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# SERVING WITH PERSHING

By Lieutenant General James G. Harbord

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GENERAL PERSHING and I have been friends for more than forty years. For five years I served under his immediate command. I was not a member of his command but we met frequently during the twelve years I served in the Philippines. We were often separated by distance as the demands of the service determined, but there was always something in me that was aware of him, and that feeling still lingers as our shadows lengthen. Our acquaintance began in December, 1898, when we were Lieutenants in the old Tenth Cavalry of gallant memory.

## MEET AT ALABAMA CAMP

During the summer of 1898, he served with the Tenth Cavalry in Cuba, while I was a Major of Volunteer Cavalry at Jacksonville waiting for war orders that never came. In December of that year, mustered out as a Major and being now a First Lieutenant, I joined my regular regiment, the Tenth Cavalry, at Huntsville, Alabama, and was made its Quartermaster. Pershing had served with the regiment as its Quartermaster when it converged on Tampa from five different Montana stations. Invoices of the property in all of those stations were transferred to him as Q.M., but the troops left for Cuba before there was opportunity to verify the property or get receipts. After the Santiago campaign, Pershing was made a volunteer Major of Ordnance and returned to the United States.

## PERSHING'S PAY THREATENED

By December the Auditor for the War Department was shrieking at him to submit returns for something like a million dollars worth of property. They threatened to stop his pay for the shortage but that was not as serious as if it had been for a hundred instead of a million dollars. The regiment had been sent to Huntsville after landing at Montauk Point, and Pershing came there in December to try and trace his shortages. In the month I had been there ahead of him I realized that there was much property in the hands of the troops that had not been transferred to my accountability. I had inventoried it and taken it up on my returns as the Regulations required, as "found at Camp." The articles I had "taken up" corresponded fairly accurately to the shortage with which he was charged. During the two weeks he was there we shared the same tent. He went back north with his shortage largely straightened out, and we had become friends.

## LEAVES FOR PHILIPPINE POST

He was almost at once ordered to the Philippines and to station in Mindanao in the far south, where the natives were principally Moslem Moros. I went to Cuba with the regiment in early 1899 on its second tour, and came back in May, 1901 as a Captain in the 11th Cavalry. That autumn I rejoined my regiment after a brief tour in the War Department, and on January 21, 1902 sailed via the Suez for the Philippines, and served with my troop until August, 1903 when I was assigned to duty with the Philippine Constabulary. In late 1903 I met

Pershing, still a Captain, for a moment on the steps of the old Oriente Hotel in Manila as he was sailing for home to join the newly created General Staff. When the Russo-Japanese War came on he was sent to the Embassy in Tokio and, as an attaché, witnessed much of the campaigns in Manchuria.

## "T.R." JUMPS RANK

On his return to America he was soon after selected by President Theodore Roosevelt for Brigadier General, being jumped over the heads of some eight hundred seniors—an extraordinary promotion in time of peace but one which time has justified.

In September, 1906, after a leave of absence in America, I found myself shipmates for a month with the new General on the old Pacific Mail steamer, the Korea—both of us returning to service in the Philippines. He was sent to the Moros again. He returned to rule a savage people, where every chief knew him as a Cavalry Captain who but a brief three years before had fought at Bacolod, Pandapatan and the Bayan forts, winning the fame that earned his promotion by selection of the first Roosevelt President. I went back to my Constabulary in which I now held higher responsibilities, and our respective duties brought us in contact with fair frequency for the next few years.

## SAIL ON SAME TRANSPORT

In December, 1913 we sailed for home on the same transport. I had not worn the blue uniform for over twelve years and stopped over in Japan to get some before reaching America where, still a Captain, I was assigned to a troop at Monterey, California. I had hardly recalled my memories of the place from a stay there as a Sergeant fifteen years before, when my troop was ordered to Calexico to guard the border. President Wilson's expedition to Vera Cruz had arrived, and the unrest resulting therefrom threatened the Imperial Valley which bordered Lower California. Two troops of cavalry and a battery of field artillery were my command for that torrid summer. In January, 1915, having become a Major, I took a squadron of the 1st Cavalry to the Presidio of San Francisco for duty during the World's Fair.

## PERSHING LOSES HIS FAMILY

Soon after his return to America in January, 1914, General Pershing had been sent to the Texas Border with his brigade. His wife and four children occupied a house on the officers' line in the Presidio of San Francisco, that being the General's home station. As the summer of 1915 wore away the threat of war grew and General Wood was conducting the Training Camp at Plattsburg, from which so many officers were sent later to the World War. Theodore Roosevelt came out to the Fair and Pershing came up there on leave of absence to visit his family—the last visit they would ever have together.

In early August, I was detailed to conduct an Officers Training Camp at San Francisco on the Plattsburg model but much smaller. I established a camp for them on the main parade ground of the Presidio, about 200 yards from the house occupied by Mrs. Pershing. General Pershing had returned to the Border after the visit with his family. The first or second night after he left, the quarters occupied by Mrs. Pershing caught fire. About 1 a. m., under a thick San Francisco fog, we in the tented camp were awakened by the always alarming sound of Fire Call. The fog was so dense that the light from the blaze was seen with difficulty but the men of the whole garrison, and eventually firemen from the City, reached the burning house but too late. Mrs. Pershing and three little daughters were suffocated, and the little boy, now a Captain in the Armed Forces and probably in Europe, was carried out unconscious, the sole survivor.

#### GETS NEWS WITHOUT WARNING

I was present at the fire and sent a telegram to General Pershing at El Paso. Thinking perhaps to save him some shock, I addressed it to his Aide, trusting him to break the news as tenderly as possible. Unfortunately the A.D.C. was out of the camp that morning and the orderly took my telegram directly to the General, who thus received it without warning. He came to San Francisco at once, and after the funeral services took the remains of his dear ones to Cheyenne, his wife's birthplace, where they were buried in the old family cemetery. After the loss of his family the General continued with his Brigade on the Border—and during 1916 was chasing Villa in the mountains of northern Mexico. He returned to the United States when General Funston died in early 1917. That death made Pershing a Major General and the natural successor of General Funston in command of the Southern Department with Headquarters at San Antonio.

#### RECEIVES A.E.F. COMMAND

When selected for the command of the American Expeditionary Forces to Europe, General Pershing was at fifty-seven in the prime of his mental and physical vigor. He had been a general officer about eleven years, his most recent command having been 10,000 men in the Mexican Expedition. His greatest administrative experience, derived from his years as Governor of the Moro Province in the southern Philippines, had combined with the military command of the territorial department in which the islands inhabited by Moros were situated. He was chosen by President Wilson and Secretary Baker without either of them having met him. It was a selection made entirely on his record in comparison with the other Generals of the Army, most of whom were known to the selecting authority. There is no reason to suppose that long consideration was given to the selection of any other officer for the command. His handling of the Mexican situation, a very difficult one, and under orders not in accord with his personal ideas, but carried out completely to the satisfaction of Mr. Wilson and Secretary Baker, made him their choice.

#### SEES WAR APPROACHING

In the spring of 1917, at the Army War College, we began to think War was approaching. Marshal Joffre and a French Mission including Viviani, "the W. J. Bryan of France", and Foreign Secretary Arthur Balfour with

a British Mission, were then in this country trying to work the United States up to participation in the War. In early May the press carried the news of General Pershing's arrival in the capital. The tour of General Hugh L. Scott as Chief of Staff was soon to expire, and we War College students thought General Pershing had been brought up to Washington to be looked over for the appointment. My friendship with him really should have prompted me to call on him, but I thought the attention might be misunderstood with the rumors running about his appointment to be Chief of Staff and decided to keep away from him.

#### PERSHING SENDS INVITATION

I was at luncheon at the War College on May 15th when a telephone message told me that General Pershing would like to see me at the War Department that afternoon. I thought I might expect some comment on my lack of courtesy, etc., but of course went up to the War Department at the hour named. I found an Aide-de-Camp who told me the General was in the office of the Chief of Staff and I at once reported to him. It was the first time we had met since August, 1915, when I said good-bye to him on his departure for Cheyenne for the funeral of his wife and three little girls.

Almost immediately he told me that the United States were to send over a force of at least a division and that he was to go in command—that he desired me to go with him as his Chief of Staff—did I speak French? I was sorry I did not and said so, to which he replied "Well, you could learn it, couldn't you?" I replied rather flippantly, as I see it at this distance, that I supposed I could as I had learned English and knew Spanish pretty well. He said, "Well, that might make a difference, for one of us ought to know French, and I do not speak it except very poorly." But he added that at any rate he would take me along in some capacity and to come over across the hall and go to work. We began to talk over the composition of his staff and personnel matters.

#### LEAVES ME IN CHARGE

Two days later he went to New York and left me in charge of his office. My first use of an official car was to go down to the War College and get my books. I never saw the War College again until as a Major General I went there to lecture some years later. When the General returned he gave me the names of two other officers whom he said he had considered for the duty of Chief of Staff. "What do you think of them?" he asked, to which I answered that, under the circumstances, I felt some hesitation in replying. To this he said, "Well, Harbord, if you are going over on my staff we must be damned frank with each other." To this I replied that "Well, I think I could do the job better than either of those men." Nothing more was said then, but my name was included as Chief of Staff when he issued the first written list of his staff two days later.

#### WE SAIL FOR WAR ZONE

We sailed on the Baltic, an old White Star steamer, on May 28, 1917, and I did not return until November 11, 1919. Our last days before sailing were busy ones what with preparing orders, making lists of officers, seeing various War Department officers—all very confidentially, for in notifying officers of their selection it was under

strict injunction of secrecy—even as in these days of another World War. The Baltic party numbered 189 persons of all grades, many of whom rose to high rank in France, and quite a few of whom never came back.

#### TRAVEL WITH SEALED ORDERS

The journey over the submarine-infested Atlantic was under sealed orders with destination not finally determined until after we left Halifax, but with some dodging of submarines we reached Liverpool on June 8, 1917. Meanwhile on the journey over every staff officer had work to do. There were several lectures. Classes to brush up on French were organized. Staff Committees made calculations as to supplies that would be needed based on the history of other wars, and largely on experiences no more recent than the transport needed to supply the British armies in the South African War, and not excluding the supply figures on Sherman's March through Georgia. Also we separated the Air Force from the Signal Corps to which it had previously been attached.

#### MEET BRITISH MONARCH

General Pershing was the recipient of much attention in London of which the Staff got its fair part. He had a conversation with King George V, and I was presented. A formal and impressive dinner was given us at Lancaster House by the Prime Minister, and several others were held including one at the American Embassy by Ambassador Page.

Our first view of France was at Boulogne on June 13th. The General received almost royal attention and honors when we reached Paris, and he conducted himself as always with wisdom and discretion. He looked and acted his part as his country would have wished. He was the embodiment of stalwart though modest and manly Americanism. We renewed acquaintance with Marshal Joffre, though finding to our astonishment that he had been practically shelved before his American visit and no longer influenced the course of French events. The General was shown every courtesy by the French President, Prime Minister, Generals and scores of expatriate Americans, including a formal Presidential luncheon at the Palais Royal.

#### GENERAL SELECTS HEADQUARTERS

We visited British Headquarters very soon and met the gallant and handsome Haig, not yet a Marshal though soon to be. The General determined that our stay in Paris must be as short as consistent with what was necessary to be done there, and began to look for a suitable place for Headquarters in the Zone of the Armies. We finally decided on Chaumont on the Haute-Marne, in the near foothills of the Vosges Mountains, where the ancient feudal domains of Burgundy, Champagne and Lorraine touched each other.

#### PERSHING SETS THE PACE

General Pershing set the pace in his attention to everything needful. Dozens of journeys, inspections, and visitors. The American Army grew steadily but slowly. We had to organize from the ground up, meanwhile studying the future strategy of our employment. As the Spring of 1918 approached, the physical requirements for General officers began to be more rigorously enforced,

and an occasional official head fell. Meantime, I had in October become a Brigadier General, as had other principal officers of the Headquarters Staff. The policy of the General was at reasonable intervals to rotate his staff to the line troops and bring in new blood. With a vacancy in the command of the one Marine Brigade we had, through the physical disability of General Doyen, a very fine officer, I was sent to take his place. I left Headquarters on May 5, 1918, with much regret at parting from General Pershing and my fellow members of his General Staff. We tried to do a little crystal gazing for our future but it was rather futile at that time. The General very kindly said he intended to bring me back but I reminded him of the uncertainties of promises of that kind. If I "made good" I might be of more service with troops, and if I did not he could not afford to bring me back to his staff.

#### BELLEAU WOOD IS TAKEN

During my command of the Marine Brigade, and later of the Second Division to which I succeeded in mid-July, I saw nothing of the Commander-in-Chief except on his occasional visits. Belleau Wood was taken by my Brigade after thirty days of almost continuous fighting, and brought my promotion to Major General. In late July, the Battle of Soissons was fought and my Division did its part well. I was sent for to report to the General at Chaumont, and with some anticipation that I was to be complimented on the way the Division had performed, I reached Chaumont late at night and went up to the General's room ready to thank him for kind words. But they were hardly what I had expected. He told me of an emergency which existed in the Service of Supply and that he desired me to go there and take over the command. He gave me orders to turn over the victorious Second Division to my next senior and meet him at Tours Monday morning at 9 o'clock—it then being late Saturday night.

#### CHIEF OF STAFF AGAIN

And so I turned my back on the fighting front and went to the Services of Supply on July 29, 1918. I held that active command until May 27, 1919, when I was ordered back to be Chief of Staff again. My second tour at Chaumont was devoted to the fade-out of the American Army in France, the abandonment of our headquarters at Chaumont and the transfer to Paris to prepare for our return to America. As far as I was concerned that program was interrupted by taking a Military Mission to Armenia to investigate for President Wilson what would be involved in a Mandate for Armenia. But meanwhile I rode behind General Pershing in the great Allied march under the Arch of Triumph on July 14th, and the similar Jubilee in a march up the Mall and Constitution Hill reviewed by King George V, at Buckingham Palace, and witnessed my General receive a degree at Cambridge.

#### THE RETURN TO AMERICA

Thus terminated my happy association with Pershing in France. When I returned to America on November 11, 1919, my official association with him seemed ended. I was sent to San Antonio, Texas, to command the remnants of my old Division which the authorities were again building up in anticipation of possible service south of Texas. Meanwhile, the election of Harding brought the appointment of General Pershing to be Chief of Staff,

and he asked me to be his Deputy. I filled that place until December 29, 1922, when I went on the Retired List at my own application to accept the Presidency of the Radio Corporation of America. The Army had slipped back into the habitual neglect with which America at peace rewards her soldiers for successful wars, and soon reached a low level of barely 118,000 men, for service at home and abroad.

#### BEST YEARS WITH PERSHING

For me, my retirement was the end of thirty-four years of active military service of which the best and happiest years were those associated with General Pershing.

I might enlarge on the choice of Pershing to command in the World War, but it could be only to repeat what any of you may find in the histories of twenty-five years ago. You all know he was born in Missouri; that he came of poor parents; his father a section foreman on the old Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad; that the family then in its fourth generation in this country on his father's side was originally from Alsace, settling for two generations in Pennsylvania; his father coming down the Ohio River in a flatboat, as so many did; marrying a girl from Virginia whose family had come west ahead of his own; and that the General, the oldest of nine children, was brought up in the poverty of a small Missouri community, teaching school as soon as he could get a certificate from a local Board, to educate himself and contribute his help to the family.

#### IS LEADER FROM START

He won a competitive examination for a Cadetship, but almost missed entering West Point on account of his age, being then nearly twenty-two years, the upper limit. He was already a man when most of his classmates were still boys, and he was accorded a leadership which he has held ever since. He was their leader throughout the four years at West Point and still is for such as survive him. His maturity was in my opinion a great asset to him in his cadet days, for as I have intimated his viewpoint was that of a man and not a boy.

West Point exists to train Generals for our Armies not second lieutenants. It molds character. Its principal advantage to our country in my opinion is that through the years it has graduated groups of men who, in addition to other benefits of military training, speak the same language. Given a certain set of circumstances, the majority of West Point graduates will draw substantially the same inferences, and will report them to their military superiors in language that will carry the same interpretation to other officers from that incomparable school.

#### TIMING EXACTLY RIGHT

In General Pershing's case it was all timed exactly right. Veteran commanders of the Civil War were his commanders, Sheridan and Sherman were still alive. That splendid cavalryman, Wesley Merritt was Superintendent of West Point, while Pershing was there. But for the future the timing was even better. Besides his own Class of 1886, the largest which had up to that time graduated at West Point, he knew with more or less intimacy the Classes from 1883 to 1889 inclusive. These were the men who if they survived would be between fifty and sixty years of age in 1917. These seven classes furnished

27.8 percent of the 474 General Officers who commanded for America in the World War.

#### HIS CLASSMATES MAKE GOOD

Of the forty-two divisions which were to serve under General Pershing in France, fourteen were at one time or another commanded by his own classmates of 1886. Sixteen others were under men whom he had known as cadets. These acquaintances of only passing importance in 1886, were to give him a knowledge of his generals such as few great commanders have ever enjoyed. His principal staff officers in 1918 he had also known when he was a tactical officer at West Point in 1897.

West Point confirmed rather than molded Pershing. He adopted its standards and adapted himself to their requirements. As Heywood Broun wrote home from France to his paper, "They do not call him Papa Pershing." It would have made him faint if they had. He was not that kind of a soldier. But he organized and made his own army, not a little in his own likeness. As Frank H. Simonds well stated it: "When you stumbled upon a lost American doughboy in a God-forsaken Lorraine village, his bearing, the set of his tunic, his salute, all automatically recalled the General who sat in Chaumont." But as a General he was one who "sat" very little.

#### SYMBOLIZED AMERICAN EFFORT

He symbolized the American effort for his more than two million men. In time of hope or anxiety, and those days were not free from the latter, he stood alike as the "mirror of constant faith."

History is not without instances of Staff Officers shining by more than the reflected glory of an able or brilliant Commander whom they served. Blucher had his Von Gneisenau; some have even attempted to divide credit between Napoleon and Berthier; between Ney and Jomini. Grant had John A. Rawlins who, entirely without military training or experience, dominated at least some of the human failings of his great General. No such comparisons will arise in the minds of future historians with regard to either of the two Chiefs of Staff—of whom I am one—who served General Pershing in that capacity.

#### LOYALTY AND MUTUAL DUTY

Their loyalty was given in such undoubted measure to his commanding personality, and they so identified themselves with his conception of their mutual duty in connection with the problems that confronted the American Army in France, that such credit as may be due them is forever and inseparably interwoven with the success of General Pershing and the triumph of the American Arms.

West Point may have standardized John J. Pershing into something a little hard, somewhat aloof and reserved in giving his full confidence, perhaps sometimes a bit narrow, and generally intolerant of hazy indecision and fumbling inefficiency, but when he left its historic plain it graduated a man. He invariably stood like a rock for what he believed to be the right course for his country. Any list of American Generals, down to include the First World War, must name Pershing in the First Three. He fought the good fight, he finished his course, and he kept the Faith. It is a great pity that he is not thirty years younger.

# We Salute

Robert G. Cole, '39.....	Medal of Honor (Posthumously)
Norman D. Cota, April, '17.....	Distinguished Service Cross
Willard G. Wyman, June, '19.....	Distinguished Service Cross
James C. Fry, '22.....	Distinguished Service Cross
Charles D. W. Canham, '26.....	Distinguished Service Cross
Lyle W. Bernard, '33.....	Distinguished Service Cross
Raymond B. Marlin, '39.....	Distinguished Service Cross
William L. Turner, '39.....	Distinguished Service Cross
William Buck, Jr., '40.....	Distinguished Service Cross
Frank P. Lahm, '01.....	Distinguished Service Medal
Innis P. Swift, '04.....	Distinguished Service Medal
William E. Shedd, '07.....	Oak Leaf Cl. to Distinguished Service Medal
John F. Curry, '08.....	Distinguished Service Medal
Courtney H. Hodges, ex-'08.....	Oak Leaf Cluster to Distinguished Service Medal
Robert L. Eichelberger, '09.....	Distinguished Service Medal
Horace H. Fuller, '09.....	Distinguished Service Medal
George S. Patton, Jr., '09.....	2nd Oak Leaf Cluster to Distinguished Service Medal
William H. Simpson, '09.....	Distinguished Service Medal
Walter H. Frank, '10.....	Distinguished Service Medal
Oscar W. Griswold, '10.....	Distinguished Service Medal (Navy)
David McCoach, Jr., '10.....	Distinguished Service Medal
R. H. Van Volkenburgh, '13.....	Distinguished Service Medal
Harry C. Ingles, '14.....	Distinguished Service Medal
Carl Spaatz, '14.....	Oak Leaf Cl. to Distinguished Service Medal
Thomas B. Larkin, '15.....	Oak Leaf Cl. to Distinguished Service Medal
Clarence L. Adcock, June, '18.....	Distinguished Service Medal
Hoyt S. Vandenberg, '23.....	Bronze Oak Leaf Cl. to Distinguished Service Medal
Ralph E. Fisher, '24.....	Distinguished Service Medal
Robert W. Harper, '24.....	Distinguished Service Medal
Earle E. Partridge, '24.....	Distinguished Service Medal
Garrison H. Davidson, '27.....	Distinguished Service Medal
Frederick L. Anderson, Jr., '28.....	Distinguished Service Medal
John A. Samford, '28.....	Distinguished Service Medal
Walter E. Todd, '28.....	Distinguished Service Medal
Donald N. Yates, '31.....	Distinguished Service Medal
Arnold N. Krogstad, '09.....	Legion of Merit
Harold F. Nichols, '11.....	Legion of Merit
Harry A. Flint, '12.....	Legion of Merit
Frederick Herr, '14.....	Legion of Merit
Aaron Bradshaw, Jr., April, '17.....	Legion of Merit
Frank C. Meade, August, '17.....	Legion of Merit
Joseph M. Glasgow, November, '18.....	Legion of Merit
Peter P. Goertz, November, '18.....	Legion of Merit
James C. Styron, November, '18.....	Legion of Merit
Lyman L. Lemnitzer, '20.....	Legion of Merit
Wilburn V. Lunn, '20.....	Legion of Merit
Thomas D. White, '20.....	Legion of Merit
James C. Fry, '22.....	Legion of Merit
Stephen C. Lombard, '22.....	Legion of Merit
John G. Hill, Jr., '24.....	Oak Leaf Cluster to Legion of Merit
Emil Lenzner, '24.....	Legion of Merit
John H. F. Haskell, '25.....	Legion of Merit
Henry R. Westphalinger, '25.....	Legion of Merit
William J. Verbeck, '27.....	Legion of Merit
Paul D. Adams, '28.....	Legion of Merit
John D. Billingsley, '28.....	Legion of Merit
Charles F. Born, '28.....	Oak Leaf Cluster to Legion of Merit
Charles B. King, '28.....	Legion of Merit (Posthumously)
Alfred R. Maxwell, '28.....	Legion of Merit
Roscoe C. Wilson, '28.....	Legion of Merit
William E. Hall, '29.....	Legion of Merit
George E. Lynch, '29.....	Legion of Merit
Franklin P. Miller, '29.....	Legion of Merit

Ralph P. Swofford, Jr., '30.....	Legion of Merit
Johnson Hagood, Jr., '31.....	Legion of Merit
Howard H. Reed, '31.....	Legion of Merit
John W. Bowen, '32.....	Legion of Merit
Kenneth F. Zitzman, '32.....	Legion of Merit
William O. Darby, '33.....	Legion of Merit
Joseph W. Stilwell, Jr., '33.....	Legion of Merit
Perry B. Griffith, '34.....	Legion of Merit
Victor C. Huffsmith, '34.....	Legion of Merit
Whiteford C. Mauldin, '37.....	Legion of Merit
Kenneth G. Wickham, '38.....	Legion of Merit
Walter T. Kerwin, '39.....	Legion of Merit
Gordon H. Steele, Jr., June, '43.....	Legion of Merit
Oscar W. Griswold, '10.....	Silver Star
Jens A. Doe, '14.....	Oak Leaf Cluster to Silver Star
Charles W. Ryder, '15.....	Oak Leaf Cluster to Silver Star
Norman D. Cota, April, '17.....	Silver Star
Charles H. Gerhardt, April, '17.....	Silver Star
Willard G. Wyman, June, '19.....	Silver Star
James C. Fry, '22.....	Silver Star
Kenneth S. Sweany, '23.....	Oak Leaf Cluster to Silver Star
Charles T. Lanham, '24.....	Silver Star
Graham Kirkpatrick, '25.....	Silver Star
Charles D. W. Canham, '26.....	Silver Star
David W. Heiman, '28.....	Silver Star
Paul H. Johnston, '28.....	Silver Star
Edgar T. Conley, Jr., '29.....	Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to Silver Star
Allen F. Clark, Jr., '32.....	Silver Star
Lyle W. Bernard, '33.....	Silver Star
Neil M. Wallace, '33.....	Silver Star
Stuart G. Fries, '35.....	Silver Star
William Shuler, '36.....	Silver Star
James E. Landrum, Jr., '36.....	Silver Star
Howard McC. Snyder, Jr., '36.....	Silver Star
Gordon T. Kimbrell, '37.....	Silver Star
Frederick W. Boye, '39.....	Silver Star
Warren C. Chapman, '39.....	Silver Star
James B. Knapp, '39.....	Silver Star
Salvatore E. Manzo, '39.....	Silver Star
Robert R. Ploger, '39.....	Silver Star
Walter Winton, '40.....	Silver Star
William M. Hoge, Jr., '41.....	Silver Star
John M. Anderson, '42.....	Silver Star
Keith Lindell, January, '43.....	Silver Star
Donald E. Wilbourn, January, '43.....	Silver Star and Oak Leaf Cluster
Alfred L. Toth, January, '43.....	Silver Star
William P. DeBrocke, June, '43.....	Silver Star
Burrowes G. Stevens, Jr., June, '43.....	Silver Star
David W. Hutchison, '31.....	Distinguished Flying Cross with Oak Leaf Cluster
Charles A. Clark, Jr., '32.....	Distinguished Flying Cross
Arnold L. Schroeder, '32.....	Distinguished Flying Cross
Bruce K. Holloway, '37.....	Distinguished Flying Cross with Oak Leaf Cluster
Harvey P. Barnard, '38.....	Distinguished Flying Cross
Philip R. Hawes, '38.....	Distinguished Flying Cross and Oak Leaf Cluster
James B. Knapp, '39.....	Distinguished Flying Cross and Oak Leaf Cluster
Salvatore E. Manzo, '39.....	Distinguished Flying Cross
Charles R. Fairlamb, '40.....	Distinguished Flying Cross
Leonard E. Symroski, '40.....	Distinguished Flying Cross and Oak Leaf Cluster
Manford J. Wetzel, '40.....	Distinguished Flying Cross
John E. Atkinson, '41.....	Distinguished Flying Cross
John M. Anderson, '42.....	Distinguished Flying Cross
John B. Rose, Jr., '42.....	Distinguished Flying Cross
James B. Cobb, January, '43.....	Distinguished Flying Cross
John J. Gorman, January, '43.....	Distinguished Flying Cross
William J. Hovde, January, '43.....	Distinguished Flying Cross with Two Oak Leaf Clusters
Lester G. Taylor, Jr., January, '43.....	Distinguished Flying Cross with One Oak Leaf Cluster
Richard T. Hemsley, III, June, '43.....	Distinguished Flying Cross
Henry L. Hogan, III, June, '43.....	Distinguished Flying Cross

John R. Kullman, June, '43.....	Distinguished Flying Cross
Franklin W. Taylor, June, '43.....	Distinguished Flying Cross
Donald Q. Harris, June, '22.....	Soldier's Medal
Paul V. Liles, '41.....	Soldier's Medal
Courtney H. Hodges, ex-'08.....	Bronze Star
Norman D. Cota, April, '17.....	Bronze Star
Emil Krause, August, '17.....	Bronze Star
Willard G. Wyman, June '19.....	Bronze Star
Esher C. Burkart, '20.....	Bronze Star
Donald Q. Harris, June, '22.....	Bronze Star
William H. Arnold, '24.....	Bronze Star with Cluster
Eugene B. Ely, '24.....	Bronze Star
Charles T. Lanham, '24.....	Bronze Star
Charles D. W. Canham, '26.....	Bronze Star
James R. Davidson, '26.....	Bronze Star
Paul D. Adams, '28.....	Bronze Star
Paul H. Johnston, '28.....	Bronze Star and Oak Leaf Cluster
Herman W. Ohme, '30.....	Bronze Star
Joseph B. Coolidge, '31.....	Bronze Star
Alphonse A. Greene, '31.....	Bronze Star
Stuart G. Fries, '35.....	Bronze Star
Harry F. Sellers, '35.....	Bronze Star
William Shuler, '36.....	Bronze Star
Howard McC. Snyder, Jr., '36.....	Bronze Star
Arthur K. Amos, '37.....	Bronze Star
Donald W. Shive, '37.....	Bronze Star
John F. Brownlow, Jr., '38.....	Bronze Star
James Taylor, Jr., '38.....	Bronze Star
Donald W. Thackeray, '38.....	Bronze Star
Michael S. Davison, '39.....	Bronze Star
Donald B. Newman, '39.....	Bronze Star
	(Posthumously)
Sidney V. Bingham, Jr., '40.....	Bronze Star with Cluster
John R. McLean, '40.....	Bronze Star
Donovan P. Yeuell, Jr., '40.....	Bronze Star
Howard W. Clark, '41.....	Bronze Star
Lawrence V. Greene, '41.....	Bronze Star
Paul V. Liles, '41.....	Bronze Star
Garrard Foster, '42.....	Bronze Star
John G. Wheelock, III, January, '43.....	Bronze Star
Donald E. Wilbourn, January, '43.....	Bronze Star
William J. Ray, June, '43.....	Bronze Star
Arthur T. Surkamp, June, '43.....	Bronze Star
Hubert R. Harmon, '15.....	Air Medal
David W. Hutchison, '31.....	Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster
Millard L. Haskin, '33.....	Air Medal
Perry B. Griffith, '34.....	Air Medal
Wilbur H. Stratton, '37.....	Oak Leaf Cluster to Air Medal
Bruce K. Holloway, '37.....	Air Medal with Two Clusters
Harvey P. Barnard, '38.....	Air Medal with an Oak Leaf Cluster
Philip R. Hawes, '38.....	Air Medal with Two Oak Leaf Clusters
James B. Knapp, '39.....	Air Medal with Three Oak Leaf Clusters
Salvatore E. Manzo, '39.....	Air Medal with Two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters
John W. Watt, Jr., '39.....	Air Medal
Thomas B. Whitehouse, '39.....	Air Medal with Four Oak Leaf Clusters
William Buck, Jr., '40.....	Air Medal with Four Clusters
Charles R. Fairlamb, '40.....	Air Medal
Leonard E. Symroski, '40.....	Air Medal with Two Clusters
Manford J. Wetzell, '40.....	Air Medal with One Oak Leaf Cluster
John E. Atkinson, '41.....	Air Medal with Two Oak Leaf Clusters
Bruce C. Cator, '41.....	Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster
Clifford E. Cole, '41.....	Air Medal and Oak Leaf Cluster
Harold W. Norton, '41.....	Air Medal and Two Oak Leaf Clusters
Roderic D. O'Connor, '41.....	Eight Clusters to Air Medal
John M. Anderson, '42.....	Air Medal with Four Bronze Clusters
Jay Jaynes, '42.....	Air Medal with Two Oak Leaf Clusters

Joseph W. Leonard, '42.....	Seventh Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to Air Medal
John B. Rose, Jr., '42.....	Air Medal with Clusters
Clifford C. Sherman, '42.....	Second Oak Leaf Cluster to Air Medal
Joseph H. Dover, January, '43.....	Air Medal
John J. Gorman, January, '43.....	Air Medal
William J. Hovde, January, '43.....	Fourth Oak Leaf Cluster to Air Medal
John R. Lovett, January, '43.....	Air Medal with Three Oak Leaf Clusters
George K. Sykes, January, '43.....	3rd Oak Leaf Cluster to Air Medal
William P. Brierty, June, '43.....	Air Medal with Two Oak Leaf Clusters
Donald S. Dargue, June, '43.....	Air Medal
Richard T. Hemsley, III, June, '43.....	Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster
Paul J. Hurley, June, '43.....	Ten Oak Leaf Clusters to Air Medal
Felix A. Kalinski, June, '43.....	Air Medal with Two Oak Leaf Clusters
John R. Kullman, June, '43.....	Air Medal with Four Oak Leaf Clusters
Frank M. McMullen, June, '43.....	Second Oak Leaf Cluster to Air Medal
Paul L. Steinle, June, '43.....	Air Medal
David Schwartz, June, '43.....	Air Medal with Three Oak Leaf Clusters
Norman D. Cota, April, '17.....	Purple Heart
Henry J. D. Meyer, June, '19.....	Purple Heart
James C. Fry, '22.....	Purple Heart with Palm
Charles T. Lanham, '24.....	Purple Heart
Graham Kirkpatrick, '25.....	Purple Heart
Charles D. W. Canham, '26.....	Purple Heart
James W. Lockett, '28.....	Purple Heart
Robert T. Frederick, '28.....	Purple Heart and Seven Oak Leaf Clusters
Paul H. Johnston, '28.....	Purple Heart
John Callery, '29.....	Purple Heart
David W. Hutchison, '31.....	Purple Heart
Kenneth F. Zitzman, '32.....	Purple Heart
Neil M. Wallace, '33.....	Purple Heart
Michael S. Davison, '39.....	Purple Heart with Cluster
Donald B. Newman, '39.....	Purple Heart (Posthumously)
Robert R. Ploger, '39.....	Purple Heart
William P. Litton, '40.....	Purple Heart
William M. Hoge, Jr., '41.....	Purple Heart
Wayne L. Bart, '42.....	Purple Heart
Thomas H. Ray, Jr., '42.....	Purple Heart
Keith Lindell, January, '43.....	Purple Heart
John R. Lovett, January, '43.....	Purple Heart with One Oak Leaf Cluster
Theodore T. Lutrey, January, '43.....	Purple Heart
Harry H. Pritchett, January, '43.....	Purple Heart
Raymond F. Ruyffelaere, January, '43.....	Purple Heart
Alfred L. Toth, January, '43.....	Purple Heart and Oak Leaf Cluster
John G. Wheelock, III, January, '43.....	Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster
Donald E. Wilbourn, January, '43.....	Purple Heart
William P. DeBrocke, June, '43.....	Purple Heart
Warren R. Hecker, June, '43.....	Purple Heart
David Schwartz, June, '43.....	Purple Heart
Gordon H. Steele, Jr., June, '43.....	Purple Heart
Franklin W. Taylor, June, '43.....	Purple Heart
Perry B. Griffith, '34.....	Piloto Honorario—Fuerza Aerea Ecuatoreana
Innis P. Swift, '04.....	Aztec Eagle. First Class, Republic of Mexico
James C. Fry, '22.....	Philippine Distinguished Service Star
Trevor N. Dupuy, '38.....	British Distinguished Service Order
William H. Simpson, '09.....	Croix de Guerre
Henry J. D. Meyer, June, '19.....	Croix de Guerre with Palm
James C. Fry, '22.....	Croix de Guerre
James R. Davidson, '26.....	Croix de Guerre with Silver Gilt Star
Paul A. Roy, '30.....	Croix de Guerre
John C. Edwards, '39.....	Croix de Guerre with Gold Star
Donovan P. Yeuell, Jr., '40.....	Croix de Guerre
Willis D. Crittenberger, '13.....	Military Merit Decoration of Brazil
Mark W. Clark, April, '17.....	Military Merit Decoration of Brazil
Alfred M. Gruenther, June, '19.....	Military Merit Decoration of Brazil
Charles R. Fairlamb, '40.....	Distinguished Flying Cross (British)
William C. Christy, '07.....	Order of Vasco Nunez de Balboa
Douglas L. Weart, '15.....	Order of Vasco Nunez de Balboa
Henry I. Szymanski, June, '19.....	Order of Polonia Restituta, Degree of Commander
Kenneth F. Zitzman, '32.....	Order of British Empire

# Last Roll Call

Alumni Who Have Died Since the Publication of the October 1944 Issue of *Assembly*

Name	Class	Date of Death	Name	Class	Date of Death
Oberlin M. Carter.....	1880.....	July 18, 1944	*Milford F. Stablein.....	1940.....	November 13, 1944
William B. Gellatly.....	Ex-1883.....	July 9, 1944	*Jack P. Thompson.....	1940.....	September 30, 1944
Alfred A. Adams, III.....	Ex-1889.....	September 15, 1944	Solomon T. Willis, Jr. ....	1940.....	June 22, 1944
Samuel G. Jones.....	1890.....	September 17, 1944	*Paul D. Duke.....	1941.....	August 4, 1944
Easton R. Gibson.....	Ex-1897.....	September 8, 1944	*William G. Gillis, Jr.....	1941.....	October 2, 1944
George C. Wright.....	Ex-1900.....	August 7, 1944	*Harry L. Jarvis, Jr.....	1941.....	August 2, 1944
William C. Harllee.....	Ex-1901.....	November 21, 1944	*Robert H. Rosen.....	1941.....	September 20, 1944
Charles McH. Eby.....	1902.....	November 30, 1944	*Henry C. Benitez.....	1942.....	August 13, 1944
Campbell B. Hodges.....	1903.....	November 23, 1944	*Charles Berra.....	1942.....	November 18, 1944
Irving M. Madison.....	1903.....	September 20, 1944	*Thomas T. Galloway.....	1942.....	July 24, 1944
Donald C. McDonald.....	1904.....	November 25, 1944	*John R. Moran.....	1942.....	June 17, 1944
Walter R. Weaver.....	1908.....	October 27, 1944	*Thomas A. Norwood.....	1942.....	September 23, 1944
Harry D. Chamberlin.....	1910.....	September 29, 1944	*Alexander McC. Patch.....	1942.....	October 22, 1944
Victor V. Taylor.....	1915.....	September 22, 1944	*Louis Polcari.....	1942.....	October 20, 1944
John B. Bennet.....	1916.....		*Radcliffe S. Simpson.....	1942.....	June 6, 1944
*Edmund W. Searby.....	Nov., 1918.....	September 14, 1944	*Frederick H. Tate.....	1942.....	September 20, 1944
*Thomas T. Thornburgh.....	Nov., 1918.....	September 8, 1944	*Keith E. Canella.....	Jan., 1943.....	June 22, 1944
*William H. Schildroth.....	June, 1922.....	September 17, 1944	*W. L. Clemenson, Jr.....	Jan., 1943.....	
*William W. Cornog, Jr.....	1924.....	August 10, 1944	*Hubert J. Fiander, Jr.....	Jan., 1943.....	August 21, 1944
*John B. Daly.....	1928.....	August 18, 1944	*Robert W. D. Guthrie.....	Jan., 1943.....	August 14, 1944
Madison C. Schepps.....	1928.....	August 27, 1944	*Benjamin W. Mills, Jr.....	Jan., 1943.....	September 7, 1944
*John G. Minniece, Jr.....	1929.....	August 9, 1944	*John R. Northrop.....	Jan., 1943.....	August 4, 1944
*Herman W. Ohme.....	1930.....	October 14, 1944	*William H. Tallant.....	Jan., 1943.....	October 4, 1944
*Jesse M. Hawkins, Jr.....	1933.....	August 31, 1944	*Richard E. Beck.....	June, 1943.....	May 5, 1944
*Sidney T. Telford.....	1934.....	September 14, 1944	*Alan F. Crump.....	June, 1943.....	November 6, 1944
*William L. Herold.....	1935.....	August 20, 1944	*Robert C. Foisey.....	June, 1943.....	September 14, 1944
Norman A. Loeb.....	1935.....	August 27, 1944	*Charles A. Gaignat.....	June, 1943.....	July 23, 1944
*Duncan B. Dowling, Jr.....	1936.....	August 11, 1944	*Thomas J. Laudani.....	June, 1943.....	November 6, 1944
John K. Neff.....	1936.....	March 23, 1944	*Jack M. McGregor.....	June, 1943.....	August 2, 1944
*Augustine P. Little, Jr.....	1937.....	August 29, 1944	*David L. Smith.....	June, 1943.....	November 4, 1944
*Benjamin M. Bailey, Jr.....	1939.....	August 23, 1944	*Lawrence E. Swank.....	June, 1943.....	August 15, 1944
*Robert G. Cole.....	1939.....	September 18, 1944	*Francis V. Walker.....	June, 1943.....	June 9, 1944
*Percy DeW. McCarley, Jr.....	1939.....	September 12, 1944	*Richard F. Wilhelm.....	June, 1943.....	July 12, 1944
*James O. McCray.....	1939.....	October 26, 1944	Paul Bradshaw.....	1944.....	October 19, 1944
*Stanley C. Scott.....	1939.....	August 3, 1944	William M. Wallace, Jr.....	1944.....	October 16, 1944
*John P. Gerald.....	1940.....	October 17, 1944			
*James H. Pitman.....	1940.....	September 18, 1944			

\*Killed in action.

## Bulletin Board

### 143rd Anniversary

THE Association of Graduates, U.S.M.A., is planning to sponsor its annual radio program on or about March 17, 1945, in commemoration of the 143rd anniversary of the founding of the U.S. Military Academy. Wherever possible Army groups throughout the world will assemble to listen to the broadcast, primarily from West Point, over major network facilities and shortwaved to all Army units throughout the world. Notification of the time, facilities, etc. of the broadcast will be announced at a future date. In addition to the broadcast, film equipment and film will be available as indicated below.

All Central Film and Equipment Exchanges and O.M.P.S. Film Exchanges in Overseas Theatres, Departments and Base Commands and Central Film Libraries at Service Command Headquarters now or will have available before 17 March 1945, the following film materials which are suitable and will probably be requested for exhibition:

1. G.I. Movie Weekly No. 65 (overseas only)—In New York, Army battles Duke, Blue Devils, Army smashes Duke 27-7. (4 minutes)
2. G.I. Movie Weekly No. 67 (overseas only)—Shows how Army crushes the Irish, 59-0—Eighty thousand fans in New York see Notre Dame get the worst beating in its history as the West Point team, hailed as one of the greatest in years, romps over rivals from South Bend and avenges 13 years of defeats. (6 minutes)

3. G.I. Movie Weekly No. 71 (overseas and domestic)—Shows Army triumph over Navy 23-7 played at Baltimore 2 December 1944, and recorded by Signal Corps Cameramen especially for Army-Navy Screen Magazine and G.I. Movie Weekly. (10 minutes)
4. G.I. Movie Weekly No. 76 (overseas and domestic)—“West Point,” recently completed and produced as one of the “This is America” series by Pathe. It portrays the Academy with many of its present day facilities and activities, and includes singing by the Cadet Choir. (18 minutes) This film will have commercial distribution throughout the U.S. and other countries. It is recommended that all who can, see this picture.

Officers planning anniversary gatherings should exercise extreme care in confirming bookings, through the Film Exchanges and Film Libraries named above, on these subjects, as extra prints will not be made available.

Non-active groups, such as West Point Societies, should contact the Secretary of the Association of Graduates. It is hoped he will have available a few extra copies for such groups.

### Endowment Fund Gift

The Association of Graduates gratefully acknowledges the recent contribution by Mary Pontius Weaver, wife of Brig Gen. James R. N. Weaver, 1911, presently a Prisoner of War of the Japanese, of \$50 to the Endowment Fund.



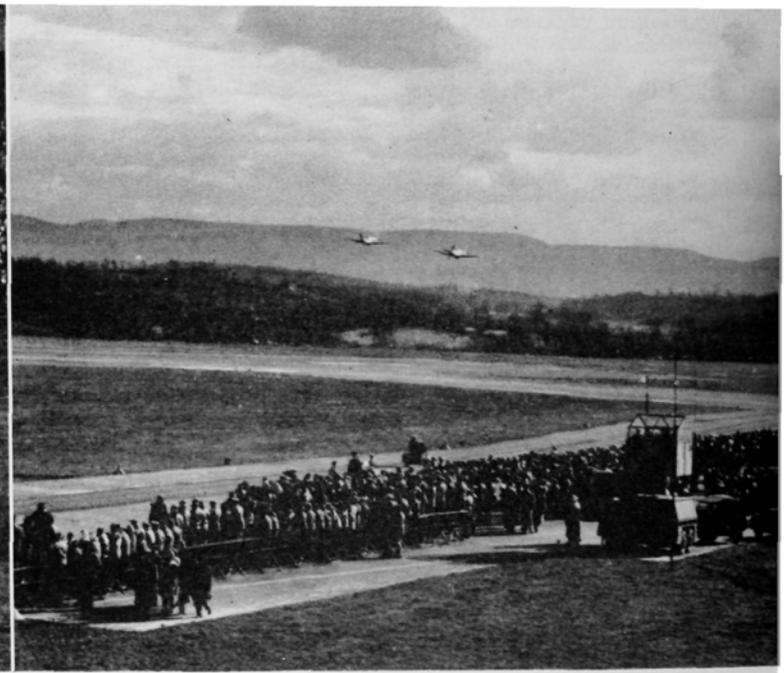
group of United Nations Military Attaches visit West Point.



National Football Champions—1944.



Army scores on Notre Dame, Yankee Stadium, N. Y., 1944.



Stewart Field stages an Air Show for the Cadets.

review by Enlisted Detachments, U.S.M.A.



Cadets are instructed in seamanship on the Hudson.

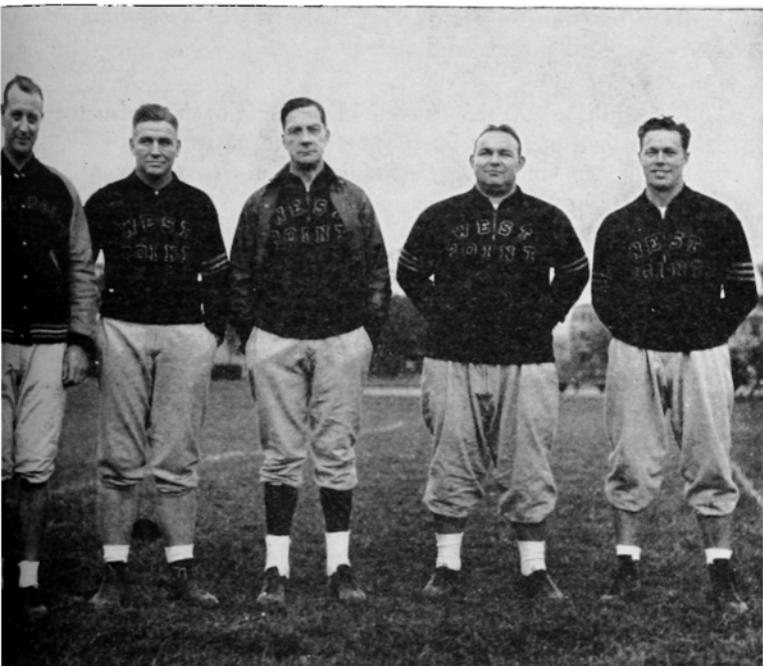




is outmaneuvers Navy tacklers. . . .



The start of a score against Duke. . . .



brains behind the team—Army's coaching staff. Left to right: Lt. Col. Andy Gustafson, Pittsburgh; Capt. George R. Woodruff, Tenn.; Col. Earl Blaik, Army; Mr. Herman Hickman, Tenn.; Pvt. Stewart Holcomb, Ohio State. . . .



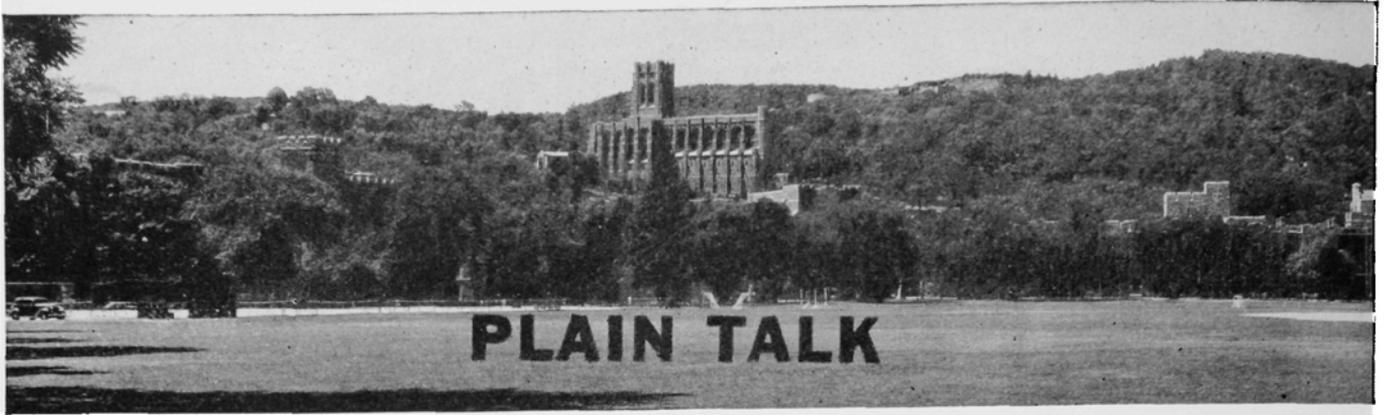
Mr. Christy Walsh, football authority and official of the All-America Board presents All-America certificates to Davis, '47 and Blanchard, '47. Left to right: Christy Walsh, Davis, Blanchard and Col. "Biff" Jones. . . .

Lombardo, Army Capt., intercepts a Pitt pass. . . .



A great Army line smashes thru Navy. (Army—white jerseys). . . .





## DANCE, '22

**Football**

North Carolina—0	Brown—7	Pittsburgh—7
Army—46	Army—59	Army—69
Coast Guard—0	Duke—7	Villanova—0
Army—76	Army—27	Army—83
Notre Dame—0		Penn—7
Army 59		Army—62
	Navy—7	
	Army—23	

Force Super Bombers, Bainbridge Naval, Green Bay Packers, New York Giants, Washington Redskins, and Philadelphia Eagles. . . . I have seen no backfield all season, college or professional, that even approached Kenna, Blanchard, Davis, Minor, Lombardo, Sensanbaugher, and Hall, to mention only a part of it. Here was a combination of speed, power, and finesse.

“In addition to this backfield, Line Coach Herman Hickman had a young but powerful line, as good as I’ve seen all year—maybe a better line than I’ve seen. Although lacking the experience carried by Navy, some of the service teams and professionals, it had such invaluable qualities as speed, spirit, and aggressiveness, plus all the needed physical strength to meet any line on even terms. . . . This 1944 Army team was one of the best football teams that ever came upon any field.” And Granny Rice should know.

**T**HE long drought in the Hudson Highlands finally has come to an end, and that’s the way it happened. Up here we’re all willing to stand on the record. For those of you who only heard about it or possibly read the accounts in publications of dubious authenticity, let me assure you that it actually took place and that with my own eyes I saw it all from points of vantage or disadvantage usually in the vicinity of the ten-yard line (the local ticket agency being given to practical jokes).

However, such out of the way locations did not always prove undesirable, as the Army team displayed little inclination to loiter around midfield. As a matter of fact, Red Blaik’s 1944 edition of the Big Rabble was just about the “goingest” piece of machinery displayed on the home front in recent, or any other, years.

To give you some idea of how truly great a team we had, let me remind you that the Associated Press poll voted the Army Football Team the outstanding team of 1944, with the World Champion St. Louis Cardinals a poor second. In looking back over the season past Grantland Rice said: “There are certain arguments that always remain arguments and can never be settled. They are decided only by majority opinion. But in this warring year 1944, just about to slide over the hill into oblivion, there is at least a good chance that one college team may be the top outfit of the year, including all the service teams and the professionals.

“This team happens to be Colonel Blaik’s Army outfit which in my opinion could beat any team I’ve seen—and that includes the Randolph Field Ramblers, Second Air

Coach Howie O’Dell of Yale in discussing the season said that the Army Team had been badly underrated because Army kept winning all its games by such wide margins that many observers called the opposition weak instead of calling the Army great. He pointed out that his team, Yale, had defeated a good Coast Guard team 7-3 when Yale was stronger than was the case later in the season. He said Coast Guard was a strong football team, better than the average, and capable of beating many good college teams. Yet he remarked that Army took them 76 to 0, and under wraps. O’Dell commented further on the fact that many said that Notre Dame had an off year, despite their severe trouncings of Pitt, Tulane, and Dartmouth, and their conquests of Northwestern, Great Lakes, and Georgia Tech—all good teams. Yet Army gave Notre Dame the worst beating in its history.

While O’Dell failed to say so, Granny Rice had the feeling that O’Dell believed that on a fast, dry field Army could have taken Navy by at least forty points. Remember that Navy team was no push-over. Remember also that the field at Baltimore was neither dry nor fast by any standards between Leyte and the Western Front.

In reviewing our great season, too much credit cannot be given the coaching staff for their splendid work with the squad. Through the efforts of Herman Hickman and Bob Woodruff on the line, Andy Gustafson with the backfield, and Stew Holcomb on the ends, Red Blaik’s 1944 model of the T was rendered not only workable but absolutely instoppable. And behind the whole picture was the superb job done by Red Blaik, himself.

During early fall practice Red, for the first time since coming home to West Point, realized that, in the form of a coach's dream come true, he had ample material to employ the two-team system. Throughout the entire season he followed the practice of alternating his veteran team, guided by the genius of Doug Kenna at quarterback, with his possibly more hovendous aggregation of Plebes under the stabilizing influence of Tom Lombardo, the team captain who ably quarterbacked the second echelon. Yet many games found the third team on the field throughout the final quarter thus proving that despite the size of the scores there was never exhibited a tendency to "pour it on".

T); Johnny Green (outstanding guard and captain elect for 1945); Glenn Davis (the nation's leading scorer with twenty touchdowns—how many he would have made if played for sixty-minutes only Nostradamus could foretell); Felix Blanchard (said by Steve Owens to be the reincarnation of Boonko Nagurski); Joe Stanowicz (powerful guard who lived up to his reputation as intercollegiate wrestling champion—no one got him down); and Barney Poole (terrific Plebe who lived up to all the traditions of the end playing Poole family from Mississippi). There might well have been a dozen more names from what may well prove to be the all-time Army Team. The season's composite box score.

Regards of the billing that the Army-Navy Game received as the game of the year, my conception of what would have been the real game of the year, or any other year for that matter, would have been one between the Army's two starting teams, with any necessary replacements coming from the third and fourth squad. The line-ups for such an encounter would have been as follows:

	<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Army</i>
Touchdowns .....	5	74
Extra Points .....	5	56
Safeties .....	0	0
Rushes .....	285	385
Yards by .....	648	2631
Average Yards by .....	2.3	6.8
Passes Attempted .....	202	117
Passes Completed .....	70	59
Yards by .....	659	1018
Average Yards .....	9.4	17.3
Incompleted .....	94	51
Opponent's Intercepted .....	7	36
Yards by run-back interception .....	42	399
Laterals attempted .....	11	13
Yards by .....	15	276
Kickoffs .....	8	88
Average distance .....	40.4	51.2
Average distance returned .....	17.1	26.6
Punts .....	82	31
Average distance .....	33.6	34.3
Opp. blocked .....	1	4
Average yards opp. ret. ....	9.0	17.4
Penalties .....	38	57
Yards lost by .....	250	452
First Downs .....	71	156
Yards Rushing and Pushing.....	1216	3889

<i>White Team</i>		<i>Black Team</i>
Pitzer .....	L.E.....	Poole
Arnold or Hayes .....	L.T.....	Coulter
Green .....	L.G.....	Biles
St. Onge .....	C.....	Fuson
Stanowicz .....	R.G.....	Gerometta
Nemetz .....	R.T.....	Webb
Rafalko .....	R.E.....	Foldberg
Kenna .....	Q.B.....	Lombardo
Hall.....	L.H.....	Davis or Sensanbaugher
Minor .....	R.H.....	Walterhouse
Dobbs .....	F.B.....	Blanchard

To pick outstanding individual stars from the above line-ups would be as difficult as naming the different Dionne sisters. Yet there comes a time late each Autumn when such agencies as the Associated Press, the United Press, Collier's (Grantland Rice), and others are called on to select so-called All-American teams. When the selections had been made on various first teams were found the names of Doug Kenna (brilliant handler of the

Cadets inspect the big ships at the Stewart Field Air Show. . . .



## The Corps Takes to the Water

In the following letter Bob Starr, swimming coach, brings us up to date on Cadet Watermanship, a new wrinkle in cadet training.

"As a logical extension of the Military Watermanship Course given by the Office of the Master of the Sword, Seamanship was first introduced to the Military Academy by Major R. L. Starr, Director of Aquatics, in the fall of 1943 as a course designed to acquaint the cadet with the operation and practical application of small boats to military situations; principally, amphibious operations, ship to shore movements, engineer shore and boat battalions, etc.

"In keeping with this idea, the course included nomenclature, nautical commands, tactical maneuvering of small boats, and considerable rowing and sailing. The boats available at that time were large 3200 lb. lifeboats recently salvaged from such ocean-going liners as the *Isle de France* and the *Normandie*.

"The following spring boats were borrowed from the U.S. Coast Guard Service and the first intramural crews were formed and made a part of the athletic program. These light, fast pulling whale-boats, holding a coxswain and ten pulling oarsmen, became an interesting and highly enjoyable intramural sport.

"During the summer of 1944, at the bequest of the Superintendent, funds were made available to improve the waterfront near the old North Docks and purchase our own Monomoy-type whale-boats. At the present time work is being completed on the new and enlarged jetty, harbor and docking area. In addition, davits have been installed to give the cadets an opportunity to operate quadrant and crescent type davits, thus receiving instruction in lowering and raising lifeboats prior to the time when an actual emergency arises.

"Both instruction in Seamanship and Intramural Crew has been well received by the Corps of Cadets.

"Reasons for Intramural Crew:

"1. Extension of Intramural to the river to relieve over-crowding of the available playing fields.

"2. To develop upper torso of the cadet by long and sustained pulling.

"3. Natural preparation of the cadet to meet emergencies encountered in modern amphibious warfare."

## Air Show a Success, To Be Held Annually

Stewart Field's Air Combat Display put the Air Force on an equal footing with other branches of the service when it demonstrated to the West Point Cadets the equipment and combat potentialities of America's flying arms.

With ample opportunity to observe Ground Force weapons and techniques in camp and at proving grounds, the Cadets could not get a comprehensive picture of Air Corps activity and material because there are so many varieties that seldom are they gathered in one accessible place. To gather them and show them off was the purpose of the display, and in the opinion of Col. George F. Schlatter, Stewart Field Commanding Officer, it was "the finest and most successful single project accomplished by Stewart Field."

## Without Hitch

The two-day pageant of air power, which gathered more than 300 planes of nineteen types from all over the United States, was carried off without injury to a man or a plane, and all participating aircraft returned to their bases without mishap. Production of the show was not without its headaches, but lessons learned and mistakes made have all been collected for the guidance of the next Air Combat Display committee. The docket fills a large briefcase.

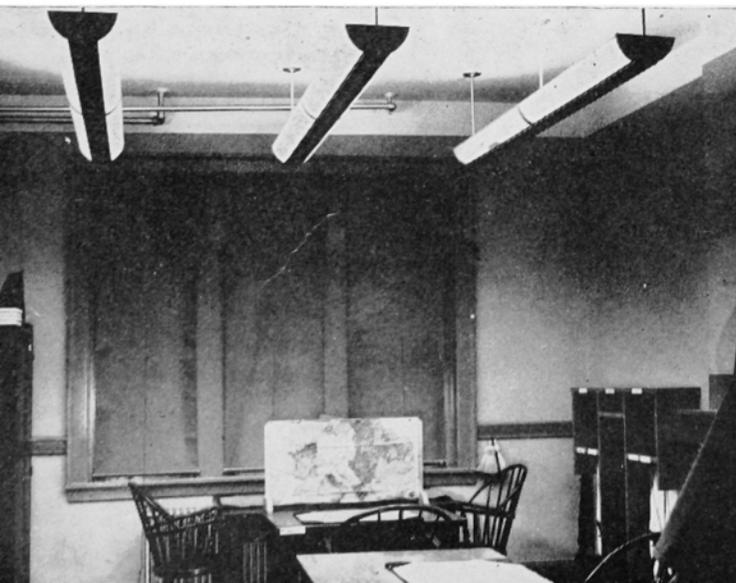
Col. Schlatter's complete statement to PROP WASH follows:

"I consider the Air Combat Display the finest and most successful single project accomplished by Stewart Field. Its purpose of acquainting the cadets of the United States Military Academy with the present and potential capabilities of air power was fulfilled.

"Every officer, enlisted man, W.A.C. and civilian at Stewart Field contributed greatly to the success of the display. The splendid cooperation of the First and Third Air Forces, and other A.A.F. activities, was also greatly appreciated since without their equipment and personnel the display could not have been given."

The air display will probably become an annual feature of June Week.

Indirect lighting system installed in Cadet barracks rooms. Walls are painted light green. . . .



The 1200 Mule Team expresses its sentiment. . . .





## New Members

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

Beverly St. G. Tucker, Nov., '18, joined Nov. 20, 1944  
 Roy J. Clinton, '41, joined Nov. 20, 1944  
 Pelham D. Glassford, Jr., '35, joined Nov. 20, 1944  
 John H. Carruth, '14, joined Nov. 20, 1944

Herbert G. Sparrow, '33, joined Nov. 20, 1944  
 Kenneth S. Wade, '37, joined Dec. 12, 1944  
 William T. Gleason, '41, joined Dec. 12, 1944  
 Daniel Salinas, '41, joined Dec. 12, 1944

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### 1891

When a group of elderly gentlemen, such as we Ninety-oners, finds itself advancing down the reverse slope of their eighth decade, it is hardly to be expected that we should be in a position to furnish much in the way of new and snappy news.

But it was not always thus. It was this famous Class that first departed from the old "Rah, Rah, Rah" form of class yell back in the last century. We, too, broke with stereotyped procedure when we formed the class number with our caps in our Class picture. Again, in the fall of 1890, we joined with Dennis Michie, of '92, in turning out a scrub team to meet defeat by the Navy in the first football game.

Recently your scribe was reminded of two incidents in the history of the Class which show that in our youth we were not without our fair share of enterprise in attracting the attention of the Tactical Department. It was a lovely spring evening in May, 1889, when our then yearling Class was full of the youthful enthusiasm of approaching furlough. Call to quarters had just blown, when there rang out upon the balmy air the resounding boom of the reveille gun. It was not possible at that moment for anyone to get out to investigate, but the facts came out later. At the north end of the parade ground there was at that time a deep depression known as Execution Hollow, so-called from the tradition that it was there that Benedict Arnold used to shoot his deserters. Overlooking the south edge of the hollow stood the reveille gun, a muzzle load-

er, with its trail a few feet from the path which crossed the parade ground just behind it. Balanced upon the breech was a cannon ball, borrowed from Trophy Point for the occasion. To the ball were attached two stout strings—one, too short to reach the ground, was connected with the friction-primer which was inserted in the vent; the other was stretched across the path and anchored to a tent-pin firmly fixed in the ground. Well rammed home in the bore reposed a powder charge, filched from where deponent saith not. As the silvery notes of call-to-quarters floated out over the plain, two officers were walking along the path behind the gun. The first, Lieutenant W. C. Brown, the Adjutant of the Academy, was followed at about 100 yards by Colonel Hawkins, the Commandant of Cadets. In view of the warm season, both officers were wearing white trousers. As Lieut. Brown passed the gun, the inevitable happened. His foot struck the cord stretched across the path; the pull dislodged the ball on the breech; the short string discharged the piece, and the startled officer set off at a run in pursuit of the cadet whom he thought he saw making tracks for the barracks (at least that was supposed to be his story). The Commandant, seeing Brown's white trousers flashing in the twilight, took him for a cadet and he immediately gave chase, but was unable to overtake the Adjutant until they had gotten nearly to the Academic Building. He proceeded to express his astonishment at such a prank on the part of the Adjutant, who had great difficulty in convincing

the Com of his side of the story. As this was before the days of fingerprinting, the authorities never apprehended the delinquent cadet, and it was not until years after graduation that George D. Guyer confided to me that he was the genius who planned and executed the episode of the reveille gun.

It was also during our yearling year that for weeks the vicinity of the Fifth Division reeked with the odor of peppermint and wintergreen. Manifestly, some one was running a candy factory, but who? and where? Again it was Guyer, who lived in a second floor plain room. Every time Hank Kirby entered the division he sniffed again and again and again in his efforts to locate the source of the pungent but pleasant fumes, but we never heard that he had any success in tracing their origin. Guyer was a quiet self-contained sort, apparently interested only in his own business and his studies, and about the last person whom anyone would suspect of mischievous pranks. After his retirement Guyer lived in Louisville, and in a letter over a year ago he stated that his health was such that he did not think that he was long for this world. His words were confirmed some months ago, when he answered the last roll-call last September.

We have but a few items of information from our living classmates. Most of them report good physical condition and growing old gracefully.

We saw the "Kid" a few months ago. He was looking well, with his white hair and cheerful countenance. He finds difficulty in repressing

his boundless energy, and continues a moderately active law practice in the Big Town. He was recently made happy by the promotion of his son, *Sladen*, to B.G. after some fine experiences in the Southwest Pacific.

"*Bill Thicket*" wrote some months ago that he is in fine physical condition and maintaining good morale. While he was to moderate his pick and shovel activities, he still is able to look after the shrubbery and such on his acreage in sunny California.

"*Mister Cook, P., Sir*" now lives in Silver Spring, Md. (see Directory of '91) and will be delighted to see any member of the Class who may pass his way. He is proud of having once been a member of the Corps.

"*Spencer*", our "alpha man", writes cheerfully and in spirit seems to be one of our youngest and most active. He bathes in the briny deep at Nantucket in the summer, and winters in Washington.

"*Mathy*" reports from Brooklyn that he is well and strong and takes life as it comes in a philosophical spirit.

"*Legs*": Emeritus Professor of Engineering at Santa Clara College—or is it a University?—California, sits on the side lines, watching his horses, dogs, chickens, ducks, pigeons and all the fruits that grow in sunny California, and comments to himself on current events in words which are in part fit for publication. He still suffers from the results of his gallant years ago in the Philippines, where he stumped about on a wounded leg in battle when he should have been in the hospital.

"*Kerst*" reports his health not as vigorous as might be wished. He has a son in the Naval Reserve and nephews and grand nephews in commissioned grades in other branches of our services.

"*Duke*" *Fleming* writes a good letter, and seems young in spirit, with enough physical energy to rake the leaves and run a victory garden.

"*Billy*" *Glasgow* always writes interestingly, and keeps young and active in either business or in civic affairs for the benefit of his community. He has a number of sons in the service, all doing well and serving with distinction.

"*Odus*" *Horney* reports that he suffers from some of the ailments that we are supposed to expect after three score years and ten. He has a grandson in the Navy, and other relatives in the Army. He is active mentally as ever, and enjoys hearing from his friends.

"*Bobby*" *Howard*—which isn't his name at all—is one of our youngest in spirit. Still sings and plays bridge, and regrets that limitations of gas

prevent his travelling as much as he is wont.

Our "*Birdie*" is a full General, in case any of us have not noted the fact. He has a fine son in the Army, but we are not informed as to his grade, but suspect that it is at least B.G.

"*Bill Jack*" writes a cheerful letter and keeps young and happy with golf and other activities. Some months ago he wrote me that a *Ross L. Bush* had been killed in action, but in checking with "*Bill Thicket*" I learn that, so far as he is concerned, the report was "greatly exaggerated"

"*Schoef*" escaped the recent typhoon which swept the new England coast, being absent at the time, but his place was badly denuded of trees. As always, he takes a great interest in his classmates and keeps in touch with many of them. His son *Malcolm* is a Rear Admiral, at last accounts having great experiences in the Southwest Pacific.

"*Mac*" *Sorley* tries to convince himself that he is not growing old by teaching at the Valley Forge Military Academy for the duration. Two sons and two sons-in-law in the service; one of the latter was in Bataan and not heard from in nearly three years.

*Switzer* still raising silver foxes in Vermont and reports himself in the best of health.

"*Walter*" *Whitman* is a gentleman of few words. Writes what he has to say and then stops, which is often a good trait, but we could stand for longer letters. He leads the quiet life of a country gentleman, and assists in various civic activities on the side.

Reports re "*Sep*" *Winans* indicate that he is making gratifying recovery from the illness which sent him to *Walter Reed* some months ago. Why he was called "*Sep*" is beyond my recollection, for he is definitely a Juner of the first rank.

*Whitemore* writes newsy letters from his home in Houston. What with farming and oil and other activities, he remains alert and manages to keep the wolf from the door.

—L. S. Sorley.

## 1894

*Carlos Crain* is keeping up his golf game during these fine days. He recently posted three successive scores of 46, 44 and 47 for 9 holes; pretty good, as he says, for one who is living on borrowed time.

*Rosy* gave a dinner at the Army and Navy Country Club, Arlington, in October for *Ham Hawkins* and *Mrs. Hawkins*. The party included *Ed Bell*, *Peddy Wells*, *Billy Barden*

and *Frank Cochen*, besides *Ham* and *Rosy*.

*Peggy Whitworth*, *George Hamilton* and *Carlos Crain* are regular attendants at the monthly West Point Alumni luncheons at the University Club in Los Angeles on the first Monday of each month. Any members of '94 passing that way on the first Mondays will be cordially welcomed.

*Laddie Ladue* has returned to El Cordova Hotel in Coronado after a short sojourn in the Naval Hospital in San Diego.

*Pablo Malone* is still busy with his broadcasting schedule, but finds time to take part in other local activities. He recently assisted in organizing a chapter of the Society of Army and Navy wives in Los Angeles.

With the turn of the year, our thoughts begin to reach forward to next June, when we hope that '94 will be represented at the exercises of Alumni Day and Graduation even though it will not be a special anniversary for us. And our thoughts will turn backwards to June, 1944, when we celebrated so successfully the Fiftieth anniversary of our graduation.

—W.B.L.

## 1895

*Bolles*, of San Antonio, was a visitor here in Washington recently, and made good use of the opportunity to see his friends; although he did decline, but with regrets, an invitation to a Class luncheon proposed in his honor. He continues true to form in his jovial disposition; and answers to his nickname as glibly as in the days of the gay early nineties when, if my memory is correct, he and *Champion* and probably a third—three plebes to a room—were rotating in office as room orderlies across the hall from *Cain*, *Ricketts* and *F.B.W.* on the first floor in the area rooms of the Fourth Division—most conveniently located for upper classmen's rifles, trimmings and dress hats between retreat, full dress parade and call to quarters. And blackouts? Well, no *Old Grad*, who in those days could blanket his windows for boning after Taps should have had much trouble in recent days—or nights—in qualifying for air raid wardens' inspections. Come again, *Bolles*, and have luncheon with us next time. Remember us to '95 at San Antonio, and don't forget this year's 50th Reunion in June.

—F. B. W.

## 1907

The following notes are taken from replies to the Class letter received too late to be included in the October number of *Assembly*.

*Pewt Arnold* writes that he manages to keep busy, what with one thing or another and about the only relaxation he gets is an occasional Army football game. *Bob Arthur* is Chief of Staff of the Gulf Sector and is living in New Orleans. *Daniel Boone* is retired and lives in Claremont, California. He is putting in his time operating a small orange grove, acting as orderly to his wife and doing some lecturing and writing. *Cap'n. Booth* is retired and has a home in Roanoke, Virginia. He is with the Hercules Powder Company at the Home Office in Wilmington, Delaware, at the present time. *Bruce Buttler* is in San Francisco and says he hopes to make the 40th Reunion. *Babe Chilton* is Director, School Division, Headquarters, Army Service Forces, in Washington. He is suffering from Pentagon fatigue which he says grows more virulent daily. *Spots Coleman* writes that he is living on a so-called farm near Harborton, Virginia, enjoying that famous status called "retirement" and watching the world go by. *Bunny Crafton* is retired and is working at one of Mr. Kaiser's shipyards in Richmond, California. *Sloan Doak* has no official duties or work, simply living the rather busy life of a contented "retired for physical disability" person at Truxton, Maryland. He still keeps busy showing and judging at horse shows whenever there are any. *Dusenbury* is stationed at Camp Howze, Texas, but expects to retire about January 1st. He is training Infantry replacements for overseas duty. *Si Hanson* has sold his hardware business in Gallup, New Mexico, and is looking around a bit before deciding where to make their future home. *Judge Henry* is retired and is enjoying life in Carmel, California. *Eddie Householder* is retired and is with Monogram Pictures Corporation in New York. *Nat Howard* reports that he still lives in Winnetka, Illinois, but wrote from his farm near Wapello, Iowa. He complains that every time he gets an idea to do something his doctor vetoes it. *Andy Lang* is a Brigadier General stationed in Buenos Aires as Military Attache to Argentina, which he describes as one of the hot but safe spots. *McNeil* was recently home on a short leave from overseas. He is a Brigadier General and Assistant Judge Advocate General in charge of the Branch Office with the European Theater of Operations. He has been in England but expected to move to Paris when he returned. *Max Murray* is a Major General and commands the Guadalcanal Island Base. He comments that he is a bit stiff in the joints and can't run very fast, but can still keep busy. *Harry*

*Pfeil* was retired but called immediately to active duty in Washington. He was given a job as War Department Liaison Officer at the Senate. He was on the job for two years and finally ended up in the hospital and will directly join the sons of rest in retirement. *J. B. Rose* commands the Frankford Arsenal in Philadelphia. His duties as Commanding Officer are only a side show to the struggle for production to meet schedules that are always set at the limit. When he retires, he expects to settle down in Warrenton, Virginia. *Harry Rutherford* is retired and is in Washington where he has lived for the last six years. He testifies that retirement is not bad at all if there is a hobby that can be ridden vigorously to keep a man out of mischief. *Skee Santschi* is in the Quartermaster General's Office in Washington running lend-lease for his boss. *Skee* serves notice that after the war, the Army and the rest of the world will have to do as best it can without any help or advice from him, as he expects to do a lot of fishing. *Pot Shedd* is a Major General and is in command of the the Ninth Service Command at Fort Douglas, Utah. He only recently returned to the States after three years in the Caribbean Area. *Stiffie Thorpe* writes that he is still at the same old job at Sacramento College (California) breaking in prospective engineers. *Wadsworth*, who has been retired for some time, is living in Leavenworth, Kansas, where he has been in the insurance business. *Jumbo Watkins* is retired and has bought a home on the St. John's River about ten miles out of Jacksonville, Florida. He keeps busy on his place, attending his orange trees, growing vegetables, fishing, crabbing and shrimping in the river and generally enjoying retired life. *Ma Watson* is living at Twenty-nine Palms, California, where he says he is sitting back and grabbing rent checks for the Adobe Hotel, of which he is a half owner. *Ma* seems to be doing all right. *Wyman* is retired and is living in Glendale, California. He is Safety Director at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, but after the war intends to revert to the pleasures of laziness.

The Committee again appeals to those members of the Class from whom no reply to the Class letter has been received to write. If your letter did not reach you, please accept this as an invitation. If you did receive it, let your conscience be your guide.

The Class Bulletin is about to be published and we optimistically hope to have it in your hands shortly, after this issue of *Assembly*. Late replies

will be incorporated as interpolated sheets.

## 1911

More from *Curt Nance* who is in the thick of it staffing with the IV Corps where he recently became a personal and individual target of Nazi artillery for a few moments when he wondered "if I had made a mistake in leaving the protecting portals of the Pentagon."

*Allen Kimball* writes from Paris where he is a Brigadier General and Commanding Headquarters, E.T.O. He visited *Ira Rader*, C.O. of H.D.Q. 8th A.F.R.D. and has also been serving with *Roscoe Batson*, Deputy I.G. E.T.O. He writes, "Had the unique experience of meeting *Elizabeth Hoisington*, my old roommate's daughter in France where she was on duty with the W.A.C. She was in my advance party going into Paris for station. She was decorated with the bronze star for her work in making arrangements for the large number of W.A.C. who were to move to Paris on various assignments. She was the first W.A.C. officer to receive citation in E.T.O.U.S.A. Also ran across *Phil Fleming* when he went through Paris destined for other places."

*Elizabeth's* daddy, *Greg*, reports in from the 17th Infantry Training Regiment of which he is Colonel at Camp Roberts, California, for service with *Tommie Lawrence* who he says "is the same power house, drives himself and everybody else to the limit and is making a great success of this important assignment." Recently saw *Bethel Simpson* and reports that *Carl Ballinger* is in Santa Barbara doing a fine job at R.O.T.C.

*Davy Cowles*, recently retired, was encountered in the Army-Navy Club in Washington just in from the West Coast and furnished the following gossip: *Gilbreath*, Major General, Head of S.O.S. in New Caledonia. *Frank Hicks*, Colonel on Harmon's staff in the South Pacific. *Johnnie Hatch*, also a Colonel in the South Pacific. *Chink Hall*, Commanding the 11th Corps in the same area. *Hen Homer*, Major General in command at anti-aircraft headquarters San Francisco. *Ducky Calvert* running the Boston Q.M. Depot.

"Red" *Stewart*, on duty in Division Engineers Office at 255 Broadway, New York, is basking in Florida sunshine while attending a conference.

*Jimmie Crawford* from Commanding General of an A.A.A. Brigade, Seattle, Washington, has reported for duty in the Secretary of War's Office as the President of the Discharge Review Board.

Our Canal Zone Governor, *Joe Me-haffey* was recently in Washington

and New York looking very fit and as handsome as ever. If the manpower situation in Panama is similar to that in the U.S.A. we don't understand how *Joe* manages to retain his bachelor status.

*Nick Nichols* recently awarded Legion of Merit "for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service as Commanding General of the Hawaiian Anti-Aircraft Artillery Command during the period 21 December 1941 to 6 April 1944." He is now Commanding General, Anti-Aircraft Artillery Training Center, Camp Haan, California. Wish there was room to publish some of *Phil Fleming's* notes on his recent travels but they will make good reading in our next Five Year Book. *Pink Hardy*, Commanding Officer, Fort Huachuca, Arizona, reports that *Pink, Jr.*, has an appointment to West Point for 1945 and daughter, *Mary*, is engaged to Major *Charles N. Wagner*, Field Artillery, now in the Southwest Pacific.

Several members in doubt about their dues have cleared away the doubt by sending them in anyway. In addition, the Association of Graduates Endowment Fund was recently increased by a generous check from *Molly Weaver*.

—R. L. G.

## 1916

Thirty of the class are now generals. Since the last issue *Styer* has become a lieutenant general (our first to that rank) and *Mumma*, *Houghton*, *Maguire*, *Neyland* and *O'Hare* have advanced to brigadiers.

There is a small group of the class in Washington, D. C.—*Styer*, *Scotfield*, *Levy*, *Scott*, *Ruddell*, *Jim Hodson*, *Walsh*, *Duhamel*, *Worsham* and *Bliss*.

*Dwight Johns* returned last summer from overseas and is now commanding the Engineer School at Ft. Belvoir. *Bob Walsh* has just come back from foreign service and is on duty in the headquarters of the A.A.F. *Jack Fraser* and *Parker Kuhn* are frequent visitors to Washington. *Goop Worsham* is now an Assistant Chief of Engineers. *Potter Campbell* recently stationed in Washington on the General Staff has gone overseas. *Brig. Bliss* is coordinating war activities of the Telephone Co. in the Washington Metropolitan area.

*Hugh Mitchell*, who returned recently from the S.W. Pacific has been made commanding officer of the Western Signal Corps Training Center at Camp Kohler.

## August, 1917

The latest member of the class to wear stars is *Bush Bissell* who has

been promoted to brigadier general.

*Emil Krause* has been in the Southwest Pacific for over a year as Inspector General of the XIV Corps. He has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

*Rudy Whitelegg* is a colonel in the administrative section of the Air Corps and is now stationed at Dayton, O. *Rudy* was in England a while back where he found himself in quarters with his old West Point roommate *Bob Bacon*.

*Willie Wilson* is with the XV Corps. He has been all over the lot including Alaska, the Desert Training Center, Ireland, and now the Continent. He reports meeting numerous classmates and other graduates around our time between Normandy and Aachen.

*Pop Goode* was taken prisoner by the Nazis in the early days of the invasion. This makes four of our class that are in the hands of the enemy, *Hoffman*, *Stansell* and *Hirsch* being held by the Japs. We have no reports on any of them.

*Pete Purvis* is back in Washington on leave from Teheran.

Seen at the Army-Navy game: *Joe Cohen*, *Jack Johnson*, *Walker White*. There were probably many others including the West Point contingent.

*Bill Jenna* has returned to his regiment in the Western Pacific after a few weeks leave in this country.

Word has been received of the sudden death of *Clare Woodward*. He was Commanding Officer of the Quartermaster Depot at Charlotte, N. C.

## 1919

New makes include Major Generals *Bill Wyman* and *Jim Parker* and Brigadier Generals *Sladen Bradley*, *H. J. D. Meyer*, *Heine Zimmerman*, *Joe Dalbey*, *Doc Loper*, *Peewee Collier*, *Urban Niblo*, and *Ernest Bixby*. The score now stands six major generals and thirty-two brigadiers. Added decorations: Croix de Guerre with palm and Purple Heart for *John Meyer*.

*Al Wedemeyer* has been much in the news after taking over the China duties of General *Stilwell*. *Mac McNary* writes from Fitzsimons that he commanded a regiment in the 90th Division through the Battle of Normandy, after which pneumonia caught up with him. He reports progress with the medicos, and that he saw *Joe Odell* and *George Horowitz* in London on his way home. *George* is now back in the U.S.A., having visited West Point last month. *Dick Ovenshine* is Chief of Staff of the 27th Infantry Div., and writes that he has a son, Private *S. J. Ovenshine*, C.E., at Amherst taking the West

Point prep. *John Meyer*, now commanding the 45 Div. Arty., has been through the North African, Sicilian, Italian (including Anzio) and Normandy campaigns. Among the re-treads *Jimmy Boyd* has just received his eagles, having started as a captain in the Air Corps in the spring of '42. *Joe Dalbey* was among those seen at the Navy game. *Forrest Cookson* is reported to have taken part in the landing south of Ormoc on Leyte.

*Virgil Kerr* is reported to have been transferred from the Philippines to a P.W. Camp in Japan, and according to an eye-witness was in good health and spirits when he left the islands. *John Armstrong* is now a regimental commander in Italy. *Bill Dunham* is at Ft. Hayes, Ohio, after recovering from a serious bout with the medicos. *Bob Montague* is now on the road to Germany with the 1st Army. *Phil Whitney* has just returned to Washington from the European Theater. Among the articles in the annual supplement to the Army-Navy Journal describing the progress of the war from 7 December 1943 to 7 December 1944 was one by *Jim Parker* on "The Pacific Coast A.A.F. Defense and Training Area" and another by *Joe Dalbey* entitled "Airborne's Extension of Airpower." General *Kromer* was a speaker at the Navy game rally in the Mess Hall.

The annual boodle-fight for sons in the Corps was held at *Doc Johnson's* quarters on 13 December, with 17 sons plus the perennial *Hill*, *Regan*, and *Bartlett* in attendance. *Wes Jervey's* boy, Lt. *John P. Jervey*, Signal Corps, is serving in the European Theatre. *Doc Johnson's* second son, Seaman First Class *Jos. T. Johnson*, has sailed for an unknown destination on a Coast Guard Patrol Frigate.

## 1920

Congratulations to *Hugo Rush* on obtaining his first star in September and to *Crump Garvin* and *Halley Maddox* who were among those selected in the November list. Also we note with pleasure the award of the Legion of Merit to *Hardy Hill* and *Tommy White*, and the Bronze Star Medal to *E. C. Burkart* since the last publication. Visitors to West Point in the last two months have been *Frank Morse* who has been up here on two visits, representing the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3 Office in the War Department, *Clancy MacFadden* who was on leave from Camp Polk, La., and *Kennedy Hoge* from the Adjutant General's Office in Washington, visiting his son who is a Plebe at the Academy. *Charlie West* has returned to the fold after being absent three months on detached service as

recorder, Army-Pearl Harbor Board. *Hank Hodes* who was wounded overseas is now on duty with M.P.D. in Washington. *Hugh Winslow* is stationed at Camp Hood, Texas, and is in command of a battalion, Field Artillery. Our heartiest congratulations to *Red Blaik* on his recent promotion to colonelcy and for the coaching of the number one football team of the country, undefeated for the season.

The death of *Tom Stanley* has been reported in action from overseas, but no particulars have been received. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to his family. A speedy recovery is hoped for *Wayne Barker* who is now a patient at Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington. Understand that *Dick Singer* and *Molly Williams* are with *Chester Haswell* somewhere in France. Orders have recently been noticed assigning *Jack McBlain* to command of the Third Tactical Air Command, *T. J. Tully* to Chief of Staff of the Distribution Division of the Signal Corps, and *Howard, J. G.* to command of an Artillery Unit of the Eleventh Armored Division.

Remember our Twenty-fifth Reunion in June and begin to plan now to be in attendance. It is requested that all class news be forwarded to *Smith, L. S.*, at the Academy, for our next issue of *Assembly*.

—L. S. S.

## 1922

We are all saddened by the news that *Schildroth* was killed in action on 17 September 1944.

*Al Kastner* returned to this country from *Leyte* recently and has been widely quoted in the press regarding the situation there. *Webb*, who until recently was C.O. of troops at the Armored School, is now Acting Chief of Staff of the 16th Armored Division. *McDonough* was recently appointed chief of the supply division, A-4, of the Northern Air Service Area Command. *Ficklen* is back in the Army. He is with the Air Forces. *Jerry Dowling* is reported to be on duty in England. *Monk Blair* is now stationed at one of the Air Bases in Mass. *Spud Spalding* who was with Patton's army in the invasion of Normandy has since been in Belgium and as last report was in Holland. He reports having seen *Charlie Barrett* there and having visited *Schildroth's* grave. *Johnny Spalding* is a T15 in the Signal Corps. He is believed to be in Hawaii.

*Bill Lawton* sends word from Hawaii that he sees *Bob Douglass*, *Jake Stewart* and *Slater Miller* frequently and *Lip Lombard* and *Jim Reece* occasionally.

*Bob Douglass*, commanding general

of the Seventh A.A.F., is acting deputy commander of the new Strategic Air Force of the Pacific Ocean Area.

*Dave Crawford* is now Ordnance Officer of the Eighth Service Command, Dallas, Texas.

## 1923

Word comes from *Einar Gjelsteen* that having been Assistant Commandant at the Field Artillery School, he is now with the 86th Division Artillery. *Art Garrecht* is in the South Pacific with the Seventh Amphibious Forces, and is serving as General *MacArthur's* liaison officer, inspecting amphibious training centers. He spends three weeks at a time on land and then goes back to the ship. *Kenner Hertford* has recently been made a B.G., and *Roy Lord* has just received his second star. *Jazz Harmony* was wounded in France during the great pursuit to the German boundary, but is now back with his regiment. *Gil Hayden* was with the French Army advancing up from Marseilles; he had a few encounters with enemy snipers but came out successfully. *Trooper Price* has favored us with another letter; he has sold another series of novelettes of guerilla warfare in Mindanao.

*Ken Webber* has written from New Delhi. A letter which we quote at length: "After fighting the battle of Washington for three years, no wounds, no decorations or awards—I finally pried myself out of a very comfortable swivel chair there into another here—resplendent in British idea of gracious living. Oh yes, I did get away for three months last year when I took a Cook's Tour of all the Pacific Theatres. Once got within 30 miles (by water) of one *Jawn Hensel Pitzer*—who, at the time evidently was well ensconced as High Potentate and Factum Factorum of a luscious island in 'The South Pacific'—complete? As a result of my inexcusable omission, I am still replying to that gentleman by indorsement 'hereon and hereafter.'

"Now I am well established in New Delhi where I am a proud and honored member of that great military organization 'The Per Diem Commandos'—as rough and tough a bunch of fighters as ever drank their coffee straight. Really tough customers.

"Although this is commonly known as the land of glamor, mystery, and romance I will sell my vested interests there for a not too well plugged dime. True there are some glorious sights here to behold—some really awe inspiring—but I'll still settle for good old Niagara Falls—newlyweds and all.

"Due to my job, I have more or

less freedom of movement in the Theater so I don't think I shall grow sufficiently stale or ingrained as to trust my tender spare tires to the mercies of a draped bed sheet or to sit on my haunches delivering the local battle cry of 'Baksheesh!'

"Haven't seen any of the gang so far except *Timmerman*, *Phil Enslow*, and *Fritz Breidster*. The latter is always the same *Fritz*—affable and apparently tickled to death when someone gets out to his out of the way habitat to pay a call."

Your scribe, *Bill Morton*, wants to thank all who have contributed class news and to say of your letters—"Keep 'em Coming."

## 1924

Direct word from *Classmates* has not been too voluminous since the last *Assembly*, but we have been able to gather a number of news items in one way or another. In the case of our more distinguished members, the items were taken from press reports.

*Les Skinner*—see the September-October issue of *ARMY ORDNANCE* for *Les'* excellent article on the birth of the "Bazooka"

*Bob Paton*—married *Helen Cooksey* 23 September 1944, and they live at 1504 13th Street, Wichita Falls, Texas. Bob is another Classmate who came back from civil life. He has been promoted to Lieutenant Colonel. Welcome, *Helen*, to the Class of '24.

*Jug Cornog*—his copy of *THE THUNDERING HERD* was returned by A.G.O. with the notation that *Jug* died 10 August 1944. Subsequent inquiry revealed that he was killed in action in E.T.O.

*Jake Moon*—wife, *Winifred*, wrote in September that *Jake* was in France. She wanted to be sure that he got his copy of T.H. We hope he has it by this time.

*Peter Shunk*—*Peter* called by to see us from some near-by Shangri-La. Besides his cheerful visit, he contributed generously to the local Class fund. His wife and four children are making their "for-the-duration" home in Missouri.

*Buck Lanham*—doubtless most of us have read the full press coverage (particularly the Washington, D. C. papers) of *Buck's* really outstanding act of heroism and leadership when his 22nd Regiment broke the West Wall. As of 26 September 1944 *Buck* was wearing The Silver Star, The Bronze Star and The Purple Heart.

*Coombs*—*Frances* recently sent us a good letter. She and daughter, *Doris*, live at 3525 Davenport Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. *Ray* is overseas with the Ordnance Section,

Headquarters 10th Army.

*Waters, H. S.*—made a handsome contribution to T.H. funds. He is with Lehman Bros. banking firm in New York.

*Clark Bailey*—wife, *Laura*, wrote us in September that *Clark* had arrived safely in England. He is with a Glider Infantry outfit, and may possibly have seen action in the Netherlands operations. The next installment will tell.

*Henry Dahnke*—wrote from India where he was eager for a more active assignment.

*Fred Pyne*—wrote on October 11th and sent in his contribution to local funds. Fred has requested and been granted inactive duty status. He is back with the Aluminum Company of America and lives at 541 Summerlea Street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

*Jim Hulley*—sent us a nice note and his share of "dough" on October 10th. He had not received reunion notices. *Jim* was then Director of Supply A.S.F., Camp Reynolds, Pa.

"P.D." *Ent*—We are deeply distressed with the news of *P.D.'s* serious injury in an airplane accident in Texas on October 10, 1944. He was taken to the A.A.F. Hospital at Fort Worth. Major General "P.D." *Ent* led the first bombing raid on the Ploesti oil fields in Rumania, and was Commander of the Second Air Force at the time of his injury. Our sympathy, and best wishes for an early recovery, to this truly distinguished Classmate.

*Peter (R. V.) Lee*—We hear that *Peter* has been awarded the Bronze Star. He is in France (or Germany), and had previously been awarded the Legion of Merit.

A salute to *Jim Moore, Red Mead, Ralph Fisher, Luke Smith, and Mac-Closkey* who also have won the Legion of Merit award.

*Don Storck*—another civilian back in uniform who is congratulated on his promotion to a full Colonel. *Don* sent us a good letter on December 8th, and enclosed a number of contributions received from Washington D. C. members of THE HERD on the occasion of a Class get-together at the time of the Army-Duke game. Those present for the gathering included Mrs. *Bob Harper*, Mrs. *Eddie Hart*, Mrs. *Jim Hulley*, Mrs. *Dick Baughman*, Mrs. *Art Trudeau*, Mrs. *Bess Kirkpatrick*, Mrs. *John Hill*, Mrs. *L. Vogel*, Mrs. *Noah Brinson*, Mrs. *Pete Hains*, and Mrs. *John Brewer*; also *Don Hill, Henney, Micky Marcus, Clint Robinson, Edna Dean, Stokes, Kessinger, Thompson, Tasker, White, Lyndall, Berry, Linn, Forbes, Raymond, Watson, Glasgow, Merrill, Parmly, and Don Storck* himself. Our

thanks and warm greetings to all you good folks.

*Gus Watson*—no word from *Gus* directly but good authority tells us he is living in Bethesda, Md., with his family—wife, *Mildred* and three sons. Owner of the Watson Automotive Corp. and is busily manufacturing army equipment.

*Bob (R. W.) Harper*—Our first Major General was awarded the D.S.M. for his important and excellent work from about June 1942 to September 1944. *Bob* now has an important assignment overseas. A recent report stated that *Bob* was wounded during a reconnaissance flight over Germany. A later report however advised that the *Harper* was not our *Bob*.

*Red Reeder*—We trust that the Class of 1926 will forgive us for including this fine soldier in our column. *Red* is known to and loved by so many of our Class. He was at the Notre Dame game with *Ott Nelson* and had a real ring-side seat. He finally had to lose his leg, but appeared well along toward licking his bad break. See a recent Saturday Evening Post for a most complimentary article on *Red Reeder*.

*Steve Koszewski*—wrote us on October 12th. He was with Headquarters Div. Arty. 66th Infantry Division, Camp Rucker, Alabama. His family are at 2318 Crescent Avenue Ext., Charlotte 4, N. C.

*Art Trudeau*—and wife, *Helen*, were distinguished visitors to West Point in early October. It was good to see them again, and we are proud of this, another, distinguished soldier Classmate.

*George Smythe*—It has been apparent for some time that *George* has become one of the outstanding Commanders of an outstanding Regiment of this war-time American Army, but not until recently has much information gotten through. *George* commands the 47th Infantry Regiment which has been called "The Conquerors of Cherbourg". A Battalion of that Regiment has received a Presidential citation as well as a Distinguished Unit citation for its part in the capture of Cherbourg. *George* is another hero of football and baseball at West Point who has earned his letter on sterner fields.

*Charlie Stevenson*—still holds forth in G2 at Washington, and continues to be our best source of information regarding the high accomplishments of Classmates.

*Frank Kreidel*—wrote us recently from Fort Hayes, Columbus, Ohio. He regrets having seen but one Army football game in recent years. We hope he gets to see more next year when the Army Team promises to

be of the same national champion caliber as this year. *Frank*, another classmate to come back into the Army from civil life, won his eagles on December 9, 1944. Good going, *Frank!*

Mrs. *Alex. Greig*—wrote from her home in Tyler, Texas. We trust she will be successful in getting an appointment to West Point for young *Alex. III*.

*Eddie White*—is with Headquarters A.A.F., Washington, D. C. When he wrote he expressed high hopes for the Army Team just prior to the Duke game. You hadn't heard anything then, *Eddie!*

*Gene Meister*—sent us a copy of his reunion song which has been duly deposited in the archives of the Class. *Gene* had recently seen *Dick Gibson*, and reported him doing nicely in Fitzsimons General Hospital, Denver.

*Eddie Hart*—We were proud to see our *Eddie's* face and bright star in a News-Acme picture entitled "A Photo for the History Books", showing Generals *Eisenhower, Bradley, Patton, Hodges, Collins*, and others somewhere in Belgium on the occasion of a visit from King George of England. It wasn't too long ago when *Eddie* and all of us were learning our Math from "Captain" *Bradley* and our Tactics from "Major" *Hodges*.

*Tad Tasker*—sent in his generous contribution, and best wishes to all his Classmates. He was still in Washington.

*Frank Lazarus*—wrote from the Anti-aircraft Artillery School, Fort Bliss, Texas, and enclosed another check! Thanks a lot, *Frank*, and hope you have your T.H. by now.

"The Star-spangled Herd" it is getting to be! The list of General Officer nominations dated 21 November 1944 included no less than seven Classmates, bringing the number of our Generals to 26, with six of them wearing two stars. *Duke Arnold*, and *Ott Nelson* are to get their second stars, while *Bill Sexton, Bob Berry, Emil Lenzner, Clyde Eddleman*, and *Clyde Massey* are to become Brigadier Generals. Breathes there a single "Bull" who is not deeply proud of the accomplishments of his Classmates!

*Jim Macklin*—was reported missing in action in May 1942, and the A.G.O. has since reported that, based on investigation, he was presumed to have died July 1, 1944, the day his son, *James E., III* became a Cadet.—*Jug Cornog* and *Jim Macklin* are two more Classmates to fall in action since the preparation of the list appearing in the 20th reunion issue of THE THUNDERING HERD. The sympathy of the Class goes out to their families and loved ones.

*Harry Bertsch*—A Baton Rouge, La. news item stated that *Harry* was engaged to marry Miss *Genevieve Welsh* of that City. Welcome, *Genevieve*, to the proud roll of THE THUNDERING HERD. *Harry* was a member of the 82nd Airborne Division and participated in the invasions of Sicily, Italy, and France. He has won the Silver Star for gallantry.

Seen at the Army-Navy game in Baltimore—*Ralph Glasgow* with his two almost-grown and fine looking sons; *Marcus Stokes*; *Otis McCormick* and wife; *Bill Cleary* who has recently returned to civilian status; *Mrs. Keg Stebbins*; *Al Dombrowsky's* son—*Al* recently left for overseas duty with a Red Cross unit. As previously reported, he was retired last spring for physical disability; *Gordon Rogers*; *Mrs. Emil Lenzner*; *Ray Raymond* and wife, *Peggy*; *Micky Marcus*; *Peggy Harper*; *Don Hill*; *Les and Marie Simon*; *Tad Tasker*; *Shorty Hawkins*; *Wally Merrill*, wife and children; *Kessinger*; *Jerry Sullivan*; *Bill Slater*; *Pat Pasolli*; and six of the West Point contingent.

*Ewing France*—has been retired for physical disability. He plans to make his home in New York area.

*Poore, J. E. (Jim)*—sent a very interesting letter. He was in the European African Theater for two years, and was retired for physical disability last October. He is now Commandant of Cadets at Georgia Military College, Milledgeville, Ga. *Jim* and wife have four sons and a baby daughter. The oldest son, *Jas. E., III*, hopes to enter West Point.

*French, W. E. (Walter)*—recently promoted to be a Major. Congratulations, *Walter*, and may more advancement come to you soon.

## 1925

Word reaches us of *Bruce Clarke's* promotion to B.G., a battlefield promotion. Congratulations, *Bruce*. We also have photostatic copies of letters to General, then Colonel, *Clarke* from French officials of the towns of Sens, Commercy, Nantes, Troyes, Orleans, Saint Dizier, Chalons sur Marne. The letters were expressions of gratitude in behalf of the people for liberations of their cities by *Bruce's* unit.

*Charlie Saltzman* writes from Headquarters Fifth Army, 12 October '44: "I was in England from May to October, 1942, and then left for the North African invasion, arriving at Algiers on November 8. Since the activation of the Fifth Army in January 1943, I have been in its headquarters on General *Clarke's* staff.

"It seems to me that there has been a surprisingly small number of our classmates in this theater. I myself have seen only *Gus Farwick*, *Hivey Bowers*, *Pierre Denson*, *Hayden*

*Grubbs*, *George Beane*, *Leif Neprud*, *Jack Chamberlain*, *John Haskell*, *Bill Gillmore*, and General *Gravy McCormick* when he came over once with Secretary *McCloy*.

"While in England I saw *Arthur Bliss*, *Hack Cleaves*, *H. G. Miller*, *Soap Suttles*, and *Ike Evans*. *Louis Scherer* turned up here this week from Washington."

*Mrs. Armand Hopkins* has received a Xmas message from *Hop* dated Philippine Islands, August 1944. In it *Hop* says that he is keeping busy with administrative duties and the study of Japanese and Spanish, that he is well and not unhappy.

We have a Xmas card from *Sol Senior* who is with Hqrs., First Army. Word from *Bill Lord* states he is with the same outfit along with *Sol Senior* and *Dick Pogue*.

Another Xmas card from *Wiley Moore* sends greetings to '25 from China. Other signatures included *Russ Randall*, *Carl Dutton*, and *Jack Gamber*.

Among classmates not heard from in a long time and seen at the Army-Navy game was *John Beatty* who is a Lieutenant Commander in the Navy stationed in Philadelphia.

*Strickland* has been spending the Xmas holidays at West Point. We gather that he is about to leave on an undisclosed assignment. He was in the India, Burma, China theater as General *Stilwell's* Adjutant from the beginning of the war until last spring. Since then he has been in Washington.

From an October issue of the A-N Journal we learn that *Bill Wood* was named commander of the 13th Armored Division Trains. Rumor has it that *Charlie Caldwell* and *Chuck Scovel* left for overseas assignments some months ago. Also slated for overseas is *Bill Ritchie*—who announced the birth of *Bill, Jr.*, on November 17th, 1944. A press report states *Dan Robertson* has been back in service since early 1942, assigned to the Air Corps and presently stationed somewhere in Florida.

Just received, a letter from *Graham Kirkpatrick* (in France) excerpts of which are as follows:

"*Bruce Clarke* is in command of a combat Command of the 4th Armored Division. Has really made a name for himself. Rumor states he has received the D.S.C., the Silver Star, and the Air Medal. *Bill Bigelow* is Director of Training for the 15th Repl. Depot. He's a Colonel. *Art Bliss*, at last reports, was on duty at Hdqrs. E.T.O.U.S.A. as was *Red Hall*. Both are Colonels. *W. B. Griffith* was G-3 XX Corps, and was Killed In Action. Was a Colonel. *Ralph Tibbetts* and *C. A. Black* are on duty

with Hdqrs. IX Army. Both Colonels. *Pete Liwski*, at last reports, was a Major in the Q.M. in England. As for me, I guess I've been doing O.K., too. Commanded an Infantry Battalion in the 4th Armored Division until I was shot in the side by an 88 millimeter Anti-tank gun down in Brittany. Two months in Hospital recovering from wound. Awarded Purple Heart, Silver Star, and Combat Infantryman's Badge. Classified as fit for limited service, non-combat duty only, on dismissal from Hospital. Now command Military Police Battalion in Communications Zone in France."

On 1 November 1944, the Dravo Corporation of Wilmington, Del., launched the sea-going dredge "Barth" the naming of which was in honor of our beloved classmate, the late *Charlie Barth*. *Doris Barth* was name and acted as sponsor.

Our records to date of classmates lost since Pearl Harbor include *Barth* (in Iceland), *Bell* (in U.S.A.), *Bradley* (in Nova Scotia), *Doyle* (in Africa), *Griffiths* (in France), *Horn* (in Panama), *Ketchum* (in Philippines) and *Stephenson* (in British Isles).

While our 20th reunion is some months ahead and we realize the uncertainty of anyone's plans (particularly those overseas) as far ahead as June, those of us stationed at U.S. M.A. are making an effort to start preparations at this date. Within the next few months we hope to get out some sort of poop-sheet to give you an idea of our plans.

It is hoped that we can put out another issue of "The '25 Unreliable". However, considering lack of information and the poor addresses of a large majority of the class, at present this would be impossible. The response from the class in our plea for news has been skimpy. We are willing to do the work but we need your cooperation and assistance. We know you are busy but try to write us if only a post card. More than welcome, too, is information your relatives send in, especially wives. The deadline for class news is March 10, June 10, September 10 and December 10. Items of particular interest include: 1—Dope on yourself since 1934, including rank, duties, decorations, etc. 2—Dope on classmates. 3—Your present address. 4—If overseas, the permanent address of a close relative with whom you frequently correspond. We lose contact quickly when you change station or when your A.P.O. is changed.

When this reaches you, our greeting will be out of date but, being written in December, we send it along regardless. Our best wishes for a successful, victorious 1945. GOOD LUCK!

## 1926

'26 salutes B.G. *John (Trooper) Doyle*. We now have five (5) generals. Can you name them? A copy of the *Satevepost* of 18 November '44 with its splendid article on our own *Red Reeder* has been preserved for the Class archives. By all means read it; you'll be proud of *Red*. Incidentally, it was swell seeing *Red* on the sidelines at the Notre Dame game. *Van Horne* and *Kirchoff*, having graduated from the Army-Navy Staff College, have headed for responsibilities in the Pacific. *Jim (Dave) Davidson* visited us upon his return from Italy. *Dave* is now G3 of the Army Ground Forces in Washington. *Hank Ross* has left Stewart Field for Paris, France. We hear he is concerned with the rehabilitation of casualties. *Mathias* and *Heiberg* are in Washington; the former in the Chief of Engineer's office; the latter in the office of the Air Engineer. It was nice seeing *Linc Jones*, looking good, up for one of the home games. Colonel *Harry Storke* is living in a trailer on the Italian front. *Bill Walker* is in Washington—playing with statistics. *Tom De Shazo* is Assistant Commandant at Ft. Sill. *Harry W. Johnson* is now back in the U.S.—in Washington. Colonel *Oka Wade* writes from Y Force Headquarters in China that his only trophy so far is a tiger skin. Good hunting, *Oka*. He reported seeing *Skinny Ringler* in China; *Bill Creasy* is also in that theatre. *Van Syckle* is still with the Ordnance Section, Headquarters, Third Army. *F. X. A. Purcell* commands the General Service Regiment of the same Army; *H. M. Forde* (with a ferocious mustache) and *Paul Hamilton* are there too. *Jack Ryan* is close by, punching with an armored unit. Colonel *A. H. Johnson* is Chief of the Detroit Procurement Office. Colonel *Boone Gross* is also in Detroit, in charge of the Storage Division, Office of the Chief of Ordnance. *Sid Wheeler* wrote us a fine letter from California, praising *Eddie Watson's* offer to assist any and all who passed through Portland and reiterating (what we all appreciate) how very much "the outs" are anxious to help. We know you mean it, *Sid*, and thanks lots. *Sid's* address is: Box 566, Portola, Calif. Colonel *John Harvey Kane* commands an Infantry Regiment at San Luis Obispo, Calif. *Charlie (Chin) Sloane* popped in for a brief visit while on a short leave from his job as G2, A.F. Hqs., Paseria, Italy. *Bill House* remains our best (and only) news correspondent. Won't somebody else please send in some Class gossip? How about you '26 Class wives?

Good luck, '26, as we enter the fourth year after Pearl Harbor. Good luck and good shooting!

## 1927

A few of you have crashed thru to send us a little info on the Class. Thanks. (Col.) *E. G. Daly* is Engineer Officer of the 23rd Corps, (Col.) *Ken Thiebaud* is A.G. of the same outfit. Col. *Al Dickerson* is C.O. of the 2nd P.T.R. as of last October. Col. *Lee Washbourne* is Engineer Officer, First Air Force, at Mitchell Field—also *Chick Harding* is at the same post with First Bomber Command. *Mone Asensio* is with an Air Force in Burma as Engineer Officer. We hear *Mike Pegg* is in that area also. *Roy Axup* has been heard from in China. Malaria got the best of him for a while and he had to leave the country but now is back on the job. A card from (Col.) *Barney Rose* arrived recently with an A.P.O. from San Francisco. A letter from *Wink Ehr Gott* with N.Y. A.P.O. announces his majority and gives the bad news that Capt. *Paul (Pete) Todaro* has lost a leg. *Pete's* at 135 Broadway, N. Y. City. *Wink* also picked up a 32 calibre wound which suddenly stopped any thoughts he had of a horseback ride. *Wink* saw (Col.) *Ed Glavin* and (Lt. Col.) *D. P. Miller* recently. *George Asnip* was seen at the Penn Game. Still is at Frankford Arsenal—has silver leaves and looking younger. *Bob Aloe* writes from Camp Butner, N. C., that "he got caught in the youth movement" and now has his eagles. He has moved from Leavenworth where he has been instructor to take command of an infantry regiment of the 89th Division. *Ray Bell* writing from "somewhere in Belgium" sends greetings and much info about the Class. He had a little reunion with *Duke Gilbreth* who is C/S of an Armored Division. Also saw the "Buxom one" *Charlie Wesner* who has a Bn. of F.A. in the same division. Reports *Charlie* a little Buxomer than 17 years ago and fears that unless he shaves that moustache and ducks the pipe, someone is going to mistake him for Stalin. *Ray* hears that *Bob White* is near at hand. *Jack Kilgore* as G-1 and *Ralph Zwicker* as C/S is in the same Division as *Ray*. All are in good health and doing a great job. *McLamb* has been heard from in England. We were glad to have a little visit with him at the Notre Dame game.

## 1928

Last count of generals in the class reveals 3 Major Generals and 17 Brigadier Generals.

*Bob Frederick* is reported to have

received the Purple Heart and 7 Oak-leaf clusters to date. His wife received so many telephone calls that he was on the wounded list that she thought some clerk in the Adjutant's office was calling her about the same wound. *Fred Anderson* was just awarded the distinguished service medal. *Blondie Saunders* is now in Walter Reed General Hospital and is slowly recovering from some very serious wounds received when his plane crashed in the India-Burma theatre. *T. Landon* was heard over the radio the other night speaking from some island in the South Pacific. *Rosie O'Donnell* is distinguishing himself daily and is now the Nips biggest headache. *Luke Finlay*, Executive Officer of Chief of Transportation, accompanied the Corps of Cadets on their trip to Baltimore for the Navy game and educated the Corps to the inside workings of the Transportation Corps. *Tom Lane* is doing a big engineer job in the Southwest Pacific. *A. V. P. Anderson* is with the Far East Hq. *Jack Murtha* is somewhere in New Guinea. *John Billingsley* has left Washington for an overseas assignment. *Scott Riggs*, *Donald*, *Jack Hinrichs*, *Watkins*, *Paul Breden* and *Norman Webb* all have desks in the Pentagon Building. *Okey O'Connell* is back at his old job as Industrial Personnel Advisor to S. H. Kress & Co. *Mercer Walter* is Director of Training at the Intelligence School, Camp Lee, Va. *McNamara* has been handling supplies in France. *Paul Johnston* has been with the 1st Armored Division thru Tunisia and Italy and has received the silver star, purple heart, bronze star and oak leaf cluster to the bronze star.

The following class wives were seen at the Army-Navy game: Mrs. *Breckinridge* (*Bill* is in Italy), *Betty Anderson* and *Jean Maerdian*.

—C. F. F.

## 1929

*Andy Samuels* has received his eagles at West Point. *John Callery*, Exec. Off. of an Air Force in the C.B.I. theater, is now a Col. *Jim Gavin* has gotten his second star as C.O. of an A/B Div. *Willie Kirn* is now C.O. of the Nome Garrison, having succeeded Brig. Gen. *E. T. Jones*. *Willie's* wife and two children live in Los Gatos, Calif. *Dave Angluin*, now a full colonel, is G-4 of an Army unit in the Pacific (Central) area. He served with the 7th Div. in the Aleutians and Marshall Islands campaigns. *George Keeler* is A.A. Officer and *McCartney* is J.A.G. of the 12th Air Force. *P. K. Morrill* is at N.A.T.O.U.S.A. *Slim Vittrup* is in the G-3 Section of an Army Group in

France. Also in France are *Ed Hempstead*, C.O. of an A.A. Bn., *Merle Thompson*, A.A. Officer of an Army, and *George Lynch*, C.O. of an Inf. Regt. *George* received the Legion of Merit for work in Italy. *Paul Caraway* left Washington in Oct. for the Pacific. *Fred Dent* writes from the A.A.F. Board, A.A.F.T.A.C. at Orlando, Fla. where he is recovering from wounds received on a bombing mission over Germany. *Montgomery* and *Anderson* are also on the A.A.F. Board. *Williamson* is with the U.S. S.T.A.F. in England. *Roth*, *Robey*, and *D. J. Keirn* are at Wright Field. *Zeke Napier* has a Liberator Group in England. *Earl Hughes* graduated from the Naval War College in early December. *Dud Wiegand* is at Benning. *Al Viney* is G-4 at Adv. Hq. in France. *Fred Chaffee* has left Washington for the Pacific. *McNally* is probably back East of Suez after being with G-2 in Washington. *Don Poorman* is still a mainstay in the Logistics side of O.P.D. *Dobie Kraft*, after being re-retired, is back in Indianapolis with his old firm, The Lilly Co. *Charlie Arnett* and *Bob Ward* did a knockout job of sending poop on eighty classmates. Among those in Washington are: *Dubose*, *Doubleday*, *Lincoln*, *Zimmerman*, *Wentworth*, *Stone*, *Freddie Smith*, *Svensson*, *Sprague*, *McCoy*, *Hayes*, *George Evans*, *Murphy*, *Jones*, *C. R.*, *Thompson*, *P. W.*, *Bell*, *Greear*, *Dunn*, *Jark*, *Chandler*, *Guyer*, *McKee*, *Statham*, *Freeman*, *Vanderhiede*, *Bassett*, *Ladd*, *Wetzel*, *Cook* and the two who took the trouble to send the dope. *D. J. Keirn* received the *Thurman H. Bane* award for the most important technical achievement by an officer or civilian of the Air Technical Service Command in 1944. The presentation was made November 9 by General Knudsen, and was made for *D. J.*'s part in the development and production in quantity of the turbo-jet engine. *Jack Horner* has been in England since '41. *McKeefe* was seen in Washington on his way overseas. *Bill Bowyer*, in N.A. for two years with A.A.F. *Roger Browne* in U.K. with A.A.F. *Tom Sands* was with W.D.G.S. until he went to a Div. as G-4. *Windy Miller* has received the Legion of Merit for action in Italy. *Steinbeck* is with the artillery in France. *Fagg* was in Washington in the fall on his way to the U.K. *Hammond* is in U.K. as special advisor to Mr. Winant. *Jack Geary* has been retired due to injuries received in a parachute jump. *Buchanan* commands a regiment in the S.W.P. *Chard* is in England. *Jupe Lindsey* had a parachute regiment at Benning at last report. *Lud Bryan* is in the S.W.P. *Johnnie Horton*

commands a flying school in the U.S. *Bill Hall* is with the A.A.F. in Italy. *Bruce Easley* and *Miles Brewster* are in E.T.O. The latter since January '42. *Tom Taylor* is G-4 of an Armd. command. *Bill Vestal* is at Bliss with the A.A. command. *Lou Hammack* is in G.S.C. at Knox. *George Bush* is a regimental C.O. in the S.W.P. *Daddy Woods* has a Bn. in Italy. *Pee Wee Merrill* is Exec. Off. of a regiment in France. *Jimmie Brooks* is at Hq. N.A.T.O. after being Sig. Off. of the 3rd Div. and *Calidonna* is at the same place after a tour as Sig. Off. of the 34th Div. *Thompson, M. R.*, is in France with an Army Hq. *Kai Rasmussen* is at the Language School at Snelling. *Maulsby* is G-3 of the 4th Corps. *Stevenson* is with the Army Reclassification Board in Rome.

Many thanks to those who have written in to give the dope on themselves and classmates. This is your column. Keep it going.

## 1930

### In France (or Germany)

*Jimmie Wilson* and *Eli Stevens* are at S.H.A.E.F. in France. *Sammy Morrow* is in France with a Bn. of Field Artillery in an Inf. Division. *Frank Dohs* has an Infantry Bn. in the same division. *Joe Twyman* is reported to be somewhere in France. *Art Fuller* C.O. of an A.A.A. A.W. Bn. left Mississippi for overseas and has apparently gone east. *Kumple* is Engineer officer for the IX Corps and is overseas for a second time. Colonel *Chris Clarke* is C.O. of a regt. of Infantry in a Division now with General *Patton's* 3rd Army.

### Pacific Area

Cols. *Paul Weyrauch* and *Tommy Dunn* are on *Krueger's* Staff in the S.W. Pacific. *Al Watson* and *Tom Mifflin* are also on an Army Staff in the S.W. Pacific. *Fred Ammerman* is on a Corps Arty. Staff and recently left the country. El Senor *Dice* is reported back on temporary duty in the Pacific. *Arthur C. Peterson* is a prisoner of the Japs. His wife lives at 100 Lake Street, in San Francisco. She has heard from him occasionally and he has said that he was well.

### In Italy

*Herman Ohme* was killed in action in Italy while commanding an Infantry Bn. during the latter part of October and was buried in Italy. Apparently death was caused by shell or mortar fire. *Ray Brisach* is in 5th Army Hqrs. *Paul Clark* is in a Corps Arty. Hqrs. in Italy. *Ham Howze* and *Percy Brown* are still with the 1st Armored Div. in Italy. *W. H. Harris* is reported at Allied Force Hqrs. in Mediterranean Area. Col. *Paul Roy* has been in Italy since Jan-

uary, 1943.

### In This Country

Cols. *Jim Heriot* and *Herb Mitchell*, are in O.P.D. in Washington. *B. S. Cook* and *Wally Thiede* also at the Pentagon. *Phil Smith* has left Penegotiation Division for overseas. *Koscielniak* is at the Army-Navy War College in Washington. *Dick Parker* is at the Replacement School Command in Birmingham, Ala. *Happy Brooks* recently sent us a Xmas card from the same place featuring *Jane* and three children. *George Duehring* is with a Corps Artillery Hqrs. (and recently reported on Gen. *Boliver's* Staff at Brownwood, Texas). *Fred Atkinson* is at Camp Bowie in Texas with *Claire* and the family at San Antonio. *Stuart Crawford* left Fort Sill for Camp Shelby, Miss. to be Arty Exec. of a Division. *Jack Rothschild* is C.O. of a Chem. Bn. at Shelby. *Gundersen* is Chemical officer for a Corps at Fort McPherson, Ga. *Barksdale Hamlett* has been named Artillery Commander of the 16th Armored Division. Col. *Bob Lancefield* is Judge Advocate of the 6th Corps.

### At West Point

*Win Sisson* visited West Point during November on his way Eastward with an Army staff. *Patsy* and the children have settled down in San Antonio for the duration. *Ed Perrin* stopped over for the Coast Guard game. Col. *Bob Wood* spent a recent leave from Italy here at West Point and gave us a good opportunity to throw a good class party. Now on duty at Washington. New arrival—on Oct. 29, 1944, at West Point—*Marin Louisa Shaffer* (No. 2). Seen at the Navy game in Baltimore—*Herb Mitchell*, *Waldrop* (Ex-30). *Guenther*, *Cook*, *Sam Sauer*, *Dick Bristol*, *Paul Ruestow*, *Koscielniak*, *Ross*, *Timothy*, *Dickinson*, and *Barrow*. Where's *Wehle*?

## 1931

A letter from *Chas. McNair* states that he is with a F.A. group at Camp Chaffee, Ark. He also says that *Ray Pratt* is at the C.&G.S. school at Leavenworth. He recently heard from *George Wertz* who is in France. Col. *Jergen B. Olson* has assumed command of Blackland Field, Tex. *Jim King*, last heard from in the E.T.O., sports "eagles" *Bob Hackett* writes *Dick Lane* an exciting letter from the Far East. *Bob* lived with *Chet Young* and *Moby Dick* for a while in Brisbane. *Bob* had a close call in a plane crash on a little island in the S.W. Pacific. He is now in G-1 of Hq. U.S.A.F.F.E. Saw *Bob Ellis* and Col. *Barr* at the Penn game. *Bob* is in the A.T.C. in the Pentagon, while *Barr* takes over an air field in the

Southwest in the near future. *Dan Callahan* is back from India—now in Gen. *Arnold's* office. *Cotter* was recently retired for physical disability. *Charlie Hoy* and *Ed Messinger* are in Holland. Col. *Van Bond* recently took over the 39th Inf.

We have a few rumors which, of course, we can't report. We need NEWS. Out of 270 people still in '31 we should have more to say—so please send us the dope for the next issue.

### 1932

*George Kumpe* came out of the security fog with plenty—Listen. He took Avn. Engr. Bn. from Africa, to Sicily to Anzio; then after planning detail in England, *George* took his own Regt. to France the first week. His class encounters follow: *Jude Abell*, C.O. of a Topo Bn. in E.T.O.; *Leo Dahl*, Gen. Staff of A.F. in Italy; *Charlie Baer* from P.R. to Ft. Monmouth; *Honey Whalen*, Army Gp. Staff in France; *Gil Adams* with A.A.A. in Italy; *Al Stoltz*, C.O. of Engr. Avn. Regt. in Fla.; B. G. *Tom Darcy's* job further described as C. of S. of Fi. Comm. in Italy and received a British decoration; *Dan Gilmer* was Sec. of Gen. Staff in N.A.T.O.U.S.A.; *Geo. Descheneaux* was an observer in Italy; *Bob Hewitt*, on an Army Gen. Staff in France now; *El Davis* is C.O. of an Engr. Gp. on the way overseas; *Bill Powers* was decorated for G-4 work at Sicily, now on Engr. Board at Belvoir; *Red Smith* was C.O. of Bombardier School in Morocco, then back to Combat flying in Italy. *George* is already piping a super-doooper 15 year reunion in '47; aren't we all?

*Rachel Sundt's* letter is full of grim inspiration for more of us to see more "Good Boches, the pallid, stiff variety." He also tells how strongly he was moved by reading *Danny Spengler's* splendid citation. *Boswell* has been "Danny's" only classmate contact in the last six months. *Dick Coiner* has a very active Gp. of Marauders in France and is close to *Herb Thatcher* who commands a Bomb Wing and *Joe Kelly* has a Gp. in the same Wing. *Bob Landry* is a brass hat in 8th A.F. Opns. *Hunter Harris* has a Hv. Gp. in the 8th A.F. *Dick* tells of how royally *Ray Stecker* took care of one of his pilots who was forced down on *Ray's* strip.

More news from *Mary Cain—El Davis* has his Engrs. in England; *Bill Menoher* is mopping up New Guinea; *George Power* was in San Antonio after 19 months in the Pacific. *Goodie Goodrich* is overseas recently; *Mike Riley* was last heard of in Paris. A clipping shows that *Bill Freeland* was appointed to be E.X.O. of Eastern

Sig. Corps Schools at Ft. Monmouth.

And now for the latest "word of mouth" garnered inside the '32 area in Section H at the Navy game.—There was a reunion, only to be exceeded in the Pentagon Bldg! We saw these football fans—*Wray*, *Tisdale*, *Cairns*, *Fischer*, *Morris*, *Weber*, *Rude*, *Metzler*, *Dreyer*, *Massey*, *Allen*, *Wold*, *Porter*, *Epley*, *Power*, *Iseley*, *Lavigne*—shall I include *Pepe Martinez* who entered M.L. Dept. in 1931? He says he is a classmate. *Tip Lavigne* works with *Ralph Sasse* at Ft. Meade; *Fischer* and *Cairns* are in O.P.D.; *Coughlin* reported in C.B.I.; *Epley* in Req. Sect. A.G.F.; *Red Bengston* is at Belvoir from E.T.O.; *Dreyer* goes to a new job in W.D.G.S.; *Torg Wold* is at Mitchel Field; *Stan Wray* works for *Hap Arnold*; *Marv Iseley* is in A.N.S. C.O.L. class. Thanks, gang.

—S.

### 1933

Your classmates at West Point are happy to say that we have fulfilled the promise we made in the last issue of "Assembly" to publish another issue of the "Lucky Star". If you have not received yours it is because we do not have your latest address. We have some extra copies which we shall gladly forward on request. For the information of those who have not received copies here are some of the highlights of correspondence reported in our last issue: The Tactical Department at West Point has been trying hard to have *Bob Arnette* assigned here for duty. He has a brother, *Jack*, in the Plebe Class. The news from Washington as reported by *Baumer*, *Bellican*, *Breit*, *Otto* and *Richey* is that there are better places to be stationed but that it has its compensations as a converging point where one sees all his classmates at one time or another. *Bill Harris* recently passed through Washington from an Atlantic assignment, *Abe Lincoln* was seen there leaving with the British Commando Chief, and *Frank Henry* just reported in at O.P.D. *Montgomery* has left Washington. Both he and *Milt Summerfelt* have B-29 groups. *Sam Otto*, back in Washington after three months in Normandy as S-3 of a combat division, says he saw *Bill Calhoun*, *Dave Gibbs*, *Pete Carroll* and *Bill Fuller* in France. From S.E.A.C. we have a report that '33 is well represented there with *Armitage*, *Maston*, *Welling*, *Hill*, *Stillwell*, *Bishop*, *Grubbs*, *Essman*, and *Cahill*. We reported last June that our classmates in England had a reunion there. The list of those who attended shows the number of classmates in the European Theatre. It includes *Akers*, *Bartlett*, *Baumer*, *Blanchard*,

*Blatt* (since deceased), *Beeler*, *Broshous*, *Calhoun*, *Card*, *Carroll*, *Chase*, *Cowhey*, *Cyr*, *Dolph*, *Elder*, *Elliot*, *Glass*, *Gibb*, *Gibbs*, *Harris*, *Henley*, *Herb*, *Hetherington*, *Huntsberry*, *Klauderman*, *Lane*, *McCrary*, *Merriam*, *Moorman*, *O'Malley*, *Patterson*, *Raff*, *Ratcliffe*, *Rudolph*, *Scoville*, *Shinberger*, *Sibley*, *Thayer*, *Tieman*, *Travis*, *Tripp*, *Turner*, *R. A.*, *Wagstaff* and *Webster*. In 1942 when your reporter came to this station there were thirty-four classmates stationed at West Point. Today there are seven left. If we can do anything for you here address one of the following: *King Henderson*, *Ben Thompson*, *Bill Hunt*, *Buck Pohl*, *Bob Lutz*, *Wally Thinnes*, or *Bing Downing*.

### 1934

The Army-Notre Dame game (boy! what a thrill it was to see—shades of *Brown*, *T. T.*!) brought to light a couple of names and faces, if not news. *Hutchison* wrote from San Marcus, Texas, (an A.A.F. school, which he commands) for tickets, but couldn't attend. Among those attending were *Ligon*, *Cook*, *Hoffman*, *Ebel*, *Diefendorf*, and *Denson*; if there were others, I didn't see them. *Diefendorf* and *Denson* collectively report having bumped into *Tank*, *DeGuire*, *Bucknam*, and *Mesdames Volekman* and *Rogers*, (*W. L.*) at the Army-Navy game. A very interesting letter came in recently from *Brown*, *C. E.* in France. *Crystal*, too, still sends hot flashes from the same theater. *Barnes* was there, but was last seen headed for the S.W. Pacific. The report of *Telford's* death (killed in action in Germany) is another of the many shocks we must expect these days. *Sid* was the first to fall in enemy territory. For *Bill Brugge*, reported as missing after leading the fourth B-29 raid over Tokyo, let us keep some hope that Dame Fortune smiled his way. Congratulations to the following: *Vic Huffsmith*, for his Legion of Merit award; *Jabbo*, for his new eagles; *O'Connell*, for the new baby, and *Weitzel*, for number two (a girl).

—R. G. F.

### 1935

Your correspondent missed the last issue of *Assembly* because he was attending the C.&G.S. School at Fort Leavenworth. While there he met up with *Al Ashman*, now in the G-4 Section, War Department General Staff, and *Harry Harden*, now with the Parachute School at Fort Benning. *Jim Walsh*, just returned from the Mediterranean Theater, now A-3 of the 3d Air Force payed us a visit a few weeks ago. *Art Fickel* and *Van Ormer* are with the New Develop-

ments Division, War Department Special Staff. *John Williamson's* battalion of doughboys was in on the capture of Aachen, Germany. *Art Frye* and *Bill Lapsley* command Engineer Regiments in France; *Mike Bowyer* is a Division Finance Officer in France; *Charlie Rich*, *Jim Balluff* and *Mel Colburn* are somewhere in France; *Ham Twitchell* and *Frank Osmanski* are with S.H.E.A.F. in France; *Ed Smith* is in London. *Floyd Pratt* and *John Cole* are in Italy; *Nat Martin* and *Curly Hill* are in Persia; *Hart Caughey* is in Ceylon; *Butch Bristor* is in Hawaii; *Charlie Rynearson* commands an Engineer Group in the Pacific Theater; *Tommy Sawyer* is out that way; *Tommy Musgrave* commands a Heavy Bombardment Group in the Southwest Pacific; *Bob Strauss* has an A-20 Group in New Guinea; *George Jones* has a Parachute Regiment in New Guinea; *Ed Treacy* is a Corps G-2 in the South Pacific; *Harvey Bower* is Ordnance Officer of the 6th Air Force. *Kit Schweidel* is taking the course at the C.&G.S. School at Fort Leavenworth. *Mike Mitchell* is in Colorado recuperating from wounds received in France. It is with deep regret that your correspondent reports the death from wounds received in action in France of *Bill Herold*.

*Tommy Wildes* has left West Point (Stewart Field) for the 3d Air Force, thereby cutting our class group here to 8. Thanks for the information on members of the class. Keep it coming and we'll see that it is published. Also, don't forget to send in your ideas for our tenth reunion which will soon be here.

### 1936

After that long week-end when all had returned from sinking the Navy on the mud flats of Maryland, news came filtering in of the happenings and doings of '36. From reports, some were really DOING the Navy game.

Seen at the Navy game were *Ollie Haywood*, *Clint True* (fullback *True* we used to call him), *McCorkle*, *Doc Mohlere*, *Kessler*, *Joe Yost*, *Joe Nazaro*, *Ben Evans*, *Phil Gage*, *Willy Hendrickson*, and *Nic Necrason*. How many others present but not seen?

*Chuck Prosser* gets around. On a recent trip to Ft. Sill he saw *T. L. Lipscomb* and *Dave Hiester*. *Lipscomb* is on the staff at Sill and *Dave* works from Washington. *Chuck* also tells me that *Oren Swain* is now in the G-3 section of the Sixth Army Group in France.

*Clint True* and *Nic Necrason* are back in the U.S. in charge of air fields. *Bob Frost* is attached to the A.A.F. in San Francisco. *Freddy*

*Terrell* in the Plans Division of the A.A.F. in Washington. Word has come through that *Bill Connor* is no longer among those in Washington. How about keeping us posted, *Bill*?

Over in France we have some news. *Bill Sibert* got himself losted in a forest—my mistake; it is Germany. After trying several branches—air, horses, trucks—*Bill* finally teamed up with the fightin' doughfoots. *Westmoreland* is C. of S. of an infantry division. *Bob O'Brien* is C.O. of a cavalry reconnaissance squadron—spends his spare time grooming the iron steeds. *Janof* is still herding his trucks in the same locale. *Poopsheet Thompson* has an Ack-ack bn.; *Norm Spencer* is a weatherman; *Clifton* has an artillery bn.; *Ralph King* is still with an army hqs.; *Bev Powell* has moved from Italy to France; *Cato* has a parachute artillery bn.; *Ace Miller* is in the paratroopers. Down in Italy *Orville Stokes* is with the 15th Air Force.

Word has come from *Sis Miles* (*Bill Kinard's* sister) that hubby *Eddie* now sports a pair of them-there eagles. Great stuff, *Eddie*.

The *Blodgetts*, *Bob* and *Jane*, announce the birth of a daughter, *Mary Hale*, born on 12 November 1944.

There has been no change in the group here at U.S.M.A. *Wirt Williams* is away taking the course at Leavenworth.

While the men are busy fighting the war methinks the wives should carry the torch of sending in the news.

—I. W. Rogers.

### 1937

Another *Assembly* deadline is at hand so here goes with what we have on hand.

*Phil Sterling* sent in a list of the gang that attended a "37" get-together at *Stan Connelly's* in Washington (thanks a lot *Phil*). Those present, including *Phil* and *Stan*, were *Gildart*, *Brummel*, *Donohew*, *McDowell*, *Underwood*, *Abercrombie*, *Broadhurst*, *Posey*, *Murray*, *Clarke*, *F. J.*, *Conway*, *Lowe*, *Chase*, and *Hipps*. We also hear that Col. *Dan J. Martin* (our Ordnance P) was present. (Still a pal of our Class).

*Bob S. Palmer* is reported missing in action in France. We also heard that *Trapper Drum* was wounded in France. We are pulling for you *Trapper*.

*Monk Meyer* has a Battalion at Leyte. No doubt you all heard the Notre Dame (A-59—N.D.—0) and Navy scores (A-23—N-7).

Seen at the Navy game in Baltimore were *Low*, *Holloway*, *Underwood*, *Ingmire*, *Dodds*, *Sterling*, *Broadhurst*, *McDonald*, *Donohew* and *Sawyer*.

*Scott* and *Eubank* are with the 7th Army in E.T.O. *Shive* and *Strandberg* are in the South Pacific. *Kirsten* was back on leave in the States from Australia for a short time. *Stann* is the proud father of an 8 pound 13½ oz. boy. *Gene* is in Belgium as are *Bill Hall* and *Walker*. We are grieved to hear that *Pat Little* was killed in action. We send our sympathy to *Martha* and the children, *Pat, Jr.* and *Barbara*. Congratulations to *Mauldin* and *Murray* on getting their buzzards. *Bill Cain*, we hear, is to take over the B-29 training at Randolph.

*Smith*, *S. L.*, *O'Malley*, and yours truly, *Brierley*, are still here at U.S.M.A. Please write in and give us any dope on the Class that you may have. We of U.S.M.A. wish you all the season's greetings.

### 1938

Seasons' Greetings, 'mates—even though this is received late—Let's start off with a letter from *Tittle*, which came in two days too late for last issue—" been kicking around North Africa and Italy since 8 Nov. 1942. Seen or heard of 25 or 30 of our class since here. Am and have been exec. of Signal Section, 5th army since Dec. '42, made North Africa D-Day, Salerno D-Day, Anzio D-Day plus 7 weeks. I'll write you about those I have seen. Saw Gen. *Mark Clark* pin eagles on *Jaynes*, *W. H.*, he is exec. of Ord. Section in Hdqrs. *Jack English*, exec. Infantry Regt. in a div. *Vic Warren* dropped in to say hello 3 weeks ago. Latter part of May saw *Virg Zoller*—rode over to see him in a plane detailed by *Anderson*, *G. P.* (think *Andy* in France now). Talked to *Wickham* over phone while at Anzio. I served with *Jesse Thomas*, *Bill Latta*, came over together. *Latta* married a nurse in Sicily. Counting time in Hawaii have total 28 months overseas since Dec. 7, '41. My wife *Bessie May Tittle* and son *David* are at 25 Pinellas Way, St. Petersburg, Fla." (Ed.—Thanks *Tittle*, whole class says thanks).

And—a letter from *Hawes* (Italy) . . . *Jack Ryan* and *B. Harrison* both C.O.'s of groups and eagled. *Pardue* is around somewhere trying to run an air-sea rescue outfit which I think he inherited from *Virg Zoller*. *Harmon* (Engrs.) was in other day—is working on runways. Every time I see him I tell him what a stinking job he is doing! (quote). I was down in Cairo and Jerusalem and heard *Mearns* had gone back to States, and that *Vinnie Miles* is A-3 of 4th A.A.F. You should see me riding a camel—I'll send you a "pitcher" to prove it. (Ed.—have heard of *Hawes* since—got the eagles—and got hit—expected

back in States soon.)

*Patrick* was in N.Y.C. made 59-0 N.D. game. Have his address. *Pat* wrote me later he saw *McBride* before game, stationed at Orlando, Fla. on B-17's. *Coleman, J. B.* at Mitchel Field, N. Y. *Corbett* (dept. of English) apuntó lo siguiente: Mrs. *D. W. Thackeray* was at Duke game. His family of 3 (not inclusive of himself) in N. J. while *Thackeray* makes his living as G-2 of 5th Div. His latest is the Bronze Star. Also at Duke game was *Connell* (né Conigliaro) with his *Pretty* wife. At present *Nig* is in the States. *McBride* (B-29) looking fit, was up to Usmay "collitch" to see why his yearling brother is following in his shoes.

*Sturdivant* up to Point to see local football game. He is now schoolmaster of a field in Texas. At the *Navy Debacle* was *Johnson, L. E.* (Superforts). On Nov. 1, '44 *Dick Bromiley* mailed a letter: "You are always asking for news, so here are the class contacts I have made since arriving in the India-Burma sector: I have seen *Blanchard, Lou Coira, Al Frolich, Bob Breitweiser* and '*Preacher*' *Wells*—*Bill Brett* is here but I haven't seen him as yet—most of above are on the big-boys. *Frolich* is Engineer, others are here but I haven't seen them. *C. E. Hutchin* was seen about two weeks ago going back after some 13 months here. I flew him as far as I could in this theater. He is probably in Washington now. My job is C.O. of the India Wing of the India-China A.T.C. Lots of flying and running around India. I'll keep you posted on other people if I run into them. 1938 is all over the world, even in India, so don't leave us out of next issue. *Dick Bromiley*—Colonel A.C." (I have his address.)

*Mabel Haynes*—3982 Larchwood Place, Riverside, Calif. writes us again—(I'll never forget *Mabel's* 6 page letter 2 years ago when that one was the only one I had)—"*Dallas* went across in April—England, France, Belgium—has his own A.A. Bn. Clicked off over 22,000 miles in a jeep—so apparently he's done a bit of travelling. I keep busy (job—telephone company, flight line canteen at March Field—and Red Cross). (With your two children you are busy!) *Moorman, Hal*—went to Navy game and turned in following: Saw *Belardi* with wife. *Langford*, now in Pentagon; *Curley Harvey's* wife; *Sinnreich's* wife; *Offer's* wife. *Amick* is back, visited W.P. with *Anderson, C. H.* and *Wansboro*—latter two stationed here. *Amick* has nerve-wound in right arm. *Danielson*, Div. G-3 and *Matheson* Inf. Bn. Co. recently Europe bound."

From a clipping I read: "Lt. Col. *Nicholas Chavasse* has the distinction of being the C.O. of the first Heavy Weather Reconnaissance Squadron ever to be trained in the U.S. He lives at 812 N.W. 49th St., Oklahoma City."

*Merton Singer* (address here) wrote Dec. 1—*Curley Harvey* is C.O. of Armored F.A.Bn. in France. *Chesarek* is C.O. of F.A.Bn. in Belgium, as is *Nick Nickerson*. *Dick Stilwell* and *Frank Norris* are both in same division, *Dick* is G-3 and *Frank* C. O. Bn. medium artillery. *Bob York* is regt. C.O. and *Mel Russell* is undoubtedly somewhere on the continent. *Dick Sims* is Ord. officer of an Air Force and *Ben Sternberg* was an Inf. Bn. C.O. last time I saw him. I myself am Ex. Off. in Ord. Sect. Hq. VIII Corps. He asks for *Phil Browning* and *Lou Coira* (mentioned above). *Singer* writes he has most beautiful wife in Class—and son *Stephen Lee* who will drive class of '66!

If I can help locate someone write to me here at W.P. Thanks for your letters fellows and girls.

—Glace.

## 1939

Assembly time again. Don't forget us—let us know what our classmates are doing so that this information can be published for the interest of each and every one. Our roster still contains many names about whom we are still seeking information. Present report may be a repeat in some cases, but we'll iron this out in the future. For better or worse, here's the poop as we know it:

*Alfaro, E.*—attended Army and Navy game. He and brother *Jaime* are in export business in Panama. *Allen, R. W.*—Field Artillery Battalion executive in France. *Atwell, W. B.*—Passed through West Point on completion of Leavenworth course about October. *Mart Bailey* killed in France about August. *Banks, J. M.*—Married at West Point in October, stationed at Camp Stewart, Georgia. *Barber, H. G.*—last heard of in Iceland, now at E.T.O. Hqtrs. *Tom Bartel* and *Bill Clark* were wounded around Falaise; both doing nicely although *Tom* lost an eye and *Bill* a hand. *Jack Beier*—Pentagon Building, Washington, D. C. *Bollard*—Infantry Battalion Commanding Officer, Southwest Pacific. *Boye, F.*—just returned from Italy, present whereabouts unknown. *Boylan*—with Armored Division in France. *Boyle*—paratrooper—wounded in France but returned to duty. *Bradley, W. T.*—Commanding Officer, Engineer Battalion in Southwest Pacific. *Brearley*—Commanding Officer, In-

fantry Battalion, European Theatre of Operation. *Breitenbucher*—reported patient, Lawson General Hospital, Atlanta, Georgia. *Brinker*, Commanding Officer, Field Artillery Battalion headed for Europe. *Brockman*—Regimental Staff, Infantry Regiment, E.T.O. *Brownfield* commands Tank Destroyer Battalion in France. *Byrne* returned to states after service in Italy. *Christian*—reported shot down over Germany flying P-51's. *Cole R.*—killed at Nimwegen in September; won Congressional Medal of Honor; *Coleman, R. M.*, last reported in Atlanta. *Collins, K. W.*, Commanding Officer Armored Infantry Battalion entering Germany. *Connor, H. L.*, Squadron Commanding Officer, Southwest Pacific. *Crandall, R. S.*—saw rough going around La Haye Du Puists; Engineer Combat Battalion. *Crandall, R. W.*—captured in Italy. *Curtin, R. D.*—flak officer with 9th Air Force. *Davison, M. S.*—wounded in Italy; returned to states. *Dawley*—Commanding Officer, Engineer Combat Battalion, E.T.O. *Dietz*—Instructor, Fort Sill. *Dobson* taken prisoner in Italy; *Edwards* located in Washington, D. C.; attended Navy game as did *Iseman* and *Morrison, R. S.* *Morrison*, Air Corps, ready to be shipped E.T.O. *Farmer, M.I.A.*, out of England flying A-20s. *Florance, C. W.*—graduated Army and Navy staff college as did *Vandevanter*, is an Air Corps full Colonel. *Fraser*—Engineer Section, Base Section, E.T.O. *Frederick*—still G-3, now in Leyte. *Gideon* just returned from Italy, Air Corps full Colonel—reports that *Jacoby, Manzo, Knapp* and *Tomhave* all have groups in 15th Air Force. *Knapp* is full Colonel. *Hamilton, E. S.*—wounded 3 times in France, couple of awards, now presumably in hospital on West Coast. *Hillhouse*—15th Air Force, but presently with 8th Air Force. *Hoopes* and *Boughton* still instructing at Leavenworth. *Hull, Speedy*—G-3 section, A.B. Corps reports that *Tom Shanley, Ed Ostberg, Mike Krisman, Medusky, Shields Warren, Harry Kinnard, Julian Ewell, Carl Buechner* and *Al Ginder* all saw action with A.B. units in Holland and are now recuperating with exception of *Ginder* who was wounded and is being returned to the states. *Johnson, S. R.*—with Armored Artillery of A.B. Division in Holland. *Johnson, U. L.*—G-3 Infantry Division, Southwest Pacific. *Jordan, R. E.*—on Civil Affairs Assignment with 8th Army, Southwest Pacific. *Jumper*—commands group of Heavies. *Sammy Kail* is G-2 of A.B. Unit in southern United States. *Jim Keller* thought to be G-1, 7th Division but newspapers list him as Regimental Executive in Leyte.

*Kirby-Smith*—returned to states after service in Italy. *Kunzig*—just completed Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island. *Lampert*, Regimental Staff, Infantry Regiment, E.T.O. *LaPrade*—with unknown paratrooper unit in France. *Larsen*, S. R., believed to be only ground force full Colonel, C.O., Infantry Regiment, Southwest Pacific. *Latowzewski* located somewhere in Southwest Pacific. *Lavell* just finished advanced course at Benning. *Lester*, J. S., still with G.E. in Schenectady. *Bob Little* has a training unit in Hawaii. “*Huey*” *Long* is an Air Corps inspector in Southwest Pacific. *McChristian*, G-3 of an Armored Division believed in France. *McCollam*—C.O., Combat Range Battalion under General *Patton*. *McConnell*, W. J.—left West Point for Italy—latest reports have *Mac* in hospital recuperating from an illness. *Martin*, S. T.—C.O., Engineer Combat Bn., E.T.O. *Bob Matter* still sweating out Attu at latest report. *Maxwell*, J. B., returning to West Point after plenty of action with a Cavalry outfit in Southwest Pacific. *Medinnis*, C.O., Engineer Battalion of A.B. Division in Normandy operation. *Ockershauser* on staff of an A.B. Division, North Carolina. *Ploger*, C.O., Combat Engineer Battalion with assault division in Normandy—wounded, cited, decorated and battalion was also cited. *Roger*, E. E.—Bn. C.O. in an Infantry Regiment, Benning. *Reed*, A. W., last reported as a Battalion Executive 24th Infantry Division last summer. *Reynolds*, J. E., on miscellaneous functions near Paris with an Infantry Regiment. *Roosa* and *Urban* in Signal Corps stationed in Hawaii. *Jack Samuel* reported flying B-26s in Italy. *Schellman*, C.O., Armored Infantry Battalion entering Germany. *Schroeder* is with an Armored Division in France. *Sears* last seen flying from England in B-24. *Showalter*, C.O., T.D. Bn. with 1st Army. *Simpson*, D., with Medical Bn. Group in France. *Smith*, C. B., Instructor, Infantry School. *Smith*, E. P.—still Regimental Executive in a Division in Leyte. *Spragins* jumped to Battalion C.O. in Infantry Division, Southwest Pacific. *Sullivan* flying B-29s over Japan, missing 10 days but came through O.K. *Taylor*, L. N., S-3, Division Artillery, Southwest Pacific. *Thomason*, C.O., Field Artillery Battalion, a Division, 1st Army. *Vann* reported in France; *Walker*, J. T. about finishing advanced course, Infantry School—detail with Infantry. *Wendorf*, Commanding Officer, Field Artillery Battalion, Southwest Pacific. *Bill West*, Commanding Officer, School Squadron, Fort Riley; *Williams*, R. C., attending Leaven-

worth. *Woody Wilson* somewhere in Southwest Pacific. *Winegar* in Belgium with Engineer Section, Advanced Section, Communications Zone, E.T.O. *Wintermute* wounded in France, now at Walter Reed. *Wolfe*, R. D. in Engineer Section, Base Section, Communications Zone, European Theatre of Operation, *Gilchrist* located at Camp Davis, *Howard*, G. E. Lt. Col. in Pentagon, Bldg., Washington, D. C., *Kelly*, J. P. A. attending Military Government Course at Yale, *Kingsley* commands A.A.F. Floating repair unit. *Joe's* going Navy on us. *Lane*, B. G. combined arms instructor at Sill, *Lasche* headed overseas took time out to see N.D. game. *Seipel*, gunner instructor at Sill, *Tom Smith* has an A.A.A. Bn. somewhere in South, *Wood*, O. E. stationed at Camp Hood, and *Yaletchko* is with Rainbow Division

A letter in November from *Carl Buechner* gives much dope—thanks *Carl*—as follows:

*Mike Krisman* and I are G-2ing and G-4ing here together temporarily and have quite a good representation in the units below. *Speedy Hull* is on the floor below, you might say. Down one more flight *Harry Kinnard* is a G-3. *Julian Ewell* has his own regiment and *Al Ginder* is a Reg'l. Exec. next door. Next door to that *Jim LaPrade* has the bn. I took over from *Bill Turner* when he got it in Normandy. *Bill* also was doing a superior job and won the D.S.C. It was a great help to have *Bill Buster* and *Art Trahan* come in with their armored artillery and give us a hand in Normandy. *Blow Bailey* was with them in same division and not far off *Eddy Ostberg* was with his parachute bn. *Curly Edwards* used to take his fighters over before the invasion and come back with a few tips for us. Saw him recently and he hopes to be home soon. *Pete Van Devanter*, *Butter-ball Wilson*, *George Jumper*, and several others were all here but some may have gone home recently. *Jack Samuel* is reported to be around here but I haven't seen him. *Robinette* spent a week-end with me a few months ago, and I bumped into *Spike James* the other day. He is at an Air Hqs. *Homer Barbour* is at E.T.O. Hqs. and *Charlie Mount* at Shaef. *Dick Curtin* is at an Army Hqs. and worked with us recently.

*Krisman* adds that *Ed Gallagher* has a Topo. Bn. and that *McCrary* is around the U.K. along with *Pop Gifford*. *McCaffery* is in Italy.

A recent letter from *Chuck Walton* tells of himself, *Bunny Adams*, *Rocky Crawford*, and *Gorgeous George Coleman* in the Pacific.

That's all for now men—keep news

rolling in to West Point where the following named men are holding down the fort: *Wells*, *Caffey*, *White*, *Farrell*, *Beckedorff*, *Lycan*, *Pavick*, *Fuzzy Harrison*, *Lobes*, *Scroggs*, and *Schwenk*. Good luck and may we hear from you soon.

## 1940

From Washington, D. C. comes the most of the information for this issue. In October Mrs. *Richard S. Abbey* gave a picnic for the men and wives of the class of '40 who are stationed or living in or around Washington. In the event that it may be helpful to some of the other wives of our class who are in Washington at any time, Mrs. *Abbey's* address is 5909 16th St. N.W. She has the complete list and addresses of those from our class who live there. *Joe (Red) Donohue* was at the picnic and assembled the following information: On duty in Washington are *Steve Morrissey*, *Bernie Ferry*, *Jack Harnett*, *Sullivan*, *Larry Sheetz*, *Skip Fowler*, and *Joe Donohue*. Out in the C.B.I. area are *Vaughn*, *Guy*, and *Hazeltine*. *Gideon* is an A-3 in the Far East Air Forces, *Shaunese* is the Q.M. of the U.S.A.F.I.M.E., *Goodrich* with Hdqrs. of 9th Army, *Lewis*, *Willis* is in A-3 section of 3rd Air Force, *Norvell* at MacDill Field in Florida, *Gushurst* just returned from Greenland, and *Dalziel*, *Gillem* and *A. B. Hughes* are in Washington with the Air Corps. *Osborn* left to go to 2nd Air Force, *Ray Sleeper* is in G-1 in Washington, and *Flanders*, *Brown*, *H. C.* and *Clock* have Avn. Engr. Bns. overseas. *A. H. Nelson*, *Len Orman*, *H. B. Chandler* and *Mark Klunk* are on Oahu. *George LeBreche* is at R.C.A.F. Staff School in Canada. *Tom Scott* returned from Italy and is now at Camp Lee, Va. *Strock* is in S.W.P. with a div. *Bill Litton* is reported released by Romania and now is in Italy. *Frank Coleman* is in O.P.D. in Washington. *Jung*, *Townsend* and *Bierman* are at Benning. *Shockner* left O.P.D. to go c/o P.M. San Francisco. *Bidwell Moore* a member of the 1st div. in France. *Dick Abbey* is in Italy and sees *Applegate*, *Roy Nelson* and *Archie Knight*. Mrs. *Abbey* says that *Carey O'Bryan*, *Manley Perry*, *Page Smith*, *Bill Norvell* and *Bob Maxwell* have arrived in Washington since “the Picnic”

So much for the report from Washington—now to get on to the other letters. Mrs. *Gunster* says that *Walt Gunster* is with the 3rd Army. She also reports hearing from *Don Stewart* who is a prisoner in Germany since the Kasserine Pass battle in Tunisia. *Wendy Sell* writes from France and says that after Africa,

Sardinia, Italy, Corsica and finally France that he has arrived. He says that "Hank Arnold, Martin Chandler and Bates have A.A. bns. near here. Hank Cunningham is in an A.A. group near here and W. F. Horton is in the same hdqrs. as I am. I saw Joe Reubel in Lyon but I think he is stationed in Italy; I saw Ted Hoffman and Bill Heinneman near Paris. I understand that Fisher and Wetherill are in this vicinity. I also saw Ed Black in Paris—he and Hoffman play squash occasionally." Thanks Wendy.

Tony Wermuth at Benning says that Daniels, Mabee, Cameron, Ahmajian and Freddy White are there with him. Joe Donohue from Washington adds that Moon Mullins is at Riley. Don Yeuell with a div. in France, and R. R. Williams is the Air Officer for the 2nd Army.

Bill Bennett in the S.W.P. area says that while on Morotai he saw Dibble, MacFarland and Hanley. O. L. Bell is at Camp Crowder, Missouri and says that W. F. (Booker T.) Coleman is in Washington. Bottle Kasper on his way overseas said that Tom Muller was at Benning taking a course, O'Donnell and Monroe were there as instructors and that he saw Mike Kuziv at Camp Ritchie, Md. Fellenz and Hudson are at Benning. Bottle also added that Milner and Dubuison have arty. bns. in an armd. div. which is spear-heading the attack of the 3rd Army.

Symroski returned from 21 months in New Guinea where he received the D.F.C. with O.L.C. and the Air Medal with two O.L.C.'s. He is now stationed at the Las Vegas Army Air Field in Nevada.

The WIVES of the following named classmates live in or near Washington: Abbey, Banks, W. F. Colman, Dalziel, Donohue, Fairlamb, Ferry, Fowler, Free, Gildart, Gillem, Harnett, A. B. Hughes, Jacobs, Mayo, Milton, Morrissey, C. L. O'Bryan, Penny, Perry, Sheetz, Sleeper, P. E. Smith, Sullivan, Wetherill, and Wohner.

Bits picked up from here and there—L. A. Thommen was married in September. J. S. Greene is at Cav. School at Riley. W. J. Wetzel, in 12th Air Force, is well decorated. Don Yeuell from France took part in the planning of the invasion, then in the execution. He mentions having seen Floyd, Brousseau, Ed Black, Stu McKinney and Bob Dodderidge. "A" Co. Bennett has an F.A. bn. and Nosek (with moustache) has an engr. bn. in the neighborhood. Mrs. Sterling writes that her husband Warren and Fred Yeager have been prisoners in Japan for over two years and are doing quite well under the circumstances. John (Butch) Emery is back

from the S.W.P. area and is an instructor in Map Reading at the Inf. School at Benning.

Bill Shanahan wrote to Johnny Spengler and mentioned having seen quite a few classmates in Belgium.

The last letter to get in before the deadline is one from J. B. Bonham who is with the 6th Army in the Philippines. "J. B." reports as follows: "Fat Harry Stella and I are still brasshats. Bill Lewis did a bang-up job as bn. C.O. at Aitape, George Mueller has a bn. in a Filipino regiment, and Roland Renwanz has a squadron in the unhorsed cavalry—he did a good job back in the Admiralties. Earl McFarland, was in the Engr. bn. of an inf. div. back in Guinea. Howard Penny and Francis Crown are in the Engr. Sect. of the 8th Army. Hank Miley is with an A.A. outfit. Frank Mandell is an ass't G-2 of an inf. div. Paul Deems is a squadron C.O. getting in some combat missions. Maedler is C.O. of an ord. bn. Chuck Oglesby did not get back from the states on leave in time to take his bn. into Leyte. Zach Endress has a fighter sqdn near Guinea. Rimmer is exec. of an A.A. A.W. bn. up here. Bill Bennett and Richards are still with the A. A. command in Guinea. Dick Cassidy is over here on the U.S.A.F.F.E. board. Jim Loewus is in an A/B div. Gideon is still masterminding the Far East Air Force and his eagles look good. Otis Ulm is back from the states. Ed Robinson, my Kentucky wife found plebe Xmas, is Gunnery officer on an L.S.T. Ray Clock is back in Guinea; Jack Corbley has newly joined our arty section and says Jerry Addington was acting chief of staff of the inf. div. when Jack left. Larry Forbes came through and went in Morotai as an observer. Dean Benson, Eben Swift, Al Strock, Del Munson and Lee Cagwin are in the same division with Larry Forbes."

Thanks a million, "J. B." that accounts for a lot whom we haven't heard from since graduation.

Here comes the dope I am positive about—Those on duty at U.S. May are Tuck, Rorick (new baby girl), Sattem, Dixon, Roedy, Carnahan, Pillsbury, Spengler, Dice, Humphrey, Devlin, Barry, Clark, C. L., Wilson, H. L., Downey and Prann, latter at Stewart Field.

So long until the April issue. Your letters before then will determine the news in the next issue.

—Carnahan.

## 1941

Here is the latest "poop", obtained from letters, clippings, and from rumors passed around at a recent class get-together at Jim McKinley's

where the honored guests were Col. (full variety) George Brown recently in England, and "Spec" Powell just assigned to the T.D.

In Baltimore to watch Army sink Navy were Denis Grace, Vince Carlson, Billy Mitchell, Lee Ledford, Bob Kramer, Harper, Curtis, Ben Mayo, George Brown, Rod O'Conner, Dave Kunkel, George Hicks, K. O. Dessert, Jim McKinley, G. A. Lee, Swampy Marsh, Jim Roy, Mills Hatfield, Stan Ramey, Jack Millikin, Van Hoy, Bill Seawell, and Dick Kline. Carlson is C.O. of an Engineer Battalion at Fort Belvoir, Va., with Grace (transferred from C.A.C. to Engineers) as executive officer. Ledford is with a 240mm. F.A. Bn. at Ft. Bragg. Bob Kramer, recently back from the Philippines, is expecting to return shortly. Harper is now stationed at Aberdeen Proving Grounds; Dessert and Mitchell are in Washington; Mayo, Kunkel, and Seawell are on leave from overseas. Kline and Poole are with B-29 units in the U.S. Chick Seamans is at Marianna Air Base.

Skoblicki (now Shelton) writes in to let the class know that he was graduated but not commissioned in March 1942. He has a 10-weeks old daughter.

The biggest concentration of '41 outside of West Point is in Europe. Maj. "Mac" Jones with a Rcn. Sq. in Holland; Maj. Neumeister with Hq. of a Corps in France; Maj. R. S. Scott with an Armored Div. in Germany; Maj. Herb Richardson in Italy; Johnny Deane in Ordnance Section of Communications Zone Hq. in France; Joe Knowlton with the Art'y Section 1st Army Hq.; Bill Clifford with a Field Art'y Bn. in France; McKee, Waite, and Bowman believed somewhere in France; Stiggers, Seneff, and Joe Ward in France; Jack Camp in England after parachuting into France. Mike Aliotta, ex-prince of South Dakota, has transferred to the Engineers and is somewhere in Europe. Deyo and deSilva are counting beans and socks in Paris while Bagshaw, also Q.M., is with a truck Bn. in France. Lt. Col. Jack Norton is on the Dutch front and has completed his fourth combat jump. He is G-3 of an airborne division. With him are Jack Adams, J. C. H. Lee, Butch Kaiser, and Joe Myers. Jack writes that Butch Kaiser was cut off behind the enemy lines for ten days, but finally fought his way out. Both Joe Myers and Jack Adams have been collecting purple hearts. Carmen was in the same division, but has been transferred. Tom Corbin is C.O. of a bomber group in France. Jack Kelsey is Ass't. A-3 of the same outfit. Boatwright (Ass't S-3 of a Corps Art'y outfit reports

seeing *Sam Magruder* with a beautiful mustache. *Bill Hoge* (silver star and purple heart) is now recovering in an English hospital from wounds. Holding the Italian front are *Hugh Foster*, *Herb Richardson* and *Joe Gurfein*. *Poovie Ellis* writes from Germany and says to put *Starr* and him down as being married. The *Ellis*' have a candidate for the class of 196—, *Harry VanHorn Ellis, III*.

The news from the other side of the world finds *Bill* from New Delhi to Leyte:

*Al Moody* returned recently from Europe where he was in S.H.A.E.F. and is now in India with the *Maharajahs* and *Pete Crow*. *John Manley* is A.A. officer on Leyte. He reports having seen *Harrington Cochran*, who is lecturing on jungle warfare, and *Ben Spiller*. *Woody Garrett* (Leyte) has transferred to the infantry and has what he claims is the best company in the Southwest Pacific. "*Butch*" *Rising* writes that he and Col. *Pete Sather* have established an "H" Co. C.P. on Leyte to welcome all "H" Co. visitors. *Gibson Niles* and *Tony Chavez* are Alamo Scouts on Leyte whatever that means. *Willy Vaughn* is snooping around the same area on a secret mission. *Jack McClure* has Hq. Sq. of the F.E.A.F. And somewhere in New Guinea, Hawaii, Leyte, Australia, or ? are *Boggs*, *Poff*, *Tidmarsh* and *Tarbox*.

New fathers are *Frank Gerig*, *Milo Moucha*, *Malcolm Troup*, and *Ray Schnittke* with boys; *Bill Kromer* (second), *Bill Hoge* (second), *Ander-son*, and *Tidmarsh* with girls. Has anyone beat *Millikin*?

## 1942

All news received here at the Academy tells us that our class is making a grand name for itself on the far flung battlefields of this global war. While the class is getting its share of glory this is not without great cost for at least sixty men have joined the "Long Gray Line" since graduation. The winners of the Purple Heart are equal in number.

The biggest news item is that several of the class have been promoted to Lieutenant Colonel. *Chet Ladd*, a recent visitor here, was the first Lieutenant Colonel, class of "42" seen at the Point. *Bud Roecker*, who was commanding an Infantry Battalion in France until wounded, also is wearing silver leaves. Rumors tell that "*Ike*" *Neuman* and *Dave Rowland* also are Lieutenant Colonels. About seventy-five in the class are now majors.

A very successful football season attracted many classmates and the

Navy game drew them in an unexpected number. Present were: *Ripper Young*, *Duffié*, *Charley Hill*, *Pat Williams*, *Omans*, *Vivian*, *Roger Russel*, *John Baker*, *Hamerly*, *Wise*, *Hinkle*, *Yielding*, *Ladd*, and *Maupin*. The 23-7 score over Navy gave us plenty to celebrate and a reunion was held at the Belvedere after the game.

Incidentally *Fred Rosell* who is doing such an excellent job reporting on our class through the *Thames Turbulence* is now attending the C.G. & S. School at Leavenworth.

*Paul Omans* visited us recently. He was wounded in France and is back in the states; *Pat Williams* lost a leg in Italy and is now at the Pentagon. *Ripper Young* (who saw combat sooner than most—landed in North Africa) and *Vivian* are also at the Pentagon. *Bill Watkins* doing as well as any, commands an Engineer C Battalion in the Pacific. Over in the European Theater some Squadron Commanders are: *Ernie White*, *Jim White*, *John Murphy*, *Stapleton* and *Leonard*. *O'Neal* was wounded in France. *Hanst*, *Grimshaw*, and *Ryder* are fighting in Germany. *Ray* was seriously wounded in Italy and is now at England General Hospital, Atlantic City, N. J. *Sam Cumpston* is in India, *Halsell* in Belgium. *Leavey*, *Wackendorf* and *Schmidt* recently left the States. *Wally Frank* is now back in the states.

Killed in action were: *Bilstin*, *Hyde*, *F. W.*, *Tate*, *Patch*, *Bogusch*, *Galloway* and *Pierce*. Missing in action: *Baker*, *J. M.*, *Simpson*, *Miles*, *R. C.*, *Gracey*, *Low*, *Ryan*, and *Byrne*. *Jaynes* is a prisoner of War in Germany.

The October issue of *Thames Turbulence* has an excellent list of addresses and activities of "42" men. Nearly every man in the class has one so read it for complete and more detailed news of the class.

## January, 1943

*Sam Karrick* is with an Arm'd Div., at Camp Bowie, Texas. *Hut Martin* is Co. Commander of an engineer company with an Arm'd Div. *Merle Carey* is Battery C.O. in a F.A. Bn. of the same Division. Both *Martin* and *Carey* have gone to a P.O.E. *Buck Lacy* was S-3 of Engineers of a Division in June, and since then has gone to a P.O.E. *Sid Peterman* has returned from Kiska and was seen in Austin, Texas. *V. V. Taylor* is in the 13th Arm'd Div. *Knobby Holt* is home from England, recovering from a wounded knee caused by flak. *Freddie King*, *Bill Smith*, *Charlie Pinkerton*, *Jack Shaefer* and *Geo. Danforth*

are in the same B-26 outfit in England. *Johnnie Catlin*, *Hynes*, *Foote*, *Brady*, *Muldrow* and *Chuck Hardy* are in another B-26 outfit. *Berry*, *Griffen* and *Bestervelt* are all in the same B-17 outfit. *Dave Lowe* is on Gen. *Spaatz*'s staff. In the P-38 outfit are *McDermott*, *Cobb*, *McGough*, *J. Hatch*, *Taylor*, *Kerig*, *Bob Lacy*, *Sykes*, and *Courtney*. *Jim Lenfest* and *Bill Houde* have returned to England after a leave in the States. *Hank Mazur*, *Mutt Gee*, *Dan Cota*, *Buckner* and *Jim Rippin* are flying P-47's in England. *Charlie Benedict* is flying B-29's in China. *Iggy Lane* wrote in from Iceland for Notre Dame tickets for his wife, the former *Kathleen Shea* of New York City. *Moe Gatewood* visited West Point over the weekend of 7 Oct. He had just returned from overseas. *Moe* had the good fortune of being able to walk out of Europe after his plane had been shot down over Paris several days after the invasion started. *Moe* has been reassigned to a new Joint Target Group for strategic bombing in the Far East, and is now in England for a two months' course on British methods. Major *Ham Bonham* is a squadron commander in England. *Jim Kelleher* left Fort Sam Houston. *Rex Minckler* attended the Army-Duke game. He is ready to ship off any time now. *Tim Brown* is with the 75th Division now. *Pat Wheeler*, *Tom Mesereau*, *Davis*, *Rumbough* and *Beightler* are all in New Guinea. They are probably in the thick of the Philippine Invasion now. *Pat* is in command of a Co. of a Parachute Inf. Regiment. *Tom* is in Command of a Co. in the same outfit. *Jack Van Duyn* is with a Wing at Peterson Field, Colorado. "*Slow Leak*" *James* has transferred from C.A.C. to Signal Corps and is now taking the Field Radio Course at Fort Monmouth. He has a daughter—*Robin Diane*. *Herb Kemp* is S-2 of an Auto Weapons Bn. "*Rabbit*" *Brooks* is working on a radio "job" for R.C.A.—"highest priority bracket in the plant" The *Rabbit* has been offered a job in China for a cool \$6,000 a year. Not bad, eh? *Moses*, of old "G Co.", was radio officer of one of the Armored Divisions that participated in the break through at St. Lo. *Fred Kremer* seems to be a favorite patrol leader of one of our front line regiments in Europe. On his last reconnaissance he returned with three bullet holes in the vicinity of his heart and a couple of pieces of shrapnel in his legs. By plugging the three holes with three of his fingers he was able to prevent the loss of too much blood thereby saving his life. He is recovering rapidly and should be rejoining his unit shortly. *Kremer*

also spent a week at a German Division C.P.—seems he crossed the lines to act as an interpreter—was held for seven days and then released. When the Germans learned he was a professional soldier they practically turned the place over to him—he was treated very well—even had cognac and champagne jam sessions. *Bill Scott* was recently found sitting in a regulation foxhole on the forward slope of a hill, looking across at the Germans some 500 yards away. *Bob Marshall* has a company of Combat Engineers. He too has seen some rough action. Recently his company ferried an assault regiment across a famous French river in face of devastating enemy resistance. When the Germans counterattacked the bridgehead, *Marshall* and his boys bore the brunt of the attack—and successfully. At present, *George "Little Red" Rebb* has a company of combat engineers special—quite a rugged bunch. *Dar Kitch* was in the chute droppings in Holland. *Wheelock* is the S-3 of a Mechanized Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron in France. *Ed Carberry*, in Italy, was wounded in the thigh by a German 88. He is now back in action, and has received a combat promotion. *Fred Spann* was seen in Rome, Italy. *Vern Saunders*, with an Engr. Bn., is Asst. Div. Engr. in France. *McGowan* is Liaison Officer of a Division in the Duchy of Luxembourg. *Tom Griess* was shipped to the South Seas or the Philippines. *Pete Grimm* is Btry. Exec. in a Gun Btry. in Hawaii. *Bertram* is a Bn. Radar officer in France. *Joe Dover* was seriously injured over New Guinea when he bailed out at 25,000 feet. He is now in a rest camp in Sydney, Australia. Word has been received by *Margie Dettre* that *Rex* is sweating out the war in a German Prison Camp. *Cliff Butler* is now in France. *Ollie De Gruchy* is in a German Prison Camp. *Kellogg* is serving overseas in the Netherlands East Indies. Mrs. *Ben Norris* joined the W.A.S.P. to carry on in the skies for her late husband. *Hollis* is a Btry. Commander with the 86th Div. *Prutchett* and *Ruyffelaere* are still together and are serving in France with a Para. Inf. Bn. They have served in No. Africa, Sicily, and Italy. *Flanagan* is now serving as commanding officer of a parachute company, F.A. in New Guinea. *Shortall* is the father of a daughter—*Patricia Ann*. *Bob Fiss* was hit in France and is now recuperating at Billings General Hospital, Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind. *Stew Meyer* is in a Hosp. in England. *D. L. Stewart* is the father of a daughter—*Susan Elizabeth*. *Cosgrove* married an Army Nurse in Chicago in September. *Antoniolli* is in a Div-

ision G-3 section. *Duke Windsor* is an Inf. Bn. S-2. *Watson* was found to have ulcers or a rupture and was sent to a hospital in Illinois. Since leaving the states *Bill Knowlton* has been in Scotland, England, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, and now Holland. *Joe Benson* is at present commanding a Division Signal Company. He became a father in August. *Bob Wood* is still in an Engineer Company in the same division. *Bill Larned* and *Adrian St. John* have been seen in France. *E. K. Meade* sustained the loss of a leg and suffered severe burns while fighting with the 100th Division.

This is a fine lot of poop, Gang, but it has been made possible only by your fine cooperation. Best of luck.

—Buck S.

### June, 1943

Here's the latest we have on some of you: *Rex Cocroft* was in on the chase across France and has *Ray Blatt* in his F.A. Group; *Steve Gordy* and *Whit Wilson* are in his vicinity also. *Ted Tansey* was in an excess officer's pool in England some time ago, but he's now in a rifle company with the 9th Army. *Ted* ran into *Purcell*, *Bump Gillis*, and *Puckett* in a P-trooper outfit in England; *Ted* continues that *Bill DeBrocke* was in a Ranger Bn. on Guam. *Bob McCanna* (detailed to C.E.) was bn. recon. officer in an Armored Division which made the push from Lessay to Brest. *Bob Newman* was 2nd in command of a company in the same battalion. *Pat Hurley* is in the Plans Section, U.S.S.T.A.F. in London. *Dick Stoddard* is back on a 30 day leave from the 8th A.F. *Johnny Buyers* has made another move, this time to Northern Burma, with his Engineers. *Dave Conard* is some place close by. *Charlie Pence* and *B. D. Spalding* were in a staging area early in December; by now they're in Europe. *Les Hardy* and *Pinky Winfield* had just completed amphibious training in Camp Cooke, Cal. when this was written. *Les* is in the 86th with *Van Schoick*, *Edrington*, *Coffman*, *Jug Young*, and *Hal Neill*. *Deke Childs* was back in the states on a 30-day leave from the 9th A.F., but has reported back to the E.T.O. *Dave Schwartz* bailed out over France, and, after evading the Germans for eight weeks, finally met up with the 3rd Army's drive on Paris. *Dave* is now in Orlando, Florida with the Evaluation Div., A.A.F. Board. *Ted Watkins*, *Tim Ireland*, *Lee Hogan*, *T. K. Oliver*, *Ed O'Connor*, and probably several others by now have finished the required number of missions in Italy and are back in the states. *Tim*

and *Ed* are now in C.&G.S.S. at Leavenworth along with *Hank Richard*. *Jack Novak* has returned from England and has been reassigned to Stewart Field along with *Lee Hogan* and *Woody Woodson*. *Robin Olds* was on a 30-day leave in December after having flown 272 combat hours in his P-38 and 51 with the 8th A.F. *Jack Hammel* is squadron operations officer at Sarasota Field, Fla.; *Fletcher*, *Gaudiani*, *Jim Bower*, and *Christy Munch* are all with *Jack*. It was a boy for the *Munch's* last May. *Jack* writes that *Bob Hancock*, *Tom Love*, *Eastman*, and *Moe Anderson* have all pulled out for overseas. *Joe Cullen* is instructing in Tampa and *Jim Pugh* is at Tallahassee. *Bob Culbertson* is with a div. in the S. Pacific; *Bob* states that *Stan Pace* is still in Italy and that *Jack Swisshelm* is flying B-29s in Kansas. *Howie Yielding* has just shipped out from Nebraska with his B-29, heading for the S.W.P. *Jack Morris* writes from the Marianas Group where his Airborne Engrs. are doing a fair-sized piece of construction. *Danny Cullinane* passed through on his way to France with an Arm. Inf. Bn. *Dave Chase* is an S-2 in an A.B. Div. somewhere in New Guinea; his letter includes the fact that *Illeto* and *Suatencgo* are both in the same Philippine outfit in New Guinea. *J. R. Lloyd* is in a F.A. outfit somewhere in France (probably Germany now). *Fox Fredericks* is an instructor somewhere in the S. Pacific after having passed through the Hawaiian Islands where he saw *Bob Hanna*, *Betts* (Engrs.), *Ed Cleary*, *Harvey Short*, and *Benny Hoffman*. *Fox* tied the knot last January. *Al Hegenberger* gets his wings shortly after Xmas down in Texas. *Al* writes that *K. A. Whitaker* is driving a B-29 out in Kansas and that *Ernie Boruske* is in Abilene, Texas, flying P-47. *Jim Phillips* is due to go over, in fact, he presumably has; *Jim* was up for a couple of home games. *Frank Taylor* was back from England to get a hand repaired for which he had received the Purple Heart. *Woody Woodson* writes from Roanoke, Va., that it was a 7 lb. boy named *John Henry* on the 9th of October. *Bill Martin* left for overseas in September and joined the 15th A.A.F., flying B-17. *Bob Rooney* is back in action with his old Group in France. *Ned Burr* is with his F.A. Bn. again now as Ass't. S-3 after having picked up part of a Hienie mortar burst while F.O. *Bob deCamp* is Ass't. G-3 of the Iceland Base Command. He saw *Ed Parks* and *Steve Sherill* on their way to U.K. in B-17's; *Steve* is with the 8th A.F. in England, was married to

Peggy Bruns in May. John Rawlings is flying a B-29 in S.W.P. He married Anne Bartholf 19 Oct. Charlie Benson married Betty Gridwell in April. He's with an A.A.A. Gun Bn. in Holland. Tom Brown wrote at the end of Sept. saying that Fergie Knowles, Doc Hughes and Ace Parker are teaching P-47's at Harding Field. La. He and Ace (proud pater of Richard H. Parker, II) expected to leave soon for C.B.I. or S.W.P. in T'bolts. Ed Soler is in an A.A.A. A/W Bn. in the Dutch East Indies. Tom Essen, C.E. in the sweep across France is now in Deutschland. The Hal Heads have a son Harold David born 11 Aug. John Hommel who married Edith Fenling in July '43 now has a son John Twining, born 27 July '44. Dick Reitman, C.E. was in the invasion of the Palau Islands. Jim Thomas is at Selfridge Field, Mich. He has a son Russell Irwin born 23 Oct. Johnny Moses married Virginia Manning 13 Nov. Frank Ball stopped by in Dec. while awaiting reassignment, after having recovered from a flak wound. The Balls have a five months old baby girl. Walker Jamar and Stan Ott are in England. Bill Ray received the Bronze Star in the Battle of Brest. Bob Hanna is on Leyte. He has a son Thomas George born 19 Sept. Ed Curcuro is now in England. His son Steve Nichols was born 30 Oct. Cal Cole who's in France has a daughter Bonnie Jean born 11 Oct. Bob Campbell is back at Camp Van Dorn after three months at F.A.S., Ft. Sill. Tony Hartman is at Camp Pickett, Va. with a glider outfit. Art Surkamp is in Luxembourg. He received the Bronze Star leading his company of Engineers. Milt Rhoads and Jack Brady are with the Cavalry in Burma; it was a daughter, Marilynn Jane, for the Rhoads in October. Bob Danforth passed the name on to Jr. September 27th. Cab Brannon just arrived in India on sick leave from China where he's one of Gen. Chenault's fighters along with Bill Burns and E. F. Smith.

Because of the inaccuracy that it may involve this column will not list those men killed or missing in action. However, the P.W. list includes Gullion, Clark, Fitz-Gerald, Blank, Tannler.

Seen at the Notre Dame game: Fletcher, Hammel, Bower, Harris, Hogan, Johnson, E. A., Warburton. At the Navy game: Pence, Rose, Olds, Ball, Schatz, Piebes.

Visitors at Usmay since the last issue: Olds, Cullinane, Griffin, Phillips, Stockton, Deakle, Peak, Newman, Warburton, Watkins, Ireland,

Taylor, F. W., Kalinski and Huddleston.

Bernie Rogers is now getting out an *Old Kayco Letter* for all those who were in that company. Keep the stuff coming June '43—remember the *Assembly* is a quarterly publication and some of the poop may be old when it hits print but it's still good!

—W' C. M. and B. W' R.

## 1944

Response to the request for class news has been generous. Thanks to all contributors! On 6 December, only six months after graduation, most of class is either overseas or on the way over. Most divisions have moved since news was sent in; hence locations given here no longer apply.

The Notre Dame game in New York turned out to be an unofficial class reunion with well over a hundred men up to see the big team turn out its classic annihilation of the Irish. Fewer made the Navy game in Baltimore.

Branch schools were cut short to allow time for joining divisions before they went overseas. Hence most of the class was able to participate in the second acceleration program in as many years. F.A. men at Ft. Sill celebrated with a gigantic party.

"'44 Kayco Poopsheet" a mimeographed publication by Drake gives plenty of detailed news about old K Co. men.

Among the newlyweds (since June) are Shoemaker, Peugh, Hendrick, Christl, Dunham, Pickens, Shirey, Bingham, Bright, McCorkle, Moon, Mire, Cary, Kleist, Ely, and Wilhite.

With an armored division at Camp Chaffee were Cooch, Millington, Partridge, McKeever, Patterson, Wilhite, Marks, Emley, Nicoletti, and Nalle.

Together in another armored division are R. L. Martin, Jenks, Brickhouse, and Walton. In still another armored div. are Drake, C. S. Johnson, Handley, M. L. Marshall, Clore and Boyles.

The ordnance group, E. P. Anderson, Boots, Frock, Hall, Hoffman, Heiss, R. O. Harper, W. J. Nelson, Losch, Petrone, Ellis, Erickson, and Ely, finished school and shipped overseas in November.

Sims in an A.A. outfit at Camp Rucker. Graves to a staff in France. F. B. Hennesy and King at Briggs Field.

Among the paratroopers are a number of transfers from C.A.C. In a parachute infantry outfit are Tripp, Staser, Kennedy, Wood, Todd, Wolfinger, Kutichinski, Adamson and Mitchell. To a glider unit went Burr, Bressler, DiSilvio, Almquist, W. B. Tuttle and Dravo. Together in a similar outfit are Tully, Hibbard, Mahon and W. C. Jones. All paratroopers were ready to go overseas early in fall but a change in plans postponed that, giving the lucky men leaves of various lengths. Richards was the first man in the class to lead a unit onto foreign soil. He was closely followed by Giles, Wessels, Pitts, Patton, Wear and Laurence, all in the same infantry division in the E.T.O. R. W. Samuel and Reagan at Camp Van Dorn. Tarpley, Lerch, R. H. Murphy, McGuire, Buzzett, Pearce, Young, Mahin, Norman, Aldrich, Maish, MacWilliams, J. R. Flynn and Wald, who wrote a very newsy letter to *Assembly* about F.A. doings at Sill, all stationed at Camp Rucker. R. A. Smith, Blanchard, S. A. Jackson, Hendrick at Camp Leonard Wood, along with most of the Engineer group. Sciolla, Bartley, Ginsburgh, Cutrona, Shaper, Mickle and McCoy at Camp Butner. Hurst Barnett and M. C. Murphy at Camp Swift. Cushman, Cooper and C. J. Davis shipped as engineer replacements to the South Pacific—among the very first of the class in that theater. Glab, Keller, and Bethel serving as Tacs in Engineer school at Fort Belvoir. Denman in F.A. outfit at Ft. Benning. Tkacik with Engineers at Camp Maxey. Dunn and Janeczek flying P-38 recon among the first air corps men overseas. Coughlin working in Eastern Defense Command, around New York City. Gaffney, Farne and Fitzpatrick to A.A.A. at Ft. Bliss. Howell and Erlenkotter with engineer units at Camp Bowie. Cabell with A.A. outfit at Camp Hulen. Burns, W. S. Sullivan and Sanders at Lincoln, Neb. with other B-17 men, after attending school at Orlando. Some transfers to B-29's: Holden, Goes, Tanner, Royem, Algernissen, Ingalls, Charlson and Edmunds at Stewart Field during fall before going to Florida. Robinson, O'Donnell, Eiler and others waiting to go to E.T.O. as Engineer replacements. Gordon overseas with an infantry div. Thompson and Kaplan finished Signal School and headed for E.T.O. Beukema, Morrison, Steffes and W. J. Nelson among the instructors at Lockbourne. Dick Couherd in Armored div. and Art Nelson and Roy Marshall in Engineer outfit at Camp Bowie.

—C. C. Martin.



By Joe Cahill

## A Salute to '44

The year 1944, its records indelibly stamped in the annals of sport, will resound through the ages as the most successful year in the history of intercollegiate at West Point. Individually and collectively the Cadets have proven their mettle against any and all competition. And their success was as meteoric as it was overwhelming. The large array of trophies that have flooded the display cases stationed about the walls of the gymnasium are ample proof of our acclaim.

We were National Champions in football, basketball, lacrosse and rifle. In Eastern Intercollegiate tournaments the cadet boxing and golf squads were kings of all they surveyed. And not obscured in the march for titles was the Indoor Track and Field team which acquired a first leg on the coveted IC4A track crown.

As 1945 unfolds and these same teams, with the exception of a few men, launch their schedules we look hopefully toward the future as we let go with a salvo of applause for the coaches and players of '44. Their brilliant achievements will act as an incentive for the future teams of West Point as we continue to mold a "dynasty of champions" that will parallel to some degree the production of great military leaders.

## The First in 28 Years

So much has been said about our undefeated National football champions that anything from this corner would be merely anti-climactic. We had a big team and a fast one. A team that was superbly coached in every department of play. Contrary to the belief of many, it was a young and inexperienced outfit whose average age was 20 years and 2 months. Their blocking was sharp and brutal. The tackling deadly and their running, kicking and passing were far superior to any team in the entire Nation. In the words of a former Army all-American center, Colonel Ed Garbisch, '25: "This is not only the best Army football team in history. It is the greatest team in the history of the game!" Grantland Rice agrees to the last let-

ter and so does every sports-loving American.

The "sports-team-of-the-year" as announced by the annual Associated Press poll has been monopolized by major league baseball teams for twelve years. However, in 1944, Blaik's Black Knights of football coveted the prized honor by running up 209 points in the poll. The St. Louis Cardinals in the runner-up position were voted 104 points. As if this wasn't prestige enough, the team was presented the Lambert Trophy symbolic of Eastern gridiron supremacy and the Henry L. Williams trophy, emblematic of the National Collegiate Football Championship. The latter will be presented sometime in January at a public ceremony in New York.

Colonel Blaik and his four man staff molded such a cohesive unit that the success of the team depended on no single individual performer. But there is little doubt, however, that the team was sparked by Glenn Davis who by his blazing speed and elusiveness was the National high scorer with 20 touchdowns and 120 points. Also, it would be hard to predict the degree of success of the team without the bone-crushing tactics of Felix "Doc" Blanchard who was particularly adept at tearing the opposition's line to shreds when Davis wasn't racing to the outside.

In the kicking department Blaik came up with a surprise in Dick Walterhouse who established a new intercollegiate place kicking record of 47 points. This supplants the old mark of 44 set by a Clyde LaForce of Tulsa in 1942.

As for all-American nominations, more than a few members of the sports-writing fraternity voted for the Cadet eleven enmasse as their first team. Officially, however, Joe Stanowicz, Barney Poole, DeWitt Coulter, John Green, Bob St. Onge, Doug Kenna, Davis and Blanchard were the recipients of the coveted awards.

That is the way the season went from start to finish. The big team dominated the play throughout and then found themselves deluged with all possible recognition when the victory over Navy was neatly tucked away.

## Brief Resume of Season

With several minutes shaved off the third and fourth periods, the Cadets launched the season with a sound 46-0 triumph over North Carolina. Initiating the two team system that was so overwhelmingly successful throughout the rest of the season, Blaik found himself in the enviable position of having to withdraw several of his scoring backs to keep the score from soaring. Scoreboard markers were added by Hall, Blanchard, Davis (3), Pitzer and Rafalko.

The Brown Bears of Providence were no match for the explosive T-attackers. Hall romped 40 and 23 yards for a pair of td's. Davis added three, one on a 65-yard jamboree through the entire Brown team. Kenna, Biles, Dobbs and Sauer wound up the scoring sortie for the afternoon. Dick Walterhouse unveiled his trusty right toe for the first time and completed three conversions. The Bears managed to find pay dirt in the waning moments of the listless contest. Final Score: Army 59; Brown 7.

Clark Shaughnessey brought a game group of Pitt Panthers to West Point and saw his own "baby", the T-formation, run to perfection as the Cadets rolled up their third success in as many contests. Following the same pattern as the previous tilts, Cadets Dobbs (2), Sensanbaugher, Blanchard (2), Minor, Davis, Poole, Hayes, and West paraded to the goal line with unexpected ease. Walterhouse added nine out of ten extra points while the Panthers found consolation in a last minute touchdown. Final Score: Army 69; Pittsburgh 7.

Against the U.S. Coast Guard Academy Coach Blaik learned that a muddy field could not mar the performance of his high geared and smoothly functioning grid machine. Running and passing at will, the Black Knights might easily have ran to 150 points against the sailors from New London. The scoring in the contest (?) was done by Rafalko, Hall, Blanchard (2), Davis (2), (one a fifty-eight yard scoring jaunt the first time he handled the ball), Poole, Walterhouse, Sensanbaugher, West and Chabot. Barney Poole, plebe end, batted down a pass in the end zone for

a safety. Walterhouse covered 8 of 11 p.a.t.'s. Glenn Davis was superb covering 151 yards the first four times he handled the ball. Final Score: Army 76; U.S.C.G.A. 0.

Duke's Blue Devils provided the best ball game of the season for the vaunted cadet powerhouse. After a scoreless first period, which, incidentally, was one of the two periods during the entire season in which the Army failed to score, Davis cut over his own right tackle and outlegged the secondary in a 53 yard race to the goal line. Walterhouse missed the conversion. Following a blocked punt, Duke scored on a forward pass and converted the extra point to lead Army 7-6! That was the first and only time in the 1944 season in which the Cadets were headed. Shortly after the intermission, the big Army forwards virtually tore the Duke line to shreds. Hall scored early in the third period and Minor added another on a four yard plunge. In the final chapter Blanchard scored after Poole was credited with his third blocked kick of the year. Walterhouse added three points and the reserves took over. Final Score: Army 27; Duke 7.

Villanova would have had all they could cope with if they played the Army's "B" squad last fall. The game was shortened by 13 minutes and still the score mounted to 83-0. At half-time the scoreboard read an amazing 62-0! Davis led the scorers with three mounting his total for the season to 13.

In the most perfectly played game of the entire season, the "Big Rabble" ended a 13 year famine as the Irish of Notre Dame were humbled with an avalanche of touchdowns that made the annual classic appear like an early season tuneup. Doug Kenna, displaying the most superb form of his career, put the team out in front early in the first period with a 5-yard off tackle sprint. From then on there was no stopping the Black, Gold and Grey. Max Minor went 25 yards for the second score. Ed Rafalko grabbed a Kenna pass and darted over giving the Army a 20-0 edge in the first period. Then in rapid succession, Davis (3), Minor, Pitzer, and Tavzel, a tackle, accounted for scores in the stirring parade of talented football might. Walterhouse booted five out of nine extra points and his last kick made the score the worst ever handed a Notre Dame team. Final Score: Army 59; Notre Dame 0.

Simulating the attack that smothered the men of South Bend a week previous, Army completely and devastatingly destroyed the University of Pennsylvania's football fortune 62-7. Penn made a feeble attempt to cope with the power and finesse of Blaik's warriors when they stubbornly tied the score 7-7 in the first period. Dean Sensenbaugher, former Ohio State freshman, picked up a fumble and scampered 92 yards down the center

of the field in the longest run of the Army season. Davis scored three times and Dick Walterhouse tied the Intercollegiate extra point record at 44 and might well have broken it by several if a lack of pigskins hadn't forced the cadets to resort to plunges and passes for the last odd points.

December 2nd, the most eventful day in the season, saw the Corps travel to Baltimore by troop transport to witness the team of the century, Army, in the game of the century, the traditional service classic.

With a freshly resodded field that provided nothing but insecure footing for the fleet Army backs, the first period resulted in a punting duel. "Ug" Fuson, reserve center, grabbed a Middle pass and ran it out to the cadet 40. Davis churned up 14 and with Blanchard and Minor assisting moved the ball to the Navy 14. The attack stalled and Navy took over. They kicked and Army started a scoring drive from their own 40. Davis picked up 21 yards before Dale Hall busted "the greatest line in the country" wide open via a cleverly executed touchdown run. At the half Army kicked off and held the Navy for downs. Hansen dropped back to kick, but Joe Stanowicz charged through and blocked the punt. Hansen recovered in the end zone for a safety. Navy's passing attack clicked momentarily and they drove to the Army 5. A penalty placed the ball on the 1 from which point Clyde Scott bulled his way for the only Middle score. Blanchard staged a one-man riot that started from midfield. He carried the ball 7 out of 9 plays and climaxed with a touchdown plunge from the 9. The "Claremont Comet" Glenn Davis took over from here. With the ball on the fifty yard line and the entire Navy eleven drawn completely out of the play, Captain Tom Lombardo spiraled a lateral pass to Davis who tricked Hamburg and outraced the pursuing Sailors down the sideline for the score. Walterhouse wound up the season with a perfect performance getting three for three and setting the aforementioned collegiate kicking record. Final Score: Army 23; Navy 7.

### Winter Sports in Full Swing

Nineteen varsity, junior varsity and plebe teams will take the post this winter in a well balanced winter sports program featuring the best in collegiate competition.

The highlight of the season will be the 2nd Annual running of the West Point Relays on January 27th. Several of the outstanding track and field teams in the Eastern field have been invited to participate. Leo Novak's promising list of entries will probably enter the meet top-heavy favorites on the basis of their overwhelming success in the inaugural meet last winter.

The sports eye of the entire Nation will be on Coach Eddie Kelleher's

unbeaten quintet. With a string of sixteen straight victories over the past two years, the basketeers will have to go all out to maintain their championship status this winter. Teams of the caliber of N.Y.U., St. John's and Yale will no doubt bring out the best in Hall, Kenna and company in the coming weeks.

Billy Cavanaugh and his fraternity of sock will be defenders of the Eastern Intercollegiate boxing crown. The only individual champion returning is Jack Bodie, 145 pound veteran, who had great success in his first year of boxing last winter

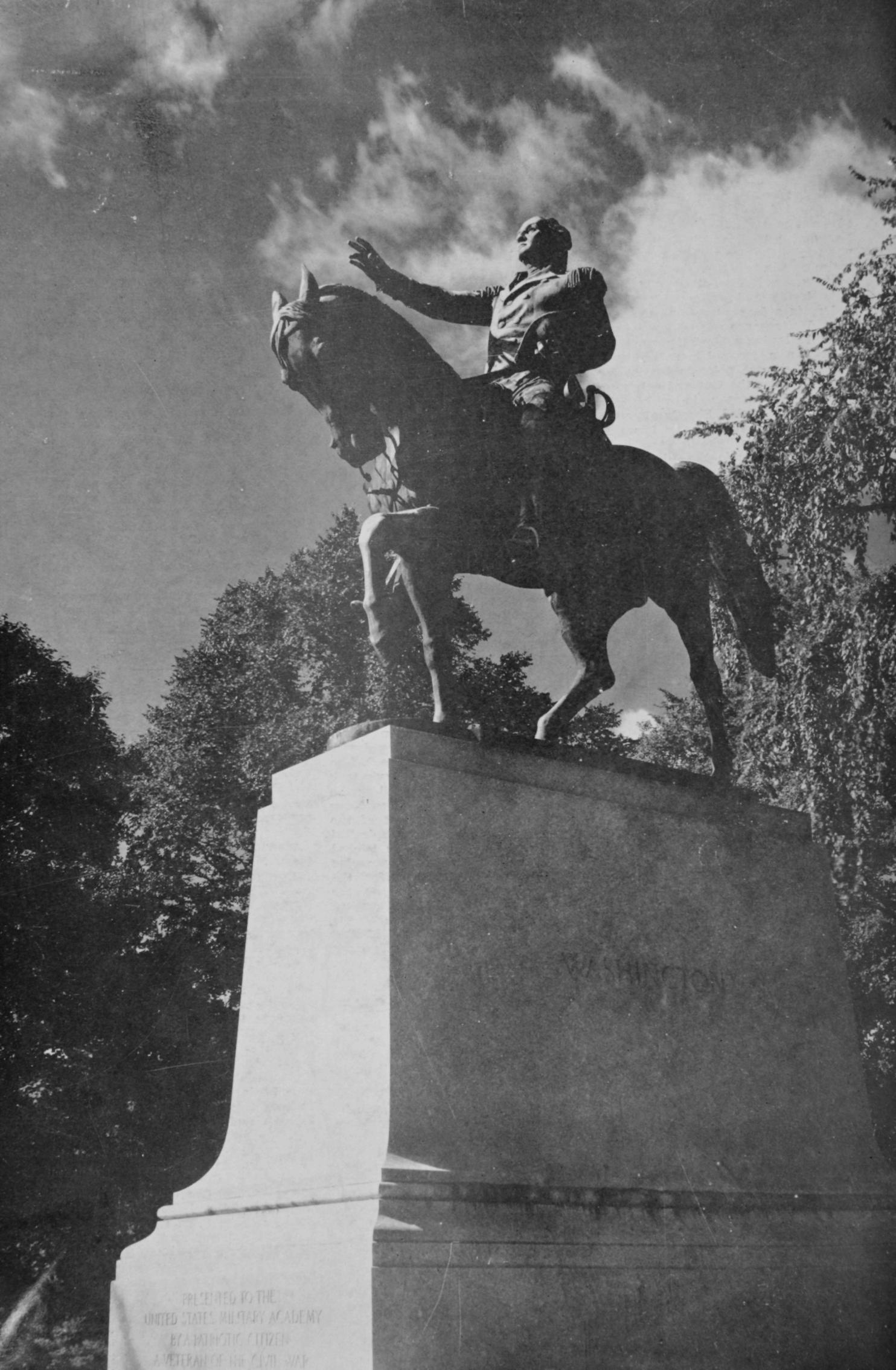
Fencing, gym, hockey, pistol, rifle, swimming, and wrestling round out the impressive sports cycle.

A surprise package is in store, we think, in the form of a victorious skiing squad. This year the team will be a dark horse entry in the Dartmouth Ski Carnival at Hanover. Their success, of course, will be largely dependent upon Old Man Weather. To date the snow has been light and poor for the wooden slab artists.

That is the winter sports picture to date and while the entire outlook remains a jumbled mess as a result of the changing conditions of war, we are sure that the visiting schools with their complement of Army and Navy personnel will be up to normal standards.

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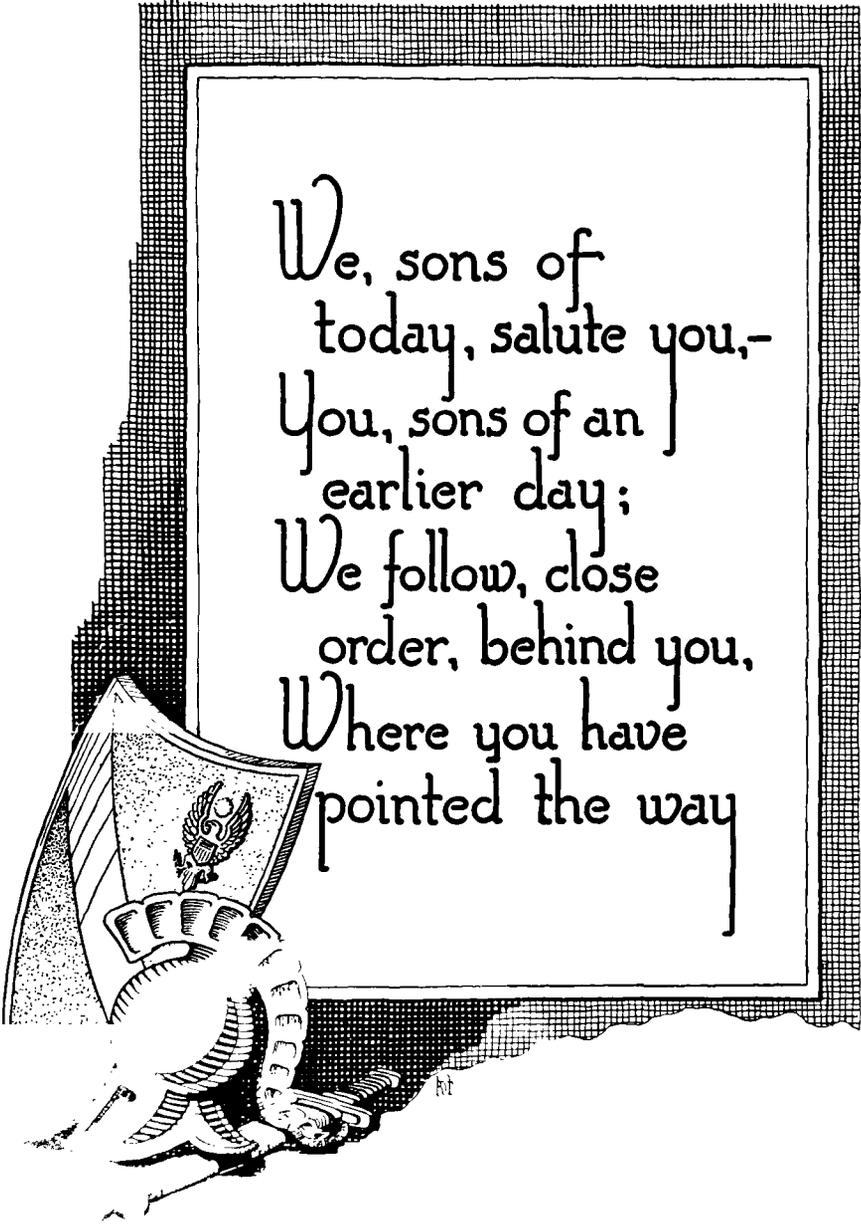
That John F. Green of Shelbyville, Kentucky will captain the 1945 football team. . . he played guard and was an important cog in the powerful cadet forward wall. That Eddie Kelleher's undefeated quintet last winter was the first in his long coaching career. Glenn Davis, DeWitt Coulter and Doc Blanchard are strong candidates for the track and field team. Davis in the sprints and Coulter and Blanchard in the weights. . . That Art Truxes retained the Heptagonal X-Country championship in a slim wartime field of three teams. . . That Col. R. R. Lutz, '33 is coaching the Hockey team. . . That the Wolverines of Michigan will appear on the Army schedule in 1945 for the first time. . . That several of the veterans of last year's rifle team that broke the academy record four times are returning to the range this year. . . That Yale won the Eastern Intercollegiate baseball league title and that Army beat Yale 7-6 in 12 innings. . . That the Dodgers from Brooklyn are slated to use the facilities of the huge Field House again this spring. . . That Army placed three of the ten men on the All-America lacrosse team members of Captain Morris Touchtone's National Championship lacrosse club to receive the coveted awards were Goalie L. B. Broughton, Point J. W. Donaldson and Inside Home R. H. Groves. . . That the soccer team had a successful campaign winning six out of eight. . . Major G. F. McAney, '29 is the head coach.



WASHINGTON

PRESENTED TO THE  
UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY  
BY A PATRIOTIC 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  
January  
1945*

## “Be Thou At Peace”

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## Henry Delp Styer

NO. 3049 CLASS OF 1884

Died May 11, 1944, at Coronado,  
California, aged 81 years.

ONE of the letters of sympathy in the loss of "Stots" Styer, received from one of the men under his command in the days of World War I when "Stots" led the first American Expeditionary Forces into Siberia, embodies the sentiments concerning him that were expressed by all who knew him. It is quoted below:

"My dear Mrs. Styer,

"I received both of your most welcome letters here when we came in on this trip and was stunned greatly to hear that our beloved General had passed on. Of course, words cannot begin to express my sympathy or condolence. I just seemed to have the idea that he was to live on and on, possibly forever, and to us men he will.

"But I am so glad that he passed on peacefully and not wracked by pain as so many of our great leaders do. And you say that he joked with you and the nurses right up to the end—I can understand that possibly as much as you, because his dry humor was always present even in the most critical times. May I say, that as a soldier and a gentleman, he was 'tops' to us.

"I know that where he is now, he will still guide us that have taken up arms for the security and peace of our country in this war, and the Lord permit, that, do I have to go, I may be fortunate enough to occupy the shell hole next to his, in the great beyond.

"He was 'Our Old Man' and we, his kids, and he treated us with the same respect that he would have given Black Jack Pershing. It was never what 'I' am going to do in this war, but what 'we' were going to do that instilled in his men a fighting Division that will live forever.

"If it is at all possible for me to obtain furlough before this mess is over, I should like to call upon you at Coronado and pay my respects, because I feel that anyone being a daughter or wife of such a man must undeniably be grand people.

"Of course we all hope and pray that this conflict will end soon so that we may return to our homes and loved ones, but we still feel that we have a long way to go. I can imagine just how he would have loved to have become a combatant now in this theater and fulfill his prophesies on Japan. Most of his boys of '17-'18-'19 are gray-ing men now and not able to be probably as fortunate as I, but I will say, could we re-assemble the old outfit with the Old Man, we could still go places.

"Let me finish with saying that he was a swell Old Man, and a Grand Guy and he will not be forgotten by us that he shared alike with. I know that there is only one place now that he could possibly be, and that is instructing St. Peter how to more efficiently and soundly operate Heaven.

Very sincerely,

(Signed) "JACK M. DYER,  
Administrative Officer, C.E.,  
"U.S.A. Mackenzie (Drg. Div.)  
"P. O. Box 2240, Honolulu, T. H."

General Styer is survived by his wife, Bessie Wilkes Styer; two sons, Major General W. D. Styer, class of '16, Chief of Staff to Lt. General Brehon Somervell, Army Service Forces, and Captain C. W. Styer, U.S.N., commandant of the Submarine Base, New London, Conn.; a daughter, Mrs. A. M. Hurst, wife of Captain Hurst, U.S.N.; and four grandsons, Lt. C. W. Styer, Jr., U.S.N., Capt. W. D. Styer, U.S.A., Robert T. Styer, Midshipman, U.S. N.A., and Jimmy Styer Hurst, now preparing for the Naval Academy.

"Stots" career of 42 years in the Army was colorful and varied. He was born in Sellersville, Pa., on September 21, 1862, and after a local public school education, he attended Franklin and Marshall College at Lancaster, Pa. This was followed by a year of teaching in a country school before he entered West Point in 1880. Years later he told his two sons that if they were graduated as high in their respective classes as he was—"in the twenties"—he would be satisfied. When they both bettered this



record in classes numbering three figures, they pinned him down to know just exactly where he had stood in '84. He smiled and said "Me? Oh, I was 29—out of 37!!" Not far from goat in one of the smallest, if not the smallest, classes to be graduated!

General Styer served at Fort Steele, Wyoming, after his graduation from the U.S.M.A., then at Fort Douglas, Utah, where he met and married Bessie Wilkes, grand-daughter of Admiral Charles Wilkes, on June 3, 1891. Mrs. Styer has proved to be an excellent "camp-follower" in the almost-53 years of their life together. This started in the Cheyenne-Arapaho country of the Indian Territory (now Oklahoma) where they witnessed the big "run" for land when that section was thrown open for settlement.

This was followed by duty as Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the Agricultural College of Utah, then a tour at Fort Niagara, N. Y. Next came three years in the Philippine Islands during the Spanish-American War, at which time he was mentioned in orders for the capture of Vicente Prado, a notorious guerrilla leader. He returned for a second time in the same capacity to the Agricul-

tural College of Utah from 1903 to 1906, then back to the Philippines from 1906 to 1909.

From 1909 to 1912, as a Major, he was in command of Fort Niagara, N. Y. He served in Texas in 1913, was graduated from the Army War College in Washington, D.C., in 1914, and served as Senior Inspector-Instructor of the New Jersey National Guard for the ensuing two and a half years.

In 1917, General Styer was in command of the 131st Brigade at Camp Lewis, Washington, from which place he was sent (for the third time) to the Philippine Islands to take troops stationed there to Siberia. He commanded the American Zone of Advance on the Amur River until he retired at his own request in April, 1919.

Inactivity, however, never suited "Stots." He wasn't ready to "settle down" and in fact, never did so until present war conditions curtailed traveling. He often remarked that he had covered more mileage, both on sea, land and air, in the years following his retirement than he ever did in his 42 years of service in the Army!

He was restless when he returned from Siberia and when he was requested to come back to active duty in charge of recruiting in Detroit, Michigan, he jumped at the opportunity to serve again. He retired for the second time, at his own request, in 1922 and took a position as instructor in Military Science and Tactics at Oak Ridge Institute, Oak Ridge, N. C., during 1923-24.

Following this he and his wife toured extensively, finally homesteading 40 acres in Florida, literally building a house over their heads themselves while they camped on the property, five miles by sandy road from the nearest town. No small undertaking for young people—quite a sizable one for people supposedly "retired" and ready to rest! They managed to have all the conveniences of a city home, but the travel bug bit them again in 1930 and they took to the road, visiting friends up and down the coast and across continent.

In 1931 they toured Europe, crossed the continent when they returned to visit in Coronado, Calif., in 1932 and have made their headquarters in that city ever since. They had not stopped travelling, tho! In 1934 General and Mrs. Styer made the trip from California thru the Panama Canal to attend his 50th reunion of graduation at West Point. (Incidentally, they also attended the 55th reunion in 1939!) They returned via the same route, and again visited Panama three times between 1937 and 1939 to see their eldest son, stationed at Balboa, and their daughter, whose husband was at Coco Solo.

His daughter, upon receipt of a cable saying they were in the Virgin Islands "en route" to Panama, phoned her brother, General Styer, to that effect. He exploded "What did they want to go to the Virgin Islands for?" She replied, "Why, they've never been there." He said "(deleted!) they've never been to the North Pole, either!" She answered "Shhh! Don't remind them of that—they'll begin buying winter clothes!"

In January, 1940, they returned for the fourth time to the Philippines to visit their daughter there and thoroughly enjoyed comparing notes on experiences in the early days in the provinces (40 years before) with the conveniences and changes in evidence then.

They returned to the States in the latter part of 1940 and had several trips across continent before war broke out. Since that time they have been, of necessity due to travel conditions, content to enjoy the home they built in 1935 at 400 Second Street, Coronado, Calif.

They had a marvelous "system" for enabling them to gad-about so much on the General's retired pay. They would pick out some nice quiet country town where living was cheap, take an inexpensive place, remain for three months or so, enjoying getting acquainted with the townspeople, reading books from the local library and such diversions that cost nothing—then when the family finances were recuperated sufficiently they would be off again . . . to Panama, across continent, Europe, China . . . whatever corner of the globe beckoned at the moment and that they had planned for financially during their "quiet" time. It is difficult to say which they enjoyed more—the necessary interludes of inexpensive living or the many wonderful trips—for they both loved people. They were interested in the stay-at-home folks and their lives and problems as well as the more sophisticated, cosmopolitan persons they met in traveling.

General Styer was very active in civic affairs, being a member of the Military Affairs committee of the San Diego Chamber of Commerce. He was elected National Commander of the Veterans of the American Expeditionary Forces, Siberia, and served in this capacity until his death. His "pet" of many and varied charities or funds to which he contributed regularly was the Prisoner of War Fund. His indignation knew no bounds over the fact that he was "too old" to serve in this conflict. He was holder of the War Cross of Czechoslovakia presented to him during World War I.

When Charon escorted the General across the River Styx, the journey was made as he had wanted it—quickly, but with warning to his family of his departure, painlessly and retaining his mental faculties and sense of humor until he lapsed into a coma during his sleep the night of May 7th after suffering a slight stroke the early morning of May 6th.

Funeral services were conducted in San Diego, followed by cremation. Interment in Arlington cemetery, with full military honors, will follow at a later date.

We'll say "Good-night" again, then, to one of the finest persons who ever lived. As husband, father, officer and loyal friend he is respected, admired and loved by all who knew him. He had a full, useful and happy life—the lives of those who knew him are enriched by their contacts with him. His genial presence *does* live on and on!

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## Frank McIntyre

NO. 3106 CLASS OF 1886

Died February 16, 1944, at Miami Beach, Florida, aged 78 years.

**F**RANK MCINTYRE, distinguished in military and diplomatic affairs of the nation, died at Miami Beach, Florida, February 16, 1944. His service to the country, especially in the field of the development and government of its insular possessions, had won for him friendships in both military and civil life throughout the world. He had been connected with the Bureau of Insular Affairs of the War Department during most of his military career. When he retired from active service in the Army in January 1929, Pedro Guevara, Philippines' Resident Commissioner at Washington said, "Major General McIntyre is the father of the Philippines. He has done more for our islands than any other American. It is with a genuine feeling of regret and a keen sense of loss



that we see him leave the Bureau of Insular Affairs which he has administered so well for so many years."

A native of Montgomery, Alabama, General McIntyre was born January 5, 1865, a son of parents who had come from County Donegal in Ireland. He entered the Military Academy in 1882 and was graduated with John J. Pershing and others of that distinguished class in 1886. His first station after graduation was in the "wilderness" of Texas with the old 19th Infantry. Later he was enrolled as a student in the Infantry and Cavalry School at Fort Leavenworth from which he was graduated with honors in 1889. After service as instructor in mathematics at the Military Academy, he was made Regimental Adjutant in 1894.

Frank McIntyre saw his first war service in Puerto Rico in 1898, when he landed with the first expedition in the Spanish American War. After that war he served for a short period on the Staff of General Guy V. Henry, Military Governor of Puerto Rico. The following year he was ordered to the Philippines where he served as Regimental Adjutant and participated in

the fighting at Subic. He returned to the United States in 1902 and was selected as a member of the first General Staff. Shortly thereafter began his long service with the Bureau of Insular Affairs. When William Howard Taft became Secretary of War, Captain McIntyre was made Acting Chief of the Bureau during the illness of Colonel Clarence R. Edwards. When Colonel Edwards became a general officer in 1912, Colonel McIntyre was made Chief of the Bureau. First in his long career in that post was the administration of the Receivership of Santo Domingo. Next were investigations under Presidents Taft and Woodrow Wilson in the Philippines. Finally came the World War with all its ramifications for the well being and operation of our island domain.

During the World War, in addition to his other duties, he was Chief Military Censor from June 1917 to June 1918. On July 1, 1918, he was appointed Executive Assistant to the Chief of Staff, General Peyton C. March. After the war he returned to the Bureau of Insular Affairs where he remained until his retirement ten years later.

In 1919 he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal with the following citation:

"For exceptionally meritorious and distinguished services as Executive Assistant to the Chief of Staff. His breadth of view and sound judgment have contributed materially to the formation and carrying out of policies essential to the operation of the military establishment."

The government of China presented him with the Order of the Striped Tiger with this citation:

"An American officer in whom the allied nations place every confidence and one who has fully earned the respect of his colleagues. This officer has shown the highest regard for his profession, and has fulfilled every trust. His tactical skill and high military attainments and knowledge of a professional science have contributed extensively to the successes achieved by all troops in this conflict and we are proud to honor him with this slight token."

The government of Czechoslovakia presented him with its War Cross as "An admirable officer of rare vision, distinguished abilities and great resources. As executive assistant to the Chief of Staff of the American Expeditionary Force, he was sympathetic toward the allied governments with whom he came into contact, rendering services of inestimable value, never failing to exercise sound judgment. He has contributed in a great way to the success achieved by the Allied in the war."

He was also made a commander of the Legion d'Honneur by the French Government and a Knight Commander of the Bath by Great Britain.

Funeral services were held at Fort Myer with Requiem Mass at 10:00 A.M., February 19th. Burial with full military honors took place at Arlington National Cemetery.

He is survived by two sons, Colonel James D. McIntyre, a member of the Staff of the Chief of Ordnance of the Army, and Edward McIntyre of Mont-

gomery, Alabama; and two daughters, Mrs. H. Gabriel Murphy of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Eugene Munger, Jr., of Montgomery, Alabama. In July 1892 General McIntyre married Marie Dennett who died in 1935 in Washington, D. C.

In the passing of this distinguished member of the famous class of 1886, the Army and the nation have lost a great soldier and distinguished administrator whose influence upon military progress and American international relations will be felt increasingly for many years to come.

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**Douglas Settle**

NO. 3438 CLASS OF 1891

*Died March 11, 1944, at San Diego, California, aged 74 years.*

**D**OUGLAS SETTLE reported at West Point as a prospective member of the class of '91. In all of his cadet years he showed a serious and dignified personality that was respected by his classmates who nevertheless affectionately dubbed him *Perab*, a name that stayed with him throughout his life.

This same seriousness that was his inheritance brought an attention to detail in all of his many and varied assignments that won him continued commendation.

Upon graduation he chose the Infantry and found himself attached to



a company of White Mountain Apache Indians. The War Department was then seeking a solution to our Indian problem by incorporating them into the Regular Army. The noble Red Man did not much fancy heavy blue uniform, nor heavy army boots nor the confinement to army posts. The experiment was later abandoned and Doug took up his regular Infantry work at Fort Sill, Okla.

When the Spanish-American War broke out he was appointed Adjutant General of the 1st Corps at Puerto Rico—a great compliment to such a youngster. Upon withdrawal of our troops, Doug developed not only a taste but a talent for the work of supply—starting out as Chief Commissary, Department of Dakota at St.

Paul. This was followed by many years in this line, including the Canal Zone.

Doug went into Mexico with Pershing's Punitive Expedition in pursuit of the elusive Pancho Villa after the bandit raid on our troops at Columbus, N. M. He attained his Majority in 1912 at Governor's Island, N. Y., and was selected to instruct many National Guard organizations, of Florida, Maine, Missouri and New Hampshire. He was given command of the 60th Infantry in March 1918 for the First World War and took it to France—there he was put in command of the 9th Brigade of the 5th Division and went into action in the Vosges front. The 60th among other objectives took Clery-le-Grand, Bois de Chatillon and Velosnes-sur-Meuse.

While still abroad he was made Director Army Service Corps in France.

In July 1919 he returned from overseas and soon after retired from active service after 32 years of faithful and devoted work for his country.

His obituary in the San Diego Union states that he was a cousin of Stephen A. Douglas whose political debates with Lincoln form a chapter in American history. His father Judge Thomas Settle served as our minister to Peru and nominated Gen. U. S. Grant for president.

He married Pauline Watts and made his home in San Diego, Calif., where she still lives—and one married daughter, Mrs. Duncan McMartin.

He has found his final resting place among many old associates in Arlington National Cemetery. Vale Perab!  
—W. M. W.

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**Llewellyn William Oliver**

NO. 3934 CLASS OF 1899

*Died June 14, 1944, at Washington, D. C., aged 68 years.*

**T**HE United States Military Academy at West Point, the greatest institution of its kind in the world, gives practically the same instruction to each lad who passes through its portals; but, fortunately, it cannot standardize the lads themselves. Varying in their talents and accomplishments, they are thus able to meet all the demands for leadership throughout the great army of the United States. Of Colonel Llewellyn W. Oliver, it was written by a Commanding General under whom he served—"Modesty is the greatest of all virtues. It is found in great souls only. It is such a rare thing today. You possess it in large measure, and while it adds greatly to any real estimate that may be made of you, I feel it has handicapped you in the present-day world, wherein the second class article is too often sold by a superior system of advertising. But all such characters pass, while you have the satisfaction of knowing that nothing can mar your outstanding record."

Oliver was born in Escanaba, on the northern peninsula of Michigan, then a small community with nature abounding on all sides in her most attractive and natural form. The home of his parents was right on the shores of Lake Michigan. There was boating,

lake and stream fishing, and the best of hunting. There was horseback riding, on trails leading through rolling wooded fields. These were his amusements. His character was formed in close communion with nature. The local Episcopal clergyman trained him to sail a boat, and he laid a true course for his own life at the same time—a course from which he never deviated.

Upon graduation, Oliver saw active service in Cuba, thereafter serving with his regiment at Fort Riley. That post was to mean much in his life, for he served there in later years as instructor in equitation, again as Director, Department of Tactics, Assistant Commandant, and later as Regimental Commander of the 2nd United



States Cavalry. From 1906 to 1910 he was on duty at West Point in the Tactical Department. He was devoted to his chosen arm of the service—the cavalry—and was an expert in every phase of its organization and employment.

Oliver served two tours in the Philippine Islands, the second one ending in September 1917 when he arrived in the United States, having been promoted a Lieutenant Colonel in the National Army. He joined his Division, the 79th, at Camp Meade. He was soon promoted and assigned as Chief of Staff, 16th Division.

Later, he performed an outstanding piece of work as Chief of Staff, Port of Embarkation, Hoboken, a position of great responsibility which brought him the highest commendation and the D.S.M. from the Army and the Navy Cross from the Navy. Major General D. C. Shanks, Commanding the Port of Embarkation, wrote of Oliver—"I regard him as one of the most efficient and valuable all-around officers known to me during my service in the Army." That duty completed, he served in the Transportation Department of the War Department.

Oliver was a graduate of the French Cavalry School at Saumur, also of our Service Schools, The Command and General Staff School, and the War College. He served on the War Department General Staff. He was specially selected to serve as Chief of Staff of the Hawaiian Department. Later, he commanded the Sixth Cavalry at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. During this per-

iod he also commanded the largest C.C.C. District in the United States—a district which was conspicuous for its superior administration and low per capita cost. His last service before retirement was as Chief of Staff of the Fourth Corps Area, Atlanta, Georgia. It was in this position that his outstanding ability had the opportunity to show itself. His Corps Area Commander, wrote officially of him:

"You have been outstanding as Chief of Staff. You possess a wonderful background of experience, outstanding talents as a man and soldier; but far above all that, the traits that have made your service so ideal from my point of view are your high character, your dependability and your perfect loyalty. It is such a source of great satisfaction to a commander to realize that he can leave his headquarters completely in the hands of his Chief of Staff, knowing there will be perfect continuity of his policy in all things great and small. I only wish that in leaving I could turn my stars and my desk over to you, for not only do you deserve such promotion, but it would be the best thing for the corps area and the army as well."

Oliver was recalled to active duty in January 1941 and served as chief of the Intelligence Section, Transportation Corps, War Department, remaining on duty until the regulations fixing age limits for active service required his return to retired status. This arduous and exacting duty through long hours daily did not extend his years.

Colonel Oliver married Miss Arabella Taylor Clarke, daughter of Colonel Joseph Taylor Clarke. Mrs. Oliver now resides at their home in Washington with her mother and sister. The Olivers were a devoted couple and a wonderful influence in maintaining the highest standards of the service wherever they were stationed.

Oliver dearly loved animals. A dog noticeably loyal to his master was always near, in fact it was the bark of his faithful dog that brought his devoted wife to his side during those last few moments he was on earth. It is in the character and attainments of such men as Oliver that West Point is famous. God bless you, Bug. We are missing you.

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## Arthur Penrhyn Stanley Hyde

NO. 3971 CLASS OF 1900

*Died December 28, 1943, in New York City, New York, aged 68 years.*

**T**HE long gray Corps immortalized by Herbert Shipman for all West Pointers extends into territory beyond the horizons of both life and death. The Corps is a marching column—out of the mists of the past, into the mists of the future. For more than a century, Class after Class has joined this column on the same parade ground, marched for its own span of cadet life in and out of the gray stone walls, then out into the waiting Army and the life of the Nation; and finally into the silence across the last horizon.

In this marching column each Class constitutes a definite element — a

tangible entity, a group of human beings having a certain unity, a common purpose from the national point of view. It may be considered an Institution in the ever changing but always onward moving column which is the Corps. The Class is composed of individuals—as you and I, and Arthur Hyde, have been in the Class of 1900.

As individuals we have, probably from the beginning, appreciated in varying degrees the fact that a class at West Point—because it is an institution established by national authority for a national purpose—has a certain significance. From this fact it can be perceived that a class has or should have certain internal relationships and responsibilities, not only as a group but as individuals as well. The members of a class apparently feel this fact more or less vaguely from the beginning, because usually the class is organized to a certain degree; it has a President, a Secretary, holds class meetings, buys class rings, devises class songs, and provides the setting for class activities and the establishment of class traditions and class values.

Some of us perhaps appreciate the



possible importance of class relationships and responsibilities, and the possible values that may be developed therefrom, more definitely as we grow older. These relationships and values are in a way similar to those that individuals may come to understand and appreciate as existing or potentially existent in one's life in his community as a whole. They are the values that are inherent in life and civilization among human beings, and they are the measure of the meanings of life.

Arthur Hyde, I believe, was one of those who have had a clear understanding of the values a class may have for its members, and of the significance of a class as part of the Corps that Herbert Shipman was writing about. Moreover, Arthur expanded and developed this understanding in its broader aspect of application to life as a whole. A study of his life, I believe, will reveal this understanding.

After graduating from West Point in 1900, Arthur became a Coast Artillery Officer. In those days the Coast Artillery was regarded, at least by the layman, as a highly technical com-

ponent of the armed services, and as more or less immobile in that its more ponderous weapons were generally on fixed mounts and tied to carefully selected areas guarding possible lines of hostile invasion. Arthur soon demonstrated that he possessed the capacity for sustained and accurate thinking, an essential in highly technical activities; he showed moreover that, by temperament and inclination, he was also both mobile and dynamic in thought and action. His service from the beginning, in this first and essentially military period of his post-graduate life, was very active and efficient. For two of the first three years of his commissioned service (1901-1903) he was at Fort Riley, Kansas, on duty with a battery of siege artillery, and during this time he compiled new drill regulations for this mobile element of the Coast Artillery. Thereafter, in these still early years, he established some heavy coast artillery on disappearing carriages, prepared fire control systems for it, and devised technical material and equipment for its employment.

During the ensuing years his service carried him to widely separated stations in the homeland and abroad, all of which gave him the opportunity for the exercise of his great natural energy and the development of his innate ability, broadened his experience and increased his contacts with other human beings. These widened contacts he welcomed because they stimulated his natural kindly feeling for his fellow men and his desire to be of service to them. Near the close of this phase of his life and during the period of our participation in World War I, he was sent to France with a regiment of artillery which he himself had organized. After that war he continued upon important military assignments till his retirement in 1922 for physical disability incurred in service.

The record of his services during that first phase of his life subsequent to graduation, as well as that of the later phase, which was almost equal in point of time, is set forth in the Biography of West Point graduates prepared by the Association of Graduates, and in the Biographical History of the Class of 1900, which was published in 1937.

As has been indicated, Arthur Hyde had a natural and kindly interest in people, which to those who knew him best was observable in his cadet years at West Point. This feeling developed and deepened through the years into a desire to help and be of direct service to his fellowmen. Such a feeling has its origin in the higher endowments of the mind and tends naturally to identify itself with the spirituality, the faith and the practices that conform to the Christian religion. As a result of this tendency, while stationed at Fort Adams, Rhode Island, some seven or eight years after graduation, Arthur obtained from the Bishop of Rhode Island a license to conduct religious services in the post gymnasium. He followed this trend at his next station, Fort Flagler, Washington, at which there was neither a chapel nor a chaplain. He there fitted up part of an abandoned barrack building into a chapel of the Good Shepherd and in it conducted regular religious services.

Meanwhile, in his spare time, he was

pursuing a course of theological studies, and in 1912, while still at Fort Flagler, he was ordained Deacon of the Episcopal Church by the Right Reverend Frederic W. Keator, D.D., Bishop of Olympia. The following year he passed the examination for priestly orders.

Following the World War, he sought a transfer to the Chaplain's Corps of the Army, but his application was denied by the War Department. In 1919, he was attached to the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul in Washington, D. C., where he was at that time stationed, and thereafter devoted more and more of his spare time to religious work. He was ordained Priest while serving in the Canal Zone on the eve of his retirement from military service. After retirement, he devoted his time to the ministry, serving as Rector of churches in various parts of the country. From January 1927, to the end of his life, he served as Rector of Holyrood Church at Fort Washington Avenue and West 179th Street, New York City. In this post which was to be his last station and his home for fifteen years, he established himself in the lives and affections of his parishioners and neighbors. Among tributes to his service from these people was one from a parishioner who knew him well and who said of him, that Father Hyde's friendship like everything else about him, was constant and genuine; that his parishioners loved him for himself because of his sincerity, his bravery, and his charity.

During this period, although no longer in active service but engaged in activities which must have made heavy demands upon his time and energy, he re-established contact with his classmates, became class secretary, and worked constantly to maintain class relationships. He organized class reunions at West Point, patiently and cheerfully attended to the numerous details necessary to the success of these functions, and was always an enthusiastic leading spirit in group activities. He was the Editor of the Class Biographical Volume, "West Pointers of 1900", which was remarkably well done and which surely can not be other than a source of increasing satisfaction and pleasure to every surviving member of 1900. It is a valuable and useful souvenir as our years increase and we look back over the faltering memories of times past.

It is these memories and the values we have deduced from our experiences that constitute the continuity of our being and is the chain of life we cling to. A West Point class is an institution physically manifested for a time but which physically disappears through the years. It offers to the individual member only the values which he attaches to it and which he himself largely creates. But it has other values which likewise call for contributory efforts on the part of the individual member. The Class is an institution in the life of the nation and each member of it contributes to that life what we call service, and which may, in the form we call military service, rise to supreme heights. But service has other forms than that known as purely military service; and each member of a West Point Class gives not only military service, in peace as well as in war, but—as a cit-

izen of his community, a member of his family and a member of his group and of his country—he has always there before him an opportunity of service. In that sense, service is an intangible spiritual value—worth what we make it, given without thought of price or desire for return value, given because we are human beings who have found that life has these values and that we create them and keep them, and thus leave behind us, in the memories of those who have known us, something that may have added to the happiness of human beings and to the welfare of the world.

Arthur Hyde, member of 1900, I believe, understood these things; and he tried not only to serve his class and his country, militarily speaking, but his parish, his community and those with whom he came in contact and who, perhaps more than he knew, needed help of some kind. And for that, and for his habit of friendship, which was "constant and genuine" and "his sincerity, his bravery and his charity", we of 1900 salute him.

—C. F. M.

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### Carroll Hanley Gardner

NO. 4405 CLASS OF 1905

*Died April 28, 1944, at Veterans' Hospital, 130 West Kingsbridge Road, Bronx, New York City, aged 63 years.*

CARROLL HANLEY GARDNER was born in Wakefield, Rhode Island, December 12, 1880, and entered the Military Academy from that State on June 11, 1901. He was active in football and by reason of his Classic In-



dian profile, he was familiarly known as "Pocahontas" or "Poco", in spite of his fair complexion. He made many friends in the Corps and they were distressed when upon his graduation June 13, 1905, he was honorably discharged one month later for physical disability incurred while at the Military Academy. Although physically disqualified for a commission he survived nearly one half of his Classmates and practically all of them who remained in the Army he saw placed on the retired list.

Immediately after his graduation

"Poco" was employed by the New York Central Railroad for nearly three years. He was then employed by the Amsterdam Corporation and by the U.S. Engineer Corps on some canal work in New Jersey. Just prior to World War I, he was again employed by the Central Indiana Railroad at Anderson, Indiana, on physical valuation of their property. During that war he served in the Production Division of the Ordnance Department in Washington, D. C., and attained the rank of Major.

Following his discharge from the Army in February 1919, he went with the Guaranty Trust Company of New York for a brief period and then went over to the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. He was continuously employed by that company until the time of his death. In the course of his employment he reached the grade of Lieutenant Colonel, Signal Corps-Reserve.

Lt. Col. Gardner is survived by his wife, née Elizabeth A. Thompson, a son, Major Carroll H. Gardner, Jr., Ord. Dept., a graduate of Yale University 1937, now stationed in the South Pacific, a daughter, Mary Elizabeth Gardner who graduated from Vassar College in 1943 now working in a Naval Hospital as a Medical Research Technician and a grandson, Christopher H. Gardner.

His age and physical condition prevented him from seeing active Military Service in World War II but he showed his interest in the prosecution of the war as a member of the Selective Service Board in Yonkers, New York, where he resided. He was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and a member of other organizations and took a keen interest in football and everything pertaining to West Point and the Army.

"Poco" was a devoted and loving husband and father and a loyal alumnus of the Military Academy. His record is one which his family and friends regard with great pride.

—Classmate.

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### Herbert Edgar Marshburn

NO. 4901 CLASS OF 1910

*Died October 12, 1943, at Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D. C., aged 56 years.*

HERBERT EDGAR MARSHBURN, the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Marshburn, was born at Nichols, South Carolina, on June 3, 1886. Three years later his family moved to Waycross, Georgia. In June, 1904, he was graduated from the Waycross High School, and the following September he enrolled at Emory University, where he remained for three years. In 1906, at the end of his junior year, he received from the Honorable W. G. Brantly, congressman, an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy, where he officially began his career as a cadet on June 15, 1906.

After graduation in 1910, he, as a second lieutenant, was assigned to the 10th Infantry with which he first served at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, then on the Mexican border, and later in the Panama Canal Zone,

where on January 1, 1915, he was transferred to the 22nd Infantry. The same year, he was returned to the Academy, as instructor in the Department of Modern Languages, and he served in this capacity from March 10, 1915, to June 1, 1917. While Colonel Marshburn was on duty at the Academy, he was sent to Plattsburg, New York, in the summer of 1916 as instructor at the Business Men's Training Camp. Also this year, July 1, 1916, he was promoted to a first lieutenant.

In the meantime, on April 6, 1917, our country had entered the World War. On May 15, 1917, Colonel Marshburn was made a captain. From June 1, to August 15, 1917, he was an instructor at the First Plattsburg Training Camp. From West Point he went to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where, from August 29, 1917, to February 1, 1918, he was the senior bayonet instructor in the Infantry School of Arms, and from February 2, 1918, to November 1 of the same year he was Secretary of the School. On June 7, 1918, he had been raised to the rank of major.

Colonel Marshburn was again returned to the Academy, as Treasurer, from November 4, 1918, to June 19, 1919. Then orders came for overseas duty, but the armistice was signed before his departure. He was sent on to France, however, and until August 15, 1919, he served with the Army of Occupation in Germany as a commander of a battalion in the 9th Infantry. On his return to the United States he was again Treasurer of the Academy until August 24, 1922, when he was sent as student to the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia. Here in June, 1923, after graduation, he was put in command of the 1st Battalion of the 24th Infantry, and instructed at the School until August, 1925. He then entered the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where he was graduated in June, 1926. From 1926 to 1930 he was instructor in the Cavalry School at Fort Riley, Kansas. He then entered the War College at Washington, D. C., where he remained from August 14, 1930, to June 30, 1931.

Colonel Marshburn then joined the American Embassy in Mexico, where from November 28, 1933, to October 15, 1937, he held the post of Military Attaché at Mexico City. At the end of this tour he returned to the States and was assigned to the 13th Infantry at Fort Devens, Massachusetts. On July 30, 1939, because of physical disability, a heart affliction, he was retired from the Army with the rank of Colonel. On November 13, 1934, when attaché in Mexico, he had been raised to the rank of Lt. Colonel.

Following his retirement, Colonel Marshburn and his family returned to their permanent home in Washington, D. C. Here the day after Christmas, in 1941, he suffered a severe heart attack. From this he never recovered, though periodically he showed signs of improvement. On Tuesday, October 12, 1943, he experienced a stroke from which he died almost instantly. His body was cremated and after the funeral services, held in Walter Reed Chapel, his ashes, on the following Friday, were interred in the Arlington National Cemetery.

Under circumstances like these it is very difficult for one to comment on a brother when, between the two from childhood, there have been unbroken bonds of love and devotion. So intimate we were, our experiences all seemed one.

As a boy Colonel Marshburn was obsessed with a desire to enter West Point. One by one he saw chances for an appointment glimmer and then fade away. Finally, at the end of his junior year in college, an appointment unexpectedly came on the recommendation of his high school superintendent, who had been asked to suggest the name of a young man that might be able "to stick at the Point." Surely no Plebe was ever happier—at least during the time just prior to his arrival at West Point!

Colonel Marshburn's career in the Army will have to speak for itself. From the personal side it is no exaggeration to say that entering the Academy was the great moment of his life. From the first he felt for the Academy



a great affection, an affection that in later years fused into a feeling of reverence. He looked upon West Point as the symbol of the heart and sinews of our nationalism. The last words he spoke to me, whispered with great effort and not without pain, but with manifestly no fear of death, were, "It's tough this had to happen to me, when I might have been of some service over there!"

With him discipline was a passion. The principles that he relentlessly adhered to were those of precision and efficiency in every detail. This severity of discipline, inexplicable as it may seem, was not infrequently evidenced in the treatment of those whom he loved most.

Next to the enjoyment of his family, his greatest pleasure came from being with his friends to whom no man was ever more kind, gracious or considerate. He possessed a keen mind and a vivid imagination. One of his hobbies was solving puzzles, especially mechanical ones. He was a great reader and an able critic, ever ready to engage someone in conversation concerning the literary merits of a particular piece of writing. Words, their derivatives and synonyms, fascinated him. He was a student of both Greek

and Latin and had an enthusiastic appreciation for classical literature. He cared little for participation in sports, though as a spectator he was interested in all forms of athletics, particularly football.

An inherent curiosity in things intellectual enlarged his scope of general knowledge. This is attested by the fact that after his graduation from the Academy he earned three academic degrees; a B.A. from George Washington University, an M.A. from Georgetown University, and a Ph. D. from the National University of Mexico. It is not surprising that in his professional field he had the reputation of being a very capable and popular instructor.

On October 13, 1924, Colonel Marshburn married Miss Portia Wagar, of Washington, D. C. From this union there was one child, a boy, Herbert E. Marshburn, Jr. ("Junie"), who was born at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, on January 29, 1926. During the four years of their stay in Mexico City Mrs. Marshburn and her husband developed a profound interest in Mexico and its people. They vied with each other in their efforts to understand the life, literature and culture of a people whom they greatly loved. Both of them were able to speak Spanish fluently, and in so doing scarcely did they excel their young son. When he was returning from Mexico Colonel Marshburn was invited to deliver a lecture on Mexico before the Spanish Club, an organization at the University of Oklahoma. He was a member of the Masonic orders, including the Shrine; the Cosmos Club in Washington, D. C.; and the Sigma Chi Fraternity. For three consecutive years he was president of his class at Emory University. At West Point he was a cadet captain. To his friends he was known as "Herbie."

In addition to his wife and son, who now reside in Washington, D. C., Colonel Marshburn is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Lela Forage, of Plant City, Florida, and Mrs. C. A. Bennett, of Jacksonville, Florida; two brothers, T. A. Marshburn, of Jacksonville, Florida, and J. H. Marshburn, of Norman, Oklahoma; and two nephews, Page Bennett, of Hartford, Connecticut, and Lt. J. H. Marshburn, Jr., of the Army Air Field, Pampa, Texas.

—J. H. M.

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### William Irwin Allen

NO. 6330 CLASS OF JUNE, 1919

Died December 28, 1943, at Setauket, New York, aged 46 years.

**W**ILLIAM IRWIN ALLEN was born October 19, 1897, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lindsay Allen, at the Old Carr Estate, now known as Point Breeze, Fifth and Penn Avenues, Pittsburgh, Pa.

He attended the Shakespeare School until he was 12 years of age, and then went to Liberty School for two years. From here he was a student at the Peabody High School from which he graduated with honors. After almost one year at the Carnegie Institute of Technology, he entered West Point on June 14, 1917, as a member of the original class of 1921. From Decem-

ber 1918 to June 1919, when he graduated from West Point, he was a student officer at the United States Military Academy.

Upon leaving West Point as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army, "P.D." was given an overseas assignment, and for two months toured the battlefields in Europe. Returning to the United States he was sent to the Coast Artillery School at Fort Monroe, Va., where he was a student until August 1920. At this time he was ordered to Fort Lewis, Washington, where he was attached to the Duty Supply Company of the 59th Coast Artillery until January 1921. His next three years were spent at Ft. Amador, and Balboa, C. Z. During one year of this period he was attached to the Duty 81st Company, C.A.C., and the Duty M.P. Company. The remaining two years were spent as Assistant E. & R. Officer, E. & R. and P.X. In June 1924 he returned to the States and un-



til August 1925 was assigned to Battery B, 13th C.A.C., Ft. Barrancas, Florida. In August 1925, he reported for duty at West Point as an instructor in the Department of Chemistry and Electricity. He remained here for four years, and in August 1929 was relieved from this assignment and sent to the Coast Artillery School, Fort Monroe, Va., where he took the Battery Officers' Course. From June 1930 to June 1931 he was a student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass., and here was awarded an S.M. Degree in Electrical Engineering. After completing his work here he was sent to Fort Mills, P. I., where for one year he was Assistant Adjutant, Personnel Adjutant, and C.O. Hq. Battery, 91st C.A. (P.S.), and for three years was Assistant Artillery Engineer and A.E. Property Officer. In June 1934 he was relieved from this duty and was again assigned to duty at the United States Military Academy, West Point, in the Department of Chemistry and Electricity. From August 1934 to August 1936 he was an instructor in both Chemistry and Electricity, and from August 1936 to August 1937 he was given the Assistant Professorship of this department. Completely unaware of the fact, "P.D." was destined to return to West Point once again, and after one year at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where he was a student at

the Command and General Staff School, he received orders to report at the United States Military Academy. For four years, from August 1938 to June 1942, he was Assistant Professor of the Department of Chemistry and Electricity. At the completion of this tour of duty he was assigned to the Eastern Signal Corps School at Fort Monmouth, N. J., and in September 1942, was ordered to England where he served with the 8th Air Force Service Command. In October 1942, he sailed from England with the 12th Air Force Service Command and joined the invasion forces in North Africa.

(After three and a half months he was returned to the United States on account of illness, and was retired November 1, 1943.)

It is to be noted that of his commissioned service, eleven years were spent at West Point as instructor and Assistant Professor in the Department of Chemistry and Electricity. Colonel C. L. Fenton, Professor of this department, says:

"Colonel W. I. Allen (P.D.) was one of the finest men that I have ever known and his retirement and death was a great loss to the country. As an instructor and Assistant Professor in the Department of Chemistry and Electricity he demonstrated unusual ability in teaching and his leadership qualities were such that the administration of the department seemed simple. P.D. carried a heavy load in this department but one would not find that out from him. He was loyal and dependable to a superior degree. Many of the important developments in my department during the last fifteen years can be traced to P.D. as he was ever on the alert to make constructive suggestions. Aside from an official relationship he was my friend and I mourn his loss."

William Irwin Allen was a worthy son of West Point. His career of usefulness to the Army and to West Point was cut short by a railroad accident on December 28, 1943. While on his way to work in a Defense Plant he was assisting a fellow worker onto a train when the train started to move. This apparently caused him to lose his footing and to be pulled under the train.

On October 7, 1920, P.D. married Miss Florence Laird of Mt. Vernon, New York, at Mt. Vernon, N. Y. Two children were born to them: Elizabeth Willis and William I. Allen, Jr.

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### Alexander George Greig

NO. 7463 CLASS OF 1924

Died April 24, 1943, at Kelly Field, Texas, aged 41 years.

Few of the thousands of student pilots who have passed through Kelly Field pursuing silver wings have returned for duty, but Alexander George Greig did and during the brief period of his second and final stay established the reputation of being one of the best commanders in the base's long history.

Born November 7, 1901, in Vallejo, California, young Greig accompanied his family first to the Philippines and then to Panama during the early portion of his life.

After receiving his elementary education in Panama he returned to the States to enter West Point and graduated with the Class of 1924. Casting adventuresome eyes about he chose the fledgling Air Corps as his branch of service and was soon among the ranks of those early pioneers who flew "barrel staves held together with piano wire".

It was then that he served his first time at Kelly Field and Brooks Field, little dreaming that one day the former would mark both the spot of his highest military advancement and the site of his untimely death.

Graduating from Brooks Field and Kelly Field, Greig was assigned to an attack group and stationed at Galveston, Texas, for a short period of time. It was during this period that the government turned the transportation of mail over to the Air Corps and Greig was among those pioneers who flew the first air-mail through wind and storm.



The inactivity of peace-time army life, however, failed to hold his interest and shortly after the mail-carrying episode Greig dropped out of the service and went into the steamship business as an agent for a large Texas concern.

Marriage to Miss Edwina Brooks also came during this period and the couple became the parents of two children, Alexander, Jr., and Frances Booty.

The old lure of flying maintained its hold on the West Pointer, however, and for a time he served as operations officer of the 111th Observation Squadron of the Texas National Guard.

Meanwhile his business interests carried him into oil operations and a connection with an automobile agency. A second marriage with Miss Vivian Melvin of Tyler, Texas, in 1932 gave him the companion and wife who remained his constant inspiration and helpmate during the remainder of his life. A son, George Melvin, was born November 8th, 1933.

As the war clouds darkened Europe and Asia and cast hints of impending events over America Greig's West Point trained mind realized the need for preparation and he tendered his offer of service to the government.

The offer was accepted in August 1941 and Greig received a captaincy in the Reserves. He was assigned to

active duty at the Ellington, Texas, Sub-Depot. Attacking his new work with vigor and enthusiasm, the new captain was soon appointed adjutant of the sub-depot and three weeks later took on the additional duty as sub-depot supply officer.

When Pearl Harbor broke it found Greig deep in the service of his country once more, building Ellington Field into an efficient and smooth working organization. His organizational ability was reflected by his rapid promotion to major within a short time.

As it became apparent Selective Service would soon be draining scores of men from industry and the sub-depot into uniform, Major Greig instituted a training program for recruiting women in the area and training them as mechanics.

Coining the phrase "Plane Janes", he popularized the idea throughout the section and during the year the sub-depot school was able to train hundreds of formerly unskilled women into valuable workers.

Subjects covered by the school he organized covered sheet metal work, parachute folding and care, electrical instruments, and air plane mechanics. The course was designed to last three months, after which each worker was given a civil service status and became available to ease the rapidly growing demand for skilled workers everywhere.

Although the idea of a mechanical trade school for women was not new nor originated by Major Greig it was through his personal work and efforts that it was pushed to such successful heights in the Ellington region. His constant interest and encouragement was a driving force which later enabled the sub-depot to continue to carry out its mission without handicap of labor shortages.

In addition to training civilian employees for his command, Major Greig took a personal interest in pushing the training of sub-depot cadres and air depot groups throughout other installations in the area. Making trips to Hobbs, New Mexico, Ft. Worth and Waco, Texas, and DeRidder, Louisiana, he kept in constant touch with the latest training methods and instructions and was always available for advice.

In March of 1943, after over a year's service as commanding officer of Ellington Sub-Depot and shortly after his promotion to lieutenant-colonel, the West Pointer was called back to Kelly Field and given command of the base at which he had won his wings years before.

Kelly Field, at that time, was processing thousands of troops for overseas duty in depots of the Air Service Command and Greig drove into the tasks of his new command with a complete understanding of the intricate problems at hand.

As one associate said "he was everywhere at once" supervising this, correcting that, and improving methods of operation. His work was rapidly earning for him the reputation of being one of Kelly's most efficient commanders when the accident occurred which took his life and cut short his long range plans.

Taking off from Kelly Field in a P-39 on April 24, his plane's engine

apparently failed and the ensuing crash snuffed out Greig's life. His death came just three months to the day after that of his son, George.

Funeral services were held in the post chapel, and after cremation his ashes were placed in the Oakland Columbarium, Oakland, California.

His loss came at a time when it was felt most keenly and letters to the family from associates revealed the high esteem in which Greig had been held. A letter from Colonel Paul C. Wilkins, commanding officer of the San Antonio Air Depot Control Area Command, emphasized this saying "As you probably know, he was a member of my Command for almost a year and was considered to be, as well as a fine friend, one of my most efficient officers."

Another letter from a close associate stated, "In some twenty-five years of regular Army service, it has been rare, indeed, the occasions where I have met an individual and have been so captivated by, not only his personality, but his extreme desire to perform a difficult job . . . I was tremendously impressed with his one paramount desire and that was to train all troops to a state of efficiency which would insure the shortening of the war and our return to our peaceful pursuits in our own community."

The family name of Greig, though, will not be out of uniform for long. Already preparing to follow in his father's footsteps is Alexander Greig, Jr., the eldest son. A student at Allen Military Academy, Bryan, Texas, this, his fourth year, he is preparing for entrance into West Point.

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### Edward Felix Shepherd

NO. 8474 CLASS OF 1928

*Died August 25, 1943, at Daley Waters, Australia, aged 40 years.*

sistence depot, 1st Army Maneuver, Plattsburg, New York, in 1939. The next year he became the Assistant Chief, Operations Branch, Construction Division, Office of The Quartermaster General in Washington. In 1941 "Shep" was assigned to the Subsistence Division, Office of The Quartermaster General, where he organized and became officer in charge of Field Headquarters, Quartermaster Market Center, Chicago, Illinois. In February 1942 he went to the Southwest Pacific with duty with the storage and Distribution Section, Supply Division of Headquarters, United States Army Services of Supply, and was Quartermaster of the Fifth Air Force at the time of his demise.

If it were necessary to use a single word for the purpose of describing "Shep" to all who knew him, perhaps the word "fighter" would come nearest. When he started to do a job he left no stone unturned until he had everything working. Some fights he won; others he lost, but he never quit.



"AND if he displays the same indomitable persistence, the same never failing energy, the same obstinate devotion to his task that have characterized his years at West Point, someday, when he enters into battle we are sure that success will crown his efforts there, as it has here." Truer words were never penned in the Howitz than these prophesying the future of Edward F. Shepherd. From the time he graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1928 to August 23, 1943, the day that Colonel Shepherd was killed in an airplane crash in Australia, he displayed indomitable persistence, never failing energy and devotion to study. These characteristics were early recognized and appreciated by his superiors as attested by the various positions of great responsibility to which he was assigned and the promotions that he received. Just three months before his untimely death he had been promoted to the rank of full colonel.

"Shep," as he was affectionately called, had a wide variety of military assignments. He served with the Air Corps at Brooks Field, with the Infantry at Fort Sam Houston and with the Quartermaster Corps at Fort Crockett, and in Panama. He was purchasing and contracting officer, sub-

Not only did he have an intense dislike for a static job, constantly seeking assignments to keep him busy, but he had the ability to impart a large measure of his own enthusiasm and dynamic spirit to his junior officers and men who, to a man, held him in a high respect and admiration.

His attitude toward them was well expressed in the following excerpt from a letter written in the early days of the expansion of the Army—"It is my responsibility as an officer of years of experience to keep these younger officers out of trouble," and of course to show them the way.

His death came as he would have desired it, while fighting to perfect a smooth-running efficient organization. A brother officer wrote, "I believe he was happy at the time he died, in an airplane accident while on an inspection trip to check the working of of his supply organization, as Quartermaster of the 5th Air Force in Australia."

It was a job into which he could throw wholeheartedly his tremendous energy and talent for organization and supervision. It required the utmost of "Shep" and his men in devising numerous ingenious and breathtaking expedients for keeping the 5th Air Force supplied in the jungle, such as

knocking down 6 x 6 trucks for air transport to newly created fields.

Millions of American soldiers to whom Shepherd was just a name owe to him a perpetual debt of gratitude for his work as Officer in Charge of Field Headquarters, Perishable Branch, Subsistence Division, Office of The Quartermaster General, at Chicago, Illinois. Because of his background, qualifications and superior record of performance, he was selected to head the Field Headquarters organization in June of 1941, a post he held until February 1942, when he was sent to the Southwest Pacific.

The market center method of procurement, sparked by Field Headquarters, was new to the Army. The very peculiar nature of the operation brought about many complex problems which might have disrupted the entire Army Subsistence Program had it not been for the courage, ability and leadership displayed by the then Major Shepherd. The market center organization was staffed with civilians, marketing specialists and officers appointed from civilian life, none of whom were thoroughly familiar with transacting business according to Army procedure. With unflinching tact, industry and a firm belief in the inherent possibilities of such an organization, Colonel Shepherd built the market center organization into one of the most efficient branches of the entire Army. The patterns he laid down and the plans which he made during his assignment at Field Headquarters have served the Army well to this day. Tangible evidence of the confidence and trust placed in Colonel Shepherd is nowhere better displayed than in the following commendation from Major General E. B. Gregory, The Quartermaster General, to then Major Shepherd while he was at Field Headquarters:

"It has been brought to my attention that the supply of perishable subsistence during the Army Maneuvers in the Louisiana Area has been efficiently handled. Reports of this nature are a source of gratification and keen pleasure.

"The part that the personnel of Field Headquarters, Perishable Branch, Subsistence Division, Office of The Quartermaster General, played in coordinating and purchasing these huge requirements, and the fact that they arrived at destination on time and without loss, is a matter of great interest to me and a credit to the Quartermaster Corps."

Colonel Shepherd arrived in Australia in the middle of February 1942 and was made Chief, Storage and Distribution Section, Supply Division, Headquarters, United States Army Services of Supply. It was through his efforts there that the quartermaster officers received proper assignments and that the supplies requisitioned kept rolling in. His ingenuity and diplomacy led to a splendid understanding with Australian manufacturers and producers, resulting in excellent cooperation and coordination between the American forces and Australian industry.

Colonel Shepherd remained with United States Army Services of Supply until about November 1942 when he was requested by the Commanding General of the 5th Air Force

to become the 5th Air Force Air Quartermaster. In this capacity, he acted as coordinator between the Air Staff G.H.Q. and Headquarters, Army Services Forces in all matters of quartermaster supply.

Colonel Shepherd's death occurred while traveling on a supply mission to the Northwest part of Australia in a plane which had motor failure and crash landed in the desert. Colonel Shepherd was thrown clear of the airplane, but in the explosion of the craft, he was struck by a part of the propeller, causing head injuries which resulted in his death.

He is survived by his father, Russell R. Shepherd, LaFeria, Texas; his wife, Ruth Lesser Shepherd, three daughters—Patricia, Diane and Leticia—and a son, Peter, of San Antonio, Texas.

Devotion to his family and friends and the service to which he had dedicated his life was an outstanding characteristic of "Shep." His quiet, unruffled manner, his sense of humor, and his straightforward way of dealing with every situation endeared him to all with whom he came in contact.

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### David Northrup Motherwell

NO. 9161 CLASS OF 1931

Died June 8, 1941, near Ft. Bridger, Wyoming, aged 35 years.

DAVID NORTHRUP MOTHERWELL, son of Robert N. and Genevieve Northrup Motherwell, was born January 4, 1906, at Chicago, Illinois. After attending the local elementary schools and Tilden Tech High School in Chicago and leading the usual school boy life of a typical American boy he obtained an appointment to the United States Military Academy. He entered July 1st, 1927.

From the time of his entrance Dave's ambition was to succeed in graduating with a good record. A member of the choir, he participated in many of the activities offered and was particularly outstanding in athletics requiring superior form and coordination. He won his letter on the gym team and was an outstanding tumbler.

Dave carried his athletic abilities into the hearts of the Corps by his tap dancing at 100th Night shows and numerous color lines. His attention to detail qualified him as 1st Sergeant of his Cadet company. In spite of the time required for extra responsibilities of this position, he found time for Fishing Club and Chess Club activities. Good records with the Tactical and Academic Departments give further proof of his versatility.

Dave graduated well up in his class on June 11th, 1931, and was commissioned in the Coast Artillery Corps; however his first love was the Air Corps and several months previously he had applied for a detail in this branch. The request having been approved he reported with the other student officers of his class to Randolph Field in September 1931 for the first Air Corps primary flying class at that new flying school.

His days in San Antonio were some of his happiest. He was a natural flyer and passed easily through primary

and basic stages. During his stay at Randolph he found time to become a victim of Dan Cupid and on June 4, 1932, he married Eva Dial, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Laurens Dial of an old Texas family.

Successful completion of the course at Randolph took him to the advance flying school at Kelly Field and training in the pursuit branch. Dave showed his mettle at this stage of his career and for some months later. Although he was afflicted with an allergy which affected his appetite and handicapped him with a severe mental and physical strain, he continued to attend all ground school classes and flying instruction and received his coveted wings on October 14, 1932.

His first assignment was at Barksdale Field where he served for several years as an outstanding pursuit pilot in the famous 20th Pursuit Group. He was transferred to the Air Corps on January 25, 1933. During his tour at Barksdale, Dave helped carry the mail when the Air Corps was assigned that task from February to June in 1934.



He won a temporary Air Corps promotion to First Lieutenant on April 20, 1935. Permanent First Lieutenant grade followed August 1 of the same year.

On June 11, 1937, he sailed for the Philippine Islands where he served with the 28th Bombardment Squadron and as base materiel officer in the 4th Composite Group at Clark and Nichols Fields. He returned to the United States on August 14, 1939, to serve with the 88th Reconnaissance Squadron, a part of the General Headquarters Air Force at Hamilton Field, California. In September 1940 this unit was transferred to Ft. Douglas, Utah. Dave accompanied the Squadron to its new station. He received a promotion to grade of Captain in the Army of the United States during this month and shortly thereafter he was further rewarded for his outstanding work in the 88th by being assigned as Commander of the newly activated 16th Reconnaissance Squadron at the same station.

Dave's love for West Point and the traditions of the Military Academy were always uppermost in his mind. As with most of us he had been "piping" for 10 long years the joy of seeing his old friends and his Alma Mater

at the 10 year reunion of his class. A training flight was arranged which would give him a few hours at this reunion; however, the flight was never completed. He encountered a bad weather over Wyoming, the airplane crashed and all aboard were killed. This unfortunate accident occurred on June 8, 1941, near Ft. Bridger, Wyoming. Dave was buried with military honors in the National Cemetery at Arlington.

At first impression one might think that Dave was a serious minded, hard working individual, and he was. However, he could break out into a hearty laugh much quicker than the next man. Throughout his life he was a hard worker and never stopped until he attained his goal. This earnestness gave Dave a keen appreciation for all things in life. It won for him the respect and admiration of all who knew him, and particularly his subordinates. His keen sense of humor and unpredictable mirth won friendships amongst both sexes, and officers and men alike. This rare combination made Dave the true soldier and gentleman as we all knew him.

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**Joseph Michael Cole, Jr.**

NO. 11946 CLASS OF 1940

*Died February 22, 1944, in England, aged 26 years.*

**W**E cannot pretend one son of Alma Mater to be more representative than any other for are not all her sons representative each in his own way? Yet here is one we knew too well to take his passing lightly; one found too admirable to fail to do him honor. He was born a warm-hearted, aggressive, lovable Irishman and remained true to that heritage to the end of his brief days.

Joseph Michael Cole, Jr., was an Army child born in New York City on the first of October in 1917, while his father was stationed at Fort Tilden, New York. His boyhood was spent at various posts including Fort Kamehameha, Hawaii, Fort Monroe, Virginia, and Fort Hamilton, New York. While at Fort Hamilton he attended Manhattan's Regis High School. Joe's primary and secondary education were eminently successful in that he took highest honors from the parochial school and the valedictory with honors from high school in 1935. He won his appointment competitively in 1936 after a year at Braden's Preparatory School as a Presidential "at large" appointee to the Military Academy.

Joe Cole's Academy career was a happy one. He was too capable to have any trouble with academics or discipline so that he had plenty of time for athletics. During his cadet years, Joe continued his love for football which he developed at an early age. He was too light to make the A squad as a guard, but he stuck faithfully to B squad every year, full of fight. One most characteristic picture we recall is of his appearing at supper in the Cadet Mess, grinning widely and rather pleased, with a big front tooth knocked out, proof indeed that he had been digging hard in an Army football line. During his four

years his parents never missed an Army football game. Many were the picnics and similar affairs that Joe's mother arranged at Delafield for his classmates. Unhappily, his mother died six months before his graduation. Characteristically, Joe kept his grief tightly to himself. This was a compensatory trait of his usually ebullient character—he kept certain things completely to himself until he was ready to reveal them. He played an interesting tennis game, golfed in the 80's even on his poorest days, and, though he dropped track as a cadet, in high school he had usually won the 220 shot-put, and broad jump. Even during the stress of his wartime activities in England he found time to keep himself physically fit by playing squash. To round out his activities he had a flare for dramatics and an excellent tenor voice. He took part in all Hundredth Night Shows as a player, comedian, singer, and director. For four years Joe was an outstanding soloist with the Glee Club and the Catholic Choir as well as with the



Cadet Orchestra at numerous hops and color lines. He loved to sing. It was part of his personality.

At graduation he stood 120 among 449 and was initially assigned to the Coast Artillery Corps, but he immediately began his training in the Air Corps. This took him first to Santa Maria, later to Moffet Field and then to Stockton where he got his wings. His first assignment was to the Salt Lake City Air Base flying B-17's and B-18's. Yet how well we remember the future Mustang flier at the time of his first airplane flight at Mitchel Field first-class summer, "riding the bucket" in abject misery for the entire four-hour flight.

It was on yearling furlough in 1938 while Joe was at home in Brooklyn that he met Dorothea James at Fort Hamilton. Her father, Col. H. W. James, was on duty with the Eighteenth Infantry at that post. Dorothea was home on vacation from Vassar. Joe was definitely attracted and spent most of his time at the fort. During the next two years he dragged Dorothea to West Point and then to his June Week. Joe having graduated and entered upon his flying training in California, a happy chance took Col. James to California the following win-

ter. Joe and Dorothea were married in the chapel at the Presidio of San Francisco on the twenty-first of June in 1941. Directly thereafter they left for Chicago where Joe undertook a course in meteorology. After that he was assigned to Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma, as Weather Officer for the Forty-seventh Bombardment Group. While on maneuvers in North Carolina he was ordered overseas as Weather Officer for the Sixth Fighter Wing and later with the Eighth Fighter Command. It was with this last command that he established weather stations in the British Isles. In recognition for his performance of this duty he received his promotion to Lieutenant Colonel in November of 1943 shortly after his twenty-sixth birthday. In the meantime Dorothea had established their home in Carmel, California, where Carolyn Jo was born on the twenty-second of April in 1943. Joe was very proud of his lovely wife and little Cali whom he never saw.

The formal announcement gave no details. . . . "Killed over Chesham, England, February 22, 1944." High tribute was paid to Joe by his Commanding General: "A young officer possessing an analytical mind, with the moral courage to back up his mental decisions without equivocation. He can be relied upon. . . . yes, Joe Cole could be relied upon. This same officer said after his death, and it could not be better said: ". . . He was a splendid officer and was doing an outstanding job. He was intensely popular with the men . . . in addition to the friendship which all of us felt for Joe, he had earned and at all times retained our utmost respect. . . . People like Joe don't come along very often. There is no one who can fully replace him in his work."

His commanding officer of a Fighter Wing said of him, "He is intelligent, forceful and energetic. He is efficient, and has the ability to handle all situations that arise in the performance of his duties. He is good-natured, tactful, and versatile, and has a personality that attracts you."

His widow and daughter are living with Col. H. W. James at Fort Douglas, Utah, and his father, Major Joseph M. Cole, Retired, lives in Miami, Florida.

Deaths in great numbers are the debits of war. There are, of course, many other loved ones lost, perhaps in greater tragedy, but we make no comparisons, nor do we honour these others less. Perhaps we will be pardoned if we honour Joe Cole in the humble terms of our personal loss. For he was so much a creature of life, of young vigor in body and mind. His nature was intensely idealistic, but cloaked with a simple-seeming facade of fun and unceasing activity. We recall so many scenes in which Joe lives vividly: crooning a raucous burlesque in a shower, and again, singing beautifully in a hushed church from up in the choir-loft; getting stopped three times on California highways for exceeding 100 miles per hour; his quiet grief at his mother's death during his first class year and later at the death of his roommate Del Edgell, who was the first man in the class of '40 to pass on; listening carefully to his parents' advice—and taking it; his fine sense

of fairness and loyalty; the stars in his eyes at the thought of seeing Dorothea again and his baby in Carmel; his efficiency and drive, especially when he could fly a plane he loved; his torn cadet undershirts, unmistakable mark of a first classman; his pride in his wings; his universal sense of humour, and his kindness and helpfulness; his very great heart; far too many things made up Joe Cole to recreate him with anything less than himself. May he rest in honoured peace—may his spirit never dim in the hearts of those who loved him.

—A. P. W.

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### Justus MacMullen Home

NO. 12590 CLASS OF 1941

Died February 18, 1944, in the North African Area, aged 24 years.

MAJOR JUSTUS M. HOME, (Known as Mac among his friends), was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, May 7, 1919. Early in childhood he developed an unusual love of books and the great outdoors. Perhaps both of these qualities were enhanced by



the constant traveling he enjoyed because of his father's profession of Mining Engineer. Mac never attended the same school for two successive terms until his last two years in the Plainfield New Jersey High School from which he entered West Point in 1937 by competitive examination.

He found much pleasure and relaxation in the routine of his life at West Point by daily work-outs in the gymnasium, long walks in the hills about the Point and hours of practice with the pistol team. He was a member of the Plebe gymnastic team and loved all kinds of sports.

When only a child he showed interest in the aeroplane, always enjoying visits to the various air fields as he traveled about the country. He spent hours making models and studying different types of planes so that it seemed natural for him to concentrate all his hopes for an assignment to the Air Corps upon graduation from West Point. Flying fighter-planes seemed the only answer to all his hopes and ambitions in the service. The "Mustang" was his "dream ship!"

After attending Ryan School, Bakersfield and Luke from which he was graduated in March 1942, he was assigned to Key Field, Mississippi, to fly P-38's in a fighter squadron. His disappointment cannot be put in words when he found himself at Key Field, Columbus, Mississippi, as an instructor in twin engine bombers, an assignment for which he had no preliminary training whatsoever. However, he did his work conscientiously as an instructor, but he exerted every effort to transfer to fighters and in a few months was flying P-38's at Key Field in Meridian, Mississippi. In a short time his squadron was equipped with Mustangs. While here he also acted as Engineering Officer and was promoted to Captain before his detail to Patterson Field, Ohio, to act as test pilot on P-51's. He returned to Key Field before leaving for North Africa in February 1942.

Colonel Robert Paul, his commanding officer at Key Field and throughout his African, Sicilian and Italian campaign writes of him as follows:—

"I and all the officers and men in the 86th Fighter Group were more than fond of Major Home. He had an excellent record as an officer in the group. When we were awaiting overseas shipment, I picked him to go ahead to North Africa as an advance representative for the group. During the invasion of Sicily and Italy as group operations officer he proved most efficient and conscientious.

"During the conquest of Sicily, he volunteered for a hazardous mission as a radio control officer with the troops in the front line. For this I recommended that he be awarded the Legion of Merit.

"In the early part of the Italian Campaign Major Home became Liaison Officer with the 64th Fighter Wing. In a short time, however, at his own request he returned to the more active combat-flying for he was an outstanding combat pilot in the truest sense of the word. He was always most modest and unassuming but the boys never tire of recounting his exploits in his war against the enemy. He was admired by all the ground personnel and envied by his fellow airmen. He was absolutely fearless with never a thought of danger to himself.

"Major Home was an excellent soldier and gentleman always ready to volunteer for difficult missions and good naturedly accepted any hardship or disappointments that came his way due to the 'calls in the service'. Major Home's death February 18, 1944, was a great shock and loss to me and to his country. I admired him greatly."

After 76 combat missions Major Home volunteered to make an experimental flight to test a new type of dive-bombing technique. Bringing his plane into a vertical dive to permit close observation by high ranking officers, Major Home successfully carried out his mission. However, due to a structural defect in the plane, the right wing collapsed in the dive. The plane crashed without his having any chance to bail out. For this he was awarded posthumously, the Distinguished Flying Cross to add to his other citations, among them the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters. Major Home was a man of the highest ideals and moral

standards. He was a terrific worker, and the fact that he volunteered for this experimental flight is, in a small way, evidence of his love for and interest in the development of new and better things for the Air Corps.

Major Home was looking forward to an enthusiastic career in the post war development of aviation and all who knew him feel that his brilliant mind and tireless energy would have brought great honor not only to himself but real advancement to the development of the air plane. His family have lost a devoted son and brother. He is survived by his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Home of Seattle, Washington, and by two brothers, Lieut. Wm. M. Home, with the 290th Infantry and Morton L. Home, Officers' Training Corps, Naval R.O.T.C. at the University of Washington.

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### James Madison Caviness, Jr.

NO. 12834 CLASS OF 1942

Died April 12, 1944, in England, aged 23 years.

"So stand by your glasses steady, this world is a world of strife..." Jim used to sing that, in his cheerful voice; singing it about others, not himself, thinking about others, not himself. For that was his way—he thought not about his personal pleasure, but the happiness and pleasure he could afford to others.

Jim was killed last April in an air-



plane crash while in the British Isles. At the time, he was engaged in the duties of an Artillery Liaison Officer in a Corps Artillery unit, and the accident happened while the headquarters was moving to another location. During his too short career in the army, he had had experience in several positions, and as a man who knew him well, I can say that the Service has suffered a distinct loss in no longer being able to assign him a position where his industry could be put to excellent use.

Following graduation, Jim was sent to Corsicana for flying training, but due to a previous injury to his ear, he was disqualified, and reverted to his base branch, Field Artillery, in

August, 1942. He was then sent to Fort Sill where he pursued the Battery Officers' Course, and was subsequently assigned to the 83rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, then stationed at the school. He was a battery executive in the Battalion, and remained with that unit during its change of station to Fort Jackson. Sometime after September, when the battalion was moved to Jackson and about the first of March, after the unit went overseas, he was assigned as Liaison Officer with the G-2 Section of the Corps Headquarters.

The crash occurred when Jim was flying in a liaison plane, and he encountered bad weather. After completing one leg of his journey, the plane took off from an airfield in England, and when fifty feet above the ground, dived and crashed, killing Jim instantly and the pilot but a short time later.

As a cadet, Jim was one of the youngest in the class, and had at least his share of the "troubles" which beset plebes. He always bounced back in good shape, however, and as he progressed in the normal cadet life, he branched into more activities. He was especially interested in swimming and spent many hours in the pool and gained a place on the team. He was quiet in his personal habits, reading and collecting classical music recordings, and generally gaining wide general knowledge.

His friends were friends for life, for he entered into friendship with permanence as the goal, and he was markedly successful in his aim. His generosity was wide, and he would do anything if one were but to ask it. As a roommate, he was exceptional—never intruding, ever willing to help with some problem, seldom flustered with that last minute dash for parade or inspection.

Jim is buried in the American Cemetery in Cambridge, a place he would have loved and admired for its serenity, and at the same time its worldliness. The class of '42 extends its deepest sympathies to the Caviness family, for we know how you must miss your son—we will miss him, too.

"Well, so long, fella—be seeing you."

—F. D. S., II.

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## William Albert Kerr, Jr.

NO. 13231 CLASS OF JAN., 1943

*Died August 27, 1944, near Vinton, Louisiana, aged 25 years.*

**W**E remember "Andy" as a person imbued with the love of living and the spirit of good fellowship. Though we can no longer see him we cannot help but feel that he is still with us. His fine ideals, his love of justice and his outstanding personality were felt by all who came in contact with him. He was as full of fun as anyone could be and yet was every inch a soldier giving respect, commanding respect, and dispelling army discipline where he felt it was due.

Born on April 14, 1919, in Louisville, Kentucky, the oldest child and only

son of Virginia Wilson Shumaker and William Albert Kerr, "Andy" as he was known at West Point, moved shortly afterwards with his parents to Little Rock, Arkansas, where he received his elementary and high school education after which he attended Little Rock Junior College. There never was a truer son to any state and was kidded about the manner in which he, as a "Plebe", would proudly boom forth "Arkansas, Sir" in answer to the question, "Where from Mr. Ducrot?"

To be a Cadet at the United States Military Academy had been his dream since boyhood days. Once a dentist wanted to extract one of his teeth to give another tooth more room but "Andy" answered in a manly voice, "No, that's my West Point tooth." He was an ambitious boy always striving for the top. He attained the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America and also received the highest



award in De Molay—the rank of Chevalier.

While a student at Little Rock High School he enlisted in the National Guard and served for about three years until he received his Congressional appointment to West Point. A founding the first year, he returned the next year and redoubled his scholastic efforts but not to the extent of excluding social life and graduated, with wings, in the upper half of his class on January 19, 1943.

His activities at West Point were many and varied. He was a member of the Dialectic Society, Howitzer Staff, Sports Editor of The Pointer and won his numerals and monogram as a member of the Gym Team.

In June, 1942, he left West Point for Quero, Texas, to get his primary training in the Air Corps. He had never flown before and had no idea whether or not he would like to fly. However, after completion of his primary training he knew that he belonged in the Air Corps. This conviction was confirmed through his basic training at Randolph Field and his advanced training at Foster Field, Texas. It was a proud day for "Andy" when he received his wings. His love of flying had become a part of him.

Two days after graduation, on January 21, 1943, "Andy" was married in Springfield, Massachusetts, to Miss Muriel Elizabeth (Micky) Nielsen who had been his O.A.O. through West Point.

Following graduation furlough "Andy" reported to Craig Field in Selma, Alabama, where he served for thirteen months, including six weeks detached service in C.I.S. at Randolph Field. He then moved on to Peterson Field in Colorado Springs, Colorado, where he remained but a few weeks and was then transferred to Harding Field in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

With his last orders he saw his desire to go overseas finally materializing. Attached to the 72nd Fighter Group, he was fast logging hours in the P-47. He had utter faith in the Thunderbolt. It was "his baby," and in it he was going to get the chance that he had fought for since graduation—"to get into the big show."

On August 27, 1944, with only eight more hours needed of the required two hundred hours of fighter time before going overseas, he gave his life to save a student flier. While on a cross country out of Harding Field with five students, and at an altitude of 16,000 feet, "Andy" sighted a thunderhead ahead and ordered the students to make a 180 degree turn. Four of the students made the turn while one continued on into the thunderhead. It was then that "Andy" ordered the four students who had made the turn to go on to their prearranged rendezvous and wait for him, as he was going into the thunderhead to lead out the student. The student got out safely but, for some reason which nobody will ever know, "Andy" did not. He crashed near Vinton, Louisiana.

It is beyond all our comprehension why a tragedy like this should take such an outstanding young man and officer. There must be some good reason for God to take away from his loved ones a person so real, so fine, so outstanding as "Andy."

His body was accompanied to West Point by Lieutenant Francis Xavier Kane, acting as a military escort. Lieutenant Kane was a classmate of "Andy's" and was stationed at Harding Field with him.

"Andy's" remains are buried in the Post Cemetery among those of the Corps who have "gone on before." He is survived by his widow Mrs. William Albert Kerr, Jr., his baby daughter Christina Virginia, his parents Mr. and Mrs. William Albert Kerr and his two sisters, Mrs. Fred Bolls and Miss Martha Dell Kerr.

"Andy" loved West Point and lived, served, and died with the greatest of loyalty to his Alma Mater. Only recently his family received a personal letter from General H. H. Arnold in which he stated, "It has been brought to my attention that Lieutenant Kerr, benefiting from his experience in the United States Military Academy, developed into an excellent officer who enjoyed the confidence and respect of associates. He entered this organization for pilot training, which he completed at Foster Field with a most satisfactory record. Having the demonstrated ability to lead, and possessed

of determination coupled with intense loyalty, he will be remembered by the airmen who served with him."

We also remember Chaplain Wal-  
thour's words at the committal service, "No greater love hath any man than to lay down his life for a friend," and we know that "Andy" died as nobly as he lived.

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### Coleman Cabell Richards

NO. 13449 CLASS OF JUNE, 1943

Died April 12, 1944, near Hereford,  
England, aged 23 years.

How astounded we all were to learn the dreadful news of Rick's death. Rick the expert pilot; Rick the brilliant; Rick the perfectionist in all things. It could not be. Yet it is true. The life and career of Coleman Cabell Richards on this earth is ended. He is dead.

We knew Rick first that first plebe July when all was scurry and confusion. Unnoticed he was for a long time (we all know the on-the-ball plebes go unnoticed). As we did slowly come to know him we came to acquaint ourselves with the exacting efficiency, the remarkable presence of mind, the complete self-confidence, that were his character. We came to know Rick the cadet, C<sup>2</sup> the academecian, Coleman the man.

How close he is to us—we recent graduates of the June Class of '43. How near and yet so far! Can't we hear him saying: "My boy Dusty," and "Fox," and "Spooky Fooks," and "Bud Holderness," and "No, Ace, you do it this way"? Do not we so closely recall his brilliant mind and revere him for it? And do not we so closely remember his championship fencing, his stars, his stripes, his awards—his leadership—and admire him still for these too?

Rick took to West Point like he took to all life—with a capableness unmatched by few. He loved the military side of the place; he was a good plebe—a good cadet. Few demos came his way.

But it was in academics that he starred. His sound, well disciplined, logical mind, which of course soared to heights only because of his own expert tutelage, was the mind of a type men are born with. It was remarkably discerning, perceiving what the mind of the average man failed to see. It saw the problem; eagerly accepted, integrated, and solved it.

He did not study hard; rarely did he read a paragraph twice. But when he read he instantly absorbed and digested the intrinsic meaning. And behind his modest outward self was an enormous self-confidence. Nothing could daunt or scare him. He personified perfectly the statement: "Nothing is to be feared, only to be understood."

There was absolutely no impetuosity about him. Probably the most outstanding feature of his character was his failure to get overly enthusiastic or overly depressed about anything. What greater attribute can a soldier have? His was always the impersonal attitude. But whatever the task he had the mental and physical adeptness to readily accept and overcome it.

When Rick spoke he said something. "Ask Richards," or "Rick will know" were frequent remarks of his classmates. He possessed the almost superhuman quality of always knowing exactly what he was doing.

Coleman was born in Cleveland, Ohio, September 15, 1920. Almost from babyhood he displayed the same eminence and leadership that were to characterize his life. On his paternal and on his maternal sides his forefathers were leading statesmen and soldiers of our country—both in the North and in the South. Although Rick grew up mostly in Ohio he called himself a Virginian. During those growing-up years he did spend most of his vacations in Virginia. Some of his most beloved relatives lived there.

His personal hero was his great uncle, John Carlton Higginbotham, of



the Confederate Army, who was Captain of the historic Upshur Greys of Virginia at the age of eighteen and who, subsequently, was made a Brigadier General at the age of twenty-one. This great uncle was killed in action in the Battle of the Wilderness, May 10, 1864. No wonder Rick was proud of him!

It was while Rick was in the eighth grade that he determined he was going to West Point. From that ultimate goal he did not deviate. He thoroughly prepared himself. In 1938 he was made a second alternate; a year following he was made the principal candidate. So it was that in 1940, after having won many scholastic honors for two years at Ohio State, Rick became one of our class.

At the academy he stood high scholastically and militarily. He fired ex-

pert with both the rifle and the pistol; and—I recall—that he fired highest in old "C" Company with the machine gun.

Track and fencing were his standbys in athletics. Rick developed into one of the finest fencers West Point has produced. First Class Year as our saber champion he won the Navy Star on defeating Navy's candidate. And— even more important—a few weeks later he won the Intercollegiate Saber Championship which was held in New York City. In everything he undertook Coleman Richards excelled.

During our three years he was, unquestionably, one of our class' most outstanding members. On Graduation Day when General Arnold gave us our diplomas Rick was number three. Just two days before Bill DeBrocke said of him: "If that guy doesn't become a general nobody in our class will."

Like many of our classmates he took the Air Corps. Though as an "air cadet" he did the daily work of two men (a statement the truth to which any of our "air cadet" classmates can testify) he remained all the while at the top in everything pertaining to our cadet life.

After graduation he served at various air posts throughout the country. He was a pursuit pilot. Throughout his training he continued to demonstrate his old attributes: as an officer and as a pilot he was among the best. Then, on last Christmas Day he said goodbye to his parents—for the last time—and embarked for overseas.

It is still not known exactly what caused his untimely death. On April 12 of this year while on a lone flight about twelve miles west of Alton, England, his P-38 crashed into the side of a mountain. He was instantly killed. Bud Holderness wrote that of his death Richards would have said: "It's all part of the game."

It is difficult—especially for those of us who have not long been out of the Academy, I think—to reconcile ourselves to the deaths of our so-close, so-near, classmates. It is difficult; but in some part consolation can be derived by knowing that that classmate covered himself with honor through his short twenty-three years and seven months of life.

And so, Ricky, old buddy, most of your classmates temporarily say goodbye to you. Some are with you now and more will be before the end of this cruel war. Ultimately as "the days" come and go, we all shall come. In the interim some of us shall achieve greatness—as you, old man, most certainly would have; some shall not.

But until we do all assemble again we shall devotedly remember you. And until then we shall always maintain the glorious honor of our class. Forever we shall be—classmates.

—John H. Nelson.