

proud parents of a son, John III, in late Mar of this year. Scooter Wildermuth is S1 in the same Hq, and Chuck Hodell is S3-Air of the nearby 501st Inf. Commanding companies at Bragg are Dave Dluzyn, Chuck Westpheling, Mike Coyle, Bill Williamson, and "Eve" Crews. Jay McCann, Bill Tobin, and Jerry White are all on orders for Vietnam, and Stan Clough, Mike O'Neill, and Marty Ganderon have already been shipped out.

Recently returned from Korea to Ft. Bragg are the following persons: Jack Fischer, married in March to Carol; "Frog" Evetts, soon to be married; Ted Showalter and Tom Pusser, still bachelors; Chan Greene, Bob Liebman, and RJ Wooten; Joe Stringham, driving a yellow T-bird and wanting to return to the Far East; Bob Dunning and Corky Rittgers, both assigned to the 505th Inf; and Jack Nichols, S4 of the 82 Signal Bn. Paul DeVries and Andy McCurdy are holding down staff positions in the 504th Inf, and Bob McCarthy is a company XO in the 505th. Al Lubke and Bruce Holmberg are both execs in Arty batteries there, as is Jim Connolly with a mortar battery in the 325th Inf. Bruce Shroyer is presently assigned as an Asst G-5, Ed Smith is with the XVIII Abon Signal Corps, and Phil Yancey is a navigator stationed at Pope AFB at Bragg.

Headed for Fixed Wing Aircraft School at Ft. Ruckner is Jack Turnage. Ron Hannon is also scheduled for flight training there.

Jim Taylor is now commanding Company C-1-1 at Ft. Jackson, SC., where Sally recently presented him with a daughter, Catherine Mary. He had been stationed at Ft. Irwin, Calif., with fellow "desert rats" Don Lockett and Ralph Garretson. He and Bruce Halstead were brought into Ft. Jackson to train Cubans, and are now training American soldiers. Jim requests that his H-2 friends drop him a line when they get a chance.

I recently saw an announcement that ex-classmate Bill Gavan ('62) was married in Washington DC to the former Corah Ann Fischer. On northward, "Hoot" Gibson is now one of Paul Dietzel's assistants at West Point, all set to get the team ready for a good season.

From Weisbaden, Germany, Sandy and Joe Dahle announce that they have a new addition, Kristine Ann. Joe and Glen Adams were both recently transferred there from Baumholder, and they are still drawing that jump pay. Glen was married in Jun of this year to Carol Grant, at Weisbaden; Bobby Harrell was best man, and Bob Potts was among the ushers.

Debbie and George Hricz, stationed at Dexheim, had a daughter, Cynthia Carol, in Mar. George is with the only Airborne Engineer company in USAREUR and is about to take over Frank Tilton's job as ADM platoon leader. Bill Reno is the Survey Officer there, replacing Ted Vander Els, who is now Plans Officer and Club Officer for the 12th Engineers. Hank Lilienthal is still commanding a company there, and Bobby Harris is Ass't S-3.

Stationed at Ashaffenberg are Alice and Ron Holz and daughter Suzy; Howie McCreary is with the 2d How Bn at Hanau, and Marie and Russ Phelps are at Bad Kreuznach with the 8th Sig Bn (Abn).

John McCormick writes from Schweinfurt that he and Ada are still enjoying Germany. John is S-2 for an Armor Bn, and he sees a lot of Jim Lynch who works in the S3 shop of a nearby Arty Bn. Danny Minor is occasionally around when he is not on duty at his missile site. Also stationed there is Leroy

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Hedstrom, ex-'61, wearing gold bars. On a recent trip to Schweinfurt I was given a tour of the town by Pete Heimdahl, an FDO with one of the Arty units there. I accidentally contacted Nick Muiznieks by telephone, who is Survey Officer for an Arty Bn in nearby Bamberg. I understand he has plans of marrying a Stateside Navy nurse.

From Babenhausen, Germany, comes an announcement of the marriage of "Buddy" Fritz to the former Sheryl Ann Nash, in Jun. A correction to my fall column has arrived from Judy and Jim Schall, in Kitzenzen: their son James Edward III is very much a "he" and not a "she".

Tarey Schell sent a note a few months back which I somehow neglected to include in my last column. He, Pris, and Gretchen are very happy in Southern Germany, and Pris adds a few details for any wives who may be heading for the Munich area: The Govt quarters there are very spacious and completely furnished, and the PX and commissary facilities are adequate. At the hospital, Mike Eiland's brother-in-law heads the Obstetrics Dept, and he has supervised the care of several '61 wives including Joannie Zimmerman when Julie was born. Jack and Tarey are serving together in the 115h Arty of the 24th Inf Div.

On a recent trip to the Garmisch area, I ran into Margaret and Neil Grigg, who has been transferred to the USAREUR school at beautiful Oberammergau, after a month TDY in Munich. I also saw Andy Sarzanini, up from Italy for two weeks of school. I have recently seen quite a bit of Jonny Aaronsohn, now commanding a Signal company in Wurzburg.

Here at Schwaebisch Gmuend, Steve Walker and newly married Dick Regan are both execs, Steve with a 155SP battery and Dick with an 8" SP unit. I have been moved into an 8" SP battery where I'm also an XO. Please note my new address, above, changed as the 4th AD went ROAD. . . . Deadline for the next issue is 10 Sept.

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2/Lt. James R. Ellis
217 Grimes Street
Fort. Bragg, N. C.

Finally, that long awaited first report. I must apologize to the Class for being so late. The last two issue deadlines caught me in Ranger school making it impossible to receive or pass on any news.

Hard to believe that the first year is gone already. The graduation of '63 has put us in the position of senior 2d lts. as if that makes any difference. In just a little over five months, however, we will be able to change the color of our collar jewelry.

I received a very informative letter from Fred Doten at Ft. Campbell. In April he became the father of a little girl, Teri. Fred writes that Dean Learish has a boy, Kevin. The Joe Rigbys' have a girl. Denny Flint has fathered a boy, Mike, and Art Brown and his wife have a little girl. Also from the 101 it seems that Bob Dickenson, Neal Hyde, Ty Cobb, John Godwin, and Mike Bartelme are pacing the floor waiting for their contribution to the population explosion.

The only word from Korea is that Pete Wuerpel is running around the 38th parallel with the 1st Cav.

Ranger school was the last meeting of many classmates. Dave Armstrong has since left for Germany. Chuck Dominy did a fine job and came up Honor Grad. Tom Ostenberg, Tom Middaugh, and Phil Florence were

often seem trudging the LMG on patrols. Al Biddison and Chan Armstrong were seen more in the swamps than out. John Landry came out of the swamps, got married and has gone to drive tanks in Germany. Haven't seen or heard from Tom Kling or Ed Rowe since Ranger graduation.

Here at the 82d our class is so well represented that almost every day I see someone new go driving by. Glen and Ann Blumhardt and their daughter, Candy, live around the corner. Glen is in the 1/325 Inf where he started as a private almost 7 years ago. Bill Boozer is planning marriage in August. Mike and Lynn Crabtree are expecting any day now. Barry and Nancy Butzer have a son, Scott.

Harry Hagerty, Mike Casp, Jack Evans, Jim Kimsey, Mike Grebe, and Don Perdeu are keeping the single girls around here busy. The 82d Officers' Club goes into the red everytime they move to the field.

Larry Waters is working as Commo officer in the 501. Al and Lynda Rushatz have a little girl now, Terry Jean. Bob Brogi is working with the voice of command at Div signal. Pat Canary, Jim Lindsey, Hap Boyd, and I are with the 325. Hap and Sue are expecting in August.

Gen. Throckmorton, our commander from Plebe year, is Div CO here. The only change is that now he has two stars.

John Dargle works for another West Pointer out of our Plebe past. Pete Dawkins is John's Co Comdr. John and Sally have a baby girl, Susan.

Fred and Kathy Comer live a few blocks away. Fred puts in his time with the 307th Engineers as does Joe Gross. Len Henderson just reported back to duty after taking a leave to Conn., to get married.

Tony DeAmico and Pete Diedzick can be seen wheeling their Davy Crockett's around. Occasionally I brush elbows with Al Ailinger, Chuck Chandler, Dick Garvey, Tom Kilmartin, Fred La Roque, Brian McKinley, and Charlie Shaw.

John Novotny spends his time with the Redlegs working on the Little John. Cliff McKeithan also rings in and out with Div Arty.

Ken Ishoy is usually running around on his motor bike looking like a state trooper. Jim and Jean Kays live up the street. Two more of the bachelors prowling the dark corners of the 82d Club bar are Jim Redmond and Howie Prince. Dave Windom was last seen running part of the EIB test. Don and Sue Williamson can be seen at the officers' club. Don just returned from the Swamps of North Fla. Walt Chrobak also makes an occasional 'Blast' over Normandy DZ here. That just about takes care of '62 at the All American Division.

Frank Krzyzkowski has changed his name to Francis M. Cross and it is noted as such in the '63 Register.

Dan Buttolph and Dick Chegar have completed Mortor and Davy Crockett school at Ft. Benning and are headed for Okinawa. Wayne Downing will also be in the 503d there.

Also in the Pacific, Bob Fuellhart can be found on the beaches of Hawaii. Larry Amon, and Harry and Millie Harrison are also enjoying the 50th State.

Tom Eccleston and Paul Jones are in Panama jumping into the jungles.

From Germany LeRoy and Pat Webb write that things are going fine. They also forwarded a nice letter from Dave Phillips. Dave and Jim Worthington are in an SP 105

Bn in Munich. Phil Galanti is in the same kaserne with the Engineers—mostly moving snow. J.J. Kelly is an XO in one of the Arty units there. Jim Heldman and Wilt McRae are in Baumholder and Bamberg respectively. Larry Crane was seen coming in without wife or car, a bad fix indeed. Paul and Bev Dobbins are with the Arty in Germany also.

Marshall Johnson and George Kirschenbauer are in the abn and I imagine the rear PLF is just as tough there as it is here. John Fee, and Will Remington are also working on the other side of the big pond. Bob Loupe is in Berlin, one place where it doesn't pay to go 'over the wall.'

Back in the States John Easterbrook and Turk Griffith are waving flags at Ft. Carson with the 5th Mech. Sonny and Carol Sloan are at Ft. Knox. Bill and Linda Daugherty are out in the hot sands of Ft. Hood, Tex. Bill is with the 1st Armd Div. Bob and Beverly Tarbet also call the 1st Armd home. Roger Havercroft is with the 503d on Okinawa. Dan Stephenson is with the 25th Div Arty in Hawaii.

Back at Ft. Campbell with the 101: The grapevine says that Ronnie Brown and Bill Hard are married. Also, the old confirmed bachelor, Dave Treadwell has fallen into the tender trap. P.O. Kelly is married and is an XO in the 101. Walt and Amy Cooper call the 506th home. Bob Jordan serves with the cannon-cockers in Div Arty. Bob Douglas has been sporting a Screaming Eagle patch here at Bragg. Bob's company jumped in on a training exercise. Dick and Ann Sklar, and Stu and Carol Sherard bolster the class strength at Campbell. Surely TD Culp keeps smiles on the faces of the Croaking Buzzards with his sober attitude toward life.

Congratulations to Gordi Geiss for making the US Pentathlon team in the Pan-American Games. Gordi is also with the 101. Bill and Karen White are bringing up their son in Hawaii with the 25th Div.

Roger Shope is in Nellingen, Germany, with the 168th Engrs. Hank Urna is with the 38th Arty in Darmstadt. The 46th Inf in Munich is home for Al McElhose. Harry Meeth is working with the 12th Engr Bn 8th Div in Dexheim.

The AF is only slightly represented here and I sure need more information of the 'Fly Boys.' Joe and Sue Wojcik are in Denver with Joe Jr. to help his dad in missile school. Bill Mogan is stationed at Eglin AFB near Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., and stopped in for a visit when we were in Ranger school.

Steve Ellis is with the 341st SAC Missile Wing at Malmstrom AFB, Mont. Jay and Sondra Witt are at Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz., also with AF missiles. Lee Taylor is there working with the Titan II. Don and Kimberly Pederson are in Little Rock. Don works with the Titan II also. Mike Guenther is with the Titan II at McConnell AFB, Kan. Tom and Diane Teuten are in Westover, Mass. Tom is working as an intelligence officer there.

Jack Fagan and Bob Cooper are making a go on the outside. Would appreciate a line from them to know how things are going.

That is about all the poop I have for this issue. As you can see, I need a few letters to bring things up to date. Europe, Hawaii, Okinawa, Alaska, Panama, Fts. Lewis and Devins, not to mention the many missile sites which are especially called on for information. I don't have anything on the Marines and need much more from the AF. The address is above and I would appreciate all letters in by 1 Sept to meet the fall issue deadline. With that plea for help—Finis.

Editor's note:

Welcome aboard '62! Will be looking forward to receiving your class notes regularly from now on. The following notes were sent to me by Lt. Seth Hudak so I'm adding them to those of your class scribe.

The AF was well represented at James Connally AFB until Gus Gertsch, Matt Whelton, and Frank Cross (the former F-1 Krzyzkowski with new changed name) graduated on 6 June as navigators. They are headed off to their new assignments at Mather AFB, Calif., except for Gus, who has found Kirtland AFB, N.M. as a new home. Gus put out an invitation to all to stop in and say "hello", if you are by that way.

Bob McNamara, Albie Symes, Chuck Bennett, Ed Gleichman, Merrill Smith and myself remain here for varying times until our graduation.

I noticed a picture of Dick Chegar in the recent issue of the ASSEMBLY at a Founder's Day Dinner. The one held here at Ft. Hood found '62 with a good contingent consisting of Ellis Bailey, "Fish" Clark, John Darrah, Bill Daugherty, "Tank" Telenko, Lew Higginbotham, Tom Mennie, Bob Phillips, Rod

Schmidt, Bob Tarbet, and Billie Thomas. The Signal Corps files seemed to have the leading edge on my visit there. Tank Telenko had the opportunity to visit the Academy and to give a pep talk in Armor for the class of '63. He has the distinction of being the only member of '62 at Hood in the 2d Armored Division.

Tony Leatham, Dennis Gilstad, and Larry Sanders are all pursuing degrees of higher education at various institutions of learning around the country. I have lost track of Sanders, but know Gilstad is at Texas A&M, while Leatham has USC as a stomping ground.

Heard rumors to the effect that medical problems have given Jack Fagan a rough time. Anybody have any word on this?

I ran into Jerry Janicke and Lee Taylor in Dallas at the SMU-AF game. They are stationed along with a few other classmates at Shepperd AFB for missile training.

Heard from Bob Martin at Ft. Devens, Mass., and he is contemplating marriage the first part of August. He recently returned from Operation Coulee Crest in Washington,

You know where **You** are, and
You know where **We** are, but
We don't always know where **You** are.
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where he probably saw Bill Whitehead and others from Ft. Carson, Colo., whom I am told were there.

Wonder where our projected early 1/lt. Karl Henn is residing? Anybody heard from him? 'Tis rumored that the old war horse, Pete Wuerpel got himself hitched and is now spending a little time in Vietnam.

Speaking of getting hitched, there are a number of marriages unreported and unsung, as yet. How about writing in to me and giving us the scoop on how many of the bachelors have hit the dust???

Also, for all those who are celebrating that first anniversary with some new additions to the family, let's have the name, birthday and weight, especially for determining the class godson.



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We follow, close order, behind you, where you have pointed the way.

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George Arthur Lynch

NO. 4142 CLASS OF 1903

Died 10 August 1962 at Orlando, Florida, aged 82 years.



THE EDITOR has been requested to publish the following correction for the obituary of George Arthur Lynch, No. 4142, Class of 1903, which was published in the Winter ASSEMBLY. The last sentence of the second paragraph should read: "Returning to the United States in 1905, he married Gladys Mona Chynoweth, the daughter of Edward Chynoweth '77, one of his commanders during his Philippine service. She died in 1951. They are survived by sons and daughter: Maj. Gen. George E. Lynch (USA Ret) '29, Mrs. H. H. Jordan, wife of Col. H. H. Jordan (USA Ret) '27, Brig. Gen. James H. Lynch '38, and Mr. Bradford C. Lynch."

Ralph Dickinson

NO. 4285 CLASS OF 1904

Died 7 January 1963 at Veterans Hospital, Bay Pines, Florida, aged 84 years.

Interment: Round Hill Cemetery, Marion, Virginia

"TAPS" BLEW FOR RALPH DICKINSON, USMA 1904, on 7 January 1963, in his 84th year.

He was called "Dick" by his children, grandchildren and prized great-grandchildren. To all of the community, where he had lived in retirement for forty years, he was "Major Dick"—and as for his West Point nickname of "Madame" he only laughed and would never explain. For equally unknown reasons, the HOWITZER of 1904 called him "the peacock of the corps."

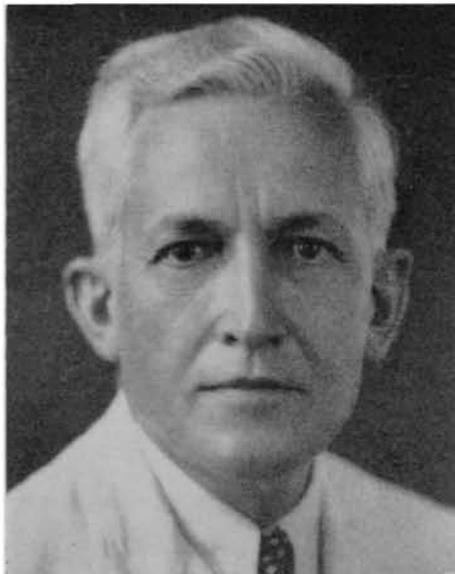
Born in Louisa County, Virginia, 8 December 1878, he was a descendant of a long line of Virginians, families who have been Americans for over 300 years. Both his father and his grandfather were country doctors. There were horses to ride and green countryside; a big library; many brothers and sisters; vast kinship and visitings. Dick always loved horses, books, and family.

In 1896 he was awarded a scholarship to the Peabody Normal College at the old University of Nashville. He had originally in-

tended to be a teacher, but after one year in a very small country school there were, suddenly, the examinations, his appointment to West Point, and the happy and difficult years in the Army. There were many letters to his family, one from plebe camp which mentions friendly help from MacArthur, "a man who will go far." West Point was everything—horses, friends, 100th Night, and the music of "Snitzer" Gruber.

Dick chose the Infantry, and by happy luck was assigned to the Third Regiment. His first post at St. Michael, Alaska, was a long way from home and the girl wearing his class ring, but on his return to the States they were married. His bride was Nancy Preston Apperson, the daughter of another Virginia country doctor, and she was his partner for nearly 56 years.

Both loved the "Third" There were dances, beautifully elaborate parties with parasols and Japanese lanterns, and a multiplicity of gay friends. At first, Ft. George Wright at Spokane and one daughter, then a separation while Dick went to Jolo and Mindanao in the Philippines and Nancy went back to Virginia where their second daughter was born. In quick succession, Ft. Ontario, Ft. Brady, Ft. Keogh, Ft. Monroe—and a hard



blow when the Army doctors decided Dick's heart would not permit further active duty and retired him in 1916.

The First World War brought a return to limited duty and the teaching career as P.M.S.&T. at various schools and training camps. He wrote chapters on "The European War" for 1917 and 1918 editions of the American Year Book for D. Appleton Company. This resulted later in a request that he be assigned to the Historical Section of the Army War College, but again the doctors said no.

Final retirement came in 1923 at his request, and he and his family moved to Dune-din, Florida. He became greatly interested in the then small community, especially in the local schools, the ones attended by his daughters, and the George Washington Carver School where he helped his colored friends. There were manifold civic concerns. The Baptist church was one of his main efforts.

Dick was a fascinating and intricate human—prodigious memory, a garnering mind and a lively temper. What voluminous stories of history, Virginia, science, poetry, music—whatever! Dick collected everything, no ques-

tion about it; his mind, his rooms and his attic a veritable Smithsonian.

The organizations to which he belonged included the Sons of the American Revolution; the Dune-din Lodge 192 F & AM; the American Legion; the Veterans of Foreign Wars; Camp St. Michael No. 8; Artic Brotherhood; and the Retired Officers Club of Clear-water, Florida. Services were held in Dune-din by the Masonic Lodge, with interment to be in Round Hill Cemetery in his home town of Marion, Virginia, the latter part of June.

A kind and intelligent man, he left a large and loving family; his wife; two daughters; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and two sisters and a brother. He is greatly missed in this town by his many friends and most especially by his family.

Herbert Ray Odell

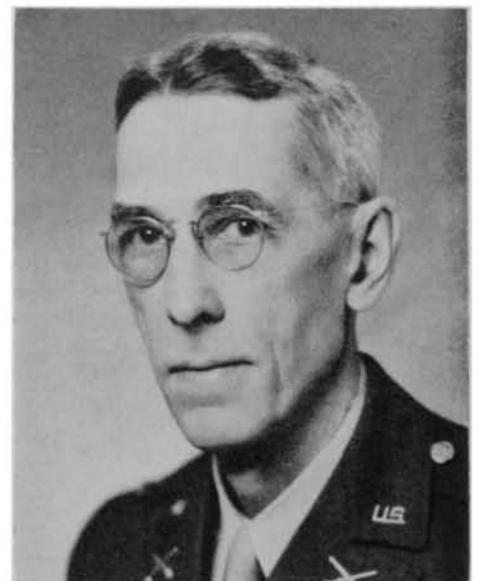
NO. 4871 CLASS OF 1910

Died 1 April 1963 at Red Oak, Iowa, aged 76 years.

Interment: National Cemetery, Fort Sam Houston, Texas

HERBERT R. ODELL entered West Point in June 1906, a not too well-educated nor too well-to-do farm boy from Missouri and Iowa. He was born on a farm near Sac City, Iowa, on 25 August 1886, the youngest of five children. His father and mother, whom he greatly revered, were hard working farmers who, through a series of reverses in business and fortune, were residents of Iowa, Kansas, Washington, and Missouri.

Colonel Odell's formal high school study consisted of parts of three years. The remainder of those years was spent at work on the farm. After considerable and determined effort, he obtained an appointment to the Military Academy from his rural congressman. Through the aid of an old high school mentor and a five-month cramming session at an



academy prep school in Annapolis, Md., young Herbert made the grade in his examinations and was accepted as a cadet in the Class of 1910, USMA. His academic examinations were excellent though he barely squeezed by the physical examination, being underweight, a characteristic which followed him through life.

His academy years were very happy years for him. His associations and memories of his Class and the others were foremost in his heart to the end. They were not all easy years, but he acquitted himself well and with honor, standing 18 in a class of 82.

He was assigned his first choice, the Field Artillery Corps, upon graduation. He once wrote his children, "For the honor and privilege of attending this great school I shall be eternally grateful."

Colonel Odell's first duty assignment was the 2d Field Artillery (Mountain or Pack Artillery) stationed at Camp Stotsenburg, Central Luzon, Philippine Islands. From this post he went to Fort Sam Houston and on to Fort Sill. He spent a number of years on and off at the School of Fire and the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill. Two of his children were born there. For a number of years his children thought Fort Sill WAS the US Army!

He attended and graduated from the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth. Following that tour he requested duty with the ROTC. Probably this proved to be a fateful decision for him. After this, he spent some 15 years in this type of duty. His physical condition was not as good as his heart, but he found great satisfaction in the teaching of hundreds of officer candidates during these years. Many of these men proved to be excellent officers with outstanding records in World War II. This was some recompense for not being in a command himself. For these duties he was awarded a commendation.

He was married in August 1921, to Florence Lister of Tacoma, Wash., daughter of the late Governor Ernest Lister of that state. Two sons were born, John Herbert in 1923 and James Ernest on 1 April 1925. Six hours after the birth of their second son, Florence died. With the help of an old nurse friend he reared alone his infant sons for the next 15 months.

In June 1926, Herbert married Olive Gray Street, widow of Major John A. Street, who had been killed in action on the Argonne in 1918. Olive and Herbert had been friends at several posts in the past where Colonel Alonzo Gray, Olive's father, had been stationed.

Olive was a devoted wife and mother, and the family was very close. A daughter, Jane Gray, was born in January 1929.

The 1930's were mixed duty with the Field Artillery School and ROTC assignments. From 1940 Colonel Odell was second officer on the Field Artillery Board, until 1942 when the older officers were replaced by younger and newer men. He returned to ROTC duty at Iowa State College where he ended his Army career by retirement for age in 1946.

He and Olive moved to the Rio Grande Valley. When his health required it, they moved to their final home in San Antonio, a few blocks from Fort Sam Houston. His devoted and beloved wife Olive died suddenly in February 1958. Herbert never fully recovered from this loss, and with rapidly failing health he moved to the home of his eldest son in Red Oak, Iowa. Here he lived his final five years, much of the time in the hospital.

Herbert R. Odell was a devoted West Point graduate, officer, husband, and father. He lacked many of the advantages of means as a boy until the West Point years, but he provided every such advantage he could manage for his wife and his children whom he loved deeply and who loved him.

—John H. Odell

Joseph Cowles Mehaffey

NO. 4938 CLASS OF 1911

Died 18 February 1963 at Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D.C., aged 73 years.
Interment: Arlington National Cemetery

JOSEPH C. MEHAFFEY was born in Lima, Ohio, 20 Nov 1889, the son of William Robert and Mary Brooks Stahl Mehaffey. His boyhood was spent in Lima and Lafayette, where he attended public grade and high schools.

He was graduated from the United States Military Academy and commissioned a second lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers, 13 Jun 1911. He served in all the grades from second lieutenant to major general. He died at Walter Reed General Hospital, 18 Feb 1963, and was buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

Lieut. Mehaffey's first assignments were with the District Engineers' offices at Rock Island, Memphis and New Orleans. In Nov 1911, he went to the Panama Canal Zone



and served there until Jun 1912 when he returned to serve in the District Engineers' offices in Pittsburgh and Wheeling. In Aug he was detailed to the Engineer School at Washington Barracks. He was graduated in Oct 1913 and assigned to the 1st Battalion of Engineers at the same station.

In May 1914, he became assistant engineer of the Eastern Dept., and in Sept moved to Washington for duty in the office of the Chief of Engineers. In Jul 1915, he went to Valdez, and later to Juneau, as a member and Chief Engineer of the Alaska Road Commission, in charge of design and construction of roads, trails, and bridges throughout the Territory. He returned to Washington in Oct 1917 for duty in the office of the Chief of Engineers until May 1919, when he was assigned to Camp Meade to command a replacement unit. He went to France in Jun and served at St. Nazaire, and in London, as assistant engineer purchasing officer, and later as engineer purchasing officer, until Aug 1920, when he returned to the US.

He then went to the Military Academy as an instructor in engineering and became Professor of practical military engineering in 1922. In the summer of 1924 he was designated Engineer of the Third Corps Area in Baltimore, and the following spring went to Washington for duty with the Director of Public Buildings and Public Parks. In that

summer he was assigned to the Arlington Memorial Bridge Commission in responsible charge of design and construction of the bridge, and of all new construction in parks and at the White House. In Dec 1929, he became Assistant Engineer of Maintenance of the Panama Canal, in charge of engineering design and construction for the Canal and the Panama Railroad Co., and of the operation of the locks and all utilities in the Canal Zone.

He entered the Command and General Staff School at Ft. Leavenworth in Aug 1933 and was graduated upon completion of the 2-year course in 1935. He then went on duty in the office of the Chief of Engineers until assigned to the Army War College in Sept of 1938. Upon graduation in 1939, he joined the 1st Engineers at Ft. Dupont and in the fall was transferred there to the 1st Eng Bat. In Oct 1940, he was named Engineer of the First Army Corps at Columbia, S.C.

Returning to the Canal Zone in the fall of 1941 as Engineer of Maintenance, he was on 15 May 1944 appointed Governor of the Panama Canal, in which position he had full responsibility for the operation of the Canal, the government of the Zone, and the operation of the railroad and its related enterprises. General Mehaffey was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal in Jan 1946, with the following citation:

"For meritorious and distinguished services as Governor of the Panama Canal from June 1944 to August 1945. He molded and maintained a smooth and efficient operating organization which successfully and expeditiously serviced, repaired, and piloted through the Panama Canal large numbers of passenger, cargo, and fighting ships of the United Nations. By his exceptional executive ability, early and accurate estimates of changing conditions, prompt decisions involving many policies, and high professional attainments, he maintained and augmented an instrumentality of war that played a decisive part in the operations in the Pacific area. His resourcefulness, organizing ability, technical knowledge and forceful personality created a spirit of determination, confidence and cooperation among the personnel of the Panama Canal and the Panama Railroad Company. The certainty, promptness and strict observance of military security measures by which all vessels passed through the Panama Canal reflected the ability with which he discharged his heavy responsibility and contributed to the successful conclusion of the war."

In addition, he was awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as Engineer of Maintenance, Panama Canal Zone, from 17 Sept 1941 to 21 Mar 1944. He was also awarded the Orden Vasco Nunez de Balboa, Gran Oficial, by the Panamanian government.

After the completion of his term as Governor in 1948, he became engineer of the Ohio River Division with station at Cincinnati. In this position, he had general supervision of all flood control and navigation projects in the Ohio River Basin, including multiple-purpose dams, flood walls and levees, navigation locks and dams, engineering and economic reports on new projects, with total annual expenditures of approximately 75 million dollars.

General Mehaffey in Nov 1949 retired from active military duty after 42 years of active service. In the following month, he accepted a position with Koppers Company

Inc., of Pittsburgh, as its representative in Turkey, under contract with the Turkish government. He was in charge of a group of American and Turkish engineers and technicians, supervising the execution of construction contracts for increasing the output of Zonguldak coal field, including a new harbor, railroad connections and coal preparation plants, with a total estimated cost in excess of 50 million dollars. He served in this capacity until early 1951.

In Jun 1952, General Mehaffey became a consultant in the World Bank and later a member of the staff as Chief of the Transportation Division of the Department of Technical Operations. In Jan 1955, at his request, he was relieved of this responsibility and continued his service on a consulting basis. He was serving as a consultant at the time of his death.

The importance of many of the positions sited in this outline of a long and distinguished career gives ample evidence of General Mehaffey's great general ability and of his high technical competence in the military and engineering professions. But no such outline could do justice to the fine personal qualities that ennobled his life. He was a man of the highest character, of dedication to duty, of kindness, congeniality, and generosity, and yet with no tolerance for unworthiness of act or motive. He was a wonderful friend, a delightful companion, a gentleman of rare charm, a soldier of highest virtue.

Joe Mehaffey never married, and no brothers or sisters survive. He leaves a host of devoted friends.

—G. E. E. '08
—R. A. W. '11

Francis Clinton Vincent Crowley

EX-CADET OF 1911

Died 9 February 1963 in San Antonio, Texas,
aged 75 years.

Interment: National Cemetery, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas

ON 9 FEBRUARY 1963, Colonel Francis Clinton Vincent Crowley, who had spent nearly all of his adult years in the service of his country, died at Brooke General Hospital, San Antonio, Texas. Graveside services were held at the National Cemetery, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, on 12 February 1963.

Frank Crowley, born in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1887, began his military career in June 1907 when he entered the United States Military Academy. His stay at West Point was a brief one. Impatient, perhaps, but he, by his own choice, withdrew from the Academy after a brief attendance, and soon enlisted in the Fifth US Cavalry where he served as private, corporal and squadron sergeant-major. In 1912, in recognition of his ability and good service he was commissioned a second lieutenant of cavalry. It was later, while stationed at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, that he met his future wife, Leda Manley. They were married in 1914, and two years later a daughter was born to them.

I first met Frank Crowley at Ft. Clark, Tex, in 1927 when, as a newly commissioned second lieutenant, I reported for duty. Frank Crowley, then a major, was commanding the Second Squadron, Fifth Cavalry to which I was assigned. Within the year, he was transferred to command the First Machine Gun Squadron, First Cavalry Division, also stationed at Ft. Clark. A month or two later I also was transferred to the Machine Gun

Squadron and it was at this time that I came to know him as an outstanding officer and a friend.

The Crowley quarters was a favorite place to stop. Those bachelors who were missing that touch of home, found that they were always welcome there. The coffee pot was always on the job and Mrs. Crowley's Boston bakedbean suppers were a real treat for those few who, like Frank Crowley, hailed from Boston. There were several newly commissioned officers at Ft. Clark at this time and we were anxious to learn all we could about the Army. We wished to increase our military knowledge, and to learn more in general about this somewhat new way of life. The Crowleys made all of this much easier for us.

Colonel Crowley's service included Organized Reserve duty, National Guard duty, Civilian Conservation Corps service, and troop duty. For two years he commanded Ft.



Ringold, Tex.; he was in charge of Civilian Conservation Corps activities in the Eighth Corps Area; he was Chief of Staff to the Commanding General while at Ft. Brady, Mich.; and served as staff officer to the Commanding General Eighth Corps Area during the years 1943 to 1947. He retired in September 1947.

His decorations and citations included the World War I Victory Medal; the American Campaign Medal; the American Defense Medal; the Mexican Service Medal; and the Army Commendation Ribbon.

Colonel Crowley was dedicated to the Service, a most competent and efficient officer. He had attended the Cavalry Troop Officers Course; Command and General Staff School; Quartermaster Corps Motor Transport School; Army Industrial College; Chemical Warfare School; and Field Officers Course. He was not much interested in pastimes, such as card games and golf, but found pleasure in his leisure time with problems of logistics and a study of military campaigns.

The officers and enlisted men, who were associated with Colonel Crowley, respected him as a highly competent officer and a man of many fine qualities. He was always greatly interested in the welfare of all in his command, but never confused friendship with duty.

Colonel Crowley is survived by his wife Leda; his daughter Mary Jane, widow of Colonel John Neff, who died during World War II; a granddaughter; two sisters; and a host of friends. He will be missed by many.

—Harold E. Walker

Raymond Oscar Barton

NO. 5085

CLASS OF 1912

Died 27 February 1963 at Fort Gordon, Georgia,
aged 73 years.

Interment: Westover Memorial Park, Augusta, Georgia

NOT ONLY the Class of 1912 but the thousands upon thousands of Tubby Barton's special and loving friends will not want to look upon his departure for the far shore other than that he simply has once more changed occupations. As we know, Tubby never would and never did retire; he only stepped from one calling to another, always building superior performance upon a foundation of warm and cordial relations, which characteristics emanated brilliantly from his erudite and generous soul, as normally as the breath he inhaled and exhaled. We would much rather think of Tubby's absence from us saddened buddies in the light that he is what always came naturally to him; in other words, that he is lending his magnificent self to his new surroundings. In any case we may all rest assured that we will have a dynamic and inspired representative in the High Heaven to plead for us since Tubby could no more forget one of his friends and pals than he could desert his beloved country.

As a cadet he won his A in football and became captain of the wrestling team. In such sports Tubby simply demolished his opponents and the saying about his prowess expressed the truly mystifying anomaly to this effect: "How can a man with such a veritably sweet disposition be so devastating? We hope he never gets really mad." Tubby never did. He made wrestling at USMA, dear old Tom Jenkins' activity, one of the major sports of the Academy. He very aptly demonstrated the truth of one of Tom's most quoted axioms—"There ain't no holt that can't be broke," and so Tubby went through the world breaking "holts" which had floundered many another contestant in the game of life.

In World War II Tubby landed his rolling 4th Division as the first troops on Utah Beach on D Day. It took not only tactical ability and leadership to conquer this Nazi trap but something akin to the amalgamation of physical stamina, professional superiority, and spiritual faith to win. Even after the blood bath of securing the beach, the 4th was confronted with a Nazi diabolical artifice which would have shattered a less indomitable team of Herculeans. Behind the beach the Bosches had flooded the fields through which the Ivy Leaf had to fight—one road in and one road out. After the battle the utterly fantastic accomplishments of the 4th were poignantly visible. On each side of both roads were dead and drowned soldiers, tanks, trucks, artillery rifles, walkie-talkies, and all of the gear found in a modern army. It was impossible to figure out how victory was achieved—but it had been. Success had required something more than we are taught in the books and maneuver fields—it took a touch of magic. That is what Tubby possessed and imparted to his men. He did even more. He not only taught his fighters this touch of magic but inspired them to emulate not only his characteristics but even the aura of victory which surrounded him. Next the rolling 4th turned north—nothing the Germans could do stopped them from capturing our first enemy seaport—Cherbourg. Who will ever forget the dismal feeling of frustration which was stealing over us on account of the staunch unbreakable stand of the Germans at St. Lo? Tubby's

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outfit finally punched a hole in their defenses. Through it American troops of Patton's Third Army poured and rolled up the Nazi Seventh Army at Falaise Gap. Another of Tubby's scintillating victories among other hosts of glorious accomplishments was breaking of the Siegfried Line, the first Allied organization to do so. As was fitting, Tubby was the first Allied officer to set foot on German soil. Later in the beautiful but deadly frozen snow white battlefield of the most ghastly of all War II campaigns—the Hurtgen Forest—I commanded the 8th Infantry Division. On my left was Tubby with his rolling 4th. Even under these dire circumstances, with such a teammate, I always felt certain of victory—and win we did although on many occasions we had to literally snatch victory out of the jaws of what seemed to be certain defeat.

After leaving the active list of the Army, Tubby became vice president of the Chamber of Commerce of Augusta, Ga., where he planned and handled industrialization projects for the city. He also participated in financial and real estate activities. In all he brought the same glowing success and hu-



man understanding as had been his wont in the Service. For his noble civic achievements the citizens of Augusta intend to erect a memorial to him. Maj. Gen. Eugene A. Salet, commander of Fort Gordon, dedicated a parade field in honor of Tubby. For this ceremony a tried and true old soldier of the Rolling 4th who had served with our hero during World War II flew all the way from Fort Lewis, Wash., the present station of the 4th, to pay tribute to his beloved former commander. The soldier is named Sgt. Sutton and he said it was hard to express all of the greatness of Gen. Barton but he summarized his attributes as exemplifying duty—honor—simplicity, which makes anyone great in the eyes of his fellowmen. Clare, Tubby's wife, sweet, attractive and charming as ever, and visibly embodying the deep devotion she and her husband had always felt for each other and their friends, accepted the plaque from Gen. Salet dedicating the Parade Field, which instrument described her beloved husband as "Patriot—Soldier—Civic Leader." The two children of Tubby and Clare are exactly the wonderful people a person would expect of such magnificent parents. Raymond Jr., formerly of the Air Force, is now out of the Service and is eminent in his civil business, following in the footsteps of his illustrious father. Attractive young Clare is married to

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Mr. A. J. Redd, a successful businessman of San Angelo, Tex. Our love will always surround Clare and the children as it does Tubby.

Some well known and honored persons who knew our pal have only echoed our thoughts. The late Ernest Hemingway said this to our buddy—"You had one of the greatest divisions in American military history." Ernie Pyle expressing his measure of Tubby said, "a fatherly, kindly, thoughtful good soldier." Brig. Gen. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., said—"Not only is he sound of military tactics but he is a real leader." The inimitable and valorous Gen. George S. Patton said he "knew of no American Division in France which excelled the magnificent record of the 4th Infantry Division." He further said that in the dark days of December 1944, depleted and tired, the 4th Division halted a German thrust into American lines to save the city of Luxembourg.

Personally I tried my best to get into Tubby's division in order to serve with him. I was honored in that he worked just as hard to have me so assigned but other plans for the division had been made. Later in life he performed for me, not just a favor but a tremendous act of everlasting friendship to be enshrined in the hearts of me and my progeny eternally. The deed was one which could only have been expected of a deeply devoted blood brother.

Those of us, of the Class of 1912, who must still answer the final roll call, will look forward with assurance, knowing Tubby, on the far beach, will lend each of us his understanding devoted hand and guidance; without him there will always be a void for one we loved so dearly.

—William G. Wearer '12
Maj. Gen., USA (Ret)

Horace Logan McBride

NO. 5498 CLASS OF 1916

Died 14 November 1962 at the USAF Hospital,
Orlando AFB, Florida, aged 68 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery

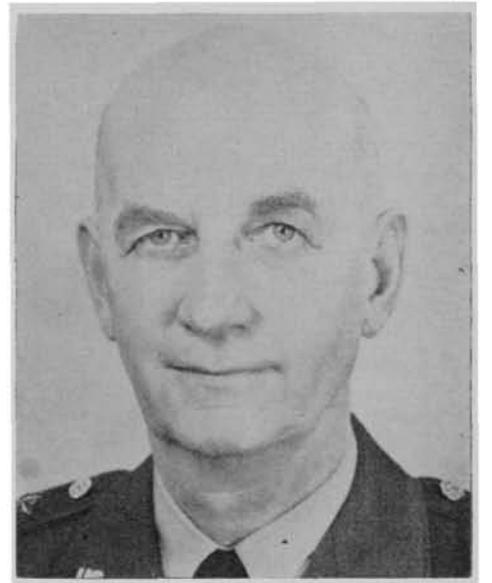
OF ALL THE MEN who graduated in the Class of 1916, none established a more brilliant military career than Horace McBride. He served overseas in both World Wars: 1917-1918 as a captain and major of Field Artillery; 1944-1947 as a major general commanding the 80th Infantry Division and later as a lieutenant general in command of the 20th Corps.

Mac, as he was affectionately known by those who knew and understood him, was born in Nebraska, 28 June 1894. He entered the U. S. Military Academy June 1912 and graduated June 1916. The Field Artillery was his first love and he was true to it throughout his entire active career—as a student, instructor and administrator Mac excelled. He was a non-conformist, probing constantly for new and better methods of supporting the "doughboy", at the same time preparing himself to be ready to shoulder the great responsibility that was later thrust upon him. Mac was a practical thinker, not a dreamer; he possessed both physical and moral courage; he brooked no compromise. He knew his job and set a high standard for those serving with him. Never a diplomat, just a straightforward, hard-hitting Scotsman with a dry wit and sense of humor, not al-

ways understood by some of his subordinates. He was highly respected for his military knowledge, common sense and, above all, for his leadership. Following his death, the Service Magazine of his 80th Division paid him the following tribute.

"With today's prediction toward conformity, excessive stress is being placed on the qualities of the 'common' man. Former President Hoover has aptly stated that what this nation needs is more 'uncommon' men. General McBride was such an 'uncommon' man—in the substantive rather than generic sense of the word. Those of the 80th Division who survived the vicissitudes of war can thank God for his uncommonness and for his indisputably high qualities of leadership.

"The 80th Division under General McBride's leadership in 277 days of fierce and bloody combat never failed to attain a major objective; in the process captured more than 212,000 enemy troops and accomplished its objectives at the lowest possible rate of attrition of 80th division personnel. The best proof of the successful results of the 80th Division endeavors was the high



accolade paid to General McBride and the division by General Patton when he said in his postwar book "Whenever we turned the 80th on anything we always knew the objective would be attained!"

Mac would have cherished this tribute more than the many decorations he received from his own country as well as many foreign countries.

After the defeat of Germany he became chief of the U. S. Army Group of the American Mission for Aid to Turkey, August 1947, with station at Ankara. The friendship between our country and Turkey was influenced by the successful accomplishments of this mission in which the military under his command played a significant part.

Upon his return to the United States, he became commandant of the Command and General Staff College following which he was appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Caribbean Command with station at Quarry Heights, Canal Zone. This was his final station from which he retired from active service on June 30, 1954. Upon retirement he and his wife settled in Maitland, Florida.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Carrie McBride Wood, Elgin, Nebraska; a sister, Mrs. M. H. Taylor, San Diego, California and his wife Irene, of Maitland, Florida.

Joseph Merit Tully

NO. 5541 CLASS OF 1916

Died 1 May 1963 at San Antonio, Texas,
aged 69 years.

Interment: Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery,
San Antonio, Texas

BRIGADIER GENERAL JOSEPH MERIT TULLY, whose 40 years of illustrious Army service spanned two World Wars and the Korean conflict, is dead at 69.

The widely-known Cavalry leader died in a San Antonio hospital of complications resulting from a cerebral tumor.

He had lived in San Antonio with his wife, the former Fanny Laura Smith of San Antonio, Texas, since his retirement from the regular Army 31 Dec 51.

Up to the time of his retirement General Tully knew the taste of frontline duty, serving with the Second Infantry Division in Korea from August 1950 to February 1951.

But it was his service in World War II which earned for him a page in wartime annals. He trained the Fourth Cavalry Group



and led it into Normandy on D-Day—two hours before the main assault force landed.

He was assistant division commander of the 90th, 9th, and 80th Infantry Divisions and finally commanded the 80th Division near the end of the war.

A native of Orange, New Jersey, General Tully was graduated from West Point in 1916 as a cavalry officer.

Succeeding tours took him to both hemispheres and to a liberal sprinkling of continental U. S. Commands. He spent two tours as an instructor at West Point, a year at the Command and General Staff School, three years in the Philippines and four years at Norwich University as Professor of Military Science and Tactics. He was a personal friend of many great military leaders of both wars.

After World War II, General Tully became post commander of Losey Field, Puerto Rico, and later, Inspector General of the Antilles department.

In 1948 he moved to Fort Lewis, Washington, as Assistant Commander of the Second Infantry Division and was Chief of Staff of the "Indianhead" Division when it went into combat in Korea.

When he retired in 1951, he was post commander of Fort Lewis. His decorations included the Distinguished Service Medal, the Silver Star with one oak leaf cluster, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, French, Bel-

gian and Czechoslovakian awards and the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation.

The Tullys also gave to the armed forces three sons, Navy Captain Joseph M. Tully, Jr., who is Commander of Heavy Attack Wing ONE, NAS Sanford, Florida; and Army Lieutenant Colonels Larkin S. and Robert B. Tully. A daughter, Frances, is married to Lieutenant Colonel Harry A. Clark, Jr., U.S. Army.

Military services and interment were held Friday, 3 May 1963, at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, near San Antonio, Texas.

General Tully lived at 916 Ivy Lane, San Antonio.

Thomas Greene Peyton

NO. 5569 CLASS OF 1916

Died 5 July 1962 at Richmond, Virginia,
aged 71 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

TOM PEYTON grew up in Virginia, a member of an old and well known Richmond family. His love of the South and its history was deep and real. It was sacred ground and the home of his heroes. Tom was a gentleman of the old school. Gracious, courtly, and friendly, he despised hypocrisy and sham. He was the soul of honor and incapable of any dishonorable thought or act.

Prior to entering West Point, he had sojourned briefly at the Naval Academy but, to him, the call of the sea did not present the attraction of a life in the Cavalry so dear to the Southern heart. As a cadet, high academic honors, which would have been easy for him, were not his main objective. Rather it was to graduate with a commission in the Cavalry on which his heart was set. His cadet room was the scene of endless hours of fascinating talk about horses. Polo was Tom's favorite sport, but his athletic activity was not limited to polo; he was light heavyweight boxing champion in his Second Class year and a member of the football squad in his First Class year.

After graduation his first assignment was on the Mexican border. In 1917 he came East on leave and was married to Phoebe Satterfield, a charming girl from Richmond, Va. A year later, just before the Armistice, while they were stationed at Camp Taylor, the first of their three children was born. As few Cavalry regiments were going overseas in World War I, Peyton had transferred to the Field Artillery in 1918 hoping to get overseas sooner, but the war was over when he reached the AEF. In 1919 he was given an unusual and interesting assignment to go with Colonel Haskell's Mission to Armenia.

Back in the United States in 1921 he went to West Point to serve a tour of four years as an instructor in French. He had a natural aptitude for the language, which he further improved by studying at the Sorbonne in Paris during one summer recess. More important, however, Tom had teaching ability and the temperament that makes a good instructor. He had the ability to put himself in the cadet's place and make a subject clear to even the "goats." This, no doubt, was a factor in his being recalled to West Point in 1928 for a second four-year tour as French instructor.

Tom graduated from the Advance Course of the Cavalry School at Fort Riley in 1926 and the General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth in 1927, at which time his name was placed on the General Staff Eligible List.

Then in 1935 he graduated from the Army War College in Washington. Between these school assignments he had served as an instructor with the ORC in Richmond and as a squadron commander with the 8th, and later the 7th, Cavalry. His last assignment was as PMS&T at the University of Arizona in Tucson.

In 1940 Tom's health began to fail. After prolonged hospitalization and sick leave, he was placed on the retired list in September 1940. In retirement he and Phoebe selected Sweet Chalybeate in the mountains of western Virginia as their home. Here they lived quietly, with occasional trips to Florida when the winter weather got too rugged. In 1961, however, Tom's health required medical attention not available at his mountain home and they moved to an apartment in Richmond, Va. It was there that on 5 July 1962, after a third stroke, Tom passed peacefully away.

He is survived by his wife, a daughter Phoebe, and a younger son, Cary. Tom's older boy, Thomas Jr., died in 1930 while the family was at West Point. It is there beside his son that Tom was laid to rest in the



West Point Cemetery on 10 July 1962. Virginia has lost a fine representative. The Corps of Cadets and the Class of 1916 have lost a loyal friend. The Army has lost a remarkably fine officer. We salute you, Tom Peyton. May you rest in peace.
—Tom L. Martin

James Bryan Newman, Jr.

NO. 5913 CLASS OF JUNE 1918

Died 7 February 1959 at Winter Park, Florida,
aged 62 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery
Arlington, Virginia

JAMES BRYAN NEWMAN, JR., a great guy and a dedicated service man, was born in Taldiga, Alabama.

Jim's father was Judge of the Appeals Court at Washington, D. C., where Jim attended school and graduated from Central High School. After a year at George Washington University he took the competitive exams for West Point and received his appointment in 1915. We were plebes together in old F Co. A good pal, he always had a warm greeting for his friends and a perpetual broad grin that never rubbed off even under stress.

Jim being naturally hivey, was, of course,

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upon graduation in June 1918, commissioned a 2d Lt., Corps of Engineers. Here again his sound sense of values was put to use. By October of 1918 he was in the Canal Zone with the Third Engineers. By September 1920 when he returned to the US he was a captain and had commanded the Third.

After a year of post-graduate engineering at Mass. Tech., Jim was assigned to the Louisville Engineer District and then to the U of Illinois as Asst. Professor of MS&T. In 1925, after completing the Company Officers Course at Ft. Humphreys and serving several years as a Company Commander, Jim served successively at Iowa State, the Memphis Engineer District, the 13th Engineers, the Florida Ship Canal at Ocala, the New Orleans District, and the 3rd Engineers in Hawaii where he became the Asst. Dept. Engineer in 1939.

Returning to the US Jim took time out to graduate from the Command and General Staff School; become a major and Battalion Commander, 18th Engrs.; direct the construction of the Washington National Airport; and head the Auditing and Disbursing Unit of the Office, Chief of Engineers.



In 1941 Jim became the District Engineer of the Wright Field District at Dayton, Ohio, where his fine engineering abilities came to the attention of the Air Force. By October of that same year he was back in Washington as the Chief of the Buildings and Grounds Section at Headquarters Army Air Forces.

Departing for service in the European Theater, 10 Nov 43, Jim was first, the Engineer, VIII Air Force Service Command and later, promoted to Brig. Gen. and became the Commanding General, 9th Engineer Command. Returning to the US in June 1945, he served as Air Engineer, Office, Asst. Chief of Staff for Materiel and Services, Army Air Forces at Washington during 1945, and as the Division Engineer of the South Atlantic Div. in 1946 when he retired from active duty. Jim became associated with the J. Gordon Turnbull engineering firm of Cleveland, Ohio.

In 1948, because of his extensive engineering knowledge of Air Force installations, Jim was called back to active duty to serve as Special Assistant to the Commandant, The Air University and Director of Site and Construction Planning, Air Force Academy Planning Board, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. Upon completion of the preliminary work, he moved to Washington Air Force Headquarters as the Chief of the Air Force Academy Project Headquarters. Later he became the

Director of Installations, Office Deputy Chief of Staff of the US Air Force with the rank of Major General. In July of 1950, because of growing ill health, Jim was retired in the grade of Major General. During retirement, with offices at Orlando, he was in charge of Aerojet's work in Fla.

Throughout his career Jim Newman maintained the high standards he had set for himself on the heights above the Hudson. He received many decorations and awards for his many services, among them the DSM and LM, the French Legion of Honor and Croix de Guerre, the Luxembourg Croix de Guerre, and the British Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.

Jim is survived by his widow Mrs. Frances M. Newman of Winter Park, Fla.; son Colonel James B. Newman III, Class of 1942, now the District Engineer, Nashville, Tenn.; son Robert Newman with the Atomic Energy Commission at Los Alamos, N.M.; and four grandchildren.

Jim passed away at his home in Winter Park, Fla., due to serious chronic bronchitis and asthma on 7 February 1959. He was buried in the Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va.

Jim represented the best traditions of the Corps and exemplified in the highest degree the precepts of our motto: Duty, Honor, Country. It was an honor to be a classmate and friend of Jim and to be associated with him during his long career.—WEL June '18

Clyde Beauchamp Bell

NO. 5954 CLASS OF JUNE 1918

Died 3 June 1962 at United States Army Hospital, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, aged 68 years.

Interment: Bell Family Plot, Gallatin, Tennessee

CLYDE BEAUCHAMP BELL an officer and a gentleman, not by an act of law, but because of his devotion to the best traditions of the Corps and the high standards he had set for himself many years ago. Clyde was born on 1 February 1894, in Sumner County, Tennessee of old Tennessee stock. His parents, Alfred P. and Dixie D. Bell, were also born in Sumner County. His grandfather, Captain A. E. Bell had served in the Civil War.

While attending the University of Tennessee, the Honorable Cordell Hull offered Clyde an appointment to West Point. Thus, on 15 June 1915, Clyde and I met as plebes in beast barracks. Good natured, calm and unruffled, Clyde took his cadet duties in stride. He was always a true, courtly, southern gentleman.

A lover of horses and a fine rider, Clyde became one of our expert polo players as a cadet. It was only natural that he chose the cavalry upon graduation. After a tour of school duty at the Ft. Sill School of Arms, he joined the 5th Cavalry on the Mexican border. Moving to Schofield Barracks in Hawaii, Clyde then served with the 17th Cavalry, returning to the US in 1920 for a brief tour of duty with the Air Service at March Field, Calif.

Then, as did for all of us, began a ten-year period of troop duty and school details. The 4th Cavalry at Brownsville, Tex.; the Cavalry School at Ft. Riley, Kans.; the 6th Cavalry at Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga.; Signal School at Ft. Monmouth, N. J.; the 2d Cavalry Div at Ft. Riley, Kans., and the 1st Cavalry Div at Ft. Bliss, Tex., all followed in ordered procession.

With the advent of motorization, mechanization and armored car change over, Clyde

became, in 1931, the Troop Commander of Troop A, 2d Armored Car Squadron at Ft. Eustis, Va., moving later to the 1st Cavalry Div undergoing mechanization at Ft. Knox, Ky. He spent the next five years passing on this new know-how to the 114th Cavalry of the Kansas National Guard as their instructor.

A Major in 1940, Clyde was sent to Hawaii where he handled contract and supply activities for the Quartermaster. By 1942 he had been promoted to Lt. Colonel and then Colonel. At the time he returned to the US in 1944, he was QM, HCPBC, at Ft. Shafter, TH.

In the US Clyde took over the important supervision of the QM Replacement Pool, ASFTC at Camp Lee, Va. In 1945 he became the Director of Supply for the Charlotte QM Depot in N.C., which command he held until he retired from active service on 30 June 1946, returning to Gallatin, Tenn.

Besides the Mexican Border, World War I Victory and World War II Victory Medals, Clyde was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, the American Defense Service Medal with Foreign Service Clasp, the American Cam-



campaign Medal and the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal. Throughout his career, Clyde maintained the high standards he had set for himself many years before on the heights of the Hudson.

On 4 June 1921 Clyde married Agnes McGlothlin. His widow and two sisters live in Gallatin where Clyde spent his retirement, being affectionately called "The Colonel" by family, friends, and neighbors. He was a devoted father to his three children: Major Clyde B. Bell, Jr., USMA '49, who carries on the Army traditions; William A. Bell and Dixie Bell Brittain back up the civilian traditions in Mississippi and Texas respectively. There are now five young grandchildren bringing up the reserve.

In retirement "The Colonel" took an active interest in rural and community life. He served as a member of the County Court for a number of years, and served continuously as a member of the Board of Commissioners for the County Hospital.

Clyde passed away 3 June 1962 at the US Army Hospital, Ft. Campbell, Ky., after a serious operation. He was buried in the Bell family plot in the old cemetery at Gallatin, Tenn. A devoted husband and father, a sincere and lasting friend, Clyde will always be in the hearts of his loved ones and friends.

—WEL June '18

Alexander Thomas McCone

NO. 6197 CLASS OF NOVEMBER 1918

Died 12 February 1963 at Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D.C., aged 66 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

ALEXANDER THOMAS McCONE was born in San Francisco 22 November 1896, the eldest son of Dr. and Mrs. James Francis McCone.

After graduating from Lowell High School, he spent one year at the University of California before coming to West Point where he graduated with the Class of November 1918.

He was also a graduate of the Infantry School, both the Battery and Field Officers' Courses at the Field Artillery School, and the Command and General Staff School.

Alex was greatly interested in languages, had a good working knowledge of both French and German and was fluent in Spanish. He would laughingly claim a strain of Iberian blood possibly as a result of the wrecking of a ship of the Armada on the



Irish Coast. In 1925 he took a three months' leave in Spain, living with a Spanish family and devoting all of his time to the study of Spanish. This resulted in detail to the Department of Foreign Languages at West Point, and was a signal influence on his life. In 1926 he attended the Centre de Estudios Historicos in Madrid, further perfecting his Spanish and in 1927 was attached for the three summer months to the Spanish Army.

In 1928 he attended the Pantheon Institute in Paris, studying French. He was an instructor in Spanish at West Point 1925-1929 and at the CandGS 1930-1931.

Alex's early service was in the Infantry—the 22d at Governor's Island and the 5th in the Army of Occupation in Germany—where in addition to an intense interest in his 37 m/m gun platoon and later a machine gun platoon and their well-kept mules of which he was very proud, he was prominent at all debutante parties and other social activities including dinner parties of the higher echelons.

In 1923 he transferred to the Field Artillery, serving in the 7th at Madison Barracks and the 16th at Fort Myer, during which time he was also a White House Aide. He served with the 2d (Pack Artillery) in Panama where he commanded a battery. Later in

Panama he was a post adjutant; headquarters commandant and department provost marshal. During these years in Panama his fluency in Spanish proved most useful in many negotiations with the Panamanian Government.

During 1938-1940 he was an instructor at VMI and again was able to take part in fox hunting, a sport he had enjoyed in Germany and at Fort Sill. During 1940-1941 he served in the 9th Division as ADC to Gen. DeRussy Hoyle, Exec, 34 FA, inspector of Artillery training, and as CO of a FA Bn.

In 1941 he was sent to West Africa as Military Intelligence observer for the War Dept and ACoFS G-2 US Forces Central Africa. He took part in the Libyan Campaign with the Free French and travelled extensively through Africa from the Niger north to Algeria and Egypt, returning to the US in 1943.

He was then ExO 81 Div Arty, until he was sent to Mexico as liaison officer with the Mexican Army stationed at Ensenada, Baja Calif.

During 1944-1945 he was ExO FA Replacement Center, Camp Roberts, and with the Joint Staff Conferences on Hemisphere Defense with the Forces of Venezuela and Cuba. He then went to the Philippines and was with Headquarters Army Forces Western Pacific. 1945-1949 he served in the occupation of Japan as ACoFS G-2, 1X Corps and travelled in Japan, Korea, and China. During this period he met a charming lady, Nancy Hill, who was with the Occupation Forces in a civilian capacity.

In 1949-1950 Alex was assigned to the United Nations Commission for India and Pakistan, marking the ceasefire line, serving as chief of the US Military Observer Group and operations officer of the Commission.

On 9 July 1949 in Rawalpindi, Pakistan, Alex and Nancy, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. George L. Hill of Wheeling, West Virginia, were married by Bishop Nicholas Hettinga. The bride and bridegroom travelled throughout Pakistan and India, returning to the US by way of Europe, going to Chicago, where Alex was ACoFS G-2 5th Army.

From 1951 until 1953, when he was retired by law, Alex was chief of the Arkansas Military District at Little Rock. From 1954 to 1957 he instructed in Spanish at St. John's Seminary and in addition instructed in mathematics at Little Rock Junior College.

Nancy and Alex moved to Washington, buying the charming house at 5251 Nebraska Ave., NW where Nancy still lives. During 1958-1959 Alex taught Spanish, English, and history at Archbishop Carroll High School in Washington.

During the past year Alex served as foreman of a Grand Jury in the District Court. He was extremely interested in this duty, took it very seriously and gave unstintingly of his energy and time.

On the morning of Friday, 8 February, he had dressed with his usual meticulous care, and was about to leave for court when, just inside his front door, he was stricken with a thrombosis. He was taken to Walter Reed Hospital and died on 12 February 1963.

He lies now on the highest point in Arlington, overlooking Washington.

Alex is survived by his wife, Nancy Hill; his sister, Mary Jane McCone, chief of nursing services, Winchester Memorial Hospital of Winchester, Va.; and his brother James, of San Francisco.

Clarkson Deweese McNary

NO. 6431 CLASS OF 1919

Died 28 December 1961 at Parkview Hospital, Pueblo, Colorado, aged 65 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

MAC WAS BORN 10 Mar 1896 at the US Soldiers' Home, Leavenworth, Kans., where his father was serving as Chief Surgeon. A few years later Dr. McNary was transferred to the Soldiers' Home in Calif., and Mac spent his boyhood in that state, graduating from the Corona High School and going from Corona to two years at Stanford University. When the family moved to Tempe, Ariz., Mac left Stanford and, with the prospect of an appointment to the Military Academy, went to Washington for a year of cramming at "Shad's". There he met a number of his future West Point classmates. He was appointed by Senator Carl Hayden and entered the Academy on 14 June 1917.

Mac, being older than most of his class-



mates, took his cadet days in stride. As a plebe he sang in colorline concerts; and, on request, regaled the appreciative upperclassmen with his Arizona wolf howls. As a yearling he was a cadet corporal and qualified as a marksman on the target range, which at that time was quite a distinction in view of the low state of rifle marksmanship instruction at West Point. On 1 Nov 1918 he graduated with his Class, ranking 176 in a total of 284. With the rest of the Class he returned to West Point in December to complete another nine months of study as a Student Officer, graduating a second time in June 1919. He made the famous European tour with the Class during the summer of 1919 and returned to the US to enter the newly-organized Infantry School at Camp Benning, from which he was graduated in June 1920 in the first regular class at that, now famous, training center.

After temporary duty at Governors Island during the summer of 1920 Mac joined his first regiment, the 33d Inf, then stationed in three Canal Zone garrisons. Shortly after his arrival in Panama he became Acting Regimental Adjutant and as such planned and supervised the concentration of the Regiment at Ft. Clayton. There, in March 1921, he married "the boss's daughter", Dorothy Johnson.

Most of Mac's duty with the 33d Inf was

with B Co., in which the enlisted men had organized a jungle hunting club, the precursor of later official jungle warfare schools. Because of his participation in the club's activities Mac was detailed in 1922 as a guide and assistant to a hunter who was collecting specimens for the Smithsonian Institute, an assignment which he performed with enthusiasm and for which he was commended.

In August 1933 Mac returned to the US for duty with the 10th Inf, at Ft. Thomas, Ky. He wanted to get back to the state from which he had left to go to West Point, and after only three months arranged a mutual transfer that sent him to Camp Little, at Nogales, where he served for five years with the 25th Inf. His next assignment was to the Military Department of the University of Wyoming; duty that he at first accepted reluctantly but later came to enjoy, although he preferred duty with troops. During his tour at the University he was pledged to the Sigma Chi fraternity.

The rigorous climate of Laramie and Mac's concern for his family's health induced him to request service in the tropics and he was returned to Panama, this time to the 14th Inf at Ft. Davis. Ten weeks after his arrival at Ft. Davis he was returned to the US for hospitalization, with a diagnosis of tuberculosis at Fitzsimmons Gen. Hospital. He stayed in the hospital for nine months and after a three-month sick leave returned to duty with the 20th Inf, at Ft. Warren, Wyo. There his duties were largely in the administrative and supply sections of the Regiment. At Ft. Warren he had ample time to exercise his avocation of hunting and fishing. After three years at Ft. Warren he returned to ROTC duty, this time with Washington State College, where he remained for four pleasant years, receiving a letter of commendation from the president of the college for the superior rating that his unit had received. He was initiated into Sigma Chi during his tour at Washington State.

The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor found Mac a temporary Lt. Col, commanding the 1st Bn 21st Inf at Schofield Barracks. For the next six months his battalion held a twelve-mile beach sector on Oahu. For this service Mac received the American Defense Medal with foreign service clasp and a letter of commendation from the Division Commander. Mac returned to the mainland in July 1942 to assume command of Spl Trps 104th Inf Div under his old commander at Schofield Barracks, Maj. Gen. Gilbert R. Cook. Mac's health did not permit his accompanying the Div overseas and in Jan 1943 he was transferred to Camp Blanding, Fla. There he was promoted to Colonel AUS. Later in 1943 and 1944 he served at Camp Roberts, Ark., and Camp Rucker, Ala.

In August 1944 Mac's health had improved sufficiently for him to be ordered to the European Theatre as a regimental commander replacement. On arrival in Normandy he assumed command of the 358th Reg 90th Inf Div, replacing his good friend of Schofield service, "Spike" Nave, (USMA '29) who had been killed in action at Cherbourg. The 90th Inf Div was attacking daily and officer casualties were extremely heavy. Mac's command of the 358th Regt of only sixteen days was a record for that period of the war. John Sheehy, a classmate, who commanded the 357th Regt had been killed several weeks before Mac took over the 358th. The 90th Div was one of the two Inf Divisions of XV Corps and Mac took part in the operations of XV Corps from the breakthrough at Avaranches to the near destruction of the

German Seventh Army at the Battle of the Falaise Gap, an operation that out-Rommel Rommel. But just as things were going well for Mac a sudden, violent attack of pneumonia made his relief necessary and he was invalidated home. The pneumonia developed into a recurrence of his tuberculosis and once more he found himself in Fitzsimmons. It was not until June 1945 that he was returned to duty, with no hope of seeing more combat service. He spent the remainder of the war, to his deep regret, in the Pentagon, serving in the Plans Div AGF. There he earned the Army Commendation Medal for his preparation of plans and policies for the postwar army. In October 1945 he was stricken again with pneumonia and early in 1946 he was retired for physical disability.

After Mac's retirement the family moved to Denver where he spent a great deal of time in the hospital. It was not until 1951 that he became an outpatient of Fitzsimmons, observing the hospital's routine at home. This routine precluded any gadding about but life still had its bright spots with the children, grandchildren, and friends stopping by. After a few years we formed the habit of an annual trip to Pueblo to spend Christmas with one of our daughters and her family.

Mac's chief enthusiasms were duty with troops, hunting and fishing. He never lost interest in following national and international affairs and he was always interested in West Point and followed with pride the advance of his distinguished classmates; but most of all were his affections bound to his family and the family to him.

He is survived by his widow, of 6730 East 21st Ave., Denver; by four daughters, Mrs. C.E. Brink of Wichita, Kan.; Mrs. E.M. Bonney, of Pueblo; Mrs. J.W. Hawhee of Aurora, Col.; and Mrs. B.G. Finch of Waco, Tex.; and by nine grandchildren.

—Dorothy Johnson McNary

Henry Isaac Kiel

NO. 7591 CLASS OF 1924

Died 20 November 1962 at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, aged 61 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery

HENRY ISAAC KIEL was born 19 September 1901 in Columbus, Texas, and it is a safe bet that he announced his arrival in loud and enthusiastic tones. Energy, enthusiasm, imagination, initiative, and friendliness are terms that come first to my mind as I attempt to summarize his vigorous life.

When Henry was still a small boy his parents moved to Washington, D.C. He attended public schools, graduating from Central High School in 1920 and went on to West Point that same year to join the class of 1924. The years which followed were comparable to those experienced by most of that elite clan known as the Goats. The Tacs and P's were met and overcome, or evaded, to the extent that Henry graduated with his class and was commissioned a second lieutenant of Infantry in June 1924. His first assignment was to Ft. Niagara, New York.

Like many, many other lieutenants, Henry met the girl who was to share his life at his first duty post. On his twenty-fourth birthday, in a beautiful home wedding ceremony, Henry and Catherine Mary Murphy, daughter of Michael and Ida Murphy, were married. This was the beginning of an eventful and happy wedded life. Two children blessed

this union, Mary Ann, now Mrs. Charles Austin Brouse of Glastonbury, Connecticut, and Richard Henry, a graduate of the United States Naval Academy, now serving as a lieutenant in the Atlantic Submarine fleet.

Henry's assignments were typical of the Infantry officer of our era. I served at the same station with him on five occasions and was three times a member of the same command and a fellow student at the Infantry Tank School. We commanded adjacent companies of the 26th Infantry at Plattsburg Barracks and participated in the mobilization build-up of the Second Armored and the Fourth Armored Divisions. Those of us who served with Henry during those days knew him as a hard working conscientious officer. He set high standards for himself and his commands. When there were competitions between units Henry's command was always fighting until the final decision was made. Not infrequently, his organization received the winner's trophy.

Just prior to World War II, Henry and Kay spent a delightful tour of duty in Panama, where Henry made an enviable record as the Commander of one of the last large pack-mule machine gun companies. When they returned to the States, the war mobilization was beginning and the war years were to prove frustrating. Henry wanted to go overseas with the Fourth Armored Division but like hundreds of other highly competent officers was pulled out to train Infantry replacements at Camp Croft and Ft. Meade, Maryland. Ultimately he did get to France only to find that his reputation at Infantry Training Centers in the States was to bring further duties of similar nature in a European Replacement Command. Although chafing to be with a front line unit Henry carried on as an efficient commander in the duties assigned and won many commendations for his outstanding work. Only once did he mention to me his bitter disappointment at not having been given a chance to command troops in battle.

Korea proved almost equally disappointing. Although ordered overseas shortly after the outbreak of the Korean conflict, a physical examination divulged the fact that Henry was suffering from diabetes. He was in and out of hospitals in Japan and ultimately returned to the United States and was retired for physical disability after 28 years of service. Thus ended the active career of a very loyal member of that Long Gray Line.

Henry's family always held a position of appropriate priority in his mind. When the events of World War II indicated he would be away from home for extended periods of time, he looked for a permanent home for Kay and the children and finally settled on a beautiful place at State College, Pennsylvania. It was there that the family lived while Henry was on foreign assignments. It was there that Mary Ann and Richard completed high school and Mary Ann graduated from Pennsylvania State University. As I have mentioned, Dick went to the Naval Academy, following an example set by Henry's brother Paul.

Never one to waste time on idle regrets or mourn events that might have been, Henry promptly looked for a useful activity after retirement. The New England Life Insurance Company was delighted to secure his services and he kept an active association with that fine company until his death. His physical condition prevented aggressive salesmanship but in spite of this handicap, he became a highly successful insurance representative. He could have sold even more insurance but

neighbors soon found that Henry was more interested in helping individuals secure the type and amounts of insurance that they needed rather than making a quick profit for himself. What he liked to call his "Free Insurance Consulting Service" undoubtedly helped a great many young men avoid pitfalls which other agents would have glossed over.

At State College Henry was a familiar and welcome figure. His favorite exercise was golf and, when the weather permitted, he was usually on the College course with one foursome or another two or three times each week. In the evenings he rarely missed a bridge tournament at the University Club where he was an honorary member. In addition, he entered energetically into the community life. He headed the State College community welfare drive in 1958 which proved to be such a success that thereafter he was hard pressed to avoid such assignments.

Kay and Henry enjoyed a pleasant social life among the faculty and retired service communities. It was here that Henry's love



of the good things in life came in conflict with the pattern of healthful behavior his doctors would have him follow. However, he knew he was far from well and would from time to time concede to indicated physical demands, have physical examinations, listen patiently to the advice of the doctors, and for a time even follow the diet they prescribed. In the autumn of 1962 he frequently told Kay he wasn't feeling particularly well. Finally, after much urging, on 19 November he announced his intention of driving to the hospital at Carlisle Barracks for a physical examination. He would be back no later than the next day. He entered the hospital but wasn't given a physical examination until the following morning. When he was examined, the doctors put him to bed and telephoned Kay to tell her that the examination had disclosed that Henry had suffered a serious heart attack several days previously and he was on their critical list but they didn't feel there was any immediate danger. They recommended against Kay coming to Carlisle at once as that might needlessly excite Henry. But the doctors were wrong. A couple of hours later Henry passed away as quietly and calmly as he had lived. It was the type of death all of us would choose.

Henry Isaac Kiel was laid to rest just in-

side the main entrance of Arlington National Cemetery on 23 November 1962. A requiem Mass preceded the interment where the large contingent of mourners included several retired general officer classmates among the pallbearers. The usual spick-and-span Honor Guard from the Third Infantry led the cortege. If Henry was looking on from beyond this vale of tears he undoubtedly smiled approval since nothing gave him greater satisfaction than a well turned out Infantry Command.

Those of us who served with Henry across the years knew him as a perfectionist. I was one of a large throng who knew him as a loyal friend and a kind and considerate husband and father.

—James C. Fry '23

Merson Leon Skinner

NO. 7996 CLASS OF 1926

Died 28 July 1962 at Honolulu, Hawaii, aged 59 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, N. Y.

MERSON WAS BORN in Richmond, Mich. 23 January 1903, the elder son of Richard Leon Skinner and Jane Abigail Merson. Before entering The Point, he attended the University of Michigan for a year.

My first recollection of Merson as a fellow plebe in 1922 was on the occasion of an intramural plebe baseball game on the Plain in front of North Barracks on the Fourth of July—the Beast Detail had relaxed their intensive indoctrination in honor of the holiday and I remember well, he entered into the game with enthusiasm as he did in all sports in which he participated throughout his four years at the Academy. It was also on this occasion that his fun-loving spirit first impressed itself upon me and he immediately established real friendship with us all.

Our close association started in Yearling summer camp when we tented together with four other H-Co classmates in old Ft. Clinton and in September he, Malcolm Harwell, and I roomed together in Old South Barracks. We were both transferred to G-Co; he, in January and I, after second class furlough; so we teamed up again as roommates for the remaining two years and became very fast friends—a relationship which continued, though we were out of touch with each other for several years at a time—both being very poor correspondents.

It was during yearling year that Merson met Virginia Lawson of Troy, N.Y. In fact, he 'keen-filed' her from me, Ginny and I having been summer friends for several years at a lake near Troy—and it wasn't long before they were engaged.

During second class year, Merson lost his father very suddenly to the same heart ailment that claimed his younger brother Dean's life during World War II, and last summer caused his own death. The loss of his father brought us even closer together and I still hold the memory of his gratitude for my attempts to console him in his loss.

Shortly after graduation and commissioning in the Infantry, Merson and Ginny were married and were stationed at Ft. Hamilton, NY. Their daughter Betsy was born in May 1927 and in 1950 she married Howard M. Cavender. They, and their three children, now live in Los Altos, Calif. At the time the Skinners

were at Hamilton I was stationed in the Coast Artillery at Ft. Totten, N.Y., and we saw each other frequently, generally at the officers' hops at one post or another. One vivid memory is of a Ft. Totten vs. Ft. Hamilton football game when Merson was one of the stars of the Hamilton team and our classmate Clair Conzelman was one of Ft. Totten's shining lights. They were both injured in the game and forced to leave the field.

In 1928, I was transferred to Corregidor and about a year later Merson and Ginny were transferred to the 31st Infantry in Manila. The next year, my last in the Philippines, was made enjoyable by many reunions with him and Ginny at their quarters in the old Walled City.

I left them there and didn't see them for another year when they returned to the States. Then, he and Ginny broke up their marriage and he made a try for the Air Corps, and was then transferred to Coast Artillery and stationed at Ft. Winfield Scott in San Francisco. Our next meeting was there in the spring of 1935 when my family and I passed through on the *USAT Republic* en-



route to Hawaii. About a year later Merson, too, was transferred to the Islands and again we had a year of close friendship, he being stationed at Ft. Shafter and I at Ft. De Russy.

In the spring of 1939, he resigned from the Army and I saw him briefly at Ft. Totten on his way to visit his mother and brother in Mich. From there, he returned to Hawaii as a civilian and we did not meet again until 1958 when he visited El Paso, enroute to the east coast with his charming wife Edith and their son Stephen. It was just an overnight stop, but we managed to have a cocktail hour together and dinner with Dick and Jane McMaster. He was still the same delightful companion—the only change being that the years had added girth and claimed considerable hair. It was good to see him once more and to find him so happily married.

We had picked up our correspondence in 1957 and continued it spasmodically. I had hoped to find an opportunity to visit him in Hawaii or to hear that he would return States-side to live. Thus it was a considerable shock to me to hear from Edith in July, 1962, that he had passed away—in his sleep—of a heart attack.

His life after 1939, I leave for his devoted wife Edith to tell, but must mention that on his visit to El Paso in 1958 he proudly told

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me of his devotion to her and that he was supremely happy. Edith writes the following:

For the time taken from a busy life to write the foregoing of Merson's cadet days, I extend my gratitude to Frank who has been most kind and helpful.

In the latter part of 1939, Merson returned to the Islands where we established our permanent residence. He purchased an interest in a newspaper in Hilo, on the "big island", but after a year decided not to exercise his option and came back to Honolulu to become G.M.C. truck representative for Murphy Motors, Ltd.

On 8 Dec 41, Merson went back into uniform and served as executive officer of the Territorial Guard for the duration. Our son Stephen was born midst the clamor of sirens and church bells announcing the end of hostilities.

My son, (by a former marriage) Eugene G. Boyer, is in a true sense, a survivor. Gene loved Merson as though he were his own father and Merson returned that love. Gene lives with his wife and three children in Utica, N.Y.

Merson then entered the real estate business, continuing in that field until his death in July, 1962.

In our church, he was a faithful dedicated member, helping it to grow from a meeting place in an old dairy building for a few families, to a beautiful and imposing church plant consisting of a children's chapel, classrooms and a splendid youth center. In addition to serving on the Bishop's committee, he sang in the choir and was regularly called upon for organizing fund raising projects.

In his last year and a half, he devoted most of his efforts to the Republican State Central Committee, serving as Chairman of the Financial Sub-committee of the State of Hawaii.

Merson's affection for the Academy was deep and abiding. His love for his classmates was lasting. He often told me that there was a special bond existing between members of the Corps that could not be found elsewhere. It was his desire to return to the Academy to rest there with others of the Long Gray Line. With the kind assistance of Col. Ivan B. Acker, that wish has been fulfilled.

Merson was a devoted husband and father. His zest for living, and his sincere interest in the welfare of others will always be an inspiration to us. So instead of grieving deeply over our loss, Steve and I are more than grateful for the years we were privileged to share with him.

—Edith Skinner
—Frank Miter '26

Robert Loomis Anderson

NO. 8639 CLASS OF 1929

Died 27 January 1962 at South Miami, Florida, aged 53 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery

ANDY WAS BORN 12 March 1908, in La Porte, Ind., where he spent his youth and attended public schools prior to his appointment to West Point.

Upon graduation he was commissioned in the Coast Artillery Corps and after a brief tour in the States left for the Philippines. This may well have been what Andy thought was to be a career pattern, inasmuch as it was the beginning of a long series of assign-

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ments between the US and the Philippines. However, after completing a course at the Command and General Staff School, Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., in 1941, he was assigned as a staff officer with Headquarters, Iceland Base Command. While in this assignment, he assisted in planning and implementing essential air defense for that strategic island outpost. Upon his return to the US he took up duties as an instructor at the Antiaircraft Artillery School, Camp Davis, N. C., and later as Antiaircraft Artillery Liaison Officer to the Army Air Forces Board in Orlando, Fla., where he contributed substantively to the development of joint air-antiaircraft tactical doctrine. It was while in his latter assignment that the grim reaper first brushed so close to Andy in a terrific airplane crash at Orlando, Fla., on 6 Oct 1944. He and four other persons had taken off in a B-25, got some 200 feet in the air and crashed in a pine forest, ripping off both wings, and splitting the top of the plane, which was the means by which these five men got out. They were terrifically bruised and cut up. The pilot died two days later as a result of the crash. Andy's hair was cold black when the accident happened, but afterwards it was snow white. He recuperated rapidly and was subsequently assigned to the Far East where as CO of the 25th Antiaircraft Artillery Group of the 14th Antiaircraft Artillery Command he aided materially in the success of Army operations in combat in the Philippine Islands.

Andy transferred to the Adjutant General's Corps in September 1945 and served as Assistant Adjutant General, Headquarters, Army Forces Western Pacific until December 1946. He later served as Assistant Adjutant General at Headquarters, Philippine Army Command after which he returned to the States to as-



sume duties as Adjutant General of the 9th Infantry Division, Ft. Dix, N. J. He attended the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Va., and upon graduation went to the Fifth Army Headquarters where he served as Adjutant General and later Deputy Chief of Staff of the Fifth Army. In 1954 he was transferred to Washington, DC, where he became the Chief of the Military Personnel Procurement Division of The Adjutant General's Office, the position he held until his retirement for physical disability in July 1959.

Andy is survived by his wife, the former Valeria Lee Dovell, and their six children four daughters and two sons.

Phillips Waller Smith

NO. 8878 CLASS OF 1930

Died 16 February 1963 at Madison, Wisconsin, aged 56 years.

Interment: West Point, New York



A host of military and civilian friends joined Phil Smith's family in sorrow at his death on 16 February in Madison, Wis.

As a cadet, a soldier, a staff officer, and a commander, Phil earned the rating of "professional" in its truest and best sense.

Joe Haskell writes of the esteem in which he, Red Cagle, and Johnny Murrell held Phil, starting with their lives together in summer camp. Looking back it is clear that by having his own life in control, living it with quiet competence and sharing it willingly but not profligately, Phil earned this discerning regard of his roommates and of the whole Class as acquaintances grew. These same qualities of warmth, stability, and capability characterized Phil's later military and civilian careers.

He was graduated from St. John's Military Academy, Delafield, Wis., in 1923 and attended the University of Wisconsin prior to his entry at West Point in 1926.

Phil chose Cavalry "with" Veronica B. McVeigh of Haverstraw, N. Y., and was stationed at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, until his detail to the Ordnance Department on 17 October 1933. Between this date and 25 July 1940, he earned an MS from MIT (1935) and an MBA from Harvard School of Business Administration (1940). He served at Fort Sill, Watertown Arsenal, Picatinny Arsenal, Rock Island Arsenal, and Aberdeen Proving Ground.

As one of the very few professional soldiers academically trained for executive work, Phil's assignment in 1940 to the staff of the Undersecretary of War (Hon. Robert Patterson) put him at the start and at the top of the nation's prodigious build-up for WW II. Throughout the war, in his several assignments, Phil was called on to organize and direct unprecedented new production, procurement and supply problems that emerged. In his particular specialty of procurement, he served in the Undersecretary's Office for Mr. Patterson, the Army Service Forces for General Al Browning, the Mediterranean Theater of Operations, and G-4 of the War Department General Staff. He participated in setting up the surplus disposal program and was a special representative of the Undersec-

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retary of War for the then Army Air Corps. Each job was done with a distinction which earned him the award of the Legion of Merit two times.

An article by the Washington correspondent of the Madison, Wis., *Capital Times* on 25 July 1943 epitomizes Phil's work during this period:

Tall and blond, he is also calm and unperturbable and says he doesn't get excited over all the headaches and beefing the job causes, because, "If you're excited all the time, when something important comes along, nobody will pay any attention to you." That may explain why an officer who graduated from West Point only 13 years ago, today has one of the most important jobs in the Army Service Forces.

In 1947 Phil transferred to the Air Force where he served under the Deputy Chief of Staff for Materiel and later, in the Air Materiel Command, received his first star as chief of procurement in 1950. He held that job until August 1952 and directed procurement for the second national build-up in our time for the Korean conflict.

From August 1952, Phil served in Paris under Ambassador William Draper as director of defense production. It was under Phil that the European aircraft industry was organized to support the NATO air program. Ambassador Draper praised his work in the highest terms as he left for his next assignment as comptroller of the Air Materiel Command with rank of major general in October 1953.

Beginning with a bout of pneumonia and hepatitis during his wartime tour in Europe, Phil had been plagued with respiratory trouble. In 1955 it was diagnosed as pulmonary emphysema and he was retired in August. He was awarded a DSM for his exceptionally meritorious work in supervising the "controls for a military command larger than any two of the nation's largest corporate empires." *Fortune* Magazine cited him at this time as the Country's most outstanding military businessman (substantiating a statement in 1943 by the then Col. Fred Foy of New York that Phil was "the best executive officer in the Army").

Phil's talents were quickly taken up in the civilian world. He was executive vice president and a director of Bowser, Inc. of Chicago, coordinating and controlling its 12 wholly-owned subsidiaries for over four years when he transferred to Jack and Heintz of Cleveland as president and director. Under his astute guidance a merger with Siegler Corporation in February 1961 and later with Lear, Inc. into Lear Siegler with a 35 times expansion of the sales level was smoothly and effectively carried out. In February 1962 an attack of staph pneumonia left his heart so weakened that he had to retire completely and finally moved to Madison in September. At Thanksgiving he entered the VA hospital but a succession of complications was more than even his game spirit could overcome. On 21 February he was buried at his beloved West Point.

Phil's military and business careers were not allowed to detract from full family life. He and Vee have three daughters, Anastatia, Veronica, and Sandra, and one son, Phil Jr. Perhaps Phil's greatest joy came from his son's graduation in the Class of '61. Seven grandchildren carry on for the future of his family.

The Nation's testimony of a successful career was embodied in President Kennedy's letter "Honoring the memory of Phillips Waller Smith and awarded by a grateful nation in recognition of devoted and selfless con-

secration to the service of mankind in the Armed Forces of the United States."

The ultimate tribute, however, was given in a letter by Vee, "The only comments I have are that Phil left a fine record which his children and grandchildren may be proud of. . . ."

Who could ask for more?

Kenneth Russell Scurr, Jr.

NO. 14937 CLASS OF 1945

Died 25 August 1954 in a helicopter crash at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, aged 30 years.

Interment: Riverside Cemetery, Pierre, South Dakota

DEAR SON:

It is now almost nine years since you received your final permanent change of station orders. In the service we learn to expect and accommodate to the unexpected and, though we are never quite ready when it occurs, I know of no one better prepared to



meet the challenge of the Great Unknown with The Long Gray Line than you were.

From your birth on 26 June 1924 at Pierre, South Dakota, through childhood, adolescence, and maturity you had a great capacity for independence and self sufficiency. As a mascot at military camps, as a boy scout, the youngest Eagle Scout, the youngest Explorer on the North Woods canoe portage trips, these traits were your strength. In your church you served in all capacities to include junior lay reader. Your music brought trumpet awards to yourself and your school and even overseas you were always able to organize musical entertainment for yourself and your troops.

Your hobbies of photography, building fine rifles, building Hi-Fi equipment, flying your own plane, and rebuilding aircraft engines gave you a wide diversification of interests to complement and enhance your military career.

Your appointment to USMA by Senator Wm. J. Bulow was a personal tribute to you since it was offered while you were attending the South Dakota School of Mines, without any application by you or your family, and was a result of the Senator's knowledge that you would be a credit to him and the service.

Your interest in flying dated from your first flight as a four-year old in the first trimotored plane and persisted through your entire career. We were very proud of your

service in Korea and the Air Medals, Bronze Stars, and Silver Stars that were awarded you together with General Almond's and Syngman Rhee's citations for your work in evacuating wounded marines from Changjin Reservoir encirclement.

As is usual for an artilleryman, Ft. Sill was your second home and we were pleased with your successes as an officer in all the schools thru the Advanced Course. Your assignment as instructor in the Liaison Pilots school there and your later responsibilities as head of Maintenance for Fixed Wing and later for Rotary Wing sections were a projection of your early and continued interest in aircraft. It was naturally disappointing that you were prevented from attaining your next assignment in the research and development field for which you were so well qualified.

As always, at a new station you find friends who have preceded you—a roommate, classmates, and comrades from former service.

It would please you that you have provided for your Trinity Episcopal Church a handsome Memorial Pulpit and that your Memorial Scholarship has now started eight brilliant young men on their careers at your beloved School of Mines at Rapid City.

The high regard in which you were held by your classmates and comrades in arms has been evidenced by the continuing courteous and affectionate relationship that we have enjoyed with them over the past years.

General Douglas MacArthur's superb "Prayer For A Son" is a constant reminder to us to be eternally grateful that our son was as close to the fulfillment of that prayer as is humanly possible.

Your Parents,
—Col. and Mrs. Kenneth R. Scurr, Sr.

John Adams Dille, Jr.

NO. 17826 CLASS OF 1950

Died 13 April 1952 (Air Accident) in Korea, aged 25 years.

"THE CLASS OF 1950 will not soon forget 'the Redhead from Virginia.'" These words from the 1950 HOWITZER summed up how Jack Dille's classmates felt about him. Jack was killed in 1952, but he is not forgotten nor will he be forgotten by his many friends. Jack's character and personality were as distinctive as his bright red hair that seemed to be symbolic of his spirit, warmth, individuality, humor, and courage.

Jack was born in Wheeling, West Virginia on 2 November 1926. Shortly afterwards his family moved to Roanoke, Virginia, which was to be Jack's hometown. There, at Jefferson Senior High School he became well known as a football and basketball star. After he was graduated in June, 1944, "the Redhead" entered Virginia Military Institute where he became recognized immediately as one of the most popular members of his class. After completing his "Rat" year at VMI, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps, underwent basic training, and later was assigned to the USMA Preparatory School at Amherst College. Jack entered West Point in July, 1946, and his four years there were marked by the many friends who found happiness in his companionship.

Jack went on to win his pilot's wings in the U.S. Air Force. After several stateside assignments he was assigned to the 8th Fighter-Bomber Group in Korea where he was awarded the Air Medal. His citation read, in part: "In the course of these opera-

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tions Lieutenant Dille engaged in strafing and dive bombing from dangerously low altitudes, destroying and damaging enemy installations and equipment, thus bringing great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force."

On Easter morning, 13 April 1952, Jack met his death in an aircraft accident while en route from Korea to Japan. It was a great loss to his family and his many friends.

Jack shared his world with the one and only girl in his life, Barbara Minter. Jack and Bobbie went steady at Jefferson Senior High School in Roanoke and throughout his years at VMI and West Point, they looked forward to the day when they would be married. To no one's surprise they were married on graduation day in the Cadet Chapel. Jack and Bobbie have a fine son, John III, who was born after Jack left for Korea. Jack, unfortunately, never saw his son.

Athletics were an important part of Jack's life. He was outstanding in football and basketball at Jefferson High School and at VMI. Jack was comparatively small for football, however, and he did not personally



make any headlines at West Point. In spite of his size, he did, through his earnest and capable performance on the practice field, contribute to the success of the Army team. Jack always gave his best on the athletic field and could always be counted on to do his job when the going was tough.

No, "The Class of 1950 will not soon forget the Redhead from Virginia." We will always cherish his warm and sincere friendship. Jack was always completely forthright and honest with everyone for he despised hypocrisy and pretense. His cheerful approach to the rigors of West Point helped many of his classmates to keep their perspective. Jack never lost his sense of humor, and he enjoyed a joke on himself most of all. His carefree attitude in many ways disguised Jack's serious-minded purposefulness. In his assigned tasks, as in athletics, he didn't make headlines, but he always had the courage and determination to get the job done.

Jack was religious in his own inconspicuous way, and his major contribution to the world was the happiness he gave to others. Sports Editor Bob McLelland in his column in the *Roanoke-World News* eulogized Jack with these words: "Jack got his 'call' on Easter morning. I like to think that there was something more than chance in the fact that he left this world on the same day that Our Savior arose. It is not hard—Jack was that kind of boy and man." —A Friend

Eugene Stephen Procknal

NO. 20047 CLASS OF 1954

Died 3 August 1962 in an air crash at Pease AFB, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, aged 31 years.

GENE ENTERED West Point at the age of 19 in 1950. His ready smile and affable manner were trademarks that would earn him sincere and lasting friendships. Gene and I found ourselves assigned to the same cadet company and I was most fortunate to have him as my roommate for most of our four years at the Academy.

Being almost three years younger, I was more or less adopted by Gene as his "kid brother." I don't know if he ever realized how much I appreciated it, but this really meant a lot to a person like me who was still wet behind the ears. This was so very typical of Gene, however. He was always there when help was needed without having to be asked, cheering people up when they were low, and looking at the bright side of things when they somehow seemed dark and depressing.

Perhaps the outstanding characteristic that is most vividly impressed upon my mind was Gene's deep religious faith. His complete faith and trust in God and the Holy Scripture was an inspiration to all. This, I believe, is what indeed made Gene the wonderful and unforgettable person we all knew. Now he has left us and has gone to meet his Maker. Those of us who were fortunate enough to have known Gene have the fondest memories of a truly fine officer and gentleman. A warm and sincere person, he truly exemplified the ideals of West Point. His spiritual inspiration and generous spirit will live on with those of us remaining until such time as we shall join him beyond in the Long Gray Line. "May it be said well done, be thou at Peace."

On the night of 3 August 1962, Captain Eugene Procknal and his fine crew died in the fiery crash of a B47 off the south end of the runway at Pease AFB, New Hampshire.

Gene was commissioned a 2d lieutenant USAF upon graduation from West Point Class of 1954. He completed flight training, served a tour at the Air Force Academy as an air training officer, and then was assigned to SAC and the B47 force.

These facts are contained in the official Air Force records; but, to those of us who knew Gene, they tell so little of the man. The record, with its crisp facts, cannot begin to describe the Man of Quality lost to his beloved Mary, his family, and his friends, on that warm summer evening.

Gene was a man, rare in today's world, who loved his wife and family, lived his religion, believed in his job, and firmly held to his principles.

His deep love for Mary shone brightly in his concern for her welfare, and the imaginative way he had of treating her as if they were still courting rather than well married. The elaborate preparations Gene would make to surprise Mary with a small party would probably amaze some men; but, it gave him great joy to delight Mary. The love for his children was obvious in the sparkle of Gene's eyes as he played with them. How many men do you know with the patience and spirit to venture out on an overnight camping trip with three and four-year-old sons? It is unfortunate indeed that little Paul Eugene knew only ten days of his devoted father's love, and that Michael, Brian, and Christine lost him when they were at such tender ages.

Gene's religion was a vital, living force in his daily life. He firmly believed in the tenets of his Catholic faith and this faith provided him with an inner peace unknown to men struggling with doubts. With this peace of mind Gene vigorously pursued his profession.

Here again he understood his goal, knew what he was about. He was a SAC bomber pilot and that is no small job, but he saw the larger mission, the deterrent force provided by SAC to keep this nation free. When we tired of the pressures of SAC and its alert system, he was quick to point out that a little sacrifice was in order to provide our children a chance to grow up as free Americans.

In the mechanics of his job Gene excelled. He and his crew, Copilot Eric Epps and Navigator Edward Sowinski planned each mission with meticulous care. Gene led them through execution of the mission with the easy grace found only in a seasoned pilot. He handled the task of in-flight refueling of a B47 with the same athletic skill he demonstrated while playing baseball at West Point. A tribute to the smoothness of his crew is on



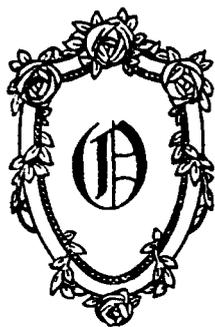
record at Pease AFB. They were picked by the 509th Bomb Wing to participate in the bombing competition runoff despite the fact that they had less than a year combat ready!

With all his ability to be serious about the important things in life, Gene never took himself too seriously. He loved to dine out in lavish style, drink a good whiskey, tease his friends, or have a party. He loved his life and so lived it. He had the overall balance found only in a mature man. Objectively viewing this man one could see the raw materials of a true leader of the future. Tragically, this promise was not to be fulfilled. The loss of such a man is great indeed because such men are so rare.

The first few days after Gene's death were extremely painful for his loved ones and his friends. More genuine grief was evident at Pease AFB last August than I have seen at a hundred wakes across the land. But as time erodes the peaks and valleys of emotion the full realization of his worth and contribution remains clear. The family he leaves will love and honor his memory as they proudly live out his heritage. All men who wish this nation well, shall once again recognize that it is in the blood of such men of courage that freedom is born anew.

—J. Klein
—A. G. Casey

Cadet Prayer



God, our Father, Thou Searcher of Men's hearts, help us to draw near to Thee in sincerity and truth. May our religion be filled with gladness and may our worship of Thee be natural.

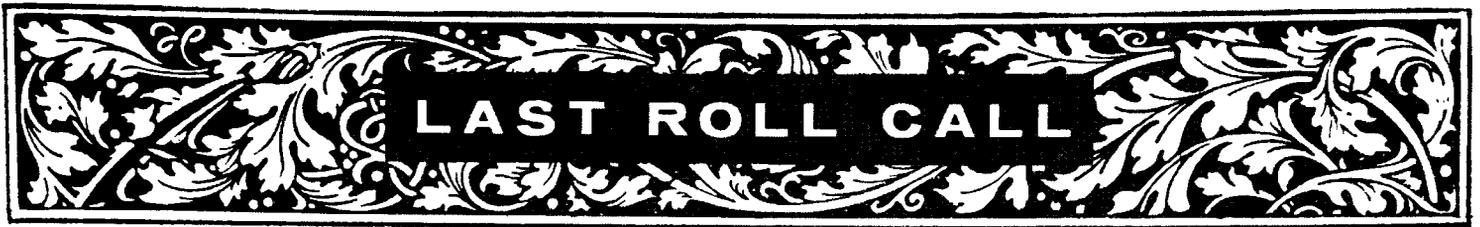
Strengthen and increase our admiration for honest dealing and clean thinking, and suffer not our hatred of hypocrisy and pretence ever to diminish. Encourage us in our endeavor to live above the common level of life. Make us to choose the harder right instead of the easier wrong, and never to be content with a half truth when the whole can be won.

Endow us with courage that is born of loyalty to all that is noble and worthy, that scorns to compromise with vice and injustice and knows no fear when truth and right are in jeopardy.

Guard us against flippancy and irreverence in the sacred things of life. Grant us new ties of friendship and new opportunities of service. Kindle our hearts in fellowship with those of a cheerful countenance, and soften our hearts with sympathy for those who sorrow and suffer.

Help us to maintain the honor of the Corps untarnished and unsullied and to show forth in our lives the ideals of West Point in doing our duty to Thee and to our Country.

All of which we ask in the name of the Great Friend
and Master of men.-AMEN.



Reports of deaths of graduates and former cadets received
since the publication of the Spring 1963 ASSEMBLY

<i>Name</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>
Earl I. Brown.....	1898.....	25 June	1963.....Durham, North Carolina
Manus McCloskey.....	1898.....	11 May	1963..... Washington, D. C.
Halsey E. Yates.....	1899.....	19 March	1963..... West Los Angeles, California
Frank P. Lahm.....	1901.....	7 July	1963..... Sandusky, Ohio
John A. Pearson.....	1901.....	29 June	1963..... Norman, Oklahoma
William C. Fite.....	Ex-1904.....	30 March	1963..... Rome, Georgia
Fred C. Moser.....	Ex-1905.....	1 March	1959..... Honolulu, Hawaii
James L. Collins.....	1907.....	30 June	1963..... Washington, D. C.
James H. Cunningham.....	1908.....	27 May	1963..... Annisquam, Massachusetts
Thomas A. Terry.....	1908.....	23 April	1963..... Washington, D. C.
Herbert R. Odell.....	1910.....	1 April	1963..... Red Oak, Iowa
Edwin N. Hardy.....	1911.....	1 May	1963..... Ft. Huachuca, Arizona
Joseph C. Mehaffey.....	1911.....	18 February	1963..... Washington, D. C.
John M. Thompson.....	Ex-1911.....	7 June	1963..... Fort Sam Houston, Texas
David M. Crawford.....	1912.....	1 May	1963..... Lewistown, Pennsylvania
Max W. Sullivan.....	1912.....	20 June	1963..... Presidio of San Francisco, California
Demetrio Castillo.....	1913.....	7 June	1963..... New York, New York
Gordon R. Young.....	1913.....	25 May	1963..... Washington, D. C.
Harold E. Small.....	1915.....	9 July	1963..... West Point, New York
Frank M. Stanton.....	Ex-1915.....	4 July	1963..... Burlington, Vermont
George S. Andrew.....	1916.....	11 April	1963..... Washington, D. C.
Albert W. Draves.....	1916.....	24 March	1963..... Milwaukee, Wisconsin
R. Parker Kuhn.....	1916.....	28 May	1963..... Bedford Hills, New York
Joseph M. Tully.....	1916.....	1 May	1963..... San Antonio, Texas
Jose P. Diaz.....	Ex-1916.....	20 June	1963..... Caracas, Venezuela
Henry Hutchings, Jr.....	Apr 1917.....	26 June	1963..... Ft. Sam Houston, Texas
John T. deCamp.....	Aug 1917.....	28 April	1963..... Presidio of San Francisco, California
Vincent N. Taylor.....	Aug 1917.....	4 July	1960..... Napa County, California
William W. Webster.....	Nov 1918.....	2 May	1963..... Ft. Sam Houston, Texas
Joseph C. Panzarella.....	1919.....	24 February	1963..... Coral Gables, Florida
Leroy C. Wilson.....	1919.....	7 May	1963..... Washington, D. C.
Charles J. Barrett.....	1922.....	30 June	1963..... Washington, D. C.
William S. Brokenshire, Jr.....	Ex-1922.....	30 April	1963..... Allentown, Pennsylvania
Clyde C. Cuzzort.....	Ex-1922.....	6 May	1963..... Louisville, Kentucky
William A. Wedemeyer.....	6/14/22.....	19 May	1963..... Minneapolis, Minnesota
Earl S. Gruver.....	1923.....	22 April	1963..... Washington, D. C.
Harold J. Keeley.....	1924.....	25 April	1963..... Honolulu, Hawaii
Ernest A. Barlow.....	1925.....	6 May	1963..... Washington, D. C.
Richards M. Bristol.....	1930.....	25 June	1963..... Los Altos, California
Camron Sudasna.....	1930..o/a27.....	March	1963..... Thailand
Philip C. Whitehead.....	1936..o/a27.....	March	1963..... Drowned at Seldovia Bay, Alaska
Barton J. Mallory.....	Jan 1943.....	6 June	1963..... Paris, France
Percy L. Wheeler.....	1946.....	13 April	1963..... Orleans, France
Ralph C. Rich.....	1953.....	29 March	1963..... Hamilton AFB, California
James H. Brodt.....	1954.....	29 May	1963..... Near Gi Lang, Republic of South Vietnam
Harold G. Holmquist.....	1956.....	24 April	1963..... Air Crash near Victorville, California





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