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# Physical Training of Cadets

By FRANCIS M. GREENE, '22, *Master of the Sword*

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OF the many changes in the existence of a cadet since the start of this war, few will impress the returning graduate as sharply as the developments in physical training. For many years Plebe Gym and Intramurals administered by the Master of the Sword comprised the entire physical diet of the future general unless he happened to qualify for a Corps Squad. The long winter period provided short but peaceful afternoons spent in the warmth and comfort of rooms unless individual taste led one occasionally to the Gym for a voluntary workout.

Today both the curriculum and the attitude of the cadet have changed. Gymnasium space is at a premium and the only available room for individual work-out after 3:00 p. m. in the winter is the Special Exercise room. This room, well equipped with every kind of exercise apparatus, is crowded with relays of cadets energetically working up a sweat in their meager spare time. Constant emphasis from combat leaders on the vital need for fitness has convinced the average cadet that this need is personal to him. It is a tool of his profession as truly as is the slide rule or the weapon. Perhaps he recognizes that demonstrated physical ability will always measure in the eyes of his troops as a factor in that outstanding professional attribute of a soldier—leadership.

When the weather is better than average the plain is full of cadets playing pick-up games of touch football during release from quarters. Intramural teams hold extra practice sessions during the Spring and Fall seasons. Eight or ten Intramural Football teams are regularly seen working out on Sunday mornings. With the advent of snow the entire stock of 300 pairs of G.I. skis is drawn daily within fifteen minutes after release from quarters sounds, and the new ski slopes are crowded all week-end.

Yes, cadets are exercise conscious and furthermore, physical fitness has become a recognized scholastic requirement with a modest share in the proportional parts for graduation. Deficiency in Physical Efficiency as measured by a battery of tests for each class is grounds for discharge of a cadet.

Although the Staff of Instructors under the Master of the Sword has been increased to *twelve*, this force is far from sufficient to carry on the expanded program and volunteers from Academic Departments to the number of *seven*, part-time assistants have made it possible to carry the increased load of instruction. In addition, First Classmen are used extensively to handle classes as part of their training as leaders. This Department handles an average of 1,500 cadets daily in the many courses of instruction with a drop in number in the spring when the 1st and 3rd Class Air Cadets leave for flying training.

All classes receive instruction in a carefully integrated course of physical training and with the exception of the

Air Cadet after yearling winter, all classes participate in an expanded *Intramural Athletic program*.

Every cadet gets the same course of training; even the Corps Squad athlete must undergo the same instruction as his classmates. That is true up to the 1st Class year. Then, because the 1st Class is scheduled during the same time as squad practice the Corps Squad-man is excused.

This instruction phase of training has been made progressive so that continuity from class to class is provided. For example, the Plebe gets basic instruction in swimming including strokes, life saving, and water conditioning with minimum proficiency requiring a 160 yard swim in five minutes. When he becomes a Yearling he learns Military Watermanship including Functional or Combat swimming and is required to swim 190 yards in five minutes for proficiency. In his First Class year he receives instructor-training in swimming and watermanship and finishes with a requirement of 200 yards in five minutes.

Similar progressions occur in combative sports with plebe wrestling and boxing leading through Yearling unarmed combat to advanced unarmed combat including stick and knife work and disarming tactics in his 1st Class year taught by Major Bob Sorge who was imported from Fort Benning where he specialized in this type of training. Basic Plebe gymnastics and tumbling are followed by advanced gymnastics and tumbling including a course in parachute technique and the new indoor obstacle course.

Bear in mind that our candidates, though medically sound, are physically no better than, if as good as, entering college freshmen. The Plebe year, therefore, is devoted to development of basic strength and simple skills with about the same line up of subjects as have been experienced by cadets since the days of Colonel Kochler. The Yearling advances progressively to more military type skills and in addition, branches out to include squash, handball and skiing, sports which if carefully taught him will be stand-bys in peace-time. He also receives a course of 10 hours instruction in the technique of coaching to guide him the next year in conducting intramural sports and later in handling soldier teams after graduation. Included is a brief course in seamanship including the *manning and handling of life-boats with practice in launching the boats from davits at the newly constructed North Dock Boat Basin*. Mountain climbing is added during the summer training at Popolopen under W. O. Hans Kolb, instructor in skiing and mountain warfare formerly with the 87th Div.

At 3:15 p. m. the ancient dignity and sedentary customs of the 1st Classmen are rudely shattered with advanced tumbling, boxing, unarmed combat or long hours in the pool pursuing the instructor training course under Major Bob Star who designed these watermanship courses and

also coached a champion swimming team this year. He learns the intricacies of the stem christiana turn and explores the tougher ski trails under the direction of outstanding classmate skiers who also instruct the Yearling ski classes. Regularly rostered 1st Classmen plan and conduct outdoor calisthenics, group games, and cross-country marches for Plebes and Yearlings during the same period. Whenever snow is lacking, the 1st Classman sweats it out at squash and handball in one of the thirty splendid courts located in the new 6-story West Gymnasium.

Let us look for a moment at the Intramural phase of the training of the approximately 2,000 cadets not on Corps Squad. General MacArthur's great development of intramural sports has now expanded into three complete seasons including in all 21 sports and involving about 1,650 record team games during the year. Each of the sixteen companies enters a team in every sport. Competition is fierce and enthusiastic, and centers in the Bankers' Trust Company Trophy awarded annually to the company receiving the highest number of points in the three seasons. Point values toward the trophy vary for different sports in proportion to the number of cadets participating and are awarded proportionate to the scoring in each contest. At the close of each season a championship game in each sport is played between the leading teams of each regiment.

Eligibility rules are strict with the basic philosophy that no cadet can play two seasons in the same sport. In this fashion each cadet experiences seven sports during his stay at the Academy unless he should make a Corps Squad. While on Corps Squads, cadets are excused from and ineligible for Intramurals but if dropped they return immediately to their company's Intramural teams but not to play in their Corps Squad sport. Company squads are held down in size to provide the maximum participation and every substitute must play at least five minutes in each company. Every company has its own heroes and hero worship in the old "big team" sense has gone by the boards. The ordinary cadet respects his more accomplished associate who earns All American honors but he too has played the game and knows by first hand experience the thrill and satisfaction of the hard fought contest. Sportsmanship and the ability to think "under fire" are among the lessons gained in this school of hard knocks. No one but the sick and injured are excused and the sports are selected as far as possible for body contact and team play.

An innovation in the outdoor intramural seasons is crew racing on the Hudson in eleven-man whaleboats under direction of Lieut. Tom Maloney of gymnastic fame!

The latest addition, the winter intramural season, packs all available space in the Gymnasiums with a card consisting of Wrestling, Gymnastics, Swimming, Volleyball, Squash, Handball, Fencing and Swimming. Shortage of space has forced the use of hallways in one instance and the theatre is stripped of chairs daily to provide room for competition.

An instructor from the Department is in charge of each Intramural sport but he handles the program entirely

through cadets. One 1st Classman makes all assignments for his company and appoints coaches in each sport from the most experienced and best leaders available. Cadet officials are coached by the officer in charge and take over the conduct of games. All equipment is provided by the Master of the Sword's Storeroom where the best of everything needed is provided from his budget. At the close of the season each cadet leader rates those who served under him and this rating becomes part of his grade in Physical Training.

Overall, the cadet gets training and competition in healthy doses and then goes out on his own time for more. But the question arises "What does it all measure up to?" That problem has been met in scientific manner with a careful system of grading during instruction and overall tests administered annually to each class.

The Plebe at entrance is given a physical efficiency test to measure his strength, coordination and agility. He is then assigned to sections according to his score so that groups of equal abilities are together in instruction. As he progresses he is moved between sections just as in academics. The weak or discoordinated and the poor swimmers are required to attend extra instruction until they meet the standard of their class. Every day a squad works out in the Special Exercise room under the tender care of muscle specialist Mr. John Kress.

In March of each year three types of tests are given to every cadet. These include a swim test, an indoor obstacle course and the Physical Efficiency test. Proficiency scores in each test are established for each class and if a Cadet fails the test he is placed on special squads for extra instruction until June. If by then, he has not met the class standard he is conditioned for the next term. Failure to remove his condition by meeting the standard of his class at the next tests makes him subject to discharge for Deficiency in Physical Efficiency.

The Administration of these tests and the compilation of the results is no mean undertaking. This department is presided over by Capt. Lloyd Appleton who succeeded Tom Jenkins as wrestling coach. Constant research is carried out here toward the development of new standards and more effective tests. These standards are designed to insure that every graduate of tomorrow will measure up to the demands of the faster moving combat of today.

Surprisingly few old friends have dropped out of the staff. Tom Jenkins has retired to his home in Cornwall but often comes by to swap a story. The smiling countenance of Billy Cavanaugh will be gone for a while, and Jack Dimond may go overseas to join him on temporary duty with the V.E. day athletic program. New faces there are aplenty but all imbued with the earnest desire to maintain the time tried standard established years ago by Col. Herman Koehler.

All are working to the end that when future graduates are put to the test of modern combat their bodies will be strong so their minds can function.

Over all reigns Marty Maher with his silver hair and jovial wit lavishing tender care on his beloved gymnasium.

# We Salute

## MEDAL OF HONOR

Leon R. Vance, Jr., '39 (Posthumously)

### DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

George S. Patton, Jr., '09 (Oak Leaf Cluster to)	Henry C. Hine, Jr., '20	George M. Jones, '35
Walton H. Walker, '12	George A. Taylor, June, '22	James F. Skells, '35
William G. Weaver, '12	Charles T. Lanham, '24	Reuben H. Tucker, III, '35
James A. Van Fleet, '15 (Oak Leaf Cluster to)	Bruce C. Clarke, '25	Thomas E. Clifford, Jr., '36
Arthur A. White, '15	Raymond E. Bell, '27	John T. Corley, '33
George B. Barth, June, '18	John L. Hines, Jr., '27	Lindsay C. Herkness, '39
Frederic B. Butler, November, '18	James M. Gavin, '29 (Oak Leaf Cluster to)	Edwin J. Ostberg, '39
Paul W. Kendall, November, '18	Edgar C. Doleman, '33	William P. Litton, '40
Anthony C. McAuliffe, '19	Russell W. Volckmann, '34	Theodore R. Milton, '40
Clovis E. Byers, '20	Wilson D. Coleman, '35 (Posthumously)	John H. Wobner, '40
		George S. Brown, '41
		Thomas H. Beeson, January, '43

### DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

Gerald C. Brant, '04	Walton H. Walker, '12	Albert C. Wedemeyer, June, '19 (Oak Leaf Cluster to)
Joseph W. Stilwell, '04 (Oak Leaf Cluster to)	Charles H. Corlett, '13 (Army)	Mervin E. Gross, June, '22
Allen W. Gullion, '05 (Oak Leaf Cluster to)	Charles H. Corlett, '13 (Navy)	Theodore M. Osborne, '23
Robert H. Lewis, '05	Henry S. Aurand, '15	George C. Stewart, '23
Joseph A. Green, '06	William E. R. Covell, '15	Otto L. Nelson, Jr., '24
Frederick Gilbreath, '11	Thomas J. Hanley, Jr., '15	Earle E. Partridge, '24 (Oak Leaf Cluster to)
Gilbert R. Cook, '12	James A. Van Fleet, '15	William L. Ritchie, '25
Wade H. Haislip, '12 (Second Oak Leaf Cluster to)	Arthur A. White, '15	Donald P. Booth, '26
Millard F. Harmon, '12	William K. Harrison, Jr., April, '17	Samuel R. Harris, '26
		Robert T. Frederick, '28
		James K. Woolnough, '32

### LEGION OF MERIT

Gerald C. Brant, '04	Laurence C. Craigie, '23	Daniel F. Callahan, '31
Joseph W. Stilwell, '04	Wendell G. Johnson, '23	William F. Cassidy, '31
Allen W. Gullion, '05	Alexander D. Reid, '23	George E. Fletcher, '31
Francis B. Wilby, '05	George C. Stewart, '23	Hugh P. Harris, '31
Francis H. Miles, Jr., '10	Louis J. Storck, '23 (Posthumously)	Carl W. Kohls, '31
Charles H. Corlett, '13	John M. Weikert, '23	John H. McGee, '31
James L. Bradley, '14	Uzal G. Ent, '24	Gordon Singles, '31
William A. Robertson, '14	Edwin H. Harrison, '24	William F. Train, '31
Benjamin G. Ferris, '15 (Oak Leaf Cluster to)	Howard E. Kessinger, '24 (Oak Leaf Cluster to)	Charles H. Anderson, '32
S. LeRoy Irwin, '15	Emil Lenzner, '24	John W. Bowen, '32
Joseph M. Swing, '15	Charles D. Palmer, '24	William A. Call, '32
James A. Van Fleet, '15	Albert N. Stubblebine, Jr., '24	George R. Mather, '32
Leo A. Walton, '15	William S. Triplet, '24	Clifford H. Rees, '32
Douglas L. Weart, '15 (Oak Leaf Cluster to)	Raymond C. Conder, '25	William H. Baumer, Jr., '33
R. Potter Campbell, '16	John W. Dansby, '25	Chester B. DeGavre, '33
Horace L. McBride, '16	Russell E. Randall, Jr., '25 (Oak Leaf Cluster to)	Dwight Divine, II, '33
Morris K. Barroll, Jr., April, '17	Ralph M. Osborne, '26	Alvin C. Welling, '33
Stephen H. Sherrill, April, '17	Woodbury M. Burgess, '27	John W. Darrah, '34
John W. Coffey, August, '17	Harold A. Kurstedt, '27	John H. Donoghue, '34
George B. Barth, June, '18	Garrison B. Coverdale, '28	Joseph C. Anderson, '35
Hugh A. Murrill, June, '18	James L. Green, '28	Kenneth P. Bergquist, '35 (Oak Leaf Cluster to)
Frederic B. Butler, November, '18	Douglas C. McNair, '28 (Posthumously)	John H. Caughey, '35
Paul W. Kendall, November, '18	Paul W. Carraway, '29	Pelham D. Glassford, Jr., '35
John W. Middleton, November, '18	Frederic H. Smith, Jr., '29	Kent K. Parrot, Jr., '35
Karl B. Schilling, November, '18	Mark E. Bradley, Jr., '30	William G. Proctor, '35
Clovis E. Byers, '20	Frederick W. Castle, '30	Ralph D. King, '36
Rex V. D. Corput, '20	Frederick G. Crabb, '30	William T. Ryder, '36
Henry I. Hodes, '20	George F. Schlatter, '30	Clint D. Vincent, '36
Francis H. Lanahan, '20	Ralph P. Swofford, Jr., '30	Harold McD. Brown, '37
Francis H. Oxx, '20 (Oak Leaf Cluster to)	Frank A. Bogart, '31	Henry A. Byroade, '37 (Oak Leaf Cluster to)
Harold E. Smyser, '20		Salvatore F. Manzo, '39
Cortlandt Van R. Schuyler, June, '22		Karl F. Ockershauser, Jr., '39

**SILVER STAR**

- Walton H. Walker, '12  
(Second Oak Leaf Cluster to)
- Charles H. Corlett, '13
- James A. Van Fleet, '15  
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)
- Horace L. McBride, '16
- Aaron Bradshaw, Jr., April, '17  
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)
- Robert L. Bacon, August, '17  
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)
- Miles A. Cowles, August, '17
- George B. Barth, June, '18
- Paul W. Kendall, November, '18  
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)
- Henry I. Hodes, '20
- Augustine D. Dugan, '24
- Charles T. Lanham, '24  
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)
- Bruce C. Clarke, '25  
(Two Oak Leaf Clusters to)
- Alexander R. Sewall, '26
- Raymond E. Bell, '27
- John L. Hines, Jr., '27
- Raymund J. Stanton, '27
- Francis H. Boos, '28
- Douglas C. McNair, '28  
(Posthumously)
- Roy E. Lindquist, '30
- Herman W. Ohme, '30  
(Posthumously)
- John E. Barr, '31
- Marvin J. Coyle, '31
- John W. Bowen, '32  
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)
- Jefferson D. Childs, '32
- Peter D. Clainos, '33
- Edgar C. Doleman, '33  
(Oak Leaf Clusters to)
- Joseph E. Williams, '33
- Hugh M. Exton, '35  
(Two Oak Leaf Clusters to)
- Thomas D. Gillis, '35
- Elmer J. Koehler, '35
- Clair B. Mitchell, '35
- Eric P. Ramee, '35
- Thomas E. Clifford, Jr., '36
- Clinton D. Vincent, '36
- Alfred A. Maybach, '37
- Robert H. Stumpf, '37
- John T. Corley, '38  
(Four Oak Leaf Clusters to)
- William E. Ekman, '38
- Warren T. Hannum, Jr., '38
- Morris F. Taber, '38
- John D. Byrne, '39
- John W. Carpenter, III, '39  
(Two Oak Leaf Clusters to)
- Casper Clough, Jr., '39
- John N. Davis, '39  
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)
- James H. Keller, '39
- Lester L. Lampert, Jr., '39
- Salvatore E. Manzo, '39
- Stanley C. Scott, '39  
(Posthumously)
- André R. Brousseau, '40
- Thomas C. Chamberlain, '40  
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)
- Osmund A. Leahy, '40  
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)
- Lawrence J. Legere, Jr., '40
- William G. Stoddard, Jr., '40
- George S. Brown, '41
- William M. Hoge, Jr., '41
- John C. H. Lee, Jr., '41  
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)
- William M. Linton, '41
- Robert H. Rosen, '41  
(Posthumously)
- Claire A. P. Duffie, '42
- John C. Mattina, '42
- Thomas H. Beeson, January, '43
- Thomas H. Farnsworth, January, '43
- John A. Hine, Jr., January, '43
- George B. Lundberg, January, '43
- Thomas A. Mesereau, January, '43
- George W. Porter, January, '43
- Adrian St. John, Jr., January, '43
- Frank D. Derouin, June, '43  
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)
- John B. Hull, June, '43
- Arthur T. Surkamp, June, '43

**DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS**

- Hubert R. Harmon, '15
- Russell E. Randall, '25
- Harold H. Bassett, '29
- Frederick W. Castle, '30  
(Second Oak Leaf Cluster to)
- Gerry L. Mason, '30
- John E. Barr, '31
- Joe W. Kelly, '32
- Thomas B. Hall, '33
- Karl Truesdell, Jr., '33  
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)
- Pelham D. Glassford, Jr., '35
- Cecil E. Combs, '36  
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)
- Clinton D. Vincent, '36  
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)
- Morris F. Taber, '38
- John W. Carpenter, III, '39  
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)
- Hugh A. Griffith, '39
- Ellsworth R. Jacoby, '39
- Salvatore E. Manzo, '39
- John S. Samuel, '39
- André R. Brousseau, '40
- Charles G. Esau, '40
- Charles R. Fairlamb, '40
- Charles R. Fairlamb, '40  
(British)
- Joseph L. McCroskey, '40
- Theodore R. Milton, '40  
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)
- William G. Stoddard, Jr., '40
- John E. Atkinson, '41
- Clinton F. Ball, '41  
(Three Oak Leaf Clusters to)
- George S. Brown, '41  
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)
- John L. Locke, '41
- Joseph S. Peddie, '41
- Clyde A. Thompson, '41
- Donald F. Blaha, '42
- Wayne N. Bolefahr, '42
- Mark J. Burke, '42  
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)
- Claire A. P. Duffie, '42
- Fred E. Holdrege, Jr., '42
- Norman D. Cota, Jr., January, '43  
(Two Oak Leaf Clusters to)
- Henry H. Kirby, Jr., January, '43
- Clifford J. Moore, Jr., January, '43
- George W. Porter, January, '43
- Ernest D. Scott, Jr., January, '43
- Richard R. Coursey, Jr., June, '43
- Robert J. Rooney, June, '43

**SOLDIER'S MEDAL**

- John A. Heintges, '36
- Andy A. Lipscomb, '38
- Charles R. Fairlamb, '40
- Robert S. Chester, '39

**BRONZE STAR**

- Walton H. Walker, '12
- Omar N. Bradley, '15
- Benjamin G. Ferris, '15
- James A. Van Fleet, '15
- Horace L. McBride, '16
- Robert L. Bacon, August, '17
- Lowell M. Riley, August, '17
- George B. Barth, June, '18
- G. Bryan Conrad, November, '18
- Edward W. Hendrick, November, '18
- Paul W. Kendall, November, '18
- Thomas W. Munford, November, '18
- Ralph H. Bassett, June, '19
- Orville W. Martin, June, 19  
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)
- Rex V. D. Corput, '20
- Clovis E. Byers, '20  
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)

**BRONZE STAR (Continued)**

- Verne D. Mudge, '20  
 Oliver W. Hughes, June, '22  
 Earl F. Thomson, June, '22  
 Alba C. Spalding, June, '22  
 Rex E. Chandler, '23  
 David M. Dunne, Jr., '23  
 Sheffield Edwards, '23  
 John W. Harmony, '23  
 Craig Alderman, '24  
 William H. Arnold, '24  
 Augustine D. Dugan, '24  
 Eugene B. Ely, '24  
 Ralph E. Fisher, '24  
 Willard K. Liebel, '24  
 John H. Stadler, Jr., '24  
 Merrow E. Sorley, '24  
 Alvin T. Bowers, '25  
 Bruce C. Clarke, '25  
 (Oak Leaf Cluster to)  
 Raymond C. Conder, '25  
 Solomon E. Senior, '25  
 Brookner W. Brady, '26  
 Thomas E. deShazo, '26  
 (Two Oak Leaf Clusters to)  
 Robert K. McDonough, '26  
 John L. Hines, '27  
 Francis H. Boos, '28  
 (Oak Leaf Cluster to)  
 Chandler P. Robbins, Jr., '29  
 Edward S. Berry, '30  
 (Oak Leaf Cluster to)  
 Frederick G. Crabb, '30  
 Ludlow King, '30
- William F. Cassidy, '31  
 Frank P. Corbin, Jr., '31  
 Charles B. Duff, '31  
 Augustus G. Elegar, '31  
 Fielder P. Greer, '31  
 John L. Inskeep, '31  
 William J. Mahoney, '31  
 John B. Sullivan, '31  
 Bogardus S. Cairns, '32  
 (Two Oak Leaf Clusters to)  
 Jefferson D. Childs, '32  
 William A. McNulty, '32  
 William B. Moore, '32  
 James K. Woolnough, '32  
 (Oak Leaf Cluster to)  
 John A. Cleveland, Jr., '33  
 Howard E. Webster, '33  
 Wilson D. Coleman, '35  
 (Posthumously)  
 Hugh M. Exton, '35  
 Elmer J. Koehler, '35  
 Eric P. Ramee, '35  
 Thomas E. Clifford, Jr., '36  
 James L. Crandell, Jr., '36  
 Ralph D. King, '36  
 Robert J. Quinn, Jr., '36  
 William B. McC. Chase, '37  
 Alfred A. Maybach, '37  
 Woodrow W. Stromberg, '37  
 Robert H. Stumpf, '37  
 Alvin L. Burke, '38  
 William C. Fite, II, '38  
 Ferdinand J. Chesarek, '38
- John T. Corley, '38  
 Warren T. Hannum, Jr., '38  
 Melvin R. Russell, '38  
 Robert H. York, '38  
 John D. Byrne, '39  
 Michael S. Davison, '39  
 (Three Oak Leaf Clusters to)  
 Albert L. Evans, Jr., '39  
 George R. Harrison, Jr., '39  
 Walter M. Higgins, Jr., '39  
 Leonard Kaplan, '39  
 James H. Keller, '39  
 Robert C. Cassibry, '40  
 Thomas C. Chamberlain, '40  
 Victor W. Hobson, Jr., '40  
 Rowland H. Renwanz, '40  
 Raymond L. Shoemaker, Jr., '40  
 (Oak Leaf Cluster to)  
 Stanton T. Smith, Jr., '40  
 Linton S. Boatwright, '41  
 (Oak Leaf Cluster to)  
 Victor W. Campana, '41  
 John C. H. Lee, Jr., '41  
 William M. Linton, '41  
 Charlie C. Coleman, '42  
 Thomas H. Ray, Jr., '42  
 DeWitt C. Armstrong, III, Jan., '43  
 Robert S. Beightler, Jr., Jan., '43  
 Adrian St. John, Jr., January, '43  
 Alfred L. Toth, January, '43  
 Harold S. Walker, Jr., January, '43  
 Arthur T. Surkamp, June, '43

**AIR MEDAL**

- Laurence C. Craigie, '23  
 Bruce C. Clarke, '25  
 Russell E. Randall, '25  
 (Two Oak Leaf Clusters to)  
 Ephraim M. Hampton, '30  
 Gerry L. Mason, '30  
 Robert Alan, '31  
 (Oak Leaf Cluster to)  
 John E. Barr, '31  
 Daniel F. Callahan, '31  
 Robert F. Fulton, '31  
 Hilbert F. Muentner, '31  
 Norman E. Tipton, '31  
 Joe W. Kelly, '32  
 (Nine Oak Leaf Clusters to)  
 Karl Truesdell, Jr., '33  
 (Three Oak Leaf Clusters to)  
 Byron E. Brugge, '34  
 Donald O. Vars, '34  
 (Oak Leaf Cluster to)  
 Pelham D. Glassford, Jr., '35  
 Clinton D. Vincent, '36  
 (Two Oak Leaf Clusters to)  
 Render D. Denson, '37  
 Harvey C. Dorney, '37  
 (Oak Leaf Cluster to)  
 Henry A. Byroade, '37  
 Woodrow W. Dunlop, '37  
 (Oak Leaf Cluster to)  
 Neil D. Van Sickle, '38  
 John W. Carpenter, III, '39  
 (Oak Leaf Cluster to)
- Melvin V. Engstrom, '39  
 James D. Garcia, '39  
 (Oak Leaf Cluster to)  
 Hugh A. Griffith, '39  
 Ellsworth R. Jacoby, '39  
 (Three Oak Leaf Clusters to)  
 Matthew J. McKeever, Jr., '39  
 (Oak Leaf Cluster to)  
 Salvatore E. Manzo, '39  
 (Three Oak Leaf Clusters to)  
 William K. Martin, '39  
 (Oak Leaf Cluster to)  
 André R. Brousseau, '40  
 (Four Oak Leaf Clusters to)  
 Charles G. Esau, '40  
 Charles R. Fairlamb, '40  
 Theodore R. Milton, '40  
 (Oak Leaf Clusters to)  
 Joseph L. McCroskey, '40  
 William G. Stoddard, Jr., '40  
 John E. Atkinson, '41  
 Clinton F. Ball, '41  
 (Four Oak Leaf Clusters to)  
 George S. Brown, '41  
 (Three Oak Leaf Clusters to)  
 Clifford E. Cole, '41  
 (Oak Leaf Cluster to)  
 John L. Locke, '41  
 (Twenty-three Oak Leaf Clusters to)  
 Joseph S. Peddie, '41  
 Bert S. Rosenbaum, '41
- Clyde A. Thompson, '41  
 (Four Oak Leaf Clusters to)  
 Donald F. Blaha, '42  
 Wayne N. Bolefahr, '42  
 (Oak Leaf Clusters to)  
 Mark J. Burke, '42  
 (Three Oak Leaf Clusters to)  
 Arvol D. Allen, '42  
 (Two Oak Leaf Clusters to)  
 Claire A. P. Duffie, '42  
 (Nine Oak Leaf Clusters to)  
 Joseph R. Elliott, '42  
 (Two Oak Leaf Clusters to)  
 John W. Harrell, Jr., '42  
 (Two Oak Leaf Clusters to)  
 Fred E. Holdrege, Jr., '42  
 (Three Oak Leaf Clusters to)  
 Thomas H. Beeson, January, '43  
 (Twenty Oak Leaf Clusters to)  
 Norman D. Cota, Jr., January, '43  
 (Three Oak Leaf Clusters to)  
 Oliver W. DeGruchy, Jr., Jan., '43  
 (Three Oak Leaf Clusters to)  
 Edmund B. Edwards, January, '43  
 (Second Oak Leaf Cluster to)  
 William J. Hovde, January, '43  
 (Sixth Oak Leaf Cluster to)  
 Henry H. Kirby, January, '43  
 (One Silver and Fourth Bronze Cluster to)  
 Clifford J. Moore, Jr., January, '43  
 (Oak Leaf Cluster to)

**AIR MEDAL (Continued)**

John H. Shaffer, January, '13 (Seven Oak Leaf Clusters to)	Boyd B. Chambers, Jr., June, '43 (Oak Leaf Cluster to) (Posthumously)	Zaccheus C. Richardson, June, '43 (Three Oak Leaf Clusters to)
Robert V. Whitlow, January, '13 (Fourth Oak Leaf Cluster to)	James T. Fitz-Gerald, Jr., June, '43	Robert J. Rooney, June, '43 (Seven Oak Leaf Clusters to)
Millard O. Anderson, June, '13 (Three Oak Leaf Clusters to)	David E. Galas, June, '43	Paul L. Steink, June, '43 (Two Oak Leaf Clusters to)
Freeman W. Bowley, Jr., June, '43	Stephen E. Gordy, June, '43	James H. Walker, June, '43 (Three Oak Leaf Clusters to)
William J. Brake, June, '43	Thomas M. Love, June, '43	
	Frank M. McMullen, June, '43 (Fourth Oak Leaf Cluster to)	
	William W. Martin, June, '43	

**PURPLE HEART**

Oscar W. Griswold, '10	Bogardus S. Cairns, '32	John L. Locke, '41
William G. Weaver, '12	William A. McNulty, '32	Joseph S. Peddie, '41
James A. Van Fleet, '15 (Oak Leaf Cluster to)	James K. Woolnough, '32	George B. Pickett, Jr., '41
Frederic B. Butler, November, '18	George R. Walton, '34	Donald F. Blaha, '42
Paul W. Kendall, November, '18	Harry J. Harrison, '35 (Posthumously)	Joseph M. Cannon, Jr., '42
Orville W. Martin, June, '19	Clinton D. Vincent, '36	John W. Armstrong, January, '43
John C. Raaen, June, '19	Alvin L. Burke, '38	Robert E. Baden, January, '43
Clovis E. Byers, '20	John T. Corley, '38	Thomas H. Beeson, January, '43
Henry I. Hodes, '20	Warren T. Hannum, Jr., '38 (Oak Leaf Cluster to)	Thomas H. Farnsworth, January, '43
William E. Dean, '26 (Oak Leaf Cluster to)	John D. Byrne, '39	Hubert J. Fiander, Jr., January, '43 (Posthumously)
John L. Hines, Jr., '27	John N. Davis, '39	Frank D. Derouin, June, '43 (Posthumously)
Francis H. Boos, '28	Theodore R. Milton, '40	Frank D. Derouin, June, '43 (Second)
Edward S. Berry, '30	Raymond L. Shoemaker, Jr., '40	John B. Hull, June, '43 (Fourth)
Herman W. Ohme, '30	Harwell L. Adams, '41	Robert J. Rooney, June, '43
Marvin J. Coyle, '31 (Oak Leaf Cluster to)	Willard R. Gilbert, '41	
	John C. H. Lee, Jr., '41	

**COMBAT INFANTRYMAN'S BADGE**

Frederic B. Butler, November, '18	William B. Moore, '32	Theodore B. Celmer, '41
Paul W. Kendall, November, '18	Peter D. Clainos, '33	Thomas H. Farnsworth, January, '43
Raymund G. Stanton, '27	George R. Walton, '34	George B. Lundberg, January, '43
Marvin J. Coyle, '31	William B. McC. Chase, '37	Alfred L. Toth, January, '43
Gordon Singles, '31	Robert H. Stumpf, '37	
John W. Bowen, '32	Paul T. Clifford, '39	

**MISCELLANEOUS CITATIONS**

Bogardus S. Cairns, '32.....	Order of the British Empire
George E. Stratemeyer, '15.....	Order of Commander of the Bath
Albert C. Wedemeyer, June, '19.....	Order of Commander of the Bath
Herbert W. Ehr Gott, '26.....	Companion British Empire
Douglas MacArthur, '03.....	Medal for Valor (Philippines)
Thomas H. Dameron, June, '19.....	Knights Cross Polonia Restituta
James A. Van Fleet, '15.....	British Distinguished Service Order
Allen W. Gullion, '05.....	Estrella d'Abdon Calderon, First Class
Jacob L. Devers, '09.....	Grand Officer of the Legion of Honor
Alexander M. Patch, Jr., '13.....	Commander of the Legion
S. LeRoy Irwin, '15.....	French Legion of Honor
James A. Van Fleet, '15.....	French Legion of Honor
Robert L. Bacon, August, '17.....	Legion of Honor
John L. Chamberlain, Jr., '25.....	Chevalier of the Legion of Honor
Alexander M. Patch, III, '42.....	Chevalier of the Legion of Honor (Posthumously)
S. Leroy Irwin, '15.....	Croix de Guerre
James A. Van Fleet, '15.....	Croix de Guerre
Robert L. Bacon, August, '17.....	Croix de Guerre with Palm
George B. Barth, June, '18.....	Croix de Guerre with Palm

MISCELLANEOUS CITATIONS (Continued)

Paul W. Kendall, November, '18.....	Croix de Guerre and Cluster
Sheffield Edwards, '23.....	Croix de Guerre
John L. Chamberlain, Jr., '25.....	Croix de Guerre with Palm
Raymond C. Conder, '25.....	Croix de Guerre with Palm
Thomas E. deShazo, '26.....	Croix de Guerre
Frederick W. Castle, '30.....	Croix de Guerre
John W. Bowen, '32.....	Croix de Guerre
Bogardus S. Cairns, '32.....	Croix de Guerre with Gold Star
Elmer J. Koehler, '35.....	Croix de Guerre
William K. Martin, '39.....	Croix de Guerre
Alexander M. Patch, III, '42.....	Croix de Guerre with Palms (Posthumously)
Thomas H. Beeson, January, '43.....	Croix de Guerre
Donald E. Wilbourn, January, '43.....	Croix de Guerre
Joe W. Kelly, '32.....	Legion of Merit of Chile
Byron E. Brugge, '43.....	Order of the Condor of the Andes (Bolivia)
Karl Truesdell, Jr., '33.....	Cross of Virtuti Militari (Poland)

## Last Roll Call

Alumni Who Have Died Since the Publication of the January 1945 Issue of *Assembly*

Name	Class	Date of Death	Name	Class	Date of Death
James B. Jackson.....	1877.....	February 7, 1945	*Wood G. Joerg.....	1937.....	January 7, 1945
Solomon W. Roessler.....	1877.....	January 18, 1945	*Alfred A. Maybach.....	1937.....	November 12, 1944
Francis J. Kernan.....	1881.....	February 4, 1945	*Joe R. Brabson, Jr.....	1938.....	January 1, 1945
Eli A. Helmick.....	1888.....	January 13, 1945	*Barry D. Browne.....	1938.....	December 25, 1944
John C. Rennard.....	1890.....	March 6, 1945	*John D. Moorman.....	1938.....	December 8, 1944
William P. Jackson.....	1891.....	January 13, 1945	*Robert L. Wolverton.....	1938.....	June 6, 1944
Henri C. LeComte.....	1893.....	October 1, 1944	*Arthur W. Bollard.....	1939.....	January 12, 1945
Abraham G. Lott.....	1896.....	January 21, 1945	*John T. Davis.....	1939.....	January 8, 1945
Lanning Parsons.....	1896.....	August 6, 1944	*Ralph L. Lowther.....	1939.....	January 14, 1945
Berkeley Enochs.....	1898.....	December 18, 1944	*Matthew Whalen.....	1939.....	.....
Edward W. Wildrick.....	1906.....	February 21, 1945	*Edwin J. Ostberg.....	1939.....	February 2, 1945
Edwin M. Watson.....	1908.....	February 20, 1945	*Leon R. Vance, Jr.....	1939.....	July 26, 1944
N. Butler Briscoe.....	1909.....	January 14, 1945	*Edgar C. Boggs.....	1941.....	February 5, 1945
Arthur R. Underwood.....	1909.....	February 9, 1945	*Robert L. Cummings.....	1941.....	November 30, 1944
Creswell Garlington.....	1910.....	March 11, 1945	*Ralph R. Hetherington.....	1941.....	December 1, 1944
Edgar S. Gorrell.....	1912.....	March 5, 1945	*William A. Kromer.....	1941.....	January 1, 1945
John R. Mendenhall.....	1915.....	January 27, 1945	*Richard G. Tindall, Jr.....	1941.....	February 9, 1945
*Harrison Herman.....	1916.....	December 26, 1944	*Wayne N. Bolefahr.....	1942.....	June 10, 1944
Clare W. Woodward.....	Aug., 1917.....	December 16, 1944	*Clifford C. Sherman.....	1942.....	November 1, 1944
William R. Winslow.....	1923.....	February 24, 1945	Alvin M. Bachrach.....	Jan., 1943.....	March 6, 1945
*Victor E. Phasey.....	1924.....	December 25, 1944	*Richard B. Jones.....	Jan., 1943.....	November 20, 1944
*Samuel V. Krauthoff.....	1924.....	February 1, 1945	*Frederick S. Kremer.....	Jan., 1943.....	December 30, 1944
*Welborn B. Griffith, Jr.....	1925.....	August 16, 1944	*Howard L. Lambert, Jr.....	Jan., 1943.....	March 29, 1944
John F. Holland.....	1925.....	January 29, 1945	*Thomas H. Martin, Jr.....	Jan., 1943.....	February 8, 1945
*Joseph W. Cox.....	1927.....	December 7, 1944	*Woodrow W. Pratt.....	Jan., 1943.....	November 20, 1944
*Clayton J. Mansfield.....	1928.....	January 9, 1945	*James E. H. Rumbough.....	Jan., 1943.....	December 3, 1944
*Church M. Matthews.....	1928.....	December 17, 1944	*Harry R. Stroh.....	Jan., 1943.....	.....
*John T. Murtha.....	1928.....	December 14, 1944	*James D. Wright.....	Jan., 1943.....	January 6, 1945
Wayne J. Dunn.....	1929.....	December 30, 1944	*Tonniss Boukamp.....	June, 1943.....	September 29, 1944
*Frederick W. Castle.....	1930.....	December 24, 1944	*James E. Browning.....	June, 1943.....	December 31, 1944
*Raymond D. Millener.....	1930.....	December 7, 1944	*Frank D. Derouin.....	June, 1943.....	November 13, 1944
*Irvin R. Schimmelpfennig.....	1930.....	February 4, 1945	*Herbert P. Harper.....	June, 1943.....	December 10, 1944
*Arthur W. Blair.....	1932.....	December 25, 1944	*Jarrett M. Huddleston.....	June, 1943.....	January 13, 1945
*Charles F. Harrison.....	1933.....	May 31, 1944	*Paul Hederstrom.....	June, 1943.....	January 14, 1945
*Joseph E. Williams.....	1933.....	January 28, 1945	*Randall J. Purcell.....	June, 1943.....	January 4, 1945
*Robert H. Sanders.....	1934.....	February 24, 1945	Arthur P. Bick.....	.....	1944..... February 21, 1945
*Harry J. Harrison.....	1935.....	November 17, 1944			
*Edwin M. Smith.....	1935.....	December 13, 1944	*Killed in Action.		



DANCE, '22

### Tecumseh Gets His "A"

*When Army Scouting and Patrolling Proves Superior to Navy Yard Watching*

SINCE military security is no longer involved, the secret may now be told; but in telling it I assume, of course, that the Department of Tactics recognizes the statute of limitations as applicable to cadets.

To get on with the story, let's turn back to the late afternoon of the first Friday in last December, as the Corps of Cadets was about to complete the first leg of its amphibious training manoeuvre which consisted of a round-trip cruise to Baltimore. With the U.S.A.T. *Uruguay* cruising past Annapolis, in the mind of a recently seasick yearling runt a plan was hatched. Having carefully selected four confederates, the head conspirator confided his plot in which only the goal was clear—the method of achievement of necessity remaining in the hands of chance.

A few hours later found the good ship *Uruguay* berthed at her dock in Baltimore. Taps had, but shore leave hadn't; and several feet of open water, to say nothing of the prospect of being the Com's guests in Central Area for countless Wednesday and Saturday afternoons, stood between our conspirators and the first step toward carrying out their nefarious purpose. A couple of loose boards laid from an upper deck to a loaded crane on the neighboring pier covered the water gap—and the first step was taken. "Deserting ship" I think it would have read on the H-1 gig sheet. Carefully eluding watchmen and shore patrols, our coverall-clad scouting party made its way through endless warehouses to the dry end of the dock and started the search for a taxi. At length a willing accomplice, owner of his cab and who shall remain nameless lest naval authorities have the O.P.A. take up his gas ration card, provided both transportation and a bucket of bright red barn paint.

The scene shifts now as rapidly as the old cab could make it to the outskirts of Crabtown where, leaving for future reference taxi and driver, the patrol moved stealthily into action. The route pursued, tortuous and difficult, shall remain secret as it might be used again. At the end of the trail stood the objective of this night manoeuvre—

there he was, at the mercy of our yearling runts—poor old Tecumseh, high priest among Midshipmen's household gods, infallible producer (at a penny a shot) of success both academic and athletic for trusting middies. . . .

A couple of boldly lettered "BEAT NAVY"'s on his pedestal, a huge scarlet "A" on his chest (he'd lost his virtue, all right), and a Kaydet cap atop his tresses at reveille bore mute evidence that the Department of Tactics had not wasted the summer at Camp Popolopen but instead had done an able job of instilling in the yearlings a sound concept of the principles of night patrolling.

No, they weren't apprehended either in Annapolis or in regaining the hold of their ship; therefore no official record exists. But in case you are wondering whether Junior was among the heroes, the Chaplain will be glad to make known to you the names of the participants. As a final measure of safety, however, it is announced that the T.D. need not apply for such information.

### Cadets Indicate Genuine Fondness for Academic Instruction

ONE afternoon not long ago my attention was drawn to a knot of cadets near the southeast corner of the West Academic Building. Hanging over the iron fence that guards the moat about the building, they were looking with amazement at a young doe who somehow had managed to find herself in the moat. Not a sound was issuing from the assembled cadets when suddenly the air was shattered by the strident warning of the Assistant Post Executive Officer, Dan Chandler (who obviously should have been cadet adjutant twenty-two years ago): "Don't any of you men dare harm that deer, or Colonel Goetz will come over here and tear that building down!"

Yet, even with the alluring opportunity officially offered to render homeless the Departments of Mathematics, E.G.&H., Law, Ordnance, and English, not a cadet made a move toward ensuring the destruction of their mental torture chambers. After all, they must love their academic work, thereby substantiating the contention of one of the football mentors that "The trouble with West Point today is that it is too full of students."

## Hundredth Night

SHORTLY before he was turned back in Mechanics at Christmas time, Christenberry, an old A Co. first classman, had a nightmare. Arising terrified from his sack, he recorded the high spots of the sinister vision that had come to him in his sleep. And thereby was created the framework for "And Then There Were Four," the Dialectic Society's 1945 edition of the Hundredth Night Show, which rightfully should take its place near the head of the long procession of cadet theatrical productions.

In substance . . . A sudden cessation of world hostilities just before graduation had provided the impetus for an immediate return to the four-year course which caught the near graduates by the tails of their F.D. coats just as they were ready to flee. However, some of the sting was removed from the situation by the publication of an order which authorized first classmen to marry before embarking for a tour of Europe, with wives to accompany as the second echelon. The tour was climaxed by cadets and wives being received at the Court of St. James's. The adroitly conceived and well handled situations which naturally arose provided opportunity for gentle and benevolent, though highly amusing, satire of such time honored institutions as the "tacs" and the "femmes." The production was marked by tuneful music, delightful settings, soundly presented performances of the principal characters, and a thoroughly unaccustomed pace which not only provided a professional air but also left enough time for a hop.

Just by way of reminding the world in general, and the Army in particular, that the present day cadets feel, as have others felt under similar wartime circumstances, that they are not building up at this time sufficient military stature to satisfy the far away demands of their grand-children for heroic deeds, the following lament, ably delivered by Plebe Young, J. M., found its way into the script:

"Daddy, how many Germans did you kill in the war?"  
 "Hush, child, hush. What do you think I'm still a second looie for?"  
 \*\*"Daddy, why don't you ever talk about. "  
 \*\*"Hush, my little sweetheart, before I kick your damn teeth out!"  
 \*\*"Daddy, why aren't you like Willie Glutz' old man?  
 He was a captain, but now he's dead."  
 \*\*"Shut up, honey, shut up, and get the Hell upstairs to bed."  
 \*Censored.

They were crashing through the side streets with their turrets caked in mud,  
 And the roads were pooled with motor oil, the gutters running blood.  
 Their knees were cut and bleeding, and their hands were powder-black,  
 And we were up at West Point, hiding boodle from the tac.

Left face. Right face—Fore! Here comes the Pig!  
 We were building future generals, and we did it all with gig.

When the drinks have made us mellow, and the tales are being spun

Of the Eighty-second Infantry, and how the war was won,  
 Of dogfights over Dunkirk—now just what are we to do  
 When they ask us, "Jim, what outfit?" and we answer, "Old F-2!"

Take boards, take seats, broccoli, stew, and swill,  
 Thousands of Napoleons, and all made out of quill,

They took Rome and Aachen, and their glory shall not fade!  
 And we took second place one day in a big brigade parade.  
 Focke-Wulfs and pounding engines, and they dropped high  
 death on Krupp,  
 And the Tac inspected carefully and tore our dress coats up.

Order, port, inspection arms—men, this is a gun.  
 We were making fearsome fighters with the aid of a Form one.

When the histories are written of New Guinea when it bled,  
 And the slam of high explosives, and the countless of our dead,  
 And the whistling streets of Singapore, and those who came  
 not back,

They shall not forget old West Point where the Corps did  
 fight the Tac.

—J. A. Horowitz, F-2.

Roast beef and book matches to Cadets Benson, Garman, Graham, Young, Olds, Woods, and a host of others including technicians and the Cadet Orchestra; The Cistine Madonna to Bob Ives for the settings; a concert grand to Smith for the Songs; endless royalties to Christenberry and McNeill for the book; the customary deep bow to Captain Resta, Mr. Drewes, and the band—along with something to go in Scott Dixon's 201 file for the excellent guidance he provided the cadets.

## Time Marches On

### *Somebody's Toes*

IN the sport section of a recent edition of *Time* there appeared the following observation: "Annapolis and West Point, as everybody knows, are crawling with athletes. But there is a difference in their mental attitude: Navy has a sense of guilt about its manpower bulge; Army accepts its blessings with self-confident aggressiveness. Last week on seven fronts, Army cashed in on its psychological edge."

So adroitly did *Time's* sportswriter couch his paragraph that it is impossible to say who, if anyone, should take offense; yet it is fairly obvious that some offense was intended. From our standpoint there is an implication of arrogance or objectionable aggressiveness, somewhat softened by the crediting to us of a superior morale factor, the "psychological edge," which according to *Time* was the deciding element in our highly satisfactory Army-Navy Winter Sports Day. (Swimming, basketball, track, gymnastics, and pistol going to Army, with Navy out-rifling and outfencing us.)

On the other hand Navy is credited with a sense of guilt about its lack of manpower shortage; and thus is implied that the atmosphere of the Severn is more conducive to the healthy development of a genuine spirit of sportsmanship (one which decries good fortune) than is the somewhat harsher air of the Hudson. But again, a Navy reader might flinch when noting that *Time* imputes a lower degree of morale to the Navy by acknowledging Army's "psychological edge."

However, without further clarification of *Time's* implications, and that enlightenment probably will not be forthcoming, let's call it a draw and, whether ashore or afloat, anticipate eagerly the arrival of the next issue of *Time*. Seven to five there will be a general on the cover—anyone say an admiral?

# Bulletin Board

## JUNE WEEK AND REUNION

The Class of 1945 will graduate on Tuesday, June 5, 1945. With a membership of 850, it is the largest class ever to graduate from the Military Academy.

Because of its size, the housing and feeding of relatives and guests of the graduating class alone, during June Week, present a problem to the authorities at West Point. A committee of officers has been appointed by the Superintendent and has been studying every angle of the problem. Consideration is being made of all housing possibilities on the Post, and nearby towns have been canvassed for all available rooms in hotels, rooming houses and private homes. In spite of this, to date, not all First Classmen have found accommodations for their families.

In view of the limited space available and in keeping with the request of the Office of Defense Transportation, all returning alumni are urged to leave their families at home unless definite arrangements have been made in advance as guests of officers stationed at West Point.

The usual arrangements will be made for the housing and messing of returning alumni in Cadet Barracks or Cullum Hall. Included with this group will be a limited number of adult male members of their families.

A bulletin will be mailed out to the alumni by the Superintendent about the middle of April again explaining the housing problem and it will also include a tentative schedule of June Week activities which start on May 31st and terminate after graduation on June 5th.

## 143rd ANNIVERSARY AND DINNERS

The 143rd Anniversary of the founding of the Military Academy was celebrated on March 17, 1945. It is believed that Alumni Groups large and small all over the world, got together for this Anniversary. Definite known group gatherings were held at the following places:

Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.  
Calcutta, India.  
Chicago, Illinois (Society)  
China  
Fort Monmouth, N. J.  
Fort Myer, Va.  
Los Angeles, Calif. (Society)  
MacDill Field, Tampa, Fla.  
Miami, Fla.  
New York, N. Y. (Society)  
Philadelphia, Pa. (Society)  
Rochester, N. Y. (Society)  
St. Louis, Mo. (Society)  
Washington, D. C.  
West Point, N. Y.

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO ENDOWMENT FUND

The Association of Graduates gratefully accepts the sum of \$90.00 recently sent to the Endowment Fund as contributions by members of the Class of 1905.

## THAYER NOMINATED TO THE HALL OF FAME

Every five years the Hall of Fame elects one or more persons to the Hall of Fame for Great Americans. When duly elected the bust of such a person is placed in the open air colonnade and massive substructure which constitute the Hall of Fame and the Museum of the Hall of Fame, located at New York University, New York. Carved in stone, as exponents of its object and scope, are the following words:

"THE HALL OF FAME  
FOR GREAT AMERICANS  
BY WEALTH OF THOUGHT  
OR ELSE BY MIGHTY DEED  
THEY SERVED MANKIND  
IN NOBLE CHARACTER  
IN WORLD-WIDE GOOD  
THEY LIVE FOREVER MORE."

Another election will take place by October fifteenth this year and the Association of Graduates has presented for nomination to the Hall of Fame as an educator, the name of Sylvanus Thayer.

A Committee, appointed by the Board of Trustees, has prepared an elaborate brochure containing information about Thayer's qualifications. The brochure is to be sent to each elector, approximately 100 in number, and the choice of a name for inscription in the Hall of Fame requires a vote of three-fifths of the whole body of electors. A limited number of copies of the brochure will be printed and upon request to the Association of Graduates will be sent to alumni as long as the supply lasts.

It is the object of the Committee to obtain as much publicity as is possible and to impress upon the electors the greatness of Thayer not only as "The Father of the Military Academy", but as the father of the Engineer School idea throughout the United States.

The list of electors for the Hall of Fame 1945 is as follows:

## ACTUAL OR FORMER UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE PRESIDENTS

Dr. Frank Aydelotte (N.J.)  
Dr. Isaiah Bowman (Md.)  
Dr. Ben Mark Cherrington (Col.)  
Dr. Robert C. Clothier (N.J.)  
Dr. Norman F. Coleman (Oregon)  
Dr. James Bryant Conant (Mass.)  
Dr. Charles W. Dabney (Ohio)  
Dr. George H. Denny (Ala.)  
Dr. Harold Willis Dods (N.J.)  
Dr. Clarence K. Dykstra (Wis.)  
Dr. Frank Lissenden Eversull (N.D.)  
Dr. William Trufant Foster (N.H.)  
Dr. Rufus C. Harris (La.)  
Dr. Caroline Hazard (Cal.)  
Dr. Edgar Lee Hewett (N.M.)  
Dr. David Spence Hill (Ky.)  
Dr. Ernest O. Holland (Washington)  
Dr. Hamilton Holt (Florida)  
Dr. Alfred Hume (Miss.)  
Dr. John Henry MacCracken (N.Y.)  
Dr. Frank LeR. McVey (Ky.)  
Dr. Homer P. Rainey (Texas)  
Dr. John Hugh Reynolds (Ark.)  
Dr. Alexander G. Ruthven (Mich.)  
Most Rev. James Hugh Ryan (D.C.)  
Dr. Kenneth C. M. Sills (Maine)  
Dr. Mary E. Woolley (N.Y.)  
Dr. Henry M. Wriston (R.I.)

## HISTORIANS OR PROFESSORS OF HISTORY OR LITERATURE

Dr. James Truslow Adams (Conn.)  
Prof. Henry E. Bourne (Ohio)  
Professor Richard H. Dabney (Va.)  
Dr. Guy S. Ford (D.C.)  
Dr. Robert McElroy (N.J.)  
Prof. Andrew C. McLaughlin (Ill.)  
Prof. John H. T. McPherson (Ga.)  
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## NEW WEST POINT MAP

Now being sold at the West Point Post Exchange is a decorative map which should interest all Alumni of the Academy. It is printed on paper that looks like old parchment and is done with the lettering and devices found on the old romantic sea charts. Actually it is a true scale map of West Point showing every building now standing. It measures 22 by 24 inches and sells for \$2.00.

The Artist, Major Tom Loftin Johnson, is now serving here in the Dept. of M.T. and G. and is known by many for his huge Mural Painting, "History of Arms" in the Cadet Mess Hall, (Washington Hall).



## New Members

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

George F. Rozelle, Jr., '03, joined January 15, 1945

Paul Burns, '31, joined February 8, 1945

William A. Joyce, '36, joined March 10, 1945

William H. Stubbs, '39, joined March 10, 1945

Jack S. DeWitt, '40, joined March 10, 1945

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### 1890

The Red Room, of the Officers' Club at West Point, has been reserved for the reunion dinner of the Class of 1890, which will take place the night before Alumni Day. There are eighteen living members on the retired list and sixteen members on the civilian list. A large attendance is expected.

Reports from the Pacific Coast indicate that *Primus Davis*, one of the most active of the class has already made preparations for the trek across the continent. *Sport Meyer* and *Billy Butts* will follow suit. *Pere Lamoreux* and *Deacon*, two of the most enthusiastic at the last reunion are under the doctor's care and may not be able to make it this year. *Pablo Wolf* can take a plane at San Antonio and breakfast at West Point.

*Billy Snow* and *Henry Todd*, both in good health and active as ever are expected to leave the capitol for a few days in the hands of F.D.R. and join the class at this 55th anniversary of graduation.

*Mel Rowell* has been snowed in at his summer home in New Hampshire. He has not a thing to do, except cut wood for the fires and shovel paths to the wood shed. At stables he grooms and feeds three hunting dogs, sounds retreat, dresses for dinner and calls it a day. *Mel* tramps thru the woods on snow shoes, keeps down the deer population for which he has no need of points and enjoys venison in every form. He will surely greet the

class at our reunion and relate the hardships of a New Hampshire winter.

*Fergie* is passing the winter sitting under orange trees, plucking the fruit as he needs it and enjoys fishing and sun baths. He and *Meyer* show good judgment by living in a part of the country where coal bills are forgotten.

*Guber Brown*, that Beau Brummel of the class, will be expected to appear in the latest Bermuda styles. Members of the class should defer purchases till after the reunion when there will be an opportunity for them to know what is what in styles.

*Dick Beach*, who lives in New York City, is far from well and may not be able to attend, but all the other civilian members are being urged to attend this reunion and be present at the review of the Corps. of over 1,800 members.

—J. A. R.

### 1891

It was on the afternoon of January 20 that Major General *William P. Jackson*, our well-beloved *Bill Jack*, joined his cronies for his customary game of golf. To those who know the Presidio links it will be plain that a vigorous game on its steep slopes connotes quite strenuous exercise for a septuagenarian, but *Bill* appeared to be not greatly fatigued from his exertions. He was happy and gay at his home dinner with his wife, but afterward he remarked that

he was tired, and he retired early. About 9:30 his wife heard him groan, and on reaching his bedside she found that he had answered his last roll-call. Thus passed one of '91 whom we all loved, but we are consoled with the knowledge that he was spared a long period of illness and suffering.

Your reporter learns in a letter from Mrs. *Hines—Birdie*, you know, is in the "unwiteous" category—that they are spending the winter in Cincinnati (address on request to this scribe), and that they will return to Washington in the spring. The Class will be glad to know that their son, Colonel *John L., Jr.*, has the D.S.C., the Silver and Bronze Stars, and the Purple Heart. Joining the 6th Armored Division before Lorient in December, he now leads a division combat command consisting of tank, artillery and infantry battalions. He received the D.S.C. for outstanding leadership which had an important effect on divisions crossing the Nied River. Finding the advanced unit pinned down by heavy artillery and small-arms fire, he went from fox-hole to fox-hole and persuaded some 20 men to follow him and led them across the bridge. A shrapnel fragment lodged in his cheek, but he refused to stop until he had secured the bridgehead. Four days later he took time out to have the slug removed—evidently a chip of the old block!

*Bobby Mcarns* writes that his eldest son is a Captain in the Army Medical Corps in the Southwest Paci-

fic—probably Bougainville. His second son is a Lt. Col. of F.A. in Italy, and the youngest boy in the Air Corps in Florida.

*McMaster* writes entertainingly—on the typewriter, Allah be praised! He is much interested in the operations in the Philippines. Many may remember that it was in the Cagayan Valley that *George* earned his D.S.C. As a member of *Batchellor's* battalion of the 24th Infantry, he led his company by swimming the Cagayan River to an enfilading position from which they routed the insurgents holding up our troops at Reina Mercedes, thus clearing the way for our further advance down the valley. It was *Batchellor's* expectation to receive the surrender of Gen Tinio at Aparri, but when the latter reached that port he found Commander *McCalla* with his cruiser on hand, so he surrendered to that gentleman.

The *Donworths* enjoyed a recent visit from their son *John*, a Senior Lieutenant U.S.N.R. He had taken part in the invasion of southern France. A nephew is a 1st Lieut. in the Army Air Corps in England.

*Schoef*, usually a prolific scrivener, finds himself temporarily handicapped by a carbuncle on his hand and a sty on one eye, but both happily on the mend.

And are the *MacSorley's* chesty!! In our January screed to the *Assembly* we mentioned the three year silence of their son-in-law, *Russ Volckmann*, '34. who was in Bataan. For some weeks grapevines, very hush-hush had been coming that he was alive and supposedly with the guerillas. Then, in the papers of March 5 we read extensive reports of General *MacArthur's* communique in which he described Colonel *Volckmann's* exploits in wresting from Japanese control the province of Ilocos Norte with his command of American and Filipino guerillas. Evidently all this time he had been training his outfit and giving the Japs many uneasy hours, culminating in the Ilocos campaign and in cutting the Japs off from the coastal communications between Baguio, San Fernando and Aparri. For his work he has been promoted and awarded the D.S.C. One paper said that he was too busy to go down to have General *MacArthur* present the cross!

Also son-in-law *Bill Rogers* ('34) pulled out a Silver Star when his Engineers were used as infantry in the Runstedt push at the Ardennes in December. And son *Morrow* ('24) won a Bronze Star with his Engineers at the Seine in the advance on Paris.

—L. S. S.

## 1894

On February 21, at the Richmond, California, yards of the Kaiser Shipbuilding Company, there was launched a ship named "*General Dwight E. Aultman*," in honor of our classmate. Mrs. *Aultman* acted as sponsor.

*Louie Bash*, who sent in the foregoing item, writes that he and Mrs. *Bash* are keeping busy with more or less unimportant war work and keeping themselves informed of the progress of the war as affecting their active duty friends of the first and second generations. For most of the class of 1894 active participation in the war is of this vicarious nature.

Their friends will be glad to know that *Johnny* and Mrs. *Craig* have received word from their daughter *May* in Manila, that she, her husband *Wyndham Stopford*, and their three children, who have been interned in Santo Tomas since the fall of Manila to the Japs three years ago, have been released by the American troops, and are awaiting transportation to this country. They are all in good health except for the effects of malnutrition and underweight, the result of the hardships of their long internment.

*Laddie* and Mrs. *Ladue* recently spent several weeks in San Antonio and Fort Sam Houston, enroute from Coronado to West Point, where they expect to remain indefinitely at the Thayer Hotel. While in San Antonio they lunched with *Duke* and Mrs. *Preston* and *Johnny* and Mrs. *Craig*, all of whom are well and in good spirits.

Press dispatches contain the news that Lieutenant *J. Bascom Giles, Jr.*, son of Mr. *Bascom Giles* who represented his father, our classmate, at our reunion in June of last year, is a prisoner of the Germans. He was reported missing last December.

Members and former members of the class are urged to send in personal news items relative to their activities or those of other members of the class for publication in future issues of *Assembly*. Such items are always of interest to other members of the class.

—W B. L.

## 1895

Captain *Benjamin T. Simmons, Jr.*, after having served overseas, has been assigned to duty in the War Department. His mother is living at 2400 Sixteenth Street, N.W. *Simmons* died at Walter Reed in 1933.

*Herron* lost his wife, at Long Beach, California, in December. He writes that both were hospital pa-

tients, at the time, with heart attacks, and that she died just as they were anticipating an early return to their Long Beach home—143 Corona Avenue.

This issue of *Assembly* is the last opportunity through its friendly columns of "inviting attention" to our 50th Reunion in June. Generally speaking, it's an Anniversary that comes but once in a lifetime; so we'd better not miss it with the idea of taking a chance after another fifty years, if not the next fifty. Nor does anybody really know just what to expect—in O.D.T. restrictions, for example—by that time. Furthermore while ours is but one of the even-five-and-ten-year Reunions due in 1945, it is so far the only 50th in sight for the U.S.M.A., and we should observe it accordingly, to keep our place in the column. Or, in terms of *Edwin Meade Robinson*, now is the time for all of us to come to the aid of our "party."

—F. B. W

## 1899

Our *Kromer* has received word that his son, *William A.*, Class of 1941, Major of Infantry, was killed in action in Belgium on January 1, 1945. He leaves a widow and two small daughters who are making their home with *Leon* (senior) at Northfield, Vermont, where he is busily engaged in season "down on the farm" making maple sugar.

*Charlie Herron's* son-in-law, Lieutenant Colonel *Richard W. Ripple*, is reported missing in action since December 19, 1944, while commanding the 707th Tank Bn. in Western Europe. Mrs. *Ripple* (*Jimmie*) with their two small children, a boy and a girl, are with *Louise* and *Charlie* in Washington. *Bill Herron*, Class of 1939, is serving as a Major with the 71st Division in Western Europe. *Charlie* is again back on active duty, 2nd Offense.

*Embick*, old and experienced in such matters, still on active duty, was a member of the Dumbarton Oaks Conference and has just returned from the Chepultepec Conference in Mexico City—the Peace is Safe.

A line from *Eph Peyton* brings the good news that he is thriving in Atlanta—ailing for a while but now going strong.

*Sep Humphrey*, San Antonio, is still solo flying his own plane, with a lot of "hours in the air"—if his friends there know him as well as some of us do, he will keep on "soloing" (squinting construction?). He tells us he sees *Merry*, *Bey Minus* and

*Heidt* occasionally—never sees *Farrar*. *Lep* is moving nearer to *Sep* soon so they may see each other more frequently—*Lep* is approaching this flying game gradually!

*Yates* is working hard for the City of Los Angeles—current and Post-War Planning to meet any and all Major Emergencies.

*Carter's* two boys, *Coleman (Coke)*, Class of '26, and *Marshall (Pat)*, Class of '31, the former Inspector O.S.S., the latter General Staff O.P.D.—both Colonels—are on the job.

No more news has trickled in; we wish the Class as a whole would take time out to send in anything that would be news to the rest of us. We need it to bear us up until we get back on the straight and narrow path to a Lasting Peace!

—C. C. C.

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#### 1903

The Class of 1903 is very largely out of uniform but most of them, if not in military service, are in some other service connected with activities of our government.

*Max Tyler* was recalled to active duty immediately after retirement, and continues to serve as President of the Mississippi River Commission with the rank of Brigadier General.

*Ulysses Grant* is serving as Chairman of the National Capital Park and Planning Commission. He succeeded Uncle Fred Delano in this position. This Commission controls the future planning of the capital city and its immediate surroundings. *Ulysses* is the only member of the Class still on active duty without having been retired.

*Cit Montgomery* is Vice President and Director of The First Boston Corporation with offices at 100 Broadway, New York.

*Betty Moore* and his very charming wife live on their cotton plantation near Texarkana. He occasionally appears in Washington when he is staying in his very attractive colonial house in Alexandria.

*Colvin* and his wife and most attractive daughter *Lucett* have been in Washington recently. They live in Connecticut.

*Clark Lynn* helps the Board of Governors run the Soldiers' Home in Washington. The *Lynns* occupy one of the old dwellings on the reservation.

The *Cocheus* recently bought a house in one of the new parts of Washington and are settling there permanently.

*Dick Moore* was called back to active duty immediately after retiring. With the rank of Major General, he is engaged on special work related to supplies pertaining to the overall war effort of the United Nations.

*Julien Schley*, with the rank of Major General, is the head of Office for Emergency Management, Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs in Washington.

*Billy Rose* is in civilian clothes, but carries important responsibilities in the Office of the Chief of Engineers.

Any one wishing news of *Douglas MacArthur* is referred to the daily press.

## 1905

The Class of 1905 will hold its 40th Anniversary reunion during June week. Every member and former member is invited and urged to attend. Come, note the changes effected in forty years and the grand job Wilby is doing in carrying West Point through the greatest war in our history. (For limitation on accommodations see page 10 under heading of Bulletin Board.)

Class Letter Number Eleven has been mailed recently to all members of the Class and to former members whose addresses were known. This letter contains the addresses and covers the activities of classmates in the last eight or nine years.

One-third of the 114 members of the Class have answered their last roll-call.

The following remain on active duty: Major Generals—*Burgin, Carter, Corbin, Lewis, Miles, Prosser, Ridley, Scott, and Wilby*; Brigadier Generals—*Lane and Talbot, Barzynski and Ramsey*. (The last two named have been retired but retained on active duty.) Colonels — *Gibson, Graves, and Lentz*.

Forty-five members of the Class are on the retired list and not on active duty. Sixteen members have been in civil life for many years and a number of these hold responsible positions in their respective communities.

The honors awarded to members of the Class include the following:

One Medal of Honor; One Distinguished Service Cross; One Distinguished Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster; Sixteen Distinguished Service Medals; Eight Legion of Merit; One Silver Star; One Soldier's Medal, and Four Purple Heart Medals.

The Grandfather's Club includes one member who is prolific to the fifth degree; three members to the fourth degree; seven to the third degree; eighteen to the second degree; eleven to the first degree, and three Expectant.

The only members of the Class overseas are *Burgin* whose address is Hq. C.P.B.C., A.P.O. No. 958, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California; *Ridley*, head of the American Mission to Iran, whose address is U.S. Military Mission, A.P.O. No. 523, c/o Postmaster, New York City; and *Powell*, Regional Director of European Refugee Camps, whose address is A.P.O. No. 413, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

Before *Gullion's* departure for overseas in May, 1944, the Under

Secretary of War presented him with an Oak Leaf Cluster to his Distinguished Service Medal for his services as Judge Advocate General, and the Legion of Merit for establishing a Provost Marshal General's Department and for administering it for three years. *Gullion* was invalided home from England last November and was retired for disability in December, 1944. He holds three honorary L.L.D. degrees.

*Lewis* was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal in 1941 for his work with the Panama Mobile Force.

*McKay* was elected Vice-President of the Class. He is now Special Assistant to the Chief of Engineers.

*Wilby* is now the Supe and doing a great work in providing practical instruction during the War and in post-war planning for a return to the four year course of instruction. He has just been awarded the Legion of Merit for his services as Chief of Staff of the First Army.

Twenty-six sons of the Class have graduated from the Military Academy and another will graduate in June.

Every member and former member of the Class should attend the 40th Anniversary in June. You have every reason to be proud of your *Alma Mater* and the way it is being administered in these strenuous times. The spirit of West Point remains and is an inspiration to the long gray lines now making up the Corps. Come and renew that inspiration.

If this publication reaches you about the middle of April, there are less than fifty days to June and our Fortieth Anniversary reunion.

## 1906

*Ned Wildrick* died February 22nd at Washington, D. C., and was buried at Arlington Cemetery with the military honors he so richly deserved. *Jim Riley, Red Hoyle, Hap Green, Watts Rose, Sep Pendleton* and *Bob Campbell* were among the pallbearers at the funeral. *Tubby Loughry* had to go out of town, but was present before the funeral. *Ned* had been at Walter Reed Hospital for a couple of weeks; had returned home; was stricken very suddenly and died peacefully at his home. *Jim Riley* sent flowers for the class. We send our sympathy to *Ella* and to her sons and daughter.

*Red Hoyle* is in Walter Reed Hospital—hardly unhealthy enough to remain. He says he is all O.K.

*Joe Dickman* (*Freddy's* boy) is back in the war but doesn't have to

wear the Class saber. He is doing marvelously.

*Van Perkins, Betty Riley's* husband (she's *Jim's* youngest daughter), was killed in an explosion of his destroyer off Leyte, during that terrific naval battle. *Betty* now is in Washington assisting, as much as she can, with the Philippine situation. *Jim's* other son-in-law, Lieutenant Colonel *Joseph C. Anderson*, has received the Legion of Merit for his work at Saipan and Tinian.

*Stuart Rockwell* (*Charlie's* oldest boy) is in the Army at Camp Bragg, North Carolina, and is headed toward a diplomatic career. *Charlie* still is with the Charles Eneu Johnson Company in Philadelphia.

I had a lovely letter from *Henry Finch* last October, from 782 S. Arroyo Boulevard, Pasadena, California. *Helen* is keeping him occupied as a gentleman on the retired list.

Lieutenant Colonel *Rafael Miranda*, of my office (who takes Spanish-speaking officers from South America around the different schools) brings me a message, every now and then, from *Hap Pennell* at Fort Sill.

*Alex Gillespie*, Commanding Officer, Watervliet Arsenal, is waiting for this war to be over to come down and go fishing with me off the causeway.

*Earl McFarland*, Superintendent, Staunton Military Academy, tells me that *Earl, Jr.*, is with the 11th Engineers in the South Pacific. *Cole* was last in Honolulu. *Mary Ann* (with the *McFarlands* in Staunton) reports that her husband, *Hamilton Twitchell*, is with one of the Army Headquarters in France.

*Mac Manchester* (*P.R.'s* son) last was at Fort Knox, handling Public Relations.

*Edith Wilhelm* (*Walter's* wife) is Mrs. *Woodburn Potter* and lives at 321 St. Davids Road, St. Davids, Pennsylvania.

*Adele Wainwright*, who was here in Miami for a visit, has returned to Richmond and Washington. She has had several letters from "Skinny"—who apparently is now at Japanese P.O.W. Camp No. 8, Mukden, Manchuria. Through the American Red Cross you may send him 25 words on a special card. Try to do it!

*John Merrill*—retired but not yet subdued (he says)—is at 1201 Viola Avenue, Glendale, California.

"*Sue*" *Clagett* (retired) phoned yesterday on his way back to California or New York (wherever a job appears attractive). He lost 21 pounds at Hot Springs.

*L. P. Horsfall* is running the annual West Point Dinner here in Miami.

Remember June, 1916, when we will all move on West Point to celebrate the great reunion!

—*Charles G. Mettler.*

### 1907

Letters were received from *Bob Cheney* and *Geoff Bartlett* too late to be included in the Class Bulletin. *Bob* is retired and is living in San Antonio, Texas. He seems to be doing about the same as most retired officers—taking things easy and enjoying it. He has two grandchildren and a son-in-law who is a lieutenant in a Navy Construction Engineer Corps.

*Geoff Bartlett* has been back in the Service since May, 1942. For two years he was at the Army Base in Brooklyn as Assistant Superintendent of the Army Transport Service, in charge of the piers at Staten Island. He went overseas in 1944 and has been in France since July 1 as Assistant Chief of Transportation, Marine Operations Division, and is now in Paris. After the first World War, *Geoff* was Operating Manager of the Cosmopolitan Shipping Company which ran freight service to France, Belgium and Holland, so he is well qualified for his present job. *Geoff* says that he and *Bill Ganoe* get together once in a while and commiserate on being a couple of the ancient ones over there, but some of the young fellows don't believe them when they tell how long they have been kicking around.

*Bunny Crafton* was recently in Los Angeles where he saw *Jerry Taylor*, *Wyman*, *Nat Howard* and *Patsy O'Connor*. The occasion was a rather sad one, the funeral of *Patsy's* son, *Allen*, who died on February 1. *Patsy* has just returned from a tour in India and expected to be stationed in Boston as Division Engineer. *Jerry* is still with Warner Brothers as technical advisor and has assisted them in some of the best pictures they have produced. A recent one is "Objective Burma." *Wyman* has an outdoor job at California Tech, but is working too hard.

*Injun Hayden* wrote that *Bruce Clark* is living in Washington. His name was inadvertently omitted from the Class Bulletin for which we offer our apologies.

*Betty James Walters* reports that they recently received from her father, *Stanley James*, a post card dated December 10, 1943, and a short letter dated January 5, 1944. He still

says that the food is good, they are being treated well and such. He is in a British Merchant Marine Camp, with a few Americans.

*Louise W. Rice*, *Rico's* widow, sends best wishes to the Class from Midland Park, New Jersey.

If anyone did not receive the Class Bulletin, let the Committee know. We have a few extra copies.

*Freddie Castle*, our Class boy, a Brigadier General of the Eighth Air Force, was killed in action on December 21, 1944, when his B-17 was shot down in the Liege-Belgium area. A press dispatch describes the action as follows:

"As commander of a bomber wing, he was leading the 3d Air Division in attack against the German breakthrough into Belgium when a single Nazi plane swooped in for a head-on attack, pumping shells through the nose of the plane and wounding the navigator.

"Six more Messerschmitts then came in for the kill, spraying gunfire into the crippled Fortress and setting two engines afire. An oxygen tank in the waist of the plane was ignited and threatened to explode the craft's heavy bomb load.

"To cut down air speed, the wheels of the Fortress were lowered and the crew ordered to bail out with the terse intercom message, 'This is it, boys.'

"The bomber shuddered and lurched on its two remaining engines, but *Castle* managed to level out long enough for the crew to parachute. *Castle* apparently was determined to be the last to leave the plane and as the doomed Fort spun to 1,200 feet, a wing fuel tank exploded sending the ship plunging in a final, tight death spiral.

"The mission was *Castle's* 30th combat operational flight. At no time had he been ordered to fly combat missions, yet as often as possible when the toughest operations had to be flown he managed to appear in a plane."

The *Washington Post* of January 20 paid him a wonderful tribute in an editorial entitled, "Sky Hero." While we are all deeply grieved over the untimely loss of such a brilliant young officer, we can take pride in the fact that he exemplified the finest traditions of the Service and the Class.

—*H. W. W.*

### 1908

The annual class dinner commemorating graduation on February 14, 1908, was held February 17th at the

Army and Navy Club, Washington, D. C., by members of the class in the vicinity of Washington.

Present: *Goethals*, Congressman *Kelley*, *O'Brien*, *Peterson* and *Stockton*, from Washington; *Parrott* from his farm at Marshall, Virginia; *Ellis* and *Jackson* from Baltimore.

Absent, each with a satisfactory explanation: *Burns*, *Edgeton*, *Hartman*, *Hobbly* and *Rodney Smith*, from Washington; *Slaughter* from Purcellville, Virginia; and *Avery* from Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland.

—*R. E. O'B.*

### 1910

It has been decided that there will be no official Class reunion, commemorating the thirty-fifth anniversary of our graduation, June 15th, 1910, this June on account of the war and the difficulties of travel. However, it is planned to send out a circular letter to the Class, requesting each member to write a short personal history to date, so that we can all keep in touch with one another until such time as we can have an official reunion.

We will have two godsons in this year's graduating Class; one, *Spec Wallace's* son, and other, *Bolivar Lewis's*. In addition, *Jerry Moore's* son is a Yearling, and *Meade Wildrick's* is a plebe.

In case anyone plans to come up for Graduation, please notify *Wildrick*, as the accommodations are very limited, due to the large size of the Graduating Class.

### 1911

*Davey Cowles* writes that he is back in San Francisco, temporarily at 1401 Jones Street, and expects to become permanently established there shortly. *Hen Homer* has left for Panama. It is rumored that *Chink Hall* is reporting to *Ike Eichelberger* as Corps Commander. *Benny Lockwood* is holding forth at Fort Ord. *Psi Holland* reports in from Warner, N. H., at 4 F. above zero with the good news that he is now a grandfather. He would like to hear from anyone having an extra 1920 Cullum Register. *P. S. Reinecke* delivered the graduating address at the Engineer Officers Candidate School at Fort Belvoir, Va., an honor which he greatly enjoyed, having been an instructor at the school from 1932 to 1935. At the same time he was presented with the military star of "Algón Calderón of Ecuador." *Blunty* is Commanding Officer at Camp Carson, near Colorado Springs and reports that he and *Polly* like that country so much that they may settle down there after

the war. *Gus Franke* says that *Georgie Patton's* Third Army hasn't stopped since *Gus, Jr.*, joined it in January.

Your scribe (and other members of the class) would appreciate hearing from various and sundry classmates so that this column won't be in danger of drying up.

### August, 1917

Word comes that *Hoffman, Hirsch*, and *Stansell*, who were at a Jap prison camp on Formosa, have been moved to Manchukuo.

*Bob Hasbrouck* is now a major general in command of the 7th Armored Division in France (Germany when you read this).

*Bob Bacon*, a regimental commander in the E.T.O. received the silver star at the battle of Chambois, oak leaf cluster at Metz, bronze star from Third Army and two French decorations, the Legion of Honor and Croix de Guerre with palm. Congratulations *Bob*.

*Mickey Kernan* was seen recently in New York enroute to Washington for a new assignment.

A message to classmates from your scribe: We need your help to keep up this column. This magazine offers a wonderful opportunity to keep in touch with the old gang through the years. It is virtually the only method. So take a few minutes off once in a while to send in a card about yourself, your rank, your decorations, your address, classmates you have seen, etc. Wives, send us the dope on your modest husbands. Address *Assembly*, or Lieutenant Colonel *P. S. Day*.

### June, 1919

Honors continue to light on the capable shoulders of *Al Wedemeyer*. Since assuming his new duties as Commanding General of the U.S. Army Forces in China he has become the first three star general in the class, and has joined *Al Gruenther* in the Order of the Bath with the rank of Commander. Almost simultaneously *Tony McAuliffe* made history with his classic reply of "Nuts" to the German demand for the surrender of the 101st Airborne Division at Bastogne. *Tony's* subsequent elevation to two star rank now makes the class box score 1 lieutenant general, 6 major generals, and 31 brigadiers.

Word comes from the Philippines that *Jack Vance* was among those transferred by the Japs from a prison camp on Formosa to another in Manchukuo. *Ham Young* has been transferred from command of the Judge

Advocate General's school at Ann Arbor to an overseas assignment, reputedly on *Al Wedemeyer's* staff. "*R. L.*" *Williamson* has recently assumed command of Intransit Depot No. 3 in Portland, Ore., after having spent four years in Hawaii with the Flight command of the 7th Air Force. His son, Corporal *R. L. Williamson*, is serving in France. *Fred Makinney* is Chief of Staff of the Armored Center, Ft. Knox, Ky. *Don Shingler* is now back on duty after hospitalization for injuries received in London, and is working on lease-lend in the Pentagon. *Dick Coursey* is in G-1, War Department General Staff, Pentagon, and *Nell McCarthy* has a similar position at Headquarters, Army Ground Forces. *Jitney Mickle* writes from France in December "Had a fine sojourn in the United Kingdom—was almost as good as our S.O. trip in 1919. The weather in no way resembles our summer 25 years ago. Crossed Montague's trail in London. *Hank Holbrook* was with me a couple of days." *Bill Wyman* now commands the 71st Division, and writes from Benning "I sure am looking forward to that reunion in 1949. I have been away from home nearly 3 years and am about to take off again, but I would like to stay close to the gang." *Stu Little* has just been made a colonel in the N. Y. State Guard. It comes via the grape-vine that *Joe Cranston* (Brig. Gen.) is at U.S.A.F.-B.I., and doesn't like the weather any more than *Jitney* does.

*Jack Raaen* writes from the Pentagon, Office Chief of Ordnance, that on a recent trip to Europe he saw *Urban Niblo*, *Al Gruenther*, *John Hardin*, *Joe Odell*, *Harrison Heiberg*, *Horace Speed*, *Joc Holly*, *Count Wilson*, and *Bill Kean*. *Tommy McGregor* is at Hq., A.S.F., as is *Don Fay*. *Phil Whitney* is at Hq. A.A.F., *Merritt Booth* is in G-2, and *Ike Ritchie* and *Al Stovall* are with the Ground Forces. *Bunker Bean* is in the Fiscal Director's Office. *George Rogers* has returned to the U.S.A. for hospitalization as a result of an overseas accident. *Bob Rice* has made a good recovery and expects shortly to get back to work in a civilian capacity. *Galen Taylor* is in the Office, Chief of Ordnance, *Jack Raaen, Jr.*, U.S.M.A., January '43, is back from Europe with the Purple Heart and sundry other decorations, and is now reported well on the road to recovery.

Keep your buddies posted on what you're doing by dropping a line to your scribe, *Brick Bartlett*, at U.S. M.A.

—*B. W. Bartlett*.

### 1920

Visitors to West Point since the last publication of *Assembly* have included *Rousseau*, who is now on duty at Lafayette, *Jack Williams*, for a weekend to see his son who is now a Yearling, *John McNulty* and *Ted Knappen* who came up for a class party and *Marie Byers*, wife of *Clovis*.

Congratulations to *Hank Hodes*, *Larry Schick*, *Hasbrouck*, *Gailey*, *Oxx*, *Robinson*, *B. L.* and *Mitchell, W. L.*, upon their selection for B.G. on the last list. This brings the class total of Generals to 2 Major Generals and 33 Brigadier Generals.

Recent orders have been noticed for *Joe Harriman* as Commanding Officer of School Troops at the Armored School, Fort Knox, and for *Larry Carr* as Commander, 7th Air Force, Bomber Command.

Our congratulations also to *Chet Hine* for the award of the D.S.C. and to *K-det Smyser* and to *Duke Lanan* for the award of the Legion of Merit.

Due to the presence of seven of us at West Point and the necessity for making preparations for our 25th Reunion, class affairs have been transferred from Washington to West Point. *Chitterling* has been appointed Treasurer and the response to our request for funds for the class fund has been magnificent.

Our sympathy is extended to *Bill Bartlett* upon the recent report of the loss of his son in action overseas.

Nice work, *John Curtis*, on your promotion to Colonel, Q.M.C.

—*L. S. S.*

### 1921

A recent letter from *R. H. Johnson* to the editor reads as follows: The only thing I can report regarding the Class of 1921 is that *Karl Hisgen*, a Colonel of Field Artillery, from a letter dated February 16, is somewhere in the Dutch East Indies. He likes his present location and sends greetings to his classmates and other friends.

Colonel *F. W. Crary* is at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, under training which will probably lead to an assignment overseas.

I hear *Magee*, a temporary Lieutenant Colonel, is back in civil life, but have no definite word from him on the matter. At last reports he was in Washington, D. C.

### 1922

*Mervin Gross* has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for

his work as Ass't. Director of Military requirements and later as Chief of the Requirements Division in Headquarters, A.A.F. "His exceptional engineering ability, his foresight and balanced judgment, his flexibility of mind coupled with tenacity of purpose, are in very substantial measure directly responsible for the proven effectiveness of A.A.F. Combat equipment." He is now Acting Chief of Staff of General *Wedemeyer* in China.

*George Olmsted* has been made a B.G. and is on General *Wedemeyer's* staff in charge of civilian agencies attached to American headquarters in China. *George Taylor* has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. *Cort Schuyler* has been awarded the Legion of Merit and has an A.A.A. command in the E.T.O. *Ollie Hughes* and *Tommy Thomson* have been awarded Bronze Stars. A letter from *Max Taylor* written December 1, 1944, mentions *Bob Pierce* as our only other Airborne classmate. *Bob* has a fine regiment of Glider Infantry. *Max* says *Clark* of the Army was a big help to him in getting critical items of supply just before Normandy. He says *Mudgett* is a brass hat on General *Bradley's* staff, also that *Bill Kyle* dropped in on him in Normandy. *Bill*, you know, is Secretary *Stimson's* aide. *Fritz Lee*, who now has his eagles, says *Mudgett* is operations officer of an Army Group. (See above.) *Fritz* reports that *Hank Reed* was wounded while commanding a Cavalry Group but is recovering nicely; that *Matty* is Executive of the Artillery Section of a Corps; *Numa Watson*, Commanding Officer of a Regiment; *Charlie Barrett*, Artillery Commander of a Division; *Johnny Uncles*, Commanding General of an Artillery Brigade; *Jerry Dowling*, a Finance Officer in France; *Harry Stout*, Commanding Officer of an Ordnance Battalion; and *Benny Chidlaw*, Commanding General of the XII Fighter Command. *Fritz* said he didn't want to be mentioned but we think he deserves a prize for sending in news. *Spud Spalding* reports from Germany that he sees *Charlie Barrett* and *Johnny Uncles* occasionally. *Spud* has been awarded the Bronze Star for action in Belgium and Holland. *Charlie Branham* and *Ham Meyer* are now on duty in Washington. *Bob Raynsford* is Assistant Chief of the Engineering and Technical Service, Office of the Chief Signal Officer. *Marcus, M. H.*, is a grandfather!

—L. C. L.

## 1923

We have seen in the papers that *Gjelsteen*, *Lowe*, *Harrison* and *Ridings* are our latest B.G.s. *Dave Schlatter* has gotten his second star. He has been serving as deputy chief of staff for operations of the Ninth Air Force; and has recently been reported as on *Eisenhower's* staff.

*Howard Serig* is executive officer of the Radio and Radar Section at Wright Field. He has seen 42 months of overseas duty. He served in Puerto Rico as Signal Officer of the Antilles Air Force, in Europe as communications officer of the 12th Tactical Air Command, in Italy with the Fifth Army and in Southern France with the Seventh Army. He and *Gil Hayden* appear to have swapped places on the last move.

*John Warren* served in Turkey in 1942 and 1943. Later he was Director of Air Force Instruction at Leavenworth. He now commands at Alamogordo Airfield in New Mexico. His son, *John*, will graduate from the Academy in June, and the other son, *William*, is a private in the Air Corps.

*George Heaney* has shown up commanding a sub-port of embarkation somewhere in England.

*Pat Carton*, who has been Assistant G-3 of the Sixth Army, is in Woodrow Wilson General Hospital, Staunton, Va., recuperating from ear trouble and raring to get back to the Pacific.

*Harry Scheetz*, who is at Frankford Arsenal, got to see us trounce the Navy in football and, while there, sighted *Pesek*, *Weikert* and *Miles Reber*. He also reports *Dud Roth* at Wright Field.

*Bill Leaf* is having his headaches as G-4 of the Sixth Army. In crossing Hollandia Bay one night, the boat ran aground and *Bill* almost knocked off the stern post with his head. He didn't get the Purple Heart, however—just the purple bean. He writes, "Saw *Rex Chandler* the other day—he's still artillery officer with the 1st Cav. Div., which division really looks after itself and goes places. *Jawn Pitzer* came 'bursting' in the other day—had just landed, was looking for his boss and was as much in a hurry (or nearly) as when he was reported for 'scampering through the halls, etc.' He was in a rush to get his outfit set up so they could shoot down some Jap planes. I told him to relax since there hadn't been a Jap plane (or enough to matter) since we landed. He should have been on the Leyte Operation—they were much too thick for comfort there.

"*Jimmy Carroll* dropped around for lunch at our Hq. the other day. He as well as *Pitzer* each have A.A. Groups.

"Our friend *Hivey (White)* arranged for and supervised that bold stroke which liberated those 500 American P.O.W.s a week or so ago. It was one of those story book affairs—and everything went off to perfection. A good yarn when we of '23 foregather in the future."

We note that *Miles Reber*, now a B.G., is Deputy Chief of the Legislative and Liaison Division of the War Department.

*Tully*, who is with an engineer regiment, writes from Belgium, "We had a busy time last July and August building, or rather rebuilding, railroads following the First and Third Armies coming across France and Belgium.

"Met *Walter Burnside* in Granville, France, one day last fall. He was then with the Armored Forces. The C.O. of his regiment is *Skidmore*, '32, the track man."

*Lew Morton's* blood pressure has thwarted all his efforts to get active duty. He lives at 2852 Broadway, Ft. Wayne, Ind., and spends the summer at Honora Bay, Manitoulin Island, Ontario, Canada, where he invites classmates to visit him with or without the family. He has a son *Richard*, whom he is trying to get into West Point.

*Warren Robinson* has the 314th Infantry of the 79th Division, which landed in France on D 8 and spent 121 straight days in combat.

We have learned that *Bill Castner*, after doing a grand job at Attu and acting as G-3 for the whole Kiska operation, had a heart attack and was retired on June 30. He is living in Anchorage. All of us are proud of him and wish him better health.

*Longwell* has gotten his Master of Engineering degree from Yale and is now Assistant Professor of Engineering at Worcester Tech.

## 1924

*McLamb* is leaving us for an overseas assignment, reducing our West Point contingent to an even half-dozen. *Mac* has been so active as Class Secretary, in connection with these *Assembly* articles, preparation of the *Thundering Herd*, reunion activities, etc., that we will miss him sorely. *George Finnegan* will carry on as secretary—please address letters and news items to him for the future.

"P.D." *Ent* (Major General *U. G. Ent*)—was awarded the Legion of

Merit November 23, 1944. This in addition to his other high decorations already mentioned in *Thundering Herd* and our columns in *Assembly*. He is hospitalized at Brooks General Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, as the result of an airplane accident. *P.D.* is cheerful, optimistic, and looking forward to an early recovery. The hospital authorities have rigged up a motion picture screen on the ceiling above his bed so he can see the combat films which are produced weekly.

*Partridge* (Major General *Earle E. Partridge*) was awarded the D.S.M. for exceptionally meritorious service in duties of great responsibilities, December 8, 1944.

Christmas card from Colonel *R. V. ("Peter") Lee*.

Colonel *Howard E. Kessinger*—W.D. Orders 12 19 44 announce that *Kessinger* has been awarded Oak Leaf Cluster to the Legion of Merit for outstanding services from June 1943 to December 1944. He was awarded the Legion of Merit on 7 5 43 by the Caribbean Defense Command.

*Ott Nelson* (Major General *O. L. Nelson*)—W.D. G.O. dated January 4, 1945, announced award of D.S.M. to *Ott* for his services in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff from February 1942 to December 1944. *Ott* is now overseas as deputy commander in the Mediterranean Theater.

Other decorations—D.S.M.: *Ralph Fisher*; Legion of Merit: *J. G. Hill* (Oak Leaf Cluster), *W. S. Triplet*, *E. H. Harrison*; Bronze Star: *W. H. Arnold* (with Cluster), *Gene Ely*.

New Generals—The January 1945 list of general officer nominations included four Classmates: (1) *George Pence* to get his second star, (2) *Johnny Elmore*, (3) *Charlie Palmer*, and (4) *Ralph Eaton* to be B.C.'s. This brings the number of our generals to 29 with 7 of them wearing two stars.

*Duke Wellington*, one of our casualty classmates, writes from China where he spent Christmas day in a foxhole dodging Jap air raids.

*Jim Poore* is presently Commandant at Georgia Military College, Mill- edgeville, Georgia, having been retired after a strenuous tour in the Mediterranean Theater. His older boy is an aspirant for an appointment to the next plebe class.

A class dinner was held on January 19 at the home of *Don* and *Beulah Rule*. The visiting fireman was *Shorty Keeley*, with wife *Margaret*. *Shorty* was on a brief leave from Honolulu where he is G-1 of the Central Pacific Base Command.

*Emil Lenzner* wrote from E.T.O. where he is Signal Officer for General *Jakie Devers*. *Lenzner* received the Legion of Merit for his communications operations in Italy.

*Bill Halligan* is rising to ever greater heights as President of Hallcrafters, where his radio production is a great contribution to the communications picture. *Bill* has a boy in the plebe class and another boy (older) hopes to enter with the new class in July. Big brother *Bill, Jr.*, will be fresh from fighting in the Pacific.

*Limpus* provided the following dope from Washington:

"I'm not travelling around so much these days, as I did before I dislocated my knee—which happened just before I was scheduled to go overseas as a war correspondent to cover the invasion. So I'm sticking pretty close to Washington and doing my war experting by checking up on the opinions of high-ranking classmates, who ought to know what the score is. However, I've picked up a few items about members of 1924, which might be of service for *Assembly*.

"*Bob Ellsworth* came through here last month, enroute to Torney General Hospital, Palm Springs, Calif. *Bob's* chest was laden with hardware, won the hard way. He's a full colonel, who has seen plenty of tough service on both sides of the globe. *Bob* got a dose of malaria in the Southwest Pacific and it finally caught up with him in France, where he was doing his stuff with *Patton's* Third Army. They shipped him back to rest up and he and I are planning to collaborate on a book, while he is convalescing.

"*Micky Marcus* is now Chief of the Planning Division in the Civil Affairs Branch of the War Department set-up, which places him right beside the throne and under the gun. *Micky* makes frequent incursions into the field and the last time he went to France, they borrowed him during a hot fight and made him G-2 of a Corps engaged in combat. During the fracas he got far enough forward to kill four Germans personally. He knocked off the Heine quartet while engaged in showing a patrol how to surround a culvert in which they were hiding.

"Brigadier General *Art Trudeau* is carrying a double load these days, assisting himself during the temporary absence of his boss, who heads up the training section of the War Department. Among *Art's* key subordinates is Colonel *Alexander W. Chilton*, who taught English to *Art* and a

lot of the rest of us as well. Colonel *Chilton* emerged from retirement in New Mexico to come back and do his stuff.

"Colonel *Dinty Moore* of the Air Corps returned to Washington for duty with the War Department, after some pretty hectic service with the 3th Air Force. He has some good hardware on his chest, too. He, Brigadier General *Joe Loutzenheiser* (who heads the Planning Division of the Air Staff) and I got together for dinner a short time ago.

"*Beany Millard* is out of the service now—went on the inactive list as a lieutenant colonel—and has resumed supervision of the famous Millard West Point Prep School in Washington.

"*Eric Kuniholm*, of the State Dept., was in Washington recently, preparing for another tour of duty abroad. *Eric* has been U.S. Consul General at Quebec."

*Wampus* is bequeathing the Corps a couple more *Limpuses*—nephews, both . . . *Charles*, who graduates this June and *Frank*, who enters in July.

Also the following poem by *Wampus* apropos of the Class financial situation on the *Thundering Herd*:

LIMPUS DOES A LANHAM  
The Thundering Herd grows star-  
spangled,  
(Guns roar and the Flourishes roll),  
Some Bulls crack the high income  
brackets  
And the rest of us get off the dole;  
Our help-meets price ermine—syn-  
thetic—  
And the Herd seems approaching the  
goal  
Of Solvence—when Mac screams a  
warning:  
"WE'RE ONE HUNDRED BUCKS IN  
THE HOLE!"

Bright visions dissolve in a twinkle;  
Old Horrors revive in each soul;  
The Wolf sniffs again at our neck-  
hairs,  
And empty once more is the bowl.  
The Herd is in trouble financial—  
Let the Rescuers answer the poll.  
We're responsible now, baldish-headed  
AND ONE HUNDRED BUCKS IN  
THE HOLE!

L'Envoi  
Prince, thanks for evoking the old  
days,  
(Ere the fattening years took their  
toll.)  
But Reality rises to smite us,  
Appraising the Herd. Call the roll:  
Total 72 stars on our shoulders  
AND ONE HUNDRED BUCKS IN  
THE HOLE!

We are pleased to announce that the deplorable condition celebrated in the foregoing opus has now been gloriously overcome by the splendid response of the class (including one anonymous presentation of \$500).

We are now solvent and in fact have a comfortable cushion for the next issue of the *Thundering Herd*. However, additional contributions gratefully received.

The fortunes of war bring the sad news of the death in combat of Colonel *Sam V Krauthoff*. *Sam* was killed with the First Army in the fighting around St. Vith, as announced in a Washington paper on March 2.

On the more cheerful side—*E. C. Wallace* and wife *Dorothy* put on a wonderful boodle fight for our cadet sons on February 11. All but three of the present total of sixteen were there and by the devastation wrought on the cakes, sandwiches, punch, etc., it is clear that the cadet appetite for boodle has not diminished. A good time was had by all, especially the three plebes, *Halligan*, *Harper*, *R. W.* and *Macklin*.

## 1925

In the January issue we made a plea for Class news and were rewarded by receiving a total of seven letters (two of which were sent in by wives). This is indeed encouraging—the number is far more than received in any three months period. Thanks to those who wrote in and for those who didn't—please write in something, a lone postcard is greatly appreciated.

*Andy Barlow* wrote and wanted to know why we left out information about classmates in the S.W.P.A.—Philippine theatre. Our answer is *Andy* that we can't print what we don't know and hence the reason for the news plea. *Andy* has been overseas over twenty-eight months, presently Chief of Staff of the 32nd Division. *Dwight Harvey* recently joined the division. A number of classmates seen by *Andy* over a period of time include *Jack Bird*—G-3, I Corps; *Gerry Galloway*, *Benny Fowlkes*, *Colby Meyers*, each commanding an Engr. B. and S. Regt; *Joe Cleland* commanding an Inf. Regt. Incidentally *Andy* first ran into *Joe* in N.Z., later at New Guinea and lastly in the Philippines. *Charlie Cavelli* is Executive Officer to Quartermaster, 8th Army.

A little note from *Wallie Damas* states he is Ass't. S-1 of the 21st Corps and in the same outfit *Van Brunt* holds down the job of Chief of Staff. *Jack Horner*, G-2, IX Corps, commanded by "*Tac*" *Ryder* of "E" Co., writes in as follows: "Have seen *Ernie Holmes* who is G-3, U.S.A.F., Pacific Ocean Area; *Wayne Smith*, now a B.G., Chief of Staff of Central

Pacific Base Command (congratulations *Wayne* and the same to *Charlie Saltzman* on receiving his stars in Italy); *Frank Steer*, Provo. Marshal U.S.A.F., P.O.A.; and also *Claude Burbach*, who commands an Artillery Group. All are stationed in Hawaii. On a visit to *Loyte* intended to contact *Red Newman* and *Louie Riggins*, G-4, XI Corps but saw neither. Learned *Red* had been seriously wounded and was evacuated. Saw *Bill Burbank* in September just prior to his departure for the China-India-Burma Theatre."

A letter by *Leo Kengla* was written "at sea" headed. He commands an Infantry Regiment. Word from *Betty Channon* states Jim is in the E.T.O. and had run into *Gus West*, *George Peploe*, *Pepper Clay* and *Alec Sewall*. We learn also that *Jack Chamberlain* has been awarded the Legion of Honor (rank of Chevalier) and the Croix de Guerre with Palm from the French. *Jack* is with the 6th Army Group.

*Gus Farwick* spent a few hours at W.P. in the late fall after his return from Italy.

Has anyone heard anything recently about *Hoppy Hopkins* and *Eddie Mack* (we know they are prisoners of the Japs).

A nice letter from *John Beatty* gave us the dope on how he got into the Navy. An interesting fact is that *John* did so well in the Navy that the Marines recognized his ability; as a result he was asked for by the latter and has been assigned as a Naval Officer attached to Hq. M.C. in Wash. As *John* says—"quite an oddity for a West Pointer is it not?"

It is with extreme regret that we learned of *John Holland's* death due to an airplane accident in the S.W.P.

As stated in the last issue, those of us here at U.S.M.A. will be prepared to welcome all who are able to return this June. If you plan to come please drop a note to *Bill Kost* before May 15th, especially if you intend to bring the Mrs. along. Sleeping accommodations in hotels etc. are out of the question in or around W.P. this year and if the number is not too great classmates on the Post will be able to take care of your needs.

A reminder—we can't write class news without the dope. Won't you write in a few lines?

## 1926

'26 scores again! Latest list of Generals indicates *Ankenbrandt* and *Anderson, J. R.*, are now B.G.'s, making a total of seven in all, according to our records.

Congratulations to *Parker Reeve*, recently married on January 24, presumably in Hawaii.

Brigadier General *D. P. Booth* has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for his services in the Persian Gulf Command from October 1942 to December 1944. Congratulations *Don*.

*Daniels* has exchanged the olive drab for a suit of gray tweeds and we expect to hear shortly of his new ventures in cit life. Latest report from *Bill House*, our number one correspondent in Detroit is as follows: *Red Duffy*, now in Paris with E.T.O.; *Johnny Roosma*, somewhere in the vicinity of Belgium; *Boone Gross* and *Johnson, A. H.*, in Detroit with *House*.

*Freddie Munson* now lays claim to being the "oldest living bachelor," Class of '26. Anyone having any arguments against such claim, forward your remarks to *Al Heidner*, West Point.

## 1927

In the January issue *Ray Bell* was a Lieutenant Colonel and in Belgium. Just have received word from *Ray* in Germany and also have heard that he has received the Silver Star and D.S.C. *Ray* recently worked in a successful attack with *Jack Hines* who has a combat command in an Armored Division. *Ray* reports seeing *Paul Berrigan*, *Gil Allen*, *Bill Pence*, and *Bunny Webb*.

*Bob Perrine* has an important job in one of the Army Hdq. *Jack Kilgore* is G-1 of a Corps, *Zeller* G-2 of a Corps near Metz.

*Williams, C. E.*, is getting a much earned rest after three years of it. *Ralph Zwicker* is C. S. of the Indian Head and Star Division, and *P. D. Ginder* has joined the same. *Duke Gilbreath* was slightly wounded—now has taken over a combat command of an Armored Division.

*Jerry Lillard* is in a G-3 section in charge of amphibious training. Saw duty in Africa and Sicily. *Tiny Hewitt* was reported seen for a brief moment in the midst of it by *Charlie Wesner*. *Jack Hines* has the Silver Star, Purple Heart, and D.S.C.—leader of a C.C. of an Armored Division. Received a wound in the cheek during a bridgehead attack.

*Jack Burdge* heard from with a F.A. Bn., 80th Div.

Received a very long and newsy letter from *Ray Stanton* in the Philippines, and who has always been a gold mine for this column. We can only give highlights of a fascinating report. He is the C.O. of a regiment

and has received the Silver Star, Inf. Combat Badge, and Philippine Liberation Medal. Saw *Bill Verbeck* also a Reg. Commander. *Ray's* C.P. was attacked at night by a Jap suicide squad with all the trimmings. Came the dawn, there was one wounded Yank and 36 dead sons of ———. Also reports on *Jimmy Collins*, 1st Corps Hdq., *Ostenberg* and *McNamee* of 6th Army. Saw *Jimmy Green* on New Guinea.

*Stanton* announced the death of *Joe Cox* in the Philippines after a serious nervous breakdown. This is a great loss to all of us.

Last minute item: *Woody Burgess* received the Legion of Merit.

## 1929

The Army-Navy Journal lists Colonel *G. V. Millett* as one of the American prisoners of war in Germany liberated by the Russians.

*Vickery* writes from P.I. where he has landed after working up from New Guinea. He now has a F.A. Bn. with the fighting "Red Arrow" crowd. He says that *Charlie Allen* is deputy C. of S. of a corps, and that *Chan Robbins* is C. of S. of one of our better divisions. He has also seen some visiting firemen from Washington.

*Charlie Rau* writes from an armored group in Germany of having had dinner with *Paul Elias* who commands an ordnance group. *Freddie Simpson*, Ex-'29 ('30) has a separate tank battalion that has made quite a name for itself. *Rau* talked on the phone to *Red Thompson* who is exec. for the Arty. Sec. of the Ninth Army. *Fagg* is with G-3 of the same Army working on air coordination. *Stan Jones* is also with the Ninth.

*Bill Vestal* is now with the A.A. Sec. of an Army in Europe, after much moving out from behind desks. In England he saw *B.G. Weary Wilson*, *Bill Bullock*, *Hunt Bassett* and "little *Thompson* (not *P. W.*)."  
*P. S. Thompson* is the only other "little" one in the class besides *P. W.* and he was killed in action in France last August. *Bill* says that *Bill Bullock* has gotten to be quite a big boy now as has *Lou Hammack*. *Hugh Stevenson* and *Merle Thompson* are in the same Army as *Bill*. *Hugh* as Hq. Cmdt.

*Daddy Woods* sent Christmas greetings from Italy and expressed a desire for a get-together in the not too distant future to hoist a few. The same sentiments have been so frequently expressed by so many, that I feel this place will rock to its foundations when that happy day comes to pass. Specially when *Henry McKenzie* was the only one to return for our

15th Reunion, and he could stay for only an hour. Please include your A.P.O. in your next letter so I can verify the address with *Assembly*.

*Bill McCulla* is in the Pacific somewhere. While back in the States for a few days temp. duty in the Air Ord. Off. he was able to see the A-N game, and while there saw *Charlie Arnett*, *Ibe Lincoln*, *Bob Waid*, *Doubleday*, and *Bassett*. *Bill* has seen *Larry Bork* who picked up some bomb fragments on Leyte, and missed *Jimmy Ostrand* whom he'd last seen in the Marianas.

*Dick Wentworth* took a six week's trip to the E.T.O. that included France, Belgium, Holland and Aachen, Germany. During the trip he saw *Brewster*, *Milwit*, *Persons*, *Hamlin*, and *Coolidge* in Paris, *Armstrong* with an Army Arty., and *Red Thompson* and *Fate Fagg* as noted above.

*Weary Wilson* is in Washington temporarily from his regular job as deputy Engineer-in-Chief of the Southeast Asia Command in India. Among the few '29ers he has seen over there are *Frank Merrill* who is Deputy Theater Commander to General *Sultan* of the India-Burma Theater. *Weary* frequently sees *Sam Silver* who is Ass't. G-4 in the I.B.T. Hq. *Tom McDonald* is running the Materiel Sec. in the *Stratemeyer* Air Hq. While in London *Weary* saw *Tom Hammond* and *Bill Vestal*. He says that *Montgomery* is with the Strategic Bombing Commission or "some such organization." *Bassett* is running the weather for the Air Forces. *Johnnie Walker*, *Hugh McIntosh*, *Bruce Easley*, *Roger Browne*, *Nellie Lynde* and *Miles Brewster* were in London on leave. *Herb Milwit* is running Engr. Intelligence, *Tom Sands* is in Counter Intelligence for an Army Gp., *Al Viney* is C. of S. of the Adv. Sec. of the Communication Zone, and *Marshall Stubbs* is its G-4. *Weary* is convinced, after a couple of bull sessions in a London hotel with *Bob McDonough* ('26) and *Ralph Zwicker* ('27) that but for *Bob's* Engr. Combat Group and *Ralph's* Second Div. that the war between the U.S. and Germany might and probably would have had an unsuccessful conclusion. *Weary's* letter arrived addressed to me at U.S. Naval Academy, West Point, N. Y. No kidding!

*George McAneeny*, now a Lieutenant Colonel, who, in addition to his other duties, coaches soccer here, brought the team through the season second only to Navy in college ranks. Navy beat us by a score of 1-0. Only

five goals were scored on Army all season. *Dud Wiegand* wrote *George* from Benning where *Dud* is Chairman of the Map Reading Committee, that *Herb Vander Hiede*, *Hal Statham*, and *Johnny Hammond* are also there, with *Jimmie Stephenson* expected shortly. *Dud* says that one of his flank patrols in Italy brought him a note from *Gene Moseley* shortly before *Gene* was killed. He also talked on the phone with *Eddie Stark* ('27) who was giving him 4.2 support just before the *Jerrys* got *Eddie*. *Joe McNerney's* wife wrote *George* from Carmel, Calif., last summer that *Joe* was having his fifth bout with malaria in Burma. She said *Bruce Graham* had been in Carmel on leave the previous winter from Hawaii. *Louisa Bird* kept writing *Oiseau*, a P.O.W. in Manila, apparently with no response. Another letter from *Joe's* wife in December says she talked with General *Stilwell* who told her that *Joe* was fine and doing a fine job as G-4 when General *Stilwell* left. *Dave Angluin* is reported to be making an unusually fast recovery from the rigors of Attu, Kwajalien and Leyte. He returned to Carmel from Hawaii in December. Best of luck. *Dave! Paul Freeman* was in the P.I. as an observer and expected to be back in the States last month. *Windy Miller* is covered with glory and medals in France.

Apologies to *Eddie Mays* for not including his poop in previous notes. He had seen *Johnny McKeague* and *J. G. Harding* (who was C.O. of an Obs. Bn.) also *Cal Partin* in a Corps Hq., all in the E.T.O. presumably.

*Ray Hill* and *Gladys Rainey* of Salisbury, N. C., were married December 16 at Camp Claiborne, La.

*Danny Sundt* please send in the address to which you want *Assembly* sent.

Thanks to all of you who are helping me to keep the column going.

## 1930

It is with extreme regret that we must announce the death of four members of our class.

*Fred Castle* was killed while leading an air division of B-17s over Europe on the night of December 21th. He continued to pilot a badly damaged plane until all others of the crew had left the ship. An explosion followed and the ship crashed in flames. His recent promotion to Brigadier General speaks for the job he has been doing.

*Bud Millener* died in France on December 7th, circumstances of his

death are not known here. His wife *Linda* and baby daughter live in Shreveport, La.

*Irvin Schimmelpfennig*, Chief of Staff of the 11th Airborne Division, was killed in action in the P.I. on February 4th. His division landed southwest of Manila about this time. *Elizabeth Schimmelpfennig* and the three children are at 86 Brookes Street, Burlington, Vermont.

*C. L. Peterson* was killed in France last Fall. He was with an aviation engineer unit.

#### PACIFIC AREA

After well over two years, we have finally had word of *Joe East*. We understand he is in a Japanese prison camp and is "as well as can be expected under the circumstances." We have heard that *Harry Packard* was still well at the time of his last letter in December. Col. *Fred Klinke* was with the 6th Army on Leyte and is now with the 1st Corps in the P.I. Col. *Bob Booth* is now Chief of Staff of the 7th Division and recently received a bronze star.

*Al Watson* and *Fred Ammerman* went to Leyte as observers and were last reported in Hawaii.

*Aubrey Smith* is a Regimental C.O. in the 77th Division.

*Cam Sweeney* is with a B-29 unit in the Pacific and has been raiding Japan.

#### E.T.O.

*M. E. Bradley* is with the 1st Tactical Air Force.

*Cayce Odom* is on the U.S.S.T.A.F., which is the big Air Hdqts. in E.T.O. *M. Lewis* is also with the same organization.

*John Guthrie* is in G-3, Hq. 7th Army.

*Howard McCoy* is doing technical work under U.S.S.T.A.F.

*Jimmy Richardson* is a division G-3 and is reported down with pneumonia at present but is expected to be O.K. shortly.

*Bob Brunzell* has a F.A. Bn. with the 3rd Army in France.

*Johnny Hayden* is in the Corps Artillery of the 5th Corps in Germany.

*Paul Clark*, *Bill Harris*, *Ham Howze* are in Italy along with *Pablo Blanchard*. *Seafood Garton* is with the 3rd Armored Division. He was wounded in September in Belgium but recovered rapidly.

*Mac MacLean* was last reported in Paris. *Wash Eubank* is with a F.A. unit in France.

#### AROUND THIS COUNTRY

We understand Lt. Col. *Hal Stokes* (Ex-'30) finished Leavenworth with

the last class. *Red Timothy* has gone back to the F.A. and is now at Ft. Sill taking a refresher course. *Tom Stoughten* was back in Washington during February from the E.T.O. with *Marguerite* up from Dallas.

*John Greco* is at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, and *Lola* has bought a house in San Antonio.

*Ace Goodwin* and *Bob Wood* are in the Pentagon Building in Washington along with *Herb Mitchell* and *Jim Heriot*. *Rosie Tabor* is in Aviation Ordnance and stationed at Wright Field.

#### WEST POINT

Lt. Col. *Harold Brooks* paid us a visit recently on his way eastward. He is executive of a F.A. Hdqtrs. *Mark Smith* has left West Point and has moved to New York City where he is at the office of Division Engineers, 270 B'way. Col. *George Schlatter* left in January for the E.T.O. and *Biddy* has settled in San Antonio for the big event. *Slats* is with the 1st Tactical Air Force, in France.

#### 1931

A newsy letter arrived from *Deacon Roller*, who is now exec. of a 93rd Div. unit in New Guinea. *Tipton* is over there with the 511th Pcht. Div. *Deke* saw *Moby Dick* in Hollandia on his way to Leyte—also Colonel *Gough* in the A. A. over there, *Chet Young* in the F.E.A.S.C., *Irving Jackson*, who is C. of S. of 93rd Div. *Billy Bell* has a combat cargo group there. Also other news of what he has been doing—good work, *Deacon*.

Colonel *Bob Hackett* is in Dutch New Guinea—he has seen Brigadier General *Roy Beebe*, *Damberg* and *Herb Mansfield* over there. Incidentally, *Herb* is a colonel, exec. of an A.G.F. on one of our newly acquired Jap Islands, according to a letter from Colonel *Hampton*, who has an A.A. group in the 10th army. *Hampton* also tells us of seeing *Charlie Duff*, (Bronze Star) who was leaving New Guinea for Washington, D. C.—also Colonel *Chet Diestel* and *Phil Stiness* on their way back to the U.S.A. on rotation. Colonel *Ned Parker* is busy as ass't G-4 with an A.G.F. and *Hiddleston* is there in the P.O.A. as an assistant in the Art'y section. *Al Gay* is on temporary duty with the A.A. over there, expecting rotation after being out with an A.G.F.

The A.&N.J. reports Colonel *Gordon Cusack* visiting the C.&G.S. school in China. A newspaper dispatch from Bhamo, North Burma, reports Colonel *Ernie Easterbrook* as

commanding a unit fighting the Japs at Tonkwa, Burma. Colonel *Mo Perry* is in the E.T.O., as is *Geo. Wertz*, who is with *Patton's* army. *Bill Park* stopped at U.S.M.A. on February 12 on his way back from the E.T.O., where he had been Eng. Officer with an A.A.F. outfit. He reports seeing *Ragland* in the 1st Armored Div., and *Singles* with his famous 100th Bn. (Nisi). *Fanny Bogart* and *Bill Train* both have the Legion of Merit. In the First Army are *Troxel*, *Sams*, *Ragland*, *Peyton*, *Spiedel*, *Bonesteel*, *Hammond*, *Houser*, and *Mickey Moore*, according to *Warren Hoover*, who left U.S.M.A. the first part of February for parts west. *George Elegar*, with the 80th Div. in France, won 15,500 francs on the Army-Navy game. He also won the Bronze Star, but that was in a different game. He reports seeing *Johnny Sullivan*, who is a Div. G-3. *Bert Muenster* is with a medium bomber group in France, and has his Air Medal by this time. He saw *Jim Pumpelly*, who is a G-2 in the 6th Army group, and *P. H. Lash*, who is in the G-3 section of *Eisenhower's* staff. He also reports *Milt Arnold* and *Bob Eaton* with *Ted Timberlake* in England. *Charlie Hoy* commanded the 334th Inf. in the 84th Div. until wounded in the arm by shrapnel, during the St. Lo breakthrough. He is now sitting around Div. Hq. with his arm in a sling, waiting for an O.K. to go back to duty.

Colonel *Addison Dishman* is now Ordnance Officer of the 9th S.C. at Ft. Douglas, Salt Lake City. Colonel *John Hansborough* has returned from the Italian campaign and the So. France invasion and is now Director of the Ground Liaison Officers School at Key Field, Meridian, Miss. *Charlie McNair* left Ft. Sill for the A.N.S. C.O.L. course at Leavenworth and is now at Newport, R. I. Colonel *Phil Bethune* was in his class at Leavenworth. *Charlie* saw *Art Hogan*, who was exec. of a F.A. group at Sill, getting ready to shove off. He also reports that *Ed Messenger's* outfit joined *Patton's* army the middle of January and *Cal Coolidge* still with the 307th Inf. in the S.W.P. *Ernie Easterbrook* was reported due back in the U.S.A. from the C.B.I. theater a month ago.

#### 1932

*Eddie Hartshorn* has all of the following to say about our folk in the Pacific theatre. *Eddie* and *Buck Theilen* are in Arty Section of 8th Army, having been before in Armd. Divs. in the States; *Britten* is in G-3 work,

*Steve Mellnick* in G-2 and *Bill Culp* in transportation in G.H.Q.; *Stan Sawicki* and *George Power* had Div. Arty. Bns. in the Philippines. *Kennedy*, *Hoehl* and *Merle Williams* are serving nearby. *Pete Henshaw* is a Corps G-1 and our erstwhile Chinaman is now General *Bang*, still on liaison work with *MacArthur*. *Eddie* was an observer near *Jack Welborn*, whose tank Bn. served in Africa and Sicily and landed in assault wave in Normandy; *Irv Roth* with an A.A.A. Bn. in France and *Joe Golden*, Regt Ex. in 4th Div., receiving the Silver Star at Cherbourg. *Alex Graham* serves with an Armd Div. in France also.

*John Street* in O.P.D. has one big piece of news about 25 classmates and 6 wives who went to a bang-up class party at Army-Navy Country Club. *Stan Wray*, *Al Gerhardt* and *John* carried the ball and got together these Washingtonians: *Gilmer*, *Hannah*, *Dahl*, *Ogden*, *Lon Smith*, *Churchill*, *John Bowen*, *Cairns*, *Paige*, *Lavigne*, *Sciple*, *Epley*, *Weber*, *Morris*, *Dreyer*, *D. B. Johnson*, *Rankin*, *Bill Powers*, *Rush Lincoln*, and *Harry Porter* also these wives: *Mesdames Bill Moore*, *Truman*, *Woolnough*, *Hinshaw*, *Scherer*, and *Webster*.—Not attending but living near Washington are: *Metzler*, *Bill Little* (Phila.), *Ackerman*, *Terrill*, *Hobson*, *John Steele*, *Jim Massey*, *Bengston* and *Glantz*, and the wives: *Mrs. Hero*, *Whalen*, *Mather*, *Tisdale*, *Black* and *R. J. Hunt*. *Jim Woolnough* received D.S.M. for work in Operations. W.D.G.S. then went to Europe where he commanded a Regt. and has received the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster and the Purple Heart. *Ash Manhart* and *Truesdell* visited the Pent. *Ackerman* left China to serve in A.A.F. in Washington. *George Descheneaux* is reported missing in action.

Again that loyal Staten Islander *Mary Cain* sends you all lots of tidings:—First the tragic news that *Art Blair* was killed in action in Belgium on Christmas Day, 1941. *Art's* excellent Hv. Arty outfit was described in his F.A. Journal article recently. *Mary Blair's* address is 1201 E. Boulder, Colorado Springs, Colo. *Landon Head* was lightly wounded in action with 35th Div. *Jack Sutherland* moved from India to Florida base. *Jim McCormack* is with 12th Army Gp. *Mike Riley's* recent visit to Washington brought *Evelyn R.* visiting there, Staten Island and West Point. News from *Tom Darcy* in Italy: "*Red Smith* moved to Washington after two solid years of outstanding fighting. *Chuck Clark* is

Ex. of a Wing which includes *Al Schroeder's* and *Jack Price's* Hv. Bomb. units. *Ray Stecker* has a fighter unit in France and covered himself with glory during the December German offensive. *Ken Zitzman* is 5th Army Sig. O. and *T. R. McDonald* is also in the 5th Army Hq. *Lazar* is with 15th Army Gp. and *Gil Adams* with A.F.H.Q. Med. T.O."

*Bill Menoher* came from fighting on Leyte to duty in Washington.

*Ruth Cunningham* just married *Bob Finkenaur*, '34, and they live very happily in Qtrs. 27, West Point. *Jeff Childs'* wife writes from Madison, N. J., that *Jeff* is Ord. O. of 9th Div. in Germany. A news release described *Ed Simenson's* new duty at MacDill Field, Florida, and credits him with splendid pioneering work on North Atlantic air routes, 8th A.A.F. dromes and effective weather and regional control work in England before and during the invasion. *Joe Kelly* arrived at Alma Mater as Stewart Field's C.O. and the boss of Cadet Air Instruction. *Joe* recently talked to the Corps, describing his experiences with the 9th A.A.F. and stresses combat cooperation between Air and Ground Forces.

Gleaning of class news at West Point is almost entirely dependent upon you people who write, so keep going! Hundreds of classmates and their "gente" read what you send in!

### 1933

*Bill Darby* paid us a visit at West Point on February 22 for the purpose of speaking to the cadets. The Commandant really put him through the paces making him speak to each of the classes. *Bill's* outline of the early stages of the Italian campaign and the part that the Rangers played in it was exceedingly good and very much appreciated by those of us here who go to war in a second handed fashion.

*Gerry Roberson* wrote on January 15 that he was at that time in Camp Callen, California. In case you didn't know it he was returned from overseas and sent to Fletcher General Hospital where he was notified that he would have to beat the retirement board. He has been released for full duty in the United States subject to re-examination in four months. By this time that re-examination should be about finished and unless we are very much mistaken *Gerry* is probably on his way overseas again. In his wanderings *Gerry* said that he bumped into *Schmelzer* who is at work in Washington making a T/O

and E for a Mountain Division. He had seen *Baumer* just before the latter left Washington and just at the time that *Zeller* reported there for duty. He said that *Vic King* is in the Marianas at the big B-29 base there.

*Pat Guiney* writes: "Have been C.O. of the 118 A.A.A. Bn. for the past year. We landed at Omaha beach as an assault team of the V Corps, First U.S. Army on June 9, 1944 (D+3). The Bn. has fought through three campaigns, Normandy, Northern France and Germany, and is now headed for Berlin. The class of '33 is well represented over here. *Elder* is Executive of the Normandy base section at Cherbourg and *Herb* is the Engineer officer of the same outfit. *Russ Broshous* is a big shot in Advance Section Communications Zone here. *Patterson* is A.A.A. officer for the First Army and is doing a great job."

From the other end of the world *Bob Thompson* writes. "I am in the jungle with our Chinese Allies and have become an expert with the chopsticks. The sound of the miscellaneous hardware that lands in the vicinity is almost as loud as the cries of the desk sitters, swivel type, M33, who want to get into the field. What! And lose the crease in their trousers?"

Our first letter from Germany comes from *Rod Gott*, "It got here late but by Golly, the *Lucky Star* reached me in Luxembourg. That is one of the best and friendliest gadgets to come out of our class. Like most everyone else I have been away a long time now and have actually been fighting these since July. Scattered among the foxholes over here are *Bob Franklin*, *Robin Speiser*, *Phil Pope*, *Neal Wallace*, *Solly Solomon*, *Ratcliff*, *Don Cubbison*, *Herby Plapp*. Not so foxholish but here are: *Billy Harris* and *Dave Hagstaff*. All seem to be bearing up under it. A lot of them are Artillery Battalion Commanders, some others on staffs. I am having a great time as Exec. of XII Corps Artillery because I get a chance to visit all of them once in a while."

In conclusion your secretary wants to put in a word so that we shall have something to write about when June comes around. The response to the last *Lucky Star* has been pretty poor. There is hardly enough material to write about and we certainly hope that in spite of the fact that you are all tremendously busy you will take a minute off to drop us a line that we can publish come June.

## 1934

I just got word of the death of *Joe Cummins* (killed in action). He was with the First Army in its drive toward Cologne. I wish I knew more of the details, for *Joe* was my roommate and I feel a personal loss. I know that I am not alone in this feeling: *Joe* was a grand person, and all who knew him valued his friendship.

A letter from *Tom Hayes*, in Germany, arrived the other day and furnished word of *Bob Tyson*, still moving along with the 1st Division. The rest of my dope comes mostly from the *Army and Navy Journal*; perhaps you haven't received your copy. *Jabbo* (Colonel), recently returned from E.T.O., where he served as airborne representative on a W.D. observer board. *Kern* (Colonel), from Fort Knox to Washington. *Dana Johnston*, promoted to Colonel, G.S.C.; *McCrary* to Colonel, Infantry.

From the other side of the world comes news of *Knox Yarbrough*, who was with the 1st Cavalry Division in the "race" into Manila; he has participated in three Pacific landings. *White, C. H.*, C. of S. of a division on Leyte, has also shared much of the experience of these Pacific operations; he was very recently promoted to a full Colonel.

*Bill Denson* leaves here shortly for an assignment overseas, thereby cutting our representation at West Point to four.

## 1935

Another deadline is at hand so here goes with the available information.

*"Sandy" Horstman* and *"Les" Wheeler* are attending the C.&G.S. School. Out in the "Pacific Ocean Area" we have *Jim Adams* as an Assistant G-3; *"Joe-Joe" Anderson*, Chief of Staff of an Infantry Division; *Paul Bryer* in Hawaii; *Summers Dick*, Division Engineer of an Infantry Division in the Philippines; *George Eckhardt*, Assistant to the Deputy on General *Richardson's* staff; *Seneca Foote* with an A.A.A. Brigade; *George Jones* commanding a Parachute Infantry Regiment which was "dropped" on Corregidor (received the D.S.C. for this action); *Jim Kimbrough* who recently left the Signal Office, A.G.F., for somewhere in the P.O.A.; *Eric Ramee*, Regimental Executive Officer of an Infantry Regiment in the Philippines (received the Silver Star at Leyte and the Bronze Star at Hollandia); *Al Robbins* with an A.A.A. Brigade; *Montey Saxton*, Air officer for some staff; *Duncan Sinclair*, G-1 of an In-

fantry Division; *"Bunny" Wilby*, G-4 of an Infantry Division; *Pennock Wollaston*, Assistant G-3 of a Base Command in Hawaii; *Bob Hardy*, with an A.A.A. Brigade; and *Tommy Lang*, Executive of Infantry Division Artillery in the Philippines.

In the E.T.O. is *"Tiger" Beall* commanding a tank battalion attached to the 2d Armored Division; *Eddie Bechtold* commanding a F.A. Battalion of the 1st Division; *Don Elliget* with an Engineer outfit in England; *"Stew" Fries* has a tank battalion attached to the 29th Infantry Division; *"Stumpy" Haug* with U.S.S.T.A.F. in England in some category of Air Engineers; *"Dutch" Koehler* has a "long tom" battalion; *Harry Lemley* in a Corps Artillery Section; *Art Frye* and *Bill Lapsley* each have Engineer Regiments; *"Deac" Moore* with the A.A.F. in France; *Frank Murdoch* has an Infantry Battalion in the 1st Division, as does *John Williamson*; *Lea Roberts* with Ordnance; *Al Show-er* with a B-24 group in England; *Reuben Tucker* commanding a parachute regiment in the 82d Airborne Division (received the D.S.C. in Italy); *Jack Richardson* led a Task Force into Trier, Germany; *Ham Twitchell* with G-3 Section, S.H.A. E.F.; *Dave Wallace* with an Engineer outfit in England; *J. Von G. Wilson* with the 8th Air Force in England; *Jim Worthington* with an Armored Division Artillery Section; *Tom Gillis*, G-2 of an Armored Division, ran into *Hank Cherry* in Bastogne when his division drove through to that place; *George Ruhlen* commands an Artillery Battalion; *"Chuck" Symroski*, G-2 of an Armored Division; *Kelso Clow*, Combat Command Executive in the same division; *John Gloriod*, G-3 of an Infantry Division; *John Throckmorton* in an Army G-3 Section; *Al Foreman* with the 1st Tank Destroyer Group; *Don Phelan* commanding an Engineer Combat Group in the Ninth Army.

The M.T.O. has *Mel Coburn*, commanding the 938th F.A. Battalion; *Aaron Harris*, Air Engineer representative of 15th Air Force; *Ralph Haines* somewhere in Italy; and *Bob Van Roo*, with Fifth Army Ordnance Section.

*Hart Caughey* (just awarded the Legion of Merit) and *Jeff Rumsey* are in the China Theater. *C. P. Hill* and *"Red" Martin* are with the Persian Gulf Command. *Henry Thayer* is Ordnance Officer of the 13th Air Force.

In the United States is *G. F. Brown* on the F.A. Board at Fort Bragg; *Kenny Curtis* with A.A.A. at Fort

Bliss (just back from the S.W.P.); *L. I. Davis* (awarded the Legion of Merit) at Wright Field, as is *Kent Parrott*; *Eddie Ferris*, wounded while serving in the E.T.O., now at Walter Reed General Hospital; *"Mickey" Finn* attending the Navy War College, Providence, R. I.; *Harry Harden* with paratroopers at Fort Benning; *Charlie Hoy*, Director of Training at the Cavalry School; *Downs Ingram* wounded and returned to the States after serving as Chief of Staff of a Heavy Bomb Wing in England; *V. P. Mock* with 2d Army in Memphis; *Carl Miller* recently left Fort Sill for overseas; *Joe Moore* at Fort Bliss with A.A.A.; *Duke McEntee* has a parachute regiment at Camp Mackall, N. C.; *Carmen Rogers* after a two year tour in the South Pacific is now at C.&G.S. School; *"Kip" Schweidel* believed to be at Fort Bliss with A.A.A.; *Billy O'Neal* with Test Section, Infantry Board at Ft. Benning; *Norm Skinrood*, G-3, Harbor Defenses of Boston; *Jimmy Walsh*, A-3, 3d Air Force at Tampa, Florida; and *"Pat" Mente* who was in a hospital in England is believed to be enroute to the States.

Down in Washington is *Hugh Ex-ton* and *Don Bernier* with M.I.S.; *Jim Totten*, *John Morgan*, *John Kemper*, *Jerry Culver*, *Russ Nichols* and *John Bristor* with O.P.D.; *Kim Brown*, *Fred Hall*, *Jack Hickman*, *Jack Roberts*, *"Bud" White* and *"Brick" Reybold* with Hqs., Army Air Forces; *Dick Bauer* in the Office of Chief Signal Officer; *Al Ashman* with W.D., G-4 Section; *John Dilly*, *"Wally" Bride* and *Seth Weld* with Hqs. A.G.F.; *Art Fickle* with New Development, W.D.; *Jack Buckler*, Adjutant at Bolling Field; *Jim Lang* with the Engineers; and *Ed Gray* and *A. C. Wells* at Aberdeen.

Here at West Point are *Dave Stone*, Commanding the Armored Detachment; *"Milt" Taylor*, *Charlie Leonard* and *Stan Stanton* are "Tacs"; *Al Johnson* in the Dept. of Mechanics; *Clyde Sims* in the Dept. of Chemistry and Electricity; and *L. R. Plunkett* and *Al Geist* at Stewart Field.

It is with deep regret that your correspondent reports the death in action in France of *Dudley Coleman*. He was posthumously awarded the D.S.C. and Bronze Star.

Your correspondent thanks all, especially those on duty in Washington and vicinity, for sending in information of members of the Class. Keep it coming and it will get published. Here's hoping that all of you will get back for our tenth reunion this June.

## 1936

Once again the *Assembly* deadline has rolled around and it's time to pass on to you the news and the rumors.

*Hank Mucci*, when you return come around and see my file of news clippings on your daring mercy raid on February 1. For those of you who have not heard, this old G-Co. stalwart (according to tradition the runts were always the best men in the Corps) led his Sixth Ranger Bn. behind the Jap lines on Luzon and rescued over 500 Allied prisoners. All goes to show you the value of training. Remember the three Pic's by the name of *Mucci*, *Sibert*, and *Trout* who decided one cold and wintry night to hike to Crow's Nest? (P.S. They finally reached North Gate).

The "Silent One," *Creighton Abrams* of the 37th Tank Bn., 4th Armored Div., has rated the front pages for two months. No man ever carried a better Christmas gift than he when his outfit led the dash into besieged Bastogne on December 26. Today (March 9) he is in Coblenz. Keep 'em rolling.

I have here a clipping and a photo of *Ernie Holmes*. *Ernie* is now a Group Commander in the 15th A.A.F. in Italy. *Ernie*, you haven't changed much—a little older (naturally) and a wee bit chubbier (also naturally). But there is still that same old glint and devilish twinkle in your eyes. You certainly must be doing the worstest things to the worstest people.

*Tiger Janof* is a consistent correspondent. Still driving trucks in France, I see. Or have you crossed the border by now? He says he has recently seen *Wally Barrett* and *Clifton* over there. Tell me, *Tiger*, how about a nice case of Liebfraumilch to celebrate your crossing of the Rhine?

In spite of the Japs and the mud and rain, *Bob Fergusson* took time out to send me some news of the class in the Philippines. Quote: *Inch Williams* is here with the 96th Div. as an Exec. in an infantry regiment. *Ben Turnage* is in the G-3 Section and *Bess* is in the Signal Section of the 6th Army H.Q. *Bartella* is in the Air Section. *Bill Ryder* is Airborne Officer in G.H.Q. *Bill Meany* dropped by the C.P. the other day; he is Ordnance Officer with the 5th A.A.F. *Jack Daly* is Ass't G-2, 10th Corps. *Jock Clifford* commands a bn. in the 24th Div. his outfit made an epic stand at a road block and had to be supplied by air. *Jim Landrum* has a bn. in the 77th Div. and did an exceptionally fine job in making a surprise amphibious land-

ing far in the Jap rear. I'm with the 7th Div.—G-2 for over two years through Attu, Kwajalein, and now the Philippines. Unquote. Great work, *Bob*. It was just like finding a gold nugget to get all this news.

The rumor is that *Bill Conor* was seen striding down the main drag of Manila. Fact or rumor, *Bill*?

A couple new eagles in the class in January: *Dave Milne* who is with the Twelfth Army in France, and *Gil Dorland* who now commands an aviation engineer regiment in Italy.

Here is a little miscellaneous news. *Ted Klock*, Aviation Engineers, is in Spokane waiting to go again after being back a year. *Ralph King* has received the Bronze Star and the Legion of Merit. *Clark Hosmer* is in the Air Inspector's Office in San Francisco. *Ham Morris* is in Europe. *Jim Billy Leer* is at Ft. Benning. *Dan McElthey* still has his engineer regiment overseas.

By the time the *Assembly* reaches you *Bill Kinard* will no longer be a member of the Greystone Gang. How are you making out with that itchy, itchy underwear, *Bill*? *Ken Dawalt* is down at Ft. Sill for a few weeks. The rest of us are still here—*Bill Longley*, *Steve Holderness*, *Wirt Williams*, *Josh Finkel*, *Chuck Prosser*, *Lee Shea*, *Don Noake*, and me.

The old noggin has been doing some thinking to see what can be done for our tenth reunion next year. Your cooperation is needed. If all of you, especially the wives, would send me information regarding stations and assignments, rank, awards, family pictures, names and number of children, and any other pertinent facts, I'll take over the task of trying to organize a booklet for the occasion.

—I. W. R.

## 1937

News from members of '37 is hard to get. Remember, you have to let *O'Malley* or *Smith* know what you are doing in order to make the headlines. *Buck Forney* has sprouted "eagles" and is working as an engineer for the Air Corps in Burma. *Joe Chabot* was rescued from the Japs in the recent invasion of Luzon. "Uncle Ed" *Postlethwait* led a battalion of Infantry in the invasion and conquest of Corregidor. *Don Shive* has left the Pacific theatre where he has been for over two years and is on his way back to the States. *Jim Brierley* has left West Point and is on his way overseas. *Pony Scherrer* has left Riley for the Pacific theatre. *Jim Duncan* has taken his outfit over to the E.T.O. *Trapper Drum* visited West Point this month.

*Woody Stromberg* is still running S.H.A.E.F. *Charlie Stark* writes from a P.O.W. camp in Germany that he, *Klocho*, and *Stevenson* are O.K. and that thanks to the Red Cross they have plenty of food and clothing.

S. L. Smith.

## 1938

Dear Satchels,

Let me commence this disunited, non-coherent and unemphatic epistle with a letter from *Harvey P. Barnard*, Colonel A.C. who is in Fitzsimons General Hospital, Ward E-4, Denver 8, Colorado. "I've been here a few months resting from too much war I guess—getting better rapidly with plenty of sleep and rest. I spent the past year in England in a Heavy Bomb. group of which I was C.O. I hated to have to leave. Those of our class in 8th A.F. *Bob Sisco* who was my Air-Exec. before I left. *Duke Herboth* has his own group of heavies—as does *Jim Isbell*. *Jim Luper* had his own group but was shot down last fall (let's hope he is O.K. in prison camp). *Ed Rogner* took over his group. *Brooks Wilson* was in same wing with *Jim* and *Ed* last fall, don't know now. *Bob Hill*, my roommate who resigned after graduation, is back in, and my last card had him taking a B-17 crew overseas. And! to stop all rumors, I have only (3) three children, 2 boys, 1 girl. I may add I wish I had their energy! I meant to tell you *Ralph Lister* is *Herboth's* Air-Exec. Both still bachelors. Please have my *Assembly* sent here as I'll probably be here another year or two. Am very proud of all our athletic teams, especially Football and 59-0 A-N.D. game! If you, or any of our classmates have time I would like to hear from you—and them."

(Ed.—Two years in a hospital is a long time—seconds are minutes—weeks are months—so to *Barnard* and all others hospitalized back here or overseas, let's make an effort to get mail to them with all class news and personal news you can dig up. Hold out their addresses and write even if this or that person wasn't in your Div. — your company or your Bat.—make his acquaintance better now.)

*Dave Byars* writes: Am patient in New Orleans, after getting shell fragments in the right foot—France, 3rd Army. I'll be here at least 3 months. The only classmate I ran into the whole time was *Burke*, Sig. Officer, 80th Div. Address Ward 37, LaGarde General Hospital, New Orleans, Louisiana.

*Mabel Haynes* writes: "No news at all. *Dallas* still in Belgium. *Mel Rus-*

sell in 12th Army. *Ruth Kappes* has had a couple 50 word cards from *George*. Still a prisoner at that time, July, 1944, Philippines. Baby born on *Republic* coming home from P.I. *Ruth* is teaching school in Hemet."

And another:

"Dear Sirs,  
"I am the mother of *Morris F. Taber*, 1938, hoping to give you this information for your April Assembly. *Morris* left the States for the Burma-China theatre of war in April of 1943, and has been with General *Claire Chennault's* 14th A.F. in China. He was made a full colonel in November of 1943, received the D.F.C. and Silver Star and other awards for meritorious action. On April 8 of 1944 he was reported missing-in-action. I am enclosing a clipping from our Lewistown, Montana, paper which gives more information." The article, in brief, gives a resume of *Morris's* activities and abilities. A former member of *Taber's* crew said, "The colonel constantly impressed upon us our duty to kill Japs, and to cause all the damage possible."

Still another:

*Johnny Jannarone*—"Bob Kasper is over here with an amphibious engr. unit. We see each other quite frequently. Although he won't admit it, he has gained at least 2½ pounds since graduation. *Ben Tarver* arrived here for duty with an Air Force Headquarters. *Crouch* is on duty with the same outfit. *George Abert* is still Div. Q.M. here and I think is about ready to go back. *Johnny Finn* has been doing a swell job with his division, commanding a regiment. *Ed Lahti* is also making quite a name for himself as a paratrooper and has seen plenty of action. *Jenkins* is C.O. of a F.A. battalion. *Bob Love* has been here a long time in command of an engr. aviation battalion. *McDonald* is with an engr. amphibious regiment. *Brischetto* is an A-3 with an Air-Corps outfit. *Hank Hartline* recently joined a Corps headquarters in G-2 section. *Audrey* and *Jackie* are in Jersey with her mother—all fine. I've been here (Pacific) since June as Exec. in Eng. Sect."

*Don Saunders*, Sq. Commander, and *Van Sickle*, Group Operations officer, made the first Tokyo raid. *Saunders* is now Deputy Group C.O. and *Van* is in Wing A-3. *Desloge Brown* has an engineer group in Saipan. Also in the Marianas in B-29's are *Macomber*, *Huglin*, *Sturdivant*, and *Polhamus*, all deputy group C.O.'s. *Chum Morrison* and *Castex Conner* have Service Groups. *Bill*

*Blanchard* just came over from C.B.I. as XXI Bomber Command A-3. *Nick Chavasse* is bringing in a Weather Recon. Sq. According to the latest information, *Bill Strand* was G-3 of a Corps in the Philippines.

Incidentally, do we have any mazuma in Class Fund? There have been times when small sums would help the correspondent here. Will the classmate in charge of this fund contact me? Mull this over too, and drop me a line about it—in order to have an active class secretary-treasurer, could we nominate one member of those stationed here as "Acting Secretary-Treasurer," and have this same thing pass on down from year to year (tour to tour). If there is no classmate here (West Point) at any given time, this could be passed on to Washington, D. C. It will be rare not to have a classmate here, class informed of all changes through column, etc. Please include advice on this in your letters.

—Glance.

### 1939

From the small amount of poop which has come in since the last issue it looks like everyone is too busy working to write. It only takes a card—let's have it. Here's what we've got (if it's wrong let us know):

*Beckedorff* is leaving U.S.M.A. for C.&G.S.S. then to troops. *Belardi*—Pentagon. *Bollard*—killed in action on Luzon. *Brockman*—booby-trapped in February with 3rd Army in France—now recovering. It's Colonel *Carpenter* since February. *Cleverly* is back from the S.W. Pacific to be retired. *Cappy Clough* has been commanding a Nisei Bn. in Italy, he's now in France with an inf. outfit—has Silver Star. According to "Life", *Hack Connor* was one of the first in Manila—commanding a squadron of the 8th Cavalry. *Davis, J. T.*, killed in action in Belgium on January 8 while commanding a parachute inf. bn. *Dobson* was at Oflag No. 64 in Poland when last heard from in October. *Dolvin* has a Tank Battalion in 3rd Army. *Engstrom* has been bombing in Africa, Italy, France, Austria and Germany with his Liberator squadron in the 15th A.F. *Forrest* has been conducting an amphibian and mountain warfare school for the Alaskan Dept. *Gilchrist* was at Davis—believed to have gone overseas. *Ned Glenn* has been commanding a parachute infantry battalion at Camp Mackall, N. C. *Fuzzy Harrison* is at W.R.G.H. but we expect him back here soon. *Herstad* is Bn. Exec. of an A.A. Bn. 3rd Army. *Howard* is at

the Pentagon. *Hull, K. M.*, recently arrived in New Guinea. *Jordan, E. J.*, is with Hq. Div. Arty. 5th Armd. Div. *George Jumper* commands the 385th Bombardment Grp. in Europe. *Sammy Kail* is overseas with an Airborne outfit. *Kelly, J. P. A.*, attended Mil. Gov. course at Yale—present whereabouts unknown. *Joe Kingsley* has gone navy on us—he's a Colonel commanding an A.A.F. Floating Repair Unit. The Russians recently effected *Kouns's* release from a German P.O.W. camp. *Kunzig* is in the E.T.O. on staff of 84th Div. *Lampert*, with 3rd Army, won the Silver Star. *Lane, B. G.*, when last heard from was an Instructor at Sill. *Lasche* is overseas with an Inf. Div. *McConnell, W. J.*—now on staff of 15th A.G. *McCray, J. O.*—killed in action in February. *Karl Ockershauser* left Camp Mackall for overseas with an Airborne outfit. *Ostberg*, returned to duty after recovering from wounds, was wounded again and died on February 3. It's Colonel *Phelan* since February. *Scott, K. L.*, killed in action in France sometime in January. When last heard from, *Seipel* was in the Gunnery Dept. at Sill. *Smith, H. T.*, is commanding an A.A. Bn. at Camp Stewart, Ga. "*Philo*" *Vance*, after winning the Congressional Medal of Honor for heroism on D-Day-1, was lost at sea when a hospital plane went down between Iceland and Newfoundland last July. *Walker, J. T.*, was wounded sometime in January. *Wood, O. E.*, is at the T.D.C. at Camp Hood, Texas. *Yaletchko* has gone over with the Rainbow Div.

*Wells, Coffey, White, Farrell, Ly-can, Pavick, Kobes, Scroggs, Schwenk* and *Maxwell* join in sending their best from here. Let us hear from you soon.

—R. A. White.

### 1940

After writing for the Assembly for two years *George Carnahan* has turned the job over to *Ivan Sattem*. All give thanks to *George* for a job well done.

To begin with, I've compiled a master poop-sheet (*Kramer*, please note) with a page for each classmate, on which is copied information on each person published in previous Assemblies. These records indicate 121 of the class have never been mentioned in Assembly up to this date.

A digest of letters carrying over from 1944 indicated that *Heinemann, T. L. Hoffman, Fisher, Floryan, Sell, Kramer, Noble*, and *Free* were in France. *Sam Goodwin* was injured

in an auto accident in France and praises the medicos while recuperating in England. *Al Bethune* went to Italy for awhile before being sent back to a U.S. hospital and finally to Westover Field, Mass. He saw *Lanny Witt* in Naples. *Lanny*, after nearly four years overseas (Panama, Mediterranean, France), is at Fort Bliss, Texas, along with *Bill Kintner*, just back from E.T.O. and holder of Bronze Star medal. *Bill* was at West Point giving an A.A. seminar on operations overseas to the officers and first classmen in December. *Carey O'Bryan* also returned to Hell-on-the-Hudson to tell the first class the hell the Japs get from our B-29's. As of 1944 men with San Francisco A.P.O.'s included *Hal Brown* and *Charlie Beaudry* (in States on leave last summer).

In the '45 news *Phil Elliott* was made Div. Q.M. in Camp Chaffee, Ark. *Tony Wermuth* writes from Benning and says that *Townsend* is instructing, *Mabee* and *Daniels* are in the parachute school, *Cameron*, *Borden*, and *Clapsaddle* are in another outfit, and *Fred White* is leaving his student status soon. *Jacobs* writes from a hospital in England after pulling a *Denno* (both were deceived by mines) in France. He expects to be back on duty soon. *Jake* met *Balthis*, *Galbreath*, *Millican*, and *Shanahan* in Germany and says *Dick Free* received the Bronze Star.

*Ralph Osborn*, having been awarded one proverbial furlined job, applies for another with a letter written in January. His ex-wife, *Harry Stella* (ass't. G-3, 6th Army) sent *Ozz* much of the poop and both give credit to *Bonham* for keeping tab on classmates in *J. B.'s* soon-to-be-famous little, black notebook. *Pat Davis* is director of training, and *Lief Andrews*, a B-29 wing A-3, at Peterson Field, Colorado Springs, Colo. B-29 squadron commanders include *Bob Strong* and *Ralph Osborn* in Salina, Kansas; *Jack De Witt* in Saipan and *Jack East* in China. *Donnell* is a B-29 flight commander in the Marianas. *Chuck Esau* took *Ralph's* job in Washington as A-2, 20th Air Force; *Norvell* is A-1 of the 20th. Also on the A.A.F. staff in Washington are *Dave Dalziel*, *Al Gillem*, and *A. B. Hughes*. Incidentally *Al* and *Brousseau* were at the Point for a basketball game in February. *Bruce* is operations officer at Bolling Field, Washington. *Harnett* and *W. F. Coleman* in O.P.D., *Denno*, *Donahue*, and *Sullivan* in A.G.F. and *Bob Maxwell* and *Morrissey* in the Pentagon complete the Capitol staffers. *Flanders* (a la

*Time* magazine) commanding an Avn. Engr. Bn. in the Marianas. At Orlando, Fla., the class is represented by *O'Bryan* and *Ware* in the A.A.F.T.A.C. and *Hoover* on the A.F. Board. *Scottie Case* with an Armd. Div. in E.T.O. was wounded recently. Other A.A.F. men in the States include *Milt Barnard*, Director of Flying at Greenville, S. C., *W. F. Lewis*, Ass't A-3, 3rd A.F., Tampa, and *Shearer* in 2nd A.F. (was at Columbus, Ohio, school in November). Overseas, *J. B. McAfee* is a Wing A-3 in E.T.O., *Roy Nelson*, a weather officer in Italy, *M. E. Parker*, on the Mediterranean A.A.F. staff, and *Abbey*, a B-17 squadron commander in Italy. To finish his list *Ozz* adds that *Bingham* is regt. comdr. (full colonel) in E.T.O., *Vanderhoef* (Div. G-2) reported wounded recently, *D. S. Parker*, Engr. Bn. Comdr. at Camp Bowie, Texas, and *Lavell* a student at Army Navy Staff School. Thanks a lot, *Ozz*, you've won the fur-lined trophy again. Once more and you'll retain permanent possession.

*Midge Penney* sends a last-minute letter with information that *George Mayo* and *Rod Wetherill* (together again) along with *Don Yeuell* live and work together in S.H.A.E.F. *Dick Free* as Div. Engr., *O. H. Robinson* as Engr. Bn. C.O., and *Charlie Banks* in 12th Army Group are in France. In Washington the *Sullivans* had a girl in February, and the *Nobles* a boy in March. *Midge* met Mrs. *Iacobucci* who just returned after being interned with the other nurses in the Philippines. She met *Howard Penney* on an Army Staff in the P.I., and says *Iacobucci* is still a prisoner in Japan.

*Phil Moore*, attending C.&G.S., says *Mackin* just completed a course and that *Paul Cullen* expects to leave C.&G.S. soon. *Bob Dice* is to attend the March class at Leavenworth. The arrival of *Symroski* in the T.D. at West Point as Commandant of Air Cadets, Stewart Field, brings to eighteen the total of '40 now here. Holdovers are: *Barry*, *Carnahan*, *C. L. Clark*, *Devlin*, *Dice*, *Dixon*, *Downey*, *Humphrey*, *P. J. Moore*, *Pillsbury*, *Prann*, *Roedy*, *Rorick*, *Sattem*, *Spengler*, *Tuck*, and *H. L. Wilson* (retired in December, but returned to duty). The foregoing poop has removed some from the "missing in Assembly" list. The information in the following paragraph has been given by classmates here, based partly on recent letters received and partly on past knowledge. Though not all information is up to date, it sheds some knowledge on activities of "lost" friends.

*Aber*—last heard from in Fort Bliss. Believed now to be in E.T.O. *Adams*—returned from E.T.O. to hospital in Palm Springs, Cal., and on leave in Carmel, Cal. *Applegate*—in Air Corps in Washington. *Aubrey*—Armd. Arty. Bn., S-3, 3d Army. *Baumer*—left for E.T.O. last of February. *Benson*—in Philippines. *Bayerle*—commanded an A.A. Bn. in Puerto Rico as late as 1943. *Biswanger*—post quartermaster, Attu. *Brewer*—in E.T.O. *Britt*—captured in Philippines, 1942. *Buck*—at Grand Island Air Base, Nebraska. *Cagwin*—in Philippines. *Carr*—has been at Fort Belvoir, Va., and in Alaska. *Case*—wounded and now in Woodrow Wilson General Hospital, Staunton, Va. *Cibotti*—returned from Panama, attended A.A. School, Camp Davis and believed overseas again. *Clay*—returned from Hawaii a few months ago and is now on C.A.C. Board, Fort Monroe. *Clock*—Engr. Bn. Comdr. in S.W.P.A. *Coats*—Arty. Bn. Comdr., France. *Colligan*—transferred from C.A.C. to Air Corps, went to E.T.O., and reported missing in Fall, 1944. *Coontz*—returned from Panama and was stationed in Kentucky in 1943. *Cooper*—captured in Philippines, 1942. *Craig*—retired for physical disability, now lives in Austin, Texas. *Crocker*—a doughboy in the fighting near Saipan. *Gus Cullen*—captured in Philippines, 1942. *Delamater*—in parachute Bn., Camp McCall. *Donnell*—son born at West Point, March 5. *Downing*—returned from Panama Air Force in 1942 to a hospital in states. Believed back on full duty now. *Dyke*—back in States from Mediterranean. Believe he may now be stationed in Washington. *Fairlamb*—Air Inspector, Mitchell Field. *Fellenz*—Bn. Exec. Inf. Regt., France. *Ferrill*—A.A. officer with Air Corps in South Pacific. *Flanders*—after building air strips in Pacific (including Saipan), is now in States on 30 day leave. *Forbes*—in Philippines. *Freudendorf*—in E.T.O. *Frontczak*—in Air Corps. Seen in New York, March 1944, on way overseas. *L. J. Fuller*—returned from Hawaii in 1942. In England as of November, 1944. *Gasperini*—captured in Philippines, 1942. *Gordon*—at Camp Davis, N. C., in January 1944. *Graf*—Avn. Engr. Bn. in England, 1944. *Haessly*—in E.T.O. *Haggard*—attended Infantry School, 1944. In command of Rcn. Troop, Inf., Div. and believed to have been captured in Africa. *Haseman*—returned from Pacific and went to England and France as Ass't. Corps Engr. *Heid*—in Walter Reed Hospital after being wounded in France. Expects

reassignment from hospital in March. *Heidtke*—visited West Point in Summer, 1944, on way overseas. *Hendrickson*—last seen at A.A. School, Camp Davis. *Hobson*—in E.T.O. with 9th Div. *Jung*—had orders to West Coast for probable assignment in Pacific Area. *Kolda*—was in Hawaii in 1942 but came back to A.A. School. *Krauss*—captured in Philippines, 1942. *Krisberg*—went to Puerto Rico in 1940. *Kyle*—with 1st Div. Arty. in 1941. *Lemley*—in E.T.O. *William Lewis*—seen at Stewart Field, Fall 1944. *Light*—wrote an article in recent C.A. Journal. *Lucas*—visited West Point, Fall 1944. Now with Armd. Force, E.T.O. *McAfee*—at latest report is Opns. Officer of Bomb Wing in France. *McCroskey*—in P-47 Squadron, E.T.O. *McDonald*—in May '44 was in Inf. Div. in Camp Breckinridge, Ky. *McKenney*—Staff job in Allied Force Hq., Italy. Only known C.A.C. officer who is also qualified as paratrooper. *McKenzie*—German P.O.W. *McLean*—in E.T.O. *Mackin*—now in Ordnance and stationed in 2d Service Command, Governors Island, New York City. *Mansfield*—missing in 1942 flying B-18's in Alaska. *Marling*—was seen at Army-Navy game last fall. Is Air Corps Weather Officer in U.S.A. *Mastran*—in E.T.O. *A. D. Maxwell*—rumored to have resigned some time after graduation but believed back on duty in Washington. *Mendez*—in E.T.O. *Merchant*—was in Panama, believed to have returned to States by 1943. *Milton*—visited West Point in August, 1944. Now has B-17 Group in England. A full colonel with D.S.C., D.F.C. (with clusters), Air Medal (with clusters) and Purple Heart. *Monroe*—in E.T.O. *T. H. Muller*—left for E.T.O. in December, '44. *Munson*—in Philippines. *C. A. Murphy*—in Corps Hq. Germany. *J. J. Murphy*—Japanese P.O.W. *Norman*—was seen at Stewart Field Air Show last fall. *O'Donnell*—Inf. Bn. Exec., France. *O'Neil*—C.O. Engr. Bn., France. *M. E. Parker*—stationed in Pentagon Building, Washington. *Paulick*—reported to have done wonderful job and received many decorations in Italy. *Peterson*—is Secretary to General Staff, Adiak, Alaska. *Pfeil*—was in S.O.S., Noumea, New Caledonia, in April, 1944. Believed to be Engr. Bn. C.O. now. *Phillips*—captured in Philippines, 1942. *Presnell*—captured in Philippines, 1942. *Quaid*—attended Engineer School, Fort Belvoir, Va., in 1942. *Rasmusen*—was stationed at Mitchel Field and Savannah Air Base in 1944. *Reinecke*—in France. *Renola*—in

France. *Rosen*—Japanese P.O.W. *Ross*—in Panama C.A.C. in 1940. *Rust*—at Fort Belvoir, Va., in 1942. *Scott*—in Q.M., Washington. *Shoss*—captured in Philippines, 1942. Reported as one of few prisoners who escaped from Japanese P.O.W. ship recently torpedoed. *Silvasy*—was at Camp Stewart, Georgia, and then to Hq. 10th Army in July, 1944. *Simpson*—captured in Philippines, 1942. *Sitterson*—graduated in March, 1941, and now working for General Electric. *Smelley*—Air Corps, E.T.O. *Smiley*—Armd. Div. Air Officer in Tennessee Maneuvers, 1944. *J. J. Smith*—in Savannah Air Base, 1941. *P. E. Smith*—in France. *J. G. Stewart*—completed advanced course at Benning in 1944. Destination unknown. *P. C. Stoddart*—retired for physical disability in 1944. Holder of Silver Star, D.F.C., and Air Medal. Reported by one source as living in San Francisco and by another as living in Camp McCall. Which is it, *Bud*? *Strauss*—in E.T.O. *Strock*—in Philippines. *Swift*—in Philippines. *Thayer*—at Q.M. Subsistence School, Chicago. *Toth*—captured in Philippines, 1942. *Turner*—married and in an A.A. unit in Texas, 1944. *Wald*—Japanese P.O.W. *Wendt*—Arty. Bn. Comdr., France. *Wheat*—captured in Philippines, 1942. *Wilcox*—in Washington, D. C. *J. F. Williams*—visited West Point in March, but left no information. *J. M. Wright*—captured in Philippines, 1942. *Yates*—rescued from Cabanatuan P.O.W. Camp, Philippines, in January. Hope he can send us information on rest of classmates captured in Philippines.

We've just received a letter from *Shoemaker*, one of our "missing-in-Assembly" men. He's been "intending to write to *Assembly* for some time as he enjoys reading it and hearing how the class is making out." His F.A. battalion recently fired its 100,000th combat round. He reports seeing the following in Southern France: *John O'Keefe*, F.A. Bn. Exec.; *Ford Fuller* and *Mike Bavaro*, Exec. and S-3 in same outfit; *Jack Dibble*, S-2 on T.D. Group Staff; and *McLean*, who has a heavy battalion. *Kasper* is in an Infantry outfit in that area. *Joe Couch* was there until he hit a mine, but is now back in the land of malted milks, leaving behind an enviable reputation. Pure hearsay locates *Mac Lemley* and *Don Yeuell* up north somewhere. By his V-Mail letter *Ray* has given information on three "missing-in-Assembly" men, has given information on four others from whom we haven't heard since 1943, and verified the location of two more men. We're now wondering

about *Dibble* since the last *Assembly* said he was in the Pacific Area. Let's have more of these quickly-written V-Mail letters. The July issue of *Assembly* has a news dead line of June 10th, just after our Fifth Reunion. We want our information to be complete and up to date then. We're also sending out a form letter to each classmate to get information for our "History of '40," which we hope to issue in June.

A deadline letter from *Al Gillem* verifies that the following men, all with overseas service, are on Washington staffs: *Brousseau*, *W. F. Coleman*, *Dalziel*, *Esau*, *Ferry*, *Harnett*, *Norvell*, *M. E. Parker*, and *Scott*. After 30 months in M.T.O. and C.B.I. commanding a medium group, *Wilcox* is on a public speaking tour. *Warren*—full colonel in M.T.O. Air Force. *Litton*—recaptured P.O.W. and *Archie Knight*—both full colonels with fighter groups in M.T.O.

That still leaves us with about fifty names missing. Incidentally, these records indicate that twenty-eight of our class have joined the long, grey line. Only five have been remembered in the "In Memory" section of *Assembly*, so those left behind, don't forget those who have gone ahead.

At West Point we are all looking forward to seeing as many as possible return for our Fifth Reunion. If you run into any last-minute reservation difficulty, rest assured that one of the eighteen here will be able to help you.

—*Ivan Sattem*.

## 1941

Starting with the European Theater, *Johnny Deane*, stationed in Paris, writes that *Ed Gelderman* is in S.H.A.E.F., *Ed Dillard* is Exec. of a Q.M. Group Hq. in Paris, Lt. Col. *Felix Gerace* is Exec. of a Q.M. Group Hq., and *Dick Rastetter* is Exec. of an Armored Maintenance Bn. in an Armored Div. with the 3d Army. According to Capt. *Vic Campana*, Bn. S-3, the class of '41 is well represented in his Airborne Div. Lt. Col. *Jack Norton* is G-3, Lt. Col. "*Butch*" *Kaiser* is C.O. of a Bn., *Jack Adams* has a company, and Maj. *J. C. H. Lee* is with the Engr. Bn. "*Butch*" *O'Connell* is with a combat Engr. Bn. in Germany. Maj. *Andy Evans* celebrated his assignment as Deputy Commander of a Fighter Group in the 8th Air Force by shooting down a Focke Wulf 190 over Magdeburg. Maj. *Johnny Locke* has rejoined his P-47 Squadron in France after a 30 day leave in the states. Maj. *Joe Gurfein*, G-2 of an Airborne Task Force, writes that he saw Lt. Col.

*Bill Brier*, B-26's, and Lt. Col. *Jack Kelsey*, bombers, in northern France. *Joe* also says Maj. *F. C. Fitzpatrick* is in an Armored Div., and *Sam Parks* is in a Sig. Bn. Maj. *Pat Tansley*, C.O. of an Armored Bn. was wounded in action in Belgium on January 14th. Capt. "*Wire*" *Coakley*, C.O. of a Cav. Ren. Sq. went to England from the states on the same boat with Lt. Col. *Ted Brown*, who had been in the states on a 30 day leave. "*Snatch*" *Lanigan* and Lt. Col. *Phil Seneff* are in an Armored Div. of the 7th Army. *Phil* in Div. G-4. Maj. *Brad Smith*, Bn. Exec. and Capt. *Fran Troy* are in the same Div. of the 7th Army. *Troy* is hoping to get to Paris to see his wife, an Army nurse, who left the states while he was on his first tour of overseas duty. On a recent visit to the 1st Army Front *Brad* saw *Bob Borman* who is running a big Q.M. depot, *Al Laudani*, *Joe Knowlton*, and *Windy Knowles*. Capt. *H. V. Ellis* with F.A. Bn. in Germany, reports seeing "*Delly*" *McMillan*, C.O. of an A.A. Bn. *Ellis* says *Jim Laney* has a 90-mm. Bn. which is now in Belgium. While *Jim's* Bn. was in England it supposedly shot down more Robots than any other unit. *Jim King* Ass't. Div. G-2 is in Germany, *Roy Kelley* is reported in Holland, Lt. Col. *S. Y. Coker* is C.O. of a Combat Engr. Bn., and *Ernie Whitaker* is with an Armored Arty. Group in the 7th Army. Maj. *Walt Mullane*, Div. Ord. officer; Maj. "*Bob*" *Keagy*, Bn. Exec.; and Capt. "*Cam*" *Canella* are in the same Div. *Walt* has a new baby girl, his second, born at West Point in March. Lt. Col. *Lew Elder*, C.O. of a B-17 Squadron, has completed his missions and is on his way home. *Al Hayduk* in England has a squadron of medium bombers and is located very close to *Lew's* squadron. With U.S.S.T.A.F. are Lt. Col. *Dave Kunkel*, *Ralph Freeze*, and *George Stalaker*. *Dave* has just returned to England after a 30 day leave in the states and is doing intelligence work. Lt. Col. *Jock Murray*, Ass't. Div. G-2, writing from Germany for *Charley Fletcher*, S-2 of a F.A. Group and *Ralph Kucell*, Ass't. Div. G-2, says that being in the same racket they see each other quite often. *Jock* reports seeing *G. B. Pickett*, *Fletcher* has seen *Bob Salisbury*, Div. Arty. S-3, and *C. L. Smith*, Arty. Bn. S-3. Capt. *Auby House* is the S-3 of a F.A. Bn. in a Div. with the 7th Army. Lt. Col. "*Howdy*" *Clark*, Exec. of Corp. Engr. Hq., and Lt. Col. "*Honky*" *Schilling*, Corp. Engr. troops, are near each other. "*Howdy*" recently captured himself a German.

*Joe Ward* is with an A.A. outfit in the 3d Army. Capt. *Merritt Hewitt* is with a signal detachment. *J. C. Barney* commands an Inf. Bn. which he led into battle 4 hours after taking over. Major *P. C. Root* is S-3 of an Armored Inf. Bn., Maj. *Graham Wait* is Exec. of an Engr. Bn. in Germany, *Billy Clifford* and "*Boaty*" *Boutwright* are in Belgium, *John Vincent D'Esposito* is in Paris, and Lt. Col. *Bill Linton* is C.O. of an Engr. Bn. in Germany. "*Duckey*" *Deyo*, in France, *Tom Sharkey*, *T. K. White*, *Dick Levy*, *Rog Neumeister*, "*Stringer*" *Kemp*, "*Cul*" *Dillard*, and "*Bill*" *Gurnee*. *Sharkey* has a new baby boy. On December 29, "*Baron*" *Von Schiltz* was in P.W. Camp No. 64 in Poland. This camp was captured by the Russians on January 21st, but don't know if "*Baron*" was still there. The "*Baron's*" second boy was born in February. *Ernie Durr*, *Freddy Stanford*, *Larry Greene* and *Bizz Moore* are in Italy. Maj. *Heb Richardson* is C.O. of an Engr. Avn. Bn. also in Italy.

Moving over to the Pacific we have a large collection of '41-ers in the Philippines. Maj. "*Butch*" *Rising* writes that the Japs were a little determined but that, "Between *Bud Thompson* here as A-3 of the Bomb Wing, *Cochran (Cocky)* as Exec. of the 90-mm's and yours truly as chief barbed wire stringer we discouraged the opposition." Maj. "*Boots*" *Gilbert*, on Leyte, said *Woody Garrett*, Ranger Battalion, and *Ren Keleher* spent the night with him when the Jap paratroops made their raid. "*Boots*" got a piece of flak in his knee and was in the hospital for 50 days. *Ren Keleher*, Lt. Col. *Jay Henschke*, Capt. *Woody Woodward*, F.A., and *John Manley*, A.A. had a "41" reunion on New Year's Day. *Ren* writes that he has seen "*Snatch*" *Faulkner*, *Jack McClure*, *Ben Howze*, *Hal Tidmarsh*, *Dave Woods*, and *Tony Chavez*. Capt. "*Hack*" *Liles* is in the Philippines working for Col. *Willis Mathews*, of "to the rear march" fame. While "*Hack*" was in the states on a 30 day leave after 31 months overseas he married *Harriet Phillips* of Birmingham, Ala. Capt. "*Rip*" *Collins* is on Leyte with one of the divisions that made the initial landing. *Harry Besancon* is in the Engr. Section of Gen. *MacArthur's* Hq. From Hawaii Maj. "*Bucky*" *Miller*, G-5 section, writes that he saw *Wally Lauterbach*. Maj. *Bill Gribble* is the Exec. of an Engr. outfit in the Netherlands East Indies. *Ed. Kisiel* has a 90-mm. battery also in the Netherlands East Indies. Capt. "*Zeke*"

*Eger* is in the Ord. Sect. of a General Depot, Maj. *Guy Goddard* commands an Engr. Bn., both in New Guinea. *George Cooper* is in Alaska. *Pete Crow*, *Claire Armstrong*, and *John R. Richards* are in the C.B.I. theater.

For the men in the United States *Willie Hoge* is in a General Hospital in the middle west recuperating from a leg wound received in action in France. "*Wray*" *White* back from France is stationed in Washington. Also in Washington are Maj. *Van Hoy* in Engr. Branch A.A.F. and "*Red*" *Moyer* in the G-2 public relations section. Maj. *Billy Mitchell* was in the G-3 section in Washington but has been transferred to some place in Florida. Maj. *Herb Clendering* is Ass't. Air Inspector at Geiger Field. Maj. *Vince Carlton*, C.O. of an Engr. Bn., and "*Blum*" *Grace*, Exec. of the same outfit, expected to take their Bn. to Fort Riley from Fort Belvoir but their orders were changed. Maj. *Ken Kennedy* is a Training Inspector at Fort Belvoir. Maj. *Jess Unger* has a Combat Engr. Bn. at Fort Riley and is expecting to go overseas shortly. Maj. *Moody Layfield* has a Q.M. Bn. at Fort Riley. Maj. *Lee Ledford*, Exec. of a 240-mm. Bn. is on his way overseas. Capt. "*Pappy*" *Callaway*. 31 months overseas, is an instructor at Fort Benning. Maj. *Al Moody* just returned from C.B.I. is at Fort Leavenworth. Lt. Col. *Dick Travis* is in Tampa with the 3d Air Force. *Bob Detweiler* is in Calif. after 26 months overseas.

Recent visitors to West Point were: Lt. Col. *Fred Ascani*, just arrived from flying B-17's a year in Italy; Maj. "*Bozzie*" *Boswell*, on a 30 day leave after a long stretch in India; Lt. Col. *Leroy Watson*, on 30 day leave from England, and Lt. Col. *Bert Rosenbaum*, Deputy Commander of a B-25 Group in the Philippines, after 26 months overseas.

The class of '41 at West Point and Stewart Field now number 25. Latest arrivals are Capt. "*Acc*" *Bailey* with the Infantry Detachment and Capt. *Jim Carroll* with the Mechanics Department. *Acc* was in Italy for 26 months, and *Jim* was in the Aleutians for 34.

New papas at West Point are: Maj. *Arnie Thomas* and Maj. *Stan. Hutson*, both with girls and both 2nd child. *Thomas'* first child, *Dickie*, is the class godson.

If you haven't seen *Burt Andrus* (now Deputy Group Commander) latest "Poop Sheet" January 10, 1945, try to get a copy. As usual he has a very wide coverage of the class.

## 1942

Joe Cannon wounded in France last summer but still going strong—mentions seeing *Clapp* and *Josendale* over there. *Charlie Fishburne* reported as the first B-29 pilot to bomb Tokyo in 1945—he was beat out by a navy pilot as the first of any type of plane. *Jane Miller* is back in Newburgh since *Ray* went over with a 29 outfit. Another reported as being with the big boys is *Tom Hanley*. *Kennie Hanst* wounded and back in the States at England General Hospital with *Tom Ray*. *Betty O'Neal* wrote to say that her boy friend is in the E.T.O. *Pierce Doyle* in India, and *Tom Iuliucci* in So. Pac. She also mentions that *Tom* is a recent addition to the Two Club (a boy and a girl). Others known here—or should I say thought—to be members are *Chatfield*, *George Hughes*, and *Dillon*. *Beeson* has his application in. *Jean Ferguson* has gone to England with the Red Cross, but unfortunately I don't know her address. She is supposed to have been able to locate *Bob's* grave. For *Helen (Yates) Hill's* benefit—I think that *Fred Rosell's* poop-sheet (and more power to it) will answer most of the criticisms that you have. With *Fred* doing such a wonderful job it leaves very little for us to do here. I would suggest that if you haven't received it you might get after *Stumpy* to get on the ball and forward it to you. That would also apply to any of the others wives who want to know more about class events. As far as class representative is concerned, all of us up here pool our information and take turns at writing it up. *Helen* donated the dope that *Yates* is with 9th Air Force and *Jake O'Cooperhouse* with the Third Army now. *Marks*, *Blaha*, *Redlinger*, *Eisen-schmidt*, *Pat Thompson*, *Bob King*, *Vivian*, and *Vogel* have all been fairly recently promoted to Major, and *Roecker*, *Rowland*, and *Maupin* are rumored to be Lieutenant Colonels, as are *Tabb* and *Koster*. *Chet Ladd* and *John Murphy* have both been through here sporting silver leaves. The Supe recently recognized *Forgotten Man Wise* and gave with the railroad tracks. Our elite circle here has been enlarged by the arrival of *Paul Omans* and family; and *Hal Ogden* is rumored to have been at Stewart for the last couple of months, but none of us here have seen hide nor hair of him. *Braden*, *Obenchain*, and *Eisen-schmidt* last reported in the Marianas, *Pat Thompson* in the Netherland East Indies. *Voegeli* ran into *Fran Roberts* in Germany. *Cy Manierre* is a German P.W. according to his

mother, who has heard from him since his capture. *John Baker* ran into *Pat Williams* in New York a few days ago. *Pat* was in cits, but *John* neglected to get either his address or location. *Lou Flanagan* is back in a General Hospital—at Dix, I believe. *Bob King* wounded in the "Bulge," and *Bob Bringham* and *Rickman* in the SWPac. *Sam Cumpston* crashed through on the first of March with a son. *Fred Rosell* dropped by for a short visit on his way from Leavenworth to Washington. *Faith Voegeli* is living here at the Hotel, and *Betty Bortell* just left for Texas. *Sam Gustaves* recently promoted to Major. *J. Richard Elliott* is in Italy. They have a son.

## January, 1943

*Stevens, M. E.*, is a Captain on the Staff of the Engrs. of the 91st Div. in Italy. *Mitch Goldenthal*, another Engineer, is plugging away in Germany with the 315th Engrs. as S-2. He is a little bitter about being transferred from his old outfit. *Rippin*, an A.C. Major, has given *Goldie's* Division Air Support. *Wilbourn* is with the 915th F.A. Bn. in the same division. *Kaye Berry*, recently a Major, is a squadron operations officer at a B-17 Flying Fortress Base in England. *Tom Beeson*, another Major, is a squadron C.O. in France. Has received Silver Star, Croix de Guerre, Air Medal and 20 clusters, Purple Heart and D.S.C. *Staats Walker*, Bronze Star winner, is spending his time on Peleliu with the 710th Tank Bn. *Buddy Reynolds* is in the Southwest Pacific commanding the 81st Signal Co. The following are reported P.W.'s at Stalag Luft I, Germany: *Glasgow*, *Fred Porter*, *Jimmy Lane* and *Poco Little*. *Bush, J. E.*, is reported missing in action over China. *Ramsey* has been shipped out to Hawaii. *Bush*, *Ramsev* and *Little* are still bachelors. *Frank Ellis* has flown 115 combat missions and is credited to be one of the first men to shoot down a Zeke, Mark II. *Wink, E. A.*, became a father of a girl last December. Upon returning from overseas he was sent to Fort Sam Houston, Texas. *Squeegee Kemp* and *Ed Hardebeck* are both proud fathers of baby boys. *Moe Dworak* has changed branches—C.A. to C.E. *Ham Bonham* is a Lt. Col., A.C., Sq. Commander in France. *Little John Healy* fighting with A.A. in the French Army along with *Bart Mallory*, reports whiskey ration superb but French femmes lousy. *Al Toth*, back from France, visited West Point recently. Has received Silver Star, two Purple Hearts and Fourragère. Says

there are no luxuries for the dough-boys over there. *C. L. Butler* is a Major, Bn. Exec. for the 128th A.A.A. Gun Bn. in Europe. *McClure* has an aviation Engr. Co. on Angaur. *Wehrle* is a Captain with the 706th Tank Bn. somewhere in the South Pacific. *Grimm* and *Bennett, E. E.*, were at Oahu when last heard of. *Porky Nickel* is in France. *Wilkes*, *Walter Cook*, *D. M. Smith* and *Jack Luther* are in Italy. *Gregg Henry* is with the 6th Armored Div. in Germany. *Hine* was awarded the Silver Star. He's with 100th Div. He and *Mrs. Hine* are expecting a baby about the 1st of April. Also with the 100th are *Upchurch*, *Kitter Meade*, *Prince* and *Changaris*. *Tobey*, *Don Thompson* and *Joe Hamilton* are on Saipan flying B-29's over Europe. *Baden* was in on the attack on Metz with the 95th Div. and has received a Purple Heart. *Johnny Barnes* was injured in the attack on Metz. *DeWitt Armstrong* is an Armored Force man running around Europe someplace. *Seegers* is a Major flying B-17's from England. *Demsey* is an Air Corps Major. *Berry* has turned up after being missing. *Jack Armstrong* has been awarded the Purple Heart. *Buckner*, *John Wilson*, *Fishel* and *Hackler* were together in the 358th Fighter Group in France. *Hackler* visited West Point recently. *Kirby* and *Hovde* were still flying together. *Hovde*, incidentally, is one of our Aces, with about 15 victories to his credit. *Pietsch*, a paratrooper, was a recent visitor at West Point. He has tried to improve Franco-American relations by marrying a swell girl from Paris. *Kitch* is about to go overseas again for more jumping. He jumped before in the Belfort Gap area behind German lines with a French officer and another American officer. *Carmack* is a Major and is still flying a B-17 over Germany. *Lindell* is a Commander of a Fighter Sq. in China. He has had some close shaves. *Wriston* and *Benedict* are flying B-29's. The Signal Corps has stuck *Farmer Hoyt* at some remote outpost in China. He is eager to be elsewhere. *Knowlton* is with the 87th Cavalry Rcn. Sq. going into Germany. *Hal Barber* is with the 260th Inf. in France. *F. M. King* is bombing with the 596th Sq. in Europe. *Bob Marshall* is S-3 of the 305th Engrs. in Europe. *Ardery* is S-2 of the 56th Armored Engr. Bn. *Waters* is S-2 of the 60th Engrs. somewhere in Europe. *Glenn Turner* is unofficially reported as a P.W. in Germany after being shot down. *Mac Hatch* is headed for a Lt. Col.'s job in the Air Corps somewhere in Europe. *Hut Martin* has a company

in the 119th Armored Engrs. Bn. over in France. Air Corps *Muldrow* and *Lowe* were in England at last report. *Muldrow* is married and has a daughter. *Saunders* is in the 308th Engrs. Combat Bn. somewhere in France or Germany. *Georgie Rehb* is a Captain with some pipe line outfit in France. *Frank Griffen* finally caught up with two bars here at West Point. *Evans, Freer, Gean, Johnson, Mease, Stahle* and *Roy Wilson* are the rest of us fighting the battle of tenths. *Buck* has just become the father of a boy and *Roy* is about to become a father.

This was sent in by Mrs. *Nygaard* of 501 Valamout Drive, Williamsport, Pa. Capt. *W. E. Nygaard* is in South Pacific (Marianas Islands). He's in the Signal Corps. They have a 6 month old son. *M. H. Dakin's* have a 1 year old girl. *E. C. Raulin* is in India. *D. H. Vlcek* (married) is in the Marianas. *J. E. Nett* is in the Philippines awaiting assignment.

The Treasurer, U.S.M.A., has mailed notices to all members of the Classes of January and June 1943 at their last known addresses, notifying them of the amount of rebate due them for the year ending June 1, 1943. If any member of these two classes fails to receive this notice, he is requested to send his present address to the Treasurer so that remittance may be made.

Let's have some poop on all of you, especially those who haven't been heard from for sometime. We'll be waiting. .

—Al F.

## June, 1943

Thanks, men, for the poop you have sent us. Incidentally, if your reason for not writing has been a lack of knowledge as to the address, the "Association of Graduates" is sufficient or address them to *Wally Magathan* or *Bernie Rogers*. Also, in case you may think we forgot to include your news it may be that your letter arrived after the 10th of the month preceding the edition (which happens to be the deadline). Here's the latest:

*Maggie Saine* wrote from a General Hospital in Southern France where he is recovering from a shell fragment received December 19th while serving with the 7th Army. *Ed O'Connor*, back from Italy in September, married *Rita Hogan* of Highland Falls the first of February. *Ed* has just finished the course at C.&G.S.S. at Leavenworth. *Al Metts* is reported to be with the 7th Army on the Western Front after having

originally served in Italy. *Jack Davis*, reported missing back in November after his 9th B-17 raid, has now appeared as a P.W. in Germany. *Don Dargue* has also entered his name on the German P.W. list after his 8th Air Force B-17 went down last October 7th. "Ripper" *Collins* has been reported M.I.A. since the Battle of the Bulge, when his division, the 106th, took part in opposing the German counter-offensive. *Phil Eastman*, flying a P-51, was reported M.I.A. as of January 13th over Germany. *Bob MacMullin*, missing from the 15th Air Force since December 14th has now been reported a prisoner of the Germans. Mrs. *Q. C. Atkinson* writes that *Q. C.* is in the 3rd Army in a T.D. Bn.; the *Q. C.'s* have a son born September 30th. She continues that *Norm Williams* took a slug through the nose last August, and, after a bout with plastic surgery, married an English girl on February 4th. *Bob Sonstelie* just recently sailed from New York with *Baldy Staszak* getting ready to follow him.

*Norm Keefer* writes the following from Biggs Field, El Paso, Texas: *Joe Chaufty* is S-2 with the 249th Engrs. Bn. on the Western Front. *Joe* wrestled with 88 min. and was pulled back to England for awhile to get repaired. *Dave Conard* is in Burma as an S-3 in the 1888th E.A.B., which is working for an A.F. *Mike Davis* left during January with his signal company heading for the Pacific leaving a wife and baby in California. *Jim Deatherage* has a company in the 160th Engrs. Bn., after having been adjutant for same while in France. *Hal Dunwoody* is a company C.P. in an Armored Div. with the 7th Army. *D-woody* is one of those lucky few who live to tell about stepping on an S-mine. *Ben Dyla* was in England back in December expecting to ship anytime. *Norm Frisbee*, way back in October, was still flying around over Germany with the 368th Gp. *Hi Fuller* was on Oahu back in December. *Rufus Iletto* located on the Philippines with the Alamo Scouts of the 6th Army. *George Ingham* is now located behind a desk in the Pentagon, Washington, D. C. With him are *Tim Ireland, Bud Hough, Dick Hemsley, Burnette, Olmstead, and McAdam*. *T. T. Jackson* is in the 39th Photo. Rcn. Sqdn. in Europe. *Kalinski* returned to the states on a 30 day leave in December and proceeded to marry *Barbara Thompson* of Manchester, N. H., on December 18th. *Kal*, has since gone back over. *Tom McCabe* is in England with the 526th Bomb. Sqdn. and had com-

pleted 14 missions by December 21st. *Walt Roe* is battling it out in air A.A. outfit in the Pacific. Thanks, *Norm* for all the poop.

Listed as being with the 21st Bomb. Cmd. on Saipan are *Nobby Oswald, Zoo Gorelangton, Leo Conway* (M. I.A.), *Dick Stickney* (M.I.A. as of January 3rd), *K. B. Smith* (flew the last B-29 over Tokyo in 1944), *Jack Rawlings, Dick Sullivan, Keith Whitaker, Ed Cutler, Jim Teetor, Jack McGregor, Jack Swisshelm, and Howie Yielding* (M.I.A. since February 10th). *Doug Deal* has finished his missions in B-17 and is now a squadron operations officer in England. *Cliff Cornell* also has finished his B-17 mission and returned to the U.S. *Joe Walsh* took unto himself a Texas girl on January 29th. *Nestlebrush* and *Tucker* have both appeared as P.W. in Stalag Luft I, Germany. *Jack Neuer* has a squadron of A-20's in Italy. Excuse us *Frances*, but the *Al Shipstead's* have a girl as of July 11th instead of the reported boy. *Al* is in Burma with the "Mars Task Force". *Ed Wright* is in New Guinea as of a short time ago. *Wendall Van Auken* became a father of a boy last November 23rd; *Van* is in Europe near *Charlie Benson* and *Doug Parham*. It was *Anna Longstreth Jones*, born to the *Alan Jones* on last December 15th. *Maughan, W. F.*, is in A-20 R.T.U. in Charlotte, N. C.; *Maughan, R. L.*, is in an A-20 outfit in France. *Russ* and his crew bailed out recently and got away in fine shape. *Walt Hutchins* has an Engr. company in Germany. The *Bobby Gadd's* pinned the name of *Randall Lee* on the boy born January 15th of this year. *Bob* is now in Belgium. *Bill Roos* writes from the Marianas where he is stationed with *Keith Pigg* and *Dutch Ingwersen*, all Engineers. *Ed Parks* has been operating as B-17 pilot, Asst. Gp. Opn. Officer, Gp. Air Trng. Officer, and Sqdn. Opn. Officer with a Bomb. Gp. of the 8th A.F. *Bob Randall* has taken over as a squadron operations officer in a Bomb. Gp., also of the 8th Air Force. *Jim Walker* is another member of the 8th flying B-17 in a Bomb. Gp.; *Jim* has completed more than 25 missions. *Bob Campbell* is in a F.A. Bn., a part of the 7th Army. *L. C. Thomas* wrote a Xmas greeting from the E.T.O. rear rank where he has had an Engr. company in the 284th Engr. Bn. for 9 months. *Sam Pinnell* and *Johnny Bell* are in the same Engr. Bn. in France; incidentally, *Sam* was married February 20th, 1944. *Rolo Brandt* has returned to the U.S. after spending many months in the S.W. Pacific. *Eber Simpson* has completed

over 65 combat missions in his P-47; he is Opn. Officer of his squadron in a 9th A.F. Fighter Base in Belgium. *R. C. Grady, Harry Kenyon, Bump Gillis* and *Puckett* are with the 17th Airborne on the Western Front. *Grady* was wounded on January 4th and is still recuperating in an English hospital; *Kenyon* was wounded on January 7th but is back in action again. Incidentally, *Beth Grady* will be one year old come April. *George Thompson, George Newman, Harry Schroeder,* and *Bill Peak* are all in France; the *Bowley* brothers, *John* and *Freeman* were last known to be in England. *Jim Phillips*, in the 402nd F.A. Bn., wrote while at sea in January; since that time *Jim* has reached the 7th Army portion of the front. *Johnny Brier* wrote from Belgium when he and the 738th Tk. Bn. were located. *Johnny* had just seen *Karl Wolf*, C.O. of a rifle company; he added that *Doc Veach* and *Harvey Short* are now in the Philippines. *Ted Tansey's* letter of last December bore the heading of "Germany" where he was located, with a part of the 9th Army. *Jack Morris* returned from Guam in December on an officer's cadre to help form some new Engineer outfits.

*Danny Cullinane* writes from a hospital in England (after mixing with a bullet near Bastogne) that he saw *Johnny Hull* and his company of doughfeet near Bastogne just prior to the Jerry breakthrough. *Danny* states that *Mark Boatner* is S-3ing an Inf. Bn. in Italy and that *Moe Mazingo* has been banged up twice for a P.H. with cluster. By way of a paratrooper in the same hospital *Danny* learned that *Ed Curcuru* was a Co. C.O. (replacement) in an airborne outfit when it hit Bastogne. Further, *George Moe* arrived as a tank platoon replacement in an armored division. *Bernie Wiener* is with the Engr. Staff in Calcutta, India. *Gary Black* sends word from the 63rd Div. (in the 7th Army) that all is well with him and *Al Burdette*. *Stuff Kengle* is now with the Office of the Chief Engr., S.W. Pacific. *Johnny Moses* is a B.C. of a 240mm. How. Bn. in N. Carolina and expects to ship soon. He continues that *Bill Calnan* is in Holland and *Wickert* in Germany.

*Bill Greene* sends the following from Atlantic City: with A-26's in France — *Johnny Davis, Harold Renth, Shaefer, Shea, Street, Zubon,* and *Rooney*. Says *Walker Jamar* was seen in a Red Cross doughnut room in Paris and *Frank MacMullin* was last seen doing a hot "Varsity Swing" in the Paris hotspots. *Barnes* and

*Easley* are flying P-51's out of England; *Keck* is with Gp. Opn., B-24, in England. *Bert Hanish* flies a B-26 in France, where *Tony Durante* is flying generals around. *Ernie Cragg* is with the ground control, 9th Division, having completed his missions; *Marty Martin* is a P-47 Sqdn. C.O.; *Baldwin* is a Troop C.O. in the 3rd Army. Thanks *Bill!*

*Al Hegenberger* is now at Williams Field in B-17 transition. *Bud Bolling* is Exec. of a Cannon Co. in the 9th Army. *Charlie Pence* took over a rifle Company after having had a Reg'l. Hdqtrs. company of the 7th Army and was wounded on February 6th. *Charlie* is now getting back into shape in a general hospital. *Johnny Buyers* is engineering in Northern Burma where he's been working on The Road. *Rex Cocroft* took one in the wrong place on an O.P. and was pulled back to England for hospitalization. *Dick Reitmann* has his Engineers "somewhere in the Pacific" after having spent some time in the Palaus. Last Xmas *Bill Spahr* was S-2 of the 67th Armd. Inf. Bn. in Texas. *Joe Cullen* is Asst. Opn. officer of his squadron in the 8th A.F. after having completed 10 missions. *Les Hardy* and *Pinky Winfield* have only recently shipped out of an eastern port. *Stan Pace*, reported M.I.A., has now turned up as a German P.W. *Steve Gordy* has been transferred from Battery Exec. to a F.A. Group Hdqtrs. in the 3rd Army where he is an Asst. S-3. *Whit Wilson* is an R.O. in a "Long Tom" outfit of the 3rd Army. *Harry Mazur* shipped out in January with the 5th Inf.; his daughter is now 6 months old. In January *Teague Harris* was still in a convalescent hospital. *Pat Hurley* came back from England for a leave near the end of December; in February *Pat* returned to the U.S.S. T.A.F. Hdqtrs. *Jack Hammel* spent a week in El Paso attending an A.A. School; he expects to ship from Venice, Fla., soon. *Tom Elgin* was in a Replacement Depot in Dutch New Guinea in January. *Bill Welsh* was wounded on December 18th while in a tank outfit during the Battle of the Bulge; *Bill* is now in the states getting fixed. *Seth Frear* is in Mass., recovering from wounds sustained leading his company in the Huertgen Forest, Germany, in November. *Robin Olds* (Major) has chalked up 15 in the air to his (and his P-51's) credit. *Robin*, in the 479th Ftr. Gp., has seen *Al Brown* and *Steve Sherrill* only recently. *Charlie Waller* is due to join *Lee Hogan, Woody Woodson* and *Jack Novak* as an instructor at Stewart

Field. *T. K. Oliver* is on T.D. at Aberdeen Proving Ground; he is assigned at present to Willow Run (Ford Bomber Plant). *Art Surkamp* is S-3 of his Engr. Bn. in the 3rd Army, and is going great guns—just added the Silver Star to the Bronze Star. Last Xmas *Bouncy Boreske* was stationed at Mitchel Field.

Here's a notice which the Treasurer requested we mention concerning a rebate. "The Treasurer, U.S.M.A., has mailed notices to all members of the class at their last known addresses notifying them of the amount of rebate due them for the year ending June 1, 1943. If any member of these two classes fails to receive this notice he is requested to send his present address to the Treasurer so that remittance may be made."

Thanks again for having made this column possible and the best of luck to all of you.

B. W. R. and W. C. M.

## 1944

Response to requests for news was good this issue—almost one fourth of class accounted for. But next issue, let's have news about at least half of 1944's wandering rabble!

Big question at the moment is silver bars; at present some have and some haven't, at any rate no mass promotion for class of '44.

### FROM E.T.O.

*Jim Giles* and *Bob Wessels*, reported missing on same day in December during German counter-attack.

*Johnny Donaldson* wounded in December with 7th Army but now back with his unit.

*Keith Eiler* wounded by an A.P. mine; *Jerry Capka*, also in an engineer batt. was in a hospital with frozen feet.

Other engineers in France are *Robby Robinson* and *Rosy O'Donnell*.

*R. K. Patch* seriously wounded in Belgium in February.

*Hugh Snelling*, in a hospital with frozen feet, ran into *Buck Rogers* and *George Tuttle*.

*Charlie Frock, Losch, Erickson, Bill Nelson, Bootz, Roy Hoffman, Joe Petrone, Kurt Heiss, R. O. Harper*, all in Ordnance, landed in December and now hold jobs in France.

Others with various units are *Rojo Aldrich, Jack Pollin, R. W. Samuel, Jack Trimmer, Tammy Flynn, Doug Gallez, Bob Smith, Bob Mummey, Jim Douglas, Cab Cabaniss, Wally Woloszyn, Lou Howe, T. J. McGuire, Lee Smith, George Blanchard, Kinard*,

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By Joe Cahill

### Winter Sports Teams

Army's winter sports teams broke from the barrier early, gained momentum in mid-season and finished with a blistering burst of superiority to establish the finest overall won and lost record in West Point annals.

No fewer than ten teams entered competition during the traditional "gloom period" and half of them wound up their campaigns unbeaten; two others suffered only a single setback; and none tasted defeat more than twice. The totals: 62 won; 8 lost; 1 tied.

Navy's scalp was taken in four of six dual meets and the cadet trackmen added insult to injury by overwhelming the Middle entries in the IC4A track and field championships in New York's Madison Square Garden.

Establishing a new point total record at 73½, Army smothered co-favorite Navy by 18 points copping the coveted collegiate crown for the second successive year. Putting every ounce of his 220 pounds behind the iron ball, Doc Blanchard won the 16-pound shot title with a 48 feet 3½ inch toss to take a gold medal in his first year of competition. Other individual winners were George Berger in the 600; Captain Jerry Morrow in the 60-yard high timbers; and Augie Puchrik, Phil Lansing, Jim Holcomb and Ken Kochel tied for first with Midshipman Charles Riehl in the pole vault with a mediocre leap of 12 feet. In the Nationals Max Minor bulletted to victory in the 60 yard low hurdles missing the world's record by a tenth of a second.

In their only appearance on the cinder track in the ample Field House, the capable cadet foursomes out-footed entries from seven colleges to walk off with honors at the Second Annual West Point Relays. Despite these winter successes Leo

Novak will find things a little on the tough side throughout the Spring since every sprinter of any pretense will be flying high around the country in pursuit of a pair of silver wings to pin on his olive drab at graduation. Incidentally, that is Navy's strongest forte.

Turning to the basketball front for a moment, there is little to report that has not already found its way into the columns of the leading metropolitan papers. With congenial Ed Kelleher again at the helm, the cagers, after a gruelling schedule, found themselves the kingpins of the Eastern Intercollegiate field. Only the season's upset at Penn marred their march to another perfect record. Since the Kelleher-coached Fordham University quintet romped over Army in the semi-windup of 1943, West Point court teams have accrued the phenomenal total of 30 victories in 31 contests. Four in a row over Navy are included in this tabulation.

Truly one of the basketball greats of this generation, Dale Hall, three-star Parsons, Kansas athlete, poured 213 points into the scoring column and accounted for an equal number by his deft and deliberate floor play. Doug Kenna was another dependable performer. His inspired play at Dahlgren Hall in Annapolis, after being imbedded for a full week before the climactic tussle, will stand out as one of the great individual feats of the entire service series. It would be wishful thinking, however, to say that two men could be entirely responsible for the feats of this Army team. Just as the success of the Black Knights of the gridiron depended on team play, so did the courtmen. Hal Grossman, Bill Ekberg, Harle Damon and Johnny Nance contributing invaluable assistance.

### Mermen Monopolize

The five squads to register perfect seasons included swimming, gymnastics, wrestling, pistol and track.

After snapping the longest victory streak in intercollegiate swim history at 66, a string held by Alan Ford and company of Yale University, Coach Bob Starr's balanced natators swept through nine straight opponents to ring up the first perfect slate in more than a decade.

In compiling victory after victory, the cadet splashers were not contented merely with registering victories, but focused their talent against stop watch. Academy records were lowered on five occasions throughout the nine weeks of competition. Captain Bill Glynn set a new mark in the 440 free style and anchored the 400 yard free style relay quartet, teaming with Bob McBride, Bill LaMar and Ray Thayer twice breaking the Academy standard for the distance. Their best effort was recorded in 3:34.5. Backstroker Ed VanDeusen is the new record holder in that event lowering L. W. Wilson's mark set in 1942.

The Gymnasts placed first in all six events against the Middies winding up their unbeaten season in record breaking style. The 63½-32½ trouncing was the worst defeat administered a Navy gym team in history. But it might have happened to any team in the country that afternoon, so superb were Tom Maloney's contestants. The victory was long overdue and the new high point total for the series made adequate adjustment for Navy's three straight.

On the grunt and groan side little more could be expected than the seven straight dual meet victories turned in by the wrestlers. Not since the first year of its inception on the intercollegiate agenda at the Academy has an Army wrestling team gone

through the schedule unscathed. In 1921 the sports' pioneers won all three matches scheduled. At the Eastern Intercollegiate Tournament two West Pointers were crowned champions. Joe Stanowicz, all-America lineman, retained the heavy-weight title won the previous year. A scrappy competitor possessing the poise and agility of a champion, Bob Land wrestled the 175 pound division crown.

The pistol team maintained the unique distinction of never having lost to Navy when they concluded a three meet schedule on the Academy range downing the men from Crabtown 1336 to 1314.

The U. S. Coast Guard Academy had the boxing team's number from the outset of the season and Major Pillsbury's punchers never did overcome the hoodoo. After handing the cadets their only two setbacks in the regular season, the New London sailors out-decided Army for the team title at the intercollegiates. However, three of the academy ringmen wouldn't be denied personal glory. Steve Connor, welterweight, Amos Jordan, Junior Middleweight, and John Castle, Middleweight salvaged titles after the team trophy was snatched from the reach of our defending team champions.

Shadowed by the trophies and perfect slates of the sundry other teams, the fencers were the most underrated group on the Plain last winter. They lost a nip-and-tuck battle to Navy by a score of 13-14 after battling through eight straight without defeat. That is the breaks of game and the fencers proved their class by pushing the Middies to the hilt on the strange Annapolis strips.

### Diamond Team Powerful

You will no doubt have seen or at least read about the potentialities of the 1945 Army baseball team by the time this copy reaches you, but from what we can gather at the early practice stints even the "Bums" will have to go all out to dump Amen's slugers. We come to this conclusion after studying the roster which reveals that only four positions need be filled to round out a capable team. The outfield has been hard hit with Johnny Nance going to Air Corps and Bryan Leeper now in the commissioned ranks, but we have it from good source that the old grid mainstay, Glenn Davis, should fill one of these gaps with considerable ease. The erstwhile high school star claims baseball as his first love! The rest remains to be seen.

Captain Morris Touchtone has his National Collegiate Lacrosse Club trained to defend their laurels. The dirt floor of the Field House primed the team so well that the veteran lacrosse mentor had an idea of his starting alignment as early as the first week in March.

All that can be said of the Tennis team is that Dale Hall and Doug Kenna will be winding up their collegiate athletic careers and after the football and basketball successes they will be in no mood to toy with defeat. When the curtain falls on the colorful collegiate athletic careers of these two stalwarts in June, they will have written a gala saga in the history of Army Athletics. May the last chapter be a glorious one.

### Reports

(Continued from page 31)

Rod Lindell, Vitullo, O'Brien, John Carley, Bright, Ernie Graves, Jim Dunham, Tommy Moore, Bill Murray, Curly Jackson, Frenchy Cyr and Doc Greaves (all presumably with ground forces).

Bob Ginsburgh met Bob Cowherd, Dee Pettigrew, Dave Ott, Ed Christl, George Brown and W. C. Kennedy, who was married in October, in Rouen.

Frank Moore also ran into Shepherd there, and later met Jim Stewart and Joe Phillips.

Brooks was a platoon leader in England when last heard from.

Last word from the Signal Corps contingent, Robbins, Becker, Thompson, Kaplan, and Jim Scoggin found them on the East Coast ready to go, probably overseas by now.

John Sullivan, stopping off in a French chateau had seen Les Halstead in England.

Bob Day saw Frank Moon who had encountered Parsons.

Cole Murphy and Bob Hurst in the same infantry regiment operating in the mountains of Italy. Don Gruenther also in Italy as a field artillery observer.

### FROM THE PACIFIC

Kenny Cooper, in on a P.I. invasion on D-Day and Chuck Davis are in the thick of engineer work. Nobby Knoll and Rog Hendrick are with aviation batts. Chuck Davis and Dumbo Codling complete the engineer group in this theatre. Robin Kendall, now engaged, is with the A.A. on the Philippines.

Ray Dunn is flying Rcn. P-38's in China; Ray Janeczek and Heath Bottomly in the Dutch East Indies area. Paratroopers on a ship headed for

that region were George Pickett, Adamson, Enos, and Hyman.

Among those still in the states at last reports, and anxious to get over, if not already there:

John Sanders is "tac"ing at Ardmore. Bobby Faas took time out from flying to get married at West Point as did Hoffman at Albany, and I. W. Nealon at Chatham Field, Savannah.

Bill Bingham, Bass Hanley, and JoJo McElvey are instructing at Lockbourne.

Carl Anderson, Cumberpatch, Courtney, and Salzer at Westover Field combat school.

Winfield Scott Solomon has changed his name to Winfield Solomon Scott. He and Johnny Hazen are awaiting shipping orders.

Gregory and Mahoney flying B-17's in South Dakota.

### AMONG THE ENGINEERS

Jack Irvine is at Tacoma, Washington; Tex Rodden and Steel at Camp Polk, La.; Dick Erlenkotter, who was married in October, at Amphibious Training at Ft. Pierce, Fla.; Rick Kleist as administrative officer, Jack Kimbel, and Bev Snow all at Ft. Riley, Kans.; J. B. Bruno as S-1 of a Bn. at Ft. Ord; Alex Maish at Camp Swift, Tex.; and Al Weston at Camp Gruber, Okla.

Steve Smith has a tank platoon at Camp Bowie, Tex.

### FROM THE A.A.

Johnny Gaffney and George Farne are with gun Batt. in the southwest; Schardt, wed in September, at an A.A. a defense position in California; George Pappas at Camp Haan; Peterson at Ft. Bliss School.

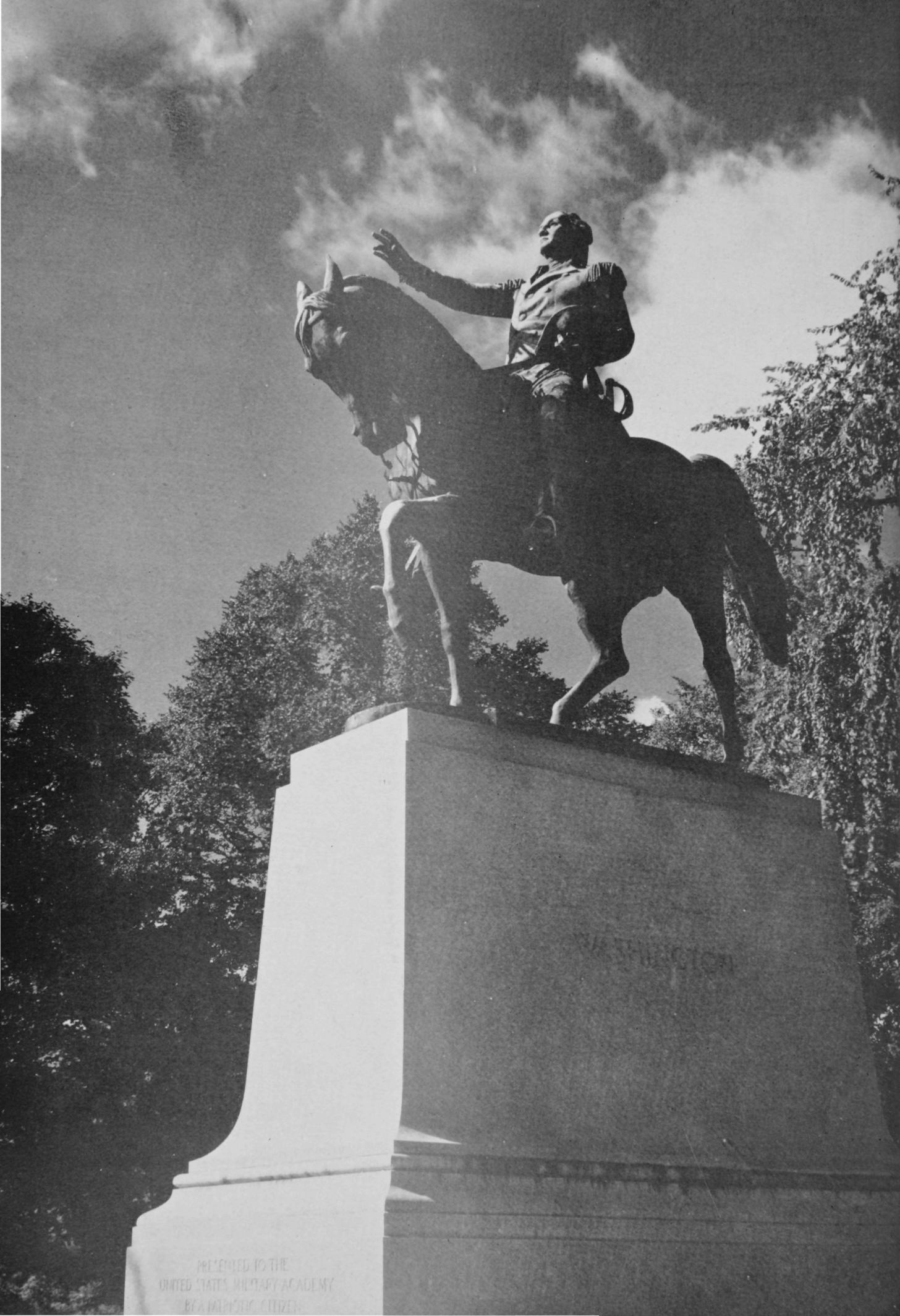
Gray Fitzpatrick transferred to the Infantry. C. C. Martin assigned to Ordnance and a job as project liaison officer in Schenectady, N. Y.

Address all news for future issues to Association of Graduates, West Point, N. Y. The size of the column should double for the summer issue.

—C. C. M.

### LATE DOPE ADDED BY THE EDITOR

A letter from George Pappas states Bob Faas has requested him to keep a permanent record of the class. George will carry out the assignment but wants the following: Date of marriage and name of better half, date of birth and name of offspring as they appear, decorations received, date of promotions received. He hopes to put out a poopsheet by June week. Send all information to Editor, Assembly, U.S.M.A. and I shall forward it to Pappas.

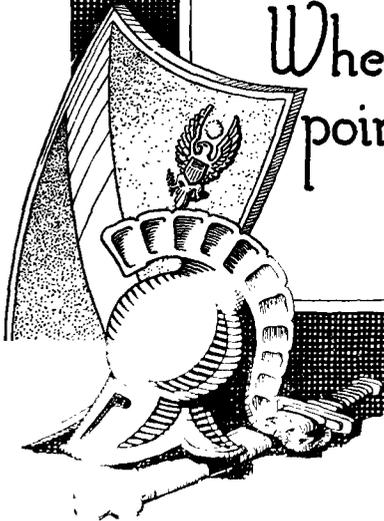


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# *In Memory*

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



*Assembly  
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**Marcus Butler Stokes**

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*Died August 29, 1943, at Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D. C., aged 75 years.*

MARCUS BUTLER STOKES was born December 6, 1867 in the State of South Carolina. He began his military career in 1885 as a midshipman, U.S. Navy, but the Army always had been in his thoughts and he soon left the Naval Academy to enter West



Point, from which he graduated in 1892.

During the Spanish American War he served as lieutenant colonel, 1st South Carolina Volunteer Infantry. Upon being mustered out of volunteer service in 1898, he rejoined his regiment, the 10th Infantry, and shortly thereafter was ordered to Cuba where he met Anita, daughter of Reverend John G. Hall, Presbyterian Missionary in Cuba. They were married in 1901.

In the years between the Spanish American War and World War I, General Stokes served in the Philippines, Alaska and Panama as well as at numerous stations in the United States.

He was appointed Colonel, Infantry, National Army on August 5, 1917, and took command of the 311th Infantry, 78th Division at Camp Dix, New Jersey. As Regimental Commander, he took the 311th to France, fought with it through the St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne offensives and returned with it in May, 1919. For his military service in France Colonel Stokes was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, but for his leadership he was awarded the lasting affection and respect of his regiment.

Nothing could express better his character as an officer and as a man than the following splendid tribute paid to him some years after the war by one of his senior regimental officers:

"Colonel, you commanded us for nearly two years and during that period you treated every one of us

with absolute fairness and justice—you treated us like white men, officers and gentlemen.

"And more than that, you trusted us—you told us what we were to do and left it to us to do it and you never spied on us—you made us feel your faith and trust in us and I doubt if any other set of officers tried more loyally to carry out the duties assigned to them than we did—And your good judgment and your faith in us was the cause.

"You were, sir, a strict disciplinarian in the big things, but you were not a petty school teacher in the small things and you were possessed of that great quality—human understanding.

"Colonel, there is nothing better in this world than the force of a splendid example, and your example was an inspiration to all of us.

"You live clean and you think clean. You always maintained the highest traditions of the American Army. There is no one who has a greater love for his country.

"There was no one who had a greater respect for his superior officers, no one who carried out his orders more conscientiously and I really believe you worked harder than any man in the Regiment.

"Your bravery under fire, your determination, your dauntless courage and fine leadership, your willingness to make any sacrifice, made you in our eyes an ideal commander. And if the 311th Infantry accomplished its purpose it is due to your force of character, your example and your leadership.

"And Colonel, your rugged honesty, your modesty, your high principles and your lovable personality have bound all of us to you in bonds of lasting friendship.

"Colonel, we are proud of you and proud we served under you and now we, your old officers unite in saying to you that you have now and always will have our abiding affection and respect."

During the first three years following his return from France General Stokes attended the School of the Line and the General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth and the Army War College, Washington, D. C. Thereafter, and until his retirement December 31, 1931, his duties for the most part were with the General Staff Corps. On June 13, 1940, he was appointed a Brigadier General on the retired list.

General Stokes is survived by his wife, Anita Hall, his two sons, Marcus Butler, Jr., and John Hall, both in the service, and his daughter Virginia Elizabeth, wife of Col. Homer W. Jones.

The General's last years were spent in Washington, D. C., and were filled with visits to historic spots in nearby Virginia and Maryland and with reunions with friends, classmates and members of his World War regiment, many of whom were able to join in that final tribute as he was laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery.

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**Gordon Graham Heiner**

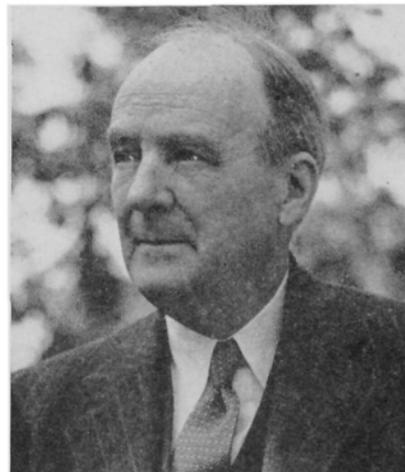
NO. 3518 CLASS OF 1893

*Died December 23, 1943, at Baltimore, Maryland, aged 74 years.*

My first and last impression of Gordon Heiner was that he above all things was a soldier, an officer, and a gentleman. I knew him for fifty years, and served with him both as subordinate and as superior. I never knew a finer or more loyal man.

When I entered West Point, and marched into plebe camp, very much overawed and humbled by all that I saw about me, Gordon Heiner was the first lieutenant of my company, and I never saw a handsomer cadet. Coming up from the deep south, I was accustomed to the old fashioned idea, of sizing a man up by finding out, first where he was from, and second whether or not he was a gentleman; and that had nothing to do with antecedents. Gordon Heiner, as I saw him, met both of these tests. He was an army boy, which was in itself enough with plebes, who strangers among strangers, had nothing yet upon which they could size up each other. But over and above just being an army boy, he came from a family of soldiers stretching all the way back to the Revolution: his father was a member of the Cincinnati Society, and that sort of stuff counted down south in those days.

After graduation, we were back at West Point together as instructors, he



in Ordnance and Gunnery and I in Phil. We were both married then and the families were on intimate terms. He had already had active service, which I envied, having been with General Ernst during the Cuban and Porto Rican Campaigns. Later I knew him as the Adjutant at Fortress Monroe, where he had graduated with honors, and as an outstanding artillery officer in whatever field he might be placed.

During the border troubles in 1916, although only a lieutenant colonel, he was selected to command one of the two hand picked Coast Artillery regiments to be organized as Infantry for

that duty, there being no regiments in the Coast Artillery Corps at that time. And he did splendid service. At the outbreak of the World War, he was among the first and one of the youngest in point of service, to be appointed a brigadier general for service in France.

There he became the victim of as hard a piece of luck as ever befell a soldier on the field.

It was during the closing days of the war—the Meuse-Argonne Campaign—and he was criticized for not getting his ammunition up; not by his immediate superiors, who were familiar with the situation, but by far distant staff officers who were looking only for results. The facts in the case were that his ammunition was tied up in a traffic jam over which he could not possibly exert any influence, even if he left his proper post and went back to fight it out with the M.P.s who were in charge of the matter. When his brigade went into action however he was directed to remain with his rear echelon, and a younger man from the outside was detailed as his executive officer with instructions to take charge of the forward position, and told secretly (without the knowledge of the brigade or division commander) that if things did not go well, he was to disregard General Heiner, take over the command himself, and that G.H.Q. would fix it up so that he got the necessary advance in rank.

During the heat of the battle things did not go so well as he saw them, so acting in accordance with his instructions he rescinded certain of General Heiner's orders and issued some orders of his own instead. While this was going on, and before the new orders had been delivered to all concerned, he was killed. Thus one part of Heiner's brigade was operating under orders issued by Heiner, and another part of the brigade was operating under orders issued by the executive, each without the knowledge of the other.

Great confusion ensued. General Heiner was relieved of his command, and steps were taken to reduce him to his prewar grade. This however did not come about until after the Armistice.

Shortly after this the war ended and no one was sufficiently interested to look into the matter further. But several years later a board was convened, an elimination board, all general officers, to pass upon the records of certain subordinates. I was a member of that board, and we had before us an officer whose principal delinquency had been that he failed to carry out the orders of General Heiner, and had thus through neglect been responsible for confusion and loss of life during an engagement with the enemy. Heiner himself had reported this.

But he produced in his own defense the order he had received from the executive officer, signed "by direction of General Heiner".

Heiner was a witness before the board and this was the first information he had as to what went forward on that fatal day in the Meuse-Argonne.

Based upon this incident our board made a complete investigation into the whole matter and gave a clean bill of health to the officer then concerned, and to Heiner.

But it was too late to do General Heiner any good. The smear had already been spread upon the records of the War Department, and the incidents as they appeared to be, were too firmly imprinted upon the minds of officers who would never know the facts. Gordon who should have been among the high ranking generals of the regular army finished out his time as a colonel, and only became a brigadier general again on the retired list.

He served under me twice, once as the commander of the Coast Defenses of Savannah, and once as my executive officer in the Second Coast Artillery District. In both cases I recommended him for promotion upon his efficiency report, and he deserved it.

—Johnson Hagood.

Gordon G. Heiner—son of Robert G. Heiner and Helen Slemaker, his wife, was born at Washington, D. C., November 2nd, 1869, and died at Baltimore, Md., December 23rd, 1943. At the age of sixteen he entered the University of West Virginia, where he graduated with an A.B. degree in 1889. He then entered the U.S. Military Academy, and graduated near the top of his class in 1893. He served as 2nd lieutenant in the 2nd Artillery and later in the 4th. Participated in the Porto Rican and Cuban campaigns under General Ernst. Served as instructor Department of Ordnance and Gunnery at West Point 1900-1904; Adjutant, Secretary of the Artillery School, of which he was an honor graduate, and later Chief of Staff Coast Artillery Training Center, at Fortress Monroe, Va.; commanded the Coast Defenses of Savannah, and of Balboa on the Panama Canal; Executive Officer and afterwards Commander 2nd Coast Artillery District, Fort Totten, N. Y.; Commanded 30th Coast Artillery Brigade and the post of Fort Eustis, Va.

He served a four year detail with the Inspector General's Department at Governors Island; was Chief of Staff Coast Artillery Group Organized Reserves, 3rd Corps Area; and at the time of the border troubles in 1916. was colonel of the Provisional Regiment organized from the Coast Artillery.

At the outbreak of the World War he was appointed brigadier general (August 5th, 1917) and given command of the 155th Field Artillery Brigade which he trained at Camp Lee, Va., and on May 11th, 1918, took it to France. After a short period of special training, and being refitted at Bordeaux and in Brittany, he was moved to the vicinity of Bar-le-Duc, and participated in the Meuse-Argonne Offensive of September-October 1918.

After the Armistice he reverted to his prewar rank in the Coast Artillery, but was retained at Bordeaux until the following June as Assistant Chief of Staff in charge of Embarkation. He was promoted to be colonel in the regular order, March 21st, 1919, and served in that grade until his retirement September 10th, 1929, when he was given the rank of brigadier gen-

eral in recognition of his service during the war.

After his retirement he devoted a large amount of his time to the affairs of the Society of the Cincinnati of the State of Pennsylvania, of which he was the Treasurer, and afterwards Vice President.

He married November 12, 1895, Elizabeth C. Kent of Baltimore, Md., who died June 19, 1937. He is survived by two sons, Lt.-Col. Gordon G. Heiner, Jr., Field Artillery, and R. Graham Heiner of New York City; two daughters, Miss Mary G. Heiner and Mrs. James C. Pine, both of Baltimore, Md.; and four grandchildren.

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## Henry Charles Le Comte

NO. 3522 CLASS OF 1893

Died October 1, 1944, at Viege, Canton Vaud, Switzerland, aged 75 years.

HENRY CHARLES LE COMTE was born in Switzerland and bears the distinction of being the only citizen of a European country to have



graduated at the United States Military Academy. The Swiss government requested his admission to the Academy and it was authorized by a Joint Resolution of Congress approved October 19, 1888.

His father, Ferdinand Le Comte, was on the staff of the Count of Paris in 1862 and while thus associated they both served on General McClellan's staff in Virginia during the Civil War. In later years he was a distinguished writer and critic on military subjects. He wrote a history of every European war of the nineteenth century with political comments as well as those of a military nature. There are ten volumes of his works listed in the catalogue of the Library of the British Museum and sixteen in the Library of Congress. The Boston Public Library has eleven volumes of his works, Harvard University fifteen and presumably other libraries similar numbers. Among his writings are "Guerre des Etats-Unis" (of which there is an English translation), "Le Général Jomini, sa vie et ses écrits," "Précis

de l'art de la Guerre" (A new edition of Jomini with supplements), and "Les Suisses au service de Napoleon." In a recent issue of the "Gazette de Lausanne" there is a statement that "next to Jomini it is considered that he enjoys a first place in rank among our military writers."

That the senior Le Comte with his extensive knowledge of military affairs in Europe should want his son to attend the United States Military Academy is therefore a matter of satisfaction and pride to all Americans.

The son, "Frenchy Le Comte," as he is known affectionately by his classmates, entered the Academy on June 15, 1889, with other members of the Class of 1893. He made friends from the first and he pursued his work seriously. He stood at the head of his class in French, chemistry, mineralogy, and geology; second in law and history; and fourth in drill regulations. In fact he stood well in all of his studies. His graduation standing was eleven in a class of fifty-one.

He was very companionable and everyone of the class claimed him as a close friend. He had a keen sense of humor and was conspicuously modest as to his knowledge and ability. Probably Crosby was his most intimate associate. They lived in the same division, were usually in the same academic sections, and had many ideas in common.

After graduation in June he visited a number of army posts in the west and in the following January he entered the Infantry and Cavalry School at Fort Leavenworth where he remained as a student until May, 1894.

He then returned to his native country where he was appointed a 2nd Lieutenant of Engineers. He rose through the various grades to include that of Colonel of Engineers which he reached in 1917.

From 1916 to 1934 he commanded the Engineer Officer's School, and from 1915 to 1919 was Chief Engineer of the Second Division of the Swiss Army. During the first World War he headed three military missions on the French front and was a guest at the Headquarters of the American Expeditionary Forces during March and April, 1918.

While still a young officer he contributed to several military magazines. From 1916 until his death he was the military expert of the "Gazette de Lausanne". Since 1939 he was a regular contributor to "La Suisse."

After retiring from active military duty in 1934 he devoted all of his time to writing on military subjects. One line of endeavor that he followed consistently was that of holding the military and civilian population of his country in harmony of mind and effort. The Suisse Military organization and training was long a model for other republics of the world. It is of record that General Arthur Murray while commanding the Western Department in 1915 asked the War Department to secure the services of Colonel Le Comte in developing a military organization in the United States.

In June, 1938, just forty-five years after graduation, he returned to the

United States to share a happy reunion with his class,—happy to him but more so to his classmates. On Alumni Day he wore the uniform of his army rank and the group picture of the reunited class with Frenchy in the center is a cherished class souvenir.

He spent a month in the states visiting various classmates and the cities of Boston, New York, Baltimore, and Washington.

It is much regretted by all that war conditions prevented his joining the class in its fiftieth reunion in 1943. But such is life.

His passing from us makes a distressful void in the class roll. Our consolation is that through the years we have had a worthy friend who has been an outstanding credit to the class.

He leaves a widow and eight children to whom the surviving members of the class extend their heartfelt sympathy.

—G. H. McM.

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### Robert Courtney Davis

NO. 3844 CLASS OF 1898

Died September 2, 1944, at Elmsford, New York, aged 67 years.

**A**MONG the many indications of the stature of Robert Courtney Davis one of the most significant and revealing was the frequency with which he was recalled to important



positions because of the excellence with which he had filled them in the past. There can be no better measurement of ability, loyalty and admirable personality. Typical of numerous examples that could be cited of the bestowal of this high tribute on Major General Davis were his several details to The Adjutant General's Department and his two tours of duty at the United States Military Academy, memories of which still are cherished at his Alma Mater.

After his retirement from active Army service the quality of brilliant leadership which caused men to desire his continuous counsel still was

evident. From April 1, 1932, until the day of his death, he was Executive Director of the New York Chapter of the American Red Cross, a responsibility demanding extraordinary executive ability in conducting with volunteer personnel a humanitarian and social service organization that is also a business which collects and expends huge sums without profit. Yet with Red Cross duties of a usefulness and difficulty comparing favorably to the outstanding military career to which he had given more than thirty-two years of distinguished achievement, Major General Robert C. Davis, U.S.A., Retired, never lost his keen interest in the military establishment. Witness that he was elected President of the Association of Graduates of the United States Military Academy in 1936, re-elected in 1937, and again reelected in 1944.

Born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, on October 12, 1876, Robert C. Davis was a cadet at the Military Academy from June 15, 1894, to April 26, 1898, in the class whose members were known in their first campaign as the Premature Graduates because their commencement date had been pushed forward a few weeks by the need of officers in the Spanish-American War. Second Lieutenant Davis was only twenty-one years old when, as an Officer of the 17th Infantry in the Santiago campaign, he took part in the battles of El Caney and San Juan. He was awarded the Silver Star and cited for gallantry in action at El Caney, and was recommended for brevet First Lieutenant.

The youthful veteran had only recently reached the age of twenty-two when he started with his regiment in January, 1899, for the Philippine Islands. He was a First Lieutenant and not twenty-three when, near San Fernando on August 9, 1899, he won his second Silver Star citation and was recommended in War Department orders for brevet Captain "for gallantry against the insurgents." Until November 15, 1900, he remained in the Philippines, on the move most of the time in nearly constant actions. For four years then he was a notably competent and well remembered instructor in the Department of Tactics in the Military Academy at West Point, his first appearance there in an official capacity.

With the 17th Infantry, Captain Davis went to Cuba in October of 1906 during the second occupation of the island, and in February of the next year was detailed as assistant to the Inspector General of the Army of Pacification. Some months later he returned to the United States for a tour of duty with the National Guard of Massachusetts, a detail he had had briefly before as one of the first regular officers assigned to the National Guard. His ability so impressed the efficient and aggressive Major General Thomas H. Barry that, on January 1, 1909, he became Aide-de-Camp to General Barry, filling the position until February, 1911. When General Barry was made Superintendent of the Military Academy in 1910, Captain Davis went with him and served as the Academy's Adjutant from January, 1911 to July, 1912. Under General

Barry it was a period of reorganization of the Academy.

This second tour at West Point was followed by rejoining the 17th Infantry in which he was Regimental Adjutant until October of 1913. His next move was to the Philippines, with the 8th Infantry this time, and he remained in the islands until July of 1916. During all the months after January, 1915, he was detailed, with the rank of Major, as an Inspector and Instructor of the Philippine Scouts. He was practically Chief of the Philippine Scouts under General Barry. He reorganized them and obtained for them the most modern equipment then available, helping to lay some of the foundation for their outstanding record in the present war under General MacArthur's leadership.

Major Robert C. Davis was in the office of The Adjutant General when the United States entered the First World War. He was sent overseas on July 14, 1917, as Assistant to the Adjutant General of the American Expeditionary Forces. Within a short time he became Acting Adjutant General, and later Adjutant General, A.E.F., on May 1, 1918, amply earning the grade of Brigadier General by his brilliant accomplishments. Blazing new trails in operations in a theater where Americans had never before fought, with an actual use of our General Staff in its proper functions for the first time, he was a potent factor in General Headquarters staff work success. His eminent service brought him the Distinguished Service Medal; and Great Britain, France, Belgium, Italy, Montenegro and Panama also decorated him.

The differences between the operations of the Staff under General Pershing in the American Expeditionary Forces and that in the War Department during the same period resulted in 1921 in the appointment of a Board of Officers to study and recommend administrative changes under the incoming administration of Secretary of War John W. Weeks as General Pershing took over as Chief of Staff of the Army. General Davis was a member of this Board and when its recommendations were approved he, more than any other officer of the Army, contributed to their application in an organization that substantially still exists in the War Department. On successful cooperation between the different heads of the War Department largely rests General Davis' ultimate claim for military fame, and his personality throughout his long career insured that their cooperation was a two sided affair.

A year in command of troops preceded his appointment, on September 1, 1922, as Major General, The Adjutant General, the youngest officer of his rank ever awarded this appointment. He reorganized and modernized his Department and the General Staff's and Adjutant General's Departments in the Nine Corps Areas with characteristic administrative effectiveness. At the end of the statutory four years he was reappointed. Perhaps his most spectacular attainment as The Adjutant General was the organization and handling of the Veterans' Bonus. The stupendous task, demanding tremendous clerical work and the outlay

of a stupendous total of money was handled under his direction with a speed and competence that won him new acclaim. The Bonus Act provided for payment to some four millions of veterans each of whose records had to be certified as correct by The Adjutant General. The records of the veterans were directly under the custody of his office. They presented the greatest opportunity for duplications and delay. For example, there were over twenty thousand veterans named Smith, generally John, from all parts of the United States. How to insure that the record of each soldier could be differentiated from every other of the same name was the problem. The Bill was passed May 19, 1924. On June 16th of that year, six million blanks started to go out and, on January 1, 1925, the date the benefits conferred by the Act were due, the War Department had certified all valid applications received prior to December 29, 1924. The veterans were properly clamoring for prompt action. The opportunity for real hardship and honest confusion was great. But the Veterans' Bonus was paid without public complaint or hardship or delays,—the biggest job of its kind ever done. It was the genius of Robert C. Davis for administration that did it.

General Davis was retired from active service in the Army on July 1, 1927, with a military career full of honor, to assume the presidency of Photomaton, Inc., a company engaged in the operation of the automatic camera, with offices on Fifth Avenue in New York City. In this undertaking and in his great work as Executive Director of the New York Chapter of the Red Cross under the constantly increasing demands of the war, he added many new friends to his already long list and demonstrated anew the abilities which always had set him apart. His charming wife, the former Ruby Caroline Hale, continued to be an inspiration to him, as she had been ever since their marriage, on November 12, 1902.

Among the many recognitions of his capabilities and tactful approach to his problems was a journey he made, substantially at the instance of the Government, to South America in 1942 on a confidential mission, which was a success. The Red Cross granted him a six months leave for this important undertaking.

His active, friendly life ended while he was engaged in activity with friends. With two companions he was playing golf at the Knollwood Country Club, apparently in good health and spirits, when he was stricken. He died without regaining consciousness.

Those who had the great privilege of knowing him will long treasure his memory, and the personal records he set in the various fields of his work will not be excelled. His rare personality was a blend of sincerity, manliness, courage, understanding, keen judgment of human nature, and an unshakable loyalty to his ideals. It has been said of him that his motto was: "It can be done." He solved problems by meeting them with forward vision, abundant energy, and a clear and decisive mind unconfused by misty theories.

—J. G. H.

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## William Stacy Browning

NO. 4006 CLASS OF 1901

Died April 15, 1944, at Rockville Centre, New York, aged 66 years.

**B**RIGADIER GENERAL WILLIAM STACY BROWNING, United States Army, Retired, was born in Brooklyn, New York, on July 5, 1877, the son of William Webb Browning, A.M., L.L.B., M.D. and Sarah W. Browning. He received his early education in the public schools of Brooklyn, and was ap-



pointed to the United States Military Academy from New York.

Upon his graduation from West Point in 1901, he was assigned to the Artillery Corps in which he served until October 15, 1903, when he was transferred to the Field Artillery, and he remained a Field Artillery Officer until his retirement in 1939.

General Browning was detailed as an instructor in the Department of Natural and Experimental Philosophy at West Point in 1904, and he served as such through four full academic years. He was a graduate of the School of Fire for Field Artillery at Fort Sill (1911), an honor graduate of the Army School of the Line (1913), a graduate of the Army Staff College (1914), and of the Army War College (1922).

He was detailed to the General Staff Corps on October 23, 1917, serving at the Army War College, Washington Barracks, D. C., from October 3, 1917, until January 10, 1918, when he was ordered overseas, as a member of the American Section of the Supreme War Council, convened in Versailles, France, on which duty he continued during the war and the greater part of 1919.

After the Armistice, General Browning was detailed to additional duty as a member of the American Delegation to the Peace Conference in Paris, where he served as an assistant to General Tasker H. Bliss who had been designated by President Wilson as one of the American Commissioners to the Conference. Of General Browning's services in his overseas assignments, General Bliss wrote: "It is difficult to find words to express my sense of obligation to you for the patient, loyal,

and intelligent assistance which you have so devotedly rendered during the past two years. During that time I came to have the greatest reliance on the soundness of your judgment and the wisdom of your views on the various problems presented to the Supreme War Council, a judgment and wisdom which you have equally shown in your work with the American Commission to negotiate peace."

At the time of his retirement from active duty in 1939, General Browning was serving in command of the Military Department of the University of Florida. In commenting on his services in this capacity, Dr. J. J. Tigert, President of the University of Florida, in January 1938, said: "Colonel Browning has now been with us about a year and one-half and has rendered such signal service that the morale of our Military Department has been elevated and the work put upon the highest plane which has existed in the ten years of my administration. Colonel Browning is diplomatic and firm. He carries through the policies of the Military Department without fear or favor. He enjoys the respect of his fellow officers, the men under him and particularly the students of the University."

A West Point classmate writes: "It was my good fortune to have General Browning as an intimate friend. We served together for four years while instructors at West Point, and later for three years in the First Field Artillery. He was an outstanding Regimental Adjutant and Battery Commander who played no favorites, a staunch and loyal friend, and the soul of integrity and honor."

A brother officer writes: "The rare perfection of mind and body and his fine character will live on in my memory."

An officer who was his colleague during 1918 and 19, writes:

"One of the greatest privileges afforded me by my service at Versailles and the Peace Conference, was that of an intimate daily association with Billy Browning. His open, generous nature, his qualities of mind and heart, inspired in me a sense of comradeship so close and warm that its memory will remain as one of the most treasured possessions of my service in the Army."

General Browning was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal (U.S.), the Distinguished Service Order (British), Officer of the Legion of Honor (French), and the Order of the Solidaridad (Panamanian). He also held service and campaign medals of the Spanish-American War, and the World War, the latter with two battle clasps.

General Browning was married at Governors Island, New York, on March 18, 1903, to Helen Jones, daughter of Colonel Samuel R. Jones, Class of 1867, and Mrs. Jones, the former Miss Mary Whitelaw. Besides his wife, General Browning is survived by four sons, all graduates of the United States Military Academy. They are: Lt. Colonel William Webb Browning II, Class of 1928; Colonel Samuel Roberts Browning, Class of 1928; Lt. Colonel Harold Webb Browning II, Class of 1934; and Lt. Colonel John Whitelaw Browning, Class of 1937. All are now actively serving overseas in the Armed Forces of the United States.

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**Frederic William Hinrichs, Jr.**

NO. 4077 CLASS OF 1902

*Died February 17, 1944, at Pasadena, California, aged 65 years.*

**L**IEUTENANT COLONEL FREDERIC W. HINRICHS, JR., was born in Brooklyn, New York, on the 3rd of November, 1878. His father was a lawyer of outstanding position in New York, vigorous and high-principled, engaging when opportunity offered in efforts to better conditions in his city, both social and political. He and his



talented and hospitable wife made a home environment of culture, charm and vigor that could not fail to produce the admirable qualities Fred's classmates and associates in later life observed in him. Numerous of Fred's classmates enjoyed the friendship of his family and its generous hospitality from time to time.

Fred was a member of the Class of '99 at Columbia before entering West Point. His was the type of mind that always reveled in mental discipline and improvement, and it was no surprise to find him back in an educational environment, as referred to further on, after his enforced retirement, up to the time of his death in Pasadena, California, on the 17th day of February, 1944, at the age of 65.

Fred entered the United States Military Academy at West Point on the 20th day of June in the year of 1898. From the beginning of his military career he was popular with his classmates and in a very short time had acquired their highest respect. He had a keen sense of humor and was always ready to laugh when things turned out differently from what he had expected. He enjoyed a joke on himself as well as on others. He always took an interest in games, sports, and competitions, and in those in which he participated he was recognized as a good sport, whether winning or losing.

Fred was a man of very high principles and was deeply religious. Music and art and the higher things of life appealed very strongly to him. He believed sincerely in a practical everyday religion rather than a theoretical one. He was always conscientious but

also very fair in carrying out his duty as he saw it. He took an active interest in the Y.M.C.A. at West Point through his four years as a Cadet. He had a lovable disposition, which attracted others to him and for those in trouble he was deeply sympathetic and always ready to lend a helping hand. His influence at West Point was always beneficial and that influence for good was felt throughout his life by all those who came in close contact with him.

Fred stood high in his class and was a Captain in the Cadet Corps. The military authorities had great confidence in him. For his fellow classmates and for cadets in lower classes he was a counselor and a guide and was never too busy to give sound advice to those who sought it.

After graduating from West Point in the Artillery Corps he served with a Field Artillery battery for one year as a Second Lieutenant and then became a First Lieutenant in the Ordnance Department, where he was promoted to the grade of Captain five years after graduation.

Several years of illness forced his retirement in the spring of 1910 and other serious breakdowns followed. He was recovering from bronchial pneumonia near Ashville, North Carolina, in the winter and spring of 1917 and, when the United States declared war on Germany in April of that year, although far from well, he immediately telegraphed the Adjutant General asking for active duty. He received his orders that same day to report to the Chief of Ordnance in Washington.

He remained on active duty until August 31, 1919, when he was demobilized, and returned to the Retired List of the Army with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, to which grade he had been promoted while stationed at Watervliet Arsenal. In July 1918 he was ordered to San Antonio Arsenal as Commanding Officer where he remained for the last year of his active service.

After the war Fred became prominent in the educational world, having served on the staff of the University of Rochester from 1910 to 1917, and of the California Institute of Technology for nearly twenty-five years. In addition to his Bachelor of Science Degree from the United States Military Academy he also held degrees from Columbia University and Occidental College. The following letters from the President of the California Institute of Technology and from the Chairman of the Division of Engineering indicate how he was regarded in that institution.

"When I first arrived at the California Institute in 1921 I received a letter from one of the prominent members of the Board of Trustees of the University of Rochester saying that Cal Tech might regard itself as very fortunate because Frederic Hinrichs, who had been for a few years on the staff of the University of Rochester, was transferring to the staff of Cal Tech, that he had been one of the finest men and the finest teachers they had ever had at Rochester, and was bound to have a similar record here. Within two or three years this prophecy had already been fulfilled, and he was appointed Dean of Upper Classmen, a

position which he held for the next twenty years, when he was removed from it by death. We have always regarded him here as one of our great teachers, for this was the uniform testimony of all the engineering students who went through this institution, for practically all of them had his class in applied mechanics.

"But he was more than a great teacher. He was a man of such character as to exert a profound influence on the lives of all the young men who had contact with him. He was an ideal adviser and friend to the whole student body. Nor was his influence limited to the student body. It extended throughout the whole community, in which he was very widely known, primarily because of his exceptional social qualities. He was universally popular and exerted a strong influence in the club life, the church life, the educational life, and the civic life of this community, in which he played an outstanding role for about a quarter of a century.

(Signed) Robert A. Millikan,  
President, California Institute  
of Technology."

"It was a fortunate circumstance for the California Institute of Technology that Lt. Col. Frederic W. Hinrichs, Jr., retired from the Ordnance Department of the Army, came to California in 1921 just at the time when it was necessary for the Institute to fill a vacant professorship in Applied Mechanics.

"Colonel Hinrichs proved to be a thorough and stimulating teacher, providing inspiration not only for a large number of young engineers, but also for many young instructors whose privilege it was to serve under his intimate guidance through a period of more than twenty years. On the basis that the most effective influence upon young lives is that of example, Colonel Hinrichs qualified as an engineering educator of the highest order. He combined intellectual interests, strength of character, social charm, common sense, and human sympathy as is seldom found in one person.

"When the position of Dean of Upper Classmen was created in 1923 in connection with an enlarging student body, Colonel Hinrichs was the logical person to be designated for that assignment. In that capacity the scope of his influence was appreciably expanded to the advantage of more than five generations of young men.

"The death of Dean Hinrichs in February of 1944 deprived his colleagues of a beloved friend and his students of a respected teacher and counselor who did much to give superior significance to the complimentary characterization: 'He was an officer and a gentleman'.

(Signed) Franklin Thomas,  
Chairman, Division of  
Engineering."

In December 1902 Fred married Marie Honeycutt and she made him not only very happy but served as an inspiration throughout his life. Fred, who made a great success in the military service, a great success in the educational field, also made a great success in his home life. He loved his home, his wife, and his two boys, and

provided the ideal home atmosphere for his sons.

His younger son, Lt. Frederic W. Hinrichs, III, a Navy flier, was killed in an airplane crash during World War II, and his older son, Colonel John H. Hinrichs, Ordnance Department, is following in his father's footsteps and has already made a record in the Army, of which any father could be very proud.

Those members of the Class of 1902 who are still living mourn Fred's loss and deeply revere his memory.

—A Classmate.

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### Charles McHenry Eby

NO. 4106 CLASS OF 1902

*Died November 30, 1944, at The Riverside Manor Rest Home, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, aged 68 years.*

CHARLES MCHENRY EBY, son of Dr. James B. and Emma Toland Eby, was born in Newport, Perry County, Pa., February 10, 1876. His early years were spent in Newport,



where he attended the public schools, until 1892, when he entered Pennsylvania State College, as a freshman, graduating in 1896.

After attending the Braden Prep. School at Highland Falls, he was appointed a cadet at the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1897, where he served from that date to June 12, 1902. At graduation he was appointed Second Lieutenant, 2nd Cavalry, Regular Army, and was sent to Fort Myer, Virginia, in the fall of the same year. Before entering upon his duties at that post, he was married to Jean Bell Irwin, a Newport girl, September 24, 1902. To that union, one daughter, Helen Eby Smith, wife of Colonel Charles Rufus Smith, who is in China at the present time, survives. Also two grandchildren, Jean Irwin Smith and Charles Rufus Smith, Jr.

Colonel Eby had quite an interesting and eventful career, having served in the Philippines, on two different occasions and in Mexico. He honored, with his membership and presence, the following organizations: 12th Cavalry

—as 2nd Lieutenant and 1st Lieutenant; 11th Cavalry—1st Lieutenant; 17th Cavalry—Captain; 160th Brigade, 80th Div.—Major and Brig. Adjt.; 11th Div.—Lt. Colonel, Assistant Chief of Staff "G3"; Motor Transport Corps—Lt. Colonel and Q.M. Corps—Major.

He was Commandant of Cadets at the University of Missouri from 1913-1916; C.O. Troop "C", 11th Cavalry, Mexico, 1916; Provost Marshal, El Paso, Texas, 1916-1917; Provost Marshal, Petersburg and Hopewell, Va., 1917-1918; Brig. Adjt. 160th Brigade, Petersburg, Va. and France—1918; Course at Langres Staff College—France—1918. Experiences as Observer during the Meuse-Argonne fight; "G3", 11th Div. after graduation from "Langres"; C. O. Motor Transport activities in District of Columbia, and of Motor Transport Pool—"D"—comprising eight Camps; Transportation Officer, Washington Intermediate Depot and Chief of Staff, Corps trains, 12th Corps.

Colonel Eby served in France about five months, and was sent back to the United States just shortly before the Armistice of the First World War. On July 30, 1918, he was promoted to Lt. Colonel, Infantry, United States Army, honorably discharged as Lt. Colonel, United States Army, only, reverting to grade of Major, Regular Army, June 30, 1920. Transferred to Quartermaster Corps, August 5, 1920. Promoted to Lt. Colonel, June 18, 1925, and transferred to Cavalry, April 6, 1926.

As his health was failing at this time, he was retired Nov. 18, 1929, after 32 years of Service. Mrs. Eby died October 16, 1932, and was buried in Newport Cemetery, Newport, Pa.

On November 22, 1934, Colonel Eby was married to Mrs. James Rankin Martin of Patterson Heights, Beaver Falls, Pa. In 1935 they moved to Newport, Pa., where they have lived since their marriage.

Colonel Eby was buried in the Newport Cemetery, Newport, Pa., on December 2, 1944. He is survived by his wife and the aforementioned daughter.

He was a member of the American Legion, The Veterans' Association of Foreign Wars, World War Association of Pennsylvania, a director in the First National Bank of Newport, Pa., a member of the Perry Gulf Club, The Army and Navy Club, and other organizations throughout the country.

"Charley" or "Doc" Eby, as the home folks called him, and "Ebe" to Army associates, was a "great guy" and a loyal friend. A man of dynamic personality, honesty and integrity. He was most exacting in his interpretation of honor and duty and was well worth knowing and remembering—a fact that has been evidenced by the many complimentary letters sent to him both before and after his retirement, by Officers of higher rank and from soldiers who served under his Command. He was a born leader, firm in his convictions, always, but was never the less loved and respected by his men.

He loved life, and enjoyed it to the full, until he was forced to give up all physical activity—including riding and the much loved golf, and although it was no easy task to give up the things

he loved to do, he submitted without complaining, and with his keen sense of humor, was, at times, able to view lightly and with patience the pain and suffering he had to endure during the past few years.

He was a real wonder to family and friends in this final period of his illness. He made such a brave fight for life, but just could not recover. His host of friends regret his rather sudden passing, at the last, but, "There are some moral conditions in which Death smiles upon us, as smiles a silent and peaceful night upon the exhausted laborer."

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### Charles Joel Taylor

NO. 4756 CLASS OF 1909

Died August 6, 1943, at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, aged 58 years.

COLONEL CHARLES J. TAYLOR died at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on August 6, 1943. He was on duty as head of the Engineer Unit, R.O.T.C., Louisiana State University. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. C. J. Taylor, and his two sons John F. Taylor and Major C. J. Taylor. Col. Taylor was born in Kansas February 19, 1885. He attended the University of Wyoming up to his entrance to West Point. He graduated from West Point in the Class of 1909. Upon being commissioned in the Corps of Engineers, he attended the Engineer School in 1911. He was a distinguished graduate of the School of the Line in 1922. He graduated from the General Staff School in 1923 and the Army War College in 1924. He served on the General Staff Corps from July 1924 to July 1928. He had served on various tours of duty in Panama and the Philippine and Hawaiian Islands. In the Philippines he was in charge of considerable construction work designed for the protection of Manila Bay. He had been District Engineer at Providence, R. I., and Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Colonel Taylor was buried in Arlington Cemetery on August 14, 1943.

—C. J. T.

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### Harry Dwight Chamberlin

NO. 4881 CLASS OF 1910

Died September 29, 1944, at Letterman General Hospital, aged 57 years.

BRIGADIER GENERAL CHAMBERLIN was born in Elgin, Ill., on the 19th day of May, 1887. He attended the Elgin Academy and was graduated as a 2d Lieutenant of Cavalry from West Point in 1910. He stood No. 31 in his class. He was very athletic, excelling in football, boxing and track during his cadetship. In the 1909 game against the Navy, General Chamberlin ran 95 yards for a touchdown, winning the game for the Army in the last few minutes of play—an almost unprecedented feat.

He had a long and brilliant career and served in many countries. His duties took him to the Philippines and

to many posts and stations in the Continental United States. He was graduated from the French Cavalry School at Saumur, France, and the Italian Cavalry School at Tor di Quinto, Italy, and was an observer at the English Cavalry School, Weedon, England.

During his Army Service, General Chamberlin was assigned to the 7th Cavalry in the Philippines soon after his graduation. He joined the 5th Cavalry and was a member of General Pershing's Punitive Expedition into Mexico. In World War I, he served with the 81st Division in France as Brigade Adjutant, 161st Brigade. He has the World War I campaign ribbon



with two stars, and the Belgian Military Cross. Later he was detailed with the 8th, 9th and 14th Cavalry Regiments in the United States. In 1936 he was on duty as G3, 1st Cavalry Division, and later was its Chief of Staff. In 1939 he was assigned to command of the 2d Cavalry, the oldest Cavalry Regiment in the United States. In 1941 he was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General and served as commandant of the Cavalry Replacement Training Center at Fort Riley, Kansas. He then commanded the 4th Brigade, 2d Cavalry Division, at Ft. Riley. In April 1942, he was detailed as commander of a task force comprised of Army, Navy, Marines and Air Corps, which occupied the New Hebrides Islands in the South Pacific. Later, largely through his foresight, the United States seized the island of Espiritu Santos, which proved of great strategic value in the South Pacific War.

After returning to the United States for medical treatment and a major operation to save his life, General Chamberlin was assigned to the Western Defense Command, then took command of the Southwestern Security District at La Jolla, California. He assumed command of Ft. Ord, California, on October 1, 1943.

Throughout his career he enjoyed a brilliant record as student and instructor. He graduated No. 1 in each, the 1st and 2d Year Class, at the Cavalry School at Ft. Riley, Kansas. He was an instructor in the Tactical Department at West Point and later served two tours as instructor at the Cavalry School in the Department of Weapons and Horsemanship, respect-

ively. He was Master of the Sword, a distinguished Graduate of the Command and General Staff School, and graduate of the Army War College.

General Chamberlin had no peer as a horseman and trainer of horses, being considered by most authorities, both civilian and military, as the foremost horseman in the world. On his graduation from Tor di Quinto, the Italian Commandant handed him his diploma with the remark—"The pupil has surpassed the master." He participated in hundreds of equestrian events, both polo and jumping, and excelled in them all. In 1926 he captained the Army polo teams which won the National Twelve-Goal Championship at Philadelphia, and the Twenty-Goal Junior Championship at the Westchester-Biltmore Club at Rye, N. Y.

In 1919 he was a member of the Army Equestrian Team in the Inter-Allied Games in Paris and won 2d Individual Place in the Three-Day Event. He was a member of the 1920 U.S. Olympic Team in Antwerp, Belgium, and in 1928, of the U.S. Equestrian Team at Amsterdam, Holland. In 1929 he captained the Army Team on its successful competitive tour through Germany, Poland and Ireland. He also visited the German Army as their guest.

In 1932 he captained the U.S. Olympic Team which, for the first and only time, captured 1st Place in the Three-Day Event at Los Angeles. He also won 2d Individual Place in the Prize of Nations Jumping Contest.

In addition to many articles on riding, horse-mastership and training, General Chamberlin was the author of two books, accepted by every horseman of note in this country and in Europe as the most authoritative works on the subject, titled, "Riding and Schooling Horses" and "Training Hunters, Jumpers and Hacks."

Not the least of his accomplishments in the riding line was the development and perfection of the forward riding and jumping seat now almost universally known as the "Chamberlin Seat." It is hoped that it will soon be officially known as such. General Chamberlin accomplished this aim by the intensive study of the best points of all the riding-seats in the world.

Everyone who knew Harry Chamberlin was immediately impressed by his enormous personality and charm. He was one of the most widely-known and most talked of officers in the Army. In addition to his great ability and brilliance as an officer, which his record amply proves, he had the rare quality of making and holding friends, to which his wonderful sense of humor and dry wit added in no small degree. His joy of life was so infectious that he lent a zest to every activity in which he took part. He had an innate kindness and wanted everyone to enjoy himself whether at work or play. He was intensely loyal to the Army and to his friends and subordinates. His sense of fair play was paramount; he was never spiteful, was absolutely open-minded and at the same time set the highest of standards; so high, in fact, that occasionally some of his subordinates could not "make the grade"; corrective measures were promptly

and habitually taken. His many years of service at Ft. Riley contributed in no small way to the character and atmosphere of that post. He was a most gallant officer and the spirit of West Point was strongly entrenched in his being. He never complained about any "job" he had to do, no matter how dour it might seem. Instead he put his whole heart into it and made it interesting and glamorous. His friends were legion—of all classes, types and nationalities. He had great ability in this respect for sizing up people for what they were and not merely for their station in life. He could, and did, associate with kings, and never lost the common touch. All will agree that there was never a dull moment when Harry was present. He worked hard when he worked and played with zest when he played. He will always be remembered for his outstanding accomplishments and by many anecdotes and bon mots connected with his life.

The following is an extract of a letter written by General Marshall: "He (General Chamberlin) was one of the ablest and most popular men in the Regular establishment, and his loss to the Army is a great one. He was one of those rare individuals who excelled in everything that he did, and if his overseas service had not been terminated so prematurely by his health, I am confident he would have accomplished great things in combat. He died while serving his country and the Army which he loved so intensely."

General Chamberlin is survived by his widow, Mrs. Helen Chamberlin, and two daughters, Lydia and Frederica. His sister, Mrs. John Thornell, a frequent visitor at the General's home, lives in Elgin, Ill.

The above resumé of General Chamberlin's life, service and character was compiled and written by one who has been associated with him for nearly 25 years. He has been my brother officer, commanding officer, commanding General, and above all, my devoted friend. My association with him, in each of the aforementioned capacities has been an inspiration and has enriched my life. His loss, to me, can never be replaced.

—B. P.

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## John Francis Holland

NO. 7819 CLASS OF 1925

*Died January 29, 1945, at Leyte, Philippine Islands, aged 44 years.*

ON his 44th birthday, January 29, 1945, Colonel John Francis Holland, Class of 1925, was killed when a plane proceeding at high speed along the runway swerved into the plane by which he was standing at Tacloban airstrip, Leyte, Philippine Islands, throwing him to the ground and causing fatal injuries. He was on duty with the G-3 Planning Section, G.H.Q., Southwest Pacific Area, an assignment which he had held since his departure for overseas service on October 7, 1944. He was preparing to depart on an operation which he had planned and in which he had been particularly requested to participate.

He is buried in the American Forces Cemetery at Tacloban. Thus terminated at prime a career that had always shown high promise since his graduation from the academy and subsequent promotion to second lieutenant of infantry.

Throughout his almost twenty years of commissioned service, John Holland's performance of duty earned him sound praise. His first commanding officer wrote of him:

"One of the most conscientious and loyal young officers that the undersigned has known. He performs all duties in an excellent manner and exercises good judgment and tact."

The remarks of an organization commander in 1926 characterized Lieu-



tenant Holland as one whom young officers of today might well admire and seek to emulate. This commander stated:

"This officer represents the best type of young officer. He is loyal, painstaking in his performance of duties, respectful to his superiors, considerate of the enlisted men under his command, thoroughly reliable irrespective of the duty on which he is detailed, and he presents at all times an excellent military appearance."

During his service John demonstrated continually his thoroughness and keen professional ability. Appreciated were his quick analytical mind, accompanying keen judgment, and ability to arouse and sustain enthusiasm.

Always emphasized was his energy and tireless execution of duty. Throughout his service to the day of his death one finds nothing but praise for a frank, serious, and self-reliant officer. At a time of testing of the then new triangular infantry division in 1938 he was especially commended as a captain by then Brigadier General Lesley J. McNair, on whose staff he later served in Headquarters, Army Ground Forces. At that time, General McNair wrote:

". . . Captain Holland was engaged as a member of the Engineer Committee and assisted in the formulation of the final report of the Commanding General, 2d Division, upon the proposed infantry division. He was burdened at the same time with the additional necessity of retaining a considerable

part of his company administration. He was especially selected for this work and his performance justified expectations. To his heavy duties he applied himself cheerfully without regard to hours. His work was distinguished by exceptional thoroughness, tact and cooperation, loyalty, intelligence, initiative and good judgment, contributing much to the completeness of the report. He is an especially fine staff officer."

In 1940, while on the staff of Major General Walter Krueger, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, his performance of duty was such as to call forth these comments from General Krueger:

"An extremely capable, well-liked officer, conscientious and absolutely dependable. He works without regard to hours. Ambitious, greatly interested in his profession, he gives unsparingly of his best efforts for the accomplishment of his task. A quiet, modest, unassuming and intensely loyal officer, whose paramount interest is the efficiency of his organization."

Along with his recognized professional ability went an agreeable, friendly, and understanding personality. John liked people and he knew how to get along easily with them. In the 1925 HOWITZER was written, "His unobtrusive efficiency, consideration for others in the small things and his ability to see the other fellow's side of an argument have won for him a large number of friends." His interest in others, his sympathetic cheerfulness, continued to broaden with the years, gaining friends wherever he served. To know John Holland was to like him.

His early service included the normal experience of a regular officer of his age, company officer in all grades within the infantry in the United States and on foreign service. He was a graduate of both the Company Officers' Course, Infantry School, 1928, and the Command and General Staff School, 1937. From the latter he was distinguished by being placed on the General Staff Eligibility List.

In the years of this war he served in a superior manner as G-3 of the 102d Infantry Division from its activation and during the formative year thereafter. In 1943 he became assistant to Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, Army Ground Forces, as chief of the Special Projects Branch, Training Division, where he was considered highly as an exceptionally sound officer, not easily sidetracked from a determined course of action. In his assignment with the Army Ground Forces he was responsible for types of training that aided importantly the national war effort. It was from this assignment in Army Ground Forces that Colonel Holland went to serve his country in a Pacific assignment. His posts and periods of duty were generally as follows:

5th Infantry, Ft. McKinley, Ft. Williams, Me., 1925 to 1928; Infantry School, Student, 1928; 1st Infantry, Ft. Francis E. Warren, Wyo., 1929-1931; 27th Infantry, and Headquarters, 22d Brigade, Schofield Barracks, T. H., 1931-1935; 17th Infantry, Ft. Leavenworth, Kans., 1935-1936; Command and General Staff School, Student, 1936-1937; 23d Infantry and Post Adjutant,

Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, 1937-1940; 60th Infantry, Ft. Bragg, N. C., 1940-1941; Infantry School, Publications Section, Ft. Benning, Ga., 1941-1942; 102d Division, G-3, Camp Maxey, Texas, 1942-1943; Headquarters, Army Ground Forces, Washington, D. C., 1943-1944; Office, Chief of Staff, U.S. Army, Washington, D. C., and Southwest Pacific Area, Sept.-Dec., 1944; Departed overseas, Oct. 7, 1944; Assigned Southwest Pacific Area, Dec. 15, 1944.

Of his last service in the Southwest Pacific Area was written:

"Colonel Holland was one of the most efficient and trusted officers in the office of G-3, General Headquarters. His short period of duty here demonstrated his outstanding capabilities. . ."

"Colonel Holland's service . . . well established his reputation. It is rare indeed that an officer in that period has earned and merited so deep an admiration of his comrades. This is testimony to his unusually fine qualities. Such a tribute could only be gained by one possessing the engaging personality and sterling character of Colonel Holland."

John F. Holland was born in Savannah, Georgia, the son of Daniel A. and Annie Holland. He was married on June 23, 1927, to Beatrice E. Bryant of Portland, Maine. He is survived by his wife and three children, Ruth, James Ralph, and John F. Jr., of 4025 Southern Ave., S.E., Washington, D. C. John was a devoted husband and father, deriving great satisfaction from his family of which he was intensely proud. He is also survived by a sister, Marie, of Worcester, Mass., and by three brothers, Herbert, of Cranston, R. I.; Joseph, of Boston, Mass.; and Daniel, of Mobile, Ala.

—G. F. L.

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### Madison Clinton Schepps

NO. 8367 CLASS OF 1928

Died August 27, 1944, at Prestwick, Scotland, aged 41 years.

ON the 19th of August, 1944, the Commanding General, 13th Armored Division, Camp Bowie, Texas, wrote the following letter to Lt. Colonel Madison C. Schepps, commanding the 67th Armored Infantry Battalion:

"1. I regret very much that pursuant to War Department orders you are to be transferred from this Division to an overseas assignment. Like all good soldiers, I am sure you are pleased and proud of the privilege of taking your place among those who are doing the actual fighting. I had hoped, however, that you would be permitted to remain with this Division and lead your battalion, the 67th Armored Infantry Battalion, in combat.

"2. During the thirteen months you have been with this Division, you have demonstrated outstanding qualities of leadership, and sound professional knowledge. By your energy, aggressiveness, and imagination you have trained a splendid battalion which I am sure will be a credit to you when it meets the crucial test of battle. Your

departure is a distinct loss to the Division. In my opinion, your work as Battalion Commander has been superior.

"3. I appreciate the loyalty and cooperation you have shown and I wish you the best of luck, success, and glory in your future assignment.

"JOHN B. WOGAN,  
"Major General, U.S. Army,  
"Commanding."

With this soldier's accolade to speed him on his way, Matty Schepps set out to accomplish his heartfelt ambition, a brilliant combat career. But fate intervened. On August 27, 1944, eight days after he left Camp Bowie, Matty,



with 25 other persons, perished in the crash of a C-54 transport plane in Prestwick, Scotland. The plane had completed a trans-Atlantic crossing with Matty as one of its passengers and was attempting to land at the Prestwick Airdrome.

As fate would have it, Matty should have taken a plane days before the one that carried him to his death. After arriving in New York from Texas, he registered at a hotel. His whereabouts were known to the War Department but he waited almost a week without further word. Finally he checked with the hotel clerk to see if there had not been a message for him. The clerk replied that the War Department had been looking for him for days. Matty said: "But I've been sitting up in my room for almost a week." The clerk answered: "We had a Colonel Scheffer, not Schepps, listed in that room." Matty telephoned the War Department immediately and in a few hours he was aboard the ill-fated plane, instead of having gone days before.

Thus prematurely came to an end the career of as upright a person as ever wore the Kaydet Gray. "Physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight," Matty Schepps was the personification of the ideals set forth in the Cadet Prayer. To his family and host of friends his memory will be forever bright. In the words of his mother, "Matty can never die."

Matty was born in New York City on November 19, 1902, the son of Louis and Therese Schepps. His family moved to Brooklyn and there Matty graduated from Public School No. 168

in 1914 and Eastern District High School in 1918. He then matriculated at Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute. He won his degree in Chemical Engineering at that institution in 1923. He entered West Point on July 16, 1924, as a member of the class of 1928.

At Brooklyn Polytechnic he began a collegiate athletic career which eventually won him national recognition. Throughout his life he remained always the exemplification of clean living, aggressive, hard-fighting but square-shooting athlete. Only once was he ever seriously hospitalized and that was for an athletic injury, not illness. In 1933 towards the close of his service in China, he had difficulty with his right knee which he had dislocated in an "intra-murder" football game at West Point in the Fall of 1927.

He recovered from this and during the basketball season before his death, Matty scrimmaged with his battalion team, aptly named "Schepps' Sharpshooters," not only exhibiting a good eye for the cage and a facility for handling the ball, but also showing he was able to move around with the old speed and zip.

At Brooklyn Poly he was a mainstay of the baseball and basketball teams. He played short and third on the baseball team and guard and forward on the basketball team. He also won his letters in track and swimming. His specialty in track was the broad jump. In all he won nine letters at Brooklyn Poly.

Clippings of his athletic activities are replete with comments such as this: "Schepps was the outstanding star of the contest. The elastic forward took part in nearly every play executed by his teammates and performed every department of the game with rare skill"; and "Schepps' fielding at third was a feature."

Matty continued his athletic career at West Point. He won major letters in baseball and basketball. In baseball he was an outstanding infielder, playing at various times, second, third and shortstop. One season, 1926, he was the leading college hitter in the East. Against the New York Yankees in 1927 he clouted a home run into Battery Knox while both Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig went homeless. Upon graduation the New York Giants offered him a contract but he preferred to stay in the Army.

After graduation in 1928 Matty continued to keep his hand in athletics. While serving at Ft. Slocum, New York, he played shortstop with the New York Athletic Club. At all his stations he took a prominent role as participant in and promotor of soldier sports. He took up polo and soon earned a national rating. His last polo season was at Ft. Benning in 1941-42 when he played a brilliant game.

Matty served in the following organizations; 18th Infantry, Ft. Hamilton and Ft. Slocum, New York, September 1928—May 1931; 15th Infantry, Tientsin, China, June 1931—March 1934; 30th Infantry, Presidio of San Francisco, Calif., April-May 1934. This period was spent in Letterman General Hospital for observation and treatment of injured right knee. 24th Infantry, Ft. Benning, Ga., July-August 1934; Student, Infantry School, Company Officers' Course, Ft. Benning, Ga., September 1934—June 1935; 29th Infan-

try, Ft. Benning, Ga., June 1935—February 1938; 24th Infantry, February 1938—May 1939; 20th Infantry, Ft. Francis E. Warren, Wyoming; Ft. Jackson, S. C.; Ft. Benning, Ga.; Camp Beauregard, La., June 1939—July 1940. (Recruiting duty, month of October 1939, Salt Lake City, Utah.) 47th Infantry, Ft. Bragg, N. C., July-December 1940; 518th M.P. Bn., Ft. Jay, N. Y., December 1940—February 1941; Student, Infantry School, Battalion Commander and Staff Officers' Course, February-May 1941; Staff and Faculty, Infantry School, Ft. Benning, Ga., May 1941—June 1942; 1st Infantry and Asst. Chief of Staff, G-3, 6th Motorized Div., later redesignated 6th Inf. Div., Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. (Tennessee Maneuvers, fall of 1942) and Camp Young, Calif., July 1942—July 1943; 59th Armored Inf. Regt. and 67th Armored Inf. Battalion, 13th Armored Div., Camp Young, Calif., and Camp Bowie, Texas, July 1943—August 1944.

He graduated from the B. F. Goodrich Company Army Training School, Akron, Ohio, on June 3, 1944, with a grade of 96.5, highest in his class. Matty was in command of the class and gained the genuine regard of the school staff, officers and enlisted men who were fellow students. His aggressive leadership was cause for the excellent spirit of all the students and was an important reason for the high average grades earned by the students of his class.

He was promoted to 1st Lt., U.S. Army, on August 1, 1934; Captain on June 9, 1938; temporary Major, A.U.S., January 31, 1941, and temporary Lt. Colonel, A.U.S., August 27, 1942.

His professional career was marked by clear steady progress upward from "a very promising young Lieutenant, capable, loyal with pleasing personality," as recorded by his first commanding officer, to the finished battalion commander described in General Wogan's letter of commendation written just before his death. In China he proved self-reliant, alert, earnest and eager to learn his profession. He did superior work training his battalion for machine gun range practice. He completed a 250-hour course in the Chinese language. He also showed a flair for amateur theatricals.

As a First Lieutenant he developed into an excellent staff officer and exhibited such traits as to mark him as extremely suitable for duty and contact with civilian components. In the 24th Infantry he proved exceptionally industrious, enthusiastic and ambitious with the intelligence and judgment necessary to make those traits effective. He earned a superior rating as a self-reliant, versatile, well-read officer who initiated action speedily and obtained excellent results.

As a Captain he won a commendation for the efficient manner in which he conducted the Regional Small Bore Tournament at Ft. Francis E. Warren, Wyoming. The Executive Officer of the Tournament wrote: "The many favorable comments that were received from the civilian competitors and my observations of the polite manner in which he handled the various questions which are sure to arise in matches of this kind is an indication of his high standard of attention to duty and ability to handle difficult situations. I, therefore, wish to commend this officer

and to say that I would be delighted to have him in any command that I may have."

To this commendation Colonel (now Major General) E. F. Reinhardt added: "I personally observed the exceptional efficiency with which Captain Madison C. Schepps carried out his duties in connection with the Regional Tournament. I heartily indorse the foregoing commendation. His fine work reflected great credit upon himself and his organization."

General Reinhardt has written the following additional tribute about Matty: "Matty was not only a fine officer and gentleman, but a devoted husband and father. He was ever loyal, not only to his commanders, but to those who served under him. Wherever and whenever duty called, he gave his best loyalty and generously. He adhered to the ideals and motto of his Alma Mater. To those of us who lived and served with him Matty exemplified the finest characteristics of a true officer and gentleman. Though he has now gone past the horizon, we, who knew him well, cherish the memory of a true and loyal friend."

Matty's record continued superior as a Major. He earned such rating as an exceedingly enthusiastic and cheerful officer who was able to impart his enthusiasm to the members of his command. As an instructor at the Infantry School he was considered alert, resourceful and aggressive and was given a superior rating. He got decisive results and was deemed of the highest potential value to the Service for any class of duty.

According to Brigadier General Julius Ochs Adler, Acting Division Commander of the 6th Motorized Division, later redesignated the 6th Infantry Division, Matty was an officer of great energy, capacity and ability. As battalion commander his organization was outstanding; as G-3 of the Division his plans were sound, aggressive and successful.

Matty's success sprang not only from his military attributes but from his innate human qualities as exemplified by the affection in which he was held by the officers and men of his last command, the 67th Armored Infantry Battalion. Matty was with this organization for just over a year, joining the Battalion on July 31, 1943, when it was the 1st Battalion of the 59th Armored Infantry Regiment. On September 30, 1943, that Regiment was inactivated and the 1st Battalion became a separate battalion, the 67th Armored Infantry Battalion. It was necessary for Matty to start from scratch with a majority of the troops untrained, and mold them into an effective fighting team. When he left the Division he had one of the outstanding battalions in the Division, a unit ready for combat. He always set a fine example for his battalion. On forced marches he moved from head to rear of the column and back to the head, constantly giving words of encouragement and support. His battalion had the highest record in the Division on physical fitness tests. In the social affairs of the Division, Matty was a past master in making arrangements and preparations resulting in successful and congenial parties.

His interest in the members of his command was that of a father or big

brother. He obtained results by winning the loyalty, love and respect of his men and then keeping them constantly informed as to exactly what would be expected of them. As one of his men put it simply: "He was the finest commanding officer I have ever been honored to serve under, and that I say with all my heart."

In his home life Matty was as happy as in his professional career. On August 29, 1930, he married Laura Moffatt of Stow, Ohio. They had known each other only five months but it was a case of love at first sight and it not only endured but grew with each passing day. No couple was ever more devoted to each other.

Their first son, Madison, Jr., was born November 11, 1931, in China; the second, Winston Moffatt, in Akron, Ohio, on July 8, 1936. Matty was extremely proud of his family. Two weeks before his death he wrote a friend that "Madison is very tall and handsome, looks like a 1st baseman, plays piano. Winston is husky, active, quiet, a tap dancer of all things!, a good runner."

Two boys have never had a finer heritage than represented in the characters of Matty and Laura Schepps. Madison and Winston Schepps can be counted on to live up to the high ideals of their father and mother. Mrs. Schepps and her children are now living at 136 Adaline Drive, Stow, Ohio.

Matty's interest in youth extended beyond his home. He took an active interest in the Boy Scouts of America and served as Scout Master of a troop at Ft. Benning. His scouts could have had no finer exemplar of the principles expressed in the Boy Scout oath as in the Cadet Prayer "to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight" and of the Scout law: "A Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Brave, Clean and Reverent." All these qualities Matty had in great abundance.

Devoted to his wife and boys, Matty also retained a deep and abiding affection for his parents, his brother, Jesse and the latter's wife, Belle, and son, Bob. Matty's parents reside at 734 Ocean Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

As this account of Matty's career began with the words of commendation written by Major General Wogan eight days before Matty's death, so it is appropriate that it should be closed with this further tribute of General Wogan written to Laura Schepps after Matty's death. General Wogan said:

"His transfer out of the Division, so keenly felt and regretted, was tempered somewhat by the knowledge that he was going somewhere he always wanted to go and his presence on the battlefield would materially increase the fighting efficiency of any unit that was privileged to have him as a commander.

"His death is a distinct loss to the Army he served so efficiently and so loyally ever since he entered the Military Academy as a plebe. You may find a measure of comfort in the knowledge that Matty had made a great name for himself as a superior battalion commander and that he was loved and respected by his superiors, his contemporaries and his subordinates."

—C. G. S.

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## Robert Cochran Twyman

NO. 11548 CLASS OF 1939

Died March 12, 1944, at Lomita, California, aged 29 years.

**R**OBERT C. (BOB) TWYMAN was one of those rare individuals in the United States Army who commanded respect not because of his rank but by thorough, exacting work that carried an understanding of administrative problems on the ground as well as the flying training he knew so well.

During his brief career with the United States Army Air Forces he



built up a reputation for character and devotion to duty that was recognized by all—soldiers and civilians alike.

At one of his stations, Chickasha, Oklahoma, where Bob was commanding Officer of the A.A.F. Flying Training Detachment, it still is said that the field continues to operate under the initial impetus he provided when the school was in its infancy. Such a tribute is characteristic of many that followed Bob from one assignment to another up to and after his death on March 12, 1944, at Lomita, California.

While at Chickasha, Bob had among the myriad activities of a Commanding Officer the problem of teaching assistants the functions of ground administration, then, going to the flying line, he flew four students daily and sometimes even more. The high standards and excellent record set at Chickasha were the result.

But there was more than administrative and flying talent in Bob Twyman's make-up. In it was a human approach to problems and direct, frank methods of solving them that had officers, enlisted men and civilians under his command seeking his judgment or opinion.

He was using the same thorough, energetic methods of fulfilling his duties in his next assignment, as Deputy Commander of a P-38 fighter group (479th), when, on March 12,

he died in an aircraft accident at the Lomita Flight Strip near Lomita, Cal.

From the Ground Executive Officer of the fighter group came this expression of the general feeling toward Bob:

"I joined the group March 1 so it was not my pleasure to know Bob for very long. However, I have never worked with a better or more likeable man and since I was the non-flying executive we became very well acquainted through our work.

"During this time the outfit was preparing to go overseas and there were naturally a million things to do. His organizing ability, energy and thoroughness was an inspiration to everyone and his work was extremely effective in getting things ready. Bob was very active in all departments of the group from the flying training program to the marking of clothing and packing of equipment. His interest and help in the non-flying activities was particularly gratifying to me because the average pilot is not interested in that side of the show and will not back up or help those who are required to perform that type of duty. It was a terrific blow to the outfit to lose a man like Bob."

The knowledge that Bob's ideals left such an impression among individuals with whom he worked in the Army Air Forces bears out the feelings of those who knew him in earlier years.

He was born January 10, 1915, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles I. Twyman at Galesburg, Illinois, and attended grade school and high school there. In high school he achieved scholastic and extra-curricular honors, and found time to devote to athletics, in football and track. He continued this pace for three years at Knox College, Galesburg, Ill., where he became a star half-miler in track as well as heading up many extra-curricular activities. At Knox he became a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

Taking competitive examinations, he qualified to enter the U.S. Military Academy in 1935. Here he continued his athletics, participating in Corps squads as follows: Soccer, Baseball, Wrestling and Pistol. As to his popularity while a cadet, we extract the following from the 1939 Howitzer:

"No more will the sinks ring to those stirring classics 'The Tumble Bug' and 'The Little Bird.' Many are the blues that were banished and many are the hearts that were lifted by Bob's throbbing voice. Alas! With graduation the sink's Golden Age of Twyman has passed. All of us will long remember Bob's songs, but longer yet will we remember his even temper and his sincere interest in his friends."

He was graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree on June 12, 1939, when he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Signal Corps.

He transferred to the Air Forces and began his primary flying training at Tulsa, Okla., late in 1939. He received his basic training at Randolph Field and then went to Kelly Field, Texas, where he was graduated from

the Air Corps Advanced Flying School in June 1940. He returned to Randolph Field where he served as a Flying Instructor and Flight Commander at the Air Corps Basic Flying School until November 1941.

Bob next moved to Enid, Okla., where he served as Flight Commander at the Air Corps Basic Flying School there, and in January 1942 he assumed command of the 475th School Squadron at the same post. As a 1st Lieutenant, he then spent a month as Assistant Air Supervisor at the Air Corps Training Detachment at Pine Bluff, Ark., from February to March, 1942.

He went to Chickasha on March 9, 1942 and shortly thereafter was promoted to Captain and on July 17 received his majority. In March 1943 he was placed on temporary duty with the Fourth Ferrying Group, Air Transport Command, at Memphis, Tenn., for 60 days, ferrying P-38 fighters from California to the Middle West. A mastoid operation kept him in the Borden General Hospital at Chickasha for several weeks but he returned to duty at the Flying Training Detachment there in June, 1943.

During that summer Bob attended the A.A.F. School of Applied Tactics at Orlando, Fla., the Command and General Staff School, Leavenworth, Kans., and the A.A.F. Staff Course which carried him through the A.A.F. Materiel Command at Wright Field; Camp Davis, N. C.; the A.A.F. School of Applied Tactics; the Training Center Amphibious Forces Atlantic Fleet, Camp Bradford, Va.; then to The Pentagon at Washington.

On January 17, 1944, he was relieved at Chickasha and assigned to the 479th Fighter Group of the Fourth Air Force in California.\*

With him during his entire A.A.F. career was his wife, Mrs. Margaret Ann Twyman, the former Miss Margaret Ann Gessner of Milwaukee, Wis., whom he married August 19, 1939 after a courtship that began at Knox College. Their son, Charles, was born at Fort Sam Houston while they were stationed at Randolph Field.

Bob's devotion to official duties was comparable only to the devotion he gave to his family, and the stimulus, love and admiration he received in return was more than adequate compensation for the happiness he deserved and found.

—B. W. C.

\*The first issue of the cadet magazine, the "Chickasha Warrior," published at the Air School at Chickasha in July, 1942 was dedicated to Major Twyman. The dedication read as follows: "This book is dedicated to Major Twyman in admiration and respect for an officer under whom we have been proud to serve. He has shown that in the discharge of duty and maintenance of Army discipline one can go far by incorporating the right amount of human feeling toward his men.

"We are grateful to have had our primary training under his command, as our stay has been both enjoyable and profitable. He is a natural leader of aerial fighting men and our one wish is to be under his command in peace or in war."

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**John Nathaniel Hauser, Jr.**

NO. 12355 CLASS OF 1941

*Died May 4, 1944, at Camp Van Dorn, Mississippi, aged 25 years.*

**T**HIS biographical sketch is written by his father, in loving and grateful memory of a life, however short, spent in service to his country with honor, fidelity to his duty and his conscience, and zealously applied ability.

*Born:* Dayton, Ohio, February 5, 1919.



*Died:* Camp Van Dorn, Mississippi, May 4, 1944.

His childhood was the usual one in an Army family, a succession of homes in different places, a new school every one, two or three years. Fortunately, his high school years were spent in one place, and the school a good one, Haverford Township High School in Philadelphia, where John became a member of the National Honor Society. Following that came the necessary year of preparation for the Presidential competitive examination for entrance to the Military Academy, spent at Mr. Puhl's Columbian Preparatory School in Washington, D. C.; and then came the Academy itself.

He was a good plebe and a happy one, and a happy cadet. He was always studious, quiet, and reserved, but had many staunch friends who knew his worth.

Upon graduation he chose the Field Artillery for his arm, and requested and obtained an assignment to an armored division. His unit and mine were together in the Carolina maneuvers of 1941 and I was pleased with reports I received and observations I was able to make on how he did his job. Late in 1942 he applied for duty as a paratrooper, won his wings at the Parachute School, Fort Benning, and was sent to Fort Bragg, where he had a battery in the 456th Parachute F.A. Battalion of the 82d Airborne Division, and was promoted to captain. There followed a short period of duty at the

Field Artillery Replacement Training Center at Fort Bragg, and then in May 1943 assignment to the 862d F.A. Battalion of the 63d Infantry Division, where he first commanded a howitzer battery. Again, I was able to observe his work during a short visit, and again I was pleased with what I saw, and what I heard from his first sergeant, his associates, his immediate commander and Brigadier General E. C. McGaw, the commanding general of the division artillery. He was then sent to the Field Artillery School for the advanced course in preparation for his promotion to the grade of major.

His last command is now in an active theatre. One of his closest friends, who had succeeded him in command, wrote me on the eve of the departure of the division for overseas that John had set the pace for him, and that he hoped he was worthy of carrying on his job.

His remains rest in Arlington. His spirit, I know, is where he wanted to be, with troops on a fighting front.

—John N. Hauser.

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**Jack Francis Clark**

NO. 13416 CLASS OF JAN., 1943

*Died September 15, 1944, near Clovis Army Air Base, New Mexico, aged 25 years.*

**F**OR those of us who knew Jack well it is still hard to realize that he is no longer with us. And no matter how hard we try we can see no plausible reason why his life should have been cut short just at the time when he was enjoying living to the fullest extent. However, we are the weak, and it is not our prerogative to question the decisions of the All Mighty. Captain Jack Francis Clark died serving his country to his fullest capacity, doing his duty, his part in our world wide fight for freedom.

In a letter to Jack's wife, Bette, Col. James N. Peyton, Commanding Officer of the Clovis Army Air Base has stated that, "Although words and the fact that a nation at war suffers losses, are small consolation to you who have lost a husband, you are not alone in your moment of sorrow. The nation, the Army Air Forces, and especially we here at Clovis have suffered a loss that we cannot replace. When victory comes yours will continue to be the pride of having made a costly but not vain sacrifice."

As a pilot at the Clovis Army Air Base in New Mexico, instructing in the B-29 Superfortress, then still new in this war, Jack was flying the airplane he loved, and at the same time he was teaching others how to handle and get the most out of the big ship. Ironically enough the crash which cost Jack his life was his first of any kind, and due to no fault of his own. But, and if we can find consolation in any way this well might be it, the crash did uncover and eliminate one of the "bugs," or faulty mechanisms, which are always present in new aircraft

models. This particular "bug" was one which showed up in the hinged movement of the Superfort's elevators causing Jack's ship to stall in the nose high position shortly after take off, and to crash into the ground. His fight to right the falling ship saved the lives of the rest of the men on board even though a few were seriously injured. However, the best efforts of the specialists called to the Clovis Air Base Hospital could not save Jack.

Even though he had seen no overseas duty his efforts to the last were superior, and his name might well be entered with those of the heroes of World War II.

We all remember Jack as a splendid athlete. Almost from the time he was born, and at least since he entered school he had been intensely interested in all competitive sports, and had excelled in many. He was his high school number one golfer in Omaha in 1937, and was an All-Nebraska basketball forward for the years of 1936-37. Not content with these accomplishments he also graced the football field with no mean ability.

After graduating from high school in 1937 Jack attended the University of Nebraska for two years taking a Business Administration course. While there he kept his eye on West Point finally getting his appointment and starting out on his military career on his twentieth birthday, July 1, 1939.

Right from the start he went back to his athletics only to find that his size and a few minor academic difficulties made it necessary for him to drop football. However, he came through in fine style on the basketball court and golf links a little later on



to set a fast pace for both plebe teams. And, during his varsity years as a basketballer we all yelled for coach Dutch Lens to send in "Fat Jack" to drop in a few of his long shot specialties whenever the big team got into trouble. His only return to football was in the fall of 1941 when he led his "D" Company "Intramurder" team to the undisputed corps championship.

Even after his graduation he continued to be a sportsman, and just the week before he died he had been the runner-up in the New Mexico State Golf tournament—a feat of which he

was rightfully proud after a long lay-off and very little practice.

Athletics were not Jack's only accomplishments though his whole strength of character and competitive spirit which he showed in sports was exemplified in every activity he attempted. These attributes were noticed by his superior officers on every base where he was stationed. From his instructors at West Point, and from those who taught him to fly during his training at Bennettsville, S. C., Shaw Field, S. C. and Columbus, Miss., came nothing but praise. In the words of Col. Peyton, "The Army has not only lost a superior officer, but we here at Clovis have lost a most valued friend and soldier whose record was second to none. If Captain Clark had lived, I am sure he would have made a great name for himself in the military world."

As a further tribute to Jack's character and abilities Lt. Gen. Barney M. Giles, Deputy Commanding Officer of our Army Air Forces, wrote to Bette, "Captain Clark was an unusually determined and self-reliant officer of upright character, whose passing is mourned by many friends he made in the Army Air Forces. After graduation at Columbus Army Flying School he welcomed difficult assignments and earned the praise of superiors for the capable, energetic manner in which he performed these duties. At all times he upheld the highest traditions of the service, and showed that he was earnestly desirous of contributing his utmost to our cause.

"Your husband was esteemed by all who knew him well. I hope the knowledge of this and the memory that he gave his life for his country will afford you some consolation in your bereavement."

We have all suffered deeply from the tragic loss of Jack's life. However, none have suffered more than have his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George C. Clark, his brother, Robert, and his wife, Bette. Theirs has been the greatest sacrifice of all.

Born July 1, 1919, Died September 15, 1944, Buried September 19, 1944, exactly twenty months after that memorable day when he graduated from the U.S.M.A. and was married in the Old Cadet Chapel by Col. C. E. Wheat to Miss Bette Hughes, Jack Clark will live forever in the memory of those who knew him, worked with him and loved him. His life was the kind I would like for my son to lead.

—R. C. B.

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**William Milner Wallace, Jr.**

NO. 13997 CLASS OF 1944

Died October 16, 1944, at Camp Pickett, Virginia, aged 22 years.

**T**HE measure of a man's life is not in the number of years he has lived, but in the way he has lived them. Judged by this standard, William Milner Wallace, Jr. ("Milner" to the home folks, "Wally" to his West

Point associates) at the age of twenty-two had accomplished far more than many whose years were twice that number.

The young lieutenant's death closed a brilliant career which had taken him as an honor student through the Decatur, Ga., grammar schools and Decatur Boys High from which he graduated in 1939. He was Valedictorian of his class, winning in addition the saber in R.O.T.C. for military and scholastic efficiency, and the Chemistry medal for the highest grades in Science. He also won a four-year scholarship to Columbia University, N. Y.

While at Columbia, Milner was active in the Christian Association and was pledged a member of the S.A.E. fraternity. After two years he received an appointment from the Fifth Congressional District of Georgia to the U.S. Military Academy, West Point. The three years Milner spent at the Military Academy were very happy ones for him. He never found the discipline too rigid nor his stud-



ies too difficult, and always found time to help others less endowed than himself. While there he received the stars of a Distinguished Cadet, was a member of the Chess team and achieved the rank of Cadet Lieutenant. Graduating number 37 out of a total of 474 cadets, made it possible for Milner to choose the Corps of Engineers as his branch of service. Milner received a diploma for completion of the Graduates' Course at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia, and was then assigned to the 264th Engineer Combat Battalion at Camp Pickett, Virginia. He was there only a few days before his tragic death from a gunshot wound, but, as his commanding officer wrote, "Although Lt. Wallace had been a member of this organization for but a short period of time he was exceptionally well liked and had established himself as a bright, clean cut, conscientious officer."

Loyalty to his country, consideration for others, and modesty regarding his own attainments were his most outstanding characteristics. Always cheerful, never critical of others, it could truly be said of him, "To know him was to love him, to name him was to praise." The keynote of all the many

letters written by his friends and associates after his death was the inspiration he had always been to others. As one of his West Point friends expressed it, "Wally was an inspiration to all of us who knew him; he was easily the favorite of the under-classes. He was a standard-setter and worthy of anyone's emulation. Always a gentleman, always modest and unassuming. He was so sunny dispositioned too, and always singing. He had the rare and happy knack of being both agreeable and independent."

Milner was born in Atlanta, Georgia, February 8, 1922, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Wallace. In addition to his parents, he is survived by four sisters, Mrs. Grover C. Willis, Jr., of Columbus and Decatur, Ga., First Lieutenant Joella Wallace, A.N.C., presently assigned as Liaison Officer to the First Brazilian Fighter Squadron, in Italy, Miss Alice Wallace and Mrs. Charles C. Evans of Decatur, Ga.

Milner was a member of the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church of Decatur. A lifelong friend and young Episcopal minister wrote, "Milner is my ideal of a Christian gentleman. I say it deliberately and carefully, because that is exactly what I wish to express. As a little boy it was so as it is today. I sorrow with you that our ideal is no longer in our realm; I rejoice with you in that we shall always have that ideal in our midst."

Funeral services were held at Springhill in Atlanta, followed by full military rites at the cemetery near his home in Decatur. It seems fitting to close with a copy of the poem entitled, "Peace" which was written by Milner's mother and read by the Clergyman as part of the funeral service:

This morning ere the sun was up I rose, I could not sleep;  
My sorrow still oppressed me; my eyes, they still must weep;  
For all the night my empty arms had ached for what was not,  
My burning lips had o'er and o'er pressed on a hallowed spot  
Where once had lain a precious head.  
"Oh God! O God!" I cried,  
"I want my child! How can I live, dear God, since he has died?"

I watched the sunrise—glorious sight!  
It somehow seemed to soothe  
My aching heart, a hidden well of peace it seemed to move;  
I could not think with love and awe of Him Who wrought the dawn,  
Who lit the earth, Who stilled the winds, Who bade the clouds begone.  
Then cross my mind, like crimson bar that through the east had spread,  
There came this thought: My little boy, whom I have mourned as dead.

He lives and knows this mighty God and looks into His face;  
Why should I long to have him back in this sad, sin-cursed place?  
"Dear God," I cried, "Thou knowest best. All glory be to Thee!"  
Again I wept, but sweet, sweet tears, for Peace had come to me;  
Ah, some day, Lord, Thou'lt call me too; I wait the time with joy,  
For I shall see Thee, Blessed Lord,—Thee!—and my little boy.