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# West Point Songs

By Frederick C. Mayer, (Organist and Choirmaster, U. S. M. A.)

No one realized what an outstanding collection of songs had grown up with the United States Military Academy until during the administration of Major Robert M. Danford, '04 (presently, Major Gen., U.S.A., Retired), in 1921 as Commandant of Cadets. Various songs had been passed along from the years and while a new Plebe, in all probability, eventually knew most in all or in part, there was not an authentic reference or book to which he could turn. Major Danford called on Lt. Philip Egner, Bandmaster, and the writer, for consultation with reference to producing a book containing the most representative songs of West Point. This resulted then in the publishing in 1921 with Mayer as editor and Egner as co-editor, of "West Point Songs."

Since the original edition from time to time, additional appropriate songs have been added with the result that the eighth edition published in 1942, contains 120 pages of words and music. The substantial cloth binding in black, gray, and gold, was designed by Colonel Eleazer Parmly, III, '24, while a cadet.

The songs, as a whole, equal and perhaps surpass those of any college in the country. They are vital, and solid—qualities which belong to the life of a cadet and to the spirit of the Corps.

The following interesting details are condensed from a chapter on the origins of some "West Point Songs":

## "ALMA MATER"

The author of the words, Col. Paul S. Reinecke, Class of 1911, relates that the poem was the result of his walking punishment tours on the Area while a cadet—as a consequence of having been caught singing in a Color Line Concert at a time when he was supposedly on guard. The "Alma Mater" had its first public performance at the 1909 Graduation Hop, when it was sung by a double-quartet. The music, an old German folksong, "How can I leave thee" ("Treue Liebe"), was composed by Kuecken in 1827. The "Alma Mater" was sung as a hymn in the Cadet Chapel for the first time on November 19, 1911, just before the Army-Navy game of that year.

## "THE CORPS"

The poem of "The Corps" was written by the late Bishop Herbert Shipman (Chaplain: 1896-1905) for the U.S.M.A. Centennial of 1902—alho it was not used during the centennial ceremonies. Chaplain Shipman gave the first public reading of this poem in one of his sermons in the Old Chapel in 1903. The earliest known printing of the words is in the 1904 *Howitzer*. The music of "The Corps", by W. Franke Harling (Chapel Organist and Choirmaster, 1909-1910) was written in the quarters of Col. Ch. W. Larned, especially for the "Services of the Closing of the Old and the Dedication of the New Cadet Chapels" in 1910. The first public performance of this song was out of doors, in front of the Old Chapel; it was ruined by a sudden storm, and consequently made very little impression. On Sunday, June 11, 1911, "The Corps" was sung for the first time in the new Cadet Chapel as part of the Baccalaureate Service—coinciding with the formal dedication of the new organ. The "Alma Mater" joined "The Corps" a year later, in 1912, as an annual feature of the Baccalaureate Services.

"The Caissons Go Rolling Along" was written in March, 1908 at Fort Stotsenburg, P. I., in celebration of the arrival there of the 1st Bat. of the 5th F.A. to relieve

the 2nd Bat.—when the entire Regiment was to be together for a few days for the first time since its organization.

A group of officers was discussing plans for this rare event in the Artillery Officers mess. Taking a guitar, Gruber, '04, soon began to piece together the strains of the now-famous song and with the help of Bryden, '04, and Danford, '04, the words and music of the caisson song came into being. It was an immediate success upon its first public rendition a few evenings later during a "Welcome-Farewell Reception" for the Regiment, and soon thereafter was adopted by the entire Field Artillery. It has since become one of the most popular American songs, and deservedly so.

The following quotations are selected from the foreword of "West Point Songs":

"The most important and finest group is that of serious songs associated mainly with Graduation, Chapel Services, etc. These include 'The Corps', 'Alma Mater', 'Petition', a World War I song re-arranged for permanent use (words by Clayton E. Wheat, Professor of English, U.S. M.A. and Edward M. Markham, '99, with music by the latter), 'Land of Our Hearts', 'Stand, Stand Up, America', and 'Prayer of Thanksgiving'; 'Once More the Dawn' (C. E. Combs, '36-Mayer), and 'Thy Will Be Done'—the last two being sung by the Choir.

"In athletic and football songs West Point is very fortunate. 'On, Brave Old Army Team' (with music by Philip Egner) heads the list. The 'Official West Point March' (also by Egner), whose stirring chorus has been provided with words, must also be given special attention. Here we find the old-timer, 'Fight Away'; also, 'Away, Away, Away We Go', 'Slum and Gravy' (words by Hawkins, '26, Howard, '27, Masters, '27), 'Good-Night, Navy' (Byron, '14), 'If You Want To Know' (Danford, '04), 'The Gridiron Grenadiers' (Eareckson, '24), 'Good-Bye-EE' (Hibbs, '16), 'On to Victory' (Tuller, '36), and many others.

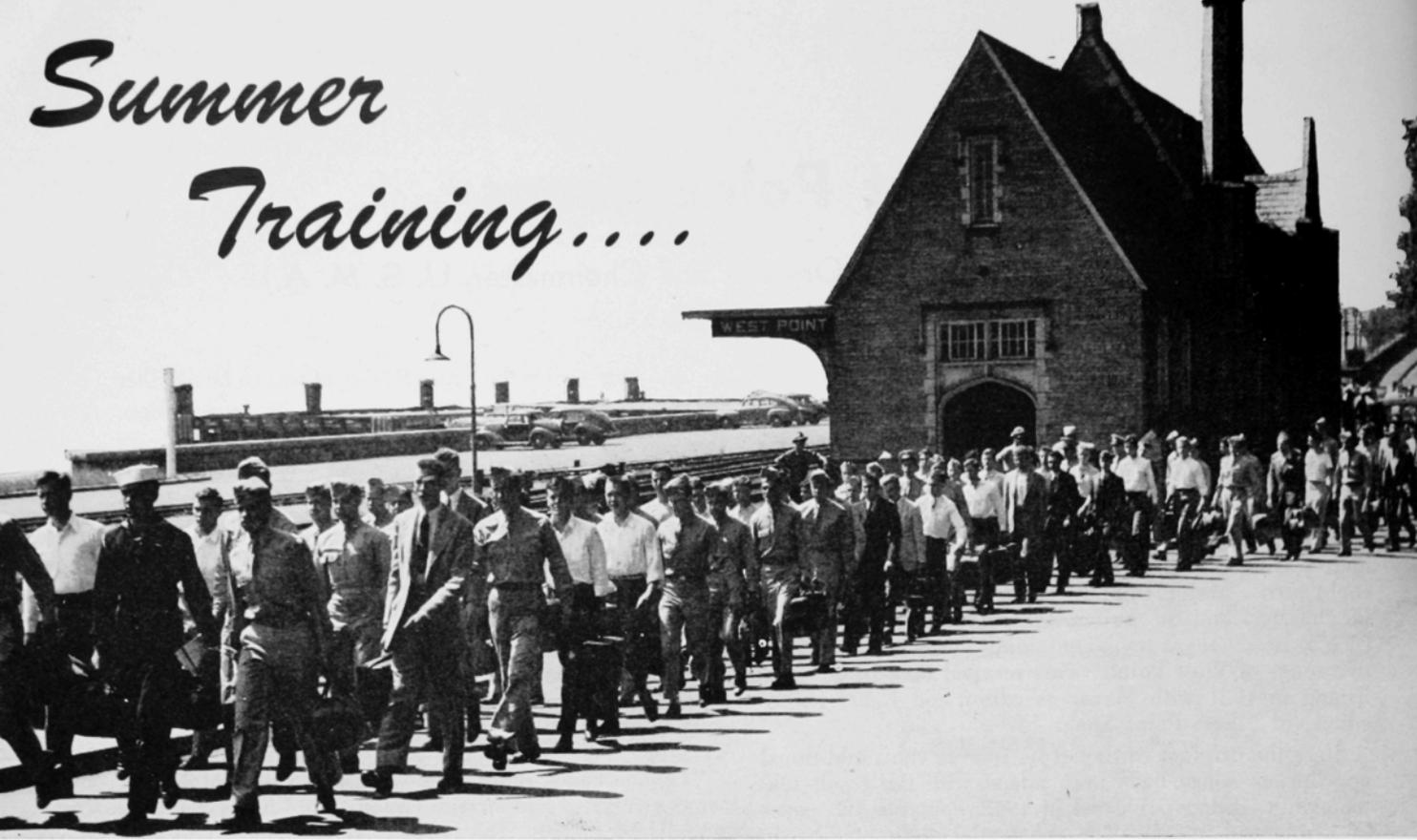
"Songs descriptive of military and academic work, etc., are interesting. Marking the rise and fall of the daily tides are the familiar 'Reveille' and 'Taps' (both rarely sung). For the practice march there is the 'Hike Song of '17', and 'March Along'. For parade there is the traditional 'The Dashing White Sergeant' (originally a song), and the anti-parade 'rain charms' 'Missouri National' I and II. For academic flavor is added 'He Done His Level Best'. Furlough is represented by 'Furlough Moon', and 'Yea, Furlo!' Disciplinary measures are not forgotten in 'An Area Bird'. Graduation is borne in mind thru the traditional and ever-popular 'Army Blue', and 'How Well I Remember'. The picturesque location of West Point is reflected in 'The Army's Coming Down the River', and in many a phrase—such as 'our rockbound Highland home'.

"'Hundredth Night' songs show the versatility of cadet composers, such as 'Balcony Love' (V. H. Wagner, '36), 'This Night' and 'Blue Serenade' (both by J. R. Luper, '38), 'Lucky Me' (R. C. Davis, '37, and W. F. Neff, '38), 'I'll Take a Rain Check on Love' (J. G. Miller, '42), and 'Deep Night and You' (H. W. Woodson, June, '43).

The most popular song for nearly a hundred years has been 'Benny Havens, Oh!', with its retrospective good-

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# Summer Training....



The Class of '47 arrives . . . .

The Corps of Cadets went through another strenuous training period during the summer of 1944. On these pages are printed a few photographs of some of the cadet activities—an endeavor to help old grads visualize the thoroughness of this training.

Immediately following graduation the then new First Class Ground Cadets left for a training trip at the service schools which included Fort Benning and Camp Davis. They arrived

back at West Point on July 23rd and for the next week were given a course in Instructor Training.

The new yearlings remained at West Point and were instructed in Motor Vehicle Driver Training, Signal Communications and Practical Military Engineering. They also received instruction in Air Observer Training at Stewart Field. On June 17th, they left for their much piped furlough, returned to the Acad-

. . . is sworn in . . . .



. . . and trains.





More Plebe training. . . .

emy July 1st and left immediately for Camp Popolopen summer training. Here they fired all types of light and heavy weapons. This included firing anti-tank guns on moving target ranges. They were trained with armored equipment such as anti-tank guns and Sherman tanks. Instruction also was given the class on supplies and in loading for troop movements.

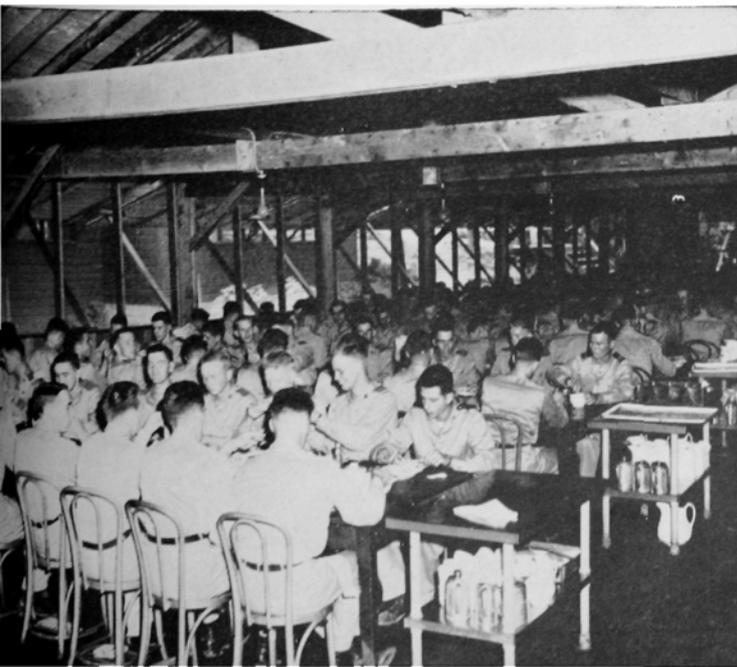
The Plebe Class entered July 1st and immediately went through the usual process of learning to be a cadet and soldier. No time was lost, however, in putting them through their basic course with the result that by the middle of August they were prepared to join the Corps, participating in maneuvers at Pine Camp, New York. Approximately one fourth of the First Class Ground Cadets acted as instructors for the Plebes—another quarter as instructors of yearlings at Camp Popolopen.

During this period the other half of the First Class received instruction at various replacement training centers; with the Engineers at Fort Belvoir, with the Infantry at Camp Croft, with the Anti-aircraft Artillery at Camp Stewart and with the Field Artillery at Fort Bragg. In the middle of the summer the process was reversed so that all First Class Ground Cadets acted as instructors and had the advantage of going to the replacement centers.

The present First Class air cadets left West Point in the latter part of April and received their primary training at various air fields in the mid and southwest. They returned to Stewart Field the first part of July where during the summer they received basic flying instruction.

Thus prepared the Corps, plebes, yearlings and first class ground cadets entrucked for

Hall at Camp Popolopen. . . .



Armored "Battlewagon" training. . . .





First Class Air Cadets at Stewart Field. . . .



An attack on "Henieville", Camp Popolopen.



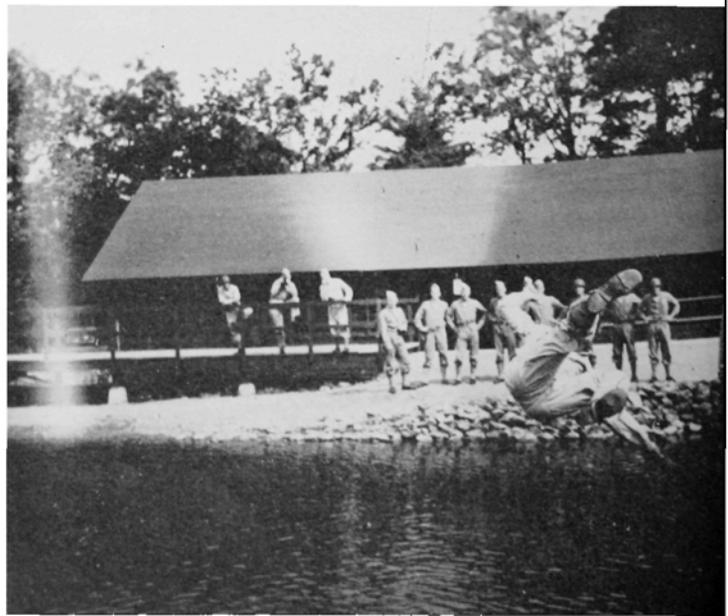
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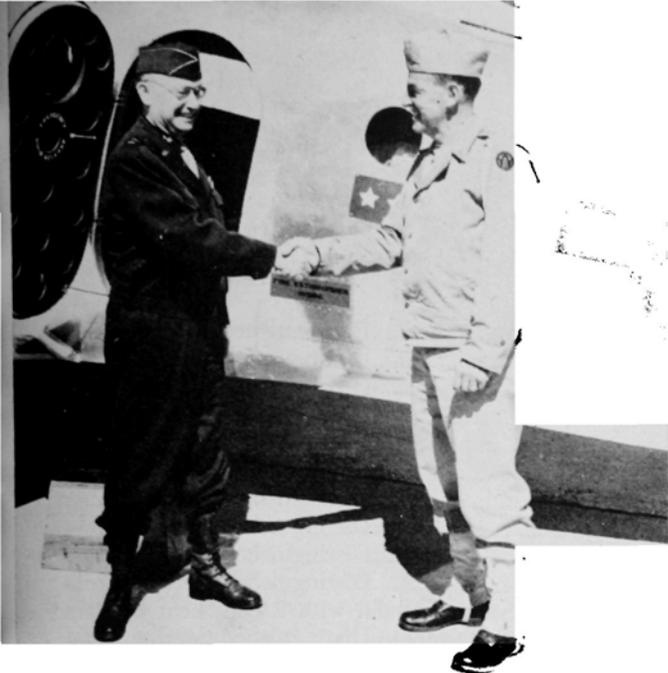
Pine Camp maneuvers on August 14th. After a week of instruction and problems, they engaged in a three day tactical problem.

Divided in half and each representing a battalion, one force defended an area while the other acted as the attacking force. They operated under situations resembling actual battle conditions, wearing full field equipment, sleeping in the field and learning the hard way.

These problems stressed the duties of the individual members of small units. Each First Classman had the opportunity of exercising command in the duties of subordinate leaders, carrying on up from the squad, platoon, company. They were taught the part the smaller unit plays in the battle operation of an Infantry battalion with attached supporting arms to include Field Artillery, Anti-aircraft Artillery, Engineers, Mechanized Cavalry, Chemical and Signal units.

"Wet Drag"—Popolopen style. . . .





### The Superintendent Greeted by the Commandant at Pine Camp Upon His Return From Abroad

During the past summer General Wilby, accompanied by Lieut. Col. M. C. Taylor of the Department of Tactics, made an extended tour of all the theatres of operations except those in the Pacific area. During the ten weeks he was away the Superintendent covered nearly 35,000 miles. He talked with many West Pointers; observed operations and the results of training in actual battle areas.

Leaving West Point on June 12th, General Wilby flew to England where he visited Air Force installations and the marshalling areas on the Channel. In one fighter group he found six graduates of the Class of January 1943 who had completed 300 hours of combat flying. After visiting Aldershot and Sandhurst he went over to France with General Eisenhower on June 24th and 25th. From England he went to North Africa and then on to Italy where he saw Generals Devers and Clark, and visited the Italian front. Leaving Italy he went to Egypt, and after stopping at Cairo and Pal-



Fire Direction Center. . . .

estine went on to Iran where he inspected the lines of communication for lend-lease supplies to Russia. From Iran he flew to India and visited Mountbatten's Headquarters in Ceylon, thence to Calcutta, Assam, and Burma inspecting the Ledo Road and Myitkyina two days after the Japs had been driven out. He then went "over the hump" to Kunming and Kweilin, China to the airfields which have since been destroyed to keep them from falling into the hands of the Japs. The return trip was made by the Southern route by way of Central Africa, Asencion Island, Brazil and the Caribbean in four days.

At West Point General Wilby, in a talk to the First Class, stressed the importance to army officers of a world viewpoint; a knowledge of the world and the people in it. Impressed by the ingenuity and initiative with which Americans were meeting the varied obstacles caused by climate, terrain, the enemy or their allies, the General pointed out to the First Class the vital importance of leadership, co-operation and team play if they are to overcome similar obstacles in the years to come.

Enemy Plane!!

Attacking Force gets the picture at Pine Camp. . . .



# We Salute

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James A. Van Fleet, '15 .....	Distinguished Service Cross
Maxwell Taylor, '22 .....	Distinguished Service Cross
Russell P. Reeder, '26.....	Distinguished Service Cross
Raymond D. Millener, '30.....	Distinguished Service Cross
John R. Sutherland, '32.....	Distinguished Service Cross
James F. Skells, '35.....	Distinguished Service Cross
Harvey P. Barnard, Jr., '38.....	Distinguished Service Cross
Sidney V. Bingham, Jr., '40.....	Distinguished Service Cross
Bryce F. Denno, '40.....	Distinguished Service Cross
Thomas F. Farrell, Jr., '42.....	Distinguished Service Cross
Malin Craig, '98.....	Distinguished Service Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters
Lesley J. McNair, '04.....	2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters to Distinguished Service Medal (Posthumously)
Irving J. Phillipson, '04.....	Distinguished Service Medal
Charles F. Thompson, '04.....	Oak Leaf Cluster to Distinguished Service Medal
Donald A. Robinson, '06.....	Oak Leaf Cluster to Distinguished Service Medal
William E. Shedd, '07.....	Distinguished Service Medal
Raymond O. Barton, '12.....	Distinguished Service Medal
Willis D. Crittenberger, '13.....	Distinguished Service Medal
Omar N. Bradley, '15.....	Oak Leaf Cluster to Distinguished Service Medal
Hubert R. Harmon, '15.....	Distinguished Service Medal
Robert LeG. Walsh, '16.....	Distinguished Service Medal
J. Lawton Collins, April, '17.....	2nd Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to Distinguished Service Medal
William W. Eagles, April, '17.....	Distinguished Service Medal
William B. Kean, Jr., '19.....	Distinguished Service Medal
Carter B. Magruder, '23.....	Distinguished Service Medal
Carl D. Silverthorne, '23.....	Distinguished Service Medal
Fay R. Upthegrove, '27.....	Distinguished Service Medal
William H. Tunner, '28.....	Distinguished Service Medal
Paul F. Yount, '30.....	Distinguished Service Medal
Warner W. Croxton, '39.....	Distinguished Service Medal (Posthumously)
Walter K. Wilson, '02.....	Legion of Merit
Edward C. Hanford, '05.....	Legion of Merit
Sanderford Jarman, '08.....	Legion of Merit
Lawrence W. McIntosh, '08.....	Legion of Merit
Clarence L. Sturdevant, '08.....	Legion of Merit
William H. Simpson, '09.....	Legion of Merit
Charles Hines, '10.....	Legion of Merit
Frank F. Scowden, '10.....	Legion of Merit
Earl G. Paules, '12.....	Legion of Merit
Frank V. Schneider, '12.....	Legion of Merit
William A. McCulloch, '13.....	Legion of Merit
Paul W. Newgarden, '13.....	Legion of Merit (Posthumously)
Frederick Herr, '14.....	Legion of Merit
George F. Lewis, '14.....	Legion of Merit
Frederick S. Skinner, '14.....	Legion of Merit
Thomas J. Hanley, Jr., '15.....	Legion of Merit
Edwin A. Zundel, '15.....	Legion of Merit
R. Potter Campbell, '16.....	Legion of Merit
Robert M. Bathurst, April, '17.....	Legion of Merit
Norman D. Cota, April, '17.....	Legion of Merit
Joseph P. Sullivan, April, '17.....	Legion of Merit
Gerald A. Counts, August, '17.....	Legion of Merit
William O. Reeder, August, '17.....	Legion of Merit
Philip E. Gallagher, June, '18.....	Legion of Merit
George M. Badger, November, '18.....	Legion of Merit
Elton F. Hammond, '19.....	Legion of Merit
Urban Niblo, '19.....	Legion of Merit
Albert S. Rice, '19.....	Legion of Merit
Foster J. Tate, '19.....	Legion of Merit
Philip McL. Whitney, '19.....	Legion of Merit
William H. Hill, '20.....	Legion of Merit
James H. Stratton, '20.....	Legion of Merit
Alfred A. Kessler, '22.....	Legion of Merit

Stewart Vincent, '22.....	Legion of Merit
Robert F. Hallock, '23.....	Legion of Merit
Kenner F. Hertford, '23.....	Legion of Merit
Elwyn D. Post, '23.....	Legion of Merit
Charles M. Seebach, '23.....	Legion of Merit
G. Stanley Smith, '23.....	Legion of Merit
William H. Arnold, '24.....	Legion of Merit
Robert V. Lee, '24.....	Legion of Merit
Armistead D. Mead, Jr., '24.....	Legion of Merit
James E. Moore, '24.....	Legion of Merit
David H. Tulley, '25.....	Legion of Merit
Edward H. McDaniel, '26.....	Legion of Merit
Harry P. Storke, '26.....	Legion of Merit
Antulio Segarra, '27.....	Legion of Merit
Verdi B. Barnes, '28.....	Legion of Merit
Robert H. Kelly, '28.....	Legion of Merit (Posthumously)
Truman H. Landon, '28.....	Legion of Merit
Frederick R. Dent, Jr., '29.....	Legion of Merit
John L. Person, '29.....	Legion of Merit
Alvin G. Viney, '29.....	Legion of Merit
Carl A. Brandt, '30.....	Legion of Merit
William D. Eckert, '30.....	Legion of Merit
Wilbur M. Skidmore, '31.....	Legion of Merit
John P. McConnell, '32.....	Legion of Merit
Chester B. Degavre, '33.....	Legion of Merit
Harrison King, '33.....	Legion of Merit
Clayton E. Mullins, '33.....	Legion of Merit
Karl Truesdell, Jr., '33.....	Legion of Merit
Gordon T. Kimbrell, '37.....	Legion of Merit
George B. Sloan, '37.....	Legion of Merit
William F. Coleman, '40.....	Legion of Merit
William P. Litton, '40.....	Legion of Merit
John D. Frederick, '19.....	Silver Star
Anthony C. McAuliffe, '19.....	Silver Star
Oliver P. Newman, '23.....	Silver Star
George E. Lynch, '29.....	Silver Star
Milton Arnold, '31.....	Silver Star
Robert E. L. Eaton, '31.....	Silver Star
Edgar C. Doleman, '33.....	Silver Star
Hallett D. Edson, '34.....	Silver Star
William M. Gross, '34.....	Silver Star
Gordon H. Austin, '36.....	Silver Star
Charles M. McCorkle, '36.....	Silver Star
Marshall R. Gray, '37.....	Silver Star
Julian Ewell, '39.....	Silver Star
Edward S. Hamilton, '39.....	Silver Star
Lindsay C. Herkness, '39.....	Silver Star
Robert B. Miller, '39.....	Silver Star
Elliott Vandevanter, Jr., '39.....	1 Oak Leaf Cluster to Silver Star
William P. Litton, '40.....	Silver Star with Oak Leaf Cluster
Donovan P. Yeuell, '40.....	Silver Star
James H. Dienelt, '41.....	Silver Star
Lawrence V. Greene, '41.....	Silver Star
Richard M. Combs, January, '43.....	Oak Leaf Cluster to Silver star (Posthumously)
William J. Hovde, January, '43.....	Silver Star
John C. Raaen, Jr., January, '43.....	Silver Star
Lawrence J. Carr, '20.....	Distinguished Flying Cross
Frederick W. Castle, '30.....	Distinguished Flying Cross with Oak Leaf Cluster
Milton Arnold, '31.....	Distinguished Flying Cross
Robert E. L. Eaton, '31.....	Distinguished Flying Cross with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster
Dwight Divine, II, '33.....	Distinguished Flying Cross
Gordon H. Austin, '36.....	Distinguished Flying Cross
Charles M. McCorkle, '36.....	Distinguished Flying Cross
Clinton J. True, '36.....	Distinguished Flying Cross
Marshall R. Gray, '37.....	Distinguished Flying Cross
Bertram C. Harrison, '38.....	Distinguished Flying Cross
John D. Ryan, '38.....	Distinguished Flying Cross with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster
Warner W. Croxton, '39.....	Distinguished Flying Cross (Posthumously)

Allen F. Herzberg, '39.....	Distinguished Flying Cross
George Y. Jumper, '39.....	Distinguished Flying Cross
Elliott Vandevanter, Jr., '39.....	1 Oak Leaf Cluster to Distinguished Flying Cross
William P. Litton, '40.....	Distinguished Flying Cross
Charles C. Ettleson, '42.....	Distinguished Flying Cross
Jay Jaynes, '42.....	Distinguished Flying Cross
Chester R. Ladd, '42.....	Oak Leaf Cluster to Distinguished Flying Cross
Andrew S. Low, Jr., '42.....	Distinguished Flying Cross
Leon Stann, '42.....	Distinguished Flying Cross
Ralph J. White, '42.....	Oak Leaf Cluster to Distinguished Flying Cross
James N. Wood, '42.....	Oak Leaf Cluster to Distinguished Flying Cross
Robert G. Kurtz, January, '43.....	Oak Leaf Cluster to Distinguished Flying Cross
Ralph J. White, '42.....	Soldiers Medal
William A. McCulloch, '13.....	Bronze Star
Ernest M. Brannon, '19.....	Bronze Star
Richard H. Lawson, '31.....	Bronze Star
Frederick M. Hinshaw, '32.....	Bronze Star
Charles G. Patterson, '33.....	Bronze Star
Edward S. Hamilton, '39.....	Bronze Star
Matthew J. McKeever, Jr., '39.....	Bronze Star
Raymond B. Marlin, '39.....	Bronze Star
John Ray, '39.....	Bronze Star
George F. Dixon, Jr., '40.....	Bronze Star
Philip J. Moore, III, '40.....	Bronze Star
Alfred Toth, January, '43.....	Bronze Star
Frederick W. Castle, '30.....	Air Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters
Milton Arnold, '31.....	Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters
Robert E. L. Eaton, '31.....	Air Medal with 2 Bronze Clusters
Richard E. Ellsworth, '35.....	Air Medal
Gordon H. Austin, '36.....	Air Medal with 13 Clusters
Charles M. McCorkle, '36.....	Air Medal with 22 Oak Leaf Clusters
Clinton J. True, '36.....	Air Medal
Render D. Denson, '37.....	Air Medal
Marshall R. Gray, '37.....	Air Medal
Wilbur H. Stratton, '37.....	Air Medal
Bertram C. Harrison, '38.....	Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters
John D. Ryan, '38.....	Air Medal with 5 Clusters
Warner W. Croxton, '39.....	Air Medal (Posthumously)
Allen F. Herzberg, '39.....	Air Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster
George Y. Jumper, '39.....	2nd Oak Leaf Cluster to Air Medal
Robert B. Miller, '39.....	Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters
Matthew J. McKeever, Jr., '39.....	Air Medal
Elliott Vandevanter, Jr., '39.....	Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters
William P. Litton, '40.....	Air Medal with 9 Oak Leaf Clusters
Carey L. O'Bryan, Jr., '40.....	Air Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster
Bradley F. Prann, '40.....	Air Medal with Clusters
James H. Dienelt, '41.....	Air Medal
Edwin F. Hardin, Jr., '41.....	Air Medal with 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters
Clarence J. Lokker, '41.....	Air Medal
Samuel W. Parks, '41.....	Air Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster
Charles C. Ettleson, '42.....	Air Medal
Robert L. Ferguson, '42.....	Air Medal (Posthumously)
Frederick W. Hyde, '42.....	Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters
Chester R. Ladd, Jr., '42.....	Air Medal with Clusters
Andrew S. Low, Jr., '42.....	Air Medal
Floyd I. Robinson, '42.....	Air Medal with 2 Clusters
Clifford C. Sherman, '42.....	Air Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster
Leon Stann, '42.....	Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters
Ralph J. White, '42.....	Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters
James N. Wood, '42.....	Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters
Francis H. Bonham, January, '43.....	Oak Leaf Cluster to Air Medal
James F. Hackler, Jr., January, '43.....	7 Bronze and 1 Silver Cluster to Air Medal
Richard J. Hynes, January, '43.....	Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters
Britt S. May, January, '43.....	Air Medal
Robert S. Maloney, January, '43.....	Air Medal
Dan M. Parker, January, '43.....	Air Medal
James H. Watkins, January, '43.....	Air Medal
George S. Weart, January, '43.....	Air Medal

Walter Beckett, Jr., June, '43.....	Air Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster
Henry L. Hogan, III, June, '43.....	Air Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster
John M. Hommel, June, '43.....	Air Medal
Joseph H. Huau, Jr., June, '43.....	Air Medal
John B. Hudson, June, '43.....	1st Silver Oak Leaf Cluster and 6th Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to Air Medal
Paul J. Hurley, June, '43.....	4th Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to Air Medal
Clare T. Ireland, Jr., June, '43.....	Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster
Richard D. McCord, June, '43.....	Air Medal
Richard V. Miracle, June, '43.....	Air Medal with 7 Oak Leaf Clusters
Stanley C. Pace, June, '43.....	Air Medal
Russell P. Reeder, Jr., '26.....	Purple Heart
Edgar C. Doleman, '33.....	Purple Heart
Peter S. Peca, '34.....	Purple Heart
Clinton J. True, '36.....	Purple Heart
Charles L. Jackson, '38.....	Purple Heart
Edward S. Hamilton, '39.....	Purple Heart
Lindsay C. Herkness, '39.....	Purple Heart
Robert E. Applegate, '40.....	Purple Heart
Bradley F. Prann, '40.....	Purple Heart
Bryce F. Denno, '40.....	Purple Heart
Edwin J. Willcox, January, '43.....	Purple Heart
Norman E. Pehrson, June, '43.....	Purple Heart
Thomas H. Dameron, '19.....	Knight's Cross of Polonia Restituta
Urban Niblo, '19.....	Croix de Guerre
Harry P. Storke, '26.....	Croix de Guerre
Gordon H. Austin, '36.....	Croix de Guerre with Palm
Gabriel P. Disosway, '33.....	Brazilian Order Gran Cruzeiro do Sul in the grade of Comendador
Maxwell D. Taylor, '22.....	Distinguished Service Order (British)

## Last Roll Call

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

Name	Class	Date of Death	Name	Class	Date of Death
George D. Guyer.....	1891.....	September 19, 1944	*Wilson D. Coleman.....	1935.....	July 30, 1944
Robert C. Davis.....	1898.....	September 2, 1944	*William L. Herold.....	1935.....	August 20, 1944
Llewellyn W. Oliver.....	1899.....	June 13, 1944	*John A. Metcalfe.....	1935.....	July 15, 1944
*Lesley J. McNair.....	1904.....	July 25, 1944	*John N. Wilson.....	1935.....	July 11, 1944
Herbert O'Leary.....	1910.....	July 4, 1944	*Augustus H. Bode, Jr.....	1936.....	June 26, 1944
*Harry A. Flint.....	1912.....	July 25, 1944	*Frederick C. A. Kellam.....	1936.....	June 7, 1944
Paul W. Newgarden.....	1913.....	July 15, 1944	*Francis M. Oliver, Jr.....	1936.....	August 9, 1944
*Nevins D. Young.....	June, 1918.....	August 24, 1944	*Richard E. Nelson.....	1937.....	July 28, 1944
*John W. Sheehy.....	June 11, 1919.....	June 15, 1944	*Amzi R. Quillian.....	1937.....	August 4, 1944
*Thomas A. Roberts, Jr.....	1920.....	August 4, 1944	*Walter S. Gray.....	1938.....	May 23, 1944
*David B. Barton.....	1923.....	June 3, 1944	*Harold M. Brown, Sr.....	1939.....	May 19, 1944
*Carl D. Silverthorne.....	1923.....	June 26, 1944	*Darwin K. Oliver.....	1939.....	July 25, 1944
*Louis J. Storck.....	1923.....	July 30, 1944	*William L. Turner.....	1939.....	June 6, 1944
*James E. Macklin.....	1924.....	July 1, 1944	*Neri P. Cangelosi.....	1940.....	August 12, 1944
*Nathan B. Forrest.....	1928.....	June 14, 1944	*James E. McGinity.....	1940.....	June 6, 1944
*Robert H. Kelly.....	1928.....	April 28, 1944	*Thomas R. Cramer.....	1941.....	July 3, 1944
*Charles B. King.....	1928.....	June 22, 1944	*Paul D. Duke.....	1941.....	August 4, 1944
*Douglas C. McNair.....	1928.....	August 6, 1944	*William Gardner.....	1941.....	June 6, 1944
*John K. Bryan.....	1929.....	July 5, 1944	*Thomas E. Reagan.....	1941.....	August 1, 1944
*Robert C. Johnson.....	1929.....	June 3, 1944	*Jack L. Bogusch.....	1942.....	March 6, 1944
*James J. Mathews.....	1929.....	June 14, 1944	*Richard R. Clark.....	1942.....	May 10, 1944
*William L. Nave.....	1929.....	June 15, 1944	*Thaddeus F. Dziuban.....	1942.....	June 18, 1944
*Paul S. Thompson.....	1929.....	August 10, 1944	*John C. Ford.....	1942.....	July 8, 1944
*Frederick G. Terry.....	1930.....	June 24, 1944	*Henry P. Kozlowski.....	1942.....	April 22, 1944
*Donald Donaldson.....	1931.....	August 7, 1944	*William F. Loughman, Jr.....	1942.....	June 11, 1944
*Alfred C. Marshall, Jr.....	1931.....	June 4, 1944	*Ollie W. Reed, Jr.....	1942.....	July 5, 1944
*John H. Mathews.....	1931.....	June 6, 1944	*T. M. Chambliss, Jr.....	Jan., 1943.....	June 6, 1944
*Bernard W. McQuade.....	1932.....	June 6, 1944	Jack F. Clark.....	Jan., 1943.....	September 16, 1944
*Daniel S. Spengler.....	1932.....	July 8, 1944	*James W. Freeman.....	Jan., 1943.....	June 23, 1944
William H. Ball.....	1933.....	May 8, 1944	*Dick E. Hall.....	Jan., 1943.....	July 30, 1944
*Richard C. Blatt.....	1933.....	June 7, 1944	William A. Kerr, Jr.....	Jan., 1943.....	August 27, 1944
*Raymond E. Kendall.....	1933.....	May 12, 1944	*James F. Reynolds.....	Jan., 1943.....	May 28, 1944
*William J. Ledward.....	1933.....	June 4, 1944	*Argonne C. Dixon.....	June, 1943.....	July 16, 1944
Paul H. Berkowitz.....	1934.....	July 26, 1944	*Scott B. Ritchie, Jr.....	June, 1943.....	June 30, 1944
*James A. Costain.....	1934.....	June 15, 1944	*Owens H. Yeuell.....	June, 1943.....	July 17, 1944
*Floyd F. Forte.....	1934.....	July 31, 1944	Cadet J. Lee Forney.....	1945.....	August 19, 1944
*John W. Merrill.....	1934.....	June 24, 1944	Cadet Vernon E. Hanson.....	1945.....	July 11, 1944
*Edward E. B. Weber.....	1934.....	May 30, 1944	Cadet Donald M. Thrun.....	1945.....	July 12, 1944
*Edmund W. Wilkes.....	1934.....	July 1, 1944			
*Herbert F. Batcheller.....	1935.....	June 12, 1944	*Killed in action.		



DANCE, '22

## Major General Robert C. Davis, U. S. A. Ret.

HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES  
MILITARY ACADEMY

West Point, N. Y.,  
2 September, 1944.

General Orders,  
No. 27,

The death of MAJOR GENERAL ROBERT C. DAVIS, U.S.A.-Ret., President of the Association of Graduates of the United States Military Academy, which occurred this date, is announced with deep regret.

The late GENERAL DAVIS was born in the State of Pennsylvania in 1876 and was admitted as a cadet at the Military Academy in 1894, graduating with the class commissioned 26 April 1898. Appointed a Brigadier General, National Army, 26 June 1918, he served with distinction on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief of the A.E.F., *General John J. Pershing*, during the First World War. Reverting to the grade of Colonel, Regular Army, 1 July 1920, he was appointed a permanent Brigadier General on 3 July of that year. Appointed Major General, The Adjutant General, 1 September 1922, and reappointed in that capacity on 1 September 1926, he was retired from active service on 1 July 1927.

During his incumbency of office as The Adjutant General of the Army he continued to demonstrate effectively his outstanding administrative capacity, his superior organizing ability and his pronounced qualities of leadership. His tenure of office as The Adjutant General was marked by a highly efficient administration of that department and by the splendid results attained.

The late GENERAL DAVIS, in addition to the degree of Bachelor of Science awarded him by the Military Academy, was in 1941 awarded the degree of Doctor of Science by Washington and Jefferson College. He was also the recipient of the Distinguished Service Medal and of the Silver Star with Oak-Leaf Cluster, and of the following foreign decorations: Commander of the Order of the Crown (Belgian); Companion of the Bath (British); Commander of the Legion of Honor (French); Commander, Order of the Crown (Italian); General Offi-

cer, Order of Danilo I (Montenegrin); Order of La Solidaridad (Panamanian).

During his active career GENERAL DAVIS on two occasions served tours of duty at the United States Military Academy, from 1901 until 1905 as an instructor in the Department of Tactics and from 1 January 1911 until 1 July 1912 as Adjutant of the Academy. As a member of *General Pershing's* staff he served overseas as Adjutant General of the first A.E.F. from 1 May 1918 until 1 September 1919. Following his retirement from active duty he continued his great interest in the military establishment and in the welfare of his beloved Alma Mater and its many graduates. With him the traditions and the idealism of the Military Academy were paramount and the motto "Duty, Honor, Country" a vibrant guide to distinguished accomplishment. He was elected to the Presidency of the Association of Graduates U.S.M.A. in 1936, re-elected in 1937 for a second continuous term and again renominated and elected to that office this current year, and was so serving at the time of his death.

The passing of this distinguished officer and graduate is a great and highly regrettable loss to the United States Military Academy and to its Association of Graduates. His Presidency of the Association, so well administered during his incumbencies, was most appropriate and his great personal interest and concern in the welfare of the Academy, its graduates, and the United States Corps of Cadets, were at all times emblematic of his primary and all-consuming activities throughout his career.

The death of GENERAL DAVIS has taken from us a most highly regarded officer and gentleman, a commanding presence and a warm personality. His death is deeply and sincerely mourned by all. His memory will remain at West Point and with the graduates of the Military Academy wherever they may be.

In behalf of all members of the Association of Graduates and of the United States Corps of Cadets, and in behalf of the officers now stationed at West Point and Stewart Field, I join with the Executive Committee of the

Association of Graduates in the sentiments expressed and conveyed by its Memorial Resolution adopted this date and herein quoted below:

"Whereas, MAJOR GENERAL ROBERT C. DAVIS, U.S.M.A., 1898, throughout his long and distinguished service as an officer in the United States Army, exemplified to the highest degree the ideals of the United States Military Academy, and

"Whereas, MAJOR GENERAL ROBERT C. DAVIS demonstrated his continued interest in the Military Academy and his devotion to its welfare and that of its alumni by serving over extended periods as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Association of Graduates and of the Executive Committee of that body, rounding out his service with two terms as President of the Association from 1936 to 1938, and accepting a third term as President in June, 1944,

"BE It Resolved: That in the death of MAJOR GENERAL DAVIS the Academy has lost a devoted son and the Association of Graduates has suffered a serious loss through its deprivation of his wise counsel, sound judgement, vigorous initiative, and his outstanding executive ability.

"BE It Further Resolved: That a copy of these Resolutions be entered in the minutes of the Board of Trustees and the original thereof be sent to the family of the deceased.

Signed: Roger G. Alexander, '07.

Meade Wildrick, '10.

Herman Beukema, '15.

Thomas D. Stamps, Aug. '17.  
Executive Committee."

Signed: F. B. WILBY,  
Major General, U.S.A.,  
Superintendent.

(G.O. No. 27 H.Q. U.S.M.A.  
2 September 1944.)

## The Outlook

Last spring a redheaded plebe of German and Czech extraction hurdled a few years and imagined himself a first classman on the verge of being graduated. From that point of view he wrote a theme about West Point. Here is what the now third ranking Corporal and No. 1 man academically in the Yearling Class had to say:

"I walk among your hills for the last time. Tomorrow I will leave you and go to meet the responsibilities of the world and war, and tonight I have come across the plain to look at your trees and buildings and to consecrate in my mind the emotions of this final day. There stretches the plain before me; from its foot your barracks and ivied halls rise in tiers from among the trees and reach into the orange rays of the sun, setting behind the hills of West Point. There is no sound or movement—the beauty of green and gray and lurid sky stands in an impassive portrait, which will live in my mind just as it must have lived for thousands of men before me.

Those walls have seen the forging of stout hearts and eager minds in many leaders of our army and state. Lee, Grant, Sherman, Jackson, Davis, Thayer—they found their duties and performed them; now, though they are gone, their influence of good and justice still rings true in the hearts of their comrades throughout the world. At times I have felt their influence here—in simple moments of contemplation of their portraits in the library of the mess hall or of their teachings in soldiery and human understanding—or in memorable moments of inspiration, when we have followed the flashing sabers and colors in parade or thrilled to the mighty sound of the organ in our chapel high above the plain. I will carry the tradition of these men with me always, and I will meet my duty with more resolve for having felt their inspiration.

"My period of training within those walls across the plain is over. Discipline has been exacting, and my conduct as a cadet has been rigidly supervised. I have at times felt discouragement, but now I feel confidence in the knowledge of hardships endured. Now I understand obedience, and I am fully able to operate as an efficient part of a military organization in combat. I have observed and learned the composure requisite in an officer who must lead men and make calculated decisions under great strain. And above all I have found the spirit of comradeship among men. The days of athletic rivalry and of commonly enjoyed or commonly suffered experiences have formed a bond that will strengthen me in whatever trials lie ahead. I owe you much for your tradition, discipline, and inspiration in patriotism and service; here I have lived experiences that will rise within me to lead me through any difficulty.

"The sun is setting on another day in your history, West Point, and a chapter in my life closes. I look be-

yond this scene before me, and I see a world torn with war. I see armadas of deadly bombers leaving their vapor trails across the skies of Europe; I see helpless men writhing in pain and death under machine guns and flame throwers; I see waves of troops charging into bayonets and withering artillery fire; I see your sons by the hundreds dying on these battlefields. But yet I feel your faith and tradition and the permanence of your strength still standing firm in my mind. And when one day I have joined your sons, and I, too, come to face peril and death, may your image be yet alive to guide me, and may my final strength come from the faith and courage that you have placed in my heart."

WESLEY W. POSVAR.

## 1915's Wearers of the "A" Evoke Some World Series Reflections

The casual, uninitiated visitor strolling through the Gym might easily mistake the plaque bearing the names of 1915's wearers of the "A" for the American lineup in the real world series now taking place in Western Europe. And he wouldn't be very far wrong at that. The starting battery



of Eisenhower and Bradley is well on its way to a shutout victory. In view of the way Ike is now pitching and considering the terrific slugging that Omar is doing in the clean-up spot, the series might well be concluded in plenty of time for '15 to come home for its Thirtieth Reunion. And when it does come home, the owners of the names listed on the plaque in the gym will bring enough stars to equip adequately another planetarium. A recent count showed that among the

twenty names listed there were found to be one full (meaning four-star) general and a lieutenant-general (with further possibilities), along with six major-generals, a pair of brigadiers, and five colonels who might easily join the constellation. It must be obvious, then, that as far as the stars of 1915 are concerned, the sky will prove the limit.

## Of Practically No Interest to 94% of All West Point Graduates

Perhaps you wondered, when a cadet, why a few of your classmates wore stars, or what was necessary to glean them, or how had originated the custom of labelling "distinguished cadets". Or perhaps now, you might cherish, as would be perfectly normal, a faint hope that your plebe son, by proving himself an engineer, will, in some fashion, vindicate his father for having been a goat. It's not entirely impossible, you know, because sons may inherit traits and abilities from their mothers as well as from their fathers. By way of proving the above contention, it is necessary merely to mention the fact that Cadet Wilhide, G. C., Jr., Fourth Class may be located any day occupying a seat in the first section.

If you are still interested in wondering how it then happened or what it now takes to be a "star man", the following excerpt will answer your question.

HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES  
MILITARY ACADEMY

West Point, N. Y.,  
3 June, 1944.

General Orders,  
No. 13,

On February 10, 1818, during the superintendency of Colonel Sylvanus Thayer, the Honorable John C. Calhoun, Secretary of War, instituted the practice of singling out and designating as "distinguished cadets", those cadets of each class who particularly excelled in scholarship.

The foregoing practice was controlled by a regulation of the U.S. Military Academy, which regulation for over 90 years, or until 1911, prescribed that "The Superintendent shall annually, in the month of November, report to the War Department for publication in the Army Register, the names of the most distinguished cadets, not exceeding five in each class, as determined at the examination in the preceding June, and shall specify the stud-

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# • Greenlief Winkelmann . . . 1859-1944

By James L. Hayden, April, '17

It is 10:55 A.M. on June 5, 1944 and U.S.M.A. graduates are marching behind the Academy Band to alumni exercises. As they pass the Clock Tower, many miss a familiar figure. For the first time in the history of the alumni exercises, "P. Winkelmann" is not at his reviewing stand beside the drinking fountain. Here, in former years, he had stood and greeted his many friends among the graduates marching to honor their Alma Mater. But on January 5 all that was mortal of Winkelmann left the Station Hospital at West Point to join the "ghostly assemblage" up yonder. There, seated with the "Sons of the Corps long dead" watching the ceremonies at the West Point he loved so well and served so long, was Winkelmann. Yes, he was one of them. He had followed the precepts of DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY as well as most graduates, and none loved West Point and her traditions more than he.

The passing of Greenlief Winkelmann after a brief illness, the result of a fall, marks the end of approximately a century of West Point history, during which a Winkelmann was present and vitally interested in the Academy. During that period the United States Military Academy had grown and matured from a backwoods school to its present glorious state. Year after year she had been producing men of character in ever increasing numbers to serve their nation honorably and with distinction in all walks of life. Winkelmanns had seen the Corps grow in size from 200 men to 2,400. They had seen the thoroughness of academic instruction and the character of tactical training improve many fold. They had seen buildings built, then years later demolished to make way for new construction required by the progress and changed conditions. They had seen sons, and later on grandsons, of cadets they had known, graduate.

Winkelmann's father, Jacob Winkelmann, joined the U.S.M.A. Detachment of Artillery, now the U.S.M.A. D.E.M.L Detachment (Staff & Service), went to war with it during the War between the States, became its first sergeant and finally was honorably discharged in 1877. He was born in Bavaria and at the age of 19 came to America. He was twice married becoming the father of 16 children, 8 sons and 8 daughters. Jacob Winkelmann's father was Grand Marshal of Bavaria and Grand Duke of Gravenhausen. His mother's father was commander of the Polish Army.

Greenlief Winkelmann was born at West Point in 1859. His birthplace is now marked by the crossroads west of the Utilities Building. For eighteen years he lived the life of a normal boy, playing and going to school on the Post. At the age of 11, he started work as hall boy in Cozzens Hotel, the old West Point Hotel. On May 28, 1877, First Lieutenant C. Miller, 4th Artillery, commanding the U.S.M.A. Detachment of Artillery, requested authority to enlist Greenlief Winkelmann, 18 years of age, as a musician in the Detachment. This was approved by command of Major General Schofield and Winkelmann enlisted June 1, 1877.

After serving as bugler and as assistant in the plumbing shop, Winkelmann was placed on duty with the Department of Natural and Experimental Philosophy June 1, 1880. Retiring as a sergeant on July 1, 1907, Winkelmann was retained in his job as a civilian. He was finally retired for age on December 19, 1929, after serving in the Department 49 years, 6 months and 18 days. He had served under 17 Superintendents and knew 27 out of the 39 superintendents who commanded since 1802. He had

worked under Professors Michie, Gordon and Carter. He had watched the Class grow from 55 to 302 members, and before he died to over 800. He had moved with the Department from the west side of the Library to the "New" West Academic Building (1895) and finally to the East Academic Building (1913).

Winkelmann's duties in the Department required that he store a vast and valuable amount of equipment, keep it in condition, and get it out and set it up for use. Storage space was limited, so expensive museum pieces were kept in strange out-of-the-way places. For several years after his retirement in 1929, Winkelmann returned about once a month to check up on the Department and locate any equipment needed. No matter how small the article, nor how little used, he always knew exactly where to find it.

Stories of Winkelmann are numerous. Class after class heard him "sound the Fundamental" at lectures. Once the Professor was having difficulty with a demonstration which called for tracing figures. The ink did not flow. This was the essential part of the demonstration. The Professor, muchly irritated, said, "Winkelmann, what's the matter with the ink?" Quick as a flash, Winkelmann replied, "Nothing, it's Carter's sir." The class howled. The Professor's name was Carter. Winkelmann's faithfulness and reliability are brought out by the following episode. Upon the occasion of his final retirement, December 19, 1929, the instructors of the Department of Philosophy had a ceremony and presented Winkelmann with a watch inscribed:

To Winkelmann  
From the Officers  
Department of Philosophy  
U.S. Military Academy  
For 50 years of Loyal and  
Faithful Service  
December 19, 1929



It was fitting that Winkelmann be given a watch, for he had wound the tower clock weekly since it was installed in the West Academic Building. Realizing this, Colonel Carter asked Winkelmann if he had ever failed to wind the Clock. "Yes, one March day, many years ago, there was a hard blizzard. Wind and deep drifts stopped all transportation. I left the Department and managed to drag and force myself home in Highland Falls. Just as I entered my gate, I remembered that it was Friday and I had not wound the tower clock." "What did you do then?" asked someone. "Naturally, I walked back to West Point and wound the clock." It is significant that upon Winkelmann's retirement the electric wind system was put on the clock. A man of Winkelmann's caliber who would climb into the tower and wind the clock every Friday, no matter what, comes but once in a million.

Winkelmann lived in the old Benny Haven's house in Highland Falls, off the reservation. Here he lived with his daughter and grandchildren. He spent a simple life, working the garden, returning to the Academic Building periodically to check up on the Department, and also the town clock, escorting officers' wives that he knew through the streets of Highland Falls. During Christmas Week he slipped and fell, breaking his hip. Complications from this caused his death a few days later. He had been on, or seen, West Point practically every day for over 84 years.

Winkelmann, by request never called anything else,  
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## New Members

We welcome to our membership the following graduates who have joined the Association since the publication of the *July Assembly*:

Paul B. Nelson, '24, joined July 12, 1944  
 Oscar W. Griswold, '10, joined July 21, 1944  
 Leonard L. Haseman, '40, joined August 2, 1944

Richard S. Morrison, '39, joined August 3, 1944  
 Elmore B. Gray, '10, joined August 4, 1944  
 George J. Weitzel, '34, joined August 30, 1944  
 William R. Forbes, '24, joined September 7, 1944

DEAD LINE FOR OUR NEXT ISSUE DECEMBER 10, 1944

### 1880

The Officers' Mess at West Point acquired a billiard table, balls and cues many years ago at the expense of a group of cadets.

The following story gives the details as told by Major General *Charles J. Bailey*:

"Many years before the Class of '80 appeared on the scene a few First Classmen smuggled, of all things, a billiard table and installed it in the basement of barracks which are still in use. A billiard ball clicking against another makes a distinctive sound about as hard to conceal as the noise produced in a game at a bowling alley. An Army friend who participated in this escapade many years ago told the writer that there was no trouble in blacking out the room and that everything possible was done to conceal the operation of playing on the table. While it could be faintly heard, it finally led to detection but, he said, after many searches. Just before it was found the cadets piled balls and cues on the table; a courteous note was laid on the middle of the table stating that the table and equipment was presented to the Officers' Mess. Evidently the investigation stopped at this point in that the guilty parties were never discovered."

### 1881

General *Hodges* was kind enough to write the editor recently and an excerpt of his letter is as follows: "Recent word brings news of our

classmates: *Bartlett* is going strong as well as *Bennett, Kerr, Millis, McIver, West* and *Hodges*. *Carlton* and *Kernan*, unfortunately, are not so well. They would be pleased to hear from their Classmates."

### 1894

Several members of the class who attended our Fiftieth Reunion in June have written to express their appreciation of that opportunity to revisit familiar scenes and renew old ties. Others who were not present have written to express their regret that circumstances made it impossible for them to attend.

"*Billy*" *Brown* was back on his defense job in New Milford on the morning after the Reunion dinner. To get there he had to make a 2 1/2-hour night drive from West Point to New Milford. He writes that his pleasure in being present amply repaid him for the effort.

"*Carlos*" *Crain* is back at his home in Pasadena. He is compiling a comprehensive record of the class of 1894 and its members which he proposes to turn over to the library at West Point when completed.

*Frank D. Ely* writes that his health has improved with the return of warm weather.

"*Laddie*" *Ladue* and Mrs. *Ladue* are at El Cordova Hotel, Coronado, California, with their daughter, whose husband, Colonel *Gordon Hall* of the Marines, is in Samoa.

"*Peter*" *O'Hern* has returned to his home at Napa, California. En-

route he stopped off at Los Angeles for a delightful visit with "*Peggy*" *Whitworth* and *George Hamilton* and their attractive wives. "*Peggy*" still holds his position as a member of the Board of Police Commissioners of Los Angeles.

*George Vidmer* and Mrs. *Vidmer* celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on September 5th—the first of the class, it is believed, to reach this distinction. The members of 1894 join in congratulations and best wishes to them.

*W. T. Flower* has had a successful career as a business man in Akron, Ohio. One son is a defense worker in an airplane plant in Akron, and a second son has just returned from service in England. His daughter is at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, with her husband, a Captain of Engineers.

*Gilchrist* is a lawyer and writer, in Parkville, Missouri. One son is a Captain of Field Artillery, another is an officer in the Navy.

*Giles* is living in Austin, Texas, his chief interest being the war news, politics and his family. He has two grandsons in the Service.

*Sam Newsom* is living in retirement in his home town of Carthage, Indiana. He cherishes his memories of our days in plebe camp, in 1890, when he and *Laddie* were tentmates in old "C" Company, and regrets that his health did not permit him to be with us in June.

"*Rosy*" *Rosenbaum* reminds us that *George Dewey*, the father of the present Governor of New York, en-

tered West Point in June, 1890 as a member of '94, but in the fall of 1891 was honorably discharged for physical disability due to an injury suffered while exercising in the gymnasium. He returned to his home and newspaper work in Michigan, was chief clerk in the Auditor General's office of the state for a considerable period and was postmaster of Owosso, Michigan, for several years prior to his death in 1927. *George Dewey*, a roommate of *Rosy Rosenbaum*, was a fine likeable young man with newspaper experience, which was reflected in his attractive speech and fine class standing.

—*W. B. L.*

### 1895

Lt. *Benjamin Franklin Eshleman, II*, U. S. N. R., Finance and Budget Officer for the Industrial Manager of the 8th Naval District, was in Washington recently. His mother, Mrs. *Sidney St. J. Eshleman*, of New Orleans, is *Augustin's* sister, *Corrine*, which establishes our '95 interest in him. He entered the service in March, 1942. His aunt, Miss *Hattie Augustin*, also of New Orleans, is in Memphis, Tennessee, the greater part of the year.

*White* writes, from *Texas*, of *Hawkins*, *Pearce*, *Conrad*, *Bell*, *O. W.*, and *Bolles*, in San Antonio, where it seems, however, that the local air-conditioning system was more or less inadequate at one time or another, last summer, in either the shopping or the residential district, if not both. Furthermore, he has our 50th Reunion in mind, and *Schulz* had already signified his intention to be present. That's a good start.

—*F. B. W.*

### 1906

"*Doc*" *Sturgill* and Mrs. *Sturgill* are both improving in health at the Palatine Hotel in Newburgh, after long illnesses. We are glad to hear it.

"*Red*" *Hoyle*, now at Camp Roberts, California, running an Artillery Replacement Training Center, reports having ridden a couple hundred miles through the local mountains—supposedly on a horse! He reports *Christine* is better than ever—particularly as a cook.

"*Hap*" *Pennell* also commands an Artillery Center and, like "*Red*", grouches about being kept out of action.

"*Cort*" *Parker* commands the Southern California Defense Center.

*Jim Riley* and *McKew Parr* are at work on comprehensive Class information, which we, hourly, expect to appear. It will give you a true

picture of participation of 1906 in present world affairs.

"*Wainwright Day*" of 1943 is described in full, and excellently, too, in the Connecticut Register and Manual for 1943—thanks to *Frances Burke Redick*, the most excellent Secretary of the State.

"*Tow*" *Brett* went through Miami a little while ago, en route to Brazil on lend-lease matters, full of health and enthusiasm. He is with "*Sunny Jim*" *Ord* in the U.S.-Brazilian office in Washington.

*George Morrow* has produced millions of artillery shells, in all calibers, for the war effort in his fine plant in Birmingham, Alabama. He and *Christine* are preparing for the 1946 reunion at West Point.

*Jim Bradshaw's* boy, *Walker*, entered West Point last June and we expect him to be our guest at the 1946 reunion.

*Florence Ardery* is clearing up *E.D.A.'s* affairs at State College Pennsylvania.

*Freddy Dickman's* boy, a Knight of the Class of 1906, has been restored to active duty after battle wounds and long experience.

*Forrest* and *Frederika Williford* are located at Blacksburg, Virginia, in their permanent home.

*W. A. Johnston* has received the Legion of Merit. Congratulations go to him from all the Class.

"*Sue*" *Clagett* is on sick leave at the moment, in Miami where he has been in charge of the last contingent of the training groups.

Your correspondent has had a fight with a bug called "virus pneumonia" for a couple of months, but has completely annihilated said bug.

—*C. G. M.*

### 1907

The following has been gathered from replies to the letter recently sent to all members of the Class.

*Jim Steese* is on active duty as Colonel, Corps of Engineers, Assistant to the Governor of the Panama Canal, and is living at Balboa Heights, Canal Zone. He writes that Brig. Gen. *Buzz Christy* is Chief of Staff of the Panama Canal Department and is doing a mighty fine job.

*Roger Alexander* is Professor of Military Topography and Graphics at the Military Academy.

*John Holabird* is living in Chicago and recently visited West Point in response to invitations extended to a number of the foremost architects of the country to study and submit plans for enlarging facilities at the Military Academy to properly accommodate

the present and future needs of the Corps of Cadets.

*Dick Somers* is retired and is teaching Math at Dartmouth.

*Charley Harris* is a Major General, commanding the Aberdeen Proving Ground, training 25,000 ordnance enlisted men and employing 6,000 civilians developing and testing all ordnance equipment.

*Jim Gallogly* is an investment counselor in Miami, Florida.

*Bob Glassburn* is retired and is located in New York, where he is General Manager of the International Department of the Dictaphone Corporation. He has two sons in the Service, one of them a prisoner of the Japanese in the Philippines, and the other a member of the present Plebe Class at West Point.

*Waldo Potter* is a Brigadier General stationed at Governors Island, New York, as Chairman, Section II, War Department Manpower Board.

*Clyde Eastman* is retired and has a home in Alexandria, Virginia. He is in the real estate and insurance business in Falls Church, Virginia.

*Rick Morrison* is Professor of Modern Languages at West Point and is conducting courses not only in French and Spanish, but in Portuguese and German as well.

*Skinny MacLachlan* is in California. He has been teaching Math and directing ground school at primary flying schools in Arizona and California.

*Chief Rice* was relieved from active duty on 31 January 1944 in the big purge and has a home in San Carlos, California. He writes that he is operating a back-yard garden, plays some golf and does as much hunting as his A card will permit.

*Warren Lott* was back on active duty for a time before old age crept up on him and is now back at Blackshear, Georgia, manufacturing commercial fertilizer. One of his daughters is serving with the W.A.C.

*Bill Ganoe* is in England as Theatre Historian of the E.T.O. U.S.A. From outside sources, we hear that he is doing an excellent job. *Bill* says he is the oldest colonel overseas anywhere, the oldest colonel in the world and almost the oldest living graduate. He was born old and grew young. They have prescribed a bottle for him over there, but *Bill* can't find one.

*Ben Castle* is President of the Milk Industry Foundation in Washington, D. C. He reports that *Freddie Castle* (Class of 1930), the 1907 Class Boy, is a colonel in the Air Corps, commanding the 4th Combat Wing somewhere in England. He has won the Air Medal with several Oak Leaf

Clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Silver Star, a unit citation and the Russian Order of the Kutuzov.

*Hans Wagner* is back on active duty and is Treasurer of the United States Military Academy.

*Pang Pierson* is retired and is living at home in Princeton, Illinois. He has suffered from asthma and has spent most of the last two years in various hospitals but feels that his condition shows some improvement.

*Walter Wheeler* was retired while in command of Camp Sutton, N. C., in November 1943, and is now a Division Manager for Day & Zimmerman, Inc., as Director of Plant Security at the Iowa Ordnance Plant, Burlington, Iowa.

*George Dailey* was retired in February 1944, and is now living in Council Bluffs, Iowa. After he retired, he took a job for the duration of the war and did so well that he has had an offer to remain on as Superintendent of one of the two plants operated by his company.

*Bart Yount* is a Lieutenant General and is Commanding General, A.A.F. Training Command with Headquarters at Ft. Worth, Texas. This command is charged with all air and ground training of individuals in the Army Air Forces, and at the present time constitutes a strength of a million people. *Bart* has visited practically all combat theatres to check up on the training of our air and ground crews and the results that they have accomplished give eloquent evidence of the kind of training they have received.

*Ray Hill* is retired and is living in Santa Monica, California, where he reports he is cutting the grass, making a garden, wiping dishes, putting in a couple of days a week at the Ration Board, kicking about this and that and things in general.

*John Jenkins* was retired for physical disability while in command of Ft. McClellan, Alabama, on 30 June 1944. His 15-year-old son won a scholarship at M.I.T. and the family is now living in Boston. He reports that he is reading a lot of good books that he never before had time to read.

*Enrique White* is a Major General commanding the Infantry Replacement Training Center at Camp Robinson, Arkansas. He formerly commanded the 7th Division at Fort Ord, California and the IX Corps at Ft. Lewis, Washington. His son, *Edward Ansel White*, is in the new Plebe Class at West Point.

*Gutensohn* reports that he is living a quiet retired life in Chevy Chase, Maryland. He has been a member of the Inspector General's Depart-

ment of the Civilian Defense of the Washington Region.

*David Garrison* has been retired since 1932 and is living on a small farm at Holdercroft, Virginia. He doesn't do any farming, but says he does a lot of listening to the radio these days. *David* also has a son in the Plebe Class at West Point.

*Injun Hayden* wrote from his summer home near Ellsworth, Maine. His permanent address is Washington, D. C., where he has been in business since his retirement from the Army in 1943.

*Paul Larned* is back on active duty and is with the Historical Section of the Army War College in Washington. He says that the War College is the last place he ever expected to be and had to take up map work and history all over again.

*Jim Laubach*, who until last Fall was Post Quartermaster, West Point, N. Y., when he reached the terrible old age of 60, is retired and has a home in Asheville, North Carolina. In reply to the question, "What are you doing?", he replied, "Nothing much", but followed it up with a letter indicating very clearly that he is comfortably and happily situated and is enjoying retired life. From his enthusiasm about the climate and attractions at Asheville, we suspect that he is on the payroll of the Chamber of Commerce.

*Throop Wilder* is a broker with Stillman, Maynard and Company in New York. He has been active in the New York City Patrol Corps and the New York Guard.

*Sunny Jim Martin* is still practicing law in Birmingham, Alabama. He reports that he has no family, "not yet having married", and in a characteristically judicial manner, comments on the implication that might be drawn, but lets it stand nevertheless.

*Jimmy James* has been a prisoner of war since the fall of Bataan and is at Camp Kawasaki, No. 1, Tokyo Area, Japan. He broadcast on 26 May 1944 at 11:00 P. M. Tokyo time, and spoke for six minutes. The broadcast was recorded and transmitted to his family.

Those who have not replied to the Class letter are requested to let us hear from them.

—H. W. W.

## 1910

Excerpts from letters recently received from *Pappy Selleck*, Japanese Prisoner of War—September 2, 1943.

Am writing this from hospital where I am recuperating from my first attack of malaria, complicated

with bronchitis. Have taken a lot of quinine, and hope I have it licked. Need the steam kettle for my cough. Was thrilled on August 16th to get my first message from you—cable sent in January. Looking for mail now.

We have no first hand information as to the situation, but are optimistic. October 16, 1943.

Still no mail from you, having gorgeous weather now, lovely warm sunny days and coolish clear nights. I get out in midday in shorts and soak up the sun. Am out of hospital now, and keep actively busy. Been fortunate in books lately, am reading many that I have wanted to read. Enjoying good bridge and personal contacts.

November 20, 1943.

Thanksgiving Season's greetings, Merry Christmas, etc., and birthday happiness to a thirteen year old boy, who I imagine has grown immensely in two years. I hope his generation will be spared another holocaust, that he will see a world purged of greed and envy, pursuing the ways of peace with true Christian spirit. Today grey and cool, have been having glorious weather.

September papers seen have given some world information. Wish I knew about you. Am well and keep busy. I still believe in Santa Claus. December 29, 1943.

Xmas is past and we had a very merry time. The events began on Friday—had an assembly after lunch, all dressed up. The Comd't talked to us, then made awards to those who had helped in the conduct of the camp. There were three groups and I was in the third, with part of a melon as my prize. Carols were sung that night and we went to bed an hour later than usual. On Xmas day there was much greeting, a nice service, pork in rice for dinner, duck soup for supper, and all had bread, candy, bananas, cigarettes, tea and coffee of his own making. After dinner there were games, a show, radio skit, songs and again late taps, and so ended our good day.

I received gifts and cards and had plenty of time to think of you and home, and prayed for you all. Did you have the usual merry time, with lots of cards from friends, Christmas tree, lights over the doorway, egg-nog, etc.? Was Mary Jane home? Our day was lovely, sunny and warm. No box or letter yet. Would like chocolate, food pellets, milk powder, iodine, aspirin, needles and thread, etc.

Short wave message received several weeks ago, but evidently written after these letters—no date.

Letters and pictures received, delighted with news of you, looking forward to long awaited reunion.

### 1911

Word received from Mrs. H. "Square" Richards reports that she has had four letters, one written each month September, October, November and December 1943. He said he was well and hoped to be home by Christmas, 1944. The Nips have arranged games, group singing and other recreational activities and apparently did all in their power to make their stay as pleasant as possible under the circumstances. He had not been wounded but when Bataan fell, he had lost all of his excess weight and some besides, having lived on only a cup of cooked rice per day for some time.

Molly Weaver reports Jim's last letter, written in August, 1943, took seven months to arrive. He was thrilled over the cable he had received announcing the birth of his first grandchild, a lovely little girl.

Young Jack Weaver is in the Pacific area. He works with the Navy although a good infantryman. He did amphibious work while in the 16th Infantry and was in the very first landings in Africa where he received a citation. He left for the Pacific area saying that he would bring his father home.

It would appear that Jim and H. "Square" are not in the same camp. At least they make no reference to each other.

The 79th Division, mostly from Pennsylvania, which recently participated with great credit in the crushing of Cherbourg Peninsula, is commanded by our own Bill Wyche. He says, "One of my great ambitions in life is to get this wound up and go to the Orient and rescue 'Skinny' (Wainwright). I very rarely have a good meal that I don't wish I could give it to him."

Joe Mehaffey, Governor of the Canal Zone, reports "I took over the Governorship from Spec Edgerton, who is a very wise and able officer and I have my hands full trying to live up to the standards he set. It is an interesting job, combining many of the duties of a governor, a chief engineer and a city manager and there is plenty to do to keep me out of mischief."

Tod Larned, still commanding Picatinny Arsenal, reports that his son

is with the 4th Cavalry "running all over France."

Your class Treasurer has not had time to check up on delinquent dues but if you have any reason to think that you are delinquent, please come across. Also, your scribe still seeks information of interest to the class.

### 1913

Patch has definitely grabbed the spotlight insofar as the Class is concerned and everyone is watching the progress of his Seventh Army. Go to it Sandy; we are mighty proud of you. Louis Craig has left the United States for overseas duty, where it is understood he is to command a Corps. Pete Corlett commanded a Corps during the recent landing in Normandy. Pete made an enviable reputation in the Pacific where his sound judgment caused definite improvements in amphibious operations. Monk Lewis is the Adjutant General of the 12th Army Group and commands the rear echelon. Jeff Keyes is making a splendid record in Italy as a Corps commander.

It is with sincere regret that it is necessary to announce the death of Paul Newgarden. On a return trip from a conference at Ft. Knox, Ky., his plane crashed in the vicinity of Chattanooga, Tennessee, during a terrific thunderstorm.

"Snake" Young is the big boss at Ft. Belvoir. "Bug" Oliver's picture was conspicuous in one of the late newsreels, showing him as assisting General Patton in his rat race across France. Copthorne was in Washington a few days ago on business pertaining to the chemical warfare but has returned to his job in the southwest Pacific. Sliney has done a magnificent job running a Field Artillery School for the Chinese and recently a well merited promotion was announced. Congratulations! Ole Danielson, Commander of the Seventh Service Command, recently sustained a broken rib in an airplane crackup. The accident was blamed on a defective tire but those in the know seem to think that Ole was doing his own piloting. Jimmy Peale has been retired for physical disability. Considine is now somewhere in the southernmost part of South America. Sadtler has been made Ground Signal Officer at Headquarters Army Ground Forces. Crittberger now is a Corps commander in the Fifth Army in Italy. Johnson is the executive officer for the Provost Marshal General and is an authority on all police activities.

### 1916

There are 65 classmates still on the active list of the Regular Army.

The present count on generals in the class is seven major generals (Styer, Finley, H. L. McBride, Hibbs, Reinhart, Walsh and Prickett) and eighteen brigadiers (Lange, Moses, Johns, Worsham, Hoge, Woodward, Scott, Pickering, Spence, Chapin, R. B. McBride, Kane, DeWitt, Chambers, T. L. Martin, Baldwin, Shugg and M. L. Miller).

Col. John B. Bennet, G.S.C., A.U.S. died last June at New Delhi, India. His son is a First Classman, U.S. M.A.

Col. Paul Parker was a recent visitor at West Point to see his son Bill of the 3rd Class. A short time ago Paul was commanding an engineer regiment in the South Pacific. He was severely wounded in his right arm, and is now before a retiring board.

Real sorrow came to two classmates in August when their sons, Major Stanley C. Scott (1939 U.S. M.A.) and Lt. Paul W. Newgarden, II, were both killed in action in France.

### August, 1917

Eddie House is now in command of the Army Air Forces Tactical Center, Orlando, Fla. He reports seeing Custis and Huff recently down there. Bill Jenna was a recent visitor to West Point when he delivered a lecture to the First Class on Jap hunting based on his experience as a regimental commander in the Southwest Pacific. Desmond O'Keefe and Bill Carswell are reported to be in Calcutta, Des in the J.A.G. department and Bill heads a supply unit for the Air Forces. Bill Whittington has returned to the States after more than a year at Chunming, China. Pat Mahoney (Colonel) is Provost Marshal for the Second Air Force at Colorado Springs.

Sons of our class among the new plebes are, J. B. Bellinger, Jr., T. B. Buechler, P. S. Day, Jr., F. E. Tibbetts, 3rd.

### November 1, 1918

We have to congratulate Jim Christiansen on his recent promotion to Major General.

Colonel Mark Boatner is in Southern France after participating in the African and Italian invasions.

We also read in "Time" a few weeks ago about General Freddie Butler's raiders in Southern France.

Colonel Felix M. Usis is now in Italy as liaison officer with French colonial troops.

## June, 1919

Killed in Action: *John Sheehy* on 25 June 1944, while commanding an infantry regiment in Normandy.

Since the last report Brigadier Generals *Hugh Hoffman* and *Bobby Gard* have swelled the class roster to four major generals and 26 brigadiers. Added to the list of decorations are D.S.M., *Kean*; Silver Star, *Frederick* and *McAuliffe*; Legion of Merit, *Hammond*, *Rice*, *Tate*, and *Whitney*.

Changes and corrections in the class list sent out last July: *Kyke Allan* was G-3 of a corps in Normandy; *Bunker Bean* is now in the Office of the Fiscal Director, Hq. A.S.F. in Washington; *Al Bennet* is believed to be in the C.B.I. Theatre; *George Bruner* commands a regiment in the 76th Division; *Charlie Bryan* is G-4, Fourth Army; *Ben Byrne* commanded an infantry regiment in Normandy; *Warren Christian* is G-1, XXII Corps; *Duke Daniel* is a major (retread) in the Ordnance Department, and has been serving in Iceland; *Dick Emery* commanded an infantry regiment in Normandy; *Lee Fomby* is a Lt. Col., A.C. (retread), last heard from at Camp Livingston, La.; *E. F. Hammond* is Signal Officer of the Third Army; *Harlan Hartness* is with the 26th Div.; *Tom Hedekin* is exec to the Chief of Artillery, F.U.S.A.G.; *Bill Isaacs*, after 16 months as a Lt. Col., A.C., in No. Africa and Iran, is back in civilian life; *Les Jacoby* is with the XV Corps in Europe; *Bill Kean* has been Chief of Staff of the First Army since the start of operations in France; *Stu Little* has resigned his temporary commission; *Harold Marsden* was last reported as being in business in Baltimore; *Doc Martin* was a division artillery commander in Normandy; *Carl Molitor* is a Lt. Comdr. with the 5th Amphibious Force in the S.W.P.; *Bob Montague* was a division artillery commander in Normandy; *Urban Niblo* is Ordnance Officer of the Fifth Army; *Willie Palmer* was corps artillery commander at Cherbourg; *Harry Rex* is reported to be a member of the Pennsylvania Highway Commission; *Rollie Risen* is a Lt. Col. (retread) at Ft. Meade, Md.; *Ed Sebree* was an assistant division commander in Normandy; *Don Shingler* has been returned to this country with a broken vertebra, as a result of a traffic accident in London; *Julius Slack* is a corps artillery commander in France; *Ben Sheets* is the new chief of the Boston Ordnance District; *Logan Shutt* is A-2 of the 13th A.A.F. in the S.W.P. Theatre; *George Skelton* is now with the 149th Inf.; *Eddie Strohbehn's* new address is Hq. XII Corps Artillery; *Ed Suth-*

*erland* is commanding a regiment somewhere in France, having previously been in C.B.I. and at Kiska; *Eva Williamson* is with the 1st A.A.A. Group; *L. C. Wilson, 2nd*, is at Hq. 1st Island Command.

SPECIAL NOTES: *Bob Samsey* writes that *Bully Van de Graaff* got a commission in the Air Corps two years ago, partly through the help of *Wilson, L. C., 1st*, and that *Vince Kelly* died in Buffalo about 1929. He (*Samsey*) expects to have a football playing son in the Corps in 1945. *Jack Raaen* writes "Urban Niblo is doing one of the most outstanding Ordnance jobs of this war. We (Office, Chief of Ordnance) have gotten more reports, unsolicited, of the fine job he is doing than we have on any other individual." From *Joe Cranston* in C.B.I., "have run into *P. R. M. Miller* and *Packey McFarland*. Not long ago *Junius Jones* was through here. As far as I could tell he has not changed much except in appearance." *Andy Kanaga* (Col. A.C.) writes from Tucson, Ariz., that he is mothering Chinese Air Cadets, and tells of meeting *Charlie Jackson* as a member of the Marine Corps in China in the early 1930's. *Al Wedemeyer*, *Dick Emery*, *Al Gruenther*, and *Bill Isaacs* have all visited U.S.M.A. since the last report.

SONS: *Jack Raaen's* son (Jan. '43) is in France as a Captain in the Rangers and has received the Silver Star. *Harold A. Brown, Jr.* is at O.C.S. at Fort Sill. *Donald Allan* (*CV's* son), Stanford '42, enlisted as a private immediately after Pearl Harbor, is now a 1st Lt. A.A.F. with 50 missions over Europe, Purple Heart with two clusters, Air Medal with five clusters. *Phil Whitney* writes from Hq. XII Air Force "there is a new cadet named *P. M. Whitney*, who at this moment might be listed as 'somewhere in Beast Barracks'." Also in the Class of 1947 are *H. F. T. Hoffman, Jr.*, *R. M. Montague, Jr.*, and *E. B. Nelson* (son of *D. H.*). *Tom B. Johnson* (*Doc's* son), having escaped from a German prison camp after being shot down over Italy, is now a squadron commander, P-40 combat training at Moore Field Texas. *John R. Kullman* (June '43), having completed his quota of bomber missions over Europe, is now on leave in the U.S.A.

## 1920

Fall Academics began on 5 September with no change in the classmates stationed at West Point. However, four classmates' sons entered as Plebes on July 1st; namely, *Hoge*, *Hammond*, *Travis* and *Rutter*. Con-

gratulations to *Verne Mudge* upon receiving his second star and to *Daniel, M. W.* and *Ford, W. W.* upon receipt of their first star. The strength of the class now stands at two major generals and 24 brigadier generals. Also we note with pride the award of the Distinguished Flying Cross to *Larry Carr* and the Legion of Merit to *Jimmy Stratton* and *Rex Corput*. The class was sorry to learn of the death of *Ted Knappen's* wife in July. A recent letter from *Chick Fowler's* wife states that *Chick* was at Corregidor at its capitulation and is now a prisoner of war somewhere over there. We sincerely hope *Chick* will be returned to the fold in time for the 25th Reunion next June. Word from *Hugh Winslow* states that he is director of the Replacement Center School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and that he was an usher in the wedding of *Duke Samouce* which took place on the 4th of June. *McMillan, W. W.* wrote a newsy letter that he is Inspector General for the Fourteenth Air Force and has recently seen *Jack McBlain* a member of Mountbatten's Staff, and *Tracy Davis* who is with the Air Service Command in India and who had recently acquired his eagles. *Cliff Taney* is with the military government section somewhere in England. *George Honnen* received a long letter from *Lemnitzer* in which many of the class were accounted for in the Italian theater. *Henry Hine* with the Fifth Army; *Joe Langvin*, G-2, with a Corps Headquarters; *Frank Oxx* in command of a base section with *Don Leehey* as his Chief of Staff; *Fatima Lastayo* heads up the transportation section on the same staff; *Romaine* and *Hugo Rush* are on duty with them also; *Stanley* has an engineer regiment with Fifth Army; *Tyree Horn* is Signal Officer in Italy; *Daniel, M. W.*, commanded one of the combat commands of an armored division prior to the receipt of his star; *Lunn* is Executive Officer of an A.A. Brigade in this area; *George Bare* is Quartermaster at a base section. *Dick Partidge* is G-3 of a Corps on the Normandy front; *George Degraff* who has recently returned from the Southwest Pacific has spent some little time here at the Academy and gave a lecture to the First Class on activities in the Southwest Pacific; *Harry Wisheart* is attending the Naval War College at Newport; *Carl Erickson* sent in his new address as 809 North Ridgeland, Oak Park, Illinois. Two class daughters stationed at West Point are getting married in October—*Janet Smith*, daughter of *L. S. Smith*, to Lieutenant *Charlie Steel* of the Class of June '44, and *Ann Lystad*,

daughter of *Abe Lystad*, to Major *Cuyler Clark*, Class of '40, now on duty at West Point. Please forward more class news so that this column may be kept up to date.

—L. S. S.

## 1922

The following is quoted from the N. Y. Times of July 9th:

"IN NORMANDY, July 7 (AP)—In a trampled hayfield within earshot of booming guns supporting the American attack, Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery pinned British ribbons of valor on seven Americans today for their heroism in the invasion of France. Three others were cited for awards but were not present.

"Major Gen. *Maxwell D. Taylor*, commander of the 101st Airborne Division, who jumped with his men in the invasion of France, the Distinguished Service Order.

"General *Taylor*, whose home is in Arlington, Va., was cited for gallantry in action near Carentan. He personally conceived and directed the river crossing to flank the city and then directed defense of the city after it was captured."

*George Taylor* is our latest addition to the list of Brigadier Generals. *Bob Taylor* commanded an outfit in the Saipan invasion. *Dave Crawford* is back in the U.S. from North Africa. *Eddie Clark* is with S.H.E.A.F. *Lem Mathewson* is with VII Corps. *Gilman Mudgett* is with Hq. First Army Group. *Pat McGrath* was in England recently. He is an Ordnance Officer on duty in Africa. It is reported that "his slightly gray hair is very becoming" *Pat Strong* has been in the European Theatre several months. We haven't heard where. *Harry Stout* has an Ordnance Bn. in England. '22 has two more sons in the Corps—*Wilhide* and *Lawton* are the proud fathers of Plebes. *Jimmie Spry* (B.G.) is Chief of Staff of the Air Service Command, China-Burma-India. *Wes Yale* is C.O. of Combat Command B of the 11th Armored Division. *Frank Greene* is now Master of the Sword, U. S. M. A. *Bob Douglas* has been nominated to be a Major General. *Bill Lawton* has been nominated a Brigadier General. Thanks to *Fritz Lee*, Hq. Eighth Air Force, for sending bits of information. We could have more news in this column if you would send some in.

—L. C. L.

## 1923

*Lou Marshall* is now A-1 of the Sixth Air Force. Before the war he was with the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company in Baltimore. He came to active duty in '41 and has served hither and yon with the Air Corps. At present he is a lieutenant colonel. *Charlie Lawrence* commanded the American Flying Fortress wing which inaugurated shuttle bombing between Italian and Russian bases. *Bill Caraway* is commanding the 261st Infantry—when we last heard of it. *George Heaney* went to Ft. Bliss in July to polish up his anti-aircraft outfit for overseas duty. Those who have not already read the news will be distressed to learn that *Pop Silverthorne* was killed in action at Saipan. *Phil Raymond* writes to invite any classmates going his way to visit him. He lives at 18 Le May St., W. Hartford, 7, Conn. He is General Office Supervisor of the Pratt and Whitney Aircraft Corporation. His son, *W D.*, is in the Corps and, according to the father, improving on the old man's record. *John Chambers* is with the Engineers in Italy. *John Farrow* is in the accounting business with his brothers in Chicago. He is married and has two girls and a boy. *Dan Hayselden* is with the National Cash Register Co. in Honolulu. *Pascal Ringsdorf* is in command of the 24th T.D. Group. *George Howell* writes, "Was over in France since D-Day, having gone over with an airborne division. Gen. *Ridgeway's*. It was a fine experience and our airborne boys are truly the best fighters of the whole Army. We certainly pushed the Krauts around and killed a lot of them. The lessons that we all learned will help us a lot in future operations. France was a cold place for the time of the year—always damp and rainy. Our air force did marvelous work. I saw only ten German planes all the time I was over there—over a month.

"I saw the following 23ers in France—*Evans, J. P.*, *Winslow* and *Horton*, who are all on the same Corps staff; and *Robinson*, who commands a regiment in an infantry division. All looked well and are carrying on in great style. When I was in North Ireland three months ago saw *Cowles, C. W.*, who at that time was C.O. of a District of the S.O.S. *Leone* is in England but haven't seen him. There are many more over here but haven't bumped into them. One more—*Shef Edwards* is on Bradley's staff."

*Bill Leaf* has been made G-4 of the Sixth Army and *Al Keyes* has taken over the command of his en-

gineer regiment. He also reports the presence of *Mark Galusha*, *Dave Dunne*, *Harry Roper*, *Hivey White*, *Tormey* and *Ballantine*. *Rex Chandler* has been celebrating getting his stars by having malaria and going on a cruise with the Navy to recover. *Gil Hayden* recently took off for overseas after putting his son in Beast Barracks. '23 has received another blow in the death of *Lou Storck*. He was killed in action in France on the 31st of July, though we haven't been able to get any details.

## 1924

The long-promised 20th Reunion issue of THE THUNDERING HERD has just come from the printers (13 September 1944) and is now in the process of being mailed to all Classmates for whom we have addresses. Where we have A.P.O. addresses, we are sending the issue by first class mail in the hope that it will reach the addressee as promptly as possible. Those who see this article, and have not received their copy of THE THUNDERING HERD, please drop a note to McLamb giving their address.

The Class had five members on the list of generals nominated last August. We were able to get this last minute information in the Class booklet, but it is worth repeating here that we now have twenty-one general officers, four of whom wear two stars. That makes twenty-five stars in our crown! Twenty-one generals is getting close to ten percent of the number of the Class now on the active list. The new major general is *Clint Robinson*, and the new brigadier generals are *Art Trudeau*, *George Pence*, *Eddie Hart*, and *Joe Loutzenheiser*. The Class salutes these Classmates with pride and affection.

The new Plebe class has four more of "our sons" as members, bringing the total of "sons" now in the Corps to seventeen. The new plebes are *Ford, G. A., Jr.*, *Macklin, J. E., III*; and *Halligan, R. F.* The fourth one is *Harper, R. W.* who was turned back from the Class of 1946 because of illness.

Any parent having a son entering the Academy should be sure to notify the local Class representative so that we will be sure to include all our sons on any gatherings, boodle fights, etc. That goes for step-sons who may become members of the Corps.

We recently had a fine and appreciative letter from *Red Mead*. He had just received (28 August) the reunion notice sent out last April. He

was in Italy.—Though the reunion here is passed and THE THUNDERING HERD in the mail, we urge all Classmates to keep sending in the news. We might get another T.H. before long, and we want to make these *Assembly* articles current and interesting.

*Al Dombrowsky* sent in a recent note. He is retired and living at 240-67 42nd Avenue, Douglaston, New York.

*Les Skinner* is Army Liaison Officer at California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California.

Until the next *Assembly*, write us a lot of news!

The local treasury needs replenishments in order to carry on Class business in view of the expense involved in publishing our latest issue of the THUNDERING HERD.

## 1925

Col. *Gerry Kelly* was heard on the N.B.C. Army hour, 16 July, 1944 when he gave a talk about the fighting on Saipan in which his regiment brilliantly participated.

A recent letter from *Bill Burbank* locates him with Headquarters IX Corps. He is trying to locate *Soule, Ruppert, Kirkpatrick* and *Bennett, J. H.* Anybody knowing their addresses, kindly advise the Assn. of Grads. *Jack Horner* has been G-2 of the IX since Nov. '43. *T. E. Smith*, retired physically about 1931, lives in Atlanta, where he has his own engineering business. *Pete Peterson* has recently reported for duty at Hdqtrs, Fourth Service Command after an extended tour of duty in Trinidad. *Hankins*, Chemical Officer at the Headquarters A.G.F. was recently seen in Atlanta. Learned indirectly that *N. Claiborne Hale* was invalided home from active service abroad.—Hope you will be restored to health soon *Clay*. Rumor has it that *Lit Roberts* has his eagles and is overseas. *Ed Garbisch* is wearing birdies, doing an excellent job as district engineer of New York area. Saw in the A. N. Journal where *Bob Cannon* was nominated for stars. Congratulations *Bob*. A letter from *Chuck Scovel* tells of a '25 get-together at the Army-Navy Club in Wash., D. C. in early September. Those who attended: *Stan Babcock, Ted Baldwin, Champ Champlain, Machine Gun Crombez, Joe Daugherty, Mike Esposito, Joe Dennison* (who was passing through), *Bud Hankins, Frank Hierholzer, John Holland,*

*Gravy McCormick, Nick Nicholas, Bill Pheris* (in Wash. on T.D.), *Lou Scherer, Paul Seleen, Ron Shaw, Ken Treacy* and *Hank Westphalinger*. Also in Wash. but unable to attend: *Bobby Burns, Ted Dunn, E. B. Kerns, Sammy Lamb* (Winchell says he's honeymooning), *Carl Meyer, Bill Rütchie, Harold Wiley* and *Bill Wood* (since left for parts unknown). Many thanks for the dope *Chuck*.

## 1926

'26 salutes: Colonel *Russell P. Reeder*. On June 11th, four days after receiving the D.S.C. for outstanding leadership of his regiment in attack on an enemy fortified position in Normandy, our "Red" was severely wounded in action. He had already received the Silver Star for gallantry in action in the Southwest Pacific and the Legion of Merit for his work at Guadalcanal. Red's address is Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D. C. We are mighty proud of him! We also salute: Brig. Gen. *Chuck Canham*—a battlefield promotion for gallantry in the Normandy landing. Fine going, *Chuck!* Colonel *Harry Storke* has received the French Croix de Guerre and the Legion of Merit for action in Italy. When General *Wilby* was recently in Europe, *Harry* greeted him in Rome. *Harry* has fought his way from Cassino to the Holy City and says he's headed for Berlin. *Dave Davidson* received the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in action in Italy as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3. He has also received the Silver Star and the French Croix de Guerre. Fine work, *Dave!* *Jimmy Anderson, Ken McNaughton, and Joe Halverson* made a round-the-world trip with General *Yount*. *Jimmy Anderson* and *Anky Ankenbrandt* are now on General *Harmon's* staff in the Pacific. Four days before D-Day, Colonel *Bob Nourse* reported that the following '26ers were in England: *Ehrgott, Ford, H. P., Forde, H. M., Jones, M. D., Miter, Pearson, Pogue, Purcell, Smith, G. A., Stanton, Strickler, Toftoy, and Yeomans*. No telling where they are by now. Colonel *Johnny Roosna* is C.O. of an Infantry Regiment at Camp Claiborne, La. *Van Syckle* is in there plugging with the Third Army. *Bill House* has new headaches with the Detroit District Ordnance Office. As "Coordinator of Terminations," he says to send him your specifications for the ideal post-war car. *C. Rodney Smith* is in the Office of the Commanding General, Army Service Forces, Washington, D. C. *M. R. Nelson* is with the First

Fighter Command of the First Air Force at Mitchel Field. *Tyler Calhoun* is reported to be in Italy. Colonel *T. C. Wensloff* is serving in the Office of the Chief of Transportation. *Kirchoff* is with *Van Horne* at the Naval War College. *Red ("Judge") Duffy* is doing an outstanding job as head of the Legal Division in the office of the Chief of Ordnance. His is a most responsible task. *Linc Jones* is still batting one-thousand in New Brunswick. Colonel *Eddie Munson* is now Chief of the Army Pictorial Service. *Eddie Watson* writes that should any '26ers ever need assistance when in, or about, or passing through Portland, Oregon, to contact him at: 3814 S. W. Greenleaf Drive. Thanks for the offer, *Ed*.

## 1927

The old mail bag this time has been very anemic—we would like to give it a vitamin tablet but that doesn't work. You, fellows in '27, are tops in everything but letting us here at the Point know of your doings. *Jimmie Green* is now commander of the Western Signal Corps Training Center at Camp Kohler, California. *Nellie Fooks* has abandoned the Point after four years of duty and now is at Fort Bragg in command of an Infantry Regiment. *Nellie* reports *Ty Cobb* is at Bragg with him. *Ray Bell* has been heard from in France and reports he never felt better in his life. Is at present acting as a surplus Combat Team Commander. *Ray* has seen *Ralph Zwicker* in command of a regiment; also *Jack Kilgore*, a Lieutenant Colonel, doing staff work. He also reports of seeing *Brundy Brown* and *Bunny Webb* in London. *Chick Harding* was a Point visitor this summer. *Ralph* met one of *Chick's* officers at the Commodore one night, and the guy just raved about his boss. *Joe Vincent (Woitkiewitz)* is in Washington carrying a compass to get around the Pentagon Building. *Hermie Schull* has reported back to the U.S.A. from China. He promised a visit to the Point but we have not seen him as yet. If you'd like to hear about the four of us at the Academy, we can fill this column up every time. *Tom McManus* is teaching Ordnance, *George Levings, Law, Herb Kirkpatrick, Economics*, besides becoming a Field Artilleryman this summer, and *Ralph Mercer* is teaching Spanish and expects to master Rooshan. Much as we like to write about ourselves, we much prefer to give the dope on you!

## 1928

"Matty" Schepps, "Chick" B. King and "Doug" McNair have been killed in the Combat Theatres in the last two months, "Matty" and "Chick" in the E.T.O. and "Doug" in the South Pacific. Anderson, Sammy E. and Bob Frederick have joined the ranks of two-star generals. "Arf" Maerdian left the Academy in August and has assumed command of the 355th Inf. Regt in the 89th Div. "Bill" T. Moore has reported to Hq. A.G.F. for duty in G-4 Section. Donald Titus has been appointed deputy chief of staff of the Eastern Flying Training Command at Maxwell Field. Russ Wilson and Bob Kelly ran into some tough luck in the E.T.O. Both were in command of a sizable batch of freight cars at the time; a few chutes were seen and they may be O.K. Jack Mills, "Sadie" Steed, "Chuck" Born and Bob Taylor are with the 15th Air Force, Mediterranean Area. "Blondie" Saunders is commanding a wing of B-29s in the CBI Theatre. Thayer Olds is with Hq. A.A.F. from Joint Chiefs Organization. "Wee" Todd has left O.P.D. and gone to 8th A.F. in U.K. "Sammy" Samford is Deputy for Administration, a combination of G-1 and G-4 in the U.K. "Bob" Travis and Fred Maxwell are also in this Theatre. "Dave" Traub and Howard Bunker are in France with Allied Hq. "Tommy" Sherburne has a paratrooper regiment in the E.T.O. "Del" Spivey is a prisoner in Germany, address, c/o Red Cross, Stalag Luft III. Al Parham, recently retired, is now on duty at Georgia Military Academy. Mercer Walters has returned to Washington for duty after being in Italy. "Maury" Crallé, P. D. Adams, "Tom" Wells, and "Ralph" Butchers are with the Fifth Army in Italy. "Ed" Reber, "Paul" Mitchell, R. A. Howard and Tate are on duty somewhere in China. Sievers has been in India. "Ted" Landon and "Johnny" Morrow are in Saipan. "Ted" has a Bomber command and "Johnny" a Service Group. "Roger" Ramey was taking over a field in Pinian. "Paul" Johnston is in command of Hickman Field. George Brickman is with Pan-Air (Civilian airway) and when not on a trip may be found in their New York offices. "Gramp" Wilson is in the Admiralties in command of a Medium Bomber Group. During the past few months letters have been received from the wives of members of the Class of '28 requesting copies of *Assembly* and other information. Request the wives give us some news for the next issue of *Assembly*.

## 1929

Bob Johnson, Marco Polo Matthews, Spike Nave, and Poop Thompson have been killed in action, all in the E.T.O.

Larry Bork writes that the class had a get-together out in the Islands where he was on detached service with a Corps. Dave Angluin is the G-4 and Luke Graham the Finance Officer of the Corps. Larry was to leave July 31 to take command of a regiment of the 98th Div. Benny Wimer is Base Engineer for C.P.A. Jimmy Ostrand had command of an Engineer Regt., but is now with Cin C.P.O.A. He is in the forward area and returns to Honolulu occasionally. Bill McCulla is Ordnance Officer of the 7th Air Force. Jack LaPage is G-1 of the 81st Div. Jim Sladen is now G-3 of the 36th Div. after being with the 30th Inf. in Africa and Sicily. He has the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Inf. Combat Badge, and Purple Heart. He has seen Daddy Woods, Bill Greear, Phil Draper, and Gar Davidson. Between service with the 3rd Div. and 36th Div. he was with the Allied Liaison Service. A screwball letter from Roy Holbrook indicates a New York A.P.O. He's a major in the A.A.F. and father of an eight months old son. Dick Carpenter writes from Wakeman General Hospital, Indiana, where he is recovering from a broken hip and assorted wounds of the derriere inflicted by a German 88mm. He had been C.O. of an Artillery Bn. with the 2nd Div. for over three years. He says that Jimmie Winn was attached to a Corps Artillery Hq., and that Harding and Bullock were each commanding Obs. Bns. Johnnie Hayden, Ex-29 ('30) is S-3 of Corps Artillery. Dud Wiegand has the Silver Star. Johnnie Cone left West Point Sept. 1. Frank Merrill's promotion to Major General was confirmed 15 Sept. Jim Gavin (B.G.) of Hq. 82nd A.B. Div. writes of having seen PeeWee Merrill in No. Ireland last winter. Zip Millett is a P.O.W. in Germany. Chris Clark, Ex-29 ('30) was Exec. for Spike Nave in the initial action in France. Johnnie Walker is a Corps Ordnance Officer, and Bill Ghormley is a Base Section Ordnance Officer in France. Fred Dent commands a heavy bombardment outfit. Freddie Smith (B.G.) with the A.E. A.F. Jimmie Quill is Deputy C. of S. of an Airborne Corps. The B.G. also saw Ed Hempstead last fall in Naples where Ed had an A.A. Bn., and Lou Hammack with his Tank Bn. waiting to cross the Volturno above Caserta. Lank deRiemer was at the Point the first part of August for an afternoon's visit before leaving the

States. Jim Hannigan was also here for a couple of hours from Dix where he is C.O. of an Artillery Bn. George Bush is C.O. of a Regt. in a Div. in the Pacific. George Lynch has a Regt. in the 36th Div. Russ Vittrup is in the G-3 Section in Algiers. Lefty Mace is on a Corps Staff. Bob Ward is on the W.D.G.S. in Wash. Miles Brewster has been in and around London since Feb. '42. Joe Ranck commands the Jersey City Sub-Depot at Somerville, N. J. Lou Hammack recently assumed duties as Tank Officer of the Office of Doctrine and Training, at the Armored Center. Bat Carns has been named Trains Commander of the 20th Armored Division. Bill Vestal is with the Development Section of the A.A. Command. Doc Kearney is Director of the Food Service Program for the Army. Dud Wiegand is now with the General Section Infantry School.

Why not follow the suggestion given by the Ass'n. of Graduates and have your copy of *Assembly* sent to your family, who can then forward it to you? Write directly to the Association at West Point, or to Nesbitt who will gladly take care of changes of address. Hundreds of copies are returned because of faulty addresses, so if you don't receive yours, do something about it!

## 1930

1930 lost one of its finest classmates with the death of Lt. Col. Fred Terry, a member of the Strategy Section, O.P.D., who was killed in the attack on Saipan when a Navy bomber collided with the liaison plane from which he was directing artillery fire.

Jim Lunn has now arrived in the Southwest Pacific and reports that he has seen Schimmel, a Chief of Staff of an airborne outfit. Bob Ports is in the same outfit. Rumor has it that Rock Dodson received a broken leg from ditching a B-29 in that same area. Buck Folk has reported from Hawaii that he has been Chief of Staff of the A.A. Artillery Command. Harry Boyd has been there with the Seacoast Command. Carl Fernstrom had just left Hawaii and was heading west. Someone claims Bob Booth is in Hawaii. (How about that Connie?) Frank Dohs and Sam Morrow left for the E.T.O. some time ago. Charlie Olin was last reported with the 2nd Corps in Italy. Fred Castle has been keeping us posted from England. Joe Miller has now been reported a prisoner in Germany. Spike Eckert is with Castle at this writing. Howard McCoy had recently stopped in at their field.

Rumor states that *Wank Ewbank* is also in England. *W. H. S. Wright* is Provost Marshal of the First Army in France. *Don Neil* is still in France. Col. *Troup Miller* is Deputy Chief of Staff and Director of Operations of the Far East Air Forces under Gen. *Kennedy*. *Red Deering* is Commanding Greenwood Air Base down in Miss., and recently had a visit from *Kurt Landon*, who is commanding the air base at Blytheville, Ark. Both are full colonels. *John Greco* is now the Executive officer of the 36th Corps Art. with headquarters at Fort Riley. In traveling around the country, he saw *Roddy Carmichael* at Camp McCoy, Wis., where he is G-3 of a Division. *Thad Broom* is the Corps Quartermaster of the 36 Corps at Fort Riley. *Sandy Stone* is now in charge at the Fort Wayne Ordnance Depot at Detroit. This is the latest list of those who are in Washington: *Cook, Dellinger, Hamlett, Harris, W. H., Koscielniak, Lee, Mitchell, Perry, Ruestow, Smith, P. W., Thiede, and Timothy*. New arrival Dept. June: *Susan Rothschild*. July: *Alice Dohs*. Letters have been rather scarce during the summer. Drop a line to the Point and let us know the class news whenever you have the opportunity. Who is the class baby?

### 1931

Colonel *Bob Lee*, who sent in the obituary on *Dave Motherwell*, is with the 3rd Tactical Air Command. *McNair, C. F.*, who is attending Leavenworth, reports *Danny Workizer*, Tank Destroyers, as a classmate there. *Rod Moore*, an instructor there, just received his eagles. *Herrick* left Leavenworth for Newport (A.N.S.C.A.L.) the first part of August. *McNair* is on his way to Leonard Wood. *Dick Jewett* is at T.C. Hq. in the European Theatre, working with rail movements. *Ayers, L. A.* and *Bill Isbell* are in charge of Motor Transport at invasion ports. Col. *Milt Arnold* has been named C.O. of a Liberator combat Bombardment wing of the 8th Air Force. *Wespheling* sends word from Ft. Sill that *Gallup, Pratt*, and *Redden* are also instructors there. *Bill Jones* is exec of an F.A. group at Ft. Sill. *Mona Coolidge* writes that *Cal* was wounded by a Jap sniper in Guam, but is getting along nicely and expects to be back on duty soon. *Singles* is doing a fine job as C.O. of the 100th Bn. of American and Hawaiian born Japs over in Italy. He got a nice Presidential citation for their part in the Leghorn capture. *Dick Lawson* writes from New Guinea

that he has seen *Chet Young, Cave, Corbett, and Mayo* in that theater. The A. and N. Journal carried reports of the deaths of *Marshall, A. C.* in Italy June 4, and of *George Guenther* in England June 18. *Leo Cather* sends a change in address. Here at U.S.M.A., *Dickson, Henry, Taul*, and *Burns* have just been promoted to Lt. Col. *Bob Holland* left about September 1 for the A.M.G. school at U. of Virginia. *Morin* and *Dick Lane* are still here, as is *Hoover*. *Amby Hughes* is still your scribe, so keep him busy.

### 1932

First place honors certainly go to *Mary Cain* for her following newsy "Report": B.G. *Tom Darcy* has a fighter wing in Italian area, our first and most glittering pair of stars. "J. P." *McConnell* has also joined the immortal general category, on duty in India. *Herb Thatcher's* air leadership in the Battle of Europe has put stars on his tunic. *Ray Stecker* has starred again—he is now a B.G. of 9th A.F. *Ken Zitzman* and *Harvey Fisher* serve with a Corps Hq. in Italy. *Charlie Piddock*, now at Leavenworth with *Bill Hood, Laurie Hillberg* and *John Meek*, distinguished himself and was decorated for his Italian campaign service. *Art Blair, Jack Price* and *Davie Jones* recently visited N.Y. and W.P. on their way overseas. *Pete Hinshaw* is reported active in the S.W.P. theatre. *Rollo Bower* is at Sill, *Goodrich* in N.C., *Stan Wray* in Washington about to go to big things out there. *Dwight Beach's* mention in the F.A. Journal told of his Arty Bn's. exploits at New Guinea. *Red Smith* bobbed up at *Tom Darcy's* station in Italy. *Jimmy Godwin* is overseas in Europe and *Beanie Goodwin* is reported at Sill. How is that for one "class wife's" information bag? — *Hal Wheatley* writes from Burbank, Calif. that he was retired due to physical disability in 1942 and tells of *Bob Scott's* local appearances, boosting War Bond sales.

"Lazy" *Lazar* writes from 5th Army to locate *Tom McDonald* in a fighting division and to remind us that *Ash Manhart* and *Wee Willie Mikkleson* each are leading an Inf. Regt. *Bud Porter* is Sec'y to an Army Gen. Staff, *Charlie D'Orsa* is Asst. G-4 and *Red Bengston* with Army Engrs. *Jim Churchill* left Italy for the States recently.

Washington, Sill, Leavenworth and West Point stationed members can help swell this column with the vital war-time news, which means so much to every classmate, by sending envel-

opes full of fragmentary "on-the-spot" news wherever a classmates' whereabouts and exploits are mentioned. Send your bits and pieces to Assoc. of Grads at West Point and they will come forth thus.

### 1933

We expect to put out another edition of the *Lucky Star* within a month and are working hard on it here. Summer duty with the Tacs deprived us of the time we would otherwise have used for that purpose but it was time well spent. Pending arrival of your *Lucky Star* you will be interested to know that: *Maxie Bonner* who was in command of a group of B-24s operating out of Italy was shot down several months ago and was reported "Missing in action". Seven parachutes were seen to open from the plane and a number of those who jumped have been reported as prisoners of war. Under the circumstances we feel justified in being highly hopeful that *Maxie* will soon be reported a prisoner of war.

*Harrison King* was recently awarded the Legion of Merit for outstanding work in training and anti-tank battalion. He was wounded in Italy on March 25 and until last month was without sight. His father has informed your Secretary that he can now identify colors and objects. The news is reassuring and we are hopeful of a speedy recovery. He would appreciate some letters from his classmates. His address is: Valley Forge General Hospital, Phoenixville, Pennsylvania.

*Tom* and *Verna Hall* had a baby boy born May 19.

### 1934

More than likely you've already heard of our two generals: *Bill Gross*, a Wing Commander; and *Red Higgins*, now assistant division commander of an A.B. division. Both are in E.T.O. Congratulations!

We've received lots of interesting letters from *Tom Crystal*, assistant G-2 of a corps in France. Sorry they won't give us enough space to reproduce some of them. Also in the E.T.O. are a few we didn't list in the last report: *Dale Smith, Peca* (now a full colonel), *Cunin, Bob Baker, Barnwell, Benner, Blair, Caufield, Davall, Hillyard, McKee, Frank (Bill) Moorman, T. D. Rogers, S. H. Smith, Stuart, Hi Turner, Tyson. Paul Turner* was there, but has now returned and is an instructor at Benning.

*Betts* in India has furnished us a few more names to add to the I.B.C. list: *Darrah, Alness, Smyser*, and

*Tate*. *Tate*, however, is now laid up in Fitzsimmons General Hospital; he hopes and has some assurance that he'll be out again by February.

In Italy *Charlie Johnson* has been holding down a division C. of S. job for some months now, we are told. From the same theater comes word of *Peewee Fellenz*, at one time in Naples; *Tank*, building bridges across the Volturno in the face of considerably accurate German artillery fire; and *Stan Brown*, recently promoted to a full colonel.

Somewhere out in the Pacific area the 13th Air Force has as its assistant C. of S. none other than *Arno Luehman*. That's all we've heard from there recently.

Before taking a quick glance about the home front, may we pause briefly in tribute to those we've lost in this war. Each time we've had to mention someone and will have to add to the list subsequently. This time it's to *Eddie Weber*, *Johnny Merrill*, and "*Nanny Wilkes*" that we pay tribute. *Eddie* had become a battalion commander just prior to the breakthrough at Anzio in May; he was buried there on the beachhead. Of *Johnny* we know only that he was reported killed in action in France in July. *Nanny's* death, according to the report we read, occurred in the S.W. Pacific.

*Heyne*, *Womack*, and *Penn* were with me at Leavenworth this summer. *Penn* left a week early to take a staff job with a corps. *Bill Cunningham*, an instructor there, looks as fit as ever after a complete recovery from wounds received in North Africa. *Johnny Franklin* is a regimental commander at the Armored School; *Boland*, a paratrooper somewhere, perhaps overseas; *Revie*, on the road to recovery after a very close call in Italy; *Jake Stark*, back in the Air Forces, troop-carrier command I believe.

Some time ago I thought I had recorded the complete list of those taken by the Japs in the Philippines. In response to our June Week circular, *Dick Smith's* father had to send regrets for *Dick*, who also has been a prisoner since Bataan.

Thanks again for all the letters we received in June. From them has come most of the news of this and our last report.

—*Finkenaur*.

### 1935

The news for this issue is very brief. *Noake* has reported here at the Point and has been assigned to the Tactical Department. *Russell* has been named Deputy Commander of a

B-24 Bomber Group of the 15th Air Force. *Stanton* and *Stone*, stationed at the Point, are now at Leavenworth. We regret to report that *Wilson, J. N.*, was killed in action in Normandy while commanding a battalion of field artillery. To a very great extent we rely on our classmates in Washington for news. If there is more to write about next time you will know that we heard from them.

### 1936

One more summer has ended and we in the academic workshop are back on the job. Only a few letters have come in since the last issue of *Assembly* but the reason is perfectly obvious. So, this time, I thought that you who are scattered from the Rhine to the Spice Islands might be interested in what the folks at home are doing.

*Ken Dawalt* is Assistant Professor of Physics and *Bill Kinnard* holds the same position in Economics. *Steve Holderness* instructs in Mechanics (new-fangled name for the old Phil Dept. of our day). *Bill Longley* operates the new style slide-rule over in the Physics Dept. and is right at home when the subject of lenses is a topic. *Chuck Prosser* is in the Ordnance Detachment and is in charge of automotive instruction to the cadets. Your reporter, *Rogers, I. W.*, is an instructor in History and Government. I was talking to Joe at the Cadet Store the other day when I walked *Don Noake* who was recently at Ft. Benning. He had joined *Wurt Williams* and *Lee Shea* in Dept. of Tactics and is busy learning how to fill out Form 1 properly. Incidentally it is now "*Pappy*" *Williams*—a baby girl, *Mary Lou*.

*Oren Swain* who taught math last year dropped me a line from Leavenworth where he was attending the C.&G.S. School. Quite a few of '36 were there for the same purpose: *Kerkering*, *DeLesdernier*, *Cliff Cordes*, *Smith, R. P.*, *Streeter*, *Bill Prince*, *Don Noake*, and *Schwering*. *Bob Orth*, ex '36, teaches in the Air Staff Section.

As late as the middle of August *Bill Connor* was still in Washington but he had just returned from a tour to the European front where he saw some of the gang whom I have already mentioned in previous issues. Included were *Bill Hay* (word has reached us that *Bill* and *Myra* now have a fourth child and third son), *Dave Milne*, *Eddie Dunn*, *Nip Page*, *Westmoreland*, *Bob Safford*, *Bruce Partridge*, *Sullivan*, *Charlie Pack*, *Michaelis*, and *Howie Snyder*.

A few more scattered bits of news.

*Don Bodine*, *Foster Furphy*, *Jim Lampert*, and *Benny Evans* are among those in the S.W. Pacific. *Ben Whipple* made a flying trip back to Washington in the late spring. *Bev. Powell*, *Suitcase Thompson*, *Pete Persons*, and *Gordie Holterman* are in Italy. *Nap Duel* is Ordnance Officer for an army at Camp Campbell, Kentucky.

The first chance you get send in all the news so we can relay it on to all the men of '36.

### 1937

The ol' six striper was crossed up last edition. After having spent many happy hours gathering news of three seven he carefully took his manuscript to the Ass'n of Graduates for publication but through some inadvertent error the *Assembly* appeared without his column. You can imagine the chagrin of the ol' fire eater. Well anyway, here we are with most of his notes plus a few new ones to make it up to you. We promise not to miss again. Congratulations *Woody Stromberg* for winning the Silver Star as a Battalion Commander at Anzio. Orchids to Mrs. *Horace Greeley* for working so hard for the A.A.F. while the pride of "M" Company sits it out with Tojo. It won't be long *Horace*, *Doc Wynkoop*, *Phil Lauman*, and the rest of you guys of Bataan of whom we are all so proud. We hear *Charley Stark* has a rip snortin' fighter group overseas. *Johnny Batjer* has a group of mediums at the same location. *Johnny Zierdt*, still a shade darker than *Underwood*, is at the Warren Robbins Air Depot. *Swede Ohman*, *Bruce Holloway*, *Bill Hipps*, *Bill Bailey* (how many youngsters now *Bill?*), *Bud Underwood* (that handsome man), *Fat Stan Connally*, *Fred Clarke*, *Sam Agee*, *Ed Broadhurst*, *Ingmire*, *Gildart*, *Conway*, and *Donohew* are running things in Washington. Understand *Fat Stan* and the missus threw a beaut of a party for all Washington '37 and a good bull session was had by all. Fine stuff. Now how about one of you taking a pen in hand and informing us just what specific job each of you has down there in the nerve center. No, we won't mind if you all write. To leave Washington we hurry to Ft. Belvoir where we find *Sollohub*. *McDuffy Brown* is at Arlington, Horizontal *George Holcomb* is in Florida and *Steeley* is with a bomber group in England. Benning claims *Zehner*, *Reaves* (now a division G-3), and *Skeldon*. *Dodds* and *Poopey Conner* are keeping things bright at

Camp McKall. The S.W.P.A. still plays host to *Kirsten, Tolson* (the back door closer of Lae—nice party we had in Moresby eh *Jack?*), *Easton, Strandberg* (sorry I missed you *Bill*), *Barden* (the task maker of the 5th Bomber Command), *Shive* (just awarded the Bronze Star—nice going *Don*), *Prentiss*, and *Gas House Martin*. When last heard of *Spilman* was on his way overseas and rumor has it he is now in Spain. *O. J. Seaman* is on his way too. *Sugar Cain* is in command of a four engine training school in Liberal, Kansas, and champing at the bit to drop a few on the paperhanger. *Scott, J. A.*, has a staff job with the A.A. Section of the 10th Army somewhere in Texas. *Fitzgerald* and *Andrews* are teaching them the why and wherefore of A.A. firing at Camp Davis, N. C. *Giles Evans* writes from Italy that *Hugh Sawyer* is in the A.A.F. Headquarters in Algiers, *Al Russel* is with the First Armored Division and fought through Anzio, and that *Pat Little* and *Red Dougan* left the land of olives and now reside in England. He adds that *Mel Green* is flying around Italy, *Mousey Van Leuwen* commands an Air Corps Training Headquarters in Africa, *Eph Graham* is at A.P.O. 9330, c/o P.M., N.Y.C., and that *Scotty Hall, Ollie Conner*, and *Scudder Miller* are basking in the warm Italian sun. Thanks *Giles* and keep your letters coming. *Randy Hines*, who now commands the 25th F.A. Bn. at Camp Rucker, Ala., writes that *Wood Joerg* has gone overseas as a parachute replacement and that *Tom Truxton* was on Kwajalein and has probably moved on by now. *Tom* is Division Artillery S-3 of the 33rd Infantry Division. He adds that *Dub Haltom* is now at Camp Shelby where he commands a parachute battalion. *Trapper Drum*, he concludes, is now G-2 of some Infantry Division in McKain, Mississippi. We just learned with deep regret that *Dick Nelson* was killed in action in France while commanding his tank battalion. We salute you *Dick* and you join those other immortals of '37 in leaving us an inspiration that will continue always to be our driving force. Thanks for the letters *Randy, Giles*, and *Mrs. Greeley*. Keep them coming and *Smith, Brierley*, and I (*Stu O'Malley*—yea I'm here now) will make good use of them. In the meantime keep their tails up!

### 1938

Gents and Ladies:

A few of those letters: "Attn Class Representative 1938" have come in.

These give us our start on this column. This time all the notes came from the male members of the class, the ladies have let us down! Come on, Gals, this is for you just as much as for the Gints.

First, another letter from *Frederick*—"will you be so kind as to tell me the whereabouts of Col. *Carter Duncan*. For your information, *Pete Lipps* done and got hitched, married a very charming girl too." Second, one from *G. C. Abert*. "Enjoy no end news of our men all over the world, have bumped into *Spangler, Casper, Love*. *Jannarone* has just arrived here." *Abert's* letter came in from the South Pacific. The following are excerpts from *Jerry Folda's* letter of August 8th . . . "There aren't very many of us in this sector of the South Pacific right now. *Bosch* is here as an Air Force liaison officer. I haven't seen him very much. Missed *Jimmy Taylor* the other day when he called, we have been missing each other for about a year. . . I am acting as G-4 of a division. . . yours, *Jerry*." *Durbin* stopped in for a few hours about three weeks ago. Wife and children are in St. Louis, Mo. According to the latest, *York(ski)* is coming to Stewart Field about the middle of October. Clipping received contained this—"Maurice R. Lemon, deputy training A.A.F. Pilot School promoted to Full Colonel. Heard indirectly from *Chuck Jackson*—he was in the big push on the Normandy invasion, was wounded, presented the Purple Heart by Gen. *Patton* has recovered and is back on light duty at his Reg. Hdqtrs. *Danielson* stopped at U.S. M.A. for a few hours recently and is headed for a trip over water. 11/July *Castex Connor* to Full Colonel. . . 14/July Lt. Col. *Hugh Wallace* Dir. of Operations at Tonopah Army Air Field, Nevada. *Paul Preuss* C. of S. of 17th Bomb. The following men are Deputy Group Commanders of B29's, 21st Bombardment Command: *Henry Huglin, Sturdevant, McBride, Polhamus, Kincaid*. *Strange* is in Texas, but I don't know his exact address. *Pardue* stationed in Sicily, *Spicer* is there too, Full Colonel. *Virg Zoller* is in Italy. *Packard*, Colonel, Western Flying Training Command. *Joe Reddoch*—B24—recently in States, back from South Pacific. Don't know his exact whereabouts at this writing. Incidentally, *Bill Kieffer* told me to add "*Huglin*, recently married". This about does it. sorry we went almost 100 percent in the "air" on this issue. I'd like to have written more dope on the ground boys, but they haven't

sent in very much. *Kieffer* occasionally gets in a long flight out of Stewart and I depend on him to bring home the bacon. If there is some group, or company I have slighted, you jest let me know! We'll try to make it up. Among others, I have *Abert's* address, as well as *Frederick's*—*Folda's*. There are three months until next issue—hope to have plenty for you then.

### 1939

This column is being hastily slapped together and all of the "poop" may not be accurate or up-to-date. If anyone has corrections please send them to me or any other member of the Class here, or send it to the Secretary of the Association of Graduates.

*Goodpaster*, Fitzsimmons General Hospital. Wounded twice in right arm at Cassino. *Dziuban*, Army & Navy Staff College. *Rogers, D. J.*, W.D. General Staff in G-1 Section. *Kunzig*, Naval War College. Starting 5 month course. *Fraser*, Com Z Base Section job in England. *Dawley*, Engr. G.S. Regiment in England. *Medusky*, 5th Army G-2 Section in Italy. *McBride*, C.&G.S. School—student—finished in June. *Crandall, R. S.*, England. *Caffee*, Ft. Belvoir. *Martin, S. T.*, Ft. Belvoir. *Maslowski*, Artillery Battalion in Italy. *Ewell*, with A.B. troops in France. *Howard*, W.D., O.P.D. *Boughton*, Leavenworth instructor. *Long, P. J.*, W.D. O.P.D. *Dobson*, commanded Ranger Battalion captured at Cisterna, Italy. *Shepard, Claude*, 7th Army Hq. in Sicily—asst to *Ben Bailey*. *Coyne*, Artillery Battalion, 3d Division, Italy. *Hoopes*, Leavenworth instructor. *Beier*, Leavenworth student. *Hudgins*, Naval War College starting 5 month course. *Kobes*, Ft. Benning. *Kerwin*, 3d Division, Artillery Exec. Italy. *Zethren*, Leavenworth instructor. *Richardson, R. C.*, A.A.F. Board, Orlando, Fla. *Schellman*, Leavenworth student finished in June. *Cole, R. G.*, France, with A.B. troops. *DeVille*, Washington staff job. *Davison*, 45th Div., Assistant G-2, Italy. *Garcia*, 20th Bomber Command, G-2, India. *Florance*, Pen. Base Section, Italy. *Edwards*, Wife says he is in England. *Atwell*, Mt. Home, Idaho. *Kelly, J. J.*, Leavenworth student. Finished in June, fatter than ever. *Knapp*, Italy. *Whitehouse*, Italy. *Engstrom*, Africa. *Gideon* and *Schmidt*, Italy. *Taylor, O. B.*, Full Colonel, Italy. *Samuels*, going to England. *Long, P. J.*, and *Little*, Pacific. *Kinnard* and *Ewell*, same regiment in England. *Cole, R. G.* and *Turner*, Battalion C.O.'s,

Parachute Battalions. *Ginder* and *Buechner*, S-3 and S-4, respectively—Parachute Regs. *Charles Mount*, Staff Officer with S.H.E.A.F. *Miller*, *R. B.*, another one of our full colonels. *Ockerhouser* and *Kail*, here at Benning, but left to go to 13th Airborne Division. *Hardwicke*, *Howard*, *Butterball Wilson*, *Carpenter*, *Phelan* and *Lewis*, C. G. are all in Washington. *Delville*, *Huey Long*, and *Latoszewski*, just departed for the Southwest Pacific. *McFerren*, *Kepple* and *Coleman*, 93d, Bouganville. *Riggs*, *Sullivan* and *Garcia*, flying B-29's. *Mike Davison*, Battalion C.O. in Italy. *Roberts*, *Brockman*, *Lampert* and *Brearley*—have battalions in 103d, and are looking for a trip across. *Legler* and *St. Clair*, with the 99th. *Johnnie Watts*, just returned from Bouganville for a short leave. *Wynn*, at Bowling Field. *Speedy Hull*, Corps G-2 at Ft. Dupont. *Ken Collins*, *Poinier* and *Lilly*. Armored Battalion Commanders at Camp Polk. *Pingle*, Provost Marshal of 95th Division. *Winton*, has battalion at Camp Barkley. *McChristian*, G-3 of Armored Division. *Dietz*, Field Artillery School. *Roscoe Crawford*, *Jacoby*, *Manzo* and *Jimmy Muir* are in the C.B.I. Theater. *Teeters* and *Rollins*, Headquarters Replacement & School Command, Birmingham. Recent students at Fort Benning: *Lavelle*, *Brearly*, *Glenn*, *Herron* and *Farrell*. *Marlin*, *Tuttle*, *Higgins* and *Mildren*—reported in France a couple of weeks ago. *Ed Hamilton* figured prominently in the capture of Le Mans and was decorated for the job. *Palmer* is a new father (a boy). *Curly Harrison* is coming to join the ranks of T.D. *Keller*, 7th Div. G-3 is somewhere in the Central Pacific with *Charley Fredericks*. Div. G-2. *Danny Nolan* and *McCray*. Bn. C.O.'s in Pacific. *Bob Matter* is on Attu. *Bollard*, Bn. C.O., Australia. *E. P. Smith*, Reg. Exec. 32d Inf. *Sleepy Coleman*, 9th Corps Staff.

—Pavick.

## 1940

News items this time are a little on the scanty side. However, most of the stuff is pretty reliable. *Ray Downey*, a guest of the Italian underground for 6 months, is now back in the U.S.A. and is an instructor at Stewart Field. He says that while he was in Atlantic City he saw *Bill Norvell*. *Marvin Jacobs* has left his desk job in Washington to take over the 309th Engr. Combat Bn. *George Brown* is with an A.A. Group under General *Patch* in Southern France. *E. T. Podufaly* has taken over the

53rd Armd. Engr. Bn. *R. J. LaRose* has been retired for physical disability, recalled to active duty and is assigned to U.S.M.A.P. Amherst College. *Ray Millican* writes from Northern France and says that *Bill Shanahan* is still with him. *Ray* claims that his Usmay French course has enabled him to get a bath, a steak and wine and brandy; also to understand from the natives that "il n'y a pas des allemands autour d'ici". *Larry Legere* wrote from a General hospital in England and said that he went in by parachute at 1:26 A.M. on D-Day and at 8:20 A.M. was lying in the dirt with a sniper's bullet through the right leg. He also stated that *Walt Winton* went in by glider, *Dean Vanderhoef* took an Inf. Bn. in, *Lou Mendez* took a parachute bn. in, and that *Jim McGinity* was killed. *P. S. Cullen*, still instructing at C.&G.S., is the lifesaver of the men who take his course. *P. S.* had a little get-together and present were: *Chuck Noble*, *F. W. Oseth*, *R. J. Fate*, *C. T. Marsh*, *P. E. Smith*, *Ed Verner*, *Otis Ulm*, *Zeke Summers* and *George Labreche*. *A. P. Donnell* was there just before the party for the XXI Bomber Command Special Course. Thanks, *Paul*. *Al Rorick* received a letter from *Ned Flanders* who is now on Saipan. *Ned* says that *Gideon* and *Al Gee* are full colonels in the S.W. Pacific. *Dave Dalziel* with the Mediterranean Allied Air Force says that *Albie Gillem* is there in P-51's, *Mosstop Parker* in B-17's and *Roy Nelson* is with the 15th Air Force. *Dave* saw *Bob Raleigh* teaching the French to use our A.A. and states that *Wendy Sell* and *Hank Cunningham* are somewhere in Africa. *Bill Litton* has a fighter group in Italy. *Era Wohner*, wife of *Johnny Wohner*, came through with a bit for the report. "*Herb Bowlby*, just back from Italy, says that he saw *Bob Raleigh* and *Bill Holm* in Rome. *Bill Holm* walked off a balcony in his sleep and broke his jaw in two places. *Ben Delamater* and *Budge Bingham* were in on the invasion in Normandy. *Larry Legere* has been evacuated to the states." *Johnny Wohner* left for England a short time ago.

As usual, at the end of the column comes the dope that I am positive about. On duty at Usmay now are 15 men from our class; they being: *Pillsbury*, *Spengler*, *Roedy*, *Dixon*, *Sattem*, *Dice*, *Devlin*, *Phil Moore*, *Bill Clark*, *Tuck*, *Rorick*, *Harry Wilson*, *Jim Humphrey*, *Ray Downey* (Stewart Field) and *Carnahan*.

You send your info to me and I will pass it along to the rest of our class by means of this column.

—Carnahan.

## 1941

From Usmay (the lair of those whose hips spread increaseth by the day and whose shine-on-seat-of-pants becomes hourly more brilliant) comes news of new arrivals—*Hatfield*, in Military History and *Elsberry*, in Physics—plus much news of visitors to these haunts. *Bob Kramer*, whom we had all feared to be captured in the Philippines at the beginning of the war, turned up in early September for a brief visit. That's all we know about it—but it must be quite a saga he'll tell us one day! And *Dave Woods* dropped in briefly, fresh back from New Guinea. And on the same day *Kerry Walters*, also from New Guinea came by. He's now stationed at Stewart Field as an instructor. A gala event for all of us was the wedding of *Jim McKinley* to *Leslie Keyes* in the Catholic Chapel on September 8th. We know that all the class join with us in wishing them all the happiness in the world. And while we're still at West Point, let us announce with pride the arrival of two more members of the class of '63, *Matt Harrison, Jr.*, and *Billy Michels*. One thing you can say for us classmates, we're certainly preparing as best we can for the next war! Here it is—hot, heavy and accurate (we hope!). *Lynn Lee* as Staff Engineer of A.A.F. T.A.C. at Orlando; Major *Gordon Gould* at Drew Field; Capt. *Jim Cox* at McDill with Capt. *John Van Hoy*; Major *Charley Schilling*, C.O. of an Engr. Combat Bn.; Major *Willy Clapp*, C.O. of an Armd Engr. Bn. and rumored to be at a P.E.; *Senef* still at Campbell; Major *Jack Christensen* wowing them from the platform at Leavenworth (does he have it specked!); Capt. *H. L. Adams* at Camp Hale, Colo.; Capt. *Pete Tanous* at Polk in La.; *Ted Desaussere* now at Bragg; *Wendy Knowles* at present preparing to leave Dix; *George Adjemian* back from the Aleutians and on a 21 day rampage called "leave"; and just finished at C.&G.S.S. are *Cooper*, *Mather*, *Hatfield*, *Evans*, *La-Rocca*, *Jack Harris*, *Kline*, *Bud Thompson*, *Kuzell*, *Blalock*, and *Rhynard*.

## AND THOSE WHO WORK

England and France: *Jack Camp* in the Office of Strategic Services in England; Major *Willy Cummins* as A.A. officer of an Air Corps Group; Major *Fitzpatrick*, now in France and very close to Capt. *Willy Hoge*, who commands a F.A. Btry of the 1st Division; also with the F. A. in France is *Bill Clifford*; Capt. *Woolwine* tells us that *Major Gurnee* is C.O. of a Q.M. Bn.; *Robinson* and *Myers* are in the vicinity with the

F.A. and *Stringer Kemp* is somewhere around; Capt. *Jim King* locates himself and the following in London on leave—*Ted Brown*, *Rosen*, *Gerace*, *Poopic Ellis*, *Kunkel* (Lt. Col.); *Neumeister*, *Curley*, *Dilts*, *D'Esposito*, and *Rossell*; new arrivals, among many, are Major *Ward*, Major *Franklin*, *Jim Stigers*, *Fred Baker* (the latter two known to be in France), Major *H. K. Bagshaw*, Major *Greg McKee* and Major *Paul Duke*. As a brand new Lt. Col in the area we have *J. C. H. Lee* and as another one, *Larry V. Greene*, now C.O. of a Bn. of an Armd. Division.

Italy and Africa: *Paul Skowronek* is with the IV Corps; Major *Ernie Whittaker*, bedecked with ribbons, reports that *McElroy*, *Bizz Moore*, and *Hetherington* are also winning the war in these parts; also present are *Durr*, *J. S. Peddie*, *Harding*, *Cofer*, *Meader*, *Richardson*, *Henzl*, *Atkinson*, and of course, *Lokker* and *Burt Andrus*, still our two best reporters.

Australia and New Guinea: In New Guinea are Major *Guy Goddard* as C.O. of an Engr. Avn. Bn., *Elmer Yates* as S-3 of an Engr. Combat Bn., *Cab Callaway* as S-1 of an Infantry Regt., *Danforth* as Q.M. of a Replacement Depot and *Butch Rising* as C.O. of an Engr. Shore Bn.; also somewhere on the island are *Linnell*, *Vaughan*, *Boggs*, *Poff*, Lt. Col. *Colleran*, *Rosenbaum*, *Woody Garrett*, *Besancon*, *Jack McClure*, and *Ted Sliney*; *Kercheval* is somewhere in the area; *Atteberry* is in the Marshalls.

In Australia are Major *Curt Chapman*, *Boots Gilbert* (as a Gp Operations Officer), *Henschke*, *Harvey*, *Zeke Edgar* (Exec of an Ordnance Bn.), and *Bill Gribble*, our Alcan Highway pioneer.

And the other Spots: *Jim King* and *C. L. Smith* in Ireland; *Joe Grygiel* still wintering in the Aleutians after 28 months; *Max Hall* and *Ben McCaffery* continuing to fight a paper war in Panama; *Herb Clendenning* cobra-hunting in India and recovering in a hospital when his jeep didn't behave.

And the Poppas: *Ascani*—the second son; *Andrus*—the first, sex male; *Harrison*—ditto; *L. M. F. Michels*—ditto; *Felchlin*—score, two females; *Rhynard*—the first, a boy.

And in Limbo: Where are you guys? — *Layfield*, *McCool*, *Samz*, *Howze*, *Johnson*, *M. C.*, *Muzyk*, *Salisbury*, *Molesky*, *West*, *Ellis*, *Freeze*, *Liles*, *Winfree*—and a few more, too.

Keep up the good work on the mail, gang, and we'll print "all that's fit to print".

## 1942

"The Journal covers Dixie like the Dew", *Thames Turbulence* does the same for 42.

Maj. *Fred Rosell* is doing a super job with the above named news-sheet. He has addresses of 220 of us; he wants yours and a letter if you are not yet on his mailing list. His address can be obtained by writing Assoc. of Grads, West Point, N. Y. In Europe (Eng., Fr., and Germany) are *Ryan*, *Cage*, *Slaton*, *Hinckley*, *McCarthy*, *Bilstin*, *Rose*, *J. Murphy*, *Omans*, *D. Hennessy*, *Hozier*, *G. Smith*, *Horridge*, *Deffke*, *Ben Hill*, *Cannon*, *Red Byrne*, *Hinkle*, *J. White*, *Stann*, *Garland*, *Maupin*, *Baker* (K Co.), *Sherman*, *Wagner*, *Jordon*, *Buck*, *Kraft*, and many others. *Mac Patch* wounded on Western Front (we are all proud of his three star Dad). N.Y. Times carried account of *Berra's* exploits near Cherbourg. Stars and Stripes told how *Al Scullen* and his company outwitted and captured 406 Germans. Rumored that *Dick Hennessy* is Lt. Col. In Italy are *Wyman*, *Snow*, *Aileo*, *Marks*, *Morey*, *Ladd*, *Burr Clark*, *Wes Hyde*, *Anderson*, *Robinson*, *Davies*, *Ray*, *Colladay*, *Lewis*, *Jaynes*, *Jeff Davis*, and *Roy Geiger*. In Southwest Pacific are *Obenchain*, *Watkin*, *Bill Morgan*, *Weigel*, *Flor Cruz*. On Guam are *Rickman*, *Rubenstein*, and *Bringham* (wrote of sampling Saki in a smoking captured Jap CP). *Charbonneau* is on New Guinea; *Al Hunter* in Hawaii. In India are *Michel*, *Murphy*, *Rienzi*, and *Berman* (flying B-29). In Panama are *Rog Russel* and *Lahm*. Prisoners of Germans: *Beers* and *Palfrey* (writes that things are O.K. though). *Leavenworth* (C.&G.S.) *Crowley*, *Flanagan*, *S. Hays*, *Jackson*, *G. Jones*, *King*, *Koster*, *Orme*, *Plott*, *Redlinger*, *Schmidt*, *D. Short*, *Terrell*, *Urrutia*, *Vivian*. Recent visitors here: Maj. *Ernie White* (Sqn. C.O. and beribboned), *Sam Cumpston* (now in D.C. but due to take a trip), *Charlie Mizell* (on his way), *Ulsaker* (same). *Blair*, *Hanley*, and *Al McClellan* (back from Normandy). Maj. *Geo. Rew* was recently seen in N. Y.; Maj. *Jim White* is in U.S. on leave. This is in general a review of *Rosell's* poop. It goes without saying that *Yielding*, *Wise*, *Hamerly*, *Cerar*, *Bee-son*, and *Baker* here would like letters from all of you.

## January, 1943

*Lee James* is at C.&G.S. School, Leavenworth, Kan. *Sam Karrick's* address in January was Belvedere Apt., Salt Lake City, Utah. *Joe*

*Conny* has gone overseas. *Paul Croonquist* is working in the 1st Army Group Hq. in England. *Ed Carberry* is in combat in Italy. *Bill Larned* made the invasion on June 6th. *Shortall* is stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas. *T. Q. Donaldson* just finished a course at Riley and has returned to the G-2 section of the 8th Arm'd Div. *Flip Fenili* and *Billy Hahn* also took a course at Riley. *Tim Brown* is recovering from a long siege of sickness. He is now at Benning, helping out in the paratrooper school. *Biel-ecki* is still in the 8th Arm'd Div. *Hensel* is a Bn. S-2 at Camp Polk. *Ollie De Gruchy* is a Flight Commander in the 9th Air Force. *Howard Wehrle* and *Hi Walker* have taken over Hawaii. *Hi* is in Co. C of 710th Tk. Bn., and *Wehrle* is commanding Hq. Co. of 706th Tk. Bn. *Pat Wardell* is in England. *Wade* is a member of a tank destroyer battalion in England. *Harry Stroh* is flying a P-47 fighter-bomber in the 9th Air Force, and was one of the 1st two American pilots to land in France. *Jim Ledbetter* is in the Pacific with Hq. 58th Fighter Group. *Russ Herrington* is in the same group. G-1 Co. *Scott* is at Camp Phillips, Kansas. Since graduating *B-Ball Harrington* has transferred to the Air Corps. He is flying P-51's at Dale Malry Field, Fla. *Ralph Truex* is Btry. Exec. Officer in the 837th A.A.A. Bn. and the father of a 6 pound 6 oz. baby daughter. *Art Grace* is with the 294th Engr. Combat Bn. (may be France), along with *Stew Meyer* and *Mac Robinson*. *Danny Waters* just returned from the South Pacific and visited West Point. *Nazzaro* is in the 94th Division. *Bart Mallory* is still in Italy. "Little John" *Healy* is in the same A.A.A. outfit, but in a different battery. *Jim Frakes* is in England. *Jeb Stuart* is now in the South Pacific. He is chief looper and roller for his tent. *Cliffy Butler* is Bn. Exec. for an A.A.A. outfit in Italy. He took 26 prisoners himself in 2 days and never batted an eyelash. *Shultz* is now an Assistant G-3 for Air in the 9th Army. He helps coordinate Air support for Army Ground efforts. *Jim Hackler* is a flight leader in the 9th Air Force and has flown on more than 75 missions over enemy territory. *Ben Edwards*, *McKinney* and *Bishop* are now in England. *Hi* and *Mrs. Walker* are the proud parents of *Hi, III*. *Kajencki* was last heard from in Hawaii. *Blue* is the father of a son, and is now with the Engineers in the South Pacific. *Benny Mills* is now in command of "F" Co., 8th Inf. 4th Division. The 8th Inf. was the 1st to land in Normandy and it has been

cited by the President. *Gorman* was recently appointed Commanding Officer of a Heavy Bombardment Squadron operating in the Mediterranean theatre. *Britt May* is serving as Asst. Group Operations Officer with a B-24 Liberator Heavy Bomb. Group of the 15th Air Force somewhere in Italy. *Johnnie Raaen* is Captain of a Ranger Company in France. His unit has received a presidential citation, and he himself, has received the silver star. *Gregg Henry* is now in France. *Jimmy Lane* is the father of a baby girl. *Jimmy*, himself, is in a German Prison Camp. *Ham Bonham* and *Mort Carmack* are still in England with their B-17's. *Teddy Brooks* is also in England. *Leo Blanchette* and *Tom Flatley* are in France with their F.A. Battalions. *Jim Willcox* is also in France acting as communications officer for his F.A. Group. *Baer* is a P-47 pilot in the 396th Fighter Squadron in France. *George Rebb* is a Captain in the Combat Engineers in France. *Robinson* is a radar officer in the A.A. section of the 3rd Army. *Toth* is with the 2nd Division. *Riccio* and *Cuculo* are in Panama with *Joe Stabler*. *T. H. Martin, Jr.* is stationed at Camp Berkeley, Texas, and commands Co. C. *Turner* is in England. *Faust* was injured in a crash, while on foreign duty, and was in an English Hospital. He was later sent to Halloran General Hospital, Staten Island, N. Y. *Jake Weber* and *Sal Whitlow* have finished their tour in B-24's and have volunteered for another tour. This time they are going to fly P-51's. They are still in the training stage. *John Courtney* who was reported "missing in action" over France August 8th is "safe and well" according to a cable received by his wife. *Griffin* spent the summer going to school at Columbia. *Freer, Wilson, Mease, Johnson, Gean* and *Evans* all captains as of July and August spent the summer boning academics. *Stahle*, Captain in Sept., spent the summer at Camp Popolopen and Pine Camp. Keep sending in the whereabouts of yourselves.

Buck S.

### June, 1943

Get set for a lot of dope on June '43! Those interested in following the progress of men in E-1 Company will be glad to know that *Norm Keefer* is superintending the publication of a "Company Letter", pioneered by *Felix Kalinski*, now overseas, which is to be published from time to time when poop becomes available. *Norm* is at Lockbourne A.A.B., Col-

umbus, Ohio. *Johnny Moses* transferred from 106th Div. Arty to Intelligence School, Camp Ritchie, Md. He writes that *Maggie Saine* and *A. R. Tucker* went P.O.E. Fort Meade, early in August. *Stuff Kengle* says *Whitaker* is with him in S. Pacific and that *Dirkes* and *F. B. Smith* are nearby (New Guinea). *Walt Mitchell*, recently at Fort Sill for Survey, says that *Stan Ott* (Communications), *Charlie Crane* (Survey and Exec), *Joe Weyrick* (Basic) and *Bill Cover* (Basic), compared notes. *Bill* and *Joe* have transferred from T.D. to F.A. and we hope they'll get silver quickly. Later *Stan* wrote that he was yanked from the Com O Course to take command of a firing battery in the 99th Div.; also, that *Ned Burr* is convalescing from a wound received in the Normandy Invasion. We hear from *Ned Schramm* that the India Monsoons are plenty wet—he's been flying B-25's, has about 50 missions, and is probably on his way back to the States. *Hubert Smith* is an instructor pilot at the Pueblo A.A.B. *Ralph Hallenbeck* was shot down over Wiener Neustadt and is a P.W. You'll all be glad to hear that on retirement in July, *Rabbit Warburton* was appointed a Vice Consul in the Foreign Service of the State Department—write him c/o Easton, Md. *Bill Welsh* went P.O.E. in June. *Jack Neuer* and *Walt Burnette* are in Italy with A-20's. *Dick Snyder* and *Frankie Peck* of Wash., D.C. have just become engaged—congrats! She writes: *Ben Cassidy* in Corsica in a P-47—he saw *Lee Hogan* at Foggia Field, Italy. Also at Foggia are *Bill Kilpatrick*, *Blank*, *Dick Hemsley*, *Leo Brooks*, *Ted Watkins*, and *Hommel*—flying B-17's. In the same area are *Roger Kullman*, *Ed O'Connor*, and *Frank Walker*. In a P-38 Group in England are newly made Captains *Buck Coursey*, *Robin Olds*, and *Hank Rosness*. Other Captains are *Marty Martin* and *Turner*, a squadron commander in France. Flying a P-47 in France is *Grump Steele*. Recent arrival in the China, India, Burma Theater is *Bill Burris*. Gone overseas with the 95th Div. is *Jim Cain*. *Dick Snyder* on his way across ran into *Leo Hayes*. *George Betts*, and *Doug Parham*. In an E.T.O. Reception Center he found *Dargue*, *Easley* and *Barnes*. Thanks Frankie! *Frank McMullen* is in England with a heavy Bombardment Group. *Mark Boatner* is with the 88th Div. in Italy as a Liaison Officer. It's now Captain *Ireland* in Italy flying a Liberator. Also in Italy in a B-24 is *Bill Naylor*. Captain *Walter Beckett* is now P.W. in Germany. *Lee Hogan* writing from Italy adds the info that *Bill Wick-*

*ham*, *T. K. Oliver* (who's reported to have had his abandonment procedure so well specked at Ploesti that the whole operation took only a few seconds after his ship caught fire) and *Dick Beck* are missing. He says also that *Bill Brierty* is a recent arrival in Italy in a B-17, that "Bouncey" *Boreski* is a Captain, that *Bill Cramsie* went down in an A-20, and that *Bob Hoffman* is in England. *Warren* is "somewhere in France," with the "doughfooters." *Francisco* is stationed at the A.A. School, Camp Haan, Cal. With the 1st Div., you know where, is *Karl Wolf*. He says *Orlian* is in England. Add to those flying B-17's in England *Luther Hough*, *Jack Novak*, *Bill Scott*, *Hal Woodson*, and *Harry Heinzleman*. With the 15th A.F. in Italy flying a Mustang is *Paul Steinle*. Captain *R. L. Maughan* flying an A-20 in England. *W. F. Maughan* got his wings at Pecos, Tex. on 8 September. *Fern Rundell* is prepping for overseas at Alexandria, La. in B-17. Last word on *Bob McClure*—England. Also with 9th A.F. in A-20's, E.T.O. are *Dick Shaefer*, *Scotty Street*, *Danny Shea*, *Dick Wheeler*, *Dick Miracle*, *Mike Zubon*, *Ed Renth*, *Paul Atkinson*, *Boukamp*, *Tony Durante*, and *Frank Harrold*. *Lawton Davis* writes from Fort Benning that he, *Shaifer*, *Fitzpatrick*, *Van Auken*, *Spaulding*, *Renzulli* and *Giffin* had transferred from Ack Ack to Infantry and would complete the Basic Course about August 15th. He adds that *Williamson* and *Ralph Young* are with A.A. in England. *Al Shipstead* and *Frank Wood*, who is a General's Aide, are in India. With an advanced fighter base in France is Captain *John Hudson*. Detailed to the Engrs. from the Inf. is *Bob McCanna*, now a Bn. Ren. Officer with the 6th Armored (remember the "breaking-out" of Brittany?). With him is *Bob Newman*, 2nd in command of an Armored Engr. Company. *Al Shiely* writes from Westover Field, Mass. (where he is instructing in B-24's) that: *Frank Walker*, *Jack Smith*, *Whittemore*, *Russell*, and *Olmstead* are overseas in B-24's—*Whittemore* rumored missing over Germany—*Bud Wieser* and *Willy Snavely* are at Langley while *Hubert Smith* (twas a girl July 6th) is instructing at Pueblo, Colo.—*Wally Potter* is with *Al* at Westover. From *Tom Tannler* comes word that he was with the outfit that took Cherbourg—*Tom* writes from his mortar platoon O.P., at that time on the road to Paris, that he was accompanied as far as England by *J. C. Miller* and *Norm Williams*—*Tom* ran into *Orphan* and *Harper*

while in France and also received word that *Dave Schwartz* and his P-38 are missing in action over France since June 17th—*T. K.* is probably well into Germany by now. *Pinky Winfield* is in San Luis Obispo, Cal. with the 97th Div.—*Pink* married a Missouri gal in June. *Johnny Buyers* writes from his E.A.B. outfit in India that *F. A. Smith* is in New Guinea with *Frank Dirkes*; *Dave Chamberlain* is in China; *Clare Farley*, *Hank Romanek*, *Hal Parfitt*, and *Walt Hutchins* were all together on the invasion (*Clare*, *Hank* and *Hal* were all injured, *Hank* and *Hal* being sent back for hospitalization); *Dave Conard* and *Bernie Wiener* are also located in his theatre. *Jack Morris* is in Oahu, T.H., with *Jim Betts*, *Harvey Short* and *Fletcher Veach* (*Dutch Ingwerson* and *Keith Pigg* just left). *Charley Pence* (now a Capt.) is burning up the 70th div. at Leonard Wood, Mo., as a regimental adjutant—*Charlie's* with *Jack Kidder*, *Del Perkins*, *Dave Davenport* (all 3 sporting tracks), *Bill Greenwalt* and *Bird-dog Spalding*, a reclaimed Coast Arty. file. *Jack Norton*, *Bill DeBrocke*, and *Ted Tansey* have all P.O.E.'d from that outfit. Other additions to the list of captains are: *Bill Glasgow*, *Bob Mathe*, *Ed Cutler*, *Larry Watson*, *Tenney*, *Tom Sawyer*, and *Dick Stoddard*. *Dick* and *Craig Teller* are flying P-40's in France. *Gordon Schraeder* and *Warren Rogers* are with the Engineers in the S. Pacific.

New arrivals are as follows: To the *Hubert Smiths, Jr.*, daughter *Sara Frances*, 6 July. To the *C. T. Irelands*, daughter, *Anne*, 3 July. To the *Ralph Hallenbecks*, a son, *Don Michael*, 7 July. To the *Don Mehrtens*, a daughter, *Priscilla Ann*, 4 May. To the *Mark Boatners*, a son, *Mark Mayo IV*, 22 June. To the *Louis Franciscos*, a daughter, 11 July. To the *Walter Burnettes*, a boy, *Walter Neal III*, 14 Aug. To the *Alton Shipsteads*, a boy, 11 July.

Newlyweds: *Quentin D. Boller* to *Barbara Trowbridge Laing* of Jackson Heights, N. Y., 20 June. *Jack K. McGregor* to *Lois Ann Rock*, 12 August. *Ernest Hinds* to *Jodie Taulbee* last January. *Robert L. McCanna* to *Beverly Dyslin* of Chicago, 24 April. *Lawton Davis*, Who?, 10 June.

Forgive me Mrs. *Jim Watkins* for failing to note that *Michael Glenn Watkins* was born January 31. My purpose which was to spark unmade announcements succeeded only in eliciting the info that you have apparently won the cup—disposition of which is in *Lee Hogan's* hands, and

must of necessity probably await the war's end. My neck is way back!

—*W. C. M. and B. W. R.*

## 1944

So far practically no news of the recent doings of the Class of '44 has trickled back to West Point. In order that the accomplishments and whereabouts of everyone may be mentioned in future issues of *Assembly*, how about some letters full of news, dope on station, outfit—men you have seen, etc. There should be plenty of news about the number of men who married recently, inspired no doubt by the happy bride grooms of June 6th, 7th and 8th. Also in a couple of issues there ought to be a report on the man who won the cup. And by then a lot of our luckier classmates should be overseas in one direction or another. Since I'm the first one back at the Academy (Plebe Math) I shall gladly write up all the news that comes in—may there be lots of it! shall try to answer any questions about where anyone is and what he is doing. Closing date for January issue, December 1st. Address your letters to 1944 class representative, care of Editor of *Assembly*.

—*C. C. Martin.*

## WEST POINT SONGS

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fellowship. The Service is represented by 'The Caissons Go Rolling Along', 'The Mountain Battery Song', 'For Sev'n Long Years', and 'Arizona'. A number of special arrangements of songs suitable for men's voices in parts are also included, for use in reunions and other forms of community singing.

"A fairly good picture of West Point may be drawn from its songs. To the Corps of Cadets, may these songs be a worthy expression of its virile, pulsing idealism; to the Graduates of the Military Academy, may they be the open sesame to priceless reminiscences; to the Public, may they convey a glimpse into the treasured traditions, the versatile activities, and the resolute 'will-to-do' which inspire the imperishable standard of character, service and efficiency known to the world as 'The Spirit of Old West Point'."

## WINKELMANN

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was loved and admired by all who knew him. Colonel Clifton C. Carter, his last professor, wrote of him in January, 1944.

"He was almost unique—while years ago there were a number of such men around West Point there was none who in my opinion approached him in his loyalty, faithfulness and general all-around qualifications, including many unusual traits of character now too seldom found. He was a type which has all but disappeared from the scene. In all my relations with him I never had occasion to find fault with him and never worried at any time as to his performance of his duties—he was always 100% dependable and never let any one down. He was a fine soldier."

Upon his retirement, the Superintendent gave him the following letter:

"It is noted that by operation of law you will be placed on the Civil Service Retired List on December 19, 1929, after over 52 year's service at the U.S. Military Academy.

"During the first 30 years of this period you served in the various grades as an enlisted man in the U.S. Army, retiring as a Sergeant on July 1, 1907, after completing 30 years' service, and then continuing your duties as a civilian. Since June 1, 1880, you have served continuously in the Department of N. & E. Philosophy under the professorship of Colonel Michie, Colonel Gordon and the present incumbent.

"In every way, not only as a soldier but as a Civil Service employee, your attention to duty, faithfulness and loyalty have been exemplary. Your duties were of such a nature as to require of you the utmost dependability; no fault has ever been found with the manner in which you performed these duties; you have never failed your superiors in any respect; you have gone about your work in a cheerful, willing way and you have left no cause for anything but complete satisfaction on the part of those with whom you have worked. It is realized that it will be very difficult to find a man who can efficiently take up the duties you have performed so satisfactorily.

"The reputation you are leaving behind will be long remembered at West Point and your retirement will bring sincere and deep regret to all of those with whom you have been associated. You have earned a long and peaceful retirement and your many friends at West Point trust that you will find relief from your duties a pleasant vacation which you will enjoy to the utmost. Our highest regards go with you into your retirement and we wish for you many years of rest, peace and health."

The 113 lbs. that Winkelmann packed in his 5 ft. 6½ inches carried a great heart. That heart was dedicated to the West Point he loved so well and served so faithfully.

"WE SONS OF TODAY—  
—WE SALUTE YOU."



By Joe Cahill

## King Football

In the course of the past month King Football has eased his way into the sports picture, and from all indications we are in for a merry season of upsets and thrills, of long runs and passes galore, in this the third war-time season of World War II.

Here on the historic Plain, the Kaydets have been operating at top speed and "Red" Blaik and his warriors are in earnest to make this fifty-fourth anniversary of West Point football a preeminently successful campaign.

Blaik, now in his fourth season at the coaching helm, will stick to the famous T-formation attack that rolled up seven victories in ten major tests last fall. It is interesting to note how far ahead of the field Army has been with the adoption of the T-system. As we recall Coach Blaik was practically the first major Eastern grid mentor to swing to the modern trend of offensive football last fall. The meteoric success of the Army's version of the "T" has been a significant factor in encouraging no fewer than ten East Coast pigskin powers to climb aboard the T wagon.

After a solid month of sessions devoted to fundamentals and diversified practice, we can safely report that the team is infinitely better than last year's edition. The backs have developed rapidly, and the ball handling, faking, and blocking are all that you would desire in any formation.

We are all familiar with the difficult task which faced the coaching staff at the outset of the season. Forty-five candidates reported for the varsity squad. Only fourteen of these were lettermen in 1943, while only three actually worked on the regular starting contingent. The forward wall will be anchored by Joe Stanowicz, 215 pound Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Champion. This will be Joe's final whirl on the grid, and Herm Hickman reports our only returning regular lineman "primed for the peak performance of his career". The two returning starters from last season's backfield quartet are Captain Tom Lombardo, veteran signal-caller, and the fast and elusive Glenn Davis, the California hurricane, who spearheaded our offensive fireworks last fall.

The usual stringent academic schedule has been a severe handicap to

many of our most promising plebe material. Several of the new personnel have missed many practice sessions in an effort to build up their grades. This breakup in the tough training routine practically leaves the team with little or no support from the new men in the earlier part of the major nine game program. It is hoped, however, that these players will be sufficiently strong academically to be of great reserve value to the team when it encounters such national contenders as Notre Dame, Penn and Navy.

Among the outstanding men from the Class of 1947 who will fill up the gap opened through the loss of fourteen lettermen are Doc Blanchard, 200 pound fullback, who shapes up as the bruising, bull-necked type of back to pick up that spare two yards in spite of any resistance. Then, too, Barney Poole, as big and rough an end as has been seen on the Plain in more than a decade, will chill many an opposing back when he bounds into action later in the season. Dean Sensenbaugher is another of the promising herd who will have to clear the academic barrier before he can be given too much consideration for a berth on the eleven. Sensenbaugher, truly a brilliant back, displayed all-American ability throughout last fall with sterling performances in the Ohio State backfield. He capped the '43 campaign with a bang-up performance in the East-West Charity game.

As for Colonel Blaik's personal opinion of the schedule, he reiterates that "Duke, Penn, Notre Dame and Navy will be very tough, with the Pitt Panthers and Villanova possible dark horses"

In summing up the prospects, the veteran coach told us "Our success this year will depend heavily upon the ability of the Plebes to come through with the necessary reserve strength to cope with our major opponents"

## Around the Circuit

Two other Army varsity squads are ambitiously warming up here at the Point. Leo Novak and his cross-country harriers are pounding a beaten path over hill and dale preparatory to launching a stiff seven meet X-country sked. Art Truxes, new skipper and Heptagonal Champion leads the pack around the first turn of the

training campaign. Last year Art watched the flying heels of only one harrier lead him to the tape. Big Don Burnham of Dartmouth's Indians captured the crown with a stirring display of speed and stamina barely eking out our favorite in the final stretch.

According to the schedule released by Colonel Lawrence "Biff" Jones, G.M.A., the I.C.4A. meet will be run off at West Point on the weekend of the Penn football trip, November 18th. The Heptagonal and Navy meets will be run off at New York City while Columbia, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, New York University and Rensselaer Poly. Inst. will be engaged in successive meets on the trail.

Eight soccer matches are lined up for the black, grey and gold kickers, the first of which is with Rensselaer Poly. Inst., one of the top teams in the country, on September 30th. Major G. F. McAneny, will send his booters into action against Brown, Dartmouth, Yale, (away), Penn State (away), Temple, Coast Guard Academy and Navy throughout the coming campaign. In Cadet Calder, the new mentor has a brilliant field captain who was mentioned prominently throughout last season as an all-America soccer player. Despite the wide gaps left in the starting line through graduation, Coach McAneny expects to field a team that will improve on the 5-won 2-lost balance of 1943. Navy has taken our past two soccer contingents into camp by scores of 2-3 and 1-3.

## Did You Know

That the Notre Dame fiasco sold out nine weeks before game time the earliest date in the thirty-one year history of the series. That the North Carolina Tarheels have attracted Ted Husing and Bill Stern, sportscasters deluxe, of CBS and NBC, respectively, to call the gains and losses on September 30th. That Bobby Dobbs, prospective Army fullback, is a brother of Lieut. Glenn Dobbs, famed football aerialist who has signed a pro grid contract. That we will have an enlisted man on the coaching staff for the first time in fifty-four years in the person of Pvt. Stuart "Stu" Hol-

comb. . . Stu brings twelve years of head coaching experience with him to the Academy having served at Miami of Ohio and Washington & Jefferson previous to being caught in the gale of the service draft. . . . That our backs have been slightly neglected in their early practice stunts through the loss of Major Andy Gustafson who was imbedded with a bad throat. . . . That a major catastrophe was announced in the local press this past week. . . . Leo Novak's son has an appointment to the Naval Academy. . . . After what Navy did to the track team last spring, we know how Leo must feel. . . . That Major Ernie White, wearing the D.F.C. with two oak leaf clusters, is back in this country enjoying a rest after completing 40 fighter combat missions over enemy occupied continental Europe, and in the destruction of two enemy aircraft. . . . That that big plebe tackle candidate, Coulter, will be a fine heavyweight prospect for Billy Cavanaugh this winter. . . . he compiled an amazing high school ring record. . . . Speaking of Cavanaugh, we were amazed to hear that our genial boxing coach is a golfer of no mean ability. . . . Within the past ten years Billy has won the Storm King Golf Tournament three times his most recent championship performance occurred early this fall. . . . By the way, Mr. Cavanaugh is the only one in the Club to win the title three times. . . . That we have another Tennessee coach on the staff this autumn. . . . Captain George R. Woodruff is the man who will assist Herman Hickman with the line rebuilding job ahead. . . . Woodruff played on the undefeated Bob Neyland eleven in 1938 that closed out the season with an impressive victory in the Orange Bowl. . . . The ex-Tennessee tackle had a fling at coaching at his Alma Mater in 1939 when he assisted Neyland with the great Vols team that rolled to the Rose Bowl.

## Off Season

Ed Kelleher, our renowned basketball mentor, won't get a glimpse of his ace basketballers, Dale Hall and Doug Kenna, until December unless, of course, Ed decides to take in a football game this fall. Both Kenna and Hall loom as potential starting material on Blaik's team and therefore their services will be required in the moleskins until after Navy is subdued on December 2nd.

While walking through the South Gymnasium recently, we noticed that Lieut. Tom Maloney's gym team mean business this coming season. Maloney has the veterans and plebes swinging all over the gymnasium and many of them look in fine shape already. Like most of our other sports squads these days, the gymnasts will largely depend on the Plebes to "come through".

All that can be said of our half dozen or so other winter teams is that the schedules are practically ready for the printer and from early accounts we'll find many chills, spills and thrills to while away our gloomy winter afternoons from January through March, 1945.

## PLAIN TALK

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ies in which they particularly excel"

To the reports of later years was appended a footnote which stated: "The cadets in each class reported as 'distinguished', are the first five according to class rank. Only the subjects in which the cadet stands above tenth are mentioned".

In addition to the record appearing in the Army Register, the names of the first five cadets in each class as given in the annual cadet register were preceded by an asterisk, and the term "star men" naturally arose. The practice of wearing a star on the collar was not begun until 1913, during the superintendency of Colonel Clarence P. Townsley.

In 1912, due to the increase in the size of the Corps and other conditions brought about by a century of growth, it was deemed advisable to base the award of distinction upon percentage in general merit. Up to and including 1933, any cadet whose total proportional parts on the general merit roll of his class at the close of the term exceeded ninety-two per cent of the possible total was regarded as a "distinguished cadet". The minimum percentage for distinction was fixed at ninety-two because that percentage corresponds to a mark of 2.76 which is midway between "Good" and "Perfect" according to the system of marking at the Military Academy, and seemed to be a reasonable requirement. However, late in 1933, the method for determining distinguished cadets was again reviewed and it was decided that, beginning with the Class of 1934, the first five per cent, as arranged on the general merit roll of each class, and on the graduating merit roll, would be regarded as distinguished cadets, provided that no cadet in the category shall have a final total for the year or for graduation of less than ninety-one per cent of the possible total. In August of 1936 it was decided that thereafter the minimum percentage for distinction would be changed from ninety-one per cent to not less than ninety per cent, provided that not more than the first six per cent of the cadets as arranged on each of the respective rolls would be regarded as distinguished.

## Personal Information Wanted

The personal files in the Office of the Association of Graduates are so empty that they are crying out for information about you. The Association needs the data these personal files should contain. When you receive the D.S.C., the Associated Press will ask us all about you. What can we tell them when our files are devoid of the information desired? So why not make yourself comfortable in that foxhole, light up a Philip Morris (no longer available at the Officers' Club), and dash off a note to the Secretary, giving the dope on your-

self? Think what pleasant reading will be made for you by the A.P.'s calling us after your personal file is brought up to date with a box score of your marital ventures, a roll call of the results of your paternity, and other matters of personal valor. We have the military records.

## Distinguished Visitors

Among the distinguished guests who visited the Post during the summer were: Major General E. Leitao de Carvalho, Chief of Brazilian Delegation, Joint Brazil-U.S. Defense Commission; Colonel J. V. Sayao Cardozo, Colonel Stenio Lima, Lieut. Colonel L. Seroa de Motta, Major Alfredo Malan, Major Sezerino Sombra, Captain Tasso Villar de Aquino.

These officers were accompanied by: Major General J. G. Ord, U.S. Army; Colonel Milton A. Hill, U.S. Army; Lieut. Colonel Albert G. Schmedeman, U.S. Army.

A notable feature of this visit was the decorating of the colors of the Corps. General Carvalho, on behalf of the Minister of War of Brazil, decorated at a brigade formation the colors of the Corps with the Brazilian Order of Merit. It is thought that this occasion marked the first time in history that the colors received the decoration of a foreign government; and thus was welded another link in the chain of Pan-American friendship.

On behalf of the Military Academy General Wilby graciously responded to General Carvalho's speech of presentation in the following words:

"General Carvalho:

"On behalf of the United States Military Academy may I express to you, and through you to the government of Brazil, our thanks and deep sense of appreciation for the high honor you have bestowed today upon the colors of the United States Corps of Cadets.

"This Cross of the Brazilian Order of Military Merit is received in the spirit in which it is given, as a symbol of the brotherhood in arms existing between our two Armies and as an expression of the hope of the youth of Brazil and of the United States that the sacrifices of this generation shall not have been in vain.

"Presented on this September 7th, a day celebrated throughout the great nation of Brazil in commemoration of the coming of her Independence of the year 1822, this cross will forever be a symbol of the undying friendship of our two nations.

"Will you, General Carvalho, convey to the cadets of the Military School of Agulhas Negras the greetings and grateful appreciation of the cadets of West Point? As we stand together in the battle lines of today, so tomorrow we shall build together a future founded on peace, security and opportunity for all."

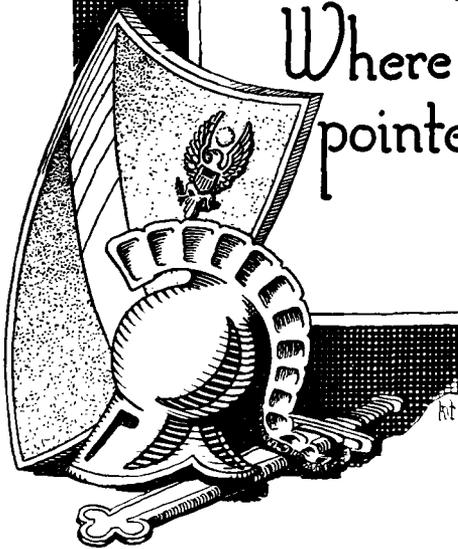


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PRESENTED TO THE  
UNITED STATES WAR ACADEMY  
BY A PRIVATE CITIZEN  
A VETERAN OF THE CIVIL WAR

# *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  
October  
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## “Be Thou At Peace”

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ARDERY, E. D.	1906	FEBRUARY 8, 1941	6
BACHE, W. H.	1932	FEBRUARY 7, 1943	8
BLACK, R. D., JR.	1932	NOVEMBER 14, 1942	9
BREWER, J. H.	1921	MAY 12, 1943	7
CLOUD, E. H.	1934	MAY 29, 1943	12
EPLER, R. B.	1933	JANUARY 23, 1944	10
FOY, R. C.	1899	FEBRUARY 6, 1944	5
GATES, C. S.	1933	MARCH 4, 1944	11
GIMPERLING, J. E.	1942	AUGUST 23, 1942	14
HEDEKIN, C. A.	1888	JANUARY 30, 1944	4
HOCKER, J. K.	JANUARY, 1943	JULY 10, 1943	15
LOCKE, F. E.	1941	AUGUST 13, 1942	13
WALKER, H. C., III.	1939	FEBRUARY 24, 1941	12
WAUGH, G. F.	1905	FEBRUARY 23, 1944	6
WOOD, C. E. S.	1874	JANUARY 22, 1911	3

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## Charles Erskine Scott Wood

NO. 2532 CLASS OF 1874

Died January 22, 1944, at Los Gatos, California, aged 91 years.

At the time of the death of Charles Erskine Scott Wood he was West Point's oldest graduate. Had he lived twenty-nine more days he would have been ninety-two years old. But he would have been the first to say, indeed he did say it in the foreword to his uncompleted Autobiography, that years in themselves mean nothing. Their importance is measured by their content. It is because he brimmed the near century of his life with so much and so shining a content that one can indicate but a small part of it in these limited pages.

He was born in Erie, Pennsylvania, on February 20, 1852. His Mother was Rose Carson, a descendant of the famous Scottish Erskines. His Father, Dr. William Maxwell Wood, of English descent, was the first Surgeon General of our Navy, an office created for him because of his distinguished services as fleet surgeon for the Atlantic blockading squadron during the Civil War.

Charles Erskine Scott Wood, appointed to West Point by General Grant in 1870, graduated from that institution in 1874. He was almost immediately assigned to duty on the Pacific Coast. There, in the Department of the Columbia, he became a member of General Howard's staff, serving under that General's leadership in the Nez Perce, Bannock and Piute Indian campaigns. Before the outbreak of the first of these he was sent to Alaska by General Howard as military escort to a young Chicago gentleman who desired to climb Mt. St. Elias for scientific purposes. The young man, frustrated in this attempt, returned home but Col. Wood, then Lieutenant Wood, decided to remain and explore certain still unmapped portions of Alaska.

While awaiting a reply to his application for extended leave, for the above purpose, he set out on some preliminary explorations, the first white man to set foot in regions described in his Century Magazine articles some years later.

Returning to Sitka to meet the boat bringing the answer to his application for extended leave, he found it had been granted but, in the same mail, learned of the outbreak of the Nez Perce Indians and that his regiment had been ordered into the field against them. He therefore chose to return to his military duties.

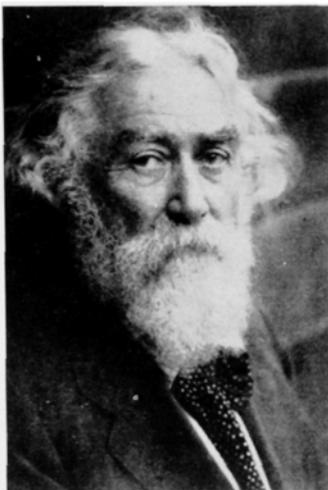
After the defeat of the Nez Percés, Col. Wood was given custody of Chief Joseph, the beginning of a long and understanding friendship between that great Indian and the then young Lieutenant. But for Col. Wood's careful recording of Chief Joseph's great surrender speech this brief document, as simple as it is noble and moving, would have been lost.

During his years in the army Col. Wood read Law. Then, later, restive under the conviction that the Indians had been unjustly treated, robbed of

their lands without proper compensation and, afterward, by a corrupt Indian ring in the Government, of even the blankets, horses and other vital equipment for which Congress had voted appropriations, and fully persuaded that he was unfitted for a military career, he decided to enter the legal profession. To that end he returned to the Atlantic Coast and registered in the Law Department of Columbia University.

While a student at Columbia, he was Adjutant of the Military Academy, living at West Point with his family of wife and two children, one of whom was born there, for in 1876 he had married Nannie Moale Smith, a sparkling and vivacious belle of Washington and Baltimore.

With an increasing family and no money, he eventually opened his Law office in Portland, Oregon, where, during the time he had been stationed across the river at Vancouver, Washington, he had made many friends. His rise was spectacular but also sound. He won his first admiralty case, a case considered hopeless by all the older men in the profession in and



around Portland, and woke one morning to find himself locally famous. He became the foremost admiralty lawyer on the Pacific Coast, known everywhere for the brilliance and vigor of his prosecution, his wit, his impassioned earnestness which never clouded in analytical clarity of his mind. Some of his cases, both in and out the field of admiralty law are now part of the history and even of the romance of the West Coast. At one time Judge Williams, the Attorney General under President Lincoln, was a senior member of his firm. His title of "Colonel" was a militia title, given him by the Governor of Oregon for his services in organizing the Oregon State militia.

During these busy years, though trying momentous cases on whose outcome large sums and future legal precedents depended, he nevertheless found time for activity in the interest of social and political betterment. He was an active member of the group who instigated and brought to pass the so-called "Oregon system" of Initiative and Referendum and direct election of Senators, thereby eliminating much corruption. He was constantly in de-

mand for speeches, some of which are still remembered. He had a private office apart from his Law offices and unknown to the public to which he would retire to paint and write. At one time, under various pseudonyms, he contributed to each issue of *The Pacific Monthly* an article, a story, a book review, a column of contemporary comment and a poem, all without remuneration because a friend had invested a large sum in the magazine which was not prospering. Few, if any, detected the one hand in the many contributions.

While still at the height of his legal fame and success, the urge to give the remaining years of his life entirely to creative writing became irresistible. He retired from the Law and moved to California. There, having previously separated from his first wife, he and his second wife, Sara Bard Field, a poet and writer, built at Los Gatos, high in the Santa Cruz hills, their home called *The Cats* because of two colossal cats carved in stone that mark, at the highway intersection, the road leading steeply up to the dwelling which overlooks the beautiful Santa Clara fruit-raising valley.

In this peaceful abode the last twenty years of Col. Wood's abundant life continued to bear fruit. His *Heavenly Discourse* and his less known but most important work, *The Poet In The Desert* had already been published, but in these latter years Col. Wood was to see *Heavenly Discourse* go through many editions and be included in English courses in some Universities with the satires of Swift, Voltaire and Anatole France. Parts of *The Poet In The Desert* are in many leading Anthologies. His *Indian Tales* were published in these years, having been privately printed before. Also was written *Too Much Government* and *Earthly Discourse*, a companion to *Heavenly Discourse*. At *The Cats* he also completed, among several lesser dramatic works, his play, *Circe* called by an eminent dramatic critic and producer "one of the four noblest plays written in our time." This play still awaits publication. He wrote much poetry in these years, only a small portion of which has been published: *Poems From the Ranges*. There was a private Grabhorn Press printing of a small volume of *Selected Poems*, uniting some of his and his wife's work under one cover with an introduction by James R. Caldwell of The University of California and also a Grabhorn Press printing of his beautiful *Sonnets To Sappho*. It is hoped that much of his unpublished work will be brought out in the years to come.

Although his Publisher had long implored him to write the story of his rich and varied life, his vanity was subordinate to his interest in many other literary and artistic labors. He almost completed *The Acquisition of California*, an important document giving the historical background of his Father's brief but Homeric part in that acquisition. He was obliged to lay this manuscript aside because increasing visual difficulties made the still necessary research impossible.

When nearly ninety Col. Wood decided to attempt his Autobiography. He had never used a typewriter, composing with his pen which he now

could no longer do because of failing sight. Courageously facing the new medium of a dictaphone he began his life story which came to a too premature final period because he never recovered sufficiently from a slight stroke in May, 1943 to continue his work.

This record of some of his activities and works reflects too palely the man's character and personality. Wherever he went these were forcibly felt. When he died there came to wife and children letters representing a cross section of humanity. They came from people of all colors, races, classes, ages and religions, from conservatives and liberals and radicals. They all said one thing: what Col. Wood had meant to them as individuals and to his generation as a whole. I think no man was ever more loved not only by family and friends but even by strangers. People paused to watch him pass down the street and this writer has frequently been stopped by strangers asking with reverence who might this man of beneficent face and noble bearing be. Children called him "Santa Claus" and servants said "he has been a Father to me". He had gentleness and courage. All his life he defended the underdog. Rooted deep in Jeffersonian Americanism, he passionately fought against any infringement of constitutional rights and liberties. Injustice and cruelty were his arch enemies. To counteract ignorance and ugliness his preoccupation. He could not be long in any place without beautifying it. His largesse was spread all around him. He was at home with rich and poor, capitalist and laborer, the famous and obscure but most of all with artists and intellectuals. He was, as one writer has said of him, in himself "an era and a realm." And a young Filipino now in the service writes: "I saw in his heart a burning candle for the common man."

Four children of the five born to him by his first wife, survive him. They are Erskine Wood, a distinguished lawyer of Portland, Oregon, Nan Wood Honeyman, former U.S. Congresswoman from Oregon, now collector of the port of Portland, Lisa Wood Smith of San Raphael, Calif., and Berwick B. Wood of Portland. His second son, Wm. Maxwell Wood, died in 1920. He has many grandchildren and great grandchildren and a stepdaughter, Katherine Field Caldwell of Berkeley, Calif.

He was pleased to place on request in the West Point Library his published works. Through them he will influence the thinking of present and future cadets, the only memorial he would desire. He wrote in *The Poet In The Desert*

*I know I, too, am a sentinel  
Imperious as Orion,  
Set upon a celestial watch;*

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*A sentinel pacing the star-built battle-  
ments*

*Of Eternity,*

*Charged with obligation to the dead  
And those to come.*

*I will be honorably relieved of my  
guard*

*When the burden of the night is heavy  
And the Morning Star pales in the  
East.*

—S. B. F. W.

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## Charles Aloysius Hedekin

NO. 3251 CLASS OF 1888

Died January 30, 1944, at Washington,  
D. C., aged 78 years.

**C**HARLES ALOYSIUS HEDEKIN—"Kid"  
Hedekin to you of '88 who are still on deck and able to take notice—was born at Fort Wayne, Indiana, December 9, 1865. He entered the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York, June, 1884 and graduated therefrom June 11, 1888.

His four years at the Academy were full of excitement. Some of the time he spent on the Area, some in confinement—light prison it was called in those days—but always he was full of the joy of living, especially when it came to outwitting the "tacs". He was, without doubt, the best boxer at the Academy during his four years, an outstanding gymnast and the only cadet who could chin himself with one hand. Several years later, when



James A. Corbett was preparing for his match with John L. Sullivan, Hedekin was one of the men with whom Corbett loved to practice, and when Corbett won the crown from Sullivan in 1892, Hedekin was in a ring-side seat, cheering for the new champion.

There was a widely spread rumor at the Point in that June of '88 that at the final examinations before the Board of Visitors in the old Library, Hedekin was given a subject in Ordnance and Gunnery which required him to draw and describe certain instruments. He was stumped, but not dismayed. Stumped, because he had no idea what the instruments looked like, but not dismayed because he saw that time was on his side and that the bugle would blow before the Academic Board could get to him. So he drew a beautiful box with the lid half open—he was a real artist—and when the instructor, sensing the unspoken drama, asked, "What about the instruments, Mr. Hedekin?", Hedekin replied, "Why, they are all in the box, Sir, carefully packed away."

Now the time about which we are writing was when General Wesley Merritt was "Supe", when one wore a dress coat at all formations, except during riding drills, when the Corps was about 275 strong, when "Army Blue" was still sung with lusty gusto by those about to don it and the furlough lads met at old Fort Clinton to celebrate their soon to be spree. Years later, Hedekin, when in a nostalgic mood, often remarked that he could not understand why he and the rest of his classmates had not been able to more thoroughly appreciate the beauty of the Point and the high ideals there inculcated.

Upon graduation June 11, 1888 he was commissioned a 2d Lieutenant in the 3d Cavalry, in which regiment he spent 23 years of his life. From March 1891 to May 1892 he was on duty with the Intercontinental Railway Commission. This duty took him through the Central American States and he always spoke of it as one of the most instructive, interesting and professionally satisfactory details of his long career. During the Garza Revolution of '92 and '93, at which time renegade Mexican soldiers were driven across the Rio Grande into Texas by Mexican troops of General Porfirio Diaz, Hedekin served with high distinction in Troop "A" of the 3d Cavalry, covering many thousand miles of Texas territory in pursuit of bands of marauders. During all this time he rode a highly bred horse, beautifully trained by him and a jumper which even in these days would have cleared the stiffest fences in the hunting field or the highest jumps at the horse shows. One of the hardest blows he received during his early service in the then Oklahoma Territory was when this mount, which he had so carefully trained and cared for during his hard riding days in Texas, was seriously injured in a night maneuver at Fort Reno and had to be shot.

His three years at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, passed all too quickly. It was the period between strenuous service on the Texas Border, the then Oklahoma Territory and the war with Spain. After a brief period of service at Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont, and Augusta, Georgia, he spent the next two years at Fort Sheridan, Illinois and Fort Myer, Virginia.

In December, 1898, he married Miss Adelaide Drew at the home of her brother in Brooklyn, New York. This was, without doubt, the best thing he ever did. Their eldest son, Tom, was born in September, 1899 and David in March, 1905. The former is now a colonel in England, preparing his command for the invasion. David, an all around athlete, was killed in a polo game at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, in 1938. A terrible blow to his parents and to the host of those who called him friend.

After serving for two years at various stations in Ilocos Sur, Philippine Islands, he returned to the United States in May, 1902, and went to Fort Apache, Arizona, in command of Troop "G". During this time he served as a member of the Cavalry Rifle Team, Northern Division. From Jan-

uary, 1906 to January, 1908 he served with his regiment at Camp Stotsenburg, Philippine Islands. Upon return with the 3d Cavalry to this country, he was stationed at Fort Clark, Texas and Fort Sam Houston, Texas, until promoted. After his promotion, and before his departure from the regiment in which he had served for so many years, the officers of the regiment tendered him a farewell dinner. His superiors admired him and said so, while his juniors expressed the hope that some day they themselves might be held in such esteem and that their record might be such as his. The noncommissioned officers of the regiment called on him in a body to congratulate him on a well earned promotion and to bid him goodbye and good luck. He left the 3d in September, 1911 to proceed to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, to take command of the 2d Squadron, 15th Cavalry. After completing the special course for field officers at the Army Service School, Fort Leavenworth, he went to Fort Riley, Kansas, where he graduated from the Mounted Service School.

In July, 1912, he went to the Army War College, Washington, D. C., from which he graduated in 1913. So during two short years the Major had attended and graduated from the three schools then functioning for field officers. After graduation from the War College he was placed on duty with the Militia Division of the War Department. From August through October, 1914 he was busily engaged in work dealing with the relief of American tourists who were stranded abroad when World War I caught so many of them without funds or means of transportation home. He then came home and resumed his duty with the Militia Division. In 1916 he accompanied the 4th Cavalry to Schofield Barracks, Hawaii and upon returning to the United States in July, 1917, assumed command of the 13th Cavalry at Fort Riley, Kansas. He took that outfit to border duty on the Rio Grande and Fort Sam Houston, Texas. He stayed with it until ordered to Washington, D. C., as Executive Officer, War Plans Division, War Department General Staff. He was promoted June 26, 1918 to Brigadier General, assigned to Camp Lee, Virginia, in command of replacements and the 155th Depot Brigade. With his usual efficiency he did a swell job and was highly commended therefor. In October, 1919, he assumed command of the 15th Cavalry and in February, 1920, was named commander of the 7th Cavalry at El Paso, Texas. He retired August 5, 1920, at his own request, after over thirty years service. Such is a brief outline of the military service of Charles A. Hedekin and now for a short resume of his life from then until he answered the final roll call, January 30, 1944, at Washington, D. C.

Always a home body, and no longer at the beck and call of the military authorities, he and Mrs. Hedekin proceeded to look for a home which they could call their own. They finally located in Bethesda, Maryland, just what they had been seeking and in a lovely house spent some seven years of quiet, peaceful living. In 1930 they sold the house and sailed for Europe,

expecting to be gone for months of travel through Belgium, France and other countries. But he became sick and they returned to the United States, arriving in New York the latter part of February, 1931. He was ill at Walter Reed for some four months. After recuperation they again sailed for Europe, this time via the Mediterranean, landing in Naples. Leisurely sightseeing and traveling through Italy, Switzerland and Germany brought them back, after ten delightful months, to the United States in October, 1933. During the following four years they spent the summers in New England, the winters in Florida and Georgia. But the yen for a home was still as strong as ever, so in 1938 they built and moved into the house in Glenbrook Road in which they spent the last years of his life. On February 1, 1944 he was buried near the grave of his son, David.

*God Rest His Soul in Peace.*

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### Robert Cherry Foy

NO. 3929 CLASS OF 1899

*Died February 6, 1944, at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, aged 67 years.*

**R**OBERT CHERRY FOY was born in Eufaula, Alabama on August 20, 1876. He was graduated from the High School in Eufaula and matriculated at the Alabama Polytechnic



Institute, at Auburn, Alabama, where he was graduated June 12, 1894 with the degree of Bachelor of Science.

It was our good fortune, as well as his, that Bob was appointed a cadet to the United States Military Academy. He reported for duty on June 15, 1895. Almost four years later, February 15, 1899, he was graduated with his class and assigned as second lieutenant of Infantry in the United States Army.

Early in our "Plebe" year, Bob was elected Class President and exercised the functions of this office with distinction during the remainder of his life. His engaging personality endeared him to all of his associates. His sound judgment and his steady influence, in the conduct of the affairs of the class during our "Cadet Days",

were largely responsible for the esteem of contemporary classes for the class of 1899.

He was an average student in academic work, but a star on the athletic field. He was a star tackle on the varsity teams of 1895, 1897 and 1898. Many "Old Timers" will remember with pleasure his great offensive and defensive play against Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Lehigh and Brown, major teams in those days. In the Fall of 1899 Bob returned to West Point to assist in coaching the football team which was due to finish its season at Franklin Field, Philadelphia with a game against the Naval Academy football team. In passing, it may be noted that West Point won this game against a heavier, more experienced Annapolis team. This year also was marked by the initiation of the so-called graduate coach system for football at West Point.

In December of 1899 Bob Foy transferred from the infantry to the cavalry in which branch he served until he transferred to the field artillery in January of 1917. On March 1, 1935 he was appointed Brigadier General and was retired in this grade for physical disability in line of duty on December 30, 1939. A detailed account of his military history is beyond the scope of this testimonial. Briefly, his service covered many fields of activity including Cuba during the Spanish-American war, the Philippines, France and Germany during World War I, Roumania, Turkey, the Hawaiian Islands and of course continental United States. His duty assignments included student at the Army School of the Line, the Mounted Service School, the Field Artillery School, the Army War College and Acting Assistant Chief of Staff G-2 of the War Department General Staff and all commands in the hierarchy of command to Brigadier General. In the performance of his military duties, Bob Foy displayed those characteristics which distinguished him among his fellow cadets at the inception of his military life—namely—sound judgment, initiative, decision, human understanding, leadership.

Robert Cherry Foy and Helene Hummel Foy were married at San Antonio, Texas, August 11, 1923. This marriage was a happy one. In their home the visitor found congenial companionship.

On his retirement from active service the Foy's bought an estate at Boerne, Texas, thirty miles northwest of San Antonio where Bob lived the life of a country gentleman with Helene. They maintained open house for their many friends. Here, members of '99 who resided in San Antonio and the vicinity were frequent visitors.

In the Fall of 1943 Bob was stricken with what appeared to be a minor illness and entered Brooke General Hospital at Fort Sam Houston, Texas for treatment. His illness became more serious as time passed and on February 6th, 1944, culminated in his death. He met this crisis as he had met all crises in his life—bravely. He is survived by his wife, Helene, to whom the Class of '99 extends its heartfelt sympathy.

*We will always remember him.*

*—His Classmates.*

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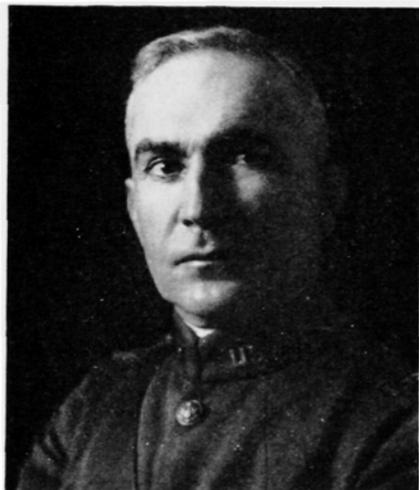
## George Frank Waugh

NO. 4419 CLASS OF 1905

*Died February 23, 1944, at Presidio of San Francisco, California, aged 65 years.*

It is entirely fitting that one so fired with patriotism and sense of duty as Winkie Waugh should have been born on the Fourth of July in the year 1878 in Lowell, Massachusetts.

He graduated from the Lowell High School and as a Captain of the High School Cadets was awarded a sword for having the best appearing company. He went to Norwich University for one year and left in May 1898 to enlist in Company "C", 6th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry when war was declared against Spain. He saw service in Puerto Rico and contracted yellow fever. When invalided back to the United States he escaped from the hospital ship and rejoined his organization. When he finally returned to the United States he was in a serious



physical condition and was ill for over one year.

When Winkie regained his health he was given an appointment to the Military Academy in appreciation of his services and he entered the Academy June 19, 1900. Two years later he joined the Class of 1905 and graduated with that Class, June 13, 1905. Throughout his years as a cadet he excelled in Drawing and he played football on the "scrubs" and directed their activities as quarterback.

Upon graduation he was assigned to the 15th Infantry and accompanied that regiment to the Philippine Islands where he saw active service in Mindanao. In 1910 he went to Alaska with the 16th Infantry and in October 1911 while one hundred miles from St. Michael he received advice by telegraph he had been promoted to 1st Lieutenant and he was directed to report immediately to the Commanding Officer, 27th Infantry, for duty. The order came too late for him to catch the last boat out for the year. In order to comply with the order he secured a famous Siberian dog racing team and traveled one thousand miles in twenty-one days across country to

catch a steamer at Cordova in January. The story of his trip is told in "Alone Across Alaska" in the December 1912 issue of World's Work.

After his experience in Alaska, Winkie graduated from the Army Signal School in 1913.

In World War I he was made a Major in August 1917 and a Lieutenant Colonel one year later. Prior to the Armistice he held important assignments in the United States but he got to France in June 1919 and was with the Rents Requisitions and Claims Service and remained in France until June 1922 with the Graves Registration Service. In the latter service he was Chief of Maintenance and responsible for the appearance of 500 cemeteries in France. He graduated from the Command and General Staff School in 1923 and from the Tank School in 1924.

Until his retirement for disability in line of duty in February 1928 he served at Fort Howard, Maryland, Fort Strong, Massachusetts and Camp Devens, Massachusetts.

After his retirement he traveled with his wife and baby daughter in the United States and Canada for about one year. Later he and his family traveled extensively in the Far East, Australia, Africa and India and lived in Cyprus for a time. In India they lived in the Himalayas and on the border of Western Tibet. Winkie spent most of his time hunting leopard and other big game as well as trout fishing.

In the Nilgiris, Southern India, Winkie got the largest tiger that had ever been shot in India. His success as a hunter is the more remarkable as most of his hunting was done on a shoestring. He generally took a few house servants, very little paraphernalia, relied on native food, carried only the necessities and went on foot.

After leaving Cyprus, Winkie and his family settled in the Adirondacks near Malone, New York but after his experiences abroad he found deer shooting rather tame. He and his family spent a great deal of time in Europe and Tripoli. They returned to this country from Italy in the summer of 1939.

When this country got into the war he offered his services but his physical condition did not permit him to be placed on active duty. He gave to those in authority the benefit of his experiences in Alaska and elsewhere.

In the fall of 1943 he was on a fishing trip in California when the main artery to the heart was damaged and he was in Letterman General Hospital for two months. He died on February 23, 1944 while at the Presidio of San Francisco for a check-up.

Winkie, a courageous soul, not only "dared to die" but he dared to live. He was ill for many years and few men have had a fuller life or accomplished more regardless of obstacles. Typical of his life is the comment of Brigadier General Marion P. Maus on Winkie's trip across Alaska, " \* \* \* this officer has those qualities of determination and ability to conduct difficult operations with success."

He is survived by his widow and a daughter, Anne Huntly Waugh, who is a senior in The San Francisco College for Women. Accounts of his hunting

experiences may be found in articles as follows; "Is Tiger Shooting a Sport" in Outdoor Life, March 1933 and in "Old One Eye" appearing in Field and Stream, January 1934. Mrs. Waugh has an interesting article "Black Magic in the Himalayas" in Travel, November 1931.

—Classmate.

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## Edward Dahl Ardery

NO. 4459 CLASS OF 1906

*Died February 8, 1944, at Washington, D. C., aged 59 years.*

COLONEL EDWARD D. ARDERY, Corps of Engineers, U.S. Army, beloved member of the class of 1906, passed from this world at the Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D. C., February 8, 1944, after a short illness.

He was born at Virginia City, Nevada, July 12, 1884; graduated from the local high school; and, from there, came directly to West Point, a month



before he turned his 18th year. There were only six companies in the Corps of Cadets, then less than 500 strong, and due to his short stature, he stood in the very middle of the line, as the tallest were in A and F companies. From this fact came the familiar name "Microbe", applied to him by his classmates all through his life and used by him as his affectionate signature.

There were many older men in the class, some of whom had graduated from college before entering the Academy. The competition was stiff and constant, and Nevada had not fully prepared him for the task. However, that industry and persistence which characterized him always kept him near the top, and brought him, at graduation, seventh in the class of seventy-eight graduates. We shall not forget his receiving his diploma from William H. Taft, whose great bulk towered above the "Microbe" and made such an exceptional contrast.

His early service began at San Francisco in 1906, and a year later found him at Pantar and Momungen in Mindanao, P. I., while I was at Jolo. We exchanged messages not infrequently,

by means of traveling classmates and friends. After a year in the bosque, he finished his tour of duty at Corregidor, and returned to serve four full years at Washington Barracks, D. C. With this field and school and travel experience, he took over the District Engineer work in New York Harbor, where I found him, again, in 1913, when I was Engineer Officer at Fort Totten. He reached the grade of Captain on this District task.

The First World War found so many of our traveling citizens stranded in Europe that the U.S. Battleship "Tennessee" was sent to their relief, taking many Army officers, including Ardery, to central cities of Europe to handle funds and transportation; and from this experience he was partly convinced of our eventual entry into the conflict. The three years following were spent on Engineer work in New York and Norfolk harbors, in part preparation for the mission which later was to be his.

In October, 1917, he went to France as Assistant to the Chief of Chemical Warfare; became C.W.S. officer of the 2nd Corps; and later, of the First Army. By June, 1918, he had reached the temporary grade of Colonel, U.S. Army, and returned to the States to take over an Engineer regiment. Before he could return to France, the end of the conflict became apparent, and he was kept in the U.S.A. He then assisted the Chief of Engineers to close out his war commitments and to return the Engineer Department to a peacetime basis.

In March, 1920, he dropped his temporary grade, and, in 1921, as a Major, went to Los Angeles to help develop San Pedro-Long Beach Harbor, and to prepare the Pacific Coast against invasion from the sea by the enemy. He made an enviable record, both in harbor and fortification work.

In June, 1924, he began three years of troop duty with the 6th Engineers at Camp Lewis, Washington. Then he came back to the Ohio River, building and operating the peculiar sets of dams and locks for 300 miles up and down, from Huntington, Virginia.

In December, 1930, as a Lieutenant Colonel, he undertook two more years of foreign service, in command of the 11th Engineers at Corozal, Panama; four more years of the 2nd Engineer District, New York; looking after Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands; then the Atlantic Coast harbors and rivers and ports of New York and New Jersey; and, later, the many hopeful projects of engineers, Senators and Congressmen. He reached the grade of Colonel in August, 1935.

In 1936, he went on Corps Area Staff duty as Engineer Officer, 5th Corps Area, Ft. Hayes, Ohio, and, in 1940, went to his final, and one of his best, tasks—Professor of Military Science and Tactics at State College, Pennsylvania.

On September 18, 1917, he married Florence Cochrane, and they had Ann (who married John T. Gilmore, now overseas on a new and greater war than her father saw in 1917-18), and a son, Edward R. (who graduated from the U.S.M.A. in the class of 1943 and is Lieutenant of Engineers like his father, ready to take his part in the world struggle).

That is the more or less official story, as I have roughly interpreted my

notes and those of Florence, his beloved wife. However, in his 201 file there are many fine letters of praise and commendation for numerous jobs well done; for many deeds of military nature on Boards and Committees, which have his name proudly written across their records; and for services above and beyond the call of duty, from men and women of his time who have been happy to make his splendid services of record. Not in his file are the many beautiful letters that came to Florence Ardery, from his old friends, students, officers and soldiers, all over the world—trying to express to her their appreciation of his many kindnesses and his help in their lives.

I should like to say of him that he was strong in body, keen in mind, whimsical in disposition, and full of confidence in, and affection for, those who shared his work and his play. Whether he was hunting pigs on the dangerous trails of Mindanao, succoring distressed fellow-citizens in the harbors of Holland, designing movable dams and locks on the capricious Ohio or Monongahela, or singing with classmates around the friendly reunion gatherings, he never was at a loss for a good word—never too tired to help along a deficient or distressed classmate, or a worthy cause—and never in any other role than that of a worthy officer and a respected gentleman.

We, of the Class of 1906, who remain to mourn for him, extend to Florence Ardery, his wife; to Ann Gilmore, his daughter; and to Edward, his son, our sympathy and our friendship, and, with them, cherish the memory of a lovable friend and classmate.

—Charles G. Mettler.

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### John Henry Brewer

NO. 7238 CLASS OF 1924

Died May 12, 1943, in the Southwest Pacific Area, aged 43 years.

JOHN HENRY BREWER was born in Norwich, Connecticut, on 3 April 1900. He attended Norwich Free Academy and Connecticut Agriculture College before entering West Point on 1 July 1920. As a cadet, "Honest John" distinguished himself by the apparent ease with which he mastered problems which caused many of the lesser accomplished to burn the midnight oil. He graduated among the first twenty in a class of over four hundred and chose the Signal Corps as his Branch.

As a result of his high class standing, John spent a part of his graduation leave, plus the following year, at Sheffield Scientific School, Yale University, studying Communication Engineering. He graduated in June 1925 with the degree of Master of Science. This course was followed by four years in the Sub-Aqueous Sound Laboratory at Fort Wright on Fisher's Island.

The next five years, except for nine months at the Signal School, were spent on active troop duty in Panama and the United States. It was during these years of training, strenuous

for peace time, that the well trained technician became the all-around officer. Years that were spent as a company officer, learning much and teaching others more made John the officer we knew—calm, cool and capable, possessing that sound judgment and ability which mark the real leader of men. These were characteristics which he was to need a few years later as the tasks became more difficult and responsibilities increased. It was during his tour in Panama that John married Catherine Cosgrove.

After another two year tour of foreign service in the Philippines, John became identified with Aircraft Warning service as that activity began to assume a position of importance just prior to the war. To him belongs much of the credit for the development and application of Air Warning tactics in the present war. The last years of his service were devoted exclusively to this most important work. How well he succeeded is known to many commanders in the field.

In September 1942 he was assigned to the Fighter Command of the Fifth Air Force and sent to the Southwest Pacific. The following November John



was promoted to the grade of Colonel. During the next few months he worked tirelessly to complete the aircraft warning system of New Guinea. It was for this very exceptional duty that he was awarded the Legion of Merit. The citation reads as follows:

"Colonel John H. Brewer, (0-15514), Signal Corps, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in \* \* \* \* from 28 November 1942 to 12 May 1943. As Signal Officer \* \* \* Colonel Brewer planned and organized \* \* \*. His courageous personal reconnaissance of the terrain involved, his technical expertness in meeting the operational requirements of the area, his energy and his personal character commanded the respect and devotion of his subordinates and enlisted the effective cooperation of allied military personnel. Colonel Brewer made an important contribution to the defense of \* \* \* \* and to the success of the \* \* \* \*"

On 12 May 1943 while on a flight between Port Moresby and Dobabura, John met his death in an accident. Thus ended the career of one of the most brilliant officers of the Signal

Corps. John is survived by his wife and one son, John H., Jr. Only those who knew John Brewer well can appreciate the full meaning of his loss to the Service. His outstanding brilliance and his ability to grasp the most difficult problems without apparent effort made victories easy for him. This, together with his quiet unassuming nature, caused many of his achievements to go unnoticed. But John was never one to seek credit. He preferred to walk quietly and with dignity among men, giving much and asking little. He had the respect and the friendship of all who came in contact with him and was especially popular with the men who served under him. Fair treatment without partiality, rewards commensurate with ability, and a sincere sympathetic understanding of their problems, were the qualities which endeared him to every man in his outfit.

During his many years of service John received many commendations, but they may all be summed up in the words of the Chief Signal Officer: "I have known Colonel Brewer for many years and served with him on several occasions. His efficiency and quiet way of going about the performance of his duties made him a valued officer in the Service. His untimely death while in the performance of his duties in New Guinea is keenly felt by the Army and particularly in the Signal Corps. The high esteem in which he was held in the theater where he was serving is evidenced by the posthumous award of the Legion of Merit by his theater commander."

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### William Hyatt Bache

NO. 9542 CLASS OF 1932

*Died February 7, 1943, in the Pacific Area, aged 34 years.*

**W**ILLIAM HYATT BACHE, or Bill, as he was better known to his classmates, was killed in an airplane accident on February 7, 1943. The crash occurred in the South Pacific while he was enroute to Australia as a member of the new Sixth Army under Lieutenant General Walter Krueger. Exact particulars as to location and circumstances are not for general knowledge, but need there be details—to know an untimely end came to one who had so much to live for is staggering enough.

Hyatt was born July 18, 1908, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He was the second son of Benjamin F. Bache and the late Cora H. Bache. His very early years were spent in Oklahoma, but he soon moved with his family to Florida where he attended public schools in Capitola and Live Oak. His great fondness for the military led him to leave school while in the 10th grade and enlist in the army. He enlisted in the 29th Infantry at Fort Benning, Georgia, and very soon thereafter attended West Point Prep School there. His standing in this course was high enough to enable him to go to the West Point Prep School at Fort McPherson, Georgia. After two years he received an Army appointment to West Point.

In academics he was no star, but plugged and worked hard for what he got. Hyatt knew what he wanted and all credit was his—perseverance and basically a conscientious nature was his. His work was unhurried, very thorough and never unfashionably eager.

Hyatt was possessed of a well developed physique. He was a member of the plebe lacrosse, track and swimming teams. Also he was on the "A" squad wrestling team in the winter of '31-'32. Furlo was spent as a counselor at a boys camp, Camp Hilltop, New York. His deepest interest however, was with the rifle team, of which he was a member for three years and managed both indoor and outdoor teams.

On graduation he chose the Infantry. In his mind the Infantry was the real life of a soldier and his happiest army days were when participating in any activities connected with the Infantry. Hyatt's first assignment was with the 29th Infantry at Fort Benning. Needless to say this outfit was quite close to his heart. He was with the 29th until September, 1934.



During this time he spent nine months on C.C.C. duty at Sebring, Florida. After attending the Infantry School Hyatt was assigned to the 45th Infantry at Fort McKinley, Philippine Islands. The last eighteen months of this tour were spent at Pettit Barracks, Zamboanga. Returning to the continental United States in 1938 he was assigned to the 10th Infantry at Fort Hayes, Ohio. In September of that year he was given a four year detail in the Signal Corps. In June of 1939 Hyatt was ordered to the 2nd Division at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. While with the 2nd Division Hyatt served with the 2nd Signal Company, organized the 3rd Operations Company, served with the 3rd Radio Intelligence Company and the 122nd Radio Intelligence Company—later being assigned to duty with the Third Army Headquarters in San Antonio, Texas. It was during this assignment that he was Signal Officer, Headquarters Southern Defense Command. In April of 1942 Hyatt was ordered to Fort Leavenworth to take the Staff Officers Course before being sent to the newly organized 88th Infantry Division at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma of which he was the division signal

officer. In January 1943 he left the 88th Division for the Third Army again where the then secret plans for the Sixth Army were being put into effect. Hyatt was to have been Signal Executive Officer for the Sixth Army.

Hyatt managed time for outside activities—while at Benning his recreation interests were centered mainly on horses—many were the hours spent on Sunday morning hunts and Saturday afternoon jumping competitions. He was a great lover of the out-of-doors, especially in the southern climates. Each hunting season found his hunting urge unsatisfied until his rifle had been put to use. An enthusiastic sportsman—but above all a clean sportsman. Camping trips were the high lights of his life. One of the most memorable being the one he and his wife took starting at the headwaters of the Swanee River in southern Georgia in the Okeefonoke Swamps. This trip was made in a 16 foot row boat; taking eight days and only going half way down the river, but it was his intention to complete the trip to the Gulf someday. Other favorite spots were the handball courts and the golf course.

While attending the Infantry School Hyatt wrote a weekly column for the Benning Herald known as "School Echoes" and under the name of Borne T. Wright. It was while here that his interest for radio started. A true "ham" was born and many long nights were spent trying for DX. At Zamboanga it was KA9WB; at Fort Monmouth W2LRS; and at Fort Sam Houston it was W5IQP.

Hyatt married Marilou Clark, an army brat, daughter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. Robert W. Clark, class of 1911, on May 30, 1933. In June, 1939 they adopted five months old Margaret Clark Bache, and in January, 1940 they adopted six months old Robert Hyatt Bache. In December 1941 William Allan Bache was born to them at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. All are fine, healthy youngsters and at the time of this writing Marilou and children are living at 212 Morris Avenue, Sarasota, Florida, near her father and mother. Hyatt's sense of responsibility to his family was beyond ordinary standard. His love for his children was the guiding light of his life.

Those who had served with Hyatt hastened to express their sorrow and sense of personal loss. They are of both high and low degree, but all are equal in their affection for a man whom they respected because his sympathy and understanding reached out to them, and whom they admired because he possessed the character and attainments that command admiration.

General Krueger wrote from Australia "The news that your husband was among those missing in the air accident came as a tremendous shock to me and to every member of my staff.

"I would like you to know that my comrades and I grieve with you and that we too have suffered a great loss. Your fine husband endeared himself to all his comrades and associates. His personality, his sterling character, his unselfish devotion to duty, and his unquestioned loyalty made him an outstanding officer, a credit to the service and to his country."

Major General Dawson Olmstead, at the time Chief Signal Officer wrote "His exceptional service may be attested to by referring to his rapid promotion from First Lieutenant to Lieutenant Colonel since entering the Signal Corps. The appraisal made of your husband in a letter of commendation which reads: 'excellent discipline and splendid appearance of his command and exceptional initiative and special aptitude for always looking ahead' was shared by all his fellow officers. It is needless to say we will suffer immensely by the untimely loss of an officer of such superior qualifications."

Major General John E. Sloan, Commanding General of the 88th Infantry Division wrote, in part, "We looked upon Bache as one of our own Rangers and as a member of our own little group for whom we had the utmost admiration and in whom we had the utmost confidence. We are all going to miss him. His work indicates to me all the more necessity for us to push this job and to get it done."

"Please remember that we looked upon Bache as the first of the Rangers to pay the supreme sacrifice."

Colonel George H. Decker, the Chief of Staff of the Third Army, wrote "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 and on his country. To all who knew him, William Bache, 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."

Colonel Harry Reichelderfer, Signal Officer, Sixth Army wrote, in part, "It is beyond my power to write a eulogy, but I want you to know that we feel that we have lost not only a true friend, but more than that, one who will never be replaced in our memories. We shall miss his cheery enthusiasm around the headquarters and I will always remember the painstaking care with which he undertook to make my job less strenuous. I feel that the Army has lost an officer, who had only just started on a most promising career. I can only hope that the high regard of his fellow officers and the esteem in which he was held by the enlisted men who served under him will to a small degree, comfort you in this tragic period."

Hyatt is survived by his father; by his wife; by his children; and by two brothers, Epps B. Bache and Benjamin A. Bache, and a sister, Mrs. Bache Shollar. Memories of meals cooked over an open camp fire, and of evenings at the home fireside spent in conversation, reading aloud, and romping, will always enrich the lives of his children. His wise understanding and companionship has formed a bond so strong that his family believes their best tribute to him is an effort to live with the same courage and integrity that characterized his life.

—M. C. B.

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## Roger Derby Black, Jr.

NO. 9350 CLASS OF 1932

Died November 14, 1942, at Washington, D. C., aged 34 years.

**R**OGER D. BLACK, JR., was born at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Like his father, the late Colonel Roger D. Black and his grandfather, Major General William Murray Black, Chief of Engineers during the World War, Roger continued his family West Point tradition by graduating from the Military Academy in 1932.

Roger's early schooling was received first at Fay School in Southborough, Massachusetts, and later at Saint Paul's in Concord, N. H. Upon graduation from Saint Paul's he worked for a year at the Banker's Trust Company in New York City. During this time he won his appointment to West Point through open competition in the New York National Guard. Prior to his entrance into the Military Acad-



emy in 1928, he spent one year at Braden's Preparatory School, Cornwall-on-Hudson, N. Y.

Roger's cadet days were the good hearty ones of a young man physically, mentally, and morally endowed to excell. Wearing stars for high academic standing in his first year, he continued to be outstanding, but so unselfish was he in coaching others through their schoolwork, that his own class standing suffered overall. He starred at ice hockey as a varsity player all four years and in addition he found time to be a member of the Gun Club and a Governor of the first Class Club. His military leadership was early recognized, with the result that in his first class year, he gained the distinction of being appointed cadet Battalion Commander. His classmates say of him, "The ease with which he controls people and situations has been a constant source of awe to us. . . Roger never has been too busy to lend a hand to those having trouble with academics".

Chosen as a Rhodes Scholar, Roger amazed and impressed his oral examiners by his candor. When he was

asked, "What have you read during your years at the Military Academy?" "Nothing but a magazine now and then," replied Roger. "I haven't been able to find time." Through his scholarship, he chose Magdalen College, Oxford, where for two years he studied Physics, and in his last year, the Modern Greats. While at Oxford he continued his athletic interests which included Squash, Rowing, and Ice Hockey. In the latter sport he won the coveted University "Blue".

On June 29th, 1935, he married Ruth Tovey in her home town in Cirencester, Glos., England. Their first station was with the 5th Field Artillery at Madison Barracks, N. Y. in 1935. Roger's services, destined to be both broad in scope and brilliant, continued at the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill in 1936. This was followed by a year abroad as student of the French language in Paris. At West Point Roger instructed in the Modern Languages Department for three years, and then in the Chemistry and Electricity Department in his last year. His help-the-other fellow trait, here bore full fruit as hundreds of cadets became acquainted with his generous nature, learning from him language, chemistry and hockey lessons and techniques. In addition they acquired a tendency to imitate those imponderable traits which a worthy graduate passes on to those at his Alma Mater.

During those West Point years the Blacks' son, Wilson Murray Black, was born in 1939 and their daughter, Susanna Derby Black, in 1941. Lieutenant Black was twice promoted when the period of national emergency was succeeded by war. In June, 1942, Washington called him to duty for which he was splendidly ready. Roger's assignment was to be Chief of Section for the British Isles, Intelligence Group, Military Intelligence Service, Washington, D. C. His enthusiasm was high as a whole world of effective diplomatic work spread before him. He was promoted to the grade of Lieutenant Colonel on November 3, 1942. Major General Strong, then Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, commended him thus:

"Colonel Black's record has been outstanding. In the course of his service he has established an enviable professional reputation. He was an officer in whom his superiors had every confidence. As Chief of the British Isles Branch he proved himself to be not only an able and efficient worker, but an inspiring leader who had earned the respect and devotion of his colleagues and subordinates."

Roger's already full and productive life and career, invaluable to his country, were tragically cut short when he was run down by a motorist while cycling on an errand near his Arlington home. He was buried at West Point with full military honors, eight of his classmates serving as honorary pallbearers. He is survived by his mother, his wife, and his two children.

Those who knew Roger Black will remember his habitually sunny disposition, his ready smile and his ever present willingness to help when the going became rough. His service to his country was more than honest and

faithful; wherever he was stationed and whatever his job he gave the best that he had, without thought of personal gain or glory.

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## Robin Bruce Epler

NO. 9898 CLASS OF 1933

*Died January 28, 1944, at Eglin Field, Florida, aged 35 years.*

THE passing of Robin Bruce Epler is a deep loss to his country. His last flight, made January 28, 1944, from Eglin Field, ended in a crash. He was buried February 3 with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery. At the time of his death he was deputy commander of one of America's most important military establishments. All who knew Colonel Epler loved and respected him.

Robin Bruce Epler was born in Brooklyn, Iowa, June 9, 1908, the first born son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen J. Epler. At the age of eight he was baptized by his father, a Christian minister.

The versatile career of this courageous flyer was one of steady achievement. He graduated from the Norton, Kansas, High School in 1926. Bruce attended Cotner College, Lincoln, Nebraska, 1926-1929, where he had the rare distinction of winning letters in four varsity sports—football, basketball, track and tennis.

His athletic record at West Point was spectacular. Bruce captained the Plebe basketball team, three years later he was varsity captain and received the distinction of being mentioned for All-American. His track performances in high and low hurdles, high and broad jumps contributed to many Army victories. His coach Leo V. Novak wrote:

"As a basketball player and track man Bruce always gave all he had. He was the backbone of the team. The Cadet Corps was not the same after he graduated. The Army will not be the same from now on. He was my number one cadet as well as friend and officer. I have never had a cadet with so many good qualities."

After graduation in 1933 Bruce received pilot training at Randolph and Kelly Fields. While there, he met the beautiful Amelia Maverick, a debutante that winter in San Antonio. They were married at St. Marks Episcopal church there on October 17, 1934. Amelia is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Maverick, Jr., and a descendant of Texas pioneer families. Two children, Amelia, now aged 8 and Fontaine, aged 5, completed the happy home life of this attractive couple. His devoted wife and children were stationed with him at Eglin Field at the time of his tragic death. The devotion for Bruce by his wife's family is well expressed in a letter from Lieutenant Albert Maverick, III:

"I cannot help but feel that we have lost the great member of our family and that that loss will be strongly felt throughout the rest of our life as a family entity".

Bruce was stationed at France Field, Canal Zone from December 1934 to May 1937, where he served as squadron officer and pilot. He returned to Kelly Field where he was instructor in observation aviation until September 1939. He acceded to the wishes of his family and transferred to Chemical Warfare Service and was stationed at Edgewood Arsenal as chief of the Munitions Development, Technical Division, until September, 1942.

Mr. Joseph Roberts, who served under him said:

"Colonel Epler's consideration and respect for others regardless of rank or position made me proud to serve under him. I have never seen anyone held in such high esteem by his associates. I never knew him to raise his voice or shout at anyone. Many of the enlisted men used to say to me, 'We're lucky to have a commanding officer like Colonel Epler. We'll never get another like him.'"

The following incidents related by Mr. Roberts were typical of Bruce and illustrate what Lieutenant Colonel Dan Parker, Bruce's classmate, meant when he said: "His guiding principle was the lack of all pretense and van-



ity". One day a corporal had just finished emptying all the wastebaskets of the operations office while Colonel Epler and two pilots were bending over a map. As the corporal opened the door, a wind sent the papers flying. A paper towel, still soggy with recent use, hit Colonel Epler smack in the face. The corporal gasped. Colonel Epler slowly removed the paper towel. He grinned, "Thanks, corporal, but I've already scrubbed my face with this towel once".

One hot July morning a red truck squealed to a sudden stop at the airport office. A captain dashed out carrying instructions from Washington for an immediate bombing test. Colonel Epler grabbed his parachute and rode on the truck's running board to the line. Husky Sergeant Lisicki explained: "The men are at chow, sir". "All right, you and I have a job" said Colonel Epler and grabbed a hundred pound bomb from the truck and made for the plane. Sergeant Lisicki followed suit. The captain with them lifted a bomb and winced. "Hey, truck driver!" he called. Civilian and captain together grabbed a bomb and

staggered toward the plane. Colonel and sergeant, muscles bulging, continued to load a bomb apiece. Soon the colonel was soaring to the successful completion of Washington's high priority mission.

After Pearl Harbor, Bruce decided he could be of more service as a flyer and requested transfer to the Air Forces. He was made Detachment Commander, Second Army Air Forces Ground Command Detachment at Edgewood, where he served until September 1943. He was transferred to Eglin Field and promoted to the rank of colonel. The promotion came while his wife and daughters were away. He did not mention it upon their return but soon little brown-eyed Amelia spied the eagles and proudly announced "Mama, look, Daddy is a colonel now".

At Eglin he was Deputy Commander, Technical Army Air Force Proving Ground Command, in charge of all flying activities. His commanding officer, Brigadier General Grandison Gardner wrote:

"I felt almost as badly over his death as if he had been a member of my own family. He was considered one of the best officers in the Air Forces. I placed great confidence in Colonel Epler and feel that an adequate replacement will never be found".

He re-established the self confidence of many jittery young flyers. His concern for the welfare of his men was shown by his unusual interest in forced landings. He required his flyers to practice them regularly. His intensive knowledge of all safety methods will long continue to help the flyers he instructed.

The Eglin Eagle, November 27, 1943 wrote of his visit to Edgewood:

"The warm inspiring personality of a familiar figure recently greeted the A.A.F. Detachment at Edgewood Arsenal. It was Colonel Epler returning to visit his old detachment. Lowly privates as well as officers were individually recognized, each found his hand in a warm clasp before he could salute. A realization which had long since come to each dawned again—not only is Colonel Epler a big man physically but also spiritually".

His father was in the hospital recovering from a major operation when the word arrived of Bruce's fatal accident. A day later, a letter written by Bruce just before his crash arrived expressing his love for his father, and his prayerful hope for a speedy recovery.

Bruce had a scrapbook which contained a section headed "Sayings I Want to Remember". These reflect clearly his philosophy as the following show:

"This is the final test of a gentleman. His respect for those who can be of no possible service to him."

—William Lyon Phelps.

"Too many have flying in their pocketbooks instead of their hearts."

—Major Schroeder.

"Give the devil his due. Why not give the Lord his due?"—Chaplain Kinsolving.

In this same scrapbook was found this poem:

"He is six feet four of man,  
Gray-shot hair, and face of tan,  
And he never lets his temper get away.

But you'd better do your work  
He can't tolerate a shirk,  
The Chief of our Division, Col. Epler.

He will work and carry on  
Till the hardest task is done,  
In the field he gives a helping hand to all.

When you need a little rest,  
He says, 'I'll run the Test,'  
That's the Chief of our Division,  
Col. Epler.

Be you officer or civilian,  
Broke or worth a half a million,  
You can bet that he will show no condescension.  
And wherever you may go,  
Thru our land, in heat or snow,  
You can thank your stars for men like, Col. Epler.

So when all our work is done,  
And the sands of life have run,  
And we stand before the final Bar of Justice,  
The Judge Advocate who pleads,  
With St. Peter, on his knees,  
For the mercy that we'll need, will be, Col. Epler".

—H. E. Norton.

Bruce was a man of heroic mould, long on performance and short on talking about his achievements. He was idolized by his junior officers. Their feelings are well expressed by Tommy (Captain T. J. Thompson) who said:

"To have had Bruce Epler as a friend was one of my richest experiences. In every sense he was a gentleman; his quiet dignity, friendliness, courteous manner, informality, belief in right, and his love of his family all seemed to flow together to give him spiritual stature. He is the type of man that I would go through hell for—the man whose example in dealing with his fellow men I should like most to follow. If someday someone says to me 'You did it the way Bruce Epler would have done it' I shall be content. In my heart and in the hearts of all who knew him his spirit will live on".

—Stephen E. Epler.

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### Clayton Samuel Gates

NO. 9598 CLASS OF 1933

Died March 4, 1944, at Camp Pickett, Virginia, aged 32 years.

THE vacant file in our ranks will be filled, for that is the army tradition, but the place in our hearts created by Clate Gates will remain forever reserved for him, vivid and real. A personality like his, generous, tolerant, sympathetic and understanding leaves an impression not to be forgotten. His ready smile, mischievous chuckle and hearty laugh endeared him to us all. And he won our respect because the view he held of his

profession was always clear and high.

His career followed a familiar pattern, with river and harbor duty for two years in the Pittsburgh district; with schooling at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; with the company officers' course for engineers at Fort Belvoir; with troop duty for one year as commanding officer of C Company in the Fifth Engineers at the same post; then to four years at West Point as instructor in the department of engineering.

He entered the war picture as executive officer of the 348th Engineer Regiment stationed at Camp Crowder and later at the Desert Training Center. His last assignment was as commanding officer of the 233rd combat engineer battalion, stationed in Virginia and Florida during this past year.

Shortly after graduation he married his sweetheart of high school days, Frances Smith. They were a wonderful team, and complimented each other to an unusual degree. The beautifully developed sense of understanding, the practice of fair play, the habit of frankness, the balance of helpfulness and the livable atmosphere of the home were a model to all who knew



them. They were always the generous and enthusiastic hosts, always sincerely happy about the good fortunes of others, always eager to enjoy life to the fullest.

Clate was an intense articulate conversationalist, holding us spellbound with his eloquence, or a serene thinker and philosopher, possessing the rare art of knowing when to be silent. The atmosphere about him was always one of ease and comfort. He was cheerful, stimulating, and had a great capacity for good fun. No one had more friends, nor enjoyed them more, than Clate. Loyalty to those friends was one of his strongest characteristics. He was never known to belittle the efforts of a fellow officer—he was the trusted confidant of many. Clate was a good man to know.

He loved the army. He was conscientious and untiring in his efforts to attain perfection in his professional tasks. In handling men, his judgment was impartial, his loyalty to his fellow officers and to the men of his command was unswerving.

Perhaps his greatest single contribution to the army was the esprit de

corps, the high standard of training attained, the proficiency in performance he accomplished with his combat battalion during this past year and a half. Like all true leaders, he loved his command. The same qualities that had endeared him to his friends proved inspirational to his officers and men. He worked hard for his men, and in turn they demonstrated their devotion to him in numerous ways. The love of his work, the atmosphere of cheerfulness, the determination to do the task well, the urge to get on with the war so readily apparent in the battalion were a direct reflection of Clate Gates' handling of his men and their jobs.

Comments from the officers who served with him illustrate the loyalty his leadership inspired. "He was a cross between a brother and father to me", one man wrote. "No one could ever take his place. In my heart, he will always be my commanding officer."

"I must write to tell you how I feel . . . because my own views are shared by the others . . . all who have come into contact with the Colonel know that they have had the opportunity to have seen the best and finest that the United States Army represents. Not once in the years that I have known him has he ever said a mean or disdainful word of anyone. Himself possessing nothing small or lowly, he could not see it in others . . . I count myself fortunate to have come under the influence of such a man. Such an opportunity does not come to many. . ."

Another of his officers wrote, "He was more than a friend to me, and losing him was one of the great catastrophes of my life. He was a born leader, and instilled confidence in everybody who came into contact with him. I feel that my life is much richer for having known him."

One man wrote from overseas, "Here we are, another step towards our prepared goal and each new step is based on our foundation that Colonel Gates made so soundly possible. We all speak of him over and over again, and use his teaching as a basis for our comparison of new tasks we are encountering. I myself feel that he started me out and guided me. . ."

"I shall forever treasure the days I have spent in his company. Both on duty and off he set himself as an example for all officers and gentlemen to follow. It is a tough standard, but a fair one for a man."

One of the officers wrote to Clate's sons: "Your Dad, boys, represented the army to us junior officers. To him it was a way of life. He taught me the glory and also the heartaches it takes to be a good officer. All of the time he had the army's as well as our own interests at heart. We all knew it, and knew that if ever we needed a friend he would back us up to the limit. . . Many of the things he said and did I remember today and pass on to the officers with whom I now associate, which helps them as it did me to do a better job for the army. So you see what a real commander he was."

"His loss will be keenly felt by the service", another fellow officer wrote, "and his memory will long be cherished among those of us who were

privileged to know him. We shall deem it our sacred duty to carry on the tradition he so ably and nobly enhanced."

He was ready to leave for overseas duty with his battalion when the fatal firearms accident occurred, and the tragedy forces us to suffer a loss at a time that comes hard to surrender such men as Clate. One of his friends writes: "He was the most modest officer I have known, perfectly aware of his shortcomings and gracefully accepting his endowments. The day last September he had received news that his outfit would be made available for overseas duty, Clate was exalted. I have never seen him so confident; he could have licked his weight in wildcats. As you know, he had a consuming desire to lead his troops in battle. Not *any* outfit, *his own outfit* which he had trained through long months of drudgery. Any suggestion that he might make a change was most unwelcome. When that outfit goes into battle every last man will fight just as though Clate was commanding them. His task is done. They are ready. The training and confidence he gave them will inspire them to victory. There is no greater glory."

He is survived by his widow and his two sons, Clayton Samuel and Richard Holt; by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel C. Gates; by his brothers, Lieut. Bernard N. Gates, serving in England, and Capt. Mahlon E. Gates, serving in India.

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**Eugene Harrington Cloud**

NO. 10157 CLASS OF 1934

*Died May 29, 1943, in the North African Area, aged 33 years.*

**EUGENE HARRINGTON CLOUD** was born to an Army family at Fort Moultrie, South Carolina on October 12, 1909. With his heart set on West Point and a career in the Army, he enlisted in the Coast Artillery in June 1927, where he served for three years in the grades of private, private first class, and corporal. He was admitted to the Military Academy by competitive examination in July 1930, thus completing the first major step along the path to the achievement of his goal.

At the Academy, Gene quickly established himself in cadet activities. Along with a fondness for music he possessed a natural talent that was put to good use in the Cadet Orchestra, the Cadet Choir, and in the Hundredth Night Shows, in all of which he participated actively throughout his four years as a cadet. Academics, which he appeared sometimes to take a trifle casually, were wont to become a problem—but never one that he could not readily surmount. His ability and natural leadership were recognized by the Tactical Department and were rewarded by appointments as Acting Corporal in his Yearling year, Corporal in his Second Class year, and Cadet Lieutenant as a First Classman. His philosophy was that life is made up of many things and all should be given due consideration—but none

should be emphasized to the extent that one lost sight of the others. Thus his activities, and his personality, took on the well-rounded aspect that is so desirable and yet so often not attained.

Upon graduation in June 1934, Gene was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Infantry and went to Randolph Field for a brief interlude with the Air Corps. It was here that he met and married Fredricka Hansen, the daughter of an Army family, then residing in San Antonio.

His next assignment was with the 25th Infantry at Fort Huachuca, Arizona. After somewhat more than a year at this station, Gene was reassigned to the Hawaiian Department in 1936. Here he served with the 35th Infantry until he was assigned to Military Police duty in 1937, at which assignment he remained until his return to the States in 1939 to take the Regular Course at the Infantry School, from which he graduated in 1940.

In February 1940 he joined the 7th Infantry for station at Fort Lewis, Washington. While stationed here there was born to them in October



1941 their only child, Eugene Harrington, III.

Early in 1942 Gene was given command of a Battalion, and it was in this capacity that he went overseas and participated in the initial invasion of North Africa. He was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in this action. After his recovery, he was given a special assignment as liaison officer and American aide-de-camp to Lieutenant-General Sir Kenneth A. N. Anderson, K.C.B., M.C., G.O.C.-in-C., First Army, in which capacity he participated in the Tunisian campaign.

The following is extracted from a letter written by Lieutenant General Anderson:

"Gene Cloud joined me as aide-de-camp at the end of February 1943, at my First Army H.Q. in Tunisia. I had had very many dealings with U.S. Formations since the North African campaign started, sometimes having American units actually under my command and at all times having to keep in the closest touch with numerous U.S. Commanders. I therefore asked General Eisenhower to give me an officer of some seniority and standing who would act as liaison officer and personal advisor on matters con-

nected with U.S. Commanders and troops, as well as being an aide. General Eisenhower sent me Gene Cloud, and he could not have made a better choice.

"Gene very quickly settled down in what must have been strange surroundings at my H.Q., and was very much liked and respected by all officers on my staff, and particularly by those fellow members of my Mess who saw so much of him. Personally I found him delightful to know: quiet and thoughtful as a rule, but with a ready sense of humour and a quick brain. He appreciated the chance of learning so much about our British Army, and taught me much about your American Army. On many long motor drives he told me of his life at home and of his family and wife. After the German collapse Gene stayed on with me for some weeks, but as I then ceased to have any direct responsibility for U.S. troops I suggested he ought to return to his own army, otherwise he would be losing his chances. He readily agreed and was soon to leave me when he was involved in that wretched accident, and died on the night of May 29 near El Aouina aerodrome, outside Tunis."

During his assignment with the British First Army, Gene visited at various times the entire Allied front, from Gafsa to Bizerta, and was active in his liaison capacity in the many actions that took place from the end of February to the completion of the campaign in May. During this time he earned the respect and admiration of his associates and rendered very valuable service to the Allied effort. The experience he gained in this assignment would have been of decided value, both to himself and to the American Forces, had he been afforded the opportunity to continue his work.

Gene's promising career was cut short on the night of May 29, 1943, when he was killed in a motor accident near El Aouina aerodrome, outside Tunis. The news of his death was a great shock to his many friends and fellow officers. His loss will be felt keenly, for Gene had not only proved himself of great value to his profession but, through his character and personality, had taken an outstanding place in the personal regard of his associates.

Gene's life, though cut short, was a full life in which he accomplished more than many who remain longer on this earth—it may truly be said that he attained the goal expressed in lines of the Alma Mater which he so often sang:

*"May it be said 'Well done,  
Be thou at peace.'"*

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**Henry Clay Walker, III**

NO. 11436 CLASS OF 1939

*Died February 24, 1944, in England, aged 26 years.*

**LIEUTENANT COLONEL HENRY C. WALKER, III** was born in Shreveport, Louisiana, June 22, 1917, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Walker, Jr. He was a graduate of

Sewanee Military Academy at Sewanee, Tennessee, and had completed his Freshman year at the University of the South (Sewanee) when he entered the United States Military Academy in July, 1935. He had a splendid record at his prep school and in his Freshman year in college. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity at Sewanee.

Graduating in 1939 from the Point in the upper brackets of his class, he chose field artillery and served with the Twelfth Field at Fort Sam Houston for two years.

In 1940 he married Miss Frances Grey of Mansfield, Louisiana. They have one child, a son twenty months old, named for his father.

Lieutenant Colonel Walker was killed in an airplane crash February 24, 1944, in England en route from his headquarters to Division Headquarters.

Colonel Walker's love of the Service and the quality of his work is best shown by the commendation of his superior officers. In October, 1943, Brigadier General F. B. Prickett, then in command of the Fourth Division



Artillery, now Major General in command of the Seventy-Fifth Infantry Division, wrote the following commendation, which was concurred in and forwarded by Major General R. O. Barton, Commanding Officer of the Fourth Division:

"You served under my command for approximately 18 months. For over a year you have been in command of the 44th Field Artillery Battalion. By your outstanding leadership you have produced an exceptionally well trained battalion. I consider you one of the most outstanding young officers I have ever known. You have shown loyalty, good judgment, ingenuity, initiative, frankness, a spirit of cooperation and possess leadership to a high degree. You have the ability to get the best efforts from your subordinates.

"It is with great regret that I see our official connections terminated. I expect you to advance along the lines in which you have so ably demonstrated your ability to positions of greater responsibility."

Upon receipt of the news of Colonel Walker's death, General Prickett wrote his wife:

"You know my opinion of your husband. He was indeed the most prom-

ising officer I had known for years. He would have had a brilliant career. His love of the service was great. The army has lost a leader of men and leadership is at a premium at this time."

On February 25, 1944, Major General Barton posted General Order No. 6:

Headquarters  
4th Infantry Division  
A.P.O. 4, U.S. Army

25 February 1944

General Orders)

Number 6)

Lieut. Colonel Henry C. Walker, III  
021839

44th Field Artillery Battalion

It is with the deepest regret that the death of Lieutenant Colonel Henry C. Walker, III, 021839, F.A., 44th Field Artillery Battalion, which occurred on 24 February 1944, is announced.

Joining the 44th Field Artillery Battalion as a first lieutenant, Lieutenant Colonel Walker served continually with the battalion, successively as a battery commander, on battalion staff, as the Battalion Executive and, from 25 June 1942, as Battalion Commander. Each advance in rank brought increase in his responsibility and authority, yet so sound was his judgment and superior his technical knowledge and professional skill, that recognition of his command was instinctive and spirited. The complete respect, affection and intense loyalty of the officers and men of this command, without exception, were his. That loyalty and the impact of his leadership will be felt on the field of battle, yet the untimely passing of Lieutenant Colonel Walker is an irreplaceable loss to this command.

R. O. BARTON, (Signed)  
Major General, U.S. Army,  
Commanding.

And on March 2, General Barton wrote Colonel Walker's wife:

"Henry Walker joined the 4th Division in 1941, as a first lieutenant and was assigned to the 44th Field Artillery Battalion. He served successively as a battery commander, on the battalion staff, and as the battalion executive until, on 25 June 1942, he was given command of the battalion which he held until his death.

"Recognition of his professional proficiency is manifest by his assignment to the command of a battalion, which is the responsibility of a Lieutenant Colonel, while in the grade of captain. However, far more than professional skill is required to account for the exceptional record and performance of the 44th Field Artillery Battalion during the period of his command. With untiring energy he devoted himself to the task of preparing his officers and men for combat with our enemies. His sound judgment and compelling leadership has produced a battalion whose esprit is unsurpassed; whose high morale was manifest by the lowest percentage of men absent without leave, in desertion and in confinement of any battalion of this command.

"As a lieutenant, Colonel Walker served under officers whom later he commanded. As a Colonel he was junior in age to nearly all of his majors and captains. Yet so great was his

skill, so fine his character and high his ideals, he had the intense loyalty and admiration of all in his command.

"To me, both personally and professionally, his loss is irreplaceable. The performance by his battalion of the assignments which lie ahead will reflect the undying nature of his spirit. I know that spirit will give courage in your loss and be with you all days."

These commendations and expressions more than justify the high regard and devotion of Colonel Walker's associates in the service, friends and relatives.

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### Frank Ely Locke

NO. 12384 CLASS OF 1941

Died August 13, 1942, near Barksdale Field, Louisiana, aged 24 years.

FRANK ELY LOCKE, JR. was born in Mt. Gilead, Ohio, on January 5, 1918 to Grace Sanborn and Frank E. Locke, Sr. (Lt. Col. Res.)

His elementary and high school ed-



ucation was obtained in Chicago, Illinois following which he attended Ohio University in Engineering. After one year at the University, he accepted a Congressional appointment to the Military Academy in 1937.

Army meant a great deal to Frank. He had heard about it as a child from his father and hoped that some day he would also be a part of it. Duty, honor and country were held closely and sacredly to his heart and he was determined to follow them to the best of his ability.

Upon graduation from West Point, although assigned to Coast Artillery, Frank transferred to the Air Corps. Primary training was taken at Hicks Field, Texas; Basic at Randolph and on March 6, 1942 received his wings at Ellington Field.

It was during change of station that Frank married Miss Nora Reynolds of Gladstone, Michigan.

Rapid changes of stations took Frank to Jackson, Miss. where he received his promotion to 1st Lt., Columbia, S. C. and Barksdale Field, La. At Columbia his hopes were realized and he was sent to Dayton, Ohio for B26 training. Upon completion of the

course, he returned to Columbia where he received orders to proceed to Shreveport, La. It was there that he was promoted to Captain, the same day August 13, 1942 that he joined the "Long Gray Line."

He enjoyed life to the fullest in his own quiet way. Always willing to lend a helping hand to those in need, he made many friends among his fellow officers and coworkers. Those who knew and loved him have suffered a loss but he will continue to live in their hearts and thoughts.

Surviving are his mother, his sister, Capt. Rosemary Locke, W.A.C., a brother, Major Waterman J. Locke, Engineers, and his wife, Lt. Nora R. Locke, A.N.C.

*"He little thought when leaving home  
He would return no more,  
That he in death so soon would sleep  
And leave us here to mourn.*

*We do not know what pain he bore,  
We did not see him die.  
We only know he passed away,  
And could not say Goodbye."*

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### John Emery Gimperling

NO. 12708 CLASS OF 1942

*Died August 28, 1943, at the Army Air Base, Harvard, Nebraska, aged 25 years.*

"WITH keenest regret I have learned of the death of your son, First Lieutenant John Emery Gimperling, on August 28, 1943, in an airplane accident at the Army Air Base, Harvard, Nebraska.

"It has been brought to my attention that Lieutenant Gimperling was a graduate of the United States Military Academy who most satisfactorily accomplished his flying training at George Field. His work was marked by conscientious endeavor to establish a superior record in the Service and during his career as an officer and pilot he unfalteringly upheld the best of military traditions. His friendly manner and intense loyalty endeared him to his comrades, who mourn their loss.

"As time passes, I hope you will be comforted by the memory that your son contributed his utmost to our cause, and in behalf of General H. H. Arnold, Commanding General, Army Air Forces, who is temporarily away from Headquarters, I extend my deep sympathy to you and other members of the family."

These above words comprised the offering of condolence to the mother of the late Lieut. John E. Gimperling by Barney M. Giles, Major General, U.S. Army, Chief of Air Staff for the loss of her son. They were soon to be followed by scores of quotations and messages from all corners of the world—from his friends who loved and admired him and the very things to which he so steadfastly adhered.

John Gimperling, son of Mrs. Glenna C. Gimperling and the late Capt. John E. Gimperling, was born on November 10, 1917 in Columbus, Ohio. He was a graduate of Steele High School in Dayton, Ohio, and studied four years in

the College of Engineering at the University of Cincinnati before obtaining his appointment to the Military Academy. Upon graduation therefrom in '42, John embarked upon a flying career in the Army Air Forces and received his wings in December, 1942 at George Field, Illinois. Included in his training at various air bases was the course in the School of Applied Tactics at Orlando, Florida.

As evidence of the fact that the memory and leadership characteristics of one individual lives on in others and imbues them with the necessary courage and fortitude to attain almost unsurmountable goals, we have this following quotation from his Squadron Commander again to John's mother:

"The accidental death of your son is the biggest blow to me in my Army career—not because he was a part of my command, but because I looked upon him as a very close friend. He was one of the best liked and admired men in my Squadron, as well as one of the best pilots. He never complained about his duty, whatever that might be, and always performed that duty in a very superior manner. Although he will not be able to go to the com-



bat zone with us, his work with the Squadron in training others will be carried by other pilots to the field of combat.

"You have my sincere sympathy over the loss of your son and you can be sure that the memory of your son will never leave our minds, but will in effect inspire us all to far greater glories than we would otherwise attain."

"The death of John was a tremendous loss to his country as well as to his friends." This statement may have a very strange and intangible meaning to an outsider, yet when one considers what a high level of perfection toward which John was constantly pointing, the results would have made themselves felt in due time, if not at the very moment death came. As an example of this so-called loss to his country we have an excerpt from a friend while at the Academy, Colonel William L. McCulla:

"It was with deep regret that I learned of the death of Lieut. John Gimperling. I knew Lieut. Gimperling as an instructor at West Point and through our mutual interest in

wrestling, and from my association with him knew him to be an officer we could ill afford to lose as our great battle to overthrow the evils of conquest becomes ever-increasingly contested."

Again we have a very vivid example of the manner in which the lives of others may very readily be influenced and inspired by those who have "gone ahead" in the letter from John's navigator, Lieut. J. M. Bernd.

"I was John's navigator and flew and lived with him for months. I have never known a finer or more gallant gentleman. We nine men who formed his crew will be everlastingly grateful to him for his kind and inspiring leadership. It was a privilege to serve under him; we are all better men for it. I want you to be assured that in the future we are going to live up to the standards that John set for us. The Fortress that we will take into combat will bear his name, as a proud symbol of our determination to fight bravely against our enemies. And after this war is over and victory is ours, if anyone ever asks me what part I played in this great struggle, I will have one answer: 'I was John Gimperling's navigator.'"

News concerning her son's death is a blow from which some mothers never recover. All invariably will ask That Higher Power as well as themselves the constantly burning question—for what cause? John's roommate through the University of Cincinnati's School of Engineering, while like everyone else is unable to give a true answer to that question, nevertheless renders a deep comforting afterthought which soothes one in such troubled days as these.

"Johnny and I roomed together for four years at the Lambda Chi House in Cincinnati. While I was going to Law School and he and Jack Smith were in Engineering, still we seemed to find a lot in common and we had some wonderful times together. Since I left in 1938 I have often thought of the boys and of our good times. But of all the boys, I remember 'Gimp' best—he was my special friend. In all the time I knew him, I never heard him speak a harsh word or say anything unkind about anybody. He was a real gentleman and I am happy and proud to have known him. I remember how anxious he was to get into West Point, and how happy and thrilled I was when he received his appointment. After he had been at the Point a couple of years, while he was home on leave, he came to Wilmington to see me. I was certainly pleased that he thought enough of me to take part of his precious furlough time to come over here. We had a swell talk—mostly about West Point. When he left I thought to myself—what a lucky kid; he's really doing what he wants to do. I never saw him again.

"I met you only once—at Cincinnati; but I feel that I know you very well, because we used to talk a lot about our mothers. I guess boys don't show their feelings—kind of embarrassed about revealing their emotions. But I do know this—no boy ever thought more of his mother than Johnny thought of you.

"I know that no words of mine can ease your grief, but I also know how

proud you must be that he went as he did—for that which he loved most of all—His Country."

As a word of closing, the poem entitled "He's Just Away," by James Whitcomb Riley seems to lend itself so appropriately to our afterthoughts and remembrances of John and those high objectives in life for which he unfalteringly pursued — no matter where the course of activity required his presence. Cannot this then be another of his missions, though it has taken him away?

"I cannot say—and I will not say  
That he is dead . . . he is just away.  
With a cheery smile and a wave of  
the hand  
He has wandered into an unknown  
land.

And left us dreaming how very fair  
It needs must be, since he lingers  
there,  
And you—oh you, who the wildest  
yearn  
For the old-time step and the glad  
return.

Think of him faring on, as dear  
In the love of There, as the love of  
Here;  
Think of him as the same, I say,  
He is not dead . . . he is just away."

—R. T. G.

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## John Kenneth Hocker

CLASS OF JANUARY, 1943

Died July 10, 1943, near Longview,  
Texas, aged 22 years.

ALTHOUGH with us but a short time after we donned the Army Blue, Kenny will always be a living part of the life and memories which connect us to each other and the moulding of our careers. John Kenneth Hocker, was appointed to West Point from his home state of Colorado, entering July 1, 1939. From then until January 19, 1943, his host of friends grew and became closer.

Born February 11, 1921 near Center, Colorado, Kenny spent his boyhood in Monte Vista where he attended grade and high school. His ambition to attend West Point was conceived early in his school days, and firmly followed. Although offered an appointment to the Naval Academy, Ken refused and enrolled at Marion Institute in order to prepare for the Academy.

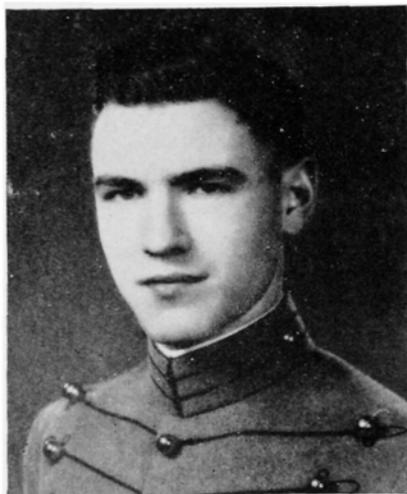
Plebe Year and its transition from the freedom of his early ranch life kept, "Mr. Hocker, Sir; Colorado, sir" too busy for his real self to be known to any but those close to him. However, Yearling summer found him ready for any picnic, canoeing party, or trek in the hills. From then on, color lines, camp illuminations, hundredth night shows, and the boodlers were not complete without Ken. During academic seasons boxing, track, and skiing were on schedule. But there was always time for bull sessions, hops, or coaching a goat. For in spite of his many outside interests, Kenny was a hive in academics. Never one to burn the midnight oil in study, his ardent desire for learning and keen mind made him a natural for the

admiring compliment, "That guy just doesn't have to study."

Although interested in both music and literature, collecting many albums of classics, Ken never allowed his interest to become narrow.

His versatility and excellent sense of balance, kept his viewpoints enlightened; in this broadness there were few who could fail to find a common bond, and on it build a firm friendship. In Kipling, Shakespeare, or Dickens, he could find happiness, but no rat race or boodle fight was complete without Hocker.

From the first Ken's heart was with the Cavalry. However, as June weeks came and went, the urge to fly became stronger, and with the declaration of war his conversion was complete. Upon completion of the second class year, Kenny chose to enter the Air Corps, and became a member of the first group of Cadets to take aviation prior to graduation. His primary training was at Thunderbird Field, Arizona. Basic and advanced were in California. After basic, he was selected to take twin engine ad-



vanced training, thereby gaining one of his chief ambitions, for Ken wanted, to fly the big boys that throw the punch.

The "Air Cadets", returned to the Academy in mid December, proudly wearing wings, the first in the Academy Annals. No one was ever prouder of these wings than Kenny. In spite of the condensed and rigorous academic course and the many preparations for graduation in January, no opportunity to visit Stewart Field and fly was missed by Ken.

After graduation Kenny was married to Miss Dorothy Milner of Monte Vista, Colorado. The ceremony, conducted by Col. Clayton E. Wheat, was performed in the old Cadet Chapel. The ensuing twenty days of graduation leave terminated, Lt. Hocker reported to his first station, Hobbs Field, New Mexico.

At Hobbs Ken completed the transition training in heavy bombers and was assigned to further tactical training at Pyote Field, Texas. While at this field Lt. Hocker received his promotion to First Lt., Army of the United States. The successful completion of his training at Pyote accomplished Lt. Hocker, now a full fledged first pilot was ordered to Dalhart,

Texas for unit training. Except for a proposed brief tactical training stop in Florida, this was to be the final work in the States. Ken's hard work and accomplishments had won him a place in one of the first outfits going over after his training period.

On July 10, 1943, with only one more flight necessary to finish the prescribed training, Ken was first pilot on a heavy bomber participating in a mass practice bombing flight over the Gulf of Mexico. The twenty-two ship formation, flying above twenty thousand feet, encountered bad weather. The ship piloted by Ken ran into a thunderhead which resulted in the destruction of the aircraft. As the terrific air currents buffeted the plane Ken ordered the ship abandoned, but was unable himself to do so. Survivors reported that the ship simply disintegrated.

Although not in actual combat, Ken gave his life in preparation for this service to the Country. No soldier could do more; and in that time of danger and stress the calm bravery and disregard of his own safety which he exhibited, though it cost his life, exemplifies his character and determination. Our hearts stand attention in memory of this comrade who died gallantly in line of duty.

A member of a fine unit, Kenny was ever enthusiastic of its merits. And his praise of the officers and men with whom he worked was in every letter. This praise was not unreturned; Lt. Hocker was known and respected as a capable pilot, a superior officer, and a fine man. He was popular with both officers and enlisted personnel and is missed as a friend as well as a soldier. From his fine beginning, and the unreserved compliments of his contemporaries and superiors, we realize the Army's loss. From our hearts we realize our loss.

Funeral services were conducted in Monte Vista, in accord with his desire to be buried in his beloved San Luis Valley. Military services were held, the Army being represented by a detachment of soldiers from Pueblo.

Lt. Hocker is survived by his wife, Dorothy Milner Hocker, daughter, Kennie Ann, born March 11, 1944; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Hocker, sister, Eva Jean Hocker, all of Monte Vista, and his brother, Raymond Hocker also of Monte Vista.

Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of  
earth,  
And danced the skies on laughter-  
silvered wings;  
Sunward I've climbed and joined the  
tumbling mirth  
Of sun-split clouds—and done a hun-  
dred things  
You have not dreamed of—wheeled and  
soared and swung  
High in the sunlight silence. Hovering  
there,  
I've chased the shouting wind along  
and flung  
My eager craft through footless halls  
of air.  
Up, up the long delirious burning blue  
I've topped the wind-swept heights with  
easy grace,  
Where never lark or even eagle flew;  
And while with silent, lifting mind  
I've trod  
The high untrespassed sanctity of  
space,  
Put out my hand and touched the face  
of God.