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Report of the 75th Annual Meeting

of the

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

Held at Cullum Memorial Hall, West Point, N. Y., June 5, 1944

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:15 p. m. by *Robert M. Danford*, '04, President of the Association.

2. It was moved, seconded, and passed that the Report of the President be dispensed with at this time, since that Report would be published in the July *Assembly* (see page 2).

3. The President called for a condensed Report of the Treasurer, which was read. The full Report was read to the Board of Trustees at a meeting held in the morning of June 5th, 1944 and was approved by the Board. The reading of the full Report at the Annual Meeting was dispensed with, since it would be published in the July *Assembly* (see page 4).

4. The President presented Major General *Francis B. Wilby*, '05, Superintendent of the United States Military Academy. General *Wilby* gave a very interesting talk concerning cadet training and changes at the Military Academy during the past year.

5. The President announced that, at a meeting of the Board of Trustees earlier in the day, the Board had acted to send telegrams of congratulations to Colonel *James B. Jackson*, '77, our oldest living graduate, and to General *John J. Pershing*, '86. In addition, V-Mail letters of congratulations were to be sent to those graduates, who are Commanding Generals in the various theatres of war throughout the world. The list is as follows: *Bradley*, '15; *Buckner*, '08; *Clark*, April, '17; *Devers*, '09; *Eisenhower*, '15; *MacArthur*, '03; *Richardson*, '04; *Spaatz*, '14; *Stilwell*, '04. A motion was made that the telegrams and V-Mail letters, discussed at this meeting, be sent to the officers concerned. It was seconded and unanimously passed.

6. The President introduced and congratulated the following members of two of the older classes on the fine representation of their classes: *Bailey* and *Morgan* of the Class of 1880, *Hodges* and *Kerr* of the Class of 1881. He also introduced *Crain* of the Class of 1894, who for the past number of years has made the trip across the continent from California to be present at June Week activities and this meeting.

7. The President made the announcement of trips, arranged by the Superintendent, for the inspection by all interested alumni of new Camp Popolopen and Stewart Field. Buses were to leave Cullum Hall after the meeting and were to return before Graduation Parade.

8. The President then announced the nominations, as presented by the Nominating Committee and already approved by the Board of Trustees, as follows:

For President:

Robert C. Davis, 1898

For Vice-Presidents:

Edward F. McGlachlin, 1889;
William B. Ladue, 1894;
Frank Parker, 1894;
Clifton C. Carter, 1899;
Charles D. Herron, 1899.

Board of Trustees:

To Serve until July 1, 1945:

George Honnen, 1920

(To fill the unexpired term of
Freeman W. Bowley, 1911,
deceased.)

To Serve until July 1, 1947:

Dennis E. Nolan, 1896;
John C. Montgomery, 1903;
Robert M. Danford, 1904;
Roger G. Alexander, 1907;
Hayden W. Wagner, 1907;
Herman Beukema, 1915;
Howard P. Richardson,
June, 1918;
Earl H. Blaik, 1920;
John A. McNulty, 1920;
R. Deck Reynolds, 1924.

A motion to elect the nominees was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

9. The outgoing President then introduced the new President, *Robert C. Davis*, '98 who had been elected to office for a second tour, having served in the capacity of President for two years from 1936 to 1938. The new President was escorted to the Chair by *Fenton*, '04, and *Morrison*, '07. After a few remarks by the President, there being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:20 P. M.

William L. Kost, '25,
Secretary.



Major General Robert C. Davis, Retired, '98, accepts his second term election as President of the Association of Graduates.

Report of the President of the Association of Graduates, 1943-1944

Members of the Association:

In reporting on the activities of the Association of Graduates for the year 1943-44, I feel that the important achievements can be listed as follows:

Continued strong financial position of the Association funds as indicated in the report of the treasurer.

Continued interest of the First Class in becoming Life Members upon graduation.

Continued interest amongst older graduates in becoming members.

The publication of *Assembly Magazine*.

The Annual Broadcast.

The Endowment fund has increased slightly in market value from last year and the interest return has also increased from \$3,535.10 to \$3,986.82, a total increase of \$451.72.

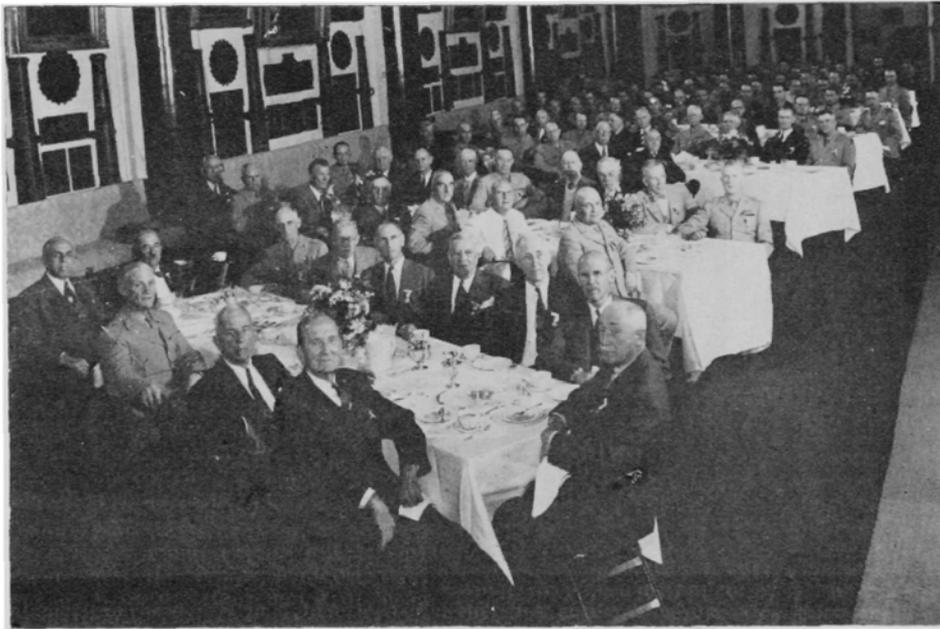
I wish to bring to the attention of the membership, the valuable counsel

given by the Endowment Fund Committee consisting of Richardson, June, '18, Chairman; Pope, '03 and Bellingier, June, '18. This committee has been under the Chairmanship of Richardson since 1936 and has been fully aware of its responsibility in investing the monies of the fund in sound securities. At the same time it has taken advantage of changing business conditions and has actually made a profit of \$5,037.80. over a period of seven years. It is gratifying to know that a cushion has been built up against possible losses in the future.

I wish further to report that out of 474 members of the graduating class of 1944, a total of 470 have joined the Association of Graduates, making over 99% of the class membership. The continued interest of graduates of the older classes in becoming members of the Association, is shown by the total of 53, who joined during the past year.

On March 18, 1944 on the occasion of the 142nd anniversary of the founding of the Military Academy, the annual broadcast sponsored by the Association of Graduates was sent over the NBC network and short wave sta-

tions to listeners throughout the world. The program was entitled "West Point at War" and besides a professional announcer, was participated in by members of the Corps of Cadets in the capacity of assistant announcers. Included in the program were remarks made by the Superintendent of the Military Academy as well as by your Association President. The Cadet Choir and the United States Military Academy Band furnished the music. U. S. Military Academy Detachments participated in furnishing sound effects and, according to reports received, the program was thoroughly enjoyed by our graduates.



Alumni Luncheon held in Cullum Memorial Hall (left section from Speakers' Rostrum).

I wish to take this occasion to thank the National Broadcasting Company not only for furnishing the time period and its facilities gratis, but also I wish to express, on behalf of the Association, our deep gratitude for the cooperation and interest shown by its President, Mr. Niles Trammell and many members of the National

Broadcasting Company's staff.

Annual dinners were held by various West Point Societies and by many groups of graduates stationed at different posts and camps throughout the United States. It is interesting to note that there were a number of large gatherings in various parts of the world by those graduates who were stationed overseas.

The Association is keeping active interest in the Corps of Cadets by continuing to furnish the record player for Cadet amusement in the Thayer Hotel.

We have continued the policy of presenting prizes to the two cadets outstanding in leadership in the lower classes. During the past graduation week the Superintendent presented the Association prizes as follows:

- 1—\$50.00 bond to the cadet most outstanding in leadership upon his becoming a First Classman.
- 1—\$25.00 bond to the cadet most outstanding in leadership upon his becoming a Third Classman.

During the past year all members of the Association

should have received their four issues of *Assembly Magazine*, which is now the quarterly publication of the Association of Graduates. It is interesting to note that increasing enthusiasm continues in the magazine as is evidenced by a great number of complimentary letters received by the Editor and the keen interest shown by many members of various classes in furnishing class notes. It is hoped that even more members will write to the Editor or their class representatives giving news of their activities or information about other West Pointers so that this can be incorporated in the class news section.

The office of the Association is continuing to have difficulty in keeping up the correct addresses of its members and particularly those in active service who are constantly moving about the country as well as overseas. Increasing numbers of "Address Unknown" are being returned. You are urgently requested again to inform the Association office of a permanent address, possibly that of a relative, who will, in all probability, have a permanent address and who, from time to time, will know your whereabouts. This, then, will enable the addressee to forward your copy of *Assembly*.

Again, it is suggested that all who are financially able consider gifts to the Endowment Fund of the Association. Especially is it enjoined upon members whose insurance beneficiaries have pre-deceased them, to arrange for bequests to the Association of Graduates.

With deep gratitude, acknowledgment is made of the donation to the Endowment Fund of

a \$100.00 mortgage bond from John B. Abbott, Ex-'82 and of \$84.00 donated by a group of officers overseas. This money was a surplus from funds collected for their Annual Anniversary Dinner held last March.

In the past year the Association has had the privilege of acquiring a collection of thirty-five books, handwritten, illustrated and beautifully bound, written by a former Professor of Chemistry, the late Colonel Wirt Robinson. These books are presently on exhibition in the U.S.M.A. Library.

Between February 1st and March 15th, 1945, the Director of the Hall of Fame, under the auspices of New York University, will again invite from the public the presentation of names to be incorporated in the Hall of Fame. As you probably know, 1945 will be the quinquennial election. Your Board of Trustees has already discussed and will again recommend that the name of Sylvanus Thayer, Father of the Military Academy, be presented to the College of Electors of the Hall of Fame of New York University. Colonel Thayer's name was

first submitted in 1935, at which time he received three votes. It was again submitted in 1940, at which time he received nine votes. The Electors consist of approximately 100 distinguished persons and is composed of authors, editors, artists, presidents of universities and colleges, historians and professors of history, scientists, jurors, high public officials and men and women of affairs. The choice of a name for inscription in the Hall of Fame requires a vote of three fifths of the whole body of Electors and assuming that there are 100 Electors, we would therefore require the vote of at least sixty for an election. While the quota for the election in 1940 was approximately 17, only Stephen Collins Foster was elected. The quota for the next election in 1945 will be 22.

In view of the undeniable fame and prestige of Colonel Thayer as a preeminent American Educator, your Board of Trustees will again make every effort to familiarize all the Electors with Colonel Thayer's record of accomplishments. It is intended that each member of the Electoral College will receive detailed information regarding our nomination and a circular will be prepared for mailing to each member of the Association containing

similar information as well as to the members of the Electoral College. Members are urged to take advantage of every opportunity to present Colonel Thayer's name to the members of the College.

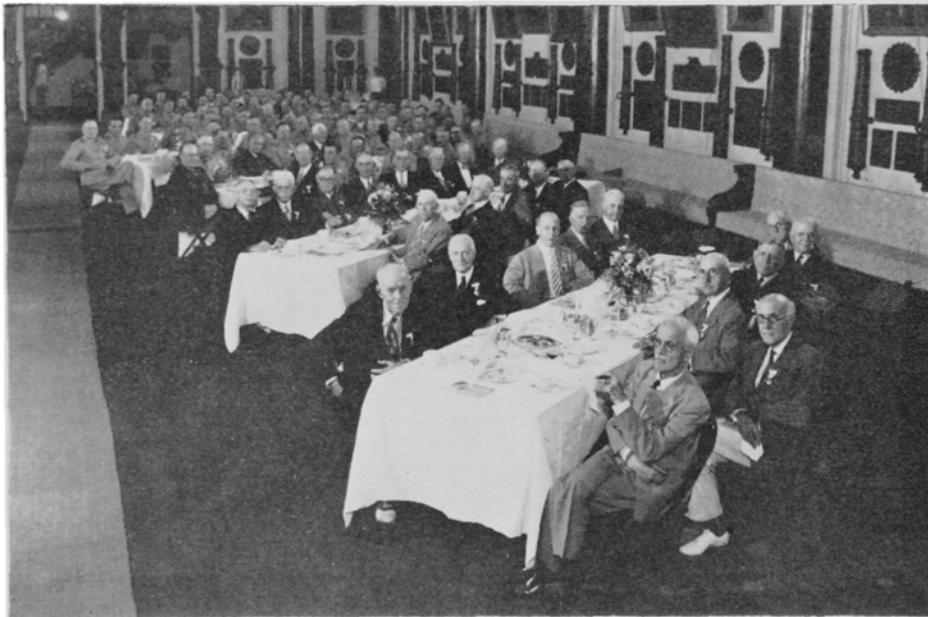
Last year, reference was made by your President to the serious need of a very considerable building program to provide essential facilities for an Academy that must

continue to meet the requirements of the Army. It is, therefore, most gratifying to report that this matter was brought before the War Department by your President where most sympathetic consideration was given it, and where instructions were issued to the Superintendent to prepare and submit plans. This has been done and prospects now seem good for early initiation of the project.

On behalf of the Association, I wish to express my appreciation to the Superintendent of the Military Academy, General Wilby, and to his staff for their cordial assistance and cooperation in matters pertaining to the Association of Graduates.

I would be remiss indeed, upon relinquishing the Presidency of the Association, if I failed to remark upon the outstanding work, covering the past two years, of your Secretary, Major William L. Kost. Our membership is growing rapidly and with this growth has come a tremendous increase in work devolving upon the Secretary

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Alumni Luncheon held in Cullum Memorial Hall (right section from Speakers' Rostrum.)

Report of Treasurer

Association of Graduates of the U. S. M. A.

APRIL 30, 1944

EXHIBIT A—Balance Sheet as of April 30, 1944.
 EXHIBIT B—Changes in General Fund during the year ended April 30, 1944.
 EXHIBIT C—Changes in Endowment Fund during the year ended April 30, 1944.
 SCHEDULE I—Investments as of April 30, 1944 and income received thereon during the year ended April 30, 1944.

BALANCE SHEET, APRIL 30, 1944

EXHIBIT A

ASSETS

SECURITIES: (See Schedule I)		
Irving Trust Company.....	\$113,461.55	
Office, Treasurer, Association of Graduates.....	162.50	
		\$113,624.05
CASH IN BANKS:		
First National Bank in Highland Falls (Checking Account).....	\$ 140.62	
First National Bank in Highland Falls (Savings Account).....	4,882.87	
Newburgh Savings Bank.....	5,143.92	
Irving Trust Company (Checking Account).....	1,814.53	
		\$ 11,981.94
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES		\$ 1,676.81
Total		\$127,282.80

LIABILITIES

GENERAL FUND:		
Balance May 1, 1943.....	\$ 5,997.45	
Add increase during year (See Exhibit B).....	4,207.53	
		\$ 10,204.98
ENDOWMENT FUND:		
Balance May 1, 1943.....	\$103,466.26	
Add increase during year (See Exhibit C).....	828.15	
		\$104,294.41
CULLUM FUND:		
Balance May 1, 1943.....		11,087.00
(No transactions during the year)		
UNPAID TAXES WITHHELD FROM EMPLOYEE'S SALARY.....		19.60
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES.....		1,676.81
Total		\$127,282.80

EXHIBIT B

CHANGES IN GENERAL FUND DURING YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 1944

INCOME

Payments on Life and Annual Memberships.....	\$ 8,972.00	
Annual Dues	146.00	
Sustaining Memberships	10.00	
Sales and Subscriptions ASSEMBLY.....	182.05	
Interest on Bank Deposits.....	141.92	
Dividends received	2.50	
		\$ 9,454.47

EXPENDITURES

Salaries	\$ 2,411.70	
Supplies	13.95	
Postage	755.73	
Printing	6,234.78	
Wirt Robinson Book Fund (\$1,000) less contributions thereto.....	235.62	
Annual Luncheon, May 31, 1943, less recoveries.....	110.70	
Miscellaneous	947.16	
		\$ 10,709.64
Expenditures in excess of income.....		\$ 1,255.17
Transfer from Endowment Fund		\$ 5,462.70
Net Change		\$ 4,207.53

EXHIBIT C

CHANGES IN ENDOWMENT FUND
DURING YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 1944

PRINCIPAL

Contribution—U. S. War Bond—John B. Abbott, Ex-'82.....	\$ 100.00
Gain on sales of securities.....	2,321.03
Total	\$ 2,421.03

INCOME

Interest and dividends from securities.....	\$ 3,986.82
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EXPENDITURE

Safekeeping of securities.....	117.00
Income in excess of expenditure	\$ 3,869.82
Total additions	\$ 6,290.85
Less—Transfer to General Fund	5,462.70
Net Change	\$ 828.15

SCHEDULE I

INVESTMENTS, APRIL 30, 1944 AND INCOME RECEIVED THEREON
DURING THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 1944
GENERAL FUND

DATE PURCHASED AND NAME OF SECURITY	Face Value Or Number of Shares	Book Value At Cost or Gift Basis	Approx. Market Valuation	Interest & Dividends Received
Aug. 1 33—First National Bank in Highland Falls, Common, par value \$7.50	5	\$ 62.50	\$ 62.50	\$ 2.50
CULLUM FUND				
June 4/31—One Unit 92-31 Union Hall St., Inc., 5 1/2% Deb, 3/27/40 and Union Hall... \$ 10,000.00	100	3,956.67	25.00	
Feb. 3/40—U. S. Savings Bonds Series D, 2, 1/50.....		7,125.00	7,505.00	
Total		\$ 11,081.67	\$ 7,530.00	

NOTE: Bequest of \$10,000 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 the principal occurs, income is to revert to principal until the bequeathed amount is again attained.

ENDOWMENT FUND

May 21 29—N.Y.T. & M. Co., 1st Mtg. Group ctf. 5 1/2%, 7/1/39.....	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 5,524.50	\$ 388.75
July 12/29—Chicago & Northwestern Ry. Co., 1st Ref. Mtg. 4 1/2%, 5/1/2037	5,000.00	4,756.25	2,900.00	82.00
July 25/29—T.G. & Tr. Co., Ptn. BM. C. Cappellani Const. Co., 373 92d St., Bklyn 7/1/38	9,900.00	9,900.00	6,435.00	461.15
July 7/30—St. Louis, San Francisco Ry Co., Cons. Mtg., Series A, 4 1/2%, 3/1/78	5,000.00	4,620.88	1,643.75	244.56
July 18/30—Colorado & Southern Rwy. Co., Gen. Mtg., Ser. A, 4 1/2%, 5/1/80	5,000.00	4,889.00	3,100.00	200.00
Oct. 9/30—N.Y.T. & M Co., Ptn. Rocklin Opera Corp., Mtg. 90-8th Ave., Bklyn, 5 1/2%, 6/1/38.....	2,000.00	2,000.00	820.00	92.15
June 1/31—Lefcourt State Bldg. (1375 Bway Corp.) 1st Mtg. Lshld., 6 1/2%, 4/25/48.....	100.00	100.00	67.50	6.15
July 2/36—Sears, Roebuck & Co. Capital Stock NP.....	20	1,500.00	1,775.00	85.00
Nov. 10/37—Consumers Power Co., \$4.50 Cum. Pfd. NP.....	50	4,212.50	5,225.00	281.25
Nov. 25/38—Pittsburgh, Cinn., Chi. & St. Louis 5%, 6/1/70.....	5,000.00	5,037.50	5,943.75	250.00
July 30/40—Kansas Power & Lt. Co., 4 1/2%, Cum. Pfd. PV \$100.00.....	50	5,050.00	5,150.00	281.25
May 31/41—U.S.A. Defense Savings, Series G 12 yr. Cur. Inc. 2 1/2%, 5/1/53 Reg.	6,000.00	6,000.00	5,736.00	150.00
June 26/41—U.S.A. Defense Savings, Series G 12 yr. Cur. Inc., 2 1/2%, 6/1/53 Reg.	4,000.00	4,000.00	3,824.00	100.00
Jan. 27/42—U.S.A. Defense Savings, Series G, 12 yr. Cur. Inc., 2 1/2%, 1/1/54, Reg.	1,000.00	1,000.00	962.00	25.00
Aug. 15, 42—U.S.A. Defense Savings, Series F.....	100.00	100.00	74.50
<u>Securities Acquired Since May 1, 1943:</u>				
May 1/43—60 Park Place Office Bldg. 1st Mtg. Fee & Leasehold, 3 1/2%-5%, 8/1/47 ..	100.00	100.00	45.00	4.00
Sept. 1/43—Gt. Northern Rwy. Co., Gen. Mtg., Series E. 4 1/2%, 7/1/77	5,000.00	4,960.00	5,262.50	73.75
Sept. 1/43—Wabash R.R. Co., 1st Mtg., Ser. A, 4%, 7/1/71.....	5,000.00	4,907.50	5,187.50	65.55
Sept. 1/43—Southern Rwy. Co., St. Louis Div. 1st Mtg., 4%, 1/1/51	5,000.00	5,086.25	5,275.00	65.55
Sept. 1/43—Erie R.R. Co., 4%, 1st Cons. Mtg., Series B, 1/1/95	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,225.00	65.56
Feb. 3/44—Utah Power & Lt. Co., 1st Mtg., 3 3/4%, 12/1/68.....	8,000.00	8,240.00	8,460.00	*(55.00)
Feb. 3/44—Florida Power & Lt. Co. Deb., 4 1/8%, 1/1/79.....	8,000.00	8,140.00	8,300.00	*(33.00)
Feb. 3/44—Louisiana & Arkansas Rwy Co., 1st Mtg., Ser. A. 5%, 1/1/69	4,000.00	3,880.00	3,970.00	*(16.28)
<u>Securities Sold or Redeemed Since May 1, 1943:</u>				
Nov. 10/37—Gt. Northern Rwy. Co. 10 yr. Gen. Con. Ser. H 4%, 7/1/46	5,000.00			134.44
Feb. 2/23 & July 30/40—Long Island R.R. Co., 4%, 2 & 3/1/49, Ref. Mtg.	4,000.00			80.89
Nov. 25/38—Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, (Ill. Div.) 3 1/2%, 7/1/49	5,000.00			117.64
Nov. 10/37—Chesapeake & Ohio Rwy. Co., \$4.00 Pfd. Series A par value \$100.00 ..	50			150.00
Nov. 25/38—Toledo, Edison Co., 1st Mtg., 3 1/2%, 7/1/68.....	5,000.00			152.50
Jan. 1/39—Ohio Power Co., 1st Mtg., 3 1/4%, 10/1/68.....	5,000.00			138.13
Aug. 1/40—Jersey Central Power & Lt. Co., 1st Mtg., 3 1/2%, 3/1/63.....	5,000.00			163.33
Jan. 26/42—Alabama Power Co., 1st Ref. Mtg., 3 1/2%, 1/1/72.....	5,000.00			192.50
Total		\$102,479.88	\$ 90,906.00	\$ 3,986.82

† \$300.00 amortization of principal received May 2, 1944.

* Unrecovered purchased interest.

Examined and found correct:
DONALD F. CARROLL,
Major, Field Artillery,
Ass't Fiscal Officer.

WILLIAM L. KOST,
Major, A.A.F.,
Treasurer.

ADDRESS BY

Lieutenant General Brehon B. Somervell

Commanding General of the Army Service Forces

At the GRADUATION EXERCISES of the
United States Military Academy, West Point, New York, 6 June, 1944

When you came to West Point, when you entered the Military Academy, this Nation was still at peace. But it was a restless peace. We had begun earnestly and seriously our preparations against war. Yet, you and all thinking men knew that war could not indefinitely be averted. We did not want war. We strove with long patience to escape it. We went to great limits to avoid it. When war did come, striking treacherously out of the morning sky, you cadets must have chafed at having to remain behind while other men marched off to fight. I know from my own experience the impatience and the despair at having to remain here, with which you have watched the march of events.

But we must all remember that all can't go at once, that prior to actual combat there must be this long period of intensive training to fit us for the fray. Remember that training is essential to victory, and it is victory that counts.

This is an historic hour. Today these walls, these hills, the very shadows of Battle Monument take on a new meaning and a deeper significance. Only a few hours ago the mightiest undertaking ever attempted by our Army was launched against enemy entrenched along the shores of France. Today our forces began that grim, tough and bloody march from the shores of the Atlantic to Berlin. Many of you will join in that march. Many of you will become a part of the sweep in the Pacific which will lead eventually to the destruction of Japan.

How much it will take to achieve victory no one can predict. Of one fact and one only may we be sure. We are going to win. Some of us have been impatient over the slowness of our start but every minute of delay was a minute devoted to preparation. We wisely chose to sacrifice speed to thoroughness.

I can tell you now that our Armies in Europe have enough of everything and everything is the best obtainable.

The mass of power of American genius and American production is in the hands of our troops. They have more guns and better guns, more ammunition and better ammunition, more tanks and better tanks, more planes and better planes, more bombs and better bombs than our enemies. The overwhelming weight of firepower is in our hands. To that add leadership and the result will be victory. We do have that leadership. We cannot fail.

On all fronts you will need all of the stamina, moral and physical, with which you are endowed and all of the knowledge which you have acquired here. Paramount among the qualities which you must display in the role which falls to your lot is what we call leadership. It has long been the tradition of West Point that the men who came from here are leaders of men. I want to talk to you about leadership, not because it is new, for you have studied it in manuals, in histories, and in the biographies of the great. This place is steeped in the tradition of leadership. West Point has furnished leaders in every business and profession. But now, as you are leaving to take

your places in the field, it is appropriate that you should be reminded of the many responsibilities that go with you in your new duties.

You are soldiers by profession and you will be officers in a citizen Army. Your fellow officers and the men who serve under you will expect that you have been well trained in military subjects. You must prove to them that you possess the art of leadership. For the two things are not the same. The first is knowledge and the other is character.

Among the men with whom you are going to live there will be both leaders and followers. You may be sure, wherever you are, that you are in what General Marshall

has called "fast company". Some have developed leadership in this war, others led in civilian life before they were called to arms. They have been tested either in actual operations or at least in the field. When you join your organization, you will have to demonstrate to leaders and followers alike those qualities which inspire confidence in superiors and loyalty in subordinates. It won't be long before they will say "he has it" or "he hasn't it".

As graduates of this great institution you will be marked men from whom your fellows will expect great achievements. Among them you will find not only those younger than you and less prepared than you, but also those of more mature years, at least your peers in wisdom and experience and already tested and marked by successful achievement. Every minute will carry the ringing challenge to you to measure up to expectations. Human nature is the most fascinating, the most prom-

ising, the most powerful, but the most unpredictable element or force in the world. The extent to which you can understand it will be the measure of your success, as a military career above all others requires constant intimate handling of the human element under all conceivable conditions of stress and emotion.

To what extent leadership is inborn or acquired we do not know. In considering the quality of leadership, Marshal Foch said "These are natural gifts in a man of genius, in a born general; in an average man such advantages may be secured by work and reflection". The mere fact that we see our fellow officers acquire leadership in operations as you have done in your cadet years is, in itself, proof that it is worth the work and reflection to which Foch referred.

Don't make the usual error of thinking that leadership depends merely upon courage, though courage is a first essential. Don't believe that leadership will come with a parade ground voice and a soldierly carriage. These are only the trappings, the outer aspects, of leadership. True leadership which comes from within may be displayed at the desk as well as under fire, in civil as well as military life.

We can discern successful leadership not so much by the study of the leader as by examining the spirit of the organization he heads and the results it obtains. The spirit



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of a unit is a true measure of effective leadership. Given good leadership there need be no morale problems. Without it, all the training, all the equipment, all the planning of the higher command is wasted. The faith of men in their leader inspires mutual confidence which sustains the collective effort of the group. It is an indispensable attribute of command. It takes more than knowledge, more even than success, to build up that feeling of confidence. The loyalty of the Confederate soldiers to General Lee, or of the Grand Army to Napoleon, was not lessened by defeat. When a unit begins to identify itself by the name of its commander it has become something more than a random number in the order of battle, and in these days when the proud regiments of the regular army are few besides those which must make their history as they go, group pride must be built by present day leadership. To achieve this identification of the unit with the leader, the leader must identify himself with his unit, and both with the cause. Cromwell said, "Give me men who know for what they fight and love what they know" We can add the paraphrase "Give me men who know for *whom* they fight and love whom they know." The sense of mission, of purpose, of a country worth working, fighting, dying for, this is the first great element of leadership. The leader must first be inspired himself; then he can inspire others. His job is to develop this habit of thought in himself and in his men.

Second to this sense of personal mission he must put a feeling of confidence in self, a confidence that should arise in the belief of having done everything possible to prepare for any possible demand. You men have worked and worked hard to win your commissions. Don't forget that this is only the beginning of your labors. From the flood of publications from the War Department and the major commands, you must pick and master those that bear on your mission. You must continually study the course of war and not only the operations in which your own unit is concerned, but the larger picture as well. For your men want to know about those things as well as the immediate task ahead and if you are to maintain your leadership you must be yourself informed. You must study your own leaders and your brother officers. What have they that you must develop, and always, always, you must study your men. For what is leadership without a well trained, smoothly running team of confident followers?

In a sense the leader must know his men as they are required to know their weapons. And by knowledge, I mean personal knowledge. I would not have a platoon leader in my command if he did not know the name of every man in his platoon, could not give me a thumbnail sketch of his character as well as his military skill, and had not decided how to use him in certain probable contingencies This is no easy task in these days when personnel is changing so rapidly, but it is one that must be mastered to achieve leadership.

In the third place, I should put a feeling of personal responsibility for the unit and the individuals of which it is composed. In the manual for company officers of the German Army it is explicitly stated that the company commander must be "the father of the company" This may appear a strange assignment to a young lieutenant commanding men his own age or older, but the principle is correct and recognized by the men themselves. In a study made of soldier opinion, it was learned that second only to confidence in the competence of their officers, soldiers esteem an interest in their personal welfare. You should have this interest naturally. If not, you must force yourself to develop and to demonstrate that interest. No officer worthy of his commission can feel that his responsibilities end with the training schedule and company administration and that the rest of the day is his. Leadership cannot be turned on and turned off like that.

These then, are three ideals I ask you to set before yourselves, a sense of mission; a feeling of self-confidence based on exhaustive study and activity, and an interest in the personal welfare of your men. There are ways in which you may assist yourself to achieve them. Let us turn back to the study of soldier attitudes of which I have just spoken. What attributes do the American soldiers prize most highly in their officers?

The one mentioned by most of them is ability. This is an all-embracing term. The soldier must have faith in the competence of the leader. Certainly the success of the operation depends upon the know-how back of the leader's decision, and in battle men know that life or death,

victory or defeat, may hinge on the leader's commands. No bungler will have achieved leadership.

Then comes interest in the welfare of the men. They say they want an officer whom they can trust in time of need, to whom they can go when they need advice about their personal affairs. It is a good outfit when men say "my lieutenant told me what to do about it" or "you had better ask the lieutenant, he'll know."

Another thing they want is promptness in making decisions. You can't tell a soldier "I will have to sleep on that" The leader has to think and think fast. That does not mean bluff. If you don't know, say so, but set a definite time for your decision and meet it.

Ability to give instruction comes next in the soldier's list. A soldier values the officer who explains things clearly, simply, and briefly. His own training depends upon his ability to learn and he respects the man who can teach him easily. Of course that goes back to knowing the subject and knowing the kind of men to whom you are talking. *Patience and understanding are required for the successful army instructor.*

Judgment is another quality that is highly valued by the men. We are inclined to associate this quality with maturity and experience, but it can be developed early. The conscious effort to weigh both sides of a problem promptly and fairly before making a decision, and then acting promptly and decisively, should be cultivated until the habit becomes second nature.

Remember Field Marshal Lord Wavell's statement, "At the same time there is no doubt that a good young general will usually beat a good old one."

Common sense is put high on the scale of things that count by the soldier. Some leaders have consciously or unconsciously developed eccentricities. While these may attract attention, and even imitation, it is in spite of them, rather than because of them, that these men have won the confidence of their troops. Shun them as you would the plague.

The ability to get things done is another mark of the leader in the eyes of his men. Once you have started something you can't afford not to finish it, if not by one way, then by another. Results are what count, not only in the eyes of your superior but also of your own outfit. They need to brag a little about the outfit and "the old man".

Soldiers—American soldiers—or any soldiers for that matter—don't like to be bossed around needlessly. Once they mark an officer as "rank-heavy" he has two strikes against him. They intuitively feel that he is not sure of himself and has to fall back on the authority of rank. The fussy, bossy lieutenant who is always telling his men off about little things isn't apt to get them to do the big things right. They like to be noticed and commended when they think they deserve it. Citations and medals are the rewards of outstanding achievement, but a few words of appreciation from the immediate commander at the appropriate time do wonders to build up self-esteem in the soldier and loyalty to the commander. On the other hand, commendation must be judicious and based on real merit, for the soldier is quick to discover and resent insincere or supercilious words.

Soldiers have an innate respect for soldierly carriage and physical strength. Like everyone else, they admire a fine looking soldier, but curiously enough these qualities are rated by them only slightly more highly than "good education", "sense of humor" and "courage" in the order named.

The position of courage in their list is a curious one. By all odds it is the first attribute of a soldier. It is not as common as we would like to believe it to be. The possessor of moral courage is a rare individual. Perhaps, though they have no right to do so, they have assumed courage as a matter of course. Soldiers want their leaders to be fair, to play no favorites, to harbor no grudges. Without this confidence in their commander there can be no real loyalty or team work.

Another trait which men mention as desirable is industry. They admire a hard-working officer and even if they do a little gold-bricking themselves they soon lose respect for the officers who do as little work as they can get away with.

There are more characteristics listed by enlisted men as desirable in the officers they would like to serve under, but those I have mentioned appear most frequently. The young officer who strives to earn the confidence of his men by developing the traits which they admire in their leaders will have come a long way in developing qualities of leadership. The test of leadership comes in the performance of duty by the organization. Your efficiency as a leader will be rated by your superiors on your unit's success in whatever task may be assigned to it. That efficiency depends upon training, administration, and spirit. None of these factors may be neglected, and this is true whether your command is a combat platoon, a bomber crew or clerks in an office.

In this graduating class before me there are men who as the years pass by will develop and who, tried in the acid test of war, will attain positions of prominence in this country. Some will achieve international fame as leaders of men. There are others whose accomplishments will be few and whose names will be concealed in the War Department files. Yet you all have had the same course of instruction. You have lived under identical conditions, you have been imbued with the same ideas and ideals. Why should not the products of this uniform system rise to the same level twenty or thirty years hence? The answer lies in the fact that the estimate that your superiors will make periodically of your efficiency will be based primarily on the impression that they form of your ability as a leader. This impression will be based on their observations and analysis of that quality in a man we know as character. It is the inner force which develops within a man and grows with the years. It is the governor of his actions, the pattern of his life. It is the result of years of contemplation and of action. We judge a man's character by his reactions. Is he brave or cowardly, firm or vacillating, considerate or arbitrary, open-minded or narrow-minded, wise or foolish, honest or dishonest? Does he profit by his errors or is he licked by them? Can he make a decision for the common good that is adverse to his own interest? Above all, can he be depended upon, under the severest of temptation, to hold his honor above all possible rewards? Does he hold himself above the hypocrisies and little affectations which serve to mark a man, even though honest, as small rather than a man of real character? The answers to these questions are the tests by which a man's character is appraised. The questions are those which every man should ask of himself.

Self-criticism is an aid to character development. Criticism by others is a test of character. Great leaders are men who can stand criticism, who can bear up under heavy losses. They have learned to accept responsibility early in life and to accept the consequences of their decisions with fortitude. You will find that no matter how high your principles, how unselfish your decisions, what advantages result from your actions, there will be those who will criticize them. Your subordinates may resent them, your superiors may disapprove. The great voice of public opinion may be lifted against you.

Theodore Roosevelt was a man of strong convictions, high character, and endowed with outstanding qualities of leadership. Listen to his words: "It is not the critic who counts, nor the man who points out how the strong man stumbled, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spends himself in a worthy cause; who, at the best, knows in the end the triumph of high achievement; and who, at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat."

This is not to say that criticism is not often deserved. No man is wise enough to avoid errors and none of our great leaders has failed to make them. But their greatness is shown in the way they have made use of their errors and profited by their experiences. They were not defeated in the long run by their mistakes. Theirs was the ability to improve by restudy of the problems, by arriving at new and correct solutions for use in future emergencies.

When you are confronted by your errors, face them. There is no use in attempting to cover them up, nor in tak-

ing refuge in apologies. The best course of action and one which is essential to your dignity and self-respect is to admit the error and profit by it. You are expected to make decisions and take action. The man who has made no mistake has neither decided nor acted. The Army needs men who have ideas and believe in them, even if some are wrong, more than it does men who either have no ideas or are too timid to act upon them for fear of making mistakes.

Honest criticism by others, if met intelligently, is not to be feared. But I must caution you against your indulging in criticism of others. There will be times when you are expected to criticize, may even be ordered to do so, but remember when you do criticize others' decisions, you must be prepared to recommend corrective action, and, if required, to take corrective action. It might not be amiss to quote Abraham Lincoln's letter to General Hooker on his appointment to command the Army of the Potomac. It brings out on the one hand the qualities which made Lincoln a great leader and on the other, the weaknesses which led to Hooker's failure. Lincoln wrote:

"I have placed you at the head of the Army of the Potomac. Of course I have done this upon what appears to me sufficient reason, and yet I think it best for you to know that there are some things in regard to which I am not quite satisfied with you. I believe you to be a brave and skillful soldier, which, of course, I like. I also believe you do not mix politics with your profession, in which you are right. You have confidence in yourself, which is a valuable, if not an indispensable quality. You are ambitious, which within reasonable bounds, does good rather than harm; I think that during General Burnside's command of the Army you have taken counsel of your ambition and thwarted him as much as you could, in which you did a great wrong to the country and to a most meritorious and honourable brother officer. I have heard, in such a way as to believe it, of your recently saying that both the Army and the Government needed a dictator. Of course it was not for this, but in spite of it, that I have given you the command. Only those generals who gain successes can set up as dictators. What I now ask of you is military success, and I will risk the dictatorship. The Government will support you to the utmost of its ability, which is neither more nor less than it has done and will do for all commanders. I much fear that the spirit which you have decided to infuse into the Army of criticizing their commander and withholding confidence from him will now turn upon you. I shall assist you as far as I can to put it down. Neither you nor Napoleon, if he were alive again, could get any good out of any army while such a spirit prevails in it; and now beware of rashness. Beware of rashness, but with energy and sleepless vigilance go forward and give us victories."

It has been an exceptional privilege to be with you today. No graduate of West Point can return for even a fleeting moment and not obtain fresh inspiration from the spirit of service so evident here. No one may stand before the Corps of Cadets, particularly on graduation day, and not respond to its high resolve.

The record of the graduates of West Point in past wars has been engraved in the history of our country. The record of its graduates in this war is now being written in that same history. A part of it is in your hands. Those who will examine that record now in the making will find once more that West Point has fulfilled its task. Its graduates will have strived to achieve the high traditions of service inculcated at West Point; duty, honor, and country. Serving alongside their comrades from the Regular Army and from civilian life, they have worked together, learning from each other to weld into a fighting unit a great citizen army. That army has confidence in its leadership and determination to achieve full and early victory. It has proven itself on every field of battle. It will prove itself in the battles to come.

Gentlemen of the graduating class! You leave the Academy as officers in the United States Army during the very hours when that Army is making the greatest effort in all its history.

And now in Lincoln's words, "Beware of rashness, but with energy and sleepless vigilance go forward and give us victories." But victories or no victories be men of character and high purpose—be true sons of West Point.

New Members

We welcome to our membership the following graduates and ex-cadets who have joined the Association since the publication of the April *Assembly*:

Thomas D. Stamps, Aug. '17, joined April 7, 1944
 James F. Roberts, '39, joined April 17, 1944
 Arnold R. Thomas, '41, joined April 21, 1944
 William G. Easton, '37, joined May 3, 1944
 J. C. McArthur, '27, joined May 3, 1944
 John R. Allen, June, '43, joined May 3, 1944
 Lester L. Lampert, Jr., '39, joined May 3, 1944
 H. C. Ingles, '14, joined May 26, 1944

Samuel Edelman, '10, joined June 5, 1944
 William K. Blaisdell, '27, joined June 5, 1944
 Joseph T. Kenny, '27, joined June 5, 1944
 Richard A. House, '42, joined June 15, 1944
 Edward C. D. Scherrer, '37, joined June 22, 1944
 Edward F. Schaifer, '16, joined June 26, 1944
 Paul T. Cullen, '37, joined June 27, 1944
 Charles C. Redman, '36, joined June 30, 1944

We also welcome to membership in the Association the below-listed graduates of the Class of 1941, and congratulate the Class upon its fine record in signing up with us—over 99% of the Class became members.

Adamson, J. B.	Clayton, L. L., Jr.	Gallez, D. W.	Keller, A. K.	Murphy, R. H.	Silver, D. L.
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Anderson, W. P.	Connell, J. M.	Gilson, C. W.	Kleist, E. H.	Nelson, W. J.	Smith, R. A.
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Cash, F. E., Jr.	Fowler, R. B.	Jones, P., Jr.	Mulkey, S. W., Jr.		
Chandler, W. S.	Francis, H. M.	Jones, P., Jr.	Muller, H. L., Jr.		
Charlson, W. E.	Frocker, C. F.	Jones, W. C., III.	Mullin, C. H.		
Cheadle, G.	Fuller, N. A.	Kahn, W. L.	Mummey, R. M.		
Christl, E. C., Jr.	Fullilove, W. C.	Kaplan, H.	Murphy, E. C.		
Ciszewski, L. F.	Gaffney, J. W.	Keathley, C. J.	Murphy, G. F.		
		Keifer, F. J., Jr.	Murphy, M. C., Jr.		

We Salute

Harry B. Sherman, June, '18.....	Distinguished Service Cross
Gordon M. Clarkson, '38.....	Distinguished Service Cross (Posthumously)
Stanley W. Dziuban, '39.....	Distinguished Service Cross
Sanderford Jarman, '08.....	Oak Leaf Cluster to Distinguished Service Medal
John P. Lucas, '11.....	Distinguished Service Medal
Wade H. Haislip, '12.....	Oak Leaf Cluster to Distinguished Service Medal
Raymond G. Moses, '16.....	Distinguished Service Medal
Stanley L. Scott, '16.....	Oak Leaf Cluster to Distinguished Service Medal
Nathan F. Twining, June, '19.....	Distinguished Service Medal
Jacob E. Smart, '31.....	Distinguished Service Medal
Louis A. Kunzig, '05.....	Legion of Merit
Ralph Royce, '14.....	Legion of Merit
Henry A. Barber, Jr., Aug., '17.....	Legion of Merit
William R. Gerhardt, Aug., '17.....	Legion of Merit
Howard H. Newman, June, '18.....	Legion of Merit
George V. Keyser, November, '18.....	Legion of Merit
Ira P. Swift, November, '18.....	Legion of Merit
Heath Twitchell, November, '18.....	Legion of Merit
Joseph A. Holly, June, '19.....	Legion of Merit
Don G. Shingler, June, '19.....	Legion of Merit
Nathan F. Twining, June, '19.....	Oak Leaf Cluster with Legion of Merit
Hugo P. Rush, '20.....	Legion of Merit
Benjamin W. Chidlaw, June, '22.....	Legion of Merit
Walter R. Hensey, Jr., June, '22.....	Legion of Merit
Laurence C. Craigie, '23.....	Legion of Merit
James M. Fitzmaurice, '23.....	Legion of Merit
Kenneth S. Sweany, '23.....	Legion of Merit
Fisher S. Blinn, '24.....	Legion of Merit
Noah M. Brinson, '24.....	Legion of Merit
Cary J. King, Jr., '24.....	Legion of Merit
John G. Hill, '24.....	Legion of Merit
William T. Sexton, '24.....	Legion of Merit
Russell E. Randall, '25.....	Legion of Merit
Francis L. Ankenbrandt, '26.....	Legion of Merit
Raymond C. Maude, '26.....	Legion of Merit
Manuel J. Asensio, '27.....	Legion of Merit
Joy T. Wrean, '27.....	Legion of Merit
Ralph J. Butchers, '28.....	Legion of Merit
Donald W. Titus, '28.....	Legion of Merit
Joseph M. Colby, '29.....	Legion of Merit
Frederick G. Crabb, Jr., '30.....	Legion of Merit
August Schomburg, '31.....	Legion of Merit
Leo P. Dahl, '32.....	Legion of Merit
Lawrence J. Lincoln, '33.....	Legion of Merit
George S. Eckhardt, '35.....	Legion of Merit
Oliver J. Pickard, '35.....	Legion of Merit
Harold B. Wright, '37.....	Legion of Merit (Posthumously)
C. H. Corlett, '13.....	Silver Star
John C. Adams, '24.....	Silver Star
Gerard W. Kelley, '25.....	Silver Star
Robert F. Travis, '28.....	Bronze Oak Leaf to Silver Star
Frederick R. Dent, Jr., '29.....	Silver Star
John W. Bowen, '32.....	Silver Star
Ben Sternberg, '38.....	Silver Star
Charles H. Bowman, '39.....	Silver Star
Charles H. Bowman, '39.....	Bronze Oak Leaf to Silver Star (Posthumously)
Casper Clough, Jr., '39.....	Silver Star
John N. Davis, '39.....	Silver Star
Richard M. Combs, January, '43.....	Silver Star (Posthumously)
Frederick R. Dent, Jr., '29.....	Distinguished Flying Cross
Albert J. Shower, '35.....	Distinguished Flying Cross

John C. Edwards, '39.....	Distinguished Flying Cross
James F. Hackler, Jr., January, '43.....	Distinguished Flying Cross
Howard L. Lambert, Jr., January, '43.....	Distinguished Flying Cross
Charles W. Lenfest, January, '43.....	Distinguished Flying Cross
Frederick S. Porter, Jr., January, '43.....	Distinguished Flying Cross
Lester G. Taylor, Jr., January, '43.....	Distinguished Flying Cross
Stanley W. Dziuban, '39.....	Soldier's Medal
Clyde B. Bell, June, '18.....	Bronze Star Medal
Clifford C. Wagner, '31.....	Bronze Star Medal
Raymond H. Goodrich, '40.....	Bronze Star Medal
Nathan F. Twining, June, '19.....	Air Medal
James M. Fitzmaurice, '23.....	Air Medal
Frederick R. Dent, Jr., '29.....	Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster with Air Medal
John C. Edwards, '39.....	Second Oak Leaf Cluster to Air Medal
Burton E. McKenzie, '40.....	Four Oak Leaf Clusters with Air Medal
Oliver W. DeGruchy, January, '43.....	Air Medal
James F. Hackler, Jr., January, '43.....	One Oak Leaf Cluster with Air Medal
Howard L. Lambert, Jr., January, '43.....	Second Oak Leaf Cluster to Air Medal
Charles W. Lenfest, January, '43.....	Three Oak Leaf Clusters with Air Medal
Frederick S. Porter, Jr., January, '43.....	Three Oak Leaf Clusters with Air Medal
Lester G. Taylor, Jr., January, '43.....	Oak Leaf Clusters with Air Medal
John S. Chandler, June, '43.....	Oak Leaf Cluster to Air Medal
Stanley Dziuban, '39.....	Purple Heart
Richard M. Combs, January, '43.....	Purple Heart (Posthumously)
Frank R. McCoy, '97.....	Nicaraguan Presidential Medal of Merit
Donald H. Connolly, '10.....	Order of Suvorov, Second Class
Carl Spaatz, '14.....	Order of Suvorov, Second Degree
Frederick L. Anderson, '28.....	Order of Suvorov, Third Degree
Stanley L. Scott, '16.....	Order of Kutuzov, Second Class
Don G. Shingler, June, '19.....	Order of Kutuzov, Second Class
Theodore M. Osborne, '23.....	Order of Kutuzov, Third Class
Paul F. Yount, '30.....	Order of Kutuzov, Third Class
Frederick W. Castle, '30.....	Order of Kutuzov, Third Degree
William O. Darby, '33.....	Order of Kutuzov, Third Degree
Russell A. Wilson, '28.....	Order of Patriotic War, Second Degree

Last Roll Call

Alumni Who Have Died Since Publication of April *Assembly*.

Name	Class	Date of Death	Name	Class	Date of Death
Henry D. Styer.....	1884.....	May 11, 1944	Joseph M. Cole, Jr.....	1940	
James L. Druien.....	1886.....	May 31, 1944	John N. Hauser, Jr.....	1941.....	May 4, 1944
Sidney S. Jordan.....	1889.....	March 27, 1944	Justus M. Home.....	1941.....	February 18, 1944
Douglas Settle.....	1891.....	March 11, 1944	*Cary H. Brown, Jr.....	1942.....	May 1, 1944
William S. Browning.....	1901.....	April 15, 1944	James M. Caviness, Jr.....	1942.....	April 12, 1944
Carroll H. Gardner.....	1905.....	April 28, 1944	*Thomas F. Farrell, Jr.....	1942.....	February 25, 1944
George F. Waugh.....	1905.....	February 23, 1944	*Robert L. Ferguson.....	1942.....	April 5, 1944
Donald A. Davison.....	1915.....	May 6, 1944	*Jack W. Pryor.....	1942.....	March 22, 1944
*Howard E. C. Breitung.....	1923.....	Sept. 30, 1942	*Albert O. Witte.....	1942.....	February 29, 1944
Alexander G. Greig.....	1924.....	April 24, 1943	*John K. Eckert.....	January, 1943.....	March 8, 1944
*William H. Ball.....	1933.....	May 8, 1944	*Richard M. Combs.....	January, 1943.....	February 28, 1944
*Gabriel C. Russell.....	1938.....	March 5, 1944	*Herschel A. Jarrell.....	January, 1943.....	January 11, 1944
*Charles H. Bowman.....	1939.....	January 11, 1944	Malcolm S. Wardrop, Jr.....	Jan., 1943.....	August 14, 1943
*Warner W. Croxton, Jr.....	1939.....	March 8, 1944	Coleman C. Richards.....	June, 1943.....	April 12, 1944
Henry C. Walker, III.....	1939.....	February 24, 1944	*William E. Evers.....	June, 1943.....	May 15, 1944
Robert C. Twyman.....	1939.....	March 12, 1944	*William J. Whalen.....	June, 1943.....	April 20, 1944

*Killed in Action.



PLAIN TALK

DANCE, '22

The Corps in Bronze

Memorized and sung by every cadet for the past thirty odd years, *The Corps* has become the most revered song of graduates and cadets alike; and its strains are always greeted with uncovered heads.

In 1902 the words, reflecting the veneration that each of us feels for his Alma Mater, were written by Bishop Herbert Shipman, former Cadet Chaplain; and in 1910 the music was composed by Frank Harling, who was then organist and choirmaster.

The immortal words of *The Corps* have been printed on paper and engraved in our memories; yet nowhere has there been dedicated an appropriate memorial to either the words or their author. For some years past one of our distinguished graduates, Lieutenant General Robert C. Richardson, has had in mind such a memorial. The suggested plan calls for a tablet in bronze to be erected in Central Area of Cadet Barracks at the entrance to the North Sally Port and to balance the existing tablet memorializing General Schofield's definition of discipline. It has been suggested that the tablet carry the words of *The Corps* and a brief biographical sketch of their author, that at the top of the tablet there be an appropriate *bas-relief* of Bishop Shipman.

The suggested tablet has met with the approval of both the Superintendent and the Memorial and Gift Board; however, because of restrictions on the use of essential war materials, no memorial tablets are being installed at West Point during the present war. Meanwhile, the Superintendent has appointed a committee of officers stationed at West Point, comprised of Lt. Col. William J. Morton, Jr., and Major William L. Kost, to provide the start toward carrying through the project when funds and materials become available. The funds, an estimated \$1,000.00,

will of necessity come from contributions; and the committee will be delighted now to accept donations proffered by those interested.

Supe and Com Face Firing Squad of Cadets

As members of the recent first class entered the final phases of their branch instruction here at West Point, those cadets who had elected Tank Destroyer, Armored Force, or Cavalry as their branch of service used service ammunition during their practical instruction this spring as they maneuvered over the rough and rugged terrain of West Point's recently developed Popolopen Area. They received advanced training in the use of such mechanized equipment as the M-8 Armored Car, the Light M-5 Tank, the M-3 Half-track, and the General Sherman Medium Tank M-4-A3 design.

In testing the efficiency of equipment employed, during an inspection of the training area, Major General Francis Wilby, Superintendent of the Military Academy, and Brigadier General George Honnen, Commandant of Cadets, elected to ride in a General Sherman Tank which was to participate in a demonstration.

Cadets manning machine guns in light tanks and armored cars fired some 400 rounds of caliber .30 ball ammunition at the tank carrying their high ranking superiors. The brief ride of the two generals under fire of cadets marked the first time in the history of the Military Academy that either the Superintendent or the Commandant had ever been before a "firing squad" of cadets. It was of interest to note that the cadets were gratified that the light ammunition bounced as harmlessly as rain off the thick hide of the big tank and that none of the firing squad felt that he had failed to be of service to the Corps. Hats off to the Supe and the Com!

Graduation Gossip

The homes of the 474 cadets, graduated on June 6, 1944, were distributed as follows:

Ala.	7	Mont.	3
Alaska	1	Nebraska ..	3
Arizona	8	Nevada	2
Arkansas ...	9	N. H.	3
California ...	30	N. D.	1
Colorado	2	N. J.	20
Connecticut ..	2	N. Mex.	3
Delaware	2	N. Y.	45
Dist. of Col. .	32	N. C.	12
Florida	12	Ohio	17
Ga.	10	Okla.	6
Idaho	2	Oregon	4
Ill.	24	Penna.	22
Ind.	10	R. I.	2
Iowa	5	S. C.	6
Kan.	5	S. D.	2
Ky.	6	Tenn.	5
La.	4	Texas	31
Md.	11	Utah	1
Mass.	14	Vermont ...	1
Mex.	1	Va.	14
Mich.	13	Wash.	5
Minn.	11	W. Va.	4
Miss.	9	Wisc.	4
Mo.	17	Wyo.	1

Forty-eight, slightly more than 10%, of the graduating class were appointed from either the Army or the National Guard.

The graduates were assigned as 2nd Lieutenants to branches in strength as indicated below:

Infantry, including Armored Command and Tank Destroyer	120
Field Artillery, including Armored Command and Tank Destroyer.....	66
Engineers	53
Cavalry, including Armored Command	6
Coast Artillery (Anti-Aircraft)	29
Signal Corps	6
Ordnance	11
Chemical Warfare	3
Quartermaster	1
Air Corps	171
Philippine Constabulary	1

Including the Class of 1944, of the 14,134 graduates of the Military Academy since its founding in 1802, some 8,814, or approximately 60%, are now on active duty in the Army. Their names may be found ranging throughout the list from General Eisenhower down to and including 2nd Lt. William B. Tuttle, Jr., anchor man of 1944.

Some 470 odd files above the name of Lieutenant Tuttle is to be found an entry, 2nd Lt. James F. Scoggin, Jr., Signal Corps. The latter name was the Abou Ben Adhem of 1944 and was the one that completely dominated the ceremony at which were

made the Academic Awards. Of the dozen War Bonds awarded the members of the graduating class for academic excellence, Jim Scoggin failed to make a clean sweep only because Alf McCorkle received the award for excellence in Military Topography and Graphics. Such a performance, remarkable enough in itself, seems almost incredible when it becomes known that Lt. Scoggin claims Mississippi as his home state. It has not been many decades since a Congressman from Mississippi's First District, whence came Jim Scoggin, admitted having had only two graduates in the twenty-six years of his incumbency. A new day seems to have dawned in the deep south.

A Plebe Sees West Point and Brings It Back To Us

Long has it been felt that only Plebes, first classmen at their graduation parade, and very old grads, are endowed with the clarity of vision that permits of a comprehensive picture of West Point and all that it stands for. When the Plebes can no longer see that picture it is to be feared that "the Corps has." Below is reproduced an essay written by a member of the recent Plebe class which should by its very nature dispel any fears concerning the "Corps's having." The essay, written in connection with a contest conducted by the Department of Plebe English, resulted in a War Bond, donated by Public Relations, for the author, Cadet Marshall Sanger.

THE MILITARY ACADEMY

It's the heritage of a child of two whose flying father has reported to duty with the greatest general of them all. It's the dream of a boy of nine standing in a rain-swept corner of a river steamer. It's the hope of a young private in a Nissen Hut in Iceland. It's the thought of a wounded sergeant in New Caledonia. It's hundreds upon hundreds studying in schools all over the nation. It's a constant waiting for an official looking envelope. It's a proud boast to envious friends.

Then there is a long climb up a steep hill: there is North, Cullum, South, Lusk, Central, Washington, Grant, Administration, the Gym, the Library, the Chapel . . . strength and power and majesty and courage and fear and loyalty and discipline "from these grey walls"; there are rifles, bayonets, pistols, machine guns, planes, obstacle courses, howitzers, grenades, tanks

. . . Infantry and Air Corps and Artillery and Ordnance and Cavalry and Engineers and Signal Corps and "a lifetime career in the Regular Army"; (The answer to the question, "Where from, mister?" echoes from the plains of Kansas, the streets of Chicago, the woods of Oregon, and the mountains of Kentucky.)

there are full dress grey, white trousers, brass buttons, waist plates, cross belts, white gloves, sword belts, breast plates, waist belts . . . parades and night area guard and inspections and barracks guard and "Pass in Review!";

there are black boards, written examinations, questions, chalk, pointers, models, diagrams, themes Spanish and English and Portuguese and Physics and Chemistry and Ordnance and History and Law and Economics and Solid and Analytic and four demerits for "studying in the sinks after taps";

(One lie or one cheat and the man faces an unyielding board of his fellow cadets. The only course open is resignation.) there are the Thayer Hotel, dining privilege, Flirtation Walk, the War Department Theater, Fort Putnam, the hops girls and love and companionship and laughter and ten punishment tours for "holding hands with young lady"; there are Sedgwick, Battle, Dade, Kosciusko, French, Sheridan, the plaques . . . 2,240 names and dedications and memories and honors and the proud "Erected by His Classmates";

(The names in one company are Kurovski, Brown, Altier, Murphy, Horowitz, Brandenburg, and Somoza.) there are chins, dips, jumps, vaults, climbs, hurdles, runs, throws, races, swims . . . swimming and fencing and boxing and wrestling and unarmed combat and gymnastics and track and basketball and squash and handball and skeet and the "seeds sown on the fields of friendly strife"; there are *The Stars and Stripes Forever*, *The Dashing White Sergeant*, *Army Blue*, *Alma Mater*, *The Official West Point March* . . . graduation; down the hill to the railroad station. It's the background of the Commanding General in Iceland. It's the pride of the officer in charge at New Caledonia. It's the guiding principle of four stars behind the desk of invasion. It's the mathematical training behind the logistics of countless convoys. It's the building of the Canal. It's the governing of the territories. It's the training, preparing, waiting, acting, leading and fighting. The Military Academy is the embodiment of devotion to duty, belief in

honor, and service to country. West Point is the lives of its men fittingly climaxed with the accolade, "Well done, be thou at peace."

—Marshall Sanger, '46.

Camp Clinton

Definitely blasted are whatever lingering hopes there may have been for the eventual return of the yearling summer deadbeat to its old habitat at Camp Clinton. The graveled company streets and friendly shade trees have given way to a carpet of thick sod. The entire area of old Camp Clinton, providing space sufficient for four additional football fields and thus solving the problem of adequate facilities for intramural athletics, has been added to "the fields of friendly strife."

The transformation of summer camp has made the term *magic carpet* readily understandable. By transferring sod from a nearby golf course to the old Camp area, the change was completed almost overnight; and the turf that normally would have required years to create is now practically ready for the intramural athletic program.

Graduation Weddings

Providing a further reminder that neither wars nor pestilence definitely can alter the basic nature of man, some fifty-four new shavetails in the days immediately following their graduation found themselves kneeling before the Chaplain in the presence of God and a goodly company, taking the vows and making the pledges that inevitably result in there being far more Army Brats than there are presidential appointments.

Post Chapel

The long felt need for a suitable place of worship for the enlisted personnel of the post has finally been met. On Sunday, June 4th, the new Post Chapel was formally dedicated. Located on Biddle Loop, the new chapel, patterned after an old church in Maryland, is of charming Colonial design. The well attended services conducted by Chaplain Fellows indicate that the new chapel has justified its being built.

New Book on West Point

MacMillan and Company have announced that their new book, *West Point*, by Mrs. Elizabeth Waugh was to be published on July 11th.



"To foster social intercourse and fraternal fellowship" among West Pointers, we consider that this section is vitally important. We hope that all—individuals as well as class secretaries—will cooperate by sending in those little flashes of information which will make "Report" a success. Please notice that our space is very limited, and that therefore we can only publish short items. We want to publicize many individuals in a brief manner rather than a few in lengthy detail. We ask also that your copy be written up in the concise manner generally exemplified in the following pages, in order to save our small and overworked staff the rewriting which might otherwise be necessary.

The editor reserves the right to cut any class report which is longer than 300 words.

Deadline for our next issue: September 10, 1944.

Old "Grads" Return

We welcomed back the following graduates and ex-cadets who registered as visitors during Graduation Week.

1880 Bailey, C. J. Morgan, G. H.	1900 Benjamin, J. A. Grant, W. S. Root, W. F. S.	1908 Ricker, L. C.	1919 Barton, W. W. Chapline, G. Dalbey, J. T. Domminey, J. V. Foss, S. McNamee, R. W. Mickle, G. St. C. Parker, J. E. Porter, F. B.	1929 McKenzie, H. R.
1881 Hodges, H. C. Kerr, J. T.	1901 Sherrill, C. O.	1909 Marks, E. H. North, E. Purdon, F. L. Van Deusen, G. L.		1931 Muenter, H. F.
1890 Rogge, J. C. L. Ryan, J. A.	1902 Longley, F. F. Miller, T.	1910 Edelman, S.		1932 Hillsinger, B. L.
1891 Bradley, J. J.	1903 Cocheu, G. W. Hoffman, C. S.	1911 Booton, J. G. Chase, G. W. Gray, R. L.	1920 McDonald, W.	1933 Clarke, E. M.
1893 McManus, G. H.	1904 Anderson, R. F. Brant, G. C. Bryden, W. Budd, A. D. Chambers, S. D. Copp, A. W. Cubbison, D. C. Danford, R. M. Diller, U. M. Gillmore, Q. A. Grace, J. J. Harbold, R. P. Jensvold, C. Kingman, J. J. McDonald, D. C. McKell, D. McC. Mack, J. A. Moody, L. B. Phillipson, I. J. Reilly, H. J. Thompson, C. F. Ward, R. T.	1912 Barrett, L. L. Hochwalt, E. B. Nalle, W.	1921 Johnson, R. H.	1934 Hayes, T. H. Reeves, R. J. White, J. W.
1894 Ames, B. Averill, N. K. Barden, W. J. Brown, W. Cocheu, F. S. Crain, C. F. Flower, W. T. Hawkins, H. S. Ladue, W. B. O'Hern, E. P. Preston, J. F. Rosenbaum, O. B. Saxton, A. E. Williams, C. C.		1913 Cheadle, H. B. Viner, J. W.	1922 Klein, A. A.	1938 Kincaid, W. K.
1896 Langdon, R. C.		1914 Haskell, J. B. Somervell, B. B.	1924 Bailey, C. N. Booth, E. F. Dombrowsky, A. J. Forbes, W. Griffin, C. R. Halligan, W. J. Harper, R. W. King, H. C. McNary, G. W. A. Merrill, W. D. Parmly, E. Pasolli, E., Jr. Raymond, C. S. Reynolds, R. D. Salmon, A. J. Scott, J. D. Storck, D. G. Sullivan, G. J. Thompson, F. J. Trudeau, A. G. White, E. H.	1939 Hardwick, S. B. Lewis, C. G. Megica, M. G.
1897 Conklin, A. S.		1915 Arthur, J. D. Aurand, H. S. Robinson, J. N. Warren, A. H.		1940 Pillsbury, H. B.
1898 Davis, R. C. Gowen, J. B. Scott, E. D.		April, 1917 Daugherty, W. F.		1942 Bolton, D. P. Brice, R. P.
1899 Carter, C. C. Clark, C. B. Humphrey, E. H. Johnson, J. Jordan, W. M. Kelly, W. Kromer, L. B. Robichon, H. A. Romeyn, C. A. Van Duyne, F. W. Yates, H. E.	1905 Doe, T. B. Graves, E. Mitchell, C. A.	August, 1917 Ely, H. B. Jank, O. M.		January, 1943 Brook, J. E. Fisher, L. B. Moore, J. D. Smith, E. F.
	1906 Riley, J. W. Selton, H. D.	June, 1918 Donaldson, T. G. Gerhard, F. W. Smith, P. W.		June, 1943 Cullen, R. D. McCabe, Mitchell, W. G. Ott, E. S. Parks, E. Richardson, Z. C. Shaifer, E. F.
	1907 Sullivan, J. S.	November, 1918 Coolidge, R. B. Snow, B. C.	1925 Kidwell, J. P.	1927 McGough, J. T.
				1944 Boyer, F.

1880

Not to be denied, the class was again represented during the past June Week by two of its distinguished members—*Bailey* and *Morgan*. Both were the personification of vigor and in fact can put to shame with their liveliness and enthusiasm some members of younger classes. *Morgan* being the oldest graduate present led the Alumni parade from Cullum Memorial Hall to Thayer Monument, escorted by the Association president, *Danford*, '04, and by the Superintendent, *Wilby*, '05. Dignified exercises were held at the Monument during which *Morgan* laid the wreath. The entire group of returning alumni then marched to the reviewing stand and "took Review" from the Corps of Cadets. It is of interest to know that shortly after his return to his home in Jamestown, *Bailey* celebrated his 85th birthday on June 21st.

1881

Not to be outdone by '80 June Week was represented by two of '81's distinguished and loyal members, *Hodges* and *Kerr*. Both appeared hale and hearty; apparently they enjoyed their visit to their Alma Mater.

1884

The Editor regrets that the name of *Mauchlin Niven*, Ex-'84, was mistaken to read Franklin Nixon as the author of the article under April, 1944 class news. It is felt that the explanation is best expressed by a letter from Mr. *Niven* to the Editor and liberty is taken to so publish the letter as follows:

"In the April number of *Assembly* under Report 1884, there is a letter signed Franklin Nixon, Foundling '84. Inasmuch as this name does not appear on '84's roster some readers may surmise that it is a non de plume of a Foundling who seeks to conceal his identity while exploiting his fellows. The fact is I dictated the letter and signed thereto my true name. A poor pen and a shaky hand caused the signature to be erroneously transcribed. To clarify the matter further permit me to expatiate somewhat.

"Edgar Allan Poe and James Abbott McNeil Whistler were famous for their literary and artistic achievements but few know that they were West Point foundlings. In a lesser degree other Foundlings have achieved fame and/or fortune without allusion to their West Point antecedents. I believe, however, the ideals they absorbed at West Point

and the physical and mental training they received there contributed largely to their success.

"Before signing off let's glance at a record. In June, 1880, one hundred and twenty (120) young men reported at West Point. In June, 1884, thirty-seven (37) of them were graduated by the U.S.M.A. The percentage of Foundlings in the class was exceptionally large but they may be taken as a fair cross section. As time passed, among them were doctors, lawyers, journalists, engineers, bankers and business men who were prominent in their vocations. With one exception they were all worthy citizens. The exception was an engineer who was accidentally injured so that he could no longer pursue his legitimate profession. He then associated with a classy con-man. While on a check-kiting expedition they were arrested and eventually landed behind prison bars. In extenuation of their nefarious operations it may be said they robbed the rich and gave freely to the poor and needy. They were modern Robin Hoods."

1886

All old grads, that is those who are really old with a qualification of eighty or thereabouts, should express their thanks and appreciation to the un-named member of '83 whose letter in the April *Assembly* discloses such a delightful philosophy concerning the privileges and blessings of old age. The Class of '86 received its plebe training from '83, and it was the real thing under First Captain *George W. Read*. Now more than 60 years later, the 13 surviving graduate members of '86 salute the 6 survivors of '83, and thank their un-named scribe for his cheerful message.

But permit a member of '86 to add a further suggestion. Florida, with its brilliant sunshine, ever blooming flowers and out-of-door life, is the refuge and haven of old folks, even though there may be no Ponce-de-Leon spring of eternal youth. Here old age seems to halt, or even to go into reverse, for a time. A distinguished resident who recently reached her four score of years, wrote some doggerel appropriate to the occasion, of which let me quote the first few lines:—

"This message I extend,
To relative and friend,
That henceforth I shall live at ease,
And do exactly as I please,
Now I'm eighty!"

And for the special benefit of der Feuhrer I will add a few other lines:—

"But should Hitler, fast or loose,
Try to make you do the step of
goose,
You can tell der Feuhrer,
There's nothing you'll find surer
Than at whatever cost,
American old folks can't be
bossed,
Not when they're eighty."

So come to Florida, ye seekers after youth and health. Our oldest winter resident in this delightful community commanded a regiment under Merritt in the attack on Manila, and is still going strong at 97.

—*Avery D. Andrews.*

1894

June Week of 1944 brought to the Class of 1894 the Fiftieth Anniversary of our graduation from the United States Military Academy. Members and former members of the class returning to West Point for the occasion checked in at Alumni Headquarters in the new wing of North Barracks, where class headquarters was established in the 51st Division. Here, in the evenings, and when not otherwise occupied during the days, returning members of the class gathered to renew old friendships, to revive memories of other days and to exchange experiences of the fifty years since our graduation.

On Saturday, June 3rd, we had the opportunity of witnessing a review of the Corps of Cadets in full field equipment, looking very business-like in their field dress. An added and interesting feature of the ceremony was an aerial review by the Air Cadets of the First Class, who came over the field in formation with the precision of the competent pilots that they are. A lacrosse game and a track meet offered entertainment during the afternoon.

On Sunday, June 4th, we attended the impressive Baccalaureate Service in the beautiful Cadet Chapel, hearing "Alma Mater" and "The Corps" sung by the Cadet Choir and the congregation, and a fine sermon by the Chaplain. In the afternoon, the delightful reception given by the Superintendent and Mrs. *Wilby* to the Graduating Class and the Alumni in the colorful gardens and on the smooth lawn of the Superintendent's quarters gave us a welcome opportunity to meet and talk with many friends, both old and new. This was followed by retreat parade in brigade formation of two regiments, at which stars and awards for excellence in various lines were presented.

Monday, June 5th—Alumni Day—was a full day, beginning with the Alumni Exercises at the Thayer Monument, followed by the review of the Corps of Cadets by the Alumni. The simple service at the Monument, including the singing of "Alma Mater" and "The Corps" by the Cadet Choir, was thrilling and impressive; while the review was executed with customary West Point precision. After the review the members of the class present assembled in front of the library where we received our diplomas fifty years ago, for a class picture "Fifty Years After". We do not look as young as we did on that other occasion, but the consensus of opinion was that we bear our years well. We then went on to the Association of Graduates' luncheon and annual meeting in Cullum Hall, which were pleasant and interesting, including a brief address by the retiring president of the Association and an informative talk by the Superintendent on present conditions and future plans for West Point. Later an opportunity was afforded for visits to the new Cadet Summer Camp at Popolopen which has replaced the old Summer Camp at Fort Clinton, and to the great new air training establishment at Stewart Field. Presentation of Wings to 171 Air Cadets of the First Class was an interesting feature of the afternoon; and the day was brought to a close by Graduation Parade, executed with all the old-time form and precision, to the music of the good old tunes associated, time out of mind, with that ceremony, and bringing to us all the same thrill, tinged with sadness, which that impressive ceremony always evokes.

The high light of the reunion for the Class of 1894 was the class dinner at the Officers' Mess, on the evening of Alumni Day. Fourteen members and former members of the class were seated around the festive board, and did ample justice to the excellent fare provided. Those present were "Butler" Ames, "Bat" Averill, "Billy" Barden, "Billy" Brown, "Sep" Cocheu, "Carlos" Crain, W. T. Flower, "Ham" Hawkins, "Laddie" Ladue, "Peter" O'Hern, "Duke" Preston, "Rosy" Rosenbaum, "Sax" Saxton and "Billy" Williams. During the preliminaries, we had the pleasure of a visit by Mr. Bascom Giles, of Austin, Texas, son of our one-time classmate B. W. Giles, who was unable to be present, but sent his greetings and good wishes by the mouth of his son. Early in the proceedings a silent toast was drunk, standing, to the memory of those of 1894

who have gone before. Letters and messages from *Castle, Gilchrist, Joyes, Malone, Peine, Brick Parker, LeJau Parker, Zee Bee Wells, Whitworth, and Hamilton, G. F.*, and others were read, and reminiscences, stories and conversation sped the hours away. An interesting talk by *Butler Ames*, on the origin and rise of Fascism, based on his personal observation in Italy, provided a theme for thought and discussion.

"Laddie" Ladue reported the results of his investigation of the Class Tree proposition. Considerable discussion followed, and it became evident that opinion was sharply divided on the question of the desirability of this form of class memorial. It was decided that the matter should be presented more fully to the class membership for consideration before any action is taken.

"Rosy" Rosenbaum reported on the status of the class flower fund, stating that funds on hand are sufficient for any probable requirements of the immediate future.

It was decided to hold the next reunion five years hence, the responsibility for making the necessary arrangements being placed in the hands of the present committee.

Graduation was held on Tuesday, June 6th, in the Field House, before a large audience. The ceremony, always impressive and moving, was given additional solemnity by the announcement from the platform, that the long-anticipated invasion of Western France by the Allied forces had been launched that morning. At this ceremony 474 clean-cut, up-standing, earnest young Americans exchanged Cadet gray for Army Olive Drab,—an impressive contrast with the 54 who graduated in our class.

Our Fiftieth Anniversary Reunion was greatly enjoyed by all present. Between the set events, there was ample time and opportunity to explore the post, to revisit familiar scenes, and to note the changes that fifty years have wrought. But the changes, great though they be, have not touched the spirit of old West Point, which remains as in our day, a challenge and in inspiration to all her sons. It is good to return to West Point at intervals, for a renewal of that inspiration; and it is the earnest hope of all who were present at our Fiftieth Reunion that we may have at least as good an attendance at our next Reunion, five years from now.

—W. B. Ladue.

1895

Stout's wife, Miss Helen Craig as we first knew her, died in Plainfield, New Jersey, at their home, in the Park Hotel, April 9. She was a cadet girl, and a Post girl, of our time at West Point, her father, Captain *Louis A. Craig*, having served as Senior Assistant Instructor of Cavalry through our Second Class year. Married in 1896, she was the mother of the first male child born to '95. He died in infancy, and they now lie together, in Arlington. The second son, *Harry, Jr.*, Class of '22, is serving overseas, in the grade of Lt. Col. His wife and the two children are living in Plainfield where *Stout* is continuing; the home at Ardsley-on-Hudson having been closed in 1941. The services at the grave, April 12, were private; the Class represented.

Howland and *Newbaker* were in Washington not long ago—*Newbaker* for a few days only—and we called a Class luncheon accordingly. But *Newbaker* had gone when it came to inviting him, so that *Cavanaugh, Nissen, Nuttman* and myself proceeded with our one guest, at the Club in town. *Howland* is living at the University Club in Cleveland; and *Newbaker*, in Windber, Pennsylvania, is Vice President and General Manager of The Berwind-White Coal Mining Company.

Miles writes an interesting report from Staunton, Virginia, of his war activities, supported in full by an editorial clipping, "Good Work Recognized"; from the Staunton News-Leader. He did so well as director of the 3rd and 4th War Loans that he now has the 5th on his hands and a Salvage job in addition to his other duties.

And certainly, too, a most welcome and reassuring letter from *Ames*, after his serious illness of a year ago; with substantial assurance of his continuing interest in the Class fund.

Well, after having called for the book, my spelling of *asymptotes* didn't make the grade in the April *Assembly* magazine.

Both *Howland* and *Schulz* sent word of the death of *Hammatt*, in Los Angeles, March 30; in apparently good health up to within two or three weeks before he died. He visited Washington, at times, on war contracts, and was probably working too hard for one of his age when the break came.

And finally, since June 12, it has been less than 365 days to June for our 50th Reunion.

—F. B. Watson.

1899

It has come and gone! Those who attended our Forty-fifth Reunion at West Point enjoyed every moment of their stay at West Point. The usual perfect arrangements were made for our reception, welcome, comfort and care—all under the efficient supervision of Major William Kost, Secretary of the Association of Graduates, who devoted untiring efforts to those in attendance.

Barracks accommodations kept the wanderers more or less together, at least during the wee small hours, and few if any missed their meals in the Cadet Mess Hall. Frequent contacts and recurring reminiscences kept all interested and often amused.

Some arrived as early as June first, others as late as June fourth but all stayed over the night of the fifth save one, still young enough to be called away by urgent business.

Special arrangements were made for supper with "late hours" on Sunday, June fourth so that all could be present at that time even though some could not remain over for the "formal" Class Dinner on the night of Monday, June fifth in the Blue Room of the West Point Army Mess where steaks with trimmings were served.

Much pleasure was had by attending each of the well arranged events of the Graduation Week Program, not only from observing the Exercises themselves, following modern methods and improvements ("W.P. is still going to H but not so fast") but also from meeting old friends whom in many cases we had not seen for years (decades).

Those present at our Forty-fifth drank again from our "Fountain of Youth" and promised themselves to return for our FIFTIETH in 1949 to join with all in celebrating our BIG RE-UNION when we shall have won the Peace and America shall be happy once more.

Our only disappointments arose from our missing YOU, the absent ones most of whom had responded to *Charlie Herron's* (Class Secretary) Bulletins, presenting unquestioned good reasons or hole-proof alibis for their regretted absences. We admonish you, "Don't let it happen again"

At the last moment *Eddie Markham* had to fall out because of an upset tummy, overwork nothing more or less. He knows he shouldn't do it but when St. Gabriel toots his horn *Eddie* will be caught dictating a high-powered (but flowery) business letter. Our capable and enthusiastic Secretary, *Charlie Herron*, after de-

voting much thought and effort to organizing so effectively this Forty-fifth Re-union, alone and practically unassisted, while on a visit to his dear Mother in Indiana a week before the Re-union was forced to undergo appendectomy thus missing the entire show and leaving to less capable hands the execution of his plans. He is now back home in Washington after a rapid recovery, better than ever and going strong. *Armstrong, Bunnell, Embick, Kerr* and *Merry* were also last minute absentees.

To *Herron* we owe much for the actual attendance which included *Carter, Clark, C. B., Humphrey, Johnson, Jordan, Kelly, Kromer, Robichon, Romeyn, Van Duyne* and *Yates* (all the way from Los Angeles), all of whom stayed for the Dinner on the night of the fifth, except *Kelly* whom business tore away. Individually and as a group they were unanimously voted (by themselves) the best looking, the youngest and the liveliest of all returning "old grads".

Finally: Fellows, get ready now for our Fiftieth which is only five short years away—or better still, resolve now to attend each year from now out. You will have a wonderful time and no regrets!

Bunnell resigned soon after graduation in favor of the engineer business, but came back in 1918 to command the engineer regiment of the 26th Division. After the war he became involved in the garage business, which he still follows to some extent. He makes his home in Winchester although his business is in Boston and is recently married.

Rusty Burt is also living near Boston in Watertown where he gardens, exercises the Scotties and reads omnivorously of the great conflict and wishes that he could wage it.

The house that *Duby Cabell* built is in Dallas, Texas and would do any quartermaster credit. He would like to show it off, as well as his family to any and all of the class who will come that way.

Eph Peyton celebrated Christmas by having appendicitis and fooled everyone by making a fine comeback. He is now back on the job of keeping up the morale of Atlanta, Ga.

Kerr, F. B. follows in his father's footsteps in the old home town of Clearfield, Pa., where except for four years as Adjutant General of the State, he has been getting out coal ever since he resigned from the Army in 1904. He and his fine wife are blessed with three children and

four grandchildren and looks forward to the reunion.

We greatly regret to announce that our one and only class president, *Robert Cherry Foy* departed this life on February 6th, 1944 at San Antonio, Texas. His obituary will appear in an early number of the *Assembly*. That he was the Class President from the date of the organization of the Class until his death tells the story of the singular esteem and affection in which we held him. It further indicates the place he will always have in our hearts. He had been living in Boerne, near San Antonio, since his retirement and his wife *Helene* will probably be there for some months before going to San Antonio where her family lives.

The Class Vice-President, *C. C. Carter*, now lives in Washington.

1904

1904's Fortieth reunion at West Point brought forth a goodly number of classmates, 23 to be exact, and proved most stimulating and gratifying to those who were able to be present. Notwithstanding travel restrictions and the demands of official duties which prevented many from being present the class may well be proud of its 40th reunion representation.

The big promoter of the reunion was *Fenton*. He, in a maze of other pressing duties, found time to notify the members of the class of the program for June Week with alumni and class features indicated. He supervised the reception arrangements for us so that upon arrival at Stewart Field or the railroad station we were received, transported and housed in most attentive manner. He and his charming wife had the class for luncheon at his quarters Sunday afternoon. This would be an undertaking in normal times. With ration points and limited food supplies it was gigantic. His home became the home of 1904 and the hospitality, good fellowship and splendid repast provided, welcomed us to Old West Point in a manner which made twenty-two classmates very glad indeed that they had come back. *Chauncey Fenton* has earned his place along side of those splendid characters of past Academic Boards, who are now as much of the tradition of Old West Point as *Crow's Nest*, *Fort Putnam* and *Trophy Point*. With *Edgerton, Davis, Tillman, Bass* and *Robinson* he stands as a worthy successor. Just talk to him and his unbounded enthusiasm, his vision and his ideals for West Point and the present and future Corps of Cadets

will revive the emotions of intense pride, loyalty and satisfaction which filled and thrilled us over forty years ago when we were wearing the cadet grey. *Chauncey* was our most hospitable host and is the sole representative of our class stationed at West Point. He well deserves these encomiums, as well as being the first mentioned in this report.

As for the rest of us—the visiting graduates—we had a fair representation of Stars. The two-star generals on active duty at present were: *Bryden*, *Phillipson*, *Thompson*, *Brant*, and *Cubbison*. *Danford*, the retiring President of the Alumni Association, as well as the former Chief of Field Artillery, came in civilian clothes and looked not unlike the *Bob Danford* in the days of 1900. *Quincy Gillmore*, a Major General and former Commander of the National Guard of New Jersey, was also present in civilian clothes. *Johnny Kingman* with one star completed the constellation. Stars made no difference to the wearers. They were the same cadets we palled with 40 some summers ago. *Bryden* and *Phillipson* are heading up very important boards in the War Department and are stationed in the Munitions Building. *Thompson* who is now King of the Fiji Islands was home from his domain on temporary duty. *Cubbison* is Commandant of the Field Artillery Replacement Training Center at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. *Jerry Brant* has been in command at Randolph Field and is now awaiting retirement and the opportunity to hunt duck, quail, turkey, and other feathered game offered by the Lone Star State where he contemplates making his home. *Johnny Kingman* is on special assignment in the Office of Chief of Engineers, Washington, D. C.

Other graduates from Washington, D. C., were *McDonald*, *Reilly* and *Harbold*. The former is on duty in the War Department holding a big liaison job with the Lend-Lease Administration. *Reilly* in civilian clothes, which fit his rotund figure, is a Lecturer much in demand and a writer with sure-fire sales. *Harbold* is on duty in the Office of The Quartermaster General, as Director of the Memorial Division—a job which he held 20 years ago after World War I.

Anderson, R. F., came up from Baltimore where he has made his home for many years.

Davy McKell appeared as President of the Chillicothe Telephone Company and has changed very little. He still has the venus-like figure and profile. He has lost the 50 or 60 hairs

on the top of his head, which he used to display.

Mack who lives in Charlestown, South Carolina, *Diller* who retired some years ago and who is now living in Frederick, Maryland, and *Arthur Budd* who is living the life of a country gentleman in Massachusetts, also gathered with us.

Copp and *Moody* took time off from the big Ordnance Plant which they are managing in LaPorte, Indiana, to come to the reunion and reminisce in their usual fashion. *Artie* has gotten very sedate. That raucous voice no longer insisted on singing "In the Good Old Summertime." This is probably due to the fact that he is the father of a 4 year old boy and parenthood usually subdues. And by the way, *Harbold* is the father of a 17-month old boy. *Artie* and *Highball* were bursting with pride over these youngsters and I fear they both made some rash claims at our reunion dinner.

Runt Ward, *Joe Grace*, and *Ski Jensvold*, the farmer, completed the group, except for a new member who was adopted at this reunion. He is *Sherman D. Chambers*, Professor of Applied Mechanics, Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind., who tried to enter West Point with the Juliettes of our Class but failed in grammar. *Chambers* believes in West Point as one of the great institutions in the world. In spirit he has been a member of our class and a graduate of the Academy for forty years, and it was a pleasure and inspiration to have him with us.

The Class Dinner in Cullum Hall was a great affair. *Bryden*, our class secretary, officiated as toastmaster. Each member gave a short recital of his work, his experiences, and some even offered solutions for the burning problems of the day. One of the most interesting short talks was by *McDonald* who had recently completed a 26,000 mile global flight during which he tracked down *Joe Stilwell* in Burma and *Walter Drysdale* in Chungking. His skillful word picture of his visit to Joe's headquarters located on the front line, was one of the high lights of our reunion. Fine work, *Joe!* we are all with you.

Cubbison's talk recalled to our memories in a most delightful and amusing way our graduation banquet at the Murray Hill on June 15, 1904, and the theatre party which followed it, where we saw Raymond Hitchcock in "The Yankee Consul."

Fenton gave us a most interesting and instructive talk on the problems now facing the Academy with especial reference to the many uncertain-

ties concerning Post War policies.

On Monday, June 5th, we attended the impressive Alumni exercises which were held at the Thayer Monument. These were followed immediately by a Review of the Corps in honor of the returning alumni.

To reassure our timid members, we are still some distance from the right of the line. If this June Week be any criterion, we won't be there even by 1954.

It was really a very enthusiastic, enjoyable reunion and everyone present made mental reservations to attend the 45th reunion in 1949.

Up to the last minute it was expected that *McNair*, *Strong*, *Benedict*, *Gregory* and *Robins*, all stationed in Washington, D. C., would also attend. However, unexpected happenings prevented their coming up and they sent their regrets to the class.

Letters were received from *Allin*, *Atkins*, *Benedict*, *Berry*, *Blakely*, *Brunzell*, *Butcher*, *Carter*, *Cooper*, *Cron*, *Dickinson*, *Dillon*, *Fulton*, *Gimperling*, *Glass*, *Glassford*, *Golden*, *Hunter*, *LeCompte*, *McIlroy*, *McNair*, *Meals*, *Neal*, *Pettis*, *Pickering*, *Pratt*, *Richardson*, *B. J.*, *Richardson*, *R. C.*, *Robins*, *Singles*, *Spaulding*, *Thomlinson*, *Walthall*, *Whipple*, *Wilson Wimberly*, *Wise*, *Woolnough*, and *Wright*, expressing their regrets at not being able to attend.

Charley Blakely, Vice President of the Ewald Iron Company, Louisville, Kentucky, wrote "A call to the fortieth reunion is in certain aspects analogous to the last call for dinner on the diner, and I am not unaware of this fact. My visits in the east, and they have not been infrequent, have been at the dictates of the W.L.B., W.P.B., O.P.A., and Mr. Murray, C.I.O. Their summons are peremptory, brooking no delay. Needless to say, I will be present if at all possible, but please don't count on me as I am the most uncertain of the uncertain. With an ear attuned to Father Time honing his scythe—yours, 'Buzzard'."

Timothy Pickering also sent his regrets as did *Anton Cron*, and *B. J. Richardson* wrote "I won't be with you but I will be thinking of you. *Old Link Smith* or *Freddy Sladen* may be there and put me on the area to walk off the tours I owe them. P.S. My only growls in life are (1) shortage of Duck Shells, (2) shortage of Gas to run my fishing boat." One or two classmates were heard to remark that *B.J.'s* call for shells may not go unheeded.

Greaser Wise wrote that he was sick and could not be present. We

missed the *Greaser* and hope he will soon be well.

It was thought that San Antonio would send a good representation, including *Bob Campbell*, *Kinsey Edmunds*, *Gordon Catts*, *Stanley Koch*, *Tommy Atkins*, and *Conger Pratt*, but their contemplated plane trip did not materialize. This group will be sorry that they did not come when they read this.

The 1804 Memorial Window given by our class, was dedicated at the Cadet Chapel service on June 4th. Several members of our class were present. The subject of the window is The Barren Fig Tree and it is one of the large windows located in the clerestory of the nave of the Chapel almost directly over our own class window.

It is impressed upon all members of the class that the 45th reunion should not be overlooked. Every classmate present at the 40th reunion returned to his home very much pleased that he had taken time out to go back to West Point. There is something about it—the atmosphere, the picturesqueness, the old landmarks, the plain of the Hudson and the never changing view from Trophy Point up this majestic river, which grip you and stir up emotions long somnolent. Meeting classmates whom you haven't seen for 40 years or lesser period, learning of what they have done in life, knowing that they have gone up to the top during their active service and seeing them hale, fit and vigorous without loss of interest, enthusiasm and the always remembered personal characteristics and mannerisms of cadet days, will be gratifying to any member of the class.

On our 45th reunion we certainly will have the 40th reunion group augmented by *Joe Stilwell*, *R. C. Richardson*, and *Palmer Swift*, representing the combat group of the class, in addition to all those whose names are mentioned in this report. They, as well as all the rest of us, should make every effort to attend. That reunion will be the greatest any class will have had on its 45th Anniversary. Should we all turn out we will be at least 80 strong—requiring 2 full Divisions or more in the barracks. Let's set up June week 1949 as a "must date" on our calendar of future events. Furthermore, let's send our correct mailing address to *Chauncey Fenton* for subsequent use in contacting us. Had the addresses been up-to-date personal letters could have been written to many more of the class and probably a greater attendance have been secured.

In this global war West Point is demonstrating her value to the country as never before, by furnishing leaders in all branches of the Army and on all battle fronts. Our 40th Reunion was held in the midst of this war and it is our hope that peace will have returned before our next reunion. But whether we have peace or war let us see to it that the foundations of West Point are thoroughly inspected and strengthened as a result of our experiences in this war and that our Alma Mater continues to produce full-fledged graduates equipped to be our leaders in peace or war.

*Consolidated Notes from
Danford and Harbold.*

1910

From Colonel *John A. Robenson*, Army Service Forces, Eighth Service Command, Headquarters Reclassification Center, Dallas 2, Texas: "Your last circular reached me about six months late as it had been trailing me all over the map. As long as others have given short resumes of their recent services, here goes mine. The outbreak of the war caught me halfway across the Pacific, headed for duty on *Skinny Wainwright's Staff in Manila*. We headed for Australia; had about a month and a half in Java, leaving just ahead of the Japs; later got over to Guinea and eventually back to the States. Have had several letters recently from *Chamby* and have seen *Joe Taulbee*. *Uhl* and *McCoach* were here recently on a conference of Service Commanders, but I did not have the opportunity to see them. Saw *Jerry Moore* about a year ago. He appeared to be in good health but restless. There were none of the class in Australia or even in the whole Southwest Pacific during my sojourn there. Kindly remember me to any of the class that you see or are in contact with and would appreciate hearing from any of them. *Robbie*"

From Colonel *Joseph Page Aleshire*, Hq. 6th Service Command, Chicago, Illinois. "My three girls have all married into the services. *Carolyn* married *John N. Wilson*, U.S.M.A. 1935, now Lieut. Col., F.A.; *Peggy* married *Frederic W. Boye*, U.S.M.A. 1939, now Major commanding a battalion in the 3rd Division; *Piedy* married *Mr. I. B. Cook* from Evanston, Ill., now Lieut. S.G. U.S. Navy. I have seen none of our class recently. *Fritz Strong*, *P.D. Uhl*, *Chapman*, *Chipman*, *Spec Wallace*, have all passed through Chicago where I have seen them. I agree that we can be proud of the Generals we have. *Miles* was stationed here and

is just as fine a character as ever, and that is saying a lot. *Joe*."

From Colonel *R. B. Cocroft*, Room 5A-716, The Pentagon, Washington, D. C. ". . . I have been with the War Department Manpower Board about 14 months, the first eleven of which were with the ninth section at San Francisco and the rest with the main board here. . . My family consists of a wife, a girl, a boy, a girl. The two older ones are married to Army folks; the boy graduated from West Point in '43 after 3 years only; the younger girl is in college at San Rafael, California. Classmates seen lately: *McCoach*, at Fort Douglas, soon after he took over the 9th Service Command. *Beach*, on the street in San Francisco. *Uhl*, for just a minute here as he was on his way to his new command, the 4th S.C. *Holmer*, here, when he invited us all to lunch. Present were: *Strong*, *Dunlop*, *Miles*, *Leonard* and *Kalloch*, besides myself. I saw *Dolly Gray* at *Walter Reed*. His spirits and prospects were good. Also saw *Jack Heard* a couple of months ago. *Rex*."

From Colonel *Frederick S. Strong*, Headquarters, Northwest Service Command, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. ". . . I don't want to waste your time talking about myself other than to say that I have really had a pretty swell time the last three years since the boys got me back into uniform. One way or another, I have had an opportunity to see a large part of the Western Hemisphere and not a little of the Eastern, including two round trips to India and a couple of hops over the hump to China. It was my misfortune last November to be forced to give up my job as Chief Engineer of the S.O.S., C.B.I., and go through my first experience in a hospital. The result was that I was laid up in Baltimore from before Christmas until the end of January, after which *Marjorie* and I basked in the Florida sunshine while I was on sick leave. Now I am back on the job again as Commander of the Northwest Service Command which, as you know, covers a lot of territory, including the Alaska Highway and the Canol Oil Project. Construction is almost completed but we do have a few problems in operation. I see some of the gang from time to time and more recently attended a small class luncheon in Washington given by *Fred Holmer*. I believe you have seen *Fred* recently. I don't know when I will get up your way, but would like to see things in such shape that we can have a regular class reunion in June 1945. *Fritz*."

From Colonel *Roget Williams*, c/o The University Club, 3813 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio: "My son *Roget, Jr.*, is a First Lieutenant, Royal Canadian Field Artillery—in Italy. He came out first in their advanced Field Artillery Training Course at Petawawa, Ontario, Canada. I do not recall writing you of it, but I learned to fly as a Pilot, while I was the initial Adjutant General, 1 Troop Carrier Command, Army Air Forces, Stout Field, Indianapolis. *Roget.*"

From Major *Sam Edelman*, 5761 Woodcrest Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: "The Class of 1910 as is its usual custom, presented a sword to Cadet *Robert E. Drake*, a member of the 1944 graduating class, son of *Frank Drake*, now in command of a Regiment C.A.C. at San Diego, California. The ceremony was held on June 4, last, in *Meade Wildrick's* quarters on the Post, with *Meade* making the presentation in a most felicitous manner. A picture of the presentation appeared in the New York Daily News on the following day. Following the presentation, *Meade* and Mrs. *Wildrick* entertained the guests. Numerous officers of the Post were present as well as Mrs. *Drake*, a young daughter-in-law of *Milliken*, Cadets *Wallace* and *Lewis*, yearlings, and *Moore*, plebe, sons of our classmates, who we hope will carry on for us in days to come; and myself. *Sam.*"

From Colonel *Ernest J. Dawley*, T.D.S., Camp Hood, Texas: "I am sorry to hear that *Dolly* is in the hospital, and hope that it isn't as serious as his letter would indicate. I have just dropped him a line. *Mike.*"

From Colonel *C. A. Chapman*, Military Department, University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois: "Have seen *Joe Aleshire* once or twice in Chicago which lets me out as far as our class is concerned. My oldest boy, 19, is at O.C.S., Fort Knox. *Chappy.*"

From Major General *D. S. Wilson*, Commanding, Headquarters Infantry Replacement Training Center, Camp Croft, S. C. "My son, *D. S., Jr.*, has recently taken the examination for West Point and is hoping that he did well enough to win a presidential appointment. Your recent news letter to the Class was most interesting. I saw *Dolly* at Walter Reed during the Xmas holidays. My daughter, *Olive*, has two youngsters—a boy 7 years old and a daughter 2½. Her husband is a Lt. Colonel on ground duty with the Air Corps overseas. My command here is, as you see, an in-

fantry replacement training center—a busy and interesting job. *D.S.*"

1911

Following *Free Bowley's* untimely demise, *Gus Franke*, in consultation with *Jack Kutz* and *Curt Nance*, handed over the job of Treasurer and Official Scribe to your humble servant and classmate, *Bob Gray*. After the splendid manner in which *Free* handled this column in the past your scribe realizes that he cannot hope to do as well, but at least there will always be something in this column for the class of 1911.

Curt Nance (Colonel, General Staff) packed up very suddenly and left his desk in the Pentagon Building for an overseas assignment early in May. A V mail recently received reports his presence in Italy where he has fallen among friends, has a swell job, and is in a fine outfit destined to go places and do things. He says, "Dust, rubble, ruts in the road and many other things don't seem to change much from war to war but I have a feeling this is where I belong".

John Booton and your scribe represented the class at the Point on Alumni Day. Once again this was a thrilling and inspiring ceremony.

The class tree is flourishing, so much so in fact, that a member of the class of 1902 accuses us of having planted it when we were plebes.

Jim Crawford is commanding an A.A.A. Group at Seattle, Washington. We understand that *Jim* is quite perturbed to think that he is going through his second experience in World Wars without having heard a hostile shot fired.

John Lucas has returned to the States from Italy and has been assigned as Deputy Commander of the Third Army.

Anyone who has missed previous information should know that *Gus Franke* is living at 604 Greene Street in Camden, South Carolina, while right across the road is the residence of *Johnnie Wall*.

A note from *Bill Hardigg*, Commanding Jefferson Proving Ground, Madison, Indiana, informs us that his boys, *Bill* and *John*, are looking for appointments to West Point to join the classes of 1963 and 1965 respectively. Your scribe is looking forward to presenting sabers to them when they graduate. *Bill* says, "Jefferson Proving Ground is a fine installation. It is about the size of the District of Columbia, can test practically any type of bombs and has artillery pieces installed up to include the 240 Howitzer and 8 inch gun. We

have an airfield that is the envy of most of the installations in this part of the country. There is a fine welcome for any members of 1911 that may be passing through southern Indiana."

"*Fish*" *McKinney* recently assumed the responsibility for training in the Fifth Service Command.

Unless you want pure fiction in this column you had all better keep your new Secretary informed as to facts that are not military secrets such as changes in rank, station, number of grandchildren, and anything else that you all know very well will be of interest to all of us. Please send all such items to *Robert L. Gray*, 471 Cortlandt Street, Belleville, 9, New Jersey.

1912

The appeal to the class contained in the January 1944 issue to write to "*Gatch*" any news about yourself resulted in the magnificent response of one letter from "*Miff*" *Harmon* calling attention to the fact that we had by mistake given him *Hap Arnold's* job instead of his own of Commanding General of the U.S. Army Forces in South Pacific Area.

Sure there is a war on! Sure everybody is busy but many of the class are doing grand jobs which are not getting into public print so why not let the rest of the class know where you are and what you are doing (in so far as censorship will permit).

"*Miff*" wrote on March 28th that *J. T. McLane* was with him as Inspector General for over a year and then sent home for retirement for physical disability; that *Schneider* was doing a splendid job as Commander of the Service Command of New Caledonia; and that *Frank Richmond* was with him in command of their Replacement Depot and was "well and sassy".

June Week at West Point found only a few visitors from 1912. *Bill Nalle* came to see his son *Dick* graduate and *Barrett* and *Hochwalt* were present. There were no formal parties. "*Dick*" *Nalle* was presented with a handsome silver fountain pen from the Class.

Other sons of the class now in the Corps are *Archie Arnold*, *Jimmy Maloney* and *Jimmy Edwards*, 1st Classmen, and *Ed Chynoweth* and *Sam Walker*, Yearlings. *John Paules* is going to enter as a plebe on July 1st.

Phelan has left Stockton Ordnance Depot and is on temporary duty in Seattle, Wash., whence he is due to

go to Benning Arsenal. Passed through West Point recently on leave.

Mooney also passed through West Point recently. His boy is trying to get an appointment but no luck as yet. Mooney is now back on the retired list.

Col. John D. Kelly, formerly Chief of the Reclassification Board for the Fifth Service Command at Fort Hayes, O., has assumed his new duties as assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, for this Department. He completed a previous tour of duty in Panama from 1915 to 1918.

—O. J. Gatchell.

April, 1917

Representing the class at its 27th anniversary gathering this 1944 June Week were Harris Jones, Jack Stewart, Jim Hayden, Bill Daugherty, and Tom Sinkler. Bill Eley phoned from Beacon that he was close by but on a strictly business trip and lack of time prevented his getting here. Stewart, Hayden, and Daugherty each has a son in the new first class graduating in 1945. Stewart commands the U.S.M.A. Field Artillery Detachment, Hayden commands the U.S. M.A. Coast Artillery Detachment, Harris Jones is Professor of Mathematics, and Tom Sinkler is Assistant Professor of English. Bill Daugherty, who came to see his son, young Bill, was the only "visiting fireman."

Residing at the Thayer Hotel while their husbands are overseas are Vivian Irving, Nancy Devine, and Alice McMahon.

Willis Teale, who has seen extensive service in Australia, is now stationed at the Engineer Depot in Albany, New York. For his work overseas, he has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

In recent editions of the *Army and Navy Journal*, the following notices were published:

April 15, 1944—Brig. Gen. Charles S. Kilburn has been named commanding general of the 11th Armored Division.

April 29, 1944—Maj. Gen. William O. Butler last week assumed command of the A.A.F. Eastern Flying Training Command, with headquarters at Maxwell Field, Alabama.

Forty of the class are now generals, ranging from Opie Clark (Lieutenant General) to Homer Brown (the latest Brigadier).

To date 29 sons of 1917 have entered the Military Academy, 18 of whom have graduated. The latest to graduate, in the class of June 6, 1944, are Robert A. Smith, son of Cooper Smith, and William E. Wight-

man, son of Mars Wightman. There are 8 sons in the new first class and 3 in the yearling class.

A letter received recently from Jack Nygaard, now a member of Opie Clark's staff, says, "Frank Markoe leaves for home after 21 months overseas. Last night Doc Johnson, Sully, Kiv Tully, Dutch Keiser, Morris Barroll, Frank, and myself had a little farewell dinner and party. The 'Boss' intended to join us as well as Ernie Harmon, but at the last moment something else came up. Aaron Bradshaw and Birdie Eagles are also with us, but other matters also prevented their being present."

A fine set of pictures demonstrating the latest military developments in the processing of rubber by the U.S. Rubber Company has been received from Bill Cowgill and placed in the class archives.

The last member of the class to announce his marriage is Bob Kunz. He and Miss Huylar Dempsey were married on December 23, 1943, at St. Petersburg, Florida. Unfortunately, because of the present critical shortage of material and class finances, the sending of a class wedding present will have to be delayed until after the war. Bob's marriage, according to present class records, leaves only 3 bachelors: Daddy Weems, Donovan Swanton, and Asa Pope. If these statistics are incorrect, please notify "Prof" Jones; and don't fail to send in all information of interest to the class.

August, 1917

We had a class wedding on April 15 at West Point. Red Warner was married to Mrs. Dorothy Graham, sister of Red Durfee. The ceremony took place at the Cadet Chapel with a good representation from the class considering these times. In addition to the bride and groom we had among the guests: Stamps, Jones, Durfee, Day, Mesdames Stamps, Jones, Purvis, and Jenna. The Superintendent toasted the newlyweds at a reception given by Mrs. Wilby immediately following the wedding. A good time was had by all. Red is adjutant for the E.D.C and is stationed at Governors Island.

George Eyster is the latest B.G. in the class and Ed Leavey the latest major general. Horace Harding is Artillery Officer on Gen. Eichelberger's staff in the Southwest Pacific. Bill Donaldson is also in the Southwest Pacific where he heads up an administrative unit, covering the S.W.P.A. Jack Johnson has returned from overseas and is now in the District Engineers office Washington,

D. C. Jules Schaefer, who has been vice-president of Boeing for some time keeps busy turning out those B-29s, not to mention the B-17s. Jules always finds time to pass on any news of his classmates that comes along his way. Phil Day is back at the Military Academy as assistant prof in Math. He has charge of Plebe Math. Jack Heavey and Norman McNeill are in China. Exact address unknown but Jack writes they have seen each other. Frank Carr has recently been made chief of the Remount Service which includes not only the hosses now but the war dog training centers.

Hi Ely and Otto Jank helped fill out the Class squad at West Point on Alumni Day. Hi had a boy graduate and Otto had one become a yearling. And listen to this—Geo. Hirsch, Jr. who just finished his plebedom came through as No. 1 in Dis. getting 300 out of a possible 300. Sounds like a record!

Everyone cooperate in sending items of interest about the Class. We don't ever want a blank space for August '17. Your present scribe is Phil Day.

1919

Twelve of the class assembled for the Class Dinner on 4 June at our "token" Twenty-fifth Reunion, Bill Barton, Brick Bartlett, Charlie Chapline, Joe Dalbey, Jack Domminey, Bob Hill, Doc Johnson, Roland McNamee, Jitney Mickle, Jim Parker, Fred Porter and Bill Regan. Healths were drunk to classmates in all theatres. Simon Foss (at Mitchel Field) made the Association of Graduates luncheon, and in addition to the wives of several of the foregoing Mrs. Ed Gregory, Mrs. Al Gruenther, Mrs. Ray Hardin, Mrs. Dad Loper and Mrs. Lofty Snodgrass joined the group for a supper on 5 June. The Centennial Window, Class of 1819, presented by June 1919, was dedicated at the Baccalaureate Service in the Chapel on 4 June. In the graduating class receiving diplomas and commissions on 6 June were E. W. Gregory, 2nd, D. A. Gruenther, G. S. C. Mickle, Jr., F. B. Porter Jr.

The present count on generals in the class is 1 major general and 24 brigadiers, Bill Kean having gained a second star and Claude Ferenbaugh having acquired his first since our last report. Hildebrand lists the following decorations: D.S.C.: Alexander and Bradley; Silver Star: Bradley, Farrar, Keeley, Martin; D.S.M.: Gruenther, Sebree, Twining, Wedemeyer; Legion of Merit: Ferenbaugh,

Gruenther, Hardin, Hayford, Holly, McNair, Niblo, Rhodes, Shingler, Twining; Purple Heart: Farrar, Martin; Order of Bath: Gruenther; Order of Kutuzov: Shingler. Omissions should be reported to your scribe (B. W. Bartlett) at U.S.M.A.

Random notes: *Joe Phelps* and *Jack Whitelaw* are with the 17th A.B. Div. *Stew Barden* is organizing a F.A. Group. *Tex Warren* is C.O. of 245th Inf. *Mike Brannon* is J.A. of First Army. *Lofty Snodgrass* has just returned from Hawaii. The Hawaiian Islands Marching and Chowder Club includes *Hayford, Kirby, Ovenshine, Shaw, Skelton, Williamson, Wood* and *Zimmerman*. *Joe Dalbey* is C.O. of A.B. Center at Camp Mackall. *Dad Loper* has left the Office of the Chief of Engineers for the Central Pacific. *Pat Echols* has the 417th F.A. Group. *Dean Luce* and *Harry Barrick* are in Australia. *Herb Jones* writes from the Pacific that *Lil Frederick* has personally done quite a job on numerous Japs on Bougainville. *Doug McNair* was killed in a plane crash in the S.W. Pacific. *John Sheey* is C.O. of an Infantry Reg. in England, and *Hugh Elliott*, who was Exec. of Artillery in same Div., has been invalided back to U.S.A. *Don Shingler* and *Tom Crawford* have joined *Willie Palmer's* British Islands Marching and Chowder Club. *Ernest Riley* is back in service as a Lt. Col. of Engrs. *Ralph Stearley* is C.O. of a Tactical Air Div. of the 3rd Air Force, and *Jim Parker* has the 3rd Bomber Command. *Doc Martin* after stopping some iron in No. Africa has gone over again for more. *Semmelmeyer* is back as a Lt. Col. commanding a F.A. Bn. in Arkansas. *H. A. Brown* has been retired and is an executive with Curtis-Wright in Columbus, Ohio. *Sladen Bradley* is back in Washington after two years in S.W. Pacific. *George Washington Lewis* is a Lt. Col. in A.C. somewhere in New Guinea. *H. M. Buck* was commissioned as Lt. Col. in the Engrs., was taken sick enroute overseas, and is now a civilian again. *Fred Porter* is organizing a F.A. Group. *Charlie Chapline* is a major in the Air Corps. Lt. Col. *Jimmy Boyd*, A.C. reports that Lt. Col. *Henry Nichols*, A.C. was seen at Presque Isle headed for England. *Johnny Armstrong* is C.O. of a Tr. Regt. at Camp Hood. *Bob Raymond* is Exec. of a Div. Art. in England. *Red Donnelly*, retread Col., A.C., and A-1 of 10th Air Force, writes that *Joe Cranston* is doing a swell job in a hot spot of the C.I.B. theater.

A full report on the Window and more dope on the class will be distributed to all whose addresses are known in the near future. All you need to do to get one is send in your address to above mentioned scribe.

1920

The last list of makes treated the Class of 1920 very kindly when *Lem-nitzer* received his promotion to Major General, the first one to be elevated to this rank in our Class, and *Bessell, Stratton, Henning, Farrell* and *Lewis, J. M.*, received their first stars. The strength of the Class now stands at 1 Major General and 23 Brigadier Generals. Congratulations to all.

Also congratulations to *Hank Hodes, Bob Kreuter* and *Hugo Rush* upon the award of the Legion of Merit for recent service performed.

June Week has come and gone. However, the Class had no visitors to West Point during the ceremonies, except *Kelly, P. C.* who spent a few hours with us on Sunday, June 4th. Incidentally, *P.C.* was to revert to his retirement status the day following his visit here. We must all look forward now to our 25th Reunion next year when we hope that 1920 will be well represented here for the entire week.

Rosebaum visited the Academy several times during the middle of May while stationed down the river. *Bill Brewster* spent several days with us in April during the Convention of the National Association of Military Colleges, and as head of the Georgia Military Academy, College Park, Ga., was chosen President of this organization for the following year. Nice work, *Bill*.

Recent orders have assigned *Rex Corput* to Headquarters, Second Army, at Memphis, as Signal Officer. A telegram was received from *Eddie McGaw* on the Academy's 142nd Anniversary, stating that *Lambert, Tom-baugh, Freddie Harris* and *McGaw* were celebrating in the wilds of Mississippi.

Eddie Gilbert is back on active duty as a Lt. Colonel, A.C., stationed at Brookley Field, Mobile, Alabama. *Terry Tully* who is on duty in the Office of the Chief Signal Officer, Allied Headquarters, made a recent trip to this country. However, we were sorry he was not able to make us a visit at the Point. He stated in a letter that *George Bare* had recently visited him enroute to Italy.

Duffner who has been overseas in England as Deputy G-3 is now back as the Executive Officer for the I.R.T.C., Camp Joseph T. Robinson.

Joe Harris, Finance Department, is on duty in Buffalo as Finance Officer and is kept busy with many civilian employees under his jurisdiction. *George Honnen* is Acting Superintendent in the absence of General *Wilby* who is away on an extended inspection trip. We know he will be busy this summer with an incoming class of 600 plus, summer camp activities at Popolopen, and maneuvers at Pine Camp.

Keep the Class news rolling in for the next edition of the *Assembly* which should go to press about September 15th.

1922

Max Taylor is our first Major General! *Aaron Kessler* commands one of the shuttle bases in Russia. Went there some time ago to set it up. He has been made a B.G.

Stewart, L. J. has been made a B.G.

Russ Hensey has been awarded the Legion of Merit for his work as Field Artillery Officer on the Staff of the Airborne Command from 3 September 1942 to 13 August 1943. He was the first officer to fill that assignment.

Bill Kyle has been appointed Aide to Secretary of War *Stimson* and has left West Point to assume his new duties. *Spud Spalding* commands an A.A. Regiment somewhere in the British Isles (when last heard from). *Ham Meyer* reports that he has seen quite a bit of *Hughes, O. W.* and *Joe Grant* in Italy. *Willy Wilhide*, who is now on duty in the Detroit branch of the Office, Chief of Ordnance, will be among the proud daddies with a boy in the Corps come July 1st. June Week visitors included *Jane* and *Sally Meyer, Art* and *Virginia Klein* and young *Virginia, Bev Kane* and little *Beverley*, and *Johnson, R. H.* A good time was had by all. Cadet *Kane, F. B.* has been appointed a Lieutenant in the Corps of Cadets. *Frank, Sr.* is somewhere in China.

Lawrence C. Leonard.

1923

There were no visiting members of the class here for June Week. However, *Louis Vauthier*, who has recently moved into nearby New Jersey, was present for the alumni exercises and marched with classmates on duty here to the review for the old grads. *White, J. H.* came to the Point after graduation to take part in a wedding.

Classmates have been very generous with letters, for which we wish to express our thanks.

Larry Barroll, who has been wandering all over the world for several

years, has written to let us know that he is now at 202 Taylor Street, Chevy Chase, Maryland. He is a civilian, but his job is with the Chief of Ordnance. He writes, "Shortly after the war broke out, I came back from Sweden. I then made a return trip during the Russo-Finnish War, and after being surrounded by the Germans returned home via Berlin and Genoa, Italy. (It was strange to go sightseeing in Berlin while the Germans were plowing through Holland and Belgium.) I was then assigned by my firm, General Motors, to take a look at the Ordnance Spare Parts situation. That I did in 1940, stuck my neck out, and have been rather embroiled as a result ever since." He mentions having seen *Ken Weber*, *Howard Vandersluis*, *Jeff Binns*, *Pop Silverthorne*, *Magruder*, *Timberman*, *Pinky Palmer*, *Dud Roth* and *Mark Galusha* recently. *Timberman*, who is now a B.G., he believes is with *Stilwell*.

The latest addition to our list of generals is: *Uzal G. Ent*, Major General; *Miles Reber*, *Charles W. Lawrence*, *Joseph Smith* and *Rex E. Chandler*, Brigadier Generals. We also gleaned from the papers that *Hoyt Vandenberg* is Major General and Deputy Commander of Air Invasion under *Eisenhower*.

Wendell Johnson dropped in last April. He is military attache at Santiago, Chile; but association with diplomats hasn't spoiled him at all. *W. H. Nickell*, who was found during pebe year, is now a major serving with *Lee Shafer* in the artillery somewhere in New Guinea. *Harry Scheetz* is a lieutenant colonel in the Ordnance and an assistant to the commanding officer at Frankford Arsenal. He reports that *Walter Tully* has an engineer battalion in England. *Lawrence Castner* has received the D.S.M. for meritorious and distinguished service as Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence Service, Alaska Defense Command. *Tormey* was military observer in Malaya in 1941 and left for Australia three days before the fall of Singapore. He is now censoring all press dispatches, radio broadcasts and motion pictures in, or from, the southwest Pacific.

Trooper Price has sent the Library two of his manuscripts. His DRUMS OF KHARTOUM is a book length yarn cut down to 65,000 words and serialized for publication. He went to great lengths to make it accurate and even studied Arabic. His MEXICO THROUGH THE WINDSHIELD is an account of his own adventures. He is now studying Chinese so as to immerse himself in the

atmosphere of that celestial realm preparatory to an opus with that locale. His discourse on the language is interesting and downright erudite.

George Heaney is with an Anti-aircraft Artillery Brigade in Seattle. His son, *George*, is at Cornell and has qualified for entrance to the Point this July except for some difficulty with the Surgeon General which now seems to be on the road to a satisfactory solution.

Forstall Adams has written from a New York A.P.O. to give some data about *Howard Breitung*, who was so brutally murdered by the Japs, but none about himself.

The Wedding Present Fund owes refunds to the following. Information as to their current addresses should be sent to *McGehee*, the class treasurer, at West Point. *Bryan, B. M.*; *Caffey, B. F.*; *Campbell, H. R.*; *Castle, R. R.*; *Dorn, F.*; *Douthit, S. L.*; *Early, J. F.*; *Edwards, S.*; *Gil-martin, A. F.*; *Goddard, W. B.*; *Greene, J. I.*; *Grener, L. M.*; *Grove, W. R.*; *Harrison, E. L.*; *Hennessey, C. A.*; *Hertford, K. F.*; *Newman, O. P.*; *Porch, P. K.*; *Robinson, W. A.*; *Rowland, H. T.*; *Stewart, O. C.*; *Stodter, J. H.*; *Sullivan, B. H.*; *Sur-eau, J. D.*; *Trousdale, B. A.*; *Tully, W. B.*; *Winter, W. E.*

1924

Your correspondent is up to his ears in poop accumulated as a result of correspondence before, during and after the 20th reunion. All this priceless data is being edited for the forthcoming publication of the "Thundering Herd" which we hope to have in the mail no later than July 4th. Consequently, this article for *Assembly* will be in the nature of an interim report.

Our 20th reunion was most successful, thanks largely to the resident committee work of *McLamb* and *Rule*. The three main events were a stag inspection of barracks on the night of June 5th (which ended up at *Rule's* quarters as a non-stag affair); the Association of Graduates luncheon on June 6th when our group numbered 30; and finally the picnic at Round Pond where a good wet time was had by all. *Billy Kost* led us in song with his violin and under that spell for a few moments we all felt younger than on June 12, 1924.

The following members of the Herd were present during some part of the reunion: *Trudeau*, *Salmon*, *Raymond*, *C. S.*, *Scott*, *J. D.*, *Reynolds*, *Pasolli*, *Griffin*, *Booth*, *E. F.*, *Dombrowsky*, *Harper*, *R. W.*, *Halligan*, *Sullivan*, *Bailey*, *C. N.*, *King*, *H. C.*, *Parmly*, *Thompson*, *F. J.*, *Mc-*

Nary, *McLamb*, *Maher*, *Merrill*, *Storck*, *Forbes*, *Finnegan*, *Wallace*, *E. C.*, *Caywood*, *Rule*, *Outcalt*, *White E. H.*

The new make list since reunion adds two Major Generals (*Ent*, *U. G.*—*P.D.* to you; and *Partridge*, *E. E.*) and two Brigadier Generals (*Stowell*, *J. S.*, and *Turner*, *H. M.*). This brings our total of general officers to 17, three of whom wear two stars.

1925

Class news in the form of a letter to the editor from *Frank Fraser* follows:

The fog of war is certainly obscuring the activities of '25. Guess most of the members figure that they are doing the same old thing in the usual way and that no one gives a hoot anyhow.

Saw *Sam Babcock* and *Bill Ritchie* in Washington recently—you can see the results of their work in the newspapers every day. There was a time when *Stan* thought a river was something one crossed to get into Mexico, but he has to look at them differently today. *Bill Wood* happened to be out at Fort Riley temporarily, but he can usually be found in the Pentagon. Unfounded rumor has it that *Dave Tully*, *Gravy McCormick* and *Charlie Caldwell* are also around D. C. somewhere—congratulations to the last two named (for the information of those who haven't heard differently, they are now Brigadier Generals in the A.C.).

Was it you who told me that *Russ Randall* was still in the vicinity of San Francisco and apparently interesting himself in West Point history? Rather thought we would see *Russ* up here Graduation Week, but guess he is saving up for next year.

By the way, it isn't too early to remind the whole class that 1945 is coming, and that, come the end of 11 June 1945, twenty years will have passed since our graduation. Seems as though that ought to call for something.

John Kidwell came up from Florida for June Week this year, and was the only member of '25 present other than those stationed here. *John* transferred to the Air Corps a couple of years ago and is now stationed at Orlando.

Burton and *Garbisch* are stationed in New York—Division and District Engineers respectively.

Have you any idea how many of our class are in on the big push now going on? Guess *Charlie Saltzman* is still in England—he must have changed though for there was a piece in the paper sometime ago about his

being decorated, or something. Who would ever think that a Hundredth Night show could have such lasting effects?

At last reports *Gus Farwick* was still Finance Officer of a Division in Italy. It would be interesting to get his impressions of the Coliseum in Rome in comparison with the Yale Bowl or Yankee Stadium. *Bobbie Houze* is also with an Armored Division—commands one of the combat teams—but so far as I know is still in this country. *Jack Chamberlain* finished the Army and Navy Staff course and left for parts unknown a couple of months ago.

There are probably a lot of people that know more about the doings and whereabouts of our classmates than yours truly, but until they put it in writing it won't mean much to you, or any of the rest of us.

Pure conjecture places *Gilmore* in Italy, *Nutter* at Fort Knox, *Matteson* at Bowie in Texas, *Westphalinger* in Washington, *Sears* at Holobird, *Champlain* in Washington, *Hopkins* at Davis, *Davis* in Panama, *Harold* in Rhode Island, *Emerson* in Africa, *Cleland* in India, *Dulligan* in S.W. Pacific, *Fuller* in Italy, *Fraser* in a whirl and *Kost* in a fog. If you ever find out differently be sure to let me know.

As we go to press a letter came in from *Walter Hodge*—thanks *Walter*! He states he was ex officer of an engineer regiment during construction of the Alcan Highway—now a Post Commander in the Aleutians. He saw *Linkswiler* last week. *Links'* family of wife, 3 girls and 1 boy are at Morgantown, West Va., for the duration. *Walter's* family of wife, son and daughter at Douglas, Arizona.

1926

'26 salutes Brig. Gen. *Don P. Booth*, our first Ground Force general! '26 was too occupied prosecuting the war to send a single visitor to West Point this past June Week. But the four of us here drank a serious toast to all of you everywhere, wherever you may be. '26's first son, *Eduin James Van Horne, Jr.*, climbed the steep hill on July 1st with the incoming Class of 1947. At the same time his dad departed from West Point to attend the A.N.S.C.O.L. at Washington, D. C. Both *Anky Ankenbrandt* and *Ray Maude* have received the Legion of Merit for excellent work in coordinating our communication system. *Sparky Baird* is Class Director of the Special Staff Course at Leavenworth. *Coke Carter* is in the Office of Strategic Services, O.S.S., in the North

African Theatre. *Rodney Smith* is doing an excellent job of expediting spare parts, with the A.S.F. in Washington. Major *Walter (Pete) Young* made a flying visit to West Point prior to June Week before departing for the West Coast Air Command. *Jan Syckle* was last reported in England. Colonel *Ed Lyman Munson, Jr.* has been designated as Acting Chief of the Army Pictorial Service, Office of the Chief Signal Officer. *Benny Thurston* reports he has gone back to the wars in Mississippi. Lt. Col. *Bill Hawthorne* has assumed his duties as executive officer of the Harbor Defenses of Chesapeake Bay. Mrs. *Skinny Ringler* was a recent visitor at West Point. She reports that *Skinny* is still eating with chop sticks. Colonel *H. N. (Ludy) Tof-toy's* new address is Ord. Sec. Hq. E.T.O.U.S.A.

Not much '26 news this time. We know you're all plenty busy on the other side of the Atlantic or Pacific, but send in your news when you can. Best of luck to you all, and finish up your big jobs in good shape so we can all get together for '26's Twentieth Reunion in June 1946!

1927

June Week Roll Call—*Levings, Fooks, McManus, Mercer* and *Rose, Herb Kirkpatrick* away to Sill where he is taking the Advance Officers Training Course.

Recent visits from *Pegg, Hutcherson, Hocker, Verbeck, Burdge, Max Johnson* and *Burgess*. *Mike Pegg* is at Riverhead, L. I. Coast Defense Command. *Jack Burdge* is at Dix in command of a Field Artillery Battalion. *Max Johnson* also at Dix. *Hocker* is still the Military Attache at Lima, Peru. *Verbeck* down from Alaska after a two-year stay. Has been G-2 to the Department there took part in the Aleutian Campaign and Battle of Attu. He G-2's the U.S.A. as a pretty nice place after his wind swept and foggy sojourn in the Aleutians. *Burgess* and *Hutcherson* are in Washington.

Larry Kuter reports he gave *Mid Condon* his "one remaining bottle of Scotch whiskey in Kunming, China" on the day he learned of his latest promotion. On this same trip he saw *Chuck Stone*, now a Brig. Gen. and Chief of Staff in India; *Mone Asensio* and *Graybeal* in Delhi; *George McCoy*, also a B.G., and *Jack Sterling*, both in Guadalcanal; and *George Watley* in command of a C.A.C. regiment in Hawaii.

Douglas and *Perrine* wrote from England. They report seeing *Zeller, Berrigan, Edwards*, and *Potter* there.

Where now? *Ray Bell* is still at Camp Adair, Oregon. Word from *Hermie Schull* in China that he expects to hit the U.S.A. this summer.

Ham Sinclair has been retired and is now living at P.O. Box 633, Los Altos, Calif. He occasionally sees *Merry Masters*, living at Burlingame, Calif.

Joy Wrean has had an enviable record in New Guinea. In the days when Port Moresby was taking a beating from Jap planes, *Joy*, in charge of A.A. defense, was building up a real batting average at their expense. He now is executive officer of a Coast Artillery Brigade on the Island.

We hear *Cal Whittle* (Colonel) has command of the Fourth Transportation Zone in Atlanta, Georgia. *McLamb* has been sent as A.A. Officer to Fort Sam Houston. Also *Bill Glasgow* has been awarded Order of the British Empire by General *Alexander* for his distinguished staff work in Italy.

Just heard the news of the big push starting. Maybe will have *Wood, Trap*, and *Daly* back for our '47 reunion. If by chance you get this *Trap*, we're keeping the old gavel for you.

1928

Al Thayer is a P.W. in the Pacific Theatre. "*Webb*" *Anderson* received Legion of Merit for method of crating trucks for overseas. *Delmonico* has just been uncovered in a Q.M. shack at the "West Point of the Air," Stewart Field, Newburgh, N. Y. *Bill Breckinridge*, alleged to have been in Washington on a staff job is with troops in England. *Tarrant* is in India. *M. Pohl* just completed a tour as Assistant Professor of Math and is now enroute to Camp Davis. "*Tommy*" *J. Wells, Butchers* and *Walters* are on the Staff of the Fifth Army. *McGarr* has been in command of an Infantry regiment through Tunisia, Salerno and Anzio. *Harbold* has been starred and is in command of a Training Group in Texas. "*Tom*" *Tarpley* is doing time with the Japs in Formosa. "*Dunk*" *Sommerville* and *Hausman* just completed the C.&G.S.S. "*Dunk*" goes to the Headquarters, Second Army; *Evan* to foreign parts. "*Chick*" *King* is with the Invasion Forces. "*Blondie*" *Saunders* led the attack on Tokyo. *Hathaway* is in Dublin in the Military Attache's Office. "*Red*" *Moore* is in Washington. *Beatty* just completed C.&G.S.S. *Goldsmith* is headed for Hawaii. *McLennan* is at Fort Sill.

1929

Fortunately no grandiose plans were made for our 15th Reunion during June Week. *MacKensie* was here for a couple of hours June 4, and was the only one to return.

Chan Robbins is Exec. of a Cavalry Regiment (dismounted) in the S.W. Pacific.

Whitside Miller is with a Tank Bn. in Europe. He says *Johnny Theimer* had an F.A. Bn. and sailed at the same time he did; also that *Jones, S. W.* was J.A. in an Army Hqrs. and a colonel.

Jack Horner is reported to be in England—has married an English girl.

Jeanne and "*Weary*" *Wilson* have their second daughter, born in February. *Weary* is in India.

Kutz has been in England since July 1942. His wife is a W.A.C. corporal in the Motor Corps at Ft. Bliss, Texas.

Pee Wee Merrill wrote from England in March that he'd seen *Jim Gavin* and Colonels *Hamlin* and *Stubbs*, also had heard from *Zip Millett*. *Polo Mathews* was Regt. Exec. of the Regt. in which *Merrill* had a battalion.

"*Army*" *Armstrong* is with Hq., First Army, and *Dee Dee* can be reached at 93 Congdon St., Providence 6, R. I.

Paul Caraway has new eagles.

Fred and *Win Chaffee* have bought a house in Chevy Chase, D. C.

Dick and *Isabell Wentworth* live in Fairlington, Virginia, as do the *Chandlers*. "*Bozo*" *McKee* in Park-fairfax.

"*Gus*" *Brown* recently left for overseas after finishing the Army-Navy Staff School course.

Irma Jane has gone to Lufkin, Texas. (Washington news, courtesy of *Dee Dee Armstrong*).

"*Vic*" *Vickery* is with an F.A. Group in New Guinea and sports a heavy dark mustache.

E. E. Kirkpatrick is new C. of S. of the N. W. Service Command.

Apparently pleas for news do no good. Yes, I know you're busy, but get the little woman to write the dope. Most of the above came from the gals.

1930

Our 14th June Week has passed without the return of a single member of the class of 1930 to West Point. Class representation rested on those on duty here at the Academy, including *Atkinson*, *Barrow*, *Ferguson*, *Greco*, *Mark Smith*, *John Walsh*, *Dickinson*, *Shaffer*, *Schlatter*, and *Diddlebock*. *Atkinson* has now

left for Ft. Sill and *Greco* also has orders for Ft. Sill.

Col. *Ham Howze* reports he went through the Tunisian business from start to finish and now has a regiment in Italy. Received a Silver Star for work with a tank bn. *Percy Brown* is G-4 of this Division. Col. *Bob Porter* reported in Italy on the staff of the 2nd Corps.

Col. *Bob Wood* has received the Purple Heart in Italy. He has recovered from a shell wound and is reported in Rome at present.

LeRoy Bartlett is now Chief of U.S. Military Mission in Nicaragua, Sup. of their Military Academy, and a B.G. in the Nicaraguan Army. He visited W.P. in March and reported *Jimmy Lockett* at Amador, C. Z., *Andy Wright* at Ft. Sherman, C. Z., and *Bristol* the C.O. at Rio Visto, C. Z. The late Mrs. *Marjorie Curcio*, widow of *Anthony E. Curcio*, was buried at W.P. in May.

We note the award of the Distinguished Flying Cross to *Dick Hutchinson* for his work before the fall of Manila and the Legion of Merit to Col. *Sory Smith* for his work as Ass't Chief of Staff of the Middle East Air Force.

Sam Morrow, *Ludlow King*, and *Joe Riley* finished the 17th General Staff Course at Ft. Leavenworth in March. The 18th G.S.C. included the following from our class: *Fred Ammerman*, *John Dice*, *Norm Burnett*, *Tom Kent*, *Jack Rothschild*, *Al* and *Ann Watson*, *Wank* and *Rheba Ewbank*, and *Mark Smith*. *McCoy* and *Eckert* were also reported at Leavenworth in March. *Win Sisson* left W.P. in March for Ft. Sill.

Lt. Col. *Joe Riley* is with an Inf. regiment at Camp Adair in Oregon, and reports *Jim Richardson* is G-3 of an Inf. regiment at Camp Adair.

Among the Class of 1930 in Washington are *Fred Terry* and *M. J. Lee* in the Operations Division of the War Department General Staff. *Archie Stewart* is located in G-2 Section, War Department. At Wright Field, *Howard McCoy* is an expert on propellers. *Ralph Swofford* has worked on jet planes among other jobs and *M. E. Bradley, Jr.* is also at this station.

Col. *Fred Castle* has a wing in England and reports seeing *Pete Peterson* who is now in the Aviation Engineers, and B.G. *Larry Norstad*, now with the 12th Air Force in Africa or thereabouts. *Jimmy Curtis* and *Wilson* are reported in England. Also in England are *Millard Lewis*, *Dave Baker*, *Gerry Mason*, and *Cayce Odom*. *Joe Miller* is missing in action from England and there

has been little information about him.

Jim Lunn is with a tank destroyer force at Camp Claiborne, La. He visited with *Heimerdinger* and *Bob Ports* at Camp Polk in La.

Chuck Heitman visited W.P. in March on the way to far places. *Schimmelpfennig* is Chief of Staff of an airborne division and recently reported that he was heading West. Col. *Haugen* is in the same outfit with *Fritz*. Col. *Don Neil* called from N.Y. while on a hurried trip back from England. Col. *Tom Stoughton* recently relieved *Don* in England.

Bob and *Connie Booth* were up from Washington in March. *Mary Catherine Peterson* (Mrs. C. L.) and *Margaret Neil* (Mrs. D. R.) visited W.P. in April. *Elizabeth Schimmelpfennig* paid us a return visit in May with the 3 small Schimmels.

New arrival Dept. The *Ferguson's*: baby girl on April 27th. Expecting: the *Rothschilds*.

Let's expand this column and include the balance of the class of Thirty. If at all possible, write to any classmate here at West Point during the summer, let us know what you are doing, and who you may have seen in your travels. This is the only way we can give you an up to the minute summary for the September issue.

1931

Our front line correspondents are too busy to write, so our news is scarce. *Bob Cassevant* is Director of the Camp Evans Sig. Lab. *Alex Sutherland*, on a stopover here between Leavenworth and Leonard Wood reports seeing *Charley Baldwin*, *Brown, J. M.*, *Steinbach*, *Urban*, *Hoover*, and *Willis* at the school. *Rajah Moore* is an instructor there. *McNair*, *Berg*, and *Hackett* have left U.S.M.A. *Kunish* and *Mansfield* are with the A.N.S.C.A.L.S., and *Dutch Spangler* is at Monroe. Thassall—hope we have more next time.

1932

Dick Hunt from his L Tank C.P. abroad furnishes most classmates' locations. Near him in Europe he finds *Jack Welborne*, *Charlie Carroll*, *Ed Raff*, *Bob Hewitt*, *Floyd Hansen*, *Ray Stecker*, *J. Gavin* and *Phil Pope*. *Dick's* family is at Battery Lane, Baltimore near those of *Woolnough*, *Pinkie Smith*, *Bill Moore* and *Pete Hinshaw*. These last two gents are in the far Pacific area.

At Leavenworth our stellar reporter is *Rog Pryor*, Chief of G-2 Instruction there. In the 18th G.S. class were Col. *M. R. Williams*, *Petie*

Allen fresh from Panama, *Hugh Carey* of the A.F. School Faculty at Knox. *Hugh* had the tough luck to fall and break his leg at mid-course. Your reporter *Tod Slade* also attended there and is now back at the Academy, looking for more of this G-1 data for the column. *Pryor* also tells about *McNulty*, a G-3 at McCain; *Davy* is a Signal O. in Hawaii and that *Johnnie Bowen* is working at O.P.D. after his splendid leadership of an Inf. regiment in Africa earned him many decorations including the Silver Star twice over; of *Luke Morris* in Q.M. Transportation; of *John Steele* at O.P.D.; of Col. *Hal Walmsley* in San Antonio; of *Louis Truman* as C. of S. of an Inf. Div.; of *Bill Davidson*, Bn. Comdr. of an Inf. Div. in the Pacific.

Col. *Alan Schrader* has been through the New Georgia campaign and is Finance Officer of a Corps Hq. on Bougainville. *Free Bigelow* is Ordnance O. at Cav. School, Ft. Riley.

Ash Manhart wrote us a newsy one about his command in an Inf. regiment fighting in Sicily and Italy. He is now Regtl. Exec. of another outfit and had seen *Charlie Dorsa* an Army G-4; *Aaron Lazar*, Army G-3; *Jim Churchill* on Army Staff; *Lou Smith* on a Corps Staff; *Roy Moore*, Regtl. Exec. of an Inf. regiment; *Roy Cochrane* was Exec. of 1st Armd. Div., last seen near Mateur.

So only three classmates, *Hunt*, *Pryor* and *Manhart* furnished this much news; if you have been glad to read it, please send in your own tid-bits to Editor, *Assembly* or to *Slade* at West Point.

1934

June Week 1944 has come and gone, giving to those of '34 who were fortunate enough to be here an opportunity to celebrate our tenth reunion. For some the occasion marked their first return to West Point since graduation while for others it provided an opportunity to see and chat with classmates who have been separated for ten long years. But the most impressive part of the occasion was reading the many letters from classmates scattered throughout the world and who, although busy with War duties, took enough time to extend their best wishes for a successful reunion. The few of us here were mighty happy to hear from so many, especially because in many cases it provided us with our first information regarding where our classmates are and what they are doing in this great war. We, of course would like

to receive repeat letters from those who have already written in but also word from those from whom we haven't heard.

Considering present world conditions our reunion was a success that only a larger turnout could have made greater. *Jack White* flew in from Childress Field, Texas where he is C.O., *Jud Reeves* and wife dropped in from New Haven, Conn. where he commands the A.A.F. Tech School at Yale. *Tom Hayes* rode the rails from Camp Pickett, Va. in order to join the West Point gang which now consists of *Sanders, R. H., Finkenaur, Weitzel, Denson, Diejendorf, Hoffman* and *Beanie Johnson* who soon leaves us to go to Washington. These were the ten who made the tenth, all hoping that fate will be more generous to us when we observe future reunions. Though poor in classmates we were rich in spirit, all of which helped to make our tenth a memory we shall want to keep. It also gave us an opportunity to record the following:

Congratulations to *George Dany* who announced the birth of a son, *George Jr.* born April 8, 1944 and to *Jack Shuck* whose daughter was born April 30, 1944. Our overseas bureau reports the following on whereabouts of classmates: In England: *Barnes, O'Connell, Adams, R. H., Moore, E. W., Warren, Fuller, R. W., Winn, Martin, Jenna, Eatman, Sieg, Erlenkotter, Kyser, Piram.* In Italy: *Lynn, Tank, Brown, S. L.* In India: *Fell, Winkle, Betts, Carey, Still.* In S.W. Pacific: *McKinney, Bruce, Fajardo* and *Dick Smith*, the latter being a P.W. in the Philippines. In South America: *Hanley* and *Andrews, Dud Wilmeth* is in Moscow living up to expectations by keeping the embassy in stitches. Since space does not permit us to record all the information we have on classmates here in the United States we shall have to save that for a later issue. Readers of this column are requested to help us keep our files complete by writing in wherever you are and whenever you can.

1935

Thanks to the Class G-2 in Washington, business picked up a bit for this issue; most of the following information is his voluntary contribution. I hope that it inspires others in the Class to come across with more of the stuff we all like to keep up with.

Hart Caughey, Bill Proctor, Ed Harris, Sam Griffin, Jerry Culver, Art Fickel, Bud Russ (recently re-

turned from Alaska and Italy) and *John Morgan* are with O.P.D., War Department General Staff. *Tom Clarkin* operates as liaison between O.P.D. and S.W. Pacific. *Brick Keybold, Deacon Moore* (a full Colonel), *Bergquist, Jack Roberts* and *Jack Hickman* are with Hq., A.A.F. *Bauer* is in the Office of the Chief Signal Officer.

John Kemper, Benny Heckemeyer and *Alan Bernier* (just back from North Africa) are in G-2, War Department General Staff. *Gibson, Summers Dick, Jim Worthington, Jim Kimbrough, and Dilley* (just returned from North Africa where he was wounded) are with Hq., A.G.F. *Ray Adkinson* just finished a course at the C.&G.S. School at Leavenworth. *Sinclair* is Liaison Officer for the C.&G.S. School with G-3, War Department General Staff. *Pat Mente* is G-3 of an Armored Division. *Charlie Hoy* is instructing at the Cavalry School after distinguishing himself in combat in North Africa.

Tom Woodyard (recently returned from the Aleutians) is now at Benning. *Benny Hawes* is in the G-3 Section in Algiers. *Charlie Rich* is in the Paratroops at Benning. *Reuben Tucker* and *Herb Batchellor* are commanding Paratroop Regiments overseas. *Duke McKentee* has a Paratroop Regiment at Bragg. *Growden, Cummings* and *Fiore* are somewhere in Louisiana. *Jim Buck* is commanding a Bomb Squadron in Alaska. *Yobby Morris* is with the C.A. in Panama. *Gib Sherrard* is G-3 of an Infantry Division. *Wilby* is G-4 of an Infantry Division.

John Throckmorton and *Ham Twitchell* are in the E.T.O. *John Lang* is with the Engineers in Alaska. *Pappy Eckhardt* (awarded the Legion of Merit) is on the staff of Admiral *Nimitz* in the Pacific. *Joe Anderson* is also working with the Navy in the Pacific. *Jimmy Adams* is in the Central Pacific. *Rogers, C.A.* (a full Colonel) is with Q.M.C., *Herb Gee* commands an Engineer Regiment, and *Sellers, Bassitt* and *Thomas* are with the Infantry in the S.W. Pacific. *Hank Thayer*, also in the S.W. Pacific, is with Aviation Ordnance. *Art Frye, Jim Totten, Bill Lapsley, and Armogida* are in Italy. *Moose Stillman* and *Jimmy Alger* are prisoners in Germany as are *John Nieger* and *Bidgood* in Japan. *George Oglesby*, who just completed the course at the Naval War College, was a visitor here during June Week.

The class group here at West Point has lost *John Parker* (now Division Engineer of a Mountain Division),

Van Ormer (now with A.S.F. in the Pentagon Building in Washington), and *Joe Moore* (now taking a course at Leavenworth). However, *Milt Taylor* now with the T.D., recently joined us to make our total here, 10. Next June Week, our tenth reunion, brings up a problem in our minds to do something about the situation. No doubt, conditions being what they are, it won't be what it could be. However, we might find more to work on if you'd let us have your ideas on the subject.

1936

The big news this time is Brigadier General *Casey Vincent*. Congratulations, Casey. Now we are waiting for the pictorial representation by our contemporary biographer. I'll save the clipping for you.

Bill Hay sent in a mimeographed poopsheet reporting on the class reunion held in England in February. Unless *Bill* exaggerated a little, he and *Howie Snyder* really staged a party. Those wearing the woe-be-gone look the next day, in addition to the aforesaid, included *West Westmoreland*, *Nip Page*, *Norm Spencer* and *Wally Barrett* with feathered stuff on their shoulders, *Bobby O'Brien*, *Bruce Partridge*, *Freddy Gaston*, *Eddie Dunn*, *Bill Sibert* (what branch now, *Bill?*), *Mickle-mouse Michaelis*, and *Dave Milne*. According to a letter from *Howie Snyder* just before the party, others in that area include *Sullivan*, *Sutherland*, *Sikes*, *Childes*, *Dowling*, *Lorian*, *Maxwell*, *Grohs*, *Dickens*, *Christian-son*, and *Pepple*. *Billingslea* is a paratrooper somewhere overseas.

From the Southwest Pacific, an old F. Co. flanker, *Bernie Bess*, sent in some news. *Ben Turnage* is an assistant G-3. *Henry Mucci* has a flashy commando outfit. *Jock Clifford* is reported to have participated in the landing at Hollandia. *Ray Harvey* and *Walt Faiks* have Engineer Aviation outfits. *Willie Ryder* is now Air-borne Liaison Officer with the Sixth Army. Both *Bill Meany* and *Bob Blodget* are in Australia with Air Force Ordnance. *Bruce Palmer* and *Fred Walker* are supposed to be on their way to the S.P.A. A new colonel with eagles and Legion of Merit is *Foster Furphy*. Good going, *Foster*. *Johnny Bartella* has a fighter wing and *Clint True* a bomber group, both in New Guinea.

There is little gossip on the home front. Col. *Perkins* is C.O. of a flying school in Oklahoma. *Arnold*, operations and cloud-gazer down Carolina way, has sprouted them thar

eagles. *Dave Hiester* and *Phil Greene* are still in Washington.

Some recent news from *Mich McCormick*, who after going to Leavenworth is now an Exec in a combat unit of an armored division in Texas. *Bidge Smith* is doing the same thing in the same division. *Chuck Waters* is the Engineer Officer. *Rickenbaugh* is C.O. of a reconnaissance squadron in another armored division but whereabouts unknown.

Here at U.S.M.A. only one new face joined us old men for the Alumni line-up. *Lee Shea* is now a Tac along with *Wurt Williams*. *Oren Swain* has departed. Others still holding the fort are *Chuck Prosser*, *Ken Dawalt*, *Bill Kinnard*, *Steve Holderness*, *Bill Longley*, and yours truly, *Rogers, I. W.*

It has been great news to hear of those IRON DICE rolling across the Channel. We expect to be able to report on the deeds of '36 in the next issue.

1938

"*Maloney, A.A., Camp Hale, Colo. —'Chicken Colonel', Parachute Bn., was on Attu*"—(that's a note I received)—imagine! We all owe *Maloney* a great deal—he even has time to raise poultry!!!

A vote of thanks to Mrs. *Nicholas H. Chavasse*, 708 S. Adams St., Arlington, Va. for her letter:

"*Nick* at Leavenworth. *Lloyd Johnson* there instructing. *Rollin Durbin* there too, he has FOUR (4) boys. (She put caps on FOUR.) *Strange*, *Heslebower*, *Moorman*, *Janarone*, *Smith* (?), *Wansboro* and several others there. *Van Sickle's* girl is named *Anne*, *Barry Browne* and Mrs. named theirs *Bonnie—Gabriel Russell* was killed in P-38 crash near Casa Blanca."

Zaiser back from combat duty in European, African and Mediterranean areas—passed through Florida.

Hawes (Italy) wrote: "*Virg Zoller* here, haven't seen him yet."

I have a nice little card with pink ribbon: *Alice Darlene Damon*—March 21st, 1944.

Warren (Dutch) Williams writes: Saw *Mark Brennan* on Anzio beach-head. Also saw *Bud Mearns* runding around mountains of Italy, wounded, but back in action. *Brown, H. L.* has a nice swivel chair in Italy and distributes socks to the troops. My wife and baby daughter live at 2320 Schaul St., Columbus, Ga.

From *W. E. Lotz*, 12th March, the following: *Jim Isbell* came through Orlando commanding a group of "heavies". *Coleman, J. B.* and *Krug*

members of Air Force Staff Officers course and spent several weeks here (Fla.) after finishing at Leavenworth. *Coleman, G. C.* dropped in office (Fla.) several weeks ago.

Would appreciate addresses of the following men: *Vail, W. H.*, *Sawyer, T. I.*, *Sturdivant, F. P.*, and *Jackson, C. L.*—with addresses changing so fast I have nothing on these men. Will they, friends, or their families, give *Lotz* the addresses?

Anderson, C. H., Tac, Usamay, turned in: *Ed Bailey* is in England, Armored Bn. *G. G. O'Connor* in New Guinea, wife and 2 daughters at Camp Polk, La. *John Tillson, III*, G-2 of old Rainbow Div. *Greg Lynn* air instructor at Ft. Sill. *Dick Stilwell* at Fort Dix, N. J. *Kent Schmidt* at Camp McCay, Wis. *Singer* is in England. *Chesarek*—Ireland. *Gus Broberg* an instructor at Sill. Last heard *John Hamilton* was in Oregon with *Billy* and the two children. *Dick Sims* recently received eagles—in England. *Dupuy*—Burma. Also: *Harris Rogner* promoted to Colonel. *John Pattison* commands Selfridge Field, Mich.

Another June Week gone by here—four '38 at Alumni luncheon—*Kieffer*, *Anderson, C. H.*, *Glance* (author) and *Kincaid* (up from Avon Park, Fla.). No other classmate turned up.

Say, every time one of you '38 wives write in I get the dope—keep it up! Our classmates all over the world want to read names, jobs and locations. You gals really help. Please, let's have more. Until the next issue—so long.

1939

The fifth reunion of the Class of 1939 consisted of a rousing get-together of *Megica* and *Medinnis*, plus about half of those members stationed at West Point who fell in at the rear of the "Long Gray Line" and pushed the old grads from Cul-lum to Washington Hall for the Alumni Exercises. We hope the thirtyniners in England, Italy, S.W.P.A., C.B.I., et al, had reunions of sorts in their respective theatres. A reunion in any theatre would probably garner more celebrants than there are at West Point. It would certainly garner more celebrities.

Among those who might have had a reunion at C.B.I. (China, Burma, India—not Chairborne Infantry) are: *Bud Newcomer*, defending the brass hats against air attack; and *Jimmy Muir*, an assistant brass hat, being defended.

The following members might have had their reunion in the English

Channel or in the air above it on their way to Normandy: *Pete Van-Devanter* (a full Colonel), *Bill Martin*, *Homer Barber*, *Charlie Mount*, *Higgie Higgins* (G-3ing an assault division, we hear), *Curly Edwards*, *Joe Bowman*, *Frank Mildren* (commanding an Invasion Battalion, we believe), *Ben Miller*, *Jack Christian*, *John Jaycox*, and *George Jumper* whom you can blame if any of this is wrong. Also mixed up in England, or vicinity, are *Dick Wolfe*, *Eddie Ostberg*, *Bob Ploger*, and a lot of others who won't tell us about it.

A reliable source reports that *Bob Crandall*, who was formerly listed as missing in action after leading a Ranger Battalion at Anzio, is a prisoner of war.

Back to the zone of the interior, in fact all the way back to Usmay, West Point has seen a few of the Class of 1939 back for short visits at odd moments: *Speedy Hull*, *Jack Beier*, and *John Chechila*. *Woody Wilson* and *Louie Kunzig* have flown the coop of our rockbound highland home. *Woody* is temporarily with the 2nd Army Engineers, and *Louie* has taken over an Infantry Battalion.

Latest tid-bit from the upper crust of Long Island: *Erf (Cyrano) Ford* has nicked a berth as an Inspector General working up and down the east coast out of Mitchel Field harassing the troops.

Address all complaints to the Association of Graduates, West Point, N. Y., and tell us where you and the rest of your classmates are and what you are doing.

—*W. J. McConnell*
and *W. J. Wells*.

1940

Means of communication are not rapid, but a campaign started a year ago has resulted in a good column for our class this time. Keep the letters coming.

Maedler in Hawaii says that he has seen *Flanders*, *H. B. Chandler*, and *Art Nelson*. From the Anzio beachhead *P. S. Reinecke* tells of a class party at which were present *Paulick*, *Bates*, *Webster* and *Kramer*. *Bates* sent a letter about the same time and adds that *Hank Arnold*, *Woody Smith*, *Coats*, and *Archie Knight* are also in Italy. *Marie* says that *Chuck Esau* is on Tarawa and has received the D.F.C. *Ted Willis* and *Bob Little* are on the same island.

Charlie Shaunese at C.&G.S. says that among those present taking the course are *Rooney*, *Clark*, *C. L.*, *Sleeper*, *Rauck*, *Norvell*, *Brewerton*, *O'Connor*, *Conley*, *Devlin*, *Bethune*, and *Gildart*. *P. S. Cullen* is still

teaching at C.&G.S. *Perry* is back in Cairo, *Frank Wagner* is in the Middle East, and *Harry French* is with the 9th A.F. in England.

Tony Wermuth just back from Alaska is taking the course at Benning and gives out some good dope. *Bill Kasper* and *Tom Muller* transferred from C.A.C. and are taking the course in the school. Instructors in the school include *Barry*, *O'Donnell*, *Hudson*, *Jung* and *Monroe*. Somewhere in the vicinity are *Miner*, *Ted Davis*, *Borden*, *Stewart*, *Erspamer* and *Belt*.

The community letter written at C.&G.S. fills in lots of the gaps. *Devlin* says that *Hazeltine* is in New Delhi, *Jim Rogell* is in Chungking and *Stoddart* is in Calcutta. *Ray Sleeper* helps out a lot by saying *Francis Gideon* is a colonel as A-3 of the 5th A.F. *Frank Coleman* is ass't A-3. *Chuck Oglesby* is in the S.W.P.A. with the 24th div. *Dill Ellis* did a bang-up job over there and is back. *Paul Deems* is also with the 5th A.F. *Vic Conley*, *Joe Hardin* and *J. K. Roberts* are all at Camp Shelby. *Bethune* came back from Panama and is married. *Brewerton* says that *Mouse Coleman* has a P-39 outfit in Panama. *Robby Norris* completed C.&G.S. in April and has gone back to the C.P.A.

Dorothy Zienowicz says that *Vic* was lost on the raid over St. Nazaire on November 23, 1942. *Vic* had received the Purple Heart and the Air Medal with a Cluster.

H. B. Chandler in Hawaii adds that *Dixie Fraser*, *Len Orman*, *Klunk*, *Bill Clay* and *Harnett* are in Hawaii. However, since that time I saw *Jack Harnett* on his way to the W.D. General Staff in Washington.

Sam Patten got another good one in time to make this issue. According to him *Ernie Jones* has an A.A. Bn. near *Sam*, *Alan Thayer* is still Q.M.ing in the South Pacific, and *Jack Corbly* and *Jerry Addington* are the same Island with *Sam*.

Phil Elliott from Camp Gruber, Okla., verifies that *Woody Vaughn* is in China, *Zero Zahrobsky* at Camp MacKall, N. C., and *Dunham* and *Fellenz* are at Camp Gruber.

J. B. Bonham came through with a beaut for the Southwest Pacific Area. He says that *Ware*, *Renwanz*, *Hase-man*, *Gideon*, *Stella*, *Deems*, *Ulm*, *Clock* and *McFarland* are all down there with him. *J. B.* ought to know because he is ass't G-3 of Army. *J. B.* maintains that *Fat Harry Stella* is the amphibian expert and is doing a good job.

Ralph Osborn now in the A-2 section in Washington wins the fur-lined

prize for this issue. The following are excerpts from his letter. *Harrison* in Tampa, *Klar* and *Wynne* in Tampa. *Ruebel*, *Parker*, *Nelson* and *Wilcox* in the Mediterranean. *M. P. Davis* on way back to U.S. *Mackenzie* lost in action over Europe. *Clizbe* in the Mediterranean. *A. B. Hughes* just returned to U.S. from the U.K. *Dalziel* and *Gillem* in the A.A.F. in the Mediterranean. *W. F. Lewis* and *Dill Ellis* at Tampa. *W. F. Coleman* at Barksdale Field. *R. Warren* at Boise, Idaho. *Ray Downey* in the Mediterranean. *Fairlamb* assistant air inspector at Charlotte, N. C. *Skip Fowler* in Washington as ass't air engineer. *Stump Barnard* has a B-25 outfit at Greenville, S. C. and *A. J. Russell* has an A-20 squadron in the same place. *J. B. McAfee* and *E. F. Hoover* are instructors in the A.F. T.A.C. in Orlando, Florida. *J. B. Summers* is Group S-3 at Charlotte, N. C. *Loofbourrow* has a P-38 outfit in China. *Pat Dwyer* and *T. R. Milton* are in England. *Carey O'Bryan* is teaching the boys at A.F.T.A.C. in Orlando, Fla. *Jack DeWitt* recently took a group of B-17's to England and *Jim Ridgell* is flying the "Hump" in India. Thanks a million for all the poop, *Ralph*; it makes the job a little easier when I get letters like yours.

Marvin Jacobs, on duty with A.G.F., recently was at Usmay. He stated that the following were on duty in Washington: *Sheetz*, *Sullivan*, *Coleman*, *Morrissey*, *Ferry*, *Denno*, *Donahue*, *Harnett* and *Maxwell*. According to *Jake*, *Joe Donahue* could help out this column by giving me some dope as to the general location of the F.A. men. How about it *Joe*?

Only two men were able to be at Usmay for the fourth reunion. They were *Jack Harnett* and *Jacobs*. Those teaching los cadetes at Usmay are *Carnahan*, *Spengler*, *Pillsbury*, *Tuck*, *Rorick*, *George Dixon*, *Ivan Sattem*, *Dice*, *Humphrey* and *Clark*, *C. L. Paul O'Neil* and *Rooney* have left Usmay since the last edition. *George Dixon*, *Ivan Sattem* and *Dice* are the newcomers.

As in the last issue, the last word is "does anyone know the address of one *Fat Willie Buck*?"

To all of those who wrote me letters my most grateful thanks. In the future I shall acknowledge them more promptly. If you know of anyone who is not now receiving his "Assembly", tell him to write to me and I shall see what can be done. From now on I shall try to keep an address file of the members of '40; with your help I can keep it up to date.

—*Carnahan*.

1941

Available information for this column is profuse but sketchy. We hope to remedy this situation by an organization of the members present at W.P. We had a stag dinner at the club in April to send *Ledford* on his way.

Send in the poop on everything of interest to the class and it will be filed here for perusal by any member interested who happens to be passing through.

In the event the news becomes sufficiently voluminous, we'll supplement that which is included in the *Assembly* by poop-sheet similar to *Andrus'* with his permission, or shoot the stuff to him so that he can put it out. Each of us is indebted to *Bert* and *Jack* for their efforts on that sheet because it has been THE source of information for all of us.

Let's hear from all the wives, but remember—anybody who has more kids than the *Millikens* are cheating! Send your information to any of the chair-born soldiers present including: *Lee, G. A., Hutson, McKinley, Schnitke, Oswalt, Marsh, Ramey, Milliken, Roy, Mather, Huffman, Strain, Jensen, Thomas, Cooper, Harrison, Gehrig, Thigpen, Michels, and Moucha.*

Domestic Department

Hatfield is assigned, but he, *Cooper*, and *Mather* are now at C.&G.S. school and will be back the last part of August. *Lee, Ramey, and Huffman, D. S.,* Armd. Force School, *Strain* at Benning, *Harrison* at Columbia. *Moucha* just back from 14 months hospitalization after Africa. *Unger* and *Carlson* just shoved off to Ky. to join Combat Bns. at Breckenridge. *Stigers* is at Camp Stewart. *Thigpen* just back from New Guinea where he has been for over 2 years (his wife has been waiting for him for 15 years!) *K. O. Dessert* was here during June week. He's in the Promotion Dept. trying to find his way around the Pentagon in Wash. now. *Glenn Lee* discovered the girl of his dreams in Ky. *Elsberry* was in Panama for a couple of months, is now at Sill and purportedly heading this way for duty. *Coakley* is with a Cav. outfit in N.E.S. *Andy Evans, Rod O'Connor, and Dessert* just completed C.&G.S. *M. J. L. Greene, Picket* and *Tansey* in the Desert on maneuvers last I heard. *Matt Harrison* back from 18 months in Puerto Rico. *Irwin* back in the states. *Horn* is back from S.W. Pacific. *McCool* stopped in on the way to Dix. *McIntyre, S.C.* in Texas. *Charlie Maynard* Ass't S-2, A.A. Brigade in Boston. *Norm Cofer* now Major in Q.M. *Sharkey* transferred to Infan-

try last March. *Kennedy* is at Belvoir.

England

Howdy Clark went to England in January. Saw *Sam McGruder* at the Pic in N.Y. in January. He had a Btry of Div. Arty and was headed there. *Ace Moody* now holding down a division staff job there. He left about a week before his wife *Jean* came through with another girl. *Mac Jones* was kicking around at Shanks but *Ace* ran into him in England. *Bill Cummins* is an A.A. instructor there and getting fatter. *Roy Kelley* and *Butch Rising* commanding Engr Bns. *Thigpen* ate Christmas dinner with *Butch* in New Guinea last year—what a damn globe trotter. *Gooper McConnell* in Engrs. *J. C. H. Lee* being interviewed for aide to Gen. *Montgomery*. *LeRoy Watson, Capt. A.C. Gerace* and *Gelderman* fighting with the Q.M. *Paul Duke, S-3* Combat Engr Bn in Ireland, has a daughter, *Karon*, in Tacoma, Wash. *Rosell* with F.A. Gp. in Ireland. *Rosen* in G-4 office in London. *D'Esposito* near London. *Dick Travis* engineered reunion in London 12 April. *Osgood, Blanchard, Dean, Avery, Briggs, Gelderman, Rosen, Freese, Kelsey, Elder, MacIntyre, Stalnaker, Gerace, Brooks, Brier, Kunkel* and *Corbin* were there. *Travis* couldn't be there but he ran into *Pettie, Whitaker, and Horace Brown* in Italy. *Joe Ward* has arrived in England, *Jim King* is in Ireland. *Moyer* is over there someplace. *Jack Norton* was in a parachute Regt at Anzio but is now in England. *Neumeister* writes that *T. K. White* is finally in a T.O. slot and holding down a position vacancy for a majority. *Woolwine* just made major. *Bagshaw* is in London. Both *Graham* and *Waiite* in England. *Avery* Ass't S-3 9th Ftr. Command. Lt. Col. *Ball* commanding S.Q. of B-17s. *Bentley* is P.W. in Europe as of June. Estimated 75 to 90 of class in England.

Tuttle is the latest Lt. Col. in the class in New England which brings the total to 9—all A.C. Got a letter from *Joe Tate's* brother and I'd like to call everybody's attention to parts of it. ". . . *Joe* is still Officially listed as missing in action . . . there is an excellent chance for his survival, which we, knowing *Joe*, expect. The letters of sympathy received by my mother are greatly appreciated, but I feel that your announcement has caused warranted concern but unwarranted grief for those who know him."

Italy—North Africa

Skowronek is in Algiers, *Gurfein* is Paratroop Engr in Sicily. *Durr* is

Ass't G-3 in *Charlie Ryder's* famous 34th. *Bodzin* is in a F.A. Bn. and *Whittaker* is Exec. of a Gp. in Italy. *Bill Bailey* says he damn near won the war in N. Africa single handed. Landed at Algiers, fought the Sicilian campaign and has been in Italy since Salerno. He was in Anzio too with *Durr*. *McElroy, Gp. S-2* in A.A. on Italian front. If *Mc* hasn't changed I'll bet he still carries a sheaf of *Readers Digests* in his back pocket. *Tom Cramer* missing in action a year now. *Jarvis* still missing after the Ploesti raid. *Franklin* missing in Italy since April. *Home* killed in experimental flight in Italy in February when his plane had a structural failure. *Lokker* is in Italy. *Laddie Greene* was one of 6 officers that were left of a Bn. in landing in N. Africa. He's fought all over N. Africa, Sicily and Italy with the 1st Armd.

Atlantic, Pacific and Far East

Aliotta and *Anderson* are in Panama with *Baker*. *Besancon* is in the S.W. Pacific. *Boggs*, is in Hawaii. *Goddard* is Exec. of an Engr Bn. in Hollandia and participated in the initial assault. *Manley* just left Frisco for places unknown. *Thigpen* had a company of Avn. Engrs in New Guinea and ran into *Zeke Edgers* who was Exec. of an Ord. Gp. there. *Kisiel* has an A.A. Btry in New Guinea. *Cochran, H.* and *Busby* have transferred to the paratroops. *Charlie Pierce* now flying in New Guinea. *Billy Mitchell* Opns. officer in Alaska due back in the states this August. *Pierpont* and *Polla* both P.W. of the Japs. *Redmon* was on Guadalcanal last January. That's all.

1942

First a little news from the home guard, "42" has undergone a couple of changes here at U.S.M.A. *Bill Hamilton* wrangled his way out and over, but *Paul Cerar* and *John Baker* (M) Co. reported in to plug the gap. *Cerar* is in Physics and *Baker* in Mechanics Dept. *Wise* and *Yeilding* got a short reprieve to go to School before another year as keepers of the flame (gig will).

For benefit of old legalized murder *Lax* upset Navy and won Nat. Intercollegiate title.

Bud Roecher, Jack Kennedy, Hony Tate and *George Buck*, honored us with a visit while on way over. *Ray Johnson* and wife were through to say hello.

June Week went on as usual. Graduation day was on D-Day so took a back seat. *Dick Brice* was our sole visitor. Alumni exercises took on an added significance this year. When they sang *The Corps* its loaded

phrases spoke volumes. Taps for *Al Witte*, *Carey Brown*, *Jim Cairness*, *Red Farrell*, *Bob Ferguson*, *Lemar Gimperling* and *Winkelmeyer* left a big hole in our ranks.

Flanagan writes from Leavenworth that he, *Jackson*, *Plott* and *Koster* are at C.&G.S. *Dean* passed through on way to Camp *Richie*, Md. *Horan* married at Camp *Carson*, Cal. *Warren* (E Co.), *Standish*, *Sam Hays* and *Cockrell* are in 94th.

Carley writes that *Ernie White*, *Manierre*, *Frank Snow*, *Slaton*, *Beers* (prisoner in Germany), *Redlinger*, *Josendale*, *Tabb*, *Hanst*, *Cobb*, *Berra*, *Rede* are in England. *Dick Clark*, *Danny Raymond* are still in Italy.

Others in England are *Jim White*, *Deffke*, *Gene Smith*, *Bob Evans*, *Judy Garland*, *Burris*, and *Lee Clay*. *Michel*, *Rienzi* and *Murphy* are in India. *Kraft* with Cavalry in England, *Watson* with Cav. in S. Carolina. *Reinbold Eisenschmidt*, *Jerry Ellis*, *Polcari*, are in S.W.P.A. *Crosson* is in New Orleans in Garde Gen. Hosp.—(sounds like the pill rollers have him). *Bartell* is B-17 Instructor in Gulfport.

Joe Cannon at Ft. Meade writes: *Van Warren* is at Anzio. *Doc Hyde*, and *Ray Geiger* in the vicinity. *Loughman*, is also still in Italy. *Divers* with Infantry at Fort *Jackson*, S. C.

John Murphy is somewhere in England—has been on liaison or something.

Thanks to *Carley*, *Joe Cannon*, Mrs. *Jim White*, *Flanagan*.

A note for M Co.—All wives and members of M Co.—(42) send news to Mrs. *R. J. White*, Underhill Rd., Ossining, N. Y.—for M Co. poop sheet.—Any news for "42" please send to *Assembly*, West Point and we will try to keep the ball rolling.

January, 1943

Jim Kelleher has finished a course at Fort *Sill*, and is now the assistant Tank Destroyer officer for the 4th Army. *Rex Minckler* is getting married in Springfield, Missouri on 24th June. *Ham Bonham* has recovered from a case of mumps. He's been in England for quite some time. Some of his recent visitors include *Carmack*, *Elvy Roberts*, *Eberle*, *Lacy*, *Rippin*, *Beeson* and *Butcher*. *Draggy Doran* has been in England since April, living in a castle. He is in the intelligence end of the Signal Corps with the ground forces. *T. Q. Donaldson*, IV is attending advanced officer's class (mech.) at Ft. *Riley*, Kansas.

Vlcek, *Huntley*, *Dakin*, *Lewis*, *W. E.*, *Raulin*, *Nett*, *Nygaard* and *Hoyt* are in the Signal Corps but are attached to the Air Corps. *Vlcek* and *Huntley* left for overseas from a Western Post around May 1, 1944. *Dakin*, *Lewis*, *Raulin*, *Nett* and *Nygaard* are at Vint Hill Farms, Va. going to school. *Raulin* married a Fresno, Cal. girl and stopped in to see me during June week this year. *Hoyt* is now in charge of a group of 28 men and expects to wind up in Burma, China or India in the near future. *Wehrle*, *Kajencki* and *Bennett* are all stationed at Oahu, T. H. *Kajencki* is a battery commander in the A.A.A. and *Wehrle* is adjutant of a Tank Bn. *Bennett* is ass't. S-3 in the Engineer Group. *Tim Brown* was in the Moore Gen'l Hosp. at Swannanoa, N. C. Haven't heard whether he's well yet or not. *Pat Wheeler* and *Tom Mesereau* were last reported at a P.O.E. *Pat* is regimental S-2. *Bill Pitts* is in Nebraska flying B-29's. *Rumbough* and *Stinky Davis* were reported at a P.O.E. too. *Pritchett* and *Air Rifle* are with the chute troops as replacements. *Kenny Buell* is Regm't Adj. of an Inf. Reg. at Camp *McCall*. *Hi Walker* is with a Tank Battalion at Camp *Cooke*. *Jeb Stuart* is reported flying B-29's. *Hank Saylor* and *Johnny Kerig* are flying P-38's in England. *Tobey* is an instructor, living a nice quiet, peaceful life somewhere in "ole Arizona." *Sal Whitlow* and *Jackie Weber* are still battling it out with the Luftwaffe. *Chuck Hardy* is stationed somewhere near *Jake* and *Sal*. The following, having been received March 1st is probably out of date, nevertheless—*Hal Barber*, Camp *Shelby*, was taking the Advanced course at *Benning*. *Joe Benson* was at *Benning* along with *Bill Knowlton* and *Bob Wood*. But since I'm sure that *Bill* and *Bob* have been shipped to England because they were at *Orangeburg* N. Y. and visited the Point about the middle of May. *Emory Prince* also visited the Point. *Tom Farnsworth* is at Camp *Phillips* and *Fred Kremer* is in the desert. *Marv Berenzweig* is in the South Pacific. *Bob Bullard* is overseas. *Gee* has been in England since early December flying P-47's with the Ninth Air Force. *Smokey Joe Lovett* is with the same outfit. *Ollie DeGruchy* is in England. *Beeson* is the operations officer of his squadron in England. *Johnny Stephens* is now stationed at Fort *Jackson*, S. C. with a Tank Destroyer Group. *Hugh Mease* is now stationed at West Point in the Mechanics Dept. *Kirby Gean* is at W. Point in the Physics Dept. along with me. *Roy Wilson* is in the

Dept. of Military History. *A. L. Freer* is in the Dept. of Economics, Gov't, and History. *Johnson* is in the Chemistry Department. *Johnny Healy* has been with an A.A. unit in Italy since the start of that campaign. *Baber* was married recently in Austin, Texas. *Fiander* was recently seen in North Africa. *Bob Fiss* and *Stew Meyer* were last seen in England awaiting the invasion. *Don Thompson* and family are at *Walker*. *Hehn* is to be an instructor pilot in 29's. Also in 29's in Kansas are *Bart Yount*, *Hardy* and *Benedict*. Overseas in P-38's is *Courtney*, who by the way, made one of the highest gunnery scores fired on the Pacific Coast. Overseas in the F.A. are *Flatley*, *Wade*, and *Wilcox*. *Shortall* was married last October and is now teaching Radar at Camp *Callan*, Cal. *Bob Maloney*, a member of a Flying Fortress Crew is overseas. *Pete Pavičik* is in Sicily. *Joe Stabler* is in Panama. *Howie Moore* and *Pat Wardell* are at Camp *Edwards*, Mass. *Roy Sanders* is taking a course at *Orlando*. *Al Toth* is now in an infantry regiment in England. *Johnny Baer* is a Thunderbolt pilot in England, and is taking a course at the Spitfire gunnery school. *B-ball Harrington* shipped overseas with an armored division. *Blanchett* is stationed in England with an F.A. Battalion. *Jimmy Lane* has been reported missing in action since February 20th. *Johnny Eckert* was reported killed March 8th when his plane collided with another plane while taking off for a formation in England. *Vic Franklin* was just sent out of his regiment for overseas duty. *Jack Armstrong* is commanding Co. L of the 417th Infantry. *Duke Windsor* is S-2 of a Bn. in the 385th Infantry. *Antonoli* was Commanding a Company in the 304th Infantry. *Frank Shaw* is overseas now. *Danny Waters* is in New Guinea. Protecting heavy bombers on one of the 8th Air Force's deepest penetrations of Germany, *Chuck Lenfest*, Mustang flight commander, sent one enemy fighter smoking to earth and shared in the destruction of a second to score his first victories over the Luftwaffe. *George Weart* is piloting P-38 lightening fighters with the "Dirty Dozen" squadron of the 13th A.A.F. *Evans*, of old "L" Co. has reported for duty at West Point. *Frank Griffen* has returned to duty at West Point following an operation at the *Walter Reed Hospital*. *Al Bachrach*, as far as I know, is still at *Walter Reed*. Keep sending in the news, gang. We had a pretty good scoop this time.

Buck, S.

June, 1943

Back during June Week at the one year mark were *Shaijer, Parks, Cul- len, Ott, Brooks, and Richardson.*

At bat: In England in B-17's, *Hough, Novak, Scott, W. F., Taylor, F. W., Woodson, McCord, Myrtetus, Hersberger, Kalinski, Cornell, Ball, Barrett, Rundell, Latson and Heintzelman*; in B-26's, *Carson and Johnny Davis*; in A-20's, *Maughan, R. L., and I think Rooney*; Fighter, *Watson, L. M.*; Engineers, *Norm Pehrson*; In Iceland, *Bob deCamp and George Campbell*; in New Guinea with Combat Engineers, *Stuff Kengle; Harper, H. P.* Known to be on their way across are *Hilsman, Tannler, Williams and Jock Barickman.*

On deck: Training in B-29's, *Silvester, Teetor, Smith, K. B., Conway, Yeilding, Cutler, Whitaker, K. A., Westbrook, Rawlings, McGregor, Oswald, Gorelangton, Sullivan, and Hardy*, all in Kansas. (*Silvester, Teetor and Gorelangton* going back to 17's for lack of 4 eng time). Transferees to A.C.: *Grubby Jackson* received his wings in January; *Norm Keefer* has finished basic and takes advanced twin engine at Seymour, Ind. *Stan Ott* is at Maxey, *Walt Mitchell* at Camp Shelby, *Jocko Loughman, Pinky Winfield, Bob Sonsteli, and Winn* at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., at Alexandria, La., *Joe Huau* in a B-17, at Farmingdale, L. I., N. Y., in the A.A.A. are *Wilson, C. A., Rosie Rumpf* (both with their own batteries), *Ed Kreml, and Scat Davis*, at Edwards are *Doc Reinhalter, Tomlinson, and Curcuru, Maughan, W. F.* at Lancaster, Cal. flying BT13A, at Davis for a special course were *Max Talbot, Bobby Clark, Francisco, Mazur and Geaney*, at Camp Rucker are *Hill, Cochran, Frear, Ray, Hutchings, Derrouin, Bolling, Hegenberger, and Darden*, and at Ft. Bliss *Milmore, Jalbert* (both Batry Execs. in A.A. Gun Bns.), *Wilson, S. L.* (who happily is recovering from a 3 mos. siege of pneumonia contracted last March on the Kentucky-Tennessee Maneuvers) and *Jack Teague*. Back for the Survey Course at Sill have been *Sembach, Ott, Ed Blount, Smith, G. L., Lucas, and Magathan.*

In the hole: *Wally Magathan and Bernie Rogers* have been sent back to Usmy to teach History—a any poop send it to them.

Newly Haltered Department:—*Rumpf, Kreml, Curcuru, Hal Neill* (who recently transferred to the Signal Corps), *Sonsteli* (Valerie St. Laurent), and *Jack Teague.*

Daddy Department:—*Mike Davis,*

Charley Crane, Ed Geaney, George Campbell, Watson, L. M. (Son, *L. M. Watson, Jr.*, April 3rd), *Jim Darden* (daughter, *Honor Marie*, May 20), *Norm Pehrson* (Son, *Bruce Alan*, March 7), *Hough* (daughter, February 29), *Harper, H. P.* (son, *Joel Clifton*, April 1), and *Taylor F W.* (son, February 3). Can anyone beat out Frank? If not it looks as if he wins the cup.

—W C. M.

1944

Congratulations and best wishes to the Class of 1944. This column gives you the opportunity to learn about classmates. You are urged to write a note to the Editor about yourself or classmates that you see or hear about. The deadline for the October issue is September 10th.

The President's Address

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and his very modest clerical staff. The Association is a more vital organization today than ever before, and this policy must be continued and constantly improved. Its affairs, funds, records, and the Editorship of *Assembly Magazine* demand a capable, energetic, hard working and devoted Secretary, and in Major Kost you have had those qualities. He eminently deserves your grateful appreciation.

My term as President of the Association expires with this meeting. It has been a privilege and an honor to hold this office and I wish to make of record my grateful appreciation to the Board of Trustees, and to the various Committees of the Board, for their full, complete, and sympathetic cooperation, and for the time and attention they have devoted to the best interests of the Association. It is gratifying to know that the incoming President will have the continued support of this able organization.

Today as never before in the history of our Country, are the sons of West Point carrying duties and responsibilities upon which depends the very fate of world civilization. We who are not with them in active service, assure them of our constant solicitude, our prayers for their strength and guidance, and our confidence that their achievements will meet the very finest traditions of this great institution.

BOUQUETS

"Every time I finish reading a copy of *Assembly* I resolve to express the pleasure that *Assembly* has brought me. You are doing a fine job."

J. B. Crawford, '11.

"*Assembly* is a good piece of work for which all graduates should be grateful. After reading the descriptions of the new Popolopen area, it is still hard to realize how different the training facilities are now. It would seem that the present three-year classes learn a lot more than did their fathers in the days of the old summer dead beat."

W. F. Daugherty, '17.

"Congratulations on the last issue of *Assembly*. It was very interesting and timely. It made me realize how much we missed in our course of instruction by being born too soon. However we did get the spirit of the place, which is the most important."

P. S. Reinecke, '11.

"The issues of *Assembly* which have reached me since I left the continental limits have been excellent. These days graduates, and particularly classmates, are spread so thin throughout the Army that they meet rarely, and *Assembly* has been almost my only contact with the Academy. Consequently it means a great deal to me."

James B. Lampert, '36.

"Publication of *Assembly* is an excellent idea, and I hope it will grow and prosper. Even the casual mention of the name 'West Point' to us so far removed from it puts a little more iron in the backbone when the going gets tough, and thus *Assembly* serves."

C. W. Chapman, Jr.

"Enjoyed the last number, and was particularly interested in the account of how cadet training has been adapted to the demands of present day methods of warfare."

Lewis S. Sorley, '91.

"Good literature is very difficult to get in this part of the world, so *Assembly* is most welcome. I notice that my copy wanders off my desk into the hands of other officers who seem to read it with interest."

W. B. Goddard, '23.

"It sure was a pleasure getting *Assembly* out here in the wilds of ——. Can't tell you where I am because of the type of outfit I'm in."

Joe Gurfein.



By Joe Cahill

The dust of another Spring Sports Season has settled and Army's four intercollegiate teams have written creditable performances into the record books of the Academy.

More than fifty universities and colleges were engaged in the five sport program that included baseball, lacrosse, tennis, golf and track. Final tabulations indicate that the black, gold and grey were victorious in thirty contests while the opponents were winning seven. This is an impressive .810 percent and rates a salvo of applause for the coaches and players.

Pass in Review

Leo Durocher prepped his Brooklyn baseball club at West Point for the second successive Spring and the results were gratifying at least to our team. They waded through a twelve game campaign meeting only one setback and that at the hands of a first class Dartmouth University club.

Several of our players drew the wishful eye of Lippy Leo during the pre-season training stints. "Kitch" Josey, rangy shortstop and captain-elect, could name his price on any big league outfit this year. Bobby Chabot, third baseman and Ray Janeczek behind the plate also drew favorable comment from the Yankee and Giant pilots during the visit of the metropolitan teams this year.

Outstanding during the season's action were the three extra-inning tussles in which the Amen-coached forces came through in the pinches. Princeton was set back 10-9 in fourteen frames, New York University was tripped up 3-2 in ten stanzas and a good Yale team, under the coaching genius of Red Rolfe, the former Yankee infielder, forced our aces into three extra innings before succumbing 7-6. Navy had a good ball club against us at Annapolis this year but their pitching staff just couldn't

cope with the slugging power of Johnny Nance, Janeczek, Josey. John Hennessey and Bryan Leeper who collaborated in an 8-2 clubbing of the Middies.

Lacrosse this Spring was blessed with a high scoring attack that improved with each successive week. Captain Morris Touchtone, veteran coach of the stickmen, was appropriately rewarded for his efforts when the team trounced the favored Middies 7-5 for the National Intercollegiate Lacrosse Title. This is the first time the coveted title has rested in the halls of the Academy.

Coach Ralph Chambers, completing his eleventh season as Tennis Mentor, saw a ten straight winning skein abruptly end with two scorching defeats at the hands of Princeton and Navy. Faced with an all-star array of talent that included Dave Wood, 165 pound intercollegiate wrestling champion, Charley Daniel, Doug Kenna and Dale Hall of football and basketball fame, and Bobby Faas another member of the undefeated basketball quintet, Ralph did a formidable job in bringing this inexperienced tennis aggregation to the top. They barely missed upsetting the Middies in the final game of the season. Their strong showing in the singles plus a ringing victory in the number 1 doubles gave Army a 4-3 lead with the two doubles matches remaining to be played. The outstanding match of the meet saw Captain Charley Daniel hand Navy's number 1 singles man his only defeat of the season.

The track season was something less than outstanding. Breaking away to overwhelming victories in triangular meets with Columbia and Dartmouth and later Cornell and Colgate, Leo Novak appeared to have the Eastern Collegiate cinder title well in hand. As expected Navy had a terrific array of experienced runners

and overwhelmed our speedsters in the IC4-A by more than forty-five points. In a dual meet a week later the cadets managed to put up a nip and tuck battle right down to the finish. However, it was the Middies year and nothing could take it from them. Final Score: Navy 72, Army 54. Army concluded the season with a decisive victory in the Heptagonal Games. This is the second team in the ten year history of the games to win two straight. Dartmouth's Indians managed to make the meet interesting but our all-around balance and poise delivered the well deserved major track title to our trophy room.

And for the Records

Baseball (won 11—lost 1). Defeated Stevens Inst. Tech, Villanova, Swarthmore, Williams, Pittsburgh, Princeton, Columbia, New York University, Pennsylvania, Yale and Navy.

Tennis (won 10—lost 2). Defeated City College, Rensselaer Poly Inst., Colgate, Swarthmore, Cornell, Yale, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Brooklyn College, and Columbia.

Lacrosse (won 6 lost 2). Defeated Swarthmore, Penn State (2), Cornell, Navy and Princeton.

Track (won 3—lost 2). Defeated Columbia and Dartmouth (dual meet), Cornell and Colgate (dual meet) and won the Heptagonal Games. Placed 2nd in the IC4-A.

Golfers Make Bid

The most amazing spring sports team at the Academy this year was the Golf Club. The Club is not a member of the Corps Squad ranks this year primarily due to the lack of college teams for competition. Yet with determination they entered the Eastern Intercollegiate Golf Association's tournament with only 54 holes of golf under their practice belts. Time and facilities also hampered everything but the spirit to win. Needless to say they carried back

trophy of victory. Lieut. Colonel Dan Chandler and his wife Peggy provided the coaching genius necessary to smooth the rough edges of this inexperienced outfit. Major Henry, transportation officer, also gave freely of his time in support of this fine American sport. Although Navy did manage to take a dual meet 6-3 it is hoped that this sport will return to the status of a Corps Squad as soon as conditions permit the successful scheduling of collegiate opponents.

In the interim we urge that the present set-up be continued so that a nucleus of players will be available when the "go" signal is given. Then, and only then, will our golfers be in a position to defend their hard earned laurels.

Spring Captains Announced

Colonel Lawrence "Biff" Jones released the names of the new Spring Sports captains shortly following the traditional tilts with Navy. Claude K. Josey, superb shortstop, of Scotland Neck, North Carolina, will lead the diamond team; Edgar D. Kenna of Jackson, Mississippi, received the tennis nomination; Levin B. Broughton, goalie, of College Park, Maryland, is the new captain of the Lacrosse ten and to Jared W. Morrow, of Fargo, North Dakota, went the track captaincy.

They Bid Farewell

Many outstanding athletes paraded past the reviewing stand for the last time. Many of them have successfully carried the ball against Navy and our many other traditional rivals on the field of sport. Tomorrow they will be carrying the ball on the fields of battle along side of the Deverses, MacArthurs, Saunderses, Eisenhowers, Bradleys and many other famous West Pointers who have distinguished themselves on both fields.

Among the outstanding members of this class is John J. Hennessey, an all-around good athlete. He played end on the football team, guard on the undefeated basketball quintet and covered first base on the ball club. The two letters he received in each sport were enough to earn him the Army Athletic Association Trophy for being the best all-around athlete in the class. Hennessey hails from Chicago, Illinois.

Carl B. Anderson took a close second in the balloting. He filled a halfback position on Colonel "Red" Blaik's grid eleven and in addition to a heavy flight training program

found time to excel both on the indoor and outdoor cinder team. He participated in both the low and high hurdles and captained the outdoor team. His family resides at Jackson, Mississippi.

The Edgerton Trophy presented to the outgoing football captain and the Hughes Trophy for the most valuable football player were rightfully awarded to Casimir J. Myslinski of Steubenville, Ohio. There was no question as to who would be the recipient of the "most valuable player" award since Myslinski's practically unanimous mention for all-America center last Fall evidenced the expert's opinion of his ability.

Two individual champions pinned on the gold bars after graduation. Dave Wood, the 165 pound intercollegiate wrestling titlist and captain of last winter's squad, and Bruce Staser, who won the heavyweight collegiate boxing crown at Penn State in March.

These are only a few of the long list who will have to be replaced on the various Army teams in the coming year. Wherever they may go in the many years to come their contribution to athletics at West Point will long be remembered.

Did You Know

That the Heptagonal Games staged here on June 3rd marked the first major track carnival ever held at the Military Academy. . . That Army's victory in the Mile Relay at the Penn Relays was the first time that a cadet quartet has won the mile race in carnival history. . . the foursome included Bill Whittington, Bob Conrad, Jerry Morrow and slim George Berger. . . That the baseball team had two shutout victories to its credit. . . Lacrosse registered one. . . and Tennis hung up five clean sweeps this Spring. . . That the new Athletic Field (Old Cadet Camp) is rapidly nearing completion and will be put to good use this summer. That Gymnastic Coach Tom Maloney crossed us up by getting a 1st Lieutenant's commission. That Major Frank "Spec" Moore of "Red" Blaik's coaching staff has been relieved for active service. . . and that Private Stewart Holcomb, former head coach at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio is slated to fill his shoes. That Dick Groves, outstanding attack on the Lacrosse Club, broke the Intercollegiate individual scoring record. . . he tallied an even 30 to erase the old mark of 24 established by Ochenseidder of Navy last

year. . . That Major Harry R. Hughes of Public Relations Office is back with the Scripps Howard Newspapers. . . That our two most prominent Generals in the European Theatre of Operations were good athletes during their West Point days. General Dwight D. Eisenhower was a potentially great football player during his cadet career. . . he played in the backfield. . . an old newspaper clipping states "that Eisenhower could not be stopped in the Colgate game" . . . a knee injury received in the game with Tufts College ended a promising future in athletics. . . and that Lieut. General Omar N. Bradley was one of the most outstanding baseball players ever to don the cadet grey. . . he hit at a .400 clip. . . and possessed a powerful throwing arm that was highly regarded throughout the collegiate baseball world. . . Bradley also had a fling on the gridiron earning his "A" and a souvenir football.

Football Chatter

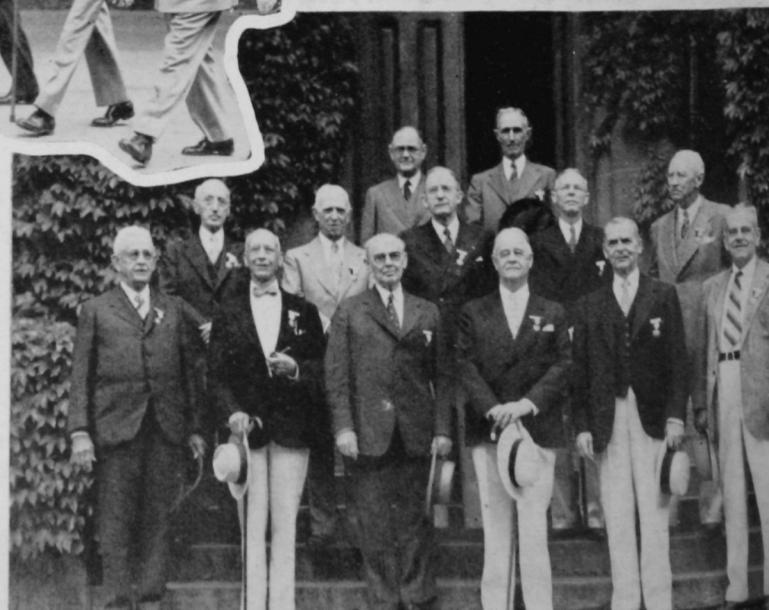
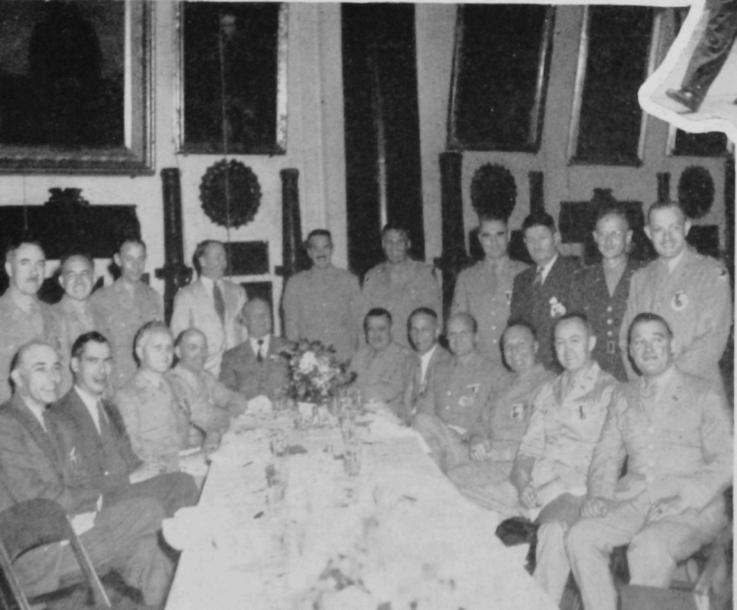
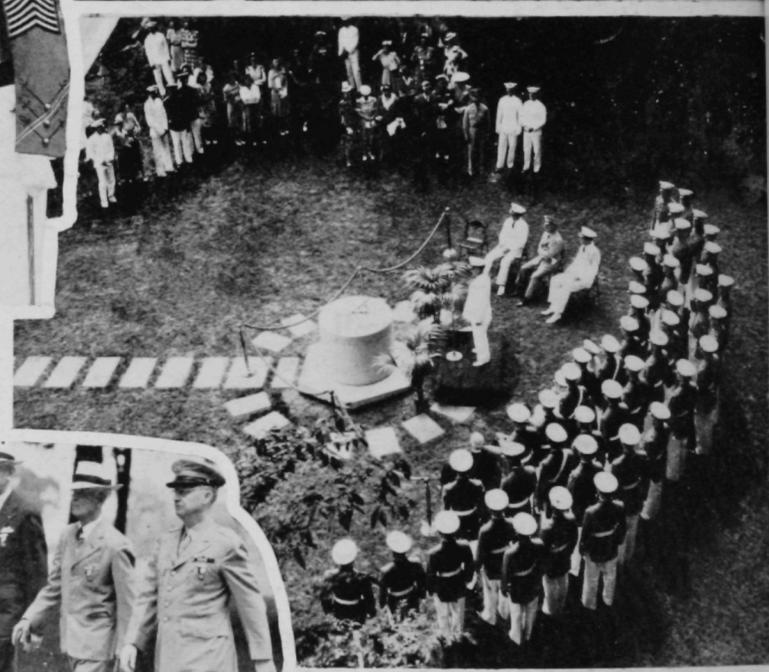
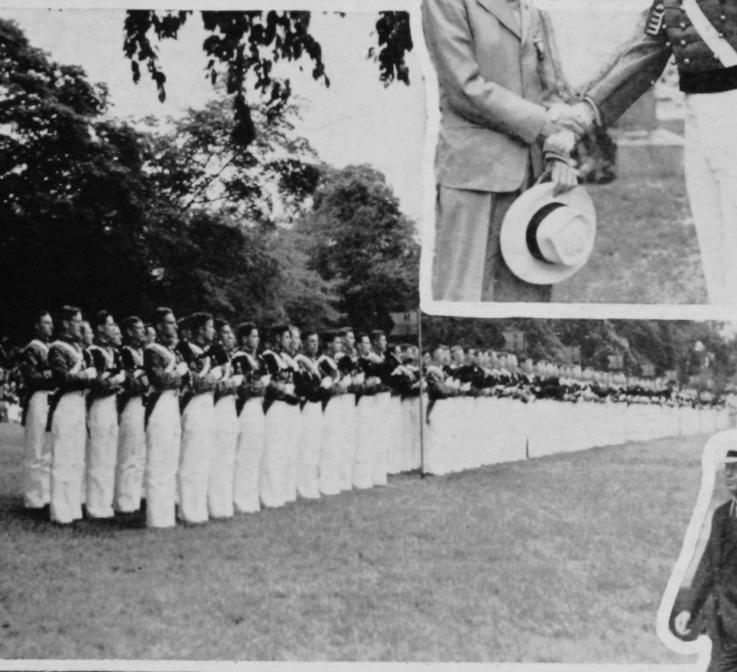
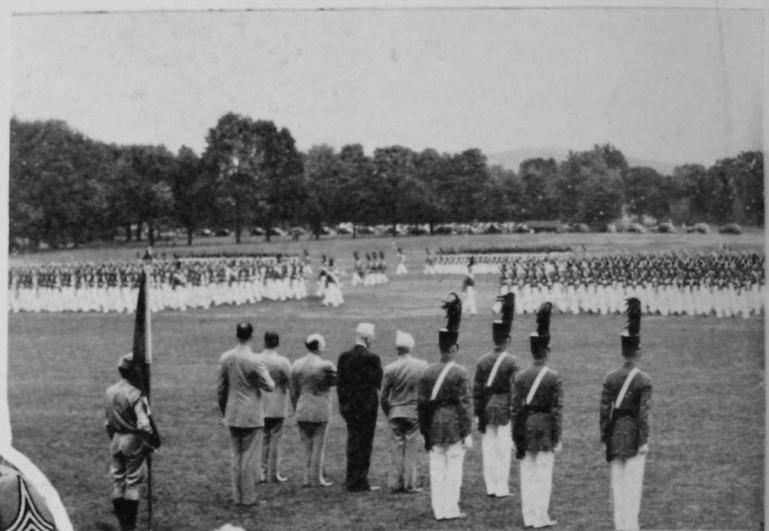
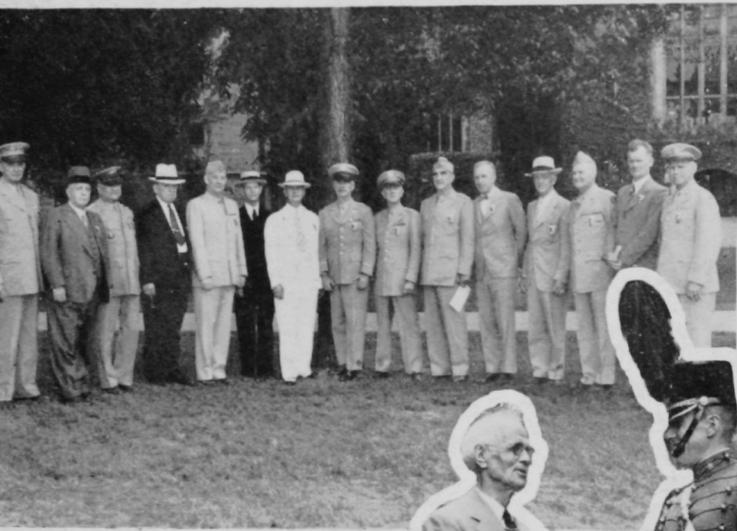
Five games at Michie Stadium and four away constitute the make-up of the new football schedule recently released by "Biff" Jones, G.M.A. We can look forward to several exciting afternoons this Fall with Duke, Notre Dame, Penn and Navy headlining the nine game sked that promises to be a tough one. Three new foes have been added. North Carolina who opens the season the last Saturday in September, the U. S. Coast Guard Academy and Duke University, who is slated for a New York City site, round out the trio of newcomers.

Little can be said at this early date on the prospects of the team. We definitely know that the outlook isn't exactly rosy since eight of last year's starting eleven will not be returning.

Colonel Blaik's only statement on the season is that "it is a fine schedule and I expect Pitt and North Carolina to be the dark horses" The Head Coach, of course, has taken for granted that our traditional rivals—Navy, Notre Dame and Penn—will be the toughest nuts to crack.

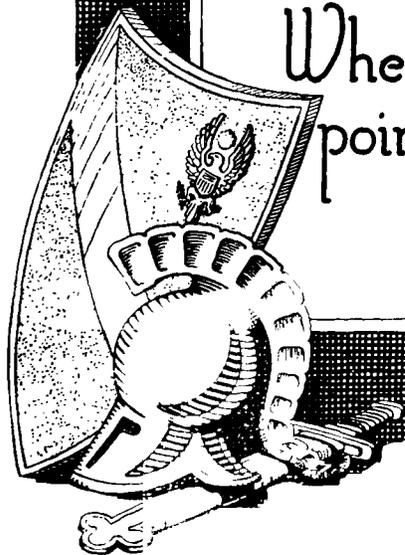
The schedule:

September 30—	University of North Carolina.
October 7—	Brown University.
October 14—	Pittsburgh University.
October 21—	U. S. Coast Guard.
October 28—	Duke University at New York.
November 4—	Villanova.
November 11—	Notre Dame at New York.
November 18—	University of Pennsylvania at Phila.
December 2—	Navy.



In Memory

We, sons of
today, salute you,-
You, sons of an
earlier day;
We follow, close
order, behind you,
Where you have
pointed the way



Assembly
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“Be Thou At Peace”

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BAUGHMAN, R. L.	1924	JUNE 30, 1943	13
BOWLEY, F. W.	1911	MARCH 1, 1944	11
CAMERON, G. H.	1883	JANUARY 23, 1944	4
CROSS, M. A.	1904	AUGUST 31, 1943	9
DAMRON, J. O. S.	1942	AUGUST 13, 1943	20
DIXON, W. L.	1939	JANUARY 2, 1943	19
EARHART, J. W., JR.	JUNE, 1943	JANUARY 22, 1944	23
ELLIOTT, C. P.	1882	MAY 17, 1943	4
FORE, J. D.	JUNE, 1943	DECEMBER 22, 1943	22
GABEL, P. E.	1933	SEPTEMBER 11, 1943	15
GAYLE, M. A.	1942	JULY 7, 1943	19
GEARY, W. D.	1907	JANUARY 4, 1944	10
GRIMES, R. K.	1939	JUNE 30, 1943	18
HERO, A. III	1932	NOVEMBER 16, 1943	15
JARVIS, M. S.	1891	JUNE 4, 1943	5
KILBURN, C. L.	1913	MAY 16, 1942	12
MARTIN, C. A.	1897	AUGUST 21, 1942	6
MAYNE, C. W.	1939	FEBRUARY 7, 1943	17
MERRILL, T. E.	1898	AUGUST 13, 1943	7
McNAIR, W. D.	JUNE, 1919	OCTOBER 20, 1943	12
NORRIS, B., JR.	JANUARY, 1943	JULY 17, 1943	21
RAYMOND, R. R.	1893	JANUARY 13, 1911	6
SPINKS, M. G.	1898	NOVEMBER 23, 1943	8
SMITH, D. W.	1933	AUGUST 3, 1943	16
TODD, F. A., JR.	1927	JUNE 30, 1943	14
WARDROP, M. S., JR.	JANUARY, 1943	AUGUST 14, 1943	22
WOOD, W. T.	1877	DECEMBER 13, 1943	3

William Thomas Wood

NO. 2682 CLASS OF 1877

Died December 18, 1943, at Washington, D. C., aged 89 years.

WILLIAM T. WOOD, Brigadier General, U.S.A., born 19 June 1854; entered Military Academy 1 July 1873; graduated 15 June 1877.

A brief resume of service may assist his many friends to recollect their own meetings with him. The most of his service was spent with the 18th Infantry, which he joined shortly after graduation, and where he served until 1901, a period of 24 years in the same Regiment. Following graduation he served with the 4th Infantry in Atlanta, Georgia, for a year and a half. He then was assigned to Fort Assiniboine, Montana, from 1880 to 1885. This was Indian country. He brought his bride to the post, and lived in tents while bricks were being made to build the post. Surrounded though they were by Indians, no major clashes occurred. His service at Assiniboine was broken by a tour as Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the University of Illinois. His service for a number of years after that was at Fort Riley, Kansas; at Fort Hayes, Kansas; at Fort Gibson, Indian Territory; a four year detail at Fort Clark; at Fort Bliss, Texas. It was during the time that he was stationed at Fort Clark that he wrote a criticism of the commissaries supplied troops, which was largely instrumental in giving to the men a more varied diet, and improved food balance. After leaving Fort Bliss he was for two years Recruiting Officer at Louisville, and rejoined the 18th Infantry at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, in 1897.

He left with his regiment for the Philippine Islands in 1898, and participated in the battle of Manila, August 1898. He was Chief Ordnance Officer in the Philippines from 17 November 1898 to 14 March 1899, and as such participated in the battles at Manila 5 February and 22 February 1899. He was then made Collector of Customs at Cebu and from November 1899 to April 1900 was Treasurer of the Philippine Archipelago and of the Island of Guam.

After his return to the United States in 1900 he was assigned to the 20th Infantry. He became Inspector General by detail, and served on this duty from 1903 to 1910. He had a short tour of one year commanding the 19th Infantry at Camp Jossman, and was then transferred to command the Recruit Depot at Jefferson Barracks. At this post he was retired for physical disability in 1913.

After his retirement he served as Treasurer of the Soldiers Home until the onset of World War I, when he requested active duty, and in May 1917 was assigned as Senior Assistant to the Inspector General. Here he served until he was again retired 30 September 1930, at the age of 66. Following his second retirement he served as Secretary to the Board of Governors of the Soldiers Home for several years.

General Wood was decorated three

times. He was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action in the battle of Manila, 2 August 1898. This award was made by General Douglas MacArthur, with the following remarks: "It is with the greatest pleasure and satisfaction that I pin upon you this medal in testimony of your great courage, fortitude, and gallantry on the field of battle, and of your devotion to your country. I congratulate you for the honor which has been bestowed upon you." Later, General Wood was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in that action. For his exceptional services during World War I, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, and decorated by General Pershing in Paris in 1919.

So much for the colorful record of a great soldier. There is an intimate side. General Wood possessed the ability to read a paragraph and to picture it in one glance; to come to the essential in a wordy document. He saw things more clearly than other men could see them, but with that keen mind and ability he was never impatient because of the slowness of



others—he had tolerance for those who saw less clearly and less readily. He had a quick and sympathetic understanding. The number of officers who have been bettered by contact with him is many. Probably no other officer had so many sincere and devoted friends. In all of this, he was helped by his wife, Janet, who followed him wherever he was stationed except, of course, during his first service in the Philippines in 1898. They were inseparable companions, and celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary in 1942. Mrs. Wood preceded the General in death in May of last year.

General Wood as a young man I did not know, but the following from one who did will be of interest to all:

"Headquarters 18th Infantry
Fort Clark, Texas

December 21st, 1892.

Orders No. 69

1. The Regimental Commander regrets to announce that the term of service of 1st Lieutenant W. T. Wood, as Regimental Quartermaster, expires today by limitation of service.

Lieutenant Wood's abilities and fidelity to the public interest are

well known to the Regiment; but the Regimental Commander deems it his duty, and does not hesitate to express his unqualified opinion, that Lieutenant Wood is the best Quartermaster that he has ever seen in the service.

By Order of Colonel Lazelle:
S/ D. C. SHANKS,
1st Lieut. and Adj. 18th Inf.,
Post Adjutant."

Stories about the General are legion, but of them, two best define his ability to accomplish his end. While commanding the 19th Infantry at Camp Jossman, one very hot day he was in his office and saw (he always did see) an orderly from one of the companies come to the headquarters building for mail—without his shirt. Now, the General demanded smartness and soldierly bearing at all times, so he sent for the enlisted man and told him, "It would be very embarrassing for you if anyone should see you out of uniform. You will sit on that bench in the hallway, and there you will remain until nightfall. When it is dark you may return to your quarters." Throughout a long afternoon the orderly sat in full view of all other soldiers coming to the headquarters building. He never did it again, nor did any others.

There was another instance which came a number of years later when the General was commanding Jefferson Barracks, at that time a recruit depot. There were many shipments of recruits, and the railroad accommodations were by competitive bids. He noted that accommodations were often poorer, and that the competitive bids rotated. Looking it up he found that the rotation had been perfect for a number of years. He drew attention of this matter to the railroad, and demanded better accommodations for his soldiers. Politely he was told the equivalent of, "So what". He replied that he was only mildly interested, but that by Missouri law, whenever a train passed through that reservation, the engine would be uncoupled and the train drawn by mules so that the sparks would not endanger the powder depot, which was still there—and so was the law. He thought the roads might have overlooked that, as their main line went through the reservation. He got action the next day, and continued to get better railroad service than the post had previously had; for this matter was taken up with the executives, who then met and came to know and appreciate the General. They knew that the obsolete law would not be evoked, but the man they were dealing with would demand and receive proper accommodations for his men.

Despite the General's soldierly qualities and his remarkable leadership, he was perhaps best known for his services in the Inspector General's Department where he served for many years prior to his retirement. Invariably the officer inspected was helped and not reprimanded, with the result that he knew more about his job after the inspection. When offenses had been committed, facts were clearly set forth and those to blame did not evade punishment. When duty was to be done, he performed that duty. When punishment was to be inflicted, he dealt it out regardless of his own personal feelings and his basic kindness.

Although extremely efficient, General Wood will always be best remembered as a man of lovable character. His quick smile, his jokes, his interest in others—these attributes may have overshadowed in our recollection his strength of character and his high ideals.

—H. C. P.

Charles Pinckney Elliott

NO. 2959 CLASS OF 1882

Died May 17, 1943, at Seabrook, S. C., aged 83 years.

MAJOR CHARLES PINCKNEY ELLIOTT was drowned while on a fishing trip near Beaufort, South Carolina—his native town—on Tuesday, May 17, 1943. His father was Brigadier General Stephen Elliott, C.S.A., his mother Charlotte Stuart Elliott. Both paternal and maternal ancestors were among the early colonists, settling in South Carolina in the Seventeenth Century.

Born March 15, 1860, and receiving his early education in Beaufort, Elliott was appointed to West Point in 1878. Upon graduating he was assigned to the Thirteenth Infantry and in June 1883 was transferred to the Fourth Cavalry, engaged in a campaign against the Apache Indians in New Mexico, Arizona, and Old Mexico.

In 1884 he reported to Captain Emmet Crawford for duty as provost marshal of San Carlos Indian Reservation. A colorful episode in his career was his capture by a band of Mexican soldiers while trailing the famous Indian Chief Geronimo with a number of Indian scouts, of whom he was in command. Marched on foot to the nearest Mexican village he was put in jail under orders that he be put to death. The timely arrival of a detachment of soldiers of the Fourth Cavalry, commanded by Lieutenant Britton Davis, averted such a catastrophe—two of his scouts (who had refused to surrender to the Mexicans and who had made their escape) having hastened back to notify the U.S. soldiers of the predicament of their companions.

For his part in the affair he was highly complimented by Captain Crawford.

On December 20, 1886, he married Hortense Darling Beaumont, daughter of Colonel Eugene B. Beaumont—also of the Fourth Cavalry and who was graduated from West Point with the first class of 1861—at Fort Bowie, Arizona. In the following eight years he served in as many posts on the frontier and in the East, finally reporting to Vancouver Barracks in 1893.

During the Vancouver period he was in charge of a rescue expedition which found young Carlin, son of General Carlin, who was lost with several friends in the Bitter Root Mountains on a hunting trip.

Describing this episode in later years to a son-in-law Major Elliott said: "In order to get the men out it was necessary to fell trees and make boats out of green lumber. For four days we had to drag the boats up-

stream, sometimes wading neck deep in the icy water."

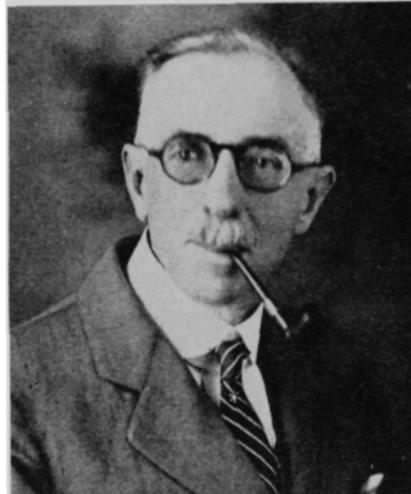
The following excerpt is from a letter written by General John M. Schofield, relating to the incident:

Headquarters of the Army,
Washington, D. C.,
December 1, 1893.

"My dear Carlin:

I hardly know why, but I had from the first very great confidence that the rescue would be effected. Brave young Army officers like Elliott seldom fail to accomplish what they undertake. It also seemed to me in view of Elliott's former ill health almost like a great streak of good fortune that he had such an opportunity as this to show what he is capable of doing. I sincerely hope that he will not have suffered any injury from his experience."

During the following summer he was engaged in exploration and survey of the Bitter Root Mountains for the War Department, and in the summer and autumn of 1896 made similar exploration and survey of Mount St. Helens, Washington.



He was complimented in person by Captain Crawford for conduct under fire in an engagement near San Buena Ventura, Chihuahua, Mexico, on August 23, 1885, and received honorable mention by Brigadier General George Crook in a report of the Apache campaign of 1885-86, and in orders of the War Department covering the same campaign.

Following service in the Philippines during the Spanish American War he was sent by the Government to Alaska with General Glenn to make a survey of the salmon industry. In July 1898 he was retired because of disability in line of duty, with rank of captain.

At the outbreak of the First World War he was recalled to service, serving under General Shanks, who was in command of the Port of Embarkation at Hoboken, N. J. Major Elliott was one of the assistants of the Utilities Officer and was in charge of sanitation on the docks.

In a written statement General Shanks said: "Major Elliott rendered services of great value to the government. His excellent judgment, un-failing energy, and natural ability to

obtain results made him an extremely valuable officer. He was tireless in the performance of duty, and counted neither hours nor personal convenience in the performance of his exacting duties."

Although he jokingly referred to his reputation as a martinet—among the younger Army men—because of his rigid rules against smoking on the docks, it was no laughing matter to him when overly enthusiastic volunteer war workers thrust cigarettes into the mouths of soldiers and lighted them, in spite of conspicuously posted "NO SMOKING" signs. It may have had no significance other than coincidence, but just about a week after he was relieved of his duties in that capacity there was a disastrous fire on the docks with a resulting loss of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

At the close of the War he was sent to New Mexico and Arizona to undertake an investigation of the Indian reservations in those states.

His last years were spent in and near his beloved Beaufort, where his chief pleasure was derived from cruising about the waterways that he knew so well. Although retired from active Army affairs his life still had its exciting moments, such as the occasion when he—on a peaceful fishing expedition—was mistaken for a rum-runner and fired upon by a machine gun from a Coast Guard boat. Upon another fishing occasion he was stranded for two days and had the entire county forces hunting for him. Again, while camping alone on Bay Point he was struck by a diamond-back rattler and, after giving himself first aid, was forced to row across the bay five miles and managed to reach the Naval Hospital on Parris Island, where he was given treatment and remained for about two weeks.

On Monday afternoon, May 24, 1943, funeral services were held in St. Helena's Protestant Episcopal Church, Beaufort, where his people had worshipped for generations.

Besides his widow he is survived by four sons and four daughters: Margaret Rutter Elliott; Colonel Stephen Elliott, who served overseas during World War I with the 109th Pennsylvania Field Artillery; Charles P. Elliott, Jr., engaged in defense work; Mrs. William L. Lance—all of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Mrs. Frederick H. Linthicum, Los Angeles, Cal.; Mrs. Reyburn Watres, Scranton, Pa.; Major Nathaniel R. Elliott, 20th Battalion, 5th Training Regiment; and Colonel John C. B. Elliott, Corps of Engineers, 6th Army, who was graduated from West Point in the class of 1926.

George Hamilton Cameron

NO. 2997 CLASS OF 1883

Died January 28, 1944, at Staunton, Virginia, aged 83 years.

GEORGE H. CAMERON, major general, United States Army, retired, died at his home in Staunton, Va.

Born in Ottawa, Ill., January 8, 1861, he was a son of Dwight Forest and Fanny Norris Cameron. After attend-

ing schools in Europe and Northwestern University for a year, General Cameron entered the United States Military Academy at West Point as a cadet July 1, 1879. Upon graduation in June 1883 he was commissioned a second lieutenant of cavalry and assigned to the Seventh regiment at Fort Meade, Dakota territory. He remained at that station on frontier duty until July 1887 when he was transferred to Fort Riley, Kans.

He served as assistant professor of drawing at the Military Academy at West Point during two assignments; saw service in two campaigns in the Philippines, and did outstanding



work organizing the Cavalry school at Fort Riley. He was promoted to captain in 1889 and to major in 1909.

In August 1913 he was detailed as a student at the Army War College, Washington; upon graduation was retained as an instructor, and, following his superior work, was appointed commandant of the college. During this period he was promoted first to lieutenant colonel and thence to colonel. He later commanded the Fifth cavalry, the Third brigade, Twenty-fifth cavalry, and, having been promoted to brigadier general on August 5, 1917, was transferred to Camp Kearny, Calif., to command the Eightieth brigade of the fortieth division, which division he commanded later that year.

General Cameron was promoted to major general December 4, 1917, and proceeded to Camp Greene, N. C., to command the Fourth division. He organized and trained and took the division into action in France, where it gained instant success. In 1918 he was given the command of the Fifth corps which played an important part in the final campaigns of the war.

Returning to the United States, General Cameron commanded Camp Gordon, Ga., and later served as Commandant of the Cavalry School, Fort Riley, and as chief of staff of the Seventy-sixth Division. At his own request he was retired in 1924 after more than forty years of service.

General Cameron was decorated by both the French and British governments for his services in France. Britain awarded him the British Order of the Bath, while France awarded him the Croix de Guerre, and the Legion of Honor.

General and Mrs. Cameron made their home at Fishers Island, N. Y. spending their winters in Washington, D. C. The last two years they have resided in Staunton, Virginia to be near their two daughters.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Nina Tilford Cameron, two daughters, Mrs. Nina Cameron Thompson, wife of Brigadier General J. B. Thompson of the 7th Armored Div., and their two children, Jacqueline C. Thompson and Cameron Thompson; Mrs. Margaret C. Creel, wife of Lt. Col. Buckner M. Creel, Commandant, Staunton Military Academy, and their five children, Margaret C. Creel, United States Marine Corps Women's Reserves, Lt. Buckner M. Creel, III, U.S. Army, Cornelia T. Creel, Tilford C. Creel, George C. Creel. His only son Lt. Douglass T. Cameron was killed in action near Nouait, France on November 3, 1918.

The funeral was held at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va.

Melville Shinn Jarvis

No. 3416 CLASS OF 1891

Died June 4, 1943, at Denver, Colorado, aged 74 years.

BORN 15 June 1868—Died 4 June 1943. The following is a brief sketch of Patsy's service obtained from the records in the office of the Adjutant General, U.S. Army.

1. The records of this office show that Melville Shinn Jarvis was born 15 June 1868, in Harrison County, West Virginia. He was appointed a Cadet, United States Military Academy, 16 June 1887; and served as such to 12 June 1891, when he was graduated and appointed Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Regular Army; accepted 12 June 1891; promoted to First Lieutenant, 16 December 1897; to Captain, 18 June 1900; served as Paymaster from 11 April 1909 to 26 September 1911; promoted to Major, 27 September 1911; detailed to Inspector General's Department from 1 December 1913 to 1 September 1914; promoted to Lieutenant Colonel, 15 November 1916; to Colonel (temporary), 5 August 1917; promoted to Brigadier General, United States Army, 1 October 1918; accepted 12 October 1918; honorably discharged as Brigadier General, United States Army only, reverting to the grade of Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, Regular Army, 6 February 1919; promoted to Colonel, 22 August 1919; and retired with the rank of Brigadier General, 30 June 1932.

2. He had the degree of B.S. conferred upon him by United States Military Academy, 1891; and was a distinguished graduate of The Army School of the Line, 1916.

3. He joined and served as Company Commander, 4th, 5th, and 1st Regiments of Infantry, at various stations in the United States and the Philippine Islands, from June, 1891 to April, 1909; then was on duty as Paymaster, Department of the East, New York, New York, to September, 1911; on duty with the 24th Infantry, Camp

Stotsenburg and Fort Mills, P. I., to December, 1913; Assistant to the Department Inspector, Southern Department, Fort Sam Houston, Texas; and later on duty with the 26th Infantry, Texas City, Texas, to August, 1915; Student, The Army School of the Line, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, to May, 1916; on duty with the 30th Infantry, Eagle Pass, Texas and Syracuse, New York, to October, 1917; Regimental and Provisional Brigade Commander, 45th Infantry and 17th Infantry Brigade, Camp Zachary Taylor, Kentucky; Camp Gordon, Georgia; and Camp Sheridan, Alabama, to December, 1918; Commanding General, 157th Depot Brigade, Camp Gordon, Georgia, to May, 1919; Regimental and Post Commander, 65th Infantry, San Juan, P. R., to July, 1922; Officer-in-Charge, National Guard Affairs, Fourth Corps Area, Atlanta and Fort McPherson, Georgia, to July, 1928; and Senior Unit Instructor, Organized Reserves, Washington, D. C., to 30 June 1932, the date of his retirement.

4. Brigadier General Jarvis, United States Army, Retired, died 4 June 1943, at Fitzsimons General Hospital, Denver, Colorado.

It was not my privilege to see much of Patsy after graduation until he and I came here to Washington after we retired. I therefore cannot add any to the above brief record except to say that knowing the kind of man he was I know that he served honorably on whatever duties he was called upon to perform. For that was the nature of the man. As I remember he graduated in the upper half of the class but I have the impression that his class standing never particularly



worried him. I do not recall he ever complained of unfair treatment by instructors. He went ahead and did his work to the best of his ability but, if he had a bad week or so and his marks were poor, I do not recall that he ever proclaimed his troubles to the class. His work as a cadet was like his work later as an officer, nothing spectacular but a credit to his class and to West Point. And Patsy would never claim anything more. He was an essentially modest man, and I do not remember ever hearing him say anything that might be considered boasting about anything he had ever done.

But it is the human side of Patsy I like best to remember, his unflinching good nature and kindness, his tolerance of the faults of others. I do not recall ever hearing him make a mean remark about any one. He was always cheerful and a splendid companion. But he was not a yes man in any respect. The first thing that caused me to especially notice him other than the casual contacts of classmates was in our first class year. The class of 1891 had developed some kind of an internal row. The reasons were unimportant but several meetings were held. Tempers flared high and many speeches were made and the axe was apparently about to fall. The last meeting was about to disperse with nothing settled when Patsy got up and in that drawling voice and with that laugh of his began to talk. I do not remember what he said but I know the class dispersed and nothing more was heard about the axe. The class has heard many talks from Patsy since that time and has always listened to him with affection and respect because he was Patsy and because what he said always made sense. I do not know how or when he got the name of Patsy but I think it was after he came to West Point for I understand his immediate family always called him Mel. Whoever dubbed him Patsy made a ten strike as I cannot imagine a cadet called Mel Jarvis ever meaning as much to '91 as the cadet called Patsy.

Patsy was married in 1895 to Miss Mary Hamond. They both came from Clarksburg, West Virginia, and I understand had been friends from childhood days. From the day of their marriage she became "The Old Lady" to Patsy and was always so referred to by him. Mrs. Jarvis said sometime later in life that she did not quite take to the idea of being called the old lady while she was still a bride but she soon realized that it was Patsy's particular term of endearment and she was well content to have it so. She was a most gracious little lady and liked nothing better than to entertain her friends and neighbors and the class of '91. Shortly after coming to Washington they purchased a home in an apartment here and liked nothing better than to have their friends with them. The little lady always said that she considered the tour of duty in Porto Rico where Patsy commanded a post and regiment as the happiest time of her life. I can well imagine that as it gave her a greater opportunity to do what she best loved to do, make the community in which she lived a happier one for all her friends.

I went out to Walter Reed to see Patsy the day before he left to go to Fitzsimons hospital in Denver. He was the same old Patsy cheerful and friendly. If he had any opinion of the seriousness of his sickness, he did not disclose it. In fact we joked with each other about his being sick at all and promised to meet again when he came back. In about a month he was dead. His little lady had died not many months before.

The class of '91 will not soon forget Patsy and his little lady for they were its most popular couple. Wherever they are now that particular community is a happier one for their friends because, well just because they are there.

—R. J. F.

Robert Rossiter Raymond

NO. 3516 CLASS OF 1893

Died January 18, 1944, at Cambridge, New York, aged 72 years.

ROBERT ROSSITER RAYMOND, son of Brigadier General Charles Walker Raymond and Clara Wise Raymond, was born in Brooklyn, New York, March 5, 1871 but, when he was a few months old, his family moved to Willets Point (now Fort Totten, N. Y.) and from there to West Point. His father was stationed at West Point for ten years so all those early years of Rob's life were spent in that ideal spot. The West Point of the Seventies and Eighties was a small place compared with the U.S.M.A. of today. The four Raymond boys, Allen, Will, Rob and Jack, and the two Michie boys, Will and Dennis, Alec Piper, Fred Sladen, Dick Schofield and others, had a wonderful place in which to grow up. Allen and Will, four



and three years older than Robbie, had an apt pupil, and little brother was usually the one detailed to sneak blasting powder, drills, and other tools for the older boys. The railroad tunnel under the parade ground was being built at that time and the Raymond boys, copying the methods of the workmen, drilled and filled the huge boulders in their own backyard. Father Raymond happened to see the activities of the boys from a back window, just in time to save the whole rear wing, including the two maids, from being blown to Kingdom Come. Robbie was keen and observing and in those early years learned much of construction and engineering that was a fine foundation for his life work as an Engineer.

Rob's education began at West Point and Mr. Braden's Post School was among the first he attended. Later came Public Schools, two years at the Hill School, Pottstown, Pa., Washington High School, and, after a competitive examination, entrance into the U.S.M.A. in 1889. Raymond was graduated in June 1893, fifth in his class and was assigned to the Corps of Engineers, his father's branch of the Service.

After Graduation Leave, Raymond reported at the Engineer School at Willets Point. Soon after reporting, he became engaged to the daughter of Colonel King, the Commanding Officer. In 1894 he was confirmed in old St. George's Episcopal Church in Flushing, L. I., and in 1895 he was married to Blossom King. These two loyalties influenced all his later life. His marriage was a happy one and the Raymond home was one where true hospitality was extended. The family was large—four daughters and three sons—but the children always knew that their friends were welcome and their parents never too busy to help with parties, pageants, and plays. Wherever they were stationed, the Raymonds made friends and the Colonel showed in his life what a gentleman and a soldier could be. In Cullum's Register is a complete list of the work and duties that Raymond had during his 31 years of active duty. He was retired in 1920 at his own request.

The family settled in the small town of Cambridge, N. Y. where they bought the old Colonial home of an aunt. On hearing of Raymond's retirement, a classmate wrote: "I could never be happy to settle down with nothing to do." It was far from a life with "nothing to do", for much of the remodeling of the old house Raymond did with his own hands. In addition to the carpentry work, there were the yard and garden, and chickens, and also much Community work. He was the Treasurer and Secretary of the local hospital for over twenty years, a member of the School Board, a vestry man, member of the Choir of St. Luke's Church, and, at the time of his death, Senior Warden. He was an unusually well-informed student of Natural History and an enthusiastic hunter and fisherman.

Raymond was a devoted and loving husband, father and grandfather, doing good in his age and generation. As an old friend said: "The Colonel has been promoted in the service of his King. He has fought a good fight. He has kept the faith. Henceforth, there is laid up for him a crown of glory that fadeth not away."

—B. K. R.

Carl Anson Martin

EX-CADET CLASS OF 1897

Died August 21, 1942, at Orange City, Florida, aged 69 years.

COLONEL CARL ANSON MARTIN was born September 9, 1872 at Fort Scott, Kansas and died at Orange City, Florida on August 21, 1942.

The death of his mother in his early youth led Carl Martin to strike out for himself when but 14 years old and thereafter to obtain such education as he could while earning his own living. As a result, although able to pass the entrance examination and to enter the Military Academy June 15, 1893, he was insufficiently prepared to complete the course and returned to civil life July 2, 1894.

During the next few years Martin sought fortune in South Africa, but returned to his country at the outbreak of the Spanish-American War and was successful in qualifying for an appointment as Second Lieutenant in the Army which he received July 9, 1898. He was sent to the 21st Infantry at Santiago de Cuba and served there and in the United States until 1899 when he went to the Philippines and, in command of Co. "B" 25th Infantry, served against Philippine Insurgents until August 1902.

In the United States, Martin served four years in the Quartermaster Corps,



and as Company Commander with the 25th, 8th and 4th Infantry Regiments, until his transfer in July 1913 to the Hawaiian Islands for service with the 1st and 2nd Infantry to July 1915, when he returned to enter the Army School of the Line, from which he graduated in 1916, and was placed on the General Staff Corps Eligible List. After completion of a few weeks service as Colonel with the Missouri National Guard on the border in September 1916, he returned to Hawaii for service with the 2nd Infantry, was promoted to Major in May 1917, and in July reported at Camp Gordon, Georgia where he served as Battalion Commander 56th Infantry, and after being appointed Lieutenant Colonel of Infantry National Army August 5, 1917, as Camp Inspector. Transferred to the Replacement Camp at Camp MacArthur, Texas, he served as Senior Instructor; was promoted to Colonel of Infantry National Army May 11, 1918, sent to duty with the 38th Infantry at Camp Cody in September 1918; to Camp Joseph E. Johnston, Florida in December 1918 as Assistant to Commanding General P.S.&T.; to Camp Shelby, Mississippi as Camp Executive Officer from February to May 1919, and then was sent overseas for service with the A.E.F. until November 1919.

Upon his return to the United States he joined and served as Commanding Officer 47th Infantry and 7th Infantry Brigade, Camp Dodge, Iowa to September 1920; Student Field Officers' Class, Infantry School, graduating August 1921; on duty at Charleston, West Virginia to December 1921; Instructor of Infantry Pennsylvania National Guard to February 1924. In the meantime Colonel Martin had reverted

to his Regular Army grade of Major, May 30, 1920 and had been promoted to Lieutenant Colonel July 1, and to Colonel July 12, 1920. He was detailed to Field Artillery February 1, 1924 and served as Student Officer Fort Sill, Oklahoma to July 1924 and with National Guard Field Artillery Organizations in New Jersey to May 1929 when he returned to the Infantry and was sent to the Philippine Islands; Commanding Officer 45th Infantry and later Commanding Officer Post of Manila in Philippine Islands to November 1932; Commanding Fort Slocum, New York to September 30, 1936, the date of his retirement for age.

After his retirement, Colonel Martin divided his time between Newark, New Jersey and the Southern states, particularly Arkansas and Florida. His hobbies were golf and the writing of short stories, very few of which latter he submitted for publication. About a year before his death, he bought a home at Orange City, Florida with the idea of making his permanent residence there, and of entering into the life of that community.

As an individual Carl Martin was courteous, kindly, and very friendly although quiet and undemonstrative. He was generally popular with his associates and his subordinates, particularly fair to those under his command, and especially loyal to his friends. Professionally he was capable, efficient and conscientious in the performance of his military duty. His quiet attention to detail and patience contributed to his success as an instructor. He was fond of his classmates and attended re-unions whenever possible and will be missed by his classmates and all who have enjoyed association with him.

Thomas Emery Merrill

NO. 3818 CLASS OF 1898

Died August 18, 1943, at Monterey Hospital, Monterey, California, aged 68 years.

CIVILIAN and military authorities, together with a host of local citizens and friends paid tribute at a solemn and distinguished funeral service to Brigadier General Thomas E. Merrill, chief warden of Pacific Grove's Civilian Defense organization, whose sudden death, August 18, 1943, came as a great shock to the community. Funeral services were held at the Methodist church of Pacific Grove. Col. O. D. Sutherland, an army chaplain from Arizona, formerly stationed at Monterey Presidio, and a long-time friend of General Merrill conducted the services. He it was who first introduced General Merrill to the young lady who later became his wife, and who officiated at the marriage ceremony.

There were appropriate military exercises. Col. J. Vandenberg, commanding officer of the 539th boat and shore engineer regiment at Fort Ord, who in former years served under General Merrill, sent the firing squad, bugler and military escort for the funeral. Arrangements were made for fitting tributes from the city of Pacific Grove and the Civilian Defense organization.

The remains were cremated and the ashes buried at the Presidio of Monterey, California.

Although he had suffered from a stomach ailment for a long time, General Merrill appeared to be in ordinary health until he suffered a sudden heart attack. He was rushed to the hospital and died a few hours later.

He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, June 1, 1875. His father was Lt. Col. W. E. Merrill, and his grandfather Captain Moses E. Merrill, killed in the Mexican War.

He attended Washington and Lee University, Virginia; and the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, from which he graduated in 1898 as a second lieutenant of artillery. While in the academy, he showed the firmness of character and self reliance which marked his later career.

His military career found him a first lieutenant in 1900 and a captain in 1901, which rank he maintained until the army was expanded during World War I. He became a major, June 12, 1916; and a lieutenant colonel on May 15, 1917. He saw considerable service as a field artillery officer in France.

He attained the temporary rank of colonel August 5, 1917, achieving permanent status January 31, 1919. The rank of brigadier general came October 1, 1933. He retired on June 30, 1939.

He served in the Philippines from 1910 to 1912. He was chief of staff of the army's Hawaiian division in 1926. He was artillery brigade commander



and commanding officer of the Third Division just before retirement.

While on duty at Fort Lewis, Washington, he had occasion to note the extraordinary ability of a Major Mark Clark, one of his subordinates. He warmly recommended him to his superiors. He now is one of the leaders of the American army in the Mediterranean theatre.

General Merrill settled in Pacific Grove, California in 1939 and built a home. He at once took an interest in local affairs. Singing was one of his great diversions and he became a member of the tenor section of the community oratorio chorus.

When war seemed imminent, he offered his services to the government. He felt so keenly the menace of Adolf

Hitler and his Nazi war machine that he wished to arouse the public to the danger. Accordingly he read "Mein Kampf," memorized portions and prepared his message.

Speaking dates before civic organizations were arranged. Public speaking did not come easy to him but he wanted to do his part. He appeared before numerous groups throughout central California and the San Joaquin valley.

Then came Pearl Harbor and the danger was apparent to all. He was a better prophet than he knew.

When it became necessary to put Pacific Grove's struggling Civilian Defense Organization upon a war footing Mayor E. K. Bramblett appointed General Merrill in charge. He set to work with precision and efficiency, but in a very diplomatic and modest personal manner. The job he did was outstanding.

Pacific Grove organized and maintained one of the best small-town Civilian Defense machines in California. Through it all, General Merrill brought order out of confusion, conflicting regulations and conceptions. He devised a set-up suited to the local community, got it functioning and kept a loyal and enthusiastic staff of co-workers through it all.

He always maintained that he could not expect others to volunteer services for Civilian Defense if he, himself, were hired, so he consistently refused personal remuneration, although the calls upon him were greater than generally realized.

Always with firmness of purpose, but great tactfulness, he avoided the jealousies and misunderstandings which so often disrupt public undertakings of this sort. He won the respect and confidence of the entire community by handling a difficult assignment in a most capable manner.

Perhaps some explanation may be found in the fact that he did not stand on his title of "general," but preferred his friends to call him "Tom." He affected no airs and was most democratic in personal manner and relationships. He played his golf on the local municipal course and carried his own bag of clubs.

General Merrill was a brother of Sidney Merrill, President of the E. W. Van Dusen Co., bell foundry Cincinnati. He was the son of the late Col. William Emery Merrill, for 20 years the U.S. Engineer in Cincinnati, and of Mrs. Margaret E. Merrill now living at the age of 91 at 955 Laurel Ave., Glendale, California, with her daughter, Miss Madge Merrill. His sister is Mrs. Alice Allen, wife of Dr. Robert Allen of Glendale, California.

He leaves two other brothers, Leonard Merrill, employed at the Engineer Depot, Sharonville; and George Merrill of Dallas, Texas. A fourth brother was the late Col. Walter Merrill, who was in charge of plant protection at the Wright Plant in Lockland, California and who died a year ago.

General Merrill also leaves his widow the former Miss Mary Malone of Columbus, Ohio, and two daughters, Miss Jean Merrill of Pacific Grove, Calif., and Mrs. James D. Green wife of Major James D. Green, U.S. Army.

General and Mrs. Merrill were members of the Theosophical Society in America.

Marcellus Garner Spinks

NO. 3828 CLASS OF 1898

Died November 28, 1943, at Hampton, Virginia, aged 69 years.

BRIGADIER GENERAL MARCELLUS G. SPINKS died of a heart attack at his home in Hampton, Virginia on November 28, 1943 and was buried at Arlington on December 2nd. His death was a sad loss to his relatives, his friends, and his country which he had served with devoted unselfishness, unswerving loyalty and marked ability for nearly forty-five years.

General Spinks, the oldest child of Dr. E. E. Spinks and Valeria Garner Spinks, was born in Meridian, Mississippi on June 25, 1874. He attended A & M College in Starkville, Mississippi. He entered West Point in 1894, where he was known to his classmates as "Bill", and was graduated therefrom in April, 1898.



On December 25, 1903 he married Miss Carolyn Lucelia Clabaugh of Baltimore, Maryland, the daughter of Albert Trego Clabaugh and Frances Wilson Clabaugh.

His son, Albert Garner Spinks, now serving as an officer in the Coast Artillery Corps, graduated from Princeton in 1931 and married Miss Joan H. Baylis of New York.

General Spinks joined and served with the 5th Artillery at Ft. Hamilton and Ft. Columbus, New York from May, 1898 to June, 1900, and was then on duty as Student, Artillery School, Ft. Monroe, Virginia, to August, 1901. He was with the Quartermaster and Commissary at Ft. McHenry and Ft. Howard, Maryland, to November, 1903; Paymaster, Headquarters Department of California; Manila, P. I.; and Headquarters Army Cuban Pacification to November, 1907.

He was Company Commander, 114th and 56th Companies, Coast Artillery Corps; Post and Artillery District Quartermaster; and Inspector Instructor, Coast Artillery Reserves, Ft. Totten and Ft. Wadsworth, New York and Portland, Maine to September, 1912; Assistant to Chief, Division of Militia Affairs, Washington, D. C., to

April, 1915; Personnel Officer, South Atlantic Coast Artillery District, Charleston, South Carolina to September, 1915; Commanding Officer, Coast Defenses of Galveston, Ft. Crockett, Texas to September, 1917.

He was detailed for service and to fill a vacancy in the Inspector General's Department as Camp Inspector, 90th Division, Camp Travis, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas and reported for duty 21 September 1917. He was stationed at Camp Travis until 18 November 1917, when he was assigned to Camp Greene, North Carolina as Camp Inspector in anticipation of the organization of the 4th Division at that camp. Major General H. T. Allen, Commanding General, 90th Division, in November 1917 reported him as "a very dependable officer whose services under me were highly satisfactory."

By War Department orders dated 4 December 1917 he was assigned to duty as Inspector of the 4th Division (Regular) and directed to report accordingly. Major General G. H. Cameron, Commanding General of the 4th Division, reported him as "an excellent officer in all respects; an ideal inspector for a newly organized division; has an eye for big things and not trifles; a strong disciplinarian."

He left Camp Greene on March 23, 1918 for duty with the Headquarters, Services of Supply, American Expeditionary Forces. On the 30th of June, 1918 he was transferred from the Services of Supply, A.E.F., to the Headquarters, A.E.F., as Assistant Inspector General, where he served in the grade of colonel and brigadier general until his departure for the United States to attend a course at the Army War College. He was reported by Brigadier General J. S. Winn in June, 1918 as an "officer of fine physique, pleasing address, tact, common sense, good judgment and force, a superior officer in every way"; and in July, 1919 by Major General A. W. Brewster, Inspector General A.E.F., as "an officer of high ideals, excellent judgment and decision."

He was relieved from detail in the Inspector General's Department effective 30 June 1920 and from detail at the Army War College effective upon completion of the course, July, 1920; Chief of Staff, Coast Artillery Training Center, Ft. Monroe, Virginia to January, 1921; Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations, and later for Personnel, Headquarters 1st Corps Area, Boston, Massachusetts, to June, 1924; Commanding Officer, 62nd Coast Artillery (A.A.), Ft. Totten, New York to December, 1927; and, Chief of Staff, Panama Canal Division, Ft. Amador, C. Z. to November, 1930.

On November 5, 1930 he was again detailed in the Inspector General's Department for duty in the Office of The Inspector General as Chief of The Inspections Division. He also served as Acting The Inspector General during various periods in the absence of The Inspector General. In addition to his other duties he was on special duty from 1 March to 3 April, 1934, with a subcommittee, Committee on Military Affairs, House of Representatives, assisting in an investigation pertaining to aircraft and aircraft supplies. During the period of his service in the Office of The Inspector

General he was, in June 1931, reported by Major General Hugh A. Drum, The Inspector General, as "a capable, painstaking officer, reliable and competent"; and, in September 1934, by Major General J. F. Preston, The Inspector General, as "a loyal, thoroughly competent, dependable officer of sound and excellent judgment."

He was relieved from duty in the Office of The Inspector General 30 September 1934 and assigned to the Headquarters, Second Corps Area, Governors Island, New York as Corps Area Inspector General. He served in this capacity until 30 June 1938 when he was retired because of physical disability incident to his long Army service. During this period of service at Governors Island he was reported in April, 1936, by Major General D. E. Nolan, Commanding General, Second Corps Area, as "a conscientious officer of long service and wide experience"; and, in July, 1938 by Major General Frank R. McCoy, Commanding General, Second Corps Area, as "a most conscientious and accurate officer of superior good sense and judgment."

He was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, 3 May 1919, "for exceptionally meritorious and distinguished services. By his untiring efforts, zeal, and marked military efficiency in the performance of duties of responsibility, as senior assistant of the Inspector General's Department in France, he rendered services of exceptional value to the government." He belonged to the order of the Carabao and, in addition to service medals for the Cuban Pacification, for the Spanish-American War, and for World War I, he received the following foreign decorations: French Legion of Honor (Officer); Belgian Order of the Crown (Commander); and Italian Order of the Crown (Commander).

His most outstanding personal characteristic was his tenacity of purpose which, combined with a remarkable sense of honesty, was the cornerstone of all his thought. He was a man of quick mentality, of broad vision, and had a true sense of military values. His strong and stimulating determination to accomplish what he set out to do was a constant source of inspiration to his many friends, and his spirit and example will live on in the hearts of those he has left behind him.

Matthew Arthur Cross

NO. 4257 CLASS OF 1904

Died August 31, 1943, at Brigham, Utah, aged 63 years.

MATTHEW ARTHUR CROSS was born at Lexington, North Carolina, November 21, 1879, the next to the oldest son of George Washington Cross and Ada Pendleton Cross. In March, 1880 he came with his parents to a ranch in Trego County, Kansas, four miles west of Ellis.

About January 1, 1889, the family moved from the ranch to Wakeeney, Kansas the county seat of Trego County when his father had been elected to the office of Recorder of the

county. He graduated from the grade school in Wakeeney in 1893 and from the Wakeeney High School in 1897.

He attended the University of Kansas at Lawrence during the years 1897-1898 and 1899-1900. He taught school in Trego County, Kansas in 1898-1899. In the summer of 1899, he took an examination for admission to West Point. On March 15, 1900, he was informed by the War Department that he had successfully passed the requirements but that the Principal appointed by Congressman Reeder had also passed. He was appointed alternate by Congressman Reeder of the 6th District of Kansas.

In August, 1900, The Principal resigned and the alternate then became eligible. He therefore went to the Military Academy in September, 1900 after he had already returned to the University of Kansas at Lawrence for his junior year.

The delay in entering the Academy created a difficult situation for him and he seriously considered withdrawing until the regular time of entrance



the following June. He continued however and graduated with his class in 1904. Because of his having entered in September, he was known throughout his life at West Point and the Army as "Sep" Cross. He ranked toward the top of the class and was assigned to the artillery as a 2nd Lieutenant. He was stationed at Fort Myer, Va. where he served until June 7, 1905 with the 4th Battery F. A. On June 8, 1905, he was stationed at Fort Ethan Allen, Vt. where he remained until June 30, 1906 with the 23rd Battery F. A.

On July 1, 1906, he was promoted to 1st Lieutenant of Ordnance and stationed at Sandy Hook Proving Ground, N. J. at the entrance of New York harbor where he remained until June 25, 1907. At Sandy Hook, he was Proof Officer, Student Officer at the Ordnance School of Application and Commanding Officer of Detachment Ordnance.

He was returned to the Coast Artillery as 1st Lieutenant on January 25, 1907 and later transferred on June 26, 1907 to Springfield Armory, Springfield, Mass. where he remained until June 30, 1908.

On July 1, 1908 he was transferred to Fort McKinley, Maine commanding the 37th Company (Mine) C.A.C.

On August 21, 1909, he was appointed instructor in the Department of Natural and Experimental Philosophy at West Point, becoming Assistant Professor in 1911.

On December 14, 1912, he was assigned to Fort Totten, N. Y. serving there until August 12, 1915. During this interval, he served with the 135th Company C.A.C. and the 101st Company, C. A. C. While at Fort Totten, he was promoted to Captain of the Coast Artillery and was also relieved on August 16, 1914 to serve on the American Relief Expedition in charge of disbursement of funds to stranded Americans in the European Continent, particularly in Germany, Austria and Hungary. He was also privileged to take observations in the German Army in the field. He returned to America, October 9, 1914.

In August, 1915, he was assigned to Fort Randolph, Panama Canal Zone, where he served for two years until the United States entered the war against Germany. He returned to the States about August 1, 1917. While at Fort Randolph, he was Fort Commander, Captain of the 21st Company, C.A.C., member of the Fire Control Board and Constructing Quartermaster.

On September 1, 1917, he sailed on board the steamship "Aurania", the first contingent of the American Expeditionary Forces, World War I, in command of Company "H" 7th Regiment Coast Artillery. He arrived at Southampton, England, September 11, 1917 and sailed on the "Marguerite" on the same day for Havre, France, arriving early in the morning of September 12, 1917.

The papers of Col. Cross from this time on in France are not very complete but he served as the Head of the Saumur Artillery School in France ("Director of Instruction"). General Pershing, according to letters and photographs, visited the Saumur Artillery School in France late in 1918 and subsequently a French officer wrote a very complimentary letter to Col. Cross relative to the Pershing inspection.

After the Armistice of November 11, 1918, Col. Cross was assigned to the Occupational Forces in Coblenz, apparently still with the 7th Artillery. He remained at Coblenz until about April 20, 1919. Col. Cross returned to the United States about April 24, 1919 and was appointed to the General Staff where he was especially active in helping prepare army appropriation measures for presentation to Congress.

He was very helpful in suggesting the modification of the equipment for making big naval guns at the Bethlehem and Midvale Steel Works for use in the manufacture of the huge high pressure reaction chambers for manufacture of gasoline by the process developed by Dr. Roy Cross and Dr. Walter Cross of the Gasoline Products Company.

While on the General Staff, he made special inspections in 1919 at Camp Zachary Taylor, Camp Grant and Camp Funston. He continued with the Staff during 1920 and 1921 as Chief of Personnel Data Sub-Section. He subsequently attended and graduated from both the Command and General Staff School at Leavenworth and the

Army War College in Washington, D. C. He was appointed Director of the Department of Military Art at the Coast Artillery School at Fort Monroe, Va. in 1927 where he apparently remained until 1930.

In 1928 he was given the permanent rank of Lieutenant Col.

He was then appointed Commandant of Fort MacArthur near Los Angeles in 1930 where he remained until 1932. During the time he was at Fort MacArthur, he installed the first anti-aircraft battery and maneuvers were carried out throughout the Mojave Desert and the Yosemite Valley. This was the first anti-aircraft on the West Coast and included not only the most modern guns but also searchlights and detectors. He was in command of the 63rd Coast Artillery which then became an anti-aircraft regiment. He also carried out maneuvers around San Diego.

In 1932, Col. Cross was sent to Fort Mills on Corregidor Island at the entrance to Manila Bay in the Philippines where he remained until 1935. He then returned to Washington and was subjected to a physical examination at the Walter Reed Hospital having been placed on the eligible list for promotion. He was promoted to Col. in the Coast Artillery Corps on August 15, 1935.

Isabel Glennon Cross, his wife and the daughter of Admiral Glennon died while Col. Cross was in the Philippines.

In 1936, he was assigned to Cleveland in charge of the Organized Reserves. While at Cleveland, he inspected R.O.T.C. camps and was in temporary charge of R.O.T.C. camps at Fort Sheridan and other points. In 1938 and 1939 he was an umpire of the war games at Fort Knox, Ky.

In 1938, he was apparently again on the eligible list for promotion (to Brigadier General) and was sent to the Walter Reed Hospital for a check-up. It was while there that he was reported as having excessive blood pressure and his recommendation was held up due to the medical officers report.

He remained in Cleveland until September, 1939 when he was sent to Logan, Utah in charge of the R.O.T.C. at the Utah State Agricultural College and was Professor of Military Science and Tactics. He remained in Utah until his illness in 1943. He died August 31, 1943 at the Bushnell General Hospital, Brigham City, Utah of cardiac insufficiency just a few days before his scheduled retirement from the Army, exactly 43 years after he began his service with the U.S. Army.

He is survived by his daughter Edith Blair Cross of Washington, D. C., two brothers, Dr. Roy Cross of Kansas City and Fred Cross of Ellis, Kansas, a sister, Edith Cross Hall of Oakley, Kansas and his mother, Ada Pendleton Cross of Oakley, Kansas. Colonel Cross was especially known for his pleasant bearing and sympathetic attitude toward everyone with whom he came into contact. He was most loyal to all of his friends, relatives and associates. He had the analytical mind of a mathematician and the literary style of a writer. As a youth he was particularly attracted toward legal work but was diverted to the army. As a boy he loved to visit court rooms and return home to orate

to the family as the lawyer did to the jury. In later life he was much interested in photography particularly movies and color pictures. Throughout his life he continued his family solidity, friendliness, warm heartedness, and love of literature, mathematics and law. Had he so chosen, he would have been successful as a writer, a lawyer, a mathematician or a teacher. He was by nature not methodical or precise enough for a military life. His military bearing and history indicate the opposite by reason of his training at West Point and his complete control of himself in all situations. Privately, in citizen's clothes he could revert to his natural lovable character but in his official capacity he was a stickler for perfection of form, strict attention to duty and exact conformance to military regulations and standards.

At West Point and in immediate subsequent years, he was very active socially and in these surroundings, he met one of the most beautiful girls in Washington society. She was Isabel Glennon, the daughter of Admiral Glennon. Lt. Cross married Isabel on Wednesday, April 17, 1907. Their daughter, Edith Blair Cross was born January 26, 1908. It was at the Walter Reed Hospital in 1934 that it was found that Isabel was suffering from a brain tumor and during the time that preparations were actually made for an operation to relieve her of this difficulty, she died October, 1934 while Col. Cross was on duty in the Philippine Islands. The shock of Isabel's death may have been a contributing factor to the development of high blood pressure and arterial sclerosis.

When he was appointed as Professor of Military Tactics at the Utah State Agricultural College, he became associated with very congenial people, yet he still desired to reassociate himself with his relatives and friends in Kansas. He returned to Lawrence for retirement where he bought a house.

He was buried at Arlington Cemetery, September 8, 1943 alongside the grave of Isabel Glennon Cross, his wife.

William Ducachet Geary

NO. 4587 CLASS OF 1907

Died January 4, 1944, at Torney General Hospital, Palm Springs, California, aged 59 years.

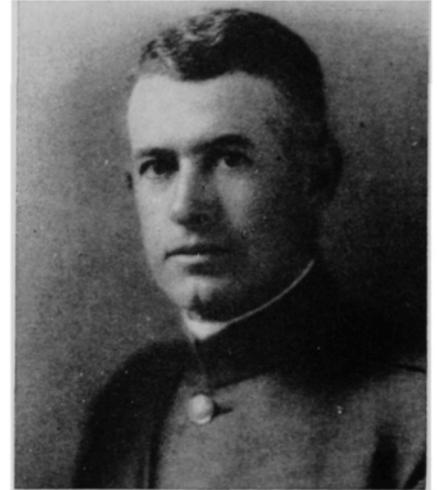
WILLIAM DUCACHET GEARY was born November 5, 1884, at Sonoma, California. He was the son of Major William L. Geary, U.S.M.A., Class of 1874, and a grandson of Major General John White Geary, who served in the Mexican War and commanded a division in the Civil War at Gettysburg, Chancellorsville, and Lookout Mountain.

Bill was educated in the public schools on the Pacific coast in Seattle, Portland and San Francisco. Before coming to West Point, he attended the University of California for one year. He won his appointment in a competitive examination and entered the Military Academy on June 15, 1903.

As a cadet, Bill was one of the leading spirits of the class, was a corporal, sergeant and lieutenant, and served

on most of the committees responsible for important class affairs.

Upon graduation on June 14, 1907, he was assigned to the 12th Cavalry at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. He went to the Philippines with his regiment in June, 1909 and served for nine months on the Military Survey of Luzon. Returning in April 1911, he was stationed at Fort Huachuca, Arizona, Fort Meade, South Dakota, Fort Riley, Kansas, and on the Mexican border in New Mexico below Hachita. He went to the Philippines again in 1914 and served at Camp Stotsenburg and at Fort William McKinley. He



was again engaged on the Military Survey of the Island of Luzon and spent six months mapping the trails of the mountain provinces. On November 23, 1915, he married, at Camp Stotsenburg, Margaret Hughes Millar, daughter of Colonel and Mrs. Edward A. Millar. Returning to the United States in 1916, he was stationed at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, with the 11th Cavalry, and was with his regiment in Mexico with the Punitive Expedition from March to October of that year. He was Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Ouachita College, Arkansas, for a short period in 1917, and then rejoined his regiment.

At this time, several of the old cavalry regiments were re-organized into Field Artillery for service overseas and for this reason, he attended the Field Artillery School of Fire at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, as a student officer and for a short period afterward acted as an instructor.

He served at Camp MacArthur, Texas, at Camp McClellan, Alabama, and on August 1, 1918, went to France with the 80th Field Artillery. In France, he served at Mussey, Meuse, and Mauvages with the 119th Field Artillery. He was at Treves, Germany, as a student officer at the Artillery Staff School, at Bussey, Cote d'Or, France, with the 306th Ammunition Train and at LeMans, as Inspector General. He returned to the United States on July 11, 1919.

Bill served for a year as Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the San Diego High School and Junior College at San Diego, California. From there he went to Camp Pike, Arkansas, with the 18th Field Artillery and in 1921, to Fort Leavenworth to attend

the School of the Line, from which he graduated in 1922 and the General Staff School from which he graduated in 1923. For the next four years, he was Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Stanford University, Palo Alto, California. He then served as instructor at the Command and General Staff School for three years. In 1930, he was detailed for duty with the Organized Reserves at Salt Lake City, Utah. While there, he was temporarily detached and commanded the C.C.C. District at Fort Missoula, Montana. On March 31, 1936, he was retired, with rank of Colonel for disability in line of duty. Following his retirement, Bill lived at Coronado, California, but was recalled to active duty as Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the Polytechnic High School, Long Beach, California, in February, 1941. In November of that year, he was forced to return to a retired status on account of his health. Most of the last three years of his life were spent near Palm Springs, California, where he died at Torney General Hospital on January 4, 1944.

He is survived by his wife, who is living in Coronado, California, and by two sons, William D. Geary, Jr., living in New York, and Edward Millar Geary, U.S.M.A., 1939, now Major, Field Artillery (Armored), serving overseas.

Bill was a good soldier, a true friend and a worthy son of West Point. His record is one which his family and friends may well regard with justifiable pride.

Freeman Wate Bowley

NO. 4946 CLASS OF 1911

Died March 1, 1944, at the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York, aged 57 years.

own. These earlier experiences undoubtedly had much to do with his conscientious application to all tasks, the development of his high self-reliance, and his intense determination to make his efforts successful.

Before entering the Academy Freeman had two years at the University of California where he became a member of the Theta Delta Chi fraternity.

His belated entry into West Point on August 6, 1907 proved no handicap. Of erect and natural military bearing; tall, well proportioned and handsome; he was foredoomed to spend his last year at the Academy as our Cadet Adjutant. Many of us will recall the following in his plebe life and which he loved to relate: How he had to drill a battery of shoes in stentorian commands, emulating in exaggeration the tone of his brother who had preceded him at West Point and who had more recently been Senior Instructor of Artillery Tactics. Later, after a few weeks of academic work, the Commandant who had served with his brother at the Academy inquired, "Mr. Bowley what do you find the hardest for you at the Academy?" The ex-



pected answer was "mathematics Sir" or something similar, but the reply came, "Living down my brother's reputation, Sir!" Some time later when his brother again visited the Academy the Commandant told him the story and added, "You need not worry about your brother he can take care of himself." Freeman fully demonstrated this fact in all the years that followed. In our association with him at West Point many of us will remember him best in outdoor and indoor track meets, on the polo squad and as a member of the 100th Night cast.

Freeman's high class standing upon graduation would have placed him in the Engineers in previous years. The Academic Board had so recommended. But, a new War Department policy making assignments proportional to the vacancies in the respective arms reduced the Academic Board figure of fifteen Engineers from the Class of 1911 to only five. Thus he became a Field Artilleryman and perhaps herein fate had taken a hand for he loved the arm and the polo activity that was possible therein.

An incident and accident early in his commissioned service reveals so much of a positive, strong, and fine

character that it is related below in detail as received by the author from his first battery commander, Colonel Raymond S. Pratt now retired.

"... we were having service practice at Schofield Barracks and I had ridden ahead to select the battery position. When the battery arrived I found Freeman was not with it. I asked the First Sergeant where he was and was told that while the battery was passing through a gulch Freeman's horse had fallen with him and broken his (Freeman's) leg. That he gave instructions I was not to be told until the problem was over and insisted on riding back unattended; we were short of men at the time. It takes a good youngster to pull a stunt like that.

"Freeman and Joe Andrews were our next door neighbors at Schofield then and Freeman seldom passed our quarters without stopping for a little game with Raymond Jr., then a very small boy.

"Freeman himself was in spirit a boy then—a clean, fine one. Mrs. Pratt and I became very fond of him and our friendship has lasted through the years."

Assigned to the Ordnance Department in 1915 his World War experiences in France and Germany were in that Service. It was on this duty that he received a certificate for "special meritorious services as Chief Ordnance Officer, 3rd Army Corps, during operations August-November, 1918, Gise-Aisne and Meuse-Argonne offensives." It was on this overseas service also that he was awarded the Victory Medal with four stars and, for "Military merit in the performance of his duties in the A.E.F., France 1918," the Order of the Purple Heart; as well as the Army of Occupation Medal (Germany 1918-1919) and the American Defense Service Medal.

In editing *Two Decades*, the second supplement to our 1911 *Howitzer*, all members were asked to mention what they considered their most outstanding accomplishments. Illustrative of his modesty Freeman failed to do so, although the foregoing and the fact that he organized and commanded the Ordnance Supply School at Camp Meade are examples of some of the experiences he might well have included.

Five times in attendance at the various Service Schools, to include the Army War College is indicative of his high merit. Only those possessed of the best efficiency records were so rewarded. The same may be said of such assignments as instructor at the United States Military Academy and on the faculty at the Command and General Staff School wherein his fine teaching talents were recognized and utilized.

We all know that Freeman could never do a job halfway and so it was at the Command and General Staff School—where there always appeared to be an excessive amount of work for the faculty—that he was stricken by an heart ailment which resulted in his retirement at the end of March 1940. The author well recalls correspondence with him at this time—his despondency over prospective and final retirement and his efforts to remain on active duty.

Here was a dynamic personality possessed of an extremely capable and

ASIDE from the deep regret in the knowledge of Freeman's departure from this confused world the author is most conscious of his inaptness to adequately present this beloved classmate's obituary.

There was a certain reserve and a dignity about Freeman that obscured from many his character, qualities, and experiences to which pen can do little justice.

In what brief presentation of his many experiences and attributes the author is able to make, immediate family members and his closest friends are bound to sense an incompleteness. Closer association with them in the construction of the following remarks would have been desirable.

The detailed recital of Freeman's successive military promotions, assignments and duties will not be attempted here. They are quite fully covered in General Cullum's Biographical Register of the Officers and Graduates of the United States Military Academy.

As a newsboy on the streets of San Francisco he became inured to hard work early in life. Just before his sixteenth birthday his father had died. After this, except for some fine fatherly assistance from a brother, who was twelve years his senior, he appears to have been very much on his

active mind in rhythm with which, by reason of a physical weakness, the material body could not keep step. Because of this, his closest associates must have witnessed at this time some evidences of frustration which only subsided when, upon his request, he was again placed on active duty the middle of February in 1941 at his beloved Alma Mater.

We now find him embarked upon what probably proved to be three of the most pleasant and satisfactory years of his life even though they were his last. True, in spite of his delight, to a close observer there must have been ever present some signs of the conflict between his mental aggressiveness and his physical handicap; some shackling of the former by the latter, notwithstanding his will to the contrary; with consequent alarm at the possible results.

His abilities in these last years invoked numerous assignments. Included among the important tasks that he performed, largely simultaneously, in these last years were: Post Intelligence Officer, War Plans Officer, Inspector, Surveying Officer, Assistant to the Zone Construction Quartermaster and Field Agent for the West Point and Stewart Field Land Projects. "West Point Has Grown", by Freeman, and appearing in the last issue of *Assembly* before his death, reveals, in part only, the splendid job he did in the West Point land project expansion. This needful enlargement had hung in the balance for years and its eventual speedy consummation will ever remain as one monument to Freeman's efforts and memory. His last Commander, Major General F. B. Wilby, Superintendent, had these things to say of him: "An officer of exceptional executive and administrative ability, he served most willingly and effectively in all of his several capacities and, until his death, continued to carry out in a superior manner his many and varied duties" and again, "The unfortunate death of the late Colonel Bowley had terminated a long, honorable and distinguished professional career of outstanding merit and accomplishment. The loss to the Army and to the Military Academy of this highly trained and experienced senior officer is a serious one and his place as a skilled and versatile staff officer will be most difficult to fill." Is there any doubt that but for his physical defect stars would have adorned his shoulders in this emergency?

His manifold activities can by no means all be covered in this brief survey. Many of them were not required and those few related below, even though prompted by his love for his classmates, for cadets in general, and for West Point, must have taken their toll of his strength. Among these activities were: That of Secretary and Treasurer of his Class, which included a splendid Class column in each issue of *Assembly*; assistance to the Association of Graduates, to include other contributions such as "Plain Talk" to *Assembly*; and assistance to Cadets, whose confidence he won and enjoyed, in personal problems and in their color line and 100th Night entertainments. Many will forever cherish pleasant memories of the cordial repasts with him, his charming wife and children

in their home, for class sons and visiting members of their families. All evidence points to the fact that he helped the Academy in every possible way, that she never had a more loyal supporter.

We can all rejoice in many things connected with his last years and moments. He saw two sons, Freeman W., Jr. and Albert J., graduate from West Point on June 1, 1943 and become First Lieutenants in the Air Corps, and he saw a third son, William T., well embarked upon his plebe year. We can all be thankful that he joined that "Long Grey Line" quietly, without suffering. February 29 was a usual day for him at his office. That evening he planned for the next day, went to sleep and never again awakened to the tumult of this war torn world in which he became as much of a casualty as any on the battle fronts. His wish had been granted, he died in harness!!

Other than his sons named above, Freeman is survived by his widow, Elsie Johnson Bowley; by a daughter, Miss Elizabeth Wilmer Bowley; by a brother, Lt. Gen. Albert J. Bowley, U.S.A., Retired; and by a brother and sister resident in California.

Charles Lawrence Kilburn

NO. 5194 CLASS OF 1913

Died May 16, 1942, at Miami Beach, Florida, aged 51 years.

DEATH came to Lt. Colonel Charles L. Kilburn while he was on active duty in the Army Air Force Officers Training School at Miami Beach preparatory to assignment in the Army Air Forces. He had just been recommissioned in the Army of the United States on 24 April 1942 and was taking a strenuous refresher course at this Station when he succumbed to a sudden illness.

Colonel Kilburn was born to William and Helen Kilburn at Newport, Rhode Island 3 June 1891.

He was appointed to the Military Academy from Montrose, Pennsylvania and entered 1 March 1909, graduating in 1913.

As a plebe and as an upperclassman he always saw the humor in situations, and was affectionately known by all as "Doc". Always was he amiable, and interested in matters concerning his Class and the smaller matters that concerned individuals. As a cadet, the Howitzer of 1913 says that for two years he boned Chevrons in the face of lack of vision on the part of the Tactical Department. Then he decided to enjoy life, and shortly received his Chevrons as Cadet Sergeant and later as Cadet Lieutenant. He followed his own way without pressing any of his beliefs on his friends and classmates. He took both work and play in their place. Whether it was parade in the rain, night drills, Ordnance writs, or special inspections, he met them all with a smile.

He was an ardent follower of polo and wanted to be assigned to the Cavalry. He was on his Company polo team and on the Polo Squad, but on graduation was assigned to the Coast Artillery.

After joining at Fort Monroe in 1913, he remained in the Coast Artillery in various duties of the Company Officer, until he transferred to the Third Field Artillery in 1915 and served at Fort Myer, Va., Tobyhanna, Pa., Fort Sam Houston, Leon Springs and Laredo, Texas.

After one year in the Field Artillery, he returned to the Coast Artillery at Fort Howard, Maryland. A year later in 1917, he was assigned to duty with Minnesota National Guard for Field Artillery training work. Again he returned to Fort Monroe for duty and remained there through World War I in spite of his efforts to get overseas. He was one of the few in his Class who reached the grade of Lieutenant Colonel without overseas service during the war.

He resigned December 22, 1923 while on duty as Major in the Office of the Chief of Coast Artillery. He first went with the Campbell Soup Company and later with the Packard Motor Company until family affairs made it necessary to return to his home in Washington, D. C.

Here he took part in a variety of business ventures, and when he saw the trend of events in 1939-1940, he joined the Glen L. Martin Company on aircraft near Baltimore and remained with them until recommissioned for duty with the Army Air Forces.

Funeral Services were held in the Arlington National cemetery. The "Doc" Kilburn that his classmates knew, an always cheerful friend, and loyal to his beliefs, had marched on to eternity.

William Douglas McNair

NO. 6389 CLASS OF JUNE, 1919

Died October 20, 1943, in Australia, aged 44 years.

WILLIAM DOUGLAS MCNAIR, scion of old Army families, father, Major General William Sharp McNair, mother daughter of Brigadier



General Ramsay Douglas Potts, was born February 4, 1899, at the Presidio of San Francisco. He entered West Point in June 1917 and was graduated November 1, 1918. His class was retained until June 1919 and then sent on a tour of battle-fields in France.

Doug was assigned to the cavalry, but was transferred in 1920, to the Field Artillery where he belonged by heredity and inclination. Here it might be mentioned that his father was noted in the 6th F.A.—at that time the home of such celebrated soldiers as Peyton March, Bill Snow and Bill Lassiter—to mention only a few—as the man who could best make his 9 millimeters send their shells to the mark. From all the writer has been able to learn, it appears that Doug inherited this gift as well as others, notable among which was the ability to inspire both the affection and loyalty of those with whom he served. Subsequent assignments took him to the schools at Fort Knox and Fort Riley, then to Fort Sam Houston. He became noted as an expert horseman and polo player, and in the latter capacity was a great annoyance to his opponents, as he was a "south-paw". In 1924 he was assigned to the Canal Zone. He and his buddy, George Crosby, distinguished themselves during maneuvers by emplacing 9 millimeters in an absolutely unreachable position, from which they influenced greatly the outcome of the problem.

From this duty he was sent to the Quartermaster School at Philadelphia. In 1930 his father was promoted to the permanent rank of brigadier general and Doug was detailed as his aide, with station at Fort McPherson, Ga. Following his father's retirement in 1932, he was made aide to General G. H. Estes. On June 8, 1933 he married Loyal Roberts, daughter of Colonel T. A. Roberts and went for station to Fort Sam Houston where was born his daughter, Loyal Louise, on March 30, 1934. He was transferred to the Philippine Islands in 1935 and served with the 24th F.A. at Fort Stotsenburg. On his return to the States in 1937, he was sent to Fort Riley, Kansas, where he remained till 1940, then going to Fort Sill, where his proficiency as an artilleryman and his ability to impart instruction made him a most valuable member of the school staff. In 1943 he was assigned to command the artillery of the 1st Cavalry Division, at Fort Bliss, a position which he held at the time of his death from an airplane accident in Australia, October 20, 1943.

He was immediately recommended for the posthumous award of the Legion of Merit. The citation, in part, reads—"From February 21, 1943 to May 15, 1943, he reorganized the 1st Cavalry Division Artillery in accordance with War Dept. directions. This work required a superlative degree of professional skill and tact. By his diligence and zeal Colonel McNair had accomplished his task completely, in time to meet the readiness date for overseas service set by the War Dept.

"From 1 August 1943 to 20 October 1943, Colonel McNair devoted tireless energy to the further reorganization of his command. The devotion to duty and indefatigable industry of Colonel McNair expedited the reorganization, and at the same time, his magnetic personality and infectious enthusiasm imbued all members of his command with utmost confidence. Thus, in a command twice reorganized in eight months, Colonel McNair maintained a high state of combat efficiency and en-

hanced the morale of a unit already noted for high morale."

Colonel McNair was a third generation field artilleryman, an honor to his family, his class, and his country.

—T. A. R.

Richard Longworth Baughman

NO. 7297 CLASS OF 1924

Died June 30, 1943, near Saxe, Virginia, aged 43 years.

"WE estimate men as great not by their wealth but by their virtue." "Virtue" in the sense of courage, spirit, manliness, firmness, integrity, moral rectitude, honesty and loyalty. By these standards, those of us who knew him must estimate Dick as "great"

That Dick Baughman's service to his country had to be snatched away at a time when he was performing important duties in connection with the training of a war time Army, was not only a tragic loss to the family he loved, but a serious loss to the Service to which he gave all his physical energy, keenness, intelligence and outstanding ability.

Dick's untimely death came while enroute by air from Fort Benning, Georgia to Washington, D. C. June 30, 1943. He and others made an official visit at the Infantry School and were returning to their duties at Headquarters, Army Ground Forces when the plane crashed near Saxe, Virginia.

He was born December 21, 1900 at Minneapolis, Minnesota, the son of Elizabeth and Adelbert Baughman. He attended high school at Grand Forks, North Dakota. In September 1918 he enrolled in the University of North Dakota at Grand Forks and remained as a student until June 1920, when he was appointed a cadet. While a student at the University of North Dakota, he met Mary Helen Cassell, who later became his devoted wife.

Dick, like so many independent thinking Americans, didn't fall easily into the regimented life of a cadet. In fact, it can be said that he never fully accepted it, and yet with great credit to him, he was always a thorough-going soldier, as his fine record indicates.

As a cadet, he held all the non-commissioned grades, culminating in appointment as cadet captain his first class year. His activities at the Military Academy included track, Hundredth Night, Choir. He also found time to teach a Sunday School class.

He graduated well up in the Class of 1924, selected the Infantry and was assigned to the 3rd Infantry at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, not far from his home country.

Dick and Mary Helen were married March 31, 1927. In April they sailed for Hawaii where, for three years, Lieutenant Baughman soldiered with the 19th Infantry and found time to coach a winning regimental track team.

Duty with the 29th Infantry and as a student at the Infantry School at Benning followed.

The C.C.C. situation in 1933 found him assigned to the 12th Infantry, Fort Howard, Maryland, and doing duty with a C.C.C. Company in the mountains of northern-central Pennsylvania.

There has always been a question as to which of two of Dick's many assignments was to him most unexpected.



ed, his orders to duty in 1934 at the Military Academy as an instructor of mathematics, or his detail as a student at the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth in 1936. Both these assignments amazed him, modest Dick, but not his friends and acquaintances who recognized his ability, energy and zeal. The two years as a math instructor at West Point caused him, according to his tales, to burn more midnight oil than he ever did as a cadet.

Dick's loyalty and devotion to his Class and Alma Mater was indicated by his continued interest, while an instructor at the Academy and afterwards, in making regular reports on classmates and their activities to the Class bulletin "The Thundering Herd"

His interest in his profession was unflagging. After being filled with the operations of large units at Leavenworth, he requested detail to the Battery Officers' Course at the Field Artillery School in 1937. Perhaps some people would have considered it beneath their dignity to submit to battery training after juggling divisions and corps at Leavenworth, but not Dick. He entered into his Field Artillery training as enthusiastically as he had always lived his doughboy life, but his loyalty and devotion to his chosen branch, the Infantry, never lessened. However, it may be said, at times the mysticism of the Artillery was almost too much for him. He often thought the same results could be obtained in simpler ways. After graduation from the school, he was assigned to the 38th Infantry Demonstration Battalion at Sill.

In 1940 he was transferred to the Infantry School as an instructor, where he became Chief of the Rifle Group. During the emergency and war period, he was thus responsible for the rifle training of the thousands of junior officers and officer candidates

who were students at the school. That his conscientious and efficient direction of this important phase of an Infantry officer's training had a direct bearing on the combat efficiency of our Infantry was recognized in the award of the Legion of Merit as follows:

"Colonel Richard L. Baughman, Infantry, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. As chief of the officer instructor group covering mechanical training and marksmanship of the M-1 rifle, carbine, and submachine gun at the Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia, from 24 June 1940 to 10 February 1943, Colonel Baughman through untiring work and originality was instrumental in developing new and effective training methods and expedients. He personally supervised the efforts of 49 officer instructors who assisted with indoctrination of some 50,000 officer students. During his entire service as an instructor at the Infantry School, he exhibited outstanding leadership, ability and initiative. As assistant to the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, Army Ground Forces, for the period 11 February to 30 June 1943, Colonel Baughman was chief of the Infantry Branch, Training Division. In this position he contributed much to the successful training of Infantry units, thus insuring their early departure for theatres of operation. Entered the United States Military Academy from North Dakota."

The confidence many fighting men have today in their rifle, the M-1, stems from the inspiring talks of "the Garand" made by Instructor Baughman to the Infantry School classes. There was fire in his eyes and voice when the capabilities of the rifle were questioned.

Upon his relief from the Infantry School in February 1943, he was assigned to the G-3 Section, Army Ground Forces and shortly thereafter was promoted to Colonel.

During one of his many inspection trips while observing troop training at Camp Bullis, Texas, he suffered an arm wound from a shell fragment. At the time he was wounded, he was with the forward rifle elements. No "brass hat" inspections for Dick. Fortunately the wound was not serious and he was soon back on the job.

No discussion of Dick Baughman would be complete without reference to his love of good music. He was always eager to gather a crowd for a song-fest. Dick was a social individual, he had a talent and knack of telling Swede stories from the "Norsk Nightingale." "Yeorge Vashington ban honest fellow"; "Tillie Olson"; "Sonnet on Stewed Prunes"; "Barbara Frietchie ban brave old hen"; were always in demand at social gatherings when Dick was present.

But this energetic, personable, thoughtful, modest fellow had to be taken from us—a host of admiring friends.

His beloved wife, Mary Helen, his two splendid boys, young Dick and Don, his mother, father and sister, Ruth, are cheered by the memory of him as a devoted husband, a loving

and companionable father, a son who was constant in his devotion, and an affectionate brother.

The 1924 Howitzer said:
*"It won't be hard for our old pard,
 When he's stationed far away,
 For when he's a 'loot' and the
 bandits shoot,
 He'll be the bird who'll stay."*

Felix Alex Todd, Jr.

NO. 8190 CLASS OF 1927

Died June 30, 1943, near Saxe, Virginia, aged 38 years.

FELIX ALEX TODD, JR. was born in Muskogee, Oklahoma on February 20, 1905. He attended grammar school, and Central High School in Muskogee. During his youth he displayed a fondness for outdoor activities and the companionship of his boyhood friends. He was a tall, likeable, easy-going lad, and carried



through life the Westerner's custom of exchanging greetings on the road, whether with friends or strangers.

At the age of 18, Felix received an appointment to the United States Military Academy from Senator R. L. Owen of Oklahoma and entered the Academy on July 2, 1923. His openness, natural ways and general willingness made many friends among his classmates. Those who knew him well held him in high esteem.

Upon graduation from the Academy on June 14, 1927, he was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant of Infantry with orders to report to the 9th Infantry, 2nd Division, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. While there he met Elizabeth Newton and promptly fell in love with her. They were shortly afterwards married. In February 1930, they sailed from San Francisco to the Philippine Islands. Todd was assigned to the 57th Infantry, Fort McKinley, Rizal, P. I.

It was here at Ft. McKinley that their first child, Ellen, was born.

On April 21, 1932, the Todds returned to the U. S. and after a leave, Felix

reported to Ft. Benning, Georgia as a student at the Infantry School. Upon completion of the course in June 1933, he was again assigned to the 9th Infantry, 2nd Division at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. In August of that year, he was promoted to 1st Lieutenant, and in June 1937 to Captain.

In February 1938, Captain Todd and his family sailed from Charleston, South Carolina to the Panama Canal Zone. He was assigned to the 14th Infantry, Ft. Wm. D. Davis. Here their second child, a boy, named after his father, was born.

Two years later, in February 1940, they returned to the United States, and after a short leave, Captain Todd reported for duty to the 10th Infantry, Ft. Hayes, Ohio, where he was promoted to Major A.U.S. on January 31, 1941. From here he went to Fort Custer, Michigan. In April 1941, he was assigned to the Staff and Faculty of the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia. Major General Omar N. Bradley, Commanding General of the Infantry School, had especially selected Major Todd to command one of the first Officer Candidate Companies being formed at Fort Benning. In the performance of this task, Major Todd displayed exceptional leadership, keen initiative, and sound judgment. The system of rating and selection of enlisted men for commissions as officers established at that time received the wholehearted approval of both enlisted men and senior officers, and is still in effect.

Major Todd's good work at Benning resulted in his promotion to Lt. Colonel, and his assignment to Headquarters, Army Ground Forces in July 1942. It was now six months since the United States had entered World War II. As a General Staff Corps member of the G-3 Section, he drew up the first Infantry Battalion problem, prescribing live ammunition to be fired over the heads of advancing troops. His duties called for frequent visits to Army Ground Forces' units in training throughout the United States. It was while returning from a training visit to Fort Benning, Georgia that he met his untimely death in an airplane crash, along with Col. Kamaeil Maertens, Col. Richard Baughman, and Lt. Col. Milton Pressley. The plane exploded in making a forced landing near Saxe, Virginia on June 30, 1943, instantly killing all occupants. Col. Todd's remains were buried in Fort Sam Houston, in the presence of his bereaved family, relatives and friends.

Col. Todd was an officer of unusual initiative, energy, and professional zeal in the performance of every duty. His entire life personified the motto "Duty, Honor and Country", and he was admired by all who knew and worked with him, whether commissioned officers or enlisted men.

He was awarded the Legion of Merit posthumously upon the recommendation of Lieut. General Lesley J. McNair. The award was presented to his widow, Mrs. Elizabeth N. Todd on August 14, 1943 at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. The citation reads: "For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services.

During the period July 1, 1941 to July 25, 1942, Lt. Colonel Todd was instrumental in organizing and executing the system of instruction in the Officer Candidate School which was used as an example by other service schools. Lt. Colonel Todd displayed outstanding professional ability and initiative in the accomplishment of his mission during his service as an instructor in the Officers Candidate School. As Assistant to the Assistant Chief of Staff G-3, Army Ground Forces, for the period July 31, 1942 to June 30, 1943, Lt. Colonel Todd materially assisted in formulating training technique for Ground Force infantry units. His entire service was marked with accomplishment which did credit to himself and to his country."

Felix's friends will always remember him as a true, cheerful, and loyal gentleman. Whether on a golf course, bird hunting in the South, duck shooting on the Potomac River, or in performance of duty, no one could ask for better companionship than his.

Andrew Hero, III

NO. 9327 CLASS OF 1932

Died November 16, 1943, at Washington, D. C., aged 33 years.

EVERY young man entering West Point as a plebe carries with him a mental picture of an ideal cadet. This cadet looks and carries himself like a soldier; he excels in anything he pursues, whether it be academic subjects, drills, or athletics; he is the embodiment of the three qualities of West Point's time-honored and time-proven motto; and furthermore, he is a warm, good-natured



human being with an eye for beauty and a sense of humor. Plebes entering the Academy during the three years following 1928 were privileged to encounter such a cadet. His name was Andrew Hero, III. Those who met him never forgot him.

Andy's background was all army, and his life is a tribute to that service. His father was Major General Andrew

Hero, Jr., class of 1891, Chief of Coast Artillery from 1926 to 1930. His mother was Miss Fanny Davis, daughter of General J. H. K. Davis, class of 1868. Andy was born in Washington, D. C. on 16 January 1910, and, like all army children, moved constantly throughout his boyhood, living at various Army stations throughout the United States and overseas.

Andy entered West Point on 2 July 1928, and graduated 10 June 1932, ranking fourth in his class, and commanded a battalion during his First Class year. He chose the Field Artillery for his career.

From 1932 to 1935, he was stationed at Fort Myer, Virginia, where, in addition to his other duties, he served as an aide-de-camp to the President of the United States. Then he was ordered to France for a year to study at the Alliance Francaise and l'Universete de Paris in preparation for duty with the Department of Modern Languages at the Military Academy. At West Point from 1936 to 1939, Andy taught French for two years and, when additional instructors were required for Economics, displayed his versatility by teaching that subject his last year. This was followed by a year as student at the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill, where his record was most distinguished. He was then transferred to Fort Bragg where he served first with the 13th Field Artillery Brigade and then as aide-de-camp to General E. P. Parker, Jr., at the Field Artillery Replacement Training Center. In 1942, Andy was ordered to duty with the Latin American Section of War Plans Division of the War Department General Staff in Washington.

Upon reorganization of the War Department, when War Plans became the Operations Division, Andy played an important part in monitoring the affairs of the Caribbean Defense Command and in contributing to the furthering of close relationships with the Governments of South America.

Several months before the mounting of the Sicilian operation, the 7th Army asked for additional staff officers from the Operations Division of the War Department General Staff to assist in the planning therefor. Andy was selected as one of these officers and aided not only in the planning, but participated in the actual landing and subsequent campaign until near its close. He returned to Washington in August 1943 to resume his duties as Chief of the Caribbean Sub-section in the Latin American Theater.

Unforeseen complications following an emergency appendectomy in Walter Reed Hospital caused his untimely death on 16 November 1943. To his many close and admiring friends it was difficult to understand why such a young man with a brilliant record and so much to offer should have been taken in this manner.

Andy was married to Gertrude Faust of Washington, D. C., on June 11, 1936. Two sons, Andrew Williams, aged 3 and Peter de Courcy, aged 1½, were born to this truly happy couple.

We of the class of 1932 are proud to have counted Andy Hero one of us. We were truly fortunate to have lived

so closely to him for four years, bettering ourselves by daily contact with his manly, forthright understanding and friendly personality. We who have known Andy will draw constant inspiration from remembrance of his wholly devoted service to our country.

—E. I. D.

Percival Ernest Gabel

NO. 9607 CLASS OF 1933

Died September 11, 1943, at March Field, California, aged 33 years.

ON September 11, 1943, an experimental type of cargo glider crashed in the vicinity of March Field, California. Within 24 hours, higher authority had directed that it be recommended that the D.S.M. be awarded posthumously to the pilot of that glider: Colonel Percival E. Gabel, A.C.

This sudden and tragic end to an exceptionally brilliant career was a



serious loss to the Army Air Forces, as well as a stunning blow to the many individuals both in and out of the service who were privileged to know "Ernie" Gabel.

He was born on June 30, 1910 at Lakeland, Florida. His grade and high school education was received in Florida schools, from which he was graduated in 1927. In the same year he entered the College of Engineering at the University of Florida and during the following year he entered the College of Arts and Sciences at the same institution. During both years he took training in senior R.O.T.C. He entered U.S.M.A. on July 1, 1929 and was graduated therefrom as a Bachelor of Science on June 19, 1933, on which date he was commissioned Second Lieutenant, C.E. He was graduated from the Air Corps Primary Flying School at Randolph Field in June 1934, from the Air Corps Advanced Flying School at Kelly Field (bombardment course) on October 13, 1934. From October 1934 until November 1937 he was stationed at France Field, Canal Zone, where he served in

various squadron duties. In November 1937 he returned to the States and was stationed at Mitchel Field until November 1938; during his tour at Mitchel Field he attended the Air Corps Autogyro School at Patterson Field, and was graduated in 1938. In November 1938 he was transferred to Langley Field and served there until December 1941. While at Langley Field he was assigned successively to the 3rd Observation Squadron, 22nd Bomb Group, and the 2nd Bomb Group, of which latter unit he was commander for a time; during this period he likewise served as instructor at the Radio Controlled Target School, Biggs Field, Texas, and was sent to England as a military observer.

In December 1941 he was called to duty as observation and photo officer in the Air Support Section, Headquarters, Air Force Combat Command, where he was serving at the outbreak of the present war. Upon the redesignation of the Air Force Combat Command as Headquarters, Army Air Forces, he was assigned to duty as Chief of the Observation Division of the Directorate of Air Support, in which capacity he served for more than a year. Upon subsequent reorganization of the Headquarters, Army Air Forces, (which abandoned the Directorate organization in favor of the present organization) he was assigned to duty as the Chief, Air Support Branch, Unit Training Division, Office of the Assistant Chief of Air Staff Training. He served in this capacity until midsummer 1943, when he was transferred to duty in the office of Mr. Richard DuPont, Special Assistant to the Commanding General, Army Air Forces, in charge of the glider program. Mr. DuPont died in the same crash that took Ernie Gabel.

It was for exceptionally meritorious service in connection with the glider program that Ernie was awarded the D.S.M. Although only slightly familiar with gliders he tackled his new assignment with characteristic energy, and within thirty days after entering his new work he, in collaboration with a few officers of his selection, executed a glider squadron tactical demonstration which conclusively proved the feasibility of certain glider tactics and technique which, although admittedly desirable, had until that time been considered virtually impossible of accomplishment. This demonstration was witnessed personally by General Arnold and elicited his enthusiastic praise.

The foregoing brief outline of Ernie Gabel's career touches only lightly the milestones in his progress toward the unusual position which he held at the time of his death. It does not reveal that unusual combination of character and ability which so distinguished him. (This estimate of Ernie Gabel as a man is written by a non-professional soldier who was privileged to serve with him in Washington from the early days of Headquarters, Army Air Forces, until the time of his death, during which days of intimate association he was able to observe and note the remarkable attributes of this unusual officer, and to hear the comments of others concerning him. In evaluating Ernie as an individual, superlatives are deliberately used be-

cause words of lesser degree would be inadequate.)

Ernie Gabel was one of those rare individuals equally as proficient in the arts as in the sciences. He was possessed of keen analytical ability and habitually reduced any problem to its simplest terms before expressing himself concerning it. He had both the rare faculty of clarifying obscure points and the equally rare gift of expressing himself clearly concerning them. He was a penetrating wit and sound judge of human nature who secured the best from his subordinates by *leading*; he never drove, and therefore enjoyed the genuine affection and the esteem of his subordinates as well as their unreserved respect for his professional abilities. In short, he took his duty seriously, but never himself. His personal life and morals were exemplary. He was clean in body as well as mind and was an able athlete, excelling in many sports.

It has been said that the dividing line between a good pit musician and a concert performer is finer than the strand of a spider web: the latter has that indefinable something—call it insight, personality, divine spark, or what you will—that sets him apart from his fellows. That Ernie Gabel had that "extra something" is clearly indicated by the high standards which he characteristically set both for himself and for those associated with him. He was never content merely "to get by". He was always seeking better methods and better equipment to attain even higher standards. He had the true pioneer spirit, which is exemplified by his patient and unceasing efforts in behalf of the radio controlled devices, with which Ernie Gabel labored at a time when very few were aware of, much less interested in them. He was an accomplished pilot of rotary winged aircraft, beginning with the Autogyro, and more recently with the Helicopter which, incidentally, he soloed on the same day that he took his first flight. He would never admit any thing as impossible, and when certain impossibilities were suggested in connection with the glider program, he willingly and aggressively undertook to prove that they were possible, which he did, though it cost him his life.

In the estimate of many who knew Ernie Gabel well, he was headed swiftly and surely toward a position of still greater rank and responsibility in the Air Forces when his name was suddenly and unexpectedly called by the Supreme Commander of us all.

In summing up Ernie Gabel, we find that rare combination of a superior pilot, a thoroughly informed and proficient administrator, a tenacious, able researcher, a courageous pioneer, and a born leader. For the service to lose an officer so talented at such an early age is a severe loss indeed. Yet within his relatively brief life span he had accomplished many times more than the average individual, which is in keeping with the character of this man who would have been thoroughly dissatisfied had he not fully utilized every ounce of his ability and energy in the service of his country. None who was privileged to serve under Ernie Gabel ever left him without hav-

ing been bettered by that association. Could any man leave behind a finer memorial?

Daniel W. Smith

NO. 9815 CLASS OF 1933

Died August 3, 1943, at Temple, Texas, aged 32 years.

WHEN Daniel W. Smith died at Temple, Texas, on August 3, 1943, following serious emergency surgery at McCloskey General Hospital, the question that sprang to the lips of friends and family alike was "why". It was particularly natural in this case, since Danny was in a position at that time to take advantage of the green light as far as his ambitions were concerned. He had command of a battalion of Tank Destroyers. A Command—the goal of all true soldiers, and Danny Smith was a true soldier as is his father and brother. He had brought this bat-



talion from a group of raw recruits to a trained team, a unit, save for maneuver experience where rough edges could be smoothed out, ready for combat. He loved that battalion and that battalion loved him.

Daniel W. Smith was born at Fort Hancock, New Jersey, July 24, 1911, the son of Major General Frederick H. Smith, class of 1903, U. S. Military Academy, and Bonnycastle Harrison. His boyhood followed the pattern of a normal Army life. He and his brother, Brigadier General Frederick H. Smith, Jr., class of 1929, U. S. Military Academy, accompanied their parents on successive changes of stations as his father was ordered to new details. They lived in New England and Panama, San Francisco, Fort Monroe and Fort Leavenworth, Washington, D. C., and Istanbul, Turkey. It was as a child in Panama that he met Dorothy Morris, whom he later married.

Danny attended Western High School in Washington, D. C., in 1925 and '26, English High School, Istanbul, Turkey, 1927, and the following year was enrolled at the New York Military Academy. He entered West Point,

July 2, 1929, after a year's prep at Schadman's, and upon completion of his course, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Infantry, June 13, 1933. Following graduation he reported to Fort Benning, Georgia, where he served with the 29th Infantry until 1935 when he was ordered to the Panama Canal Department. In the Fall of 1937, he returned to Fort Benning to attend the Regular Course at the Infantry School, graduating the following June. On June 16, 1938, immediately following graduation, Dorothy Morris and Danny were married in the Fort Benning Chapel and went to Fort Howard, Maryland, where Danny served with the 12th Infantry. While there, their first child, Bonnycastle Harrison Smith, was born at Walter Reed General Hospital on August 28, 1939.

In February 1940, Danny was ordered to Fort Benning to help organize one of the Army's newest combat organizations, the 4th Antitank Battalion. This was the first antitank battalion activated in our Army. Dan commanded "A" Company, and his later unbounded enthusiasm for tank destroyers developed from the conception of this antitank battalion.

Dan's son, Daniel W. Smith, III, was born February 16, 1942, in the City Hospital, Columbus, Georgia. At this time Danny was serving as a staff officer in a tank destroyer battalion at Camp Gordon, Georgia. In May of that year he was ordered to Camp Blanding, Florida, where he assumed temporary command of a tank destroyer battalion. He served with it through maneuvers and during its tour at Camp Edwards, Massachusetts.

In November 1942, he was placed on special duty at the Antiaircraft School at Camp Davis, North Carolina, where he installed moving target ranges and served in an advisory capacity at the Antiaircraft School in their direct fire instruction.

During all this period, tank destroyers were growing fast. The Tank Destroyer Center at Camp Hood, Texas, was activating many new tank destroyer battalions and groups and were calling in all officers with T.D. experience, particularly officers of battalion command caliber. Danny was called, and in February 1943, he received orders to Camp Hood where he was given command of a newly activated battalion. This is the battalion he was commanding when he died so suddenly.

This is Danny's military history, a full one and one which gave him the wealth of experience and background that promised so much.

Estimations of Danny by those who knew him professionally and personally are almost identical because they are based on his natural characteristics. A deep loyalty, a complete altruism, intensity of purpose and unwavering faith in what he believed in, marked everything he did. His life might have been based on Francis Bacon's exhortation in his essay "Of Great Place" "What part soever you take upon you play that as well as you can and make the most of it." Whether it was soldiering or dramatics, in which he excelled, choir or golf or a game, Dan not only played well and made the most of it, he en-

joyed the playing and his intensity was always leavened by a humor that could laugh at himself as well as at the risible. He was a vital person whose devotion to duty, family and friends have left a mark that will never be erased from their memory or from the minds of those men whom he trained and who held him up as an example.

Clark Wilson Mayne

NO. 11552 CLASS OF 1939

Died February 7, 1943, in the Pacific Area, aged 30 years.

MOST of us remember "Rusty" Mayne as a good showman and a good friend.

Major Clark Wilson Mayne, son of James H. and Ethel F. Mayne, was born on December 30, 1912 in Chicago, Illinois. In 1918 he moved with his parents to Springfield, Illinois, where he received his elementary and high



school education after which he graduated from the Springfield Junior College. He later attended one year at Illinois College, Jacksonville, Illinois.

Rusty was reared in a Christian home, and was a regular attendant at Sunday School and Church. His interest in music started early. He was a member of his church choir, also the high school band. Still later he organized and directed his own orchestra. When he entered West Point, this interest stood him in good stead. Rusty was probably most famous for his leadership of the "Goats Band". But, in addition, he organized and participated in Color Lines, the 100th Night Shows, and Camp Illuminations. He had a real talent for music and dramatics, and much of his time was spent on these productions. But, perhaps Rusty's main talent was his ability to make friends. He enjoyed life and managed to have a fine time no matter what the circumstances were. This quality naturally made him many friends.

Rusty made a completely satisfactory record with the Academic Departments and with the Tactical Department. He was a member of

various corps squads and enjoyed them all, but his main interest in athletics was in Pentathlon.

Upon graduation in June 1939, he was commissioned in the Field Artillery. Between September 1941 and May 1942 he was detailed to assignments with the Quartermaster Corps and the Engineers. He was then ordered to the G-4 Section of the Third Army at Fort Sam Houston. In September 1942 he attended the Command and General Staff School, returning to the Third Army upon graduation. Shortly after his return to Fort Sam Houston he was named on the staff of Lt. General Walter Krueger. On his way to Australia for this assignment Rusty was killed in a plane crash at an island base in the Southern Pacific. This tragedy occurred on 7 February 1943.

From Lieutenant General L. J. McNair, Commanding Headquarters, Army Ground Forces:

"I enjoyed my contact with this fine young officer ever so much. While you may feel that your own view of him may be a bit biased, I want to assure you that you cannot overestimate his worth and character and promise as an officer. If he felt an interest in me, perhaps it was because I myself appreciated his merit and indicated it in a way which he understood.

While of course his passing seems cruel and unnecessary, it is the lot of a soldier and of course you yourself understand that as well as I. While undoubtedly you feel crushed beyond recovery, I feel confident that time, the great healer, will restore you gradually so that you can complete your life in comparative comfort and happiness—knowing that your fine boy would want it that way.

"May I extend to Mrs. Mayne and you my deepest sympathy, and my appreciation for your having reared and given to the nation so splendid a son."

From Lieutenant General Walter Krueger, Headquarters Sixth Army:

"The announcement that Major Mayne was among those missing in the disastrous air accident was a great blow to me and every member of my staff. His absence leaves a gap in our midst that can not be filled. He was a highly valued member of my staff. His personality, character, sincerity, loyalty, and devotion to duty made a lasting impression upon his associates; we shall miss him keenly.

"I know only too well that words of sympathy can not assuage the pain of your great loss. However, my comrades and I want you to know that our hearts go out to you in your sorrow and that we grieve sincerely with you. We hope you can find some solace in the fact that he was a real soldier who died in the performance of his duty for our country and its great cause."

And from Colonel G. H. Decker, Headquarters Third Army:

"The officers and men of the Third Army join me in extending to you our deepest sympathy in your hour of bereavement.

"Realizing that words cannot prevail over the loneliness and desolation

of this sad hour, we are yet moved to pay tribute to an officer whose ability and devotion to duty reflected credit on himself, on you, his Father, and on his country. To all who knew him, Clark Mayne, was a trusted friend and comrade. His performance of duty was marked by sound judgment, superior administrative ability, untiring energy, and exceptional technical knowledge. His splendid character and outstanding military attainments earned for him the esteem and respect of his associates and afforded a fine example of the highest soldierly qualities.

"We pray that God, Who in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to bereave you, may now give you the strength and courage to endure the sacrifice you have given in the cause for Freedom."

In Clark's departure, he leaves a heart-broken mother and father, and one sister, Mrs. Frances M. Clem. He is, and will be, greatly missed by his parents and sister, as well as by all of us who knew him, trusted him, and liked him. His regular weekly letters to his parents are sadly missed by them.

As I think of him, I remember his philosophy of life: "All things work together for good to them that love God." —Rom. 8:28.

—J. H. M.

Rudyard Kipling Grimes

NO. 11633 CLASS OF 1939

Died June 30, 1943, at a prisoner of war camp, Philippine Islands, aged 25 years.

ACKNOWLEDGING receipt of a photograph of a just-born American name-sake, the late great soldier-poet Rudyard Kipling wrote the infant's proud father:

"He looks a splendid Man-child!"

This Man-child was Rudyard Kipling Grimes, West Point '39, who died in the hands of the Japanese after the fall of Bataan—just where, when, and how his widow and parents may never know, unless some survivor of that terrible *Jornada del Muerto* northward from Bataan volunteers the information. Official war department date: June 30, 1943, when the Japs gave notice.

Captain Rudyard K. Grimes, Inf., U.S.A., was born September 29, 1917, at Abilene, Texas, to Frank and Mary Ellen Futrelle Senter Grimes. He graduated from Abilene high school in 1934 and that fall, just under 17, he entered Texas A. & M. College, the great school which has spawned so many fine army officers. He finished his freshman year with the Aggies and on July 1, 1935, entered the United States Military Academy, receiving his diploma and second lieutenant's commission from President Roosevelt in 1939. He tried for the air corps but was turned down because of defective eye-sight. His half-brother, Colonel William O. Senter, West Point '33, now commands the A.A.F.'s weather wing. Rudy, as his friends

called him, wound up in the infantry and became a passionate and devoted worshiper of the Queen of Battles.

On August 5, 1939, the young second lieutenant was married in Austin, Texas, to Azile W. Coffey, who had been his O.A.O. since Aggie days. Temporarily assigned to the Presidio of San Francisco, he sailed with his wife for the Philippines October 4, 1939, having chosen that station for his first tour of duty. At Ft. Wm. McKinley he was assigned to Company A, 57th Inf., Philippine Scouts, first as a junior lieutenant, then as second in command to Major _____, West Point '33. Later he was switched over to Company M of the 57th. Having been advanced to 1st Lieutenant in September, 1940, he became commanding officer of M Company about a year later, took on the extra duty of acting executive officer of the 3rd Battalion under the same major a week before hostilities broke out, was promoted to captain December 19th, and fought through the Philippine campaign up to the fall of Bataan in both capacities. Most of the time he commanded two companies of the



3rd Battalion, and there were moments when the whole battalion was under his combat direction.

Commanding Officer of the 57th was Colonel George S. Clarke, at whose feet young Grimes had sat in the months before hostilities, drinking in military lore. In a desperate effort to get provisions into Bataan, General Wainwright promoted Colonel Clarke to brigadier general, assigned him the job of getting to Cebu the best way he could with a view to arranging for supplies. Colonel Clarke, the only man available who spoke Cebuano, left Bataan a few hours before the surrender, found himself a man without a mission. Eventually Colonel Clarke reached the United States where he is now on active duty. He has written this tribute to Captain Grimes:

"Rudy commanded Company M, 3rd Battalion, 57th Infantry. The 3rd withstood the first eleven attacks made by the Japanese on Bataan. All but three officers of this battalion were killed in these attacks. During these terrific initial attacks we were forced to learn the tactics of the Japanese the hard way. Rudy was indefatigable. Several times he commanded two com-

panies at the same time and was a tower of strength to his battalion commander. He was under my personal observation during these first eleven attacks and subsequent ones. His coolness under fire, his command ability together with his stamina in holding up when others were ready to drop with fatigue characterized his battle service. Duty, honor, country were engraved on his heart and were exemplified by him in battle. As his regimental commander, I am very proud of him as an officer who served gallantly under my command in the Philippines. He reflected great credit on his regiment, the Army, his Alma Mater and his country."

In an earlier letter Col. Clarke had written Captain Grimes' father the following:

"Rudy was acting Executive Officer for Major Wood and perhaps because of his long legs covering miles of ground daily practically commanding all of the companies in the battalion, he came through the first phase safely though how the Jap snipers missed that fine big body of his, I will never know. All of this was done with utter disregard for personal safety. He seemed to bear a charmed life."

At the end, like all his comrades, his body had been shrunken by hunger and racked by disease. In a letter to his wife dated March 6,—just a little more than a month before the surrender—Captain Grimes wrote that the "open air exercise" and living out under the stars and the constant walking had "brought me down to my old fighting weight of 170." His normal weight was around 190, and his wife and father guessed that he had exaggerated his actual weight to keep them from worrying. This was proved in subsequent reports. In none of the half-dozen letters written after the war began, up to the final one dated March 6, was there a single word of complaint. The only note of sadness came when he described how he had buried his classmate, Lt. Victor Crowell, "in a little barrio cemetery nearby," and had taken pictures of the grave. Vic's death had seemed particularly tragic because of their close friendship and the circumstances under which Vic died.

At the Point Cadet Grimes, even though he was six feet one, had to watch his diet to keep his weight down; yet he made no reference in his letters from Bataan to the vile and scanty rations on which he and his comrades were forced to live and fight incessantly, day and night. His letters were invariably bright and cheerful. . . . "Shaved and bathed this morning (January 2nd) — an event! It took me quite a while—every time high-flying planes come over we duck, just a precaution, of course" . . . "Surprising as it may seem, we manage to have a little fun now and then. I guess a sense of humor is a great asset." . . . "The guy who used to be bouncer at the Alcazar is working in the hospital here—saw him the other day. He says, with a grin on his face, that he is the Chaplain's assistant."

It takes a battle to produce a real fighting man. We know that Rudy

qualified with the highest kind of rating in this capacity. We are sure that before he joined that "long grey line" he had done his best. What more could be asked of any man—other than his life. He gave that, too.

His father, a Texas newspaper editor, has said:

"God honored me, beyond my deserts in giving me such a son. My grief is mingled with a fierce pride in his gallant and sacrificial service to our country and to our sometimes uncomprehending, sometimes ungrateful and forgetful, but always worthwhile civilization."

Wiley Lee Dixon, III

NO. 11728—CLASS OF 1939

Died January 2, 1943, at Zentsuji Prisoner of War Camp, Japan, aged 28 years.

WILEY, the second child of Major Wiley Lee Dixon, Jr. and Gazelle Toombs Dixon, was born December 13, 1915, at Louisville, Kentucky. He afterwards lived in Henderson, Kentucky the birthplace of his father, and at various Army Posts in the United States—Washington, D. C., Chicago, Rockford, Illinois, Dallas, and San Antonio, Texas.

He was directly descended from Lt. Col. Henry (Hal) Dixon and Captain Wynn Dixon of Revolutionary fame. His forebears had been prominent in the early history of the nation and state, in Military, Diplomatic and Civic life. Among his ancestors on his mother's side are Jonathan Edwards, the Harrison's and Robert Toombs of Georgia. Other distinguished ancestors may be found in the annals of Kentucky, Isaac Shelby, First Governor of Kentucky, David Hart of the Transylvania Company and others. Wiley was a member of the North Carolina Society of the Cincinnati.

With such a background of fighting men it is of small wonder that Wiley became interested in a military career. He entered the Military Academy at West Point in 1935 from San Antonio, Texas, after having won a presidential appointment from Ft. Sam Houston. Prior to this he had won the Harvard Award for scholarship, leadership and citizenship in the Dallas Texas High School. He continued to maintain a high academic standing while attending Alamo Heights High and Westmoreland College, San Antonio.

While basically a student his philosophy of living was to get the most out of life. To enjoy in full measure the people around him—this for Wiley meant knowing and loving people. Always genial, friendly, lovable, he made friends easily. It can in truth be said, to know him was to love him.

Upon graduating from West Point in June, 1939, Wiley was commissioned a second Lieutenant of Infantry. In the following September, after a graduation leave spent in his beloved Kentucky, he reported for duty with the 1st Battalion, 2nd Infantry at Fort Sheridan, Illinois. He was made the executive officer of a rifle company, and quickly set about winning the admiration and respect of officers and

enlisted men alike with his efficient manner of handling the endless petty details of administration and training. Wiley was a quiet, unassuming chap with a knack of approaching each new task calmly and taking it in his stride as if he had been handling similar jobs for years. This confidence in his own abilities was one of Wiley's greatest assets, and it in turn engendered confidence in all those with whom he came in daily contact. The garrison life was soon ended, however, with the move of the battalion to Fort McClellan, Alabama in November of 1939. The 5th Infantry Division was activated, and in the seven months to follow Wiley's outfit was to roam the southern states testing the new tactics then developing around the triangularized division. Wiley was plunged into a maelstrom of activity, training raw recruits and re-training seasoned soldiers to a high state of perfection, culminating in the first of the large scale maneuvers in the Sabine area of Louisiana. To this field work Wiley brought the same drive and energy which had characterized his garrison duties, still retaining his confident,



efficient manner of doing things. Fellow officers were continually amazed at his imperturbability when all around him was confusion, and at his tenacity of purpose . . . an almost bulldog-like quality of sticking to the job until it was finished, regardless of personal feelings.

After the Louisiana maneuvers, Wiley returned to Fort Sheridan to settle down once again to garrison duties. He had been married during a brief Christmas leave while on maneuvers, and now he brought his charming young wife to add to the social life at the post. His friends will long remember the charm and friendliness that pervaded the Dixon's quarters . . . his home was a quiet haven of refuge from the cares of the day. Wiley was by this time commanding the heavy weapons company of the battalion, and doing an even more painstaking job than he had as an executive officer. His men were absolutely devoted to him, and their sense of loyalty was only matched by his own high example of devotion to duty. It was a great loss to the battalion when Wiley received his orders for the Philippines and left for what

was to be his last station in April, 1941.

He was assigned to the 12 M.P. Co. at Ft. McKinley, where he remained until the outbreak of the war when he was transferred to the second headquarters on Bataan. Wiley wrote during the brief time that he could write, that he had had many narrow escapes; however his only thought was for his family at home, and no word of complaint was expressed for his own personal discomfort. His company was twice cited for gallantry but was forced to surrender to the Japanese on April 8, 1942.

After about eleven months in a "missing in action" status, Wiley's family was notified that he was a prisoner of war. Nothing further was learned until the last of September 1943, when a card supposedly written by him was received saying he was interned at Osaka, Japan. A few days later a message from the War Department came saying that he had died on January 2, 1943 of pneumonia in Zentsuji Prisoner of War Camp, Japan.

Wiley Lee Dixon, III has answered the Last Roll Call, but his spirit lives on in the hearts of all those who knew him. There are many of us who will always feel that he was the epitome of those oft repeated words "An officer and a gentleman"

"No one dies who is remembered", so it is that though said to have died in a Japanese prison camp Wiley still lives on and will always live in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.

He is survived by his widow, Elizabeth Wilson Dixon; three year old daughter, Margaret Phelps; Gazelle Toombs Dixon, his mother; Nancy Dixon Powell, sister; Captain Robert Toombs Dixon, his brother; and Mrs. Nannie M. Dixon, his grandmother.

Miles Alderman Gayle

NO. 12856 CLASS OF 1942

Died July 7, 1943, near Oakland, California, aged 23 years.

And God moved upon the face of the waters." It was there that Miles Alderman Gayle found God, and met Him in what seems to us an untimely end.

On July 7, 1943, "Mike" Gayle crashed into the waters of Clear Lake, California, while leading a flight of pursuit planes low over the water. At 350 miles an hour, his plane suddenly dived the short distance into the lake, and despite the efforts of crews who labored under difficult conditions, his body was not recovered until it floated to the surface on the 25th of July. Mike was returned under escort of his commanding officer to his home in High Point, North Carolina, and from there taken to the family plot in Greensboro, where on August 3rd he was interred with a simple burial ceremony.

During his four years at the Academy, Mike was active in many cadet functions—Chapel Choir, Glee Club, Cross-country, Hundredth Night Shows, Golf Team as playing manager,

Cheerleading, Soccer, Dialectic Society, and many more of the activities which do not gain official recognition except in the minds and memories of cadets and classmates. He was continually active, continually enterprising, never too busy for anything nor anyone, always putting forth his utmost in any field.

Following graduation, Mike trained in pursuit flying, and received his wings at Spence Field in December. He remained there for another month, then was transferred to Oakland, where he stayed until the first of May; thence to Orlando for six weeks of intensive combat training, and back to Oakland. He had been back only a short time when the crash occurred. During the time he was at Spence Field, he married Miss Louise de Jarrette, of Coral Gables, who accompanied him to California. On February 12, 1944, Mike's son, Miles A. Gayle, II was born, another God-son of the class of '42.

Mike was a superior flyer, and would have commanded a squadron in two or three weeks, had it not been for



his fatal crash. His commanding officer had repeatedly said that in giving Lt. Gayle an order, he could dismiss the matter entirely from his mind, and could be entirely confident that his wishes would be carried out to the letter. The mark of a true officer, Mike could accomplish with facility what others would have failed to do. He was constantly on the search for better ways of doing things, not for himself, but for the benefit of those he worked with, and those he served. His was a clear mind, and a quick mind; before entering West Point he had graduated from high school at the age of 15, and had spent three years at Duke University, where he was a brother in Pi Kappa Phi.

Those many who knew Miles well will mourn his passing at a time when he had so much in front of him, and there is a distinct loss to us in no longer hearing his cheerful voice, and no longer having one among us who possessed so much promise. The eldest of three brothers, Mike's death must leave a great void in the Gayle family, for they were always very close, and very dear to one another. To us, his going leaves a blank file in the close

formation of officers, gentlemen, and classmates—for he was one among us, and one of us.

"Good-bye, Mike we will miss you."

—F. D. S., II

John Ott Sanders Damron

NO. 12889 CLASS OF 1942

Died August 18, 1943, near San Diego, California, aged 23 years.

WHEN Sanders was still a little boy with bright, brown eyes and a fresh, scrubbed face, playing soldier with his father's big sword, singing solos at Sunday school, and getting into mischief as soon as church was out, he announced in the strong, clear voice, which was always so eager to follow the dictates of his quick mind that the s's came out like a whisper, that as soon as he grew up he was going in the Army. The decision that he made when he was in short pants with his pockets full of fishworms, stuck after he had long outgrown them. As soon as he grew up he went to the Army.

Some men are born to make music, some men are born with the gift of healing, or of writing, or of painting, and some are born to be soldiers. Sandy was one of the latter. He loved West Point with all his heart. He lived, served, and died attended on his way by a vision splendid, with loyalty to his Alma Mater as the guiding influence of his life. "My soul to God, my heart to thee". In the four happy years that he was there, he absorbed and became a part of the spirit of the Corps.

He was not a model cadet in an academic sense. He studied only as much as he had to, if he failed to do his work at night because a good bull session had seemed more interesting, he would study in one class for the work he must have in the next with his book balanced on his foot. He sang in the glee club because music was as natural to him as movement. Wherever he went, you could hear his cheery whistle or his bass accompaniment to the melody that was running through his head. When he was fifteen he had learned to play the bass horn, sitting in the attic so that the family could be spared as much as possible. He was rewarded for effort with a scholarship at Kentucky Military Institute to play in the school band, and he had never lost his ear for a bass melody. He was on the cross country team, he was on the squash club team and he won his numerals, and he excelled in acrobatic gymnastics, which was as close to flying as he could get inside a building. Sandy was a horseman with the deep understanding and affection for the animals he rode. He gained from his four years at the Academy just what he wanted: a legion of friends, his was the happy combination of a sharp, quick mind and a tremendous love of life that vitalized every one who met him; a reasonable amount of learning with some good marks and some excellent

marks, a wonderful time, and a set of standards that he was to live by all of his short life. More than these, he found in West Point an ideal and a pattern for living which he could believe in as he believed in his religion, and finding this, he found himself.

When people have some one they love very dearly, it is often not their conspicuous accomplishments that are remembered, rather it is the small, endearing, personal qualities of the man that made him what he was. Since Sanders has been gone, so many of these things that slipped by unnoticed at the time have returned to brighten our memory of him. Little things like the way he always put on his dim lights when he passed a car at night, the way he never honked his horn at a straying pedestrian or an offending car, and bigger things like the way he loved little children, the way he never uttered a complaint about any thing, whether it was food, or confinement, or an eardrum that an over zealous doctor at camp had almost destroyed with carbolic acid,



the way he never lied and never betrayed a confidence or a friend.

Sandy was born March 20, 1920, in Williamson, West Virginia, the son of Leola Sanders Damron and Judge James Damron. Shortly after his birth, when his father was made United States Attorney for the southern part of West Virginia, his family moved to Huntington, West Virginia, where they are still living. He attended Kentucky Military Institute in Louisville, where he was given the honorary appointment to West Point. Colonel Richmond, the head of K.M.I., said of Sanders when he graduated that he was the finest boy he had ever had in the school. He had not only worked to establish his own record during the two years he was there, he had helped younger struggling boys who needed encouragement and an academic head to spur them on their way.

Sanders entered West Point in 1938 and was graduated in 1942. He received his long dreamed of assignment to scale Heaven in the Army Air Corps, and was sent to California, the part of the country that he had requested for his training because he

had never seen it and had always wanted to. While he was in California, he met and later married the former Geraldine Stoltz of Almodora, New Mexico. He took his flight training at Ryan School of Aeronautics, Hemet, California, at Minter Field, Bakersfield, California, and at Williams Field, Arizona. On completion of his training, he was assigned to the 329th Fighter Group at Glendale, California, flying what he insisted was the best plane in the air, the P-38. Later he was transferred to the 330th Fighter Squadron, North Island Naval Air Station, San Diego, California. He had been made a first lieutenant in the meantime. He attended a Flight Command school at Orlando, Florida, in May of 1943. Like most fliers, he was desperately anxious to be sent abroad so that he could see the real show and do the work for which he had been prepared.

But on the morning of August 18, he took his squadron up for a routine flight from which he never returned. On their way back to the base, one of the planes in his squadron flew under Sanders. The pilot could not see the plane above him in the sun, and he climbed directly into it. One of the radio men at Coronado wrote to his mother, Mrs. Arthur Lugrin of Freeport, N. Y., giving the following account of the crash: "we lost a pilot, Lieutenant Damron by name, in a crash. I felt very badly about it for we had become rather friendly and he was a swell kid. He was acting adjutant when the C.O. busted me that time, and he went to bat for me. Ever since, we got along fine and every time there was any radio trouble, he always asked for me. He was a West Point graduate as well as a pilot and a real soldier. He crashed with another plane over San Diego and he rode his ship all the way down trying to get control of it and keep it away from houses. He failed anyway, as his tail was off and he crashed into a house. We all thought that was pretty swell as he could have jumped at 8,000 feet." Sandy had flown as test pilot for the squadron a great many times and had made two successful crash landings with planes that were not operating as they should have been. He may have thought that he could get his plane out of trouble this bright Wednesday morning. Back of the spot where he crashed, there was a large vacant lot, and it is believed that he was trying to make a landing there.

He is survived by his widow, his mother, Mrs. James Damron, his brother, Joe Damron, and two sisters, Miss Patricia Damron, and Mrs. H. P. Henshaw, Jr. He is buried beside his father in Ridgelawn Cemetery, Huntington, West Virginia.

Sandy had found great happiness and real satisfaction in flying. On his last visit home he talked of nothing but his work and his plane. He had come in as he always did, unexpectedly and heaped up with energy, bounding up the steps and standing at the door, smiling and bronzed, radiating health and well-being, before the family knew that he was within two hundred miles of them. He left almost as quickly as he had come it seemed, gay and good looking and young, running down the station plat-

form with his legs bowed out from the weight of his parachute bag, eager to get back to the Lightning he loved.

Sanders had no fear of death because he was supremely confident of himself and his plane. He possessed a singleness of purpose that enabled him to see life without lights and shadows, deceit or pretense, doubt or misgiving. But every man who flies must sometimes think that there may be a bullet with his name on it, or a day when he will have to keep an appointment in Baghdad. Sandy had written to the widow of Tim Pedley, one of his best friends who had been killed early in the summer, that if he could choose the way he was to go, it would be as Tim had gone, doing his job so that it could be said of him, "Well done—be thou at peace."

When a promising, unfulfilled life is taken, we search our souls and God for a reason. There is no reason. But this consolation, alone, is to be found in the silence that greets our question. Almost every dream that Sanders had ever created had come true while he lived, except his dream of having a ranch when he was retired with all the horses he could keep. We remember, too, Browning's lines—"What once lives, never dies—what here attains to a beginning has no end," and are comforted.

Benjamin Norris, Jr.

NO. 13336 CLASS OF JAN., 1943

Died July 17, 1943, near Somerset, Massachusetts, aged 21 years.

BENJAMIN NORRIS, JR., the only son of Mrs. Blanche Barnes Norris and Colonel Benjamin Norris, Medical Corps, Regular Army, was born January 4, 1922 at Fitzsimons General Hospital, Denver, Colorado, at which hospital the father was then on duty.

Ben was raised as an "Army brat", and accompanied his parents on tours of duty at various Posts and Stations both in the United States and on foreign service. His early education was obtained at the usual Post Children's Schools or at civilian Public Schools when the family was stationed at or near a city or town. The father, as a Medical Officer, served at various "Line Posts", and Ben acquired the usual Post youngster's acquaintance with the procedure and equipment of the Infantry, Artillery, Cavalry and Air Corps. He was early imbued with the ambition to "make" West Point and to follow the career of a Line Officer. At the age of fifteen he was admitted to the Junior Class of The Manlius School, Manlius, N. Y., one of the Secondary Military Schools designated by the War Department as an "Honor School". Two years later on successful completion of the Junior and Senior Classes, he was graduated from The Manlius School and was awarded the Honor Graduate Appointment to West Point. So Ben, at 17 years of age, entered West Point on July 1, 1939 as an "H.S." He often stated how thoroughly he enjoyed his Cadet days. In Academics he progressed along at the middle in his class, experiencing the usual ups and

downs; in athletics he played hockey and ran on the cross-country team. From early youth, Ben's choice of the Service Arms was the Air Corps, and he continually bent all efforts to qualify therein, and with success. His class was the first to be given Air Corps training prior to graduation, and along with many of his classmates, who likewise had qualified for Air Corps training, in the First Class year, was sent to various Air Corps Training Fields in Florida, South Carolina and Alabama, undergoing the Primary, Basic and Advanced training. He qualified successfully as a Fighter Pilot, and with his many classmates who were also successful in Air Corps training, won his wings prior to graduation from The Military Academy.

Following graduation from West Point on January 19, 1943, he was appointed Second Lieutenant, Air Corps, and assigned to the 310th Fighter Squadron, then in Operational Training at Hillsgrove Army Air Field, near Providence, Rhode Island. Ben entered into this phase of his training with his maximum enthusiasm and pride, that he had continual-



ly displayed in all his Air Corps activities. This Fighter Squadron is a P-47 Thunderbolt outfit and in July 1943 was being readied for transfer to an active Combat Theatre. At this time Ben received a promotion to the temporary grade of First Lieutenant, Air Corps.

Then on July 17, 1943, Ben's sad and fatal crash occurred. While leading a routine training flight of four Thunderbolts near Somerset, Massachusetts, at high altitude, it became necessary for Ben to execute a power dive, during which he "went into compressibility", did not come out of the dive, but crashed into eternity, striking the Taunton River at tremendous speed.

The Group Commander and the Squadron Commander have both written that Ben was one of the best trained and skillful fighter pilots in the Squadron and that not only have the wife and parents lost their loved one, but that the Air Corps is deprived of the valuable services of an excellent and finely trained pilot, officer and gentleman.

Just nineteen days before his fatal crash, Ben married Miss Irene Burda of Meriden, Connecticut, sweethearts

during the preceding several years. Soon after Ben's untimely death, the widow began flying training, from scratch, mainly in honor of and tribute to, her deceased husband's love, pride and enthusiasm in flying and aviation. She is at present undergoing training in the W.A.S.P., at Avenger Field, Texas.

Ben's remains are buried in the Post Cemetery at West Point, among the group of West Point Graduate Pilots who have also "gone on before" The survivors are the widow, Mrs. Benjamin Norris, Jr., and the parents, Colonel and Mrs. Benjamin Norris, Med. Corps, U.S. Army.

It is beyond the comprehension of any one on earth to know why a tragedy like this should take a man of the caliber of Ben from the prime of life. We can take confidence only in the faith that an infinitely wise God has called Ben to a far greater glory than he attained, or might ever have attained, on earth.

Malcolm Seth Wardrop, Jr.

NO. 13348 CLASS OF JANUARY, '43
 Died August 14, 1943, near Hazard, Kentucky, aged 2 1/2 years.

MALCOLM SETH WARDROP, JR. was born on Patriots' Day, April 19, 1919, while his father was serving overseas with the A.E.F. By the time he was ten years old the ambi-



tion to graduate from West Point was firmly implanted in his mind. He graduated from the Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, high school in June, 1937, and spent two years at the Central Michigan College of Education. He spent three summers with the C.M.T.C. at Fort Brady and at Camp Custer, entering the Academy in July, 1939.

From his natural aptitudes the Air Corps was his inevitable choice. In June, 1942, he went from the Academy to Visalia, California, for pilot training, then to Merced, and received his wings at Victorville in November, 1942, returning to the Academy to graduate with his class in January, 1943. He was assigned to the B-26 school at Laughlin Field, Del Rio,

Texas, and after two months there served at the same field as an instructor. He received his first lieutenantcy in May. In June he went to MacDill Field, Tampa, Florida. On August 14, 1943, he was on a cross-country flight from MacDill Field to Kellogg Field, Michigan; his plane crashed near Hazard, Kentucky. There were no survivors.

One of the worst storms in many years was raging over Kentucky that day. The wind reached a high velocity and developed into a twister. Watchers on the ground saw the twister hurl the bomber high aloft then did not see the plane again and assumed it had flown on. Two days later a hunter came on the wreckage up in the hills.

"Mac" was a lad of many interests. He loved to skate and played on the "L" company and class hockey teams. From earliest childhood he liked to tinker with machinery; whenever he could he kept a kit of tools with him for, as he said, "You never can tell when someone is going to want something fixed". His big hobby was fires; he never missed a fire in his home town and from high school days on the fire company kept a suit for him and a seat on the fire truck in every run, for they knew he would be there to help them, even though school regulations made it impossible for him to be a regular member of the fire company. His knowledge of fire-fighting was exhaustive. Above all, he loved people. Children adored him, he was a gay companion to his contemporaries, and an understanding friend to mature and aged men and women. When it became known in his home town that Mac had crashed, an acquaintance said, "No one person in Mt. Pleasant could have died who was loved as deeply and mourned as sincerely by as many people." He knew everybody and everybody knew him,—factory workers, housewives, children, business and professional men; he not only knew them but he was genuinely interested in each and every one and they in him. To him "Duty, Honor, Country" was not a mere formula but an abiding way of life.

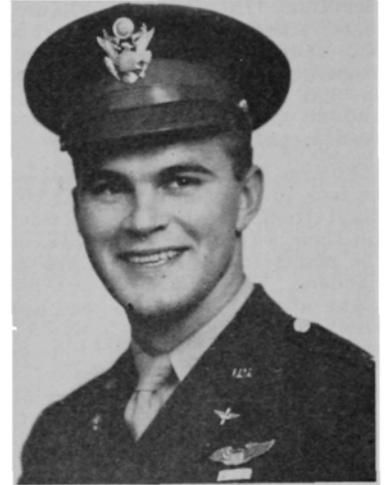
He is survived by his father, Major Malcolm S. Wardrop, now on escort command service with the Army of the United States; his mother, Margaret Steere Wardrop; a brother Robert, now assigned to U.S. Navy Pre-Flight School at Iowa City, Iowa; a brother William, now in the V12 unit at Central Michigan College of Education; a brother Daniel, still in high school; two sisters Merrie and Elvira. Mac is buried in Riverside Cemetery, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

James Dixon Fore

NO. 13730 CLASS OF JUNE, 1943
 Died December 22, 1943, at West Palm Beach, Florida, aged 22 years.

BORN of a typical American family, in a typical American town, Whiteville, North Carolina, Jim was the oldest of four children of Mary Hill and Carl Fore. Columbus County is very proud of its first West Point graduate.

"Big Jim", as he was known to many at the Point, received his training at Georgia Military Academy and North Carolina State College. One week after his arrival at the Academy, he received appointments to both Annapolis and the Coast Guard Academy. But the choice appointment had come first, and the years spent at West Point were full and happy. His fun-loving participation in escapades which have become part of the tradition of the Corps will long be remembered when they are laughed over in later years of fond reminiscence. One of the best-



remembered pranks was that of tennis balls dipped in gasoline, that not only earned him the nickname of "Fire Ball", but almost earned him something much more serious.

His congenial spirit and amiability won him life-long friends. His straightforward gaze revealed his dependability and self-possession under all circumstances—characteristics which contributed to his worth as an officer. The underlying theme of his transient existence, giving strength and unity to the whole of his personality, was his uncompromising sense of honor. His religion was deeply ingrained, a very personal thing he spoke of seldom. But it fitted into his pattern of living as harmoniously as his sense of honor. It helped him in moments of confusion and defeat to realize that life still had a purpose.

Planes were his prime love, and Jim regretted not one day of his lost yearling furlough—he was learning to fly then, and came back to the Point that fall with a good record of primary training. It was hard for him to choose between pursuit and bomber training. "But for once," he said, "my head ruled my heart". He also felt strongly that West Point training had given him, and expected him to use, his singular ability to handle men.

Upon graduation, he gained his three most coveted desires: his commission, his wings, and his wife.

Jim reported to Smyrna Army Air Base in Tennessee, and fell in love with the Liberator — "that box car with wings". This nine-week training period was followed by a month in Boise, Idaho—and then a transfer to March Field, California, where he

was appointed assistant operations officer. Four West Pointers were specifically requested to take over these duties of the four squadrons, as their superior officers knew that they could be depended upon under all exigencies. Many times his was a fourteen hour day, in helping to school the men for overseas duty. While there for two months, he was an outstandingly good example to the enlisted men of the kind of soldier West Point turns out, and there wasn't a member of his squadron who didn't respect and admire Jim greatly. Enjoying the performance of his duty, he nevertheless felt disappointment in not being able personally to take a plane into the fray.

The time came, after those two months, to go over. Early on the morning of December 22, Jim, as assistant operations officer, stepped into a Liberator as a passenger, along with thirteen other men. The plane took off, cleared the field, then suddenly lost altitude, crashed and burst into flames one mile from the take-off point. With it went a man the Corps will always remember with pride, First Lieutenant James Dixon Fore, O-26136.

*"He wanted to fly
Up, up through God's blue,
Up—until man's eye
Could not follow him through
Lacy clouds that seemed
To beckon him on—
A shape, a speck, and then—
He was gone.*

*"He wanted to fly.
It meant more than life,
And, if he had to die
And leave this storm and strife,
He went the way he chose—
Proudly, humbly. What more?
To join the heroes, those
Who have gone before.*

*"Yes—he wanted to fly,
To plumb the unknown sea,
To make the heavens safe
For earthlings—you and me.
Now, he sails the sky above us,
To his Lord he clings.
God has taken the engine
And left him only the wings."**

Surviving him are his mother and father, two sisters, Mary Hill and Gerry, a brother, Graham Carl, and his wife. His brother and his wife are carrying on in their way as members of the United States Navy.

—Theo. R. Fore.

* Poem by E. R. Smith, of Atlanta, Georgia, in memory of his son, Lt. E. R. Smith, Jr. who was killed in a plane crash at Bartem, Florida, on November 24, 1943.

John Wyeth Earhart, Jr.

NO. 13758 CLASS OF JUNE, 1943

Died January 22, 1944, at Perry Army Air Field, Florida, aged 23 years.

*"With a cheery smile and
A wave of the hand,
He has journeyed into
A better land."*

No sadder news has reached the people of Vandergrift, Pennsylvania, since the beginning of the war than that of the death of First Lieutenant John W. Earhart, Jr., which occurred seven miles northeast of Perry Army Air Field, Florida, January 22, 1944, while he was flying with an aviation cadet, in the line of duty as U.S. Air Force instructor.

"Johnny" was the son of John W. Earhart, Sr., a veteran of World War I, and his wife Laura Heckman Earhart, of Vandergrift, and was born January 18, 1921. He was a member of the Boy Scouts of America, and at-



tained the rank of Eagle Scout. He was graduated from the Vandergrift High School in 1939, and from Kiskiminetas Preparatory School at Saltsburg, Pennsylvania, in June, 1940. While in high school and at Kiski, he was a very ardent football player, and was chosen as the most valuable guard in the Kiski Valley Conference in 1937.

John received a Congressional appointment to West Point through the Hon. Robert Gray Allen, of the 28th Congressional District of Pennsylvania. He entered "the Point" July 1, 1940, and was graduated June 1, 1943, a member of the first class to be graduated "with wings" During two years as a member of the West Point football squad, he won his numerals and monogram, but was forced to give up football because of air corps training; his diversified interests are shown by his school records, which include "Water Carnival", "Hundredth Night Show", "Dialectic Society", and "Ski Club"

As a second lieutenant, John reported for duty at Spence Field, Georgia, as trainee for P-40's; he received

further training at Matagorda Peninsula, Texas, and at Tallahassee, Florida, before going to Perry, Florida, where he was commissioned as first lieutenant of the 441st Fighter Squadron, on December 1, 1943.

The body was accompanied north by First Lieutenant Edward H. Connor, III, acting as a military escort. Lieutenant Connor was a classmate of "Jack's", as he was known at the Academy, and had been associated with him continuously in each assignment; he was with John until forty-five minutes before the crash—in fact, it was he who took the blocks from the plane before the final take-off.

Countless friends in steady streams poured in to pay their respects to the boy who had finished his fight in the forenoon of his life. Noteworthy among them were Lt. Col. John W. Woodend of Blairsville, Pennsylvania, who had commanded L Company, the 110th Infantry, 28th Pennsylvania Division of which John's father was a member; and a score of comrades who had served with him during World War I.

John was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Vandergrift, and of the Masonic Lodge. In addition to his parents, he is survived by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore A. Heckman of North Apollo, Pennsylvania.

Services were conducted Thursday afternoon, January 27, by the Rev. W. Clyde Barnes of the First Presbyterian Church of Vandergrift. Burial with full military honors followed in the Edgewood Cemetery at Saltsburg, Pennsylvania — an historical spot where rest many veterans of other wars. The traditional Cadet Prayer was read by Lt. Connor, at the conclusion of the services.

John was a friend of everyone—kind and courteous to young and old alike. No better tribute can be paid to him than a quotation from his Minister's eulogy:

"The death of this fine young man, so capable, so promising, who had so much to live for, should remind us of the tremendous cost of the blessings we enjoy. He gave his life for his country, and for us, just as certainly as if he had been felled by a bullet or a bayonet on any battlefield. What more can a man do than to lay down his life for his country, and for his friends? He was not only a good soldier of his country, but a good soldier of Jesus Christ."

*"Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of
farewell,
When I embark;*

*"For tho' from out our bourne of Time
and Place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crost the bar."*

—Tennyson.