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BATTLE MONUMENT

By RUSSELL CREAMER LANGDON, '96

THOSE of us who were members of the Corps of Cadets during the whole period of the construction of the Battle Monument at West Point will never forget how absorbingly interesting was the whole procedure from start to finish. The main features of the monument were completed fifty-two years ago, in March 1894.

The toilsome journey of the ninety-two ton granite monolith from the West Shore Railroad Station at West Point up to the site for its erection took five weeks. It was encased in a trussed crate that weighed an additional thirty tons. Thus "packed for shipment" it traveled the entire distance up the hill and to the supporting base near Trophy Point on the same two ordinary flat cars that had borne it from the quarry on the shores of Long Island Sound at Stony Creek, Connecticut, a distance of one hundred and ninety-one miles. This monolith was regarded at the time as the largest single piece of polished stone in the world. It measures forty-six feet in length, and five feet six inches in diameter at the base.

A temporary railroad track was laid on the road that leads up from the station past headquarters to the library. The many changes that have taken place among the buildings on both sides of the road in the years that have passed since then have not caused any alteration in the route of the road nor in its width. The ordinary railroad ties that supported the rails were laid on the road-way without any disturbance of its macadam surfacing. Bolted to the forward end of the leading flat car was a windlass, and an ordinary "donkey" engine with vertical boiler of the kind then customarily used in construction or similar jobs. Only about one hundred feet of track was laid. This track had to be taken up and re-laid repeatedly, with each forward movement of the cars. A "hold-fast" consisting of a post sunk in the ground and held by guys running to pins driven into the ground, was used to hold the sheaves at the forward end of the hauling cable. In a few cases suitable trees were used as "hold-fasts"

The cable was of steel wire three quarters of an inch in diameter. Six double strands ran through the sheaves

that were fastened to the "hold-fast" and through another set of sheaves at the windlass on the forward flatcar. When the sharp double curve was encountered where the riding-hall stood (present location of the power-house) a week's time was lost because of the necessity of cutting into the timbers of the flat cars to allow for the swing of the trucks in passing the sharp curves. But once the edge of the plateau was reached where the library still stands, only a day and a half was taken to cross the cavalry plain to the site for erection.



Algernon Learmont Sutherland.

One day in March of 1894 the huge monolith, still in its traveling crate, was swung into place through the open side of a guyed frame that seemed very light in construction, considering the heavy strain that was put upon it. To accomplish the "tilting up" operation an axle had been bolted to the lower edge of the crate at the end toward the base. This axle then rolled in notched blocks that an artilleryman would call "trunnion-beds" The power for hoisting the monolith was furnished by the same "donkey engine" that had done noble service in the journey from the railroad station. The same cable was used, but with an increase in the number of double strands from six to ten.

On the day of erection as we were assembling in front of the barracks for dinner at one o'clock, we looked across the plain, and in the distance we saw the monolith in its destined vertical position, standing on its base. A low murmur of admiration and wonderment seemed to rise from all of us. All four classes had been occupied during the forenoon with regular routine of "book-study" and recitations. During the whole five weeks then ending we had been intensely interested in observing the procedure of bringing the monolith up the hill and to its final position. But our observations were made only during our own spare time in "release from quarters".

Many were the questions that we asked of the patient foreman who with twelve of his quarry men from Stony Creek, Connecticut, had done the whole job. The foreman's name was Algernon Learmont Sutherland. He

was in the employ of Norcross Brothers of Stony Creek, Connecticut, the firm that had the contract for the construction, transportation and erection of the monument. In response to our many queries he solved for us the mystery of the absence of a certain stone in the cylindrical base or pedestal of the monument. This pedestal had been constructed in the center of the large circular platform that was completed some months before the arrival of the monument. We had noticed that the circular base was reinforced by interior stone masonry so built as to leave a large rectangular empty space. The opening in the wall where the stone was missing was an outlet for this empty space. We learned the purpose of it only from an explanation by Sutherland which he made quite informally to those of us who asked "the reason why." Before the erection of the monument he had told us that when the monolith in its crate would reach the vertical position, its lower end would be eighteen inches above its final "landing place" on the base. But while the monolith was still on the flat cars before the erection, a "tongue" of stone would be inserted into its lower end, a suitable cavity having been cut into the monolith for that purpose. The square open space in the center of the circular base having been filled with sand, the outward end of the "tongue" of stone would rest on the sand after the monolith had been raised to the vertical position. The process of lowering the monolith eighteen inches to its resting place on the base would be accomplished by letting the sand run out of the interior of the base through the opening where the stone was missing. After the erection had been completed we were told by Sutherland that the whole procedure had worked just as it had been planned. This arrangement is known technically as a "sand-jack"

While the movement and erection of the monolith was obviously the major part of his task, Sutherland did other important jobs essential to the completion of the monument. All this work was in execution of the approved design of Stanford White, then a member of the firm of McKim, Meade and White, New York architects.

The cap-stone which followed the monument from Stony Creek, was hauled up the hill from the railroad station by a team of sixteen horses. They did not all "pull together", but enough of them did so to accomplish the movement without mishap. A granite sphere was placed on top of the cap-stone. Then Frederick Mac Monnies' statue, a gilded impersonation of Fame, was placed on the sphere. (Two years later this statue was replaced by another, also by Mac Monnies. The second figure is the one that we see there now. Norcross Brothers at the request of the Academy authorities performed the difficult task of changing the statues.) Sutherland told me that the three objects that were placed one upon another on top of the monument were connected by steel rods. Inasmuch as a single rod could not be handled in the limited space within the frame, two rods were used by being placed end-to-end and connected by a "collar"

I shall always remember what Sutherland told me con-

cerning the articles that on his own initiative he placed on top of the monolith before setting the cap-stone upon it. He said: "I have always known that when corner-stones are laid, coins, newspapers and other articles characteristic of the current period are placed inside the corner-stone. To carry out a similar purpose I placed on top of the monolith several coins of this year's minting, and newspapers from New York and Newburgh of the date of erection of the monument. I also placed there the 'Official Register of Officers and Cadets of the U.S. Military Academy' for June 1893, this being the latest edition of the annual register." He went on to say that having been a soldier in the Regular Army himself in the Civil War, the erection of the monument was to him "a labor of love"

From the man himself, and recently from the surviving members of his family, I have gleaned enough of Sutherland's biographical facts to show that he was a picturesque and typical American character. He certainly "fitted into the picture" in a way that seemed to give a sort of animation to the silent stone.

Algernon Learmont Sutherland was born at Woonsocket, Rhode Island, June 20, 1849. He died at Glenside, Pennsylvania, June 1, 1923. The opening of the Civil War found Sutherland too young to enlist even with his parents' consent. He ran away from home and became a drummer-boy in the Union Army. He was a member of the First Regiment of Artillery of the Regular Army when he was captured by the Confederates. For a long time he was interned in the famous prison-pen at Andersonville, Georgia. While there he was attacked by insects that infested the ground. As a result of his exposure he had "pit marks" upon him which never disappeared. After the Civil War Sutherland had several years of service in the U.S. Revenue Cutter Service (now the Coast Guard). Moving out to the western country, he settled in Wyoming, and was a citizen of that territory when it was admitted as a state in 1890. He was a member of the convention that framed the first constitution of the new state, and he served in its first state legislature. In later years returning to New England, he became connected with the quarries of Norcross Brothers at Stony Creek, Connecticut. As he developed great skill in the handling of large stones, Sutherland was gradually promoted until he became a superintendent of construction. He was selected by the head of the firm to take charge of the transportation and erection of the Battle Monument at West Point. In the village of Stony Creek he was always a good neighbor, and his name there has acquired the status of a local tradition. He was always a friend of those in need, and he was very active in fraternal organizations. For many years he served the village as the captain of the local volunteer fire company, and his picture still hangs in the fire-house.

Stony Creek is located on the shore of Long Island Sound seven miles east of New Haven Harbor. It is with pride that the quarry men of Stony Creek tell of the many

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We Salute

Listed are the names and citations about which the Association has been advised since the January, 1946, issue of Assembly.

MEDAL OF HONOR

Frederick W. Castle, '30
(Posthumously)

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

Charles P. Hall, '11
James H. Phillips, June, '19
Frederick L. Anderson, '28

George W. Gibbs, '30
Jacob E. Smart, '31
Elmer J. Koehler, '35
(Posthumously)

Thomas E. Clifford, Jr., '36
(Second D.S.C.)
(Posthumously)
William G. Gillis, Jr., '41
(Posthumously)

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

John McA. Palmer, '92
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)
Guy V. Henry, '98
Fulton Q. C. Gardner, '04
Robert C. Richardson, Jr., '04
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)
Charles F. Thompson, '04
(Two Oak Leaf Clusters to)
Clifford L. Corbin, '05
Sherman Miles, '05
Clarence S. Ridley, '05
Henry H. Arnold, '07
(Two Oak Leaf Clusters to)
William C. Christy, '07
William E. Shedd, '07
(Two Oak Leaf Clusters to)
Barton K. Yount, '07
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)
Ray L. Avery, '08
Charles L. Hall, '08
Clifford Bluemel, '09
George L. Van Deusen, '09
Harry R. Kutz, '11
Joseph C. Mehaffey, '11
James R. N. Weaver, '11
Charles C. Drake, '12
Edward C. Rose, '12
Richard U. Nicholas, '13
John B. Anderson, '14
James L. Bradley, '14
Henry S. Aurand, '15
(Two Oak Leaf Clusters to)

Vernon Evans, '15
Joseph T. McNarney, '15
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)
Hume Peabody, '15
George J. Richards, '15
George E. Stratemeyer, '15
(Two Oak Leaf Clusters to)

Albert W. Waldron, '15
Roscoe B. Woodruff, '15
Mason J. Young, '15
Paul V. Kane, '16
Robert R. Neyland, Jr., '16
Joseph J. O'Hare, '16
Stanley E. Reinhart, '16
Clare H. Armstrong, April, '17
J. Lawton Collins, April, '17
(Two Oak Leaf Clusters to)

Charles H. Gerhardt, April, '17
Charles L. Mullins, Jr., April, '17
H. Norman Schwarzkopf, April, '17
Albert C. Smith, April, '17
George S. Eyster, August, '17
Philip E. Gallagher, June, '18
Thomas H. Nixon, June, '18
Howard L. Peckham, November, '18
Joseph J. Twitty, November, '18
(Navy)

John H. Collier, June, '19
Syril E. Faine, June, '19
James E. Parker, June, '19

James H. Phillips, June, '19
George S. Price, June, '19
John C. Raaen, June, '19
William W. Bessell, '20
Frederick L. Hayden, '20
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)
Sidney R. Hinds, '20
Homer W. Kiefer, '20
George A. Rehm, '20
Frank N. Roberts, '20
(Two Oak Leaf Clusters to)
Edward A. Routheau, '20
Gustave H. Vogel, '20
Edward T. Williams, '20
Blackshear M. Byran, Jr., June, '22
Thomas S. Timberman, '23
John G. Hill, '24
Armistead D. Mead, Jr., '24
James E. Moore, '24
Marcus B. Stokes, Jr., '24
James S. Stowell, '24
Donald P. Booth, '26
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)
W. Preston Corderman, '26
Irving A. Duffy, '26
Turner A. Sims, '26
Robert K. Perrine, '27
Paul W. Caraway, '29
Carl A. Brandt, '30
Charles H. Bonesteel, III, '31
William H. Craig, '34
Fred M. Dean, '38

LEGION OF MERIT

John W. Lang, '07
Barton K. Yount, '07
Everett S. Hughes, '08
James W. Lyon, '08
George L. Van Deusen, '09
Robert H. Dunlop, '10
Karl S. Bradford, '11
John L. Homer, '11
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)
Allen R. Kimball, '11
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)
William C. Young, '13
Dabney O. Elliott, '14
(Two Oak Leaf Clusters to)
Francis R. Kerr, '14
Charles M. Milliken, '14
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)
John L. Parkinson, '14
William O. Ryan, '14
Michael F. Davis, '15
Thomas D. Finley, '16
Harlan L. Mumma, '16
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)
Joseph J. O'Hare, '16
John W. Rafferty, '16
Ralph I. Sasse, '16
William E. Shipp, '16
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)
J. Lawton Collins, April, '17
John M. Devine, April, '17

James L. Guion, April, '17
Joel G. Holmes, April, '17
Francis A. Macon, Jr., April, '17
Edmond H. Leavey, August, '17
(Gold Star)
Robert J. Horr, June, '18
Thomas H. Nixon, June, '18
Leslie R. Groves, November, '18
Leverett G. Yoder, November, '18
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)

Charles H. Bryan, June, '19
Maurice P. Chadwick, June, '19
Bertram F. Hayford, June, '19
(Gold Star)
(Navy)

Herbert M. Jones, June, '19
Maurice K. Kurtz, June, '19
Roland W. McNamee, June, '19
Henry J. D. Meyer, June, '19
James H. Phillips, June, '19
John C. Raaen, June, '19
William W. Bessell, '20
Alan L. Fulton, '20
Frederick L. Hamilton, '20
Charles G. Holle, '20
William J. Long, '20
John F. McBlain, '20
John A. McNulty, '20
William L. Mitchell, '20

Francis H. Morse, '20
John S. Seybold, '20
James H. Walker, '20
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)
Francis J. Magee, '21
James H. Marsh, '21
Henry J. Woodbury, June, '22
Waldemar F. Breidster, '23
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)
George P. Howell, '23
John G. Hill, '24
(Two Oak Leaf Clusters to)
Charles T. Lanham, '24
William L. Richardson, '24
Peter Sather, Jr., '24
Harold P. Tasker, '24
Maxwell W. Tracy, '24
John F. Bird, '25
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)
Floyd E. Dunn, '25
Edgar W. Garbisch, '25
George B. Peplow, '25
William L. Ritchie, '25
Harold F. Wiley, '25
Charles D. W. Canham, '26
Edward L. Munson, Jr., '26
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)
Elmo S. Mathews, '28
Walter E. Todd, '28

LEGION OF MERIT (Continued)

Noble J. Wiley, Jr., '28
(Navy)

Ward T. Abbott, '29
Robert E. Chandler, '29
John C. Horton, '29
Edward J. McNally, '29
Ralph R. Mace, '29
Emery S. Wetzel, '29
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)

Robert H. Booth, '30
Carl A. Brandt, '30
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)

Carleton M. Clifford, '30
George W. Gibbs, '30
Richard J. O'Keefe, '30
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)

Archibald W. Stuart, '30
Edward A. Brown, Jr., '31
Gunnar C. Carlson, '31

Marcellus Duffy, '31
Earle W. Hockenberry, '31
William J. Mahoney, '31
August Schomburg, '31
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)

Frederick H. Warren, '31
Harvey P. Huglin, '32
Stanley T. Wray, '32
Victor H. King, '33
Harold L. Richey, '33
Travis T. Brown, '34
Stanley J. Donovan, '34
Kenneth R. Kenerick, '34
Elvin S. Ligon, Jr., '34
Lester L. Wheeler, '35
Thomas E. Clifford, Jr., '36
(Posthumously)

Chester V. Clifton, '36
David W. Hiester, '36

Bruce Palmer, Jr., '36
Henry A. Byroade, '37
(Two Oak Leaf Clusters to)

Curtis R. Low, '37
Hugh Sawyer, '37
Roland B. Anderson, '38
Edward A. Bailey, '38
Richard F. Bromiley, '38
Clarence A. Langford, '38
Frederick C. Lough, '38
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)

George E. Howard, Jr., '39
Paul J. Long, '39
Victor L. Johnson, Jr., '39
Andrew J. Goodpaster, Jr., '39
Charles H. Banks, '40
Lawrence G. Forbes, '40
Stewart L. McKenney, '40
Gordon T. Gould, Jr., '41
Gibson Niles, '41

SILVER STAR

Charles P. Hall, '11
(Three Oak Leaf Clusters to)

James R. N. Weaver, '11
Leland S. Hobbs, '15
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)

J. Lawton Collins, April, '17
George D. Wahl, April, '17
(Two Oak Leaf Clusters to)

Maurice K. Kurtz, June, '19
Edwin M. Sutherland, June, '19
Charles T. Lanham, '24
John F. Bird, '25
Floyd E. Dunn, '25
Albert H. Dickerson, '27
Evan M. Houseman, '28

Richard C. Carpenter, '29
George W. Gibbs, '30
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)

Wendell H. Langdon, '30
Gustave M. Heiss, III, '31
Walter E. Bare, Jr., '35
Elmer J. Koehler, '35
(Posthumously)

Lester L. Wheeler, '35
William J. Dunmyer, '37
(Posthumously)

John T. Corley, '38
(Five Oak Leaf Clusters to)

John M. Finn, '38
(Two Oak Leaf Clusters to)

James B. Bonham, '40
William P. Kevan, Jr., '40
George J. LaBreche, '40
Herbert E. Pace, Jr., '40
(Posthumously)

Melvin H. Rosen, '40
James M. Smelley, '40
Milford F. Stablein, '40
Robert L. Williams, '40
Roy J. Clinton, '41
William G. Gillis, Jr., '41
Frank H. Linnell, '41
Lloyd R. Salisbury, '41
Garrard Foster, '42
John W. Huling, '44
(Posthumously)

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

Lucius DuB. Clay, June, '18
Earl W. Barnes, '25
Leon W. Johnson, '26
Jacob E. Smart, '31
(Three Oak Leaf Clusters to)

Jay D. Rutledge, '36
William F. Coleman, '40

William P. Kevan, Jr., '40
George J. LaBreche, '40
Austin J. Russell, '40
Robert H. Warren, '40
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)

John C. Adams, '42

Henry J. Mazur, January, '43
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)

Barton K. Yount, Jr., January, '43
(Two Oak Leaf Clusters to)

Lindsey M. Silvester, June, '43
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)

BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Thomas D. Finley, '16
Joseph J. O'Hare, '16
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)

Clare H. Armstrong, April, '17
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)

John M. Devine, April, '17
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)

Joel G. Holmes, April, '17
George D. Wahl, April, '17
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)

Thomas Q. Donaldson, Jr., June, '18
Thomas H. Nixon, June, '18
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)

John A. Weeks, June, '18
Maurice K. Kurtz, June, '19
James H. Phillips, June, '19
William I. Brady, '20
Frederick L. Hamilton, '20
Henry C. Burgess, '24
John G. Hill, '24
Francis E. Kidwell, '24
Laurence K. Ladue, '24
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)

Floyd E. Dunn, '25
George B. Peploe, '25
Clyde E. Steele, '25
Harry P. Storke, '26
Matthew K. Deichelmann, '27
John L. Hines, Jr., '27
Harold S. Isaacson, '27

Robert K. Perrine, '27
Robert F. Sink, '27
Evan M. Houseman, '28
William L. Bell, Jr., '29
Richard C. Carpenter, '29
Ralph R. Mace, '29
John J. O'Hara, '29
Emery S. Wetzel, '29
Robert H. Booth, '30
Andrew P. O'Meara, '30
Merle L. Fisher, '31
Charles N. Howze, '31
William J. Mahoney, '31
William Taylor, Jr., '31
Merle R. Williams, '32
Francis J. McMorrow, '33
Richard D. Meyer, '33
Herbert C. Plapp, '33
Raymond B. Firehock, '35
(Two Oak Leaf Clusters to)

Elmer J. Koehler, '35
(Posthumously)

Lester L. Wheeler, '35
(Three Oak Leaf Clusters to)

Thomas E. Clifford, Jr., '36
Chester V. Clifton, '36
Jay D. Rutledge, '36
John G. Zierdt, '37
Edward A. Bailey, '38
John M. Finn, '38
Victor L. Johnson, Jr., '39

Richard D. Wolfe, '39
James B. Bonham, '40
Wendell J. Coats, '40
Robert J. Delaney, '40
Lawrence G. Forbes, '40
Theodore L. Hoffmann, '40
Marvin H. Merchant, '40
John A. O'Keefe, '40
John K. Roberts, '40
Ralph M. Rogers, '40
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)

Wendell B. Sell, '40
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)

Jordan J. Wilderman, '40
Raymond P. Campbell, Jr., '41
Thomas J. Cleary, Jr., '41
Roy J. Clinton, '41
Robert W. Garrett, '41
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)

William G. Gillis, Jr., '41
(Posthumously)

Straughan D. Kelsey, '41
Joseph L. Knowlton, '41
Frank H. Linnell, '41
Gibson Niles, '41
Lloyd R. Salisbury, '41
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)

Ernest J. Whitaker, '41
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)

John C. Adams, '42
Thomas Q. Donaldson, IV., Jan., '43

BRONZE STAR MEDAL (Continued)

Cecil W. Page, Jr., Jan., '43
 John J. Upchurch, III., Jan., '43
 (Oak Leaf Cluster to)
 Donald H. Vlcek, Jan., '43

Roald M. Andresen, '44
 (Oak Leaf Cluster to)
 John W. Donaldson, '44

Robert W. Selton, '44
 (Oak Leaf Cluster to)
 George A. Tuttle, '44
 (Oak Leaf Cluster to)

AIR MEDAL

Douglas MacArthur, '03
 Barton K. Yount, '07
 James S. Stowell, '24
 Earl W. Barnes, '25
 (Oak Leaf Cluster to)
 John F. Bird, '25
 Floyd E. Dunn, '25
 Lauris Norstad, '30
 Earle W. Hockenberry, '31
 William J. Mahoney, '31
 Jacob E. Smart, '31
 (Oak Leaf Cluster to)
 Lester L. Wheeler, '35
 Paul S. Deems, '40
 Robert J. Delaney, '40

Kermit R. Dyke, '40
 John Z. Endress, '40
 (Oak Leaf Cluster to)
 William P. Kevan, Jr., '40
 (Six Oak Leaf Clusters to)
 George J. LaBreche, '40
 (Thirteen Oak Leaf Clusters to)
 Austin J. Russell, '40
 James M. Smelley, '40
 (Four Oak Leaf Clusters to)
 John J. Smith, '40
 (Oak Leaf Cluster to)
 Robert H. Warren, '40
 (Two Oak Leaf Clusters to)

Roy J. Clinton, '41
 Straughan D. Kelsey, '41
 (Two Oak Leaf Clusters to)
 John C. Adams, '42
 (Three Oak Leaf Clusters to)
 Laurence A. Adams, '42
 Mark J. Burke, '42
 (Six Oak Leaf Clusters to)
 Henry J. Mazur, January, '43
 (Sixteen Oak Leaf Clusters to)
 Robert H. Clark, June, '43
 (Ten Oak Leaf Clusters to)
 Lindsey M. Silvester, June, '43
 (Four Oak Leaf Clusters to)

PURPLE HEART

Charles P. Hall, '11
 George D. Wahl, April, '17
 (Oak Leaf Cluster to)
 James A. Van Fleet, '15
 (Oak Leaf Cluster to)
 Lucius DuB. Clay, June, '18
 Winston W. Ehr Gott, ex-'27
 Evan M. Houseman, '28
 Richard C. Carpenter, '29
 George W. Gibbs, '30
 (Oak Leaf Cluster to)
 Wendell H. Langdon, '30

Jacob E. Smart, '31
 Walter E. Bare, Jr., '35
 (Oak Leaf Cluster to)
 John T. Corley, '38
 John M. Finn, '38
 Herbert H. Eichlin, Jr., '39
 (Posthumously)
 John Ray, '39
 John Z. Endress, '40
 William E. Heinemann, '40
 Oval H. Robinson, '40

Ralph M. Rogers, '40
 Melvin H. Rosen, '40
 (Oak Leaf Cluster to)
 John J. Smith, '40
 Robert W. Garrett, '41
 William G. Gillis, Jr., '41
 Frank H. Linnell, '41
 (Oak Leaf Cluster to)
 Lindsey M. Silvester, June, '43
 John W. Donaldson, '44
 John W. Huling, '44
 (Posthumously)

FRENCH LEGION OF HONOR

Richard U. Nicholas, '13
 Thomas D. Finley, '16
 Joseph J. O'Hare, '16
 (Officer)
 Clare H. Armstrong, April, '17
 (Officer)

John M. Devine, April, '17
 Thomas H. Nixon, June, '18
 (Chevalier)
 John G. Hill, '24

William L. Richardson, '24
 Charles D. W. Canham, '26
 Lauris Norstad, '30
 Julian M. Chappell, '31
 Dale E. Means, '32

CROIX DE GUERRE

Charles P. Hall, '11
 Walton H. Walker, '12
 (With Bronze Star)
 Richard U. Nicholas, '13
 (With Palm)
 Thomas D. Finley, '16
 (With Palm)
 Joseph J. O'Hare, '16
 (With Palm)
 Clare H. Armstrong, April, '17
 (With Two Palms)
 John M. Devine, April, '17
 (With Palm)
 Thomas H. Nixon, June, '18
 (With Palm)
 Maurice K. Kurtz, June, '19
 (With Gold Star)

Edwin M. Sutherland, June, '19
 (With Palm)
 William I. Brady, '20
 (With Palm)
 John G. Hill, '24
 (With Palm)
 Laurence K. Ladue, '24
 (With Palm)
 William L. Richardson, '24
 (With Palm)
 Charles D. W. Canham, '26
 Matthew K. Deichmann, '27
 (With Palm)
 John J. O'Hara, '29
 (With Palm)
 Lauris Norstad, '30
 Julian M. Chappell, '31
 (With Palm)

Charles N. Howze, '31
 (With Palm)
 Dale E. Means, '32
 (With Palm)
 Chester V. Clifton, '36
 (With Etoile Vermillon)
 Vernard P. Major, '37
 (With Silver Star)
 John T. Corley, '38
 John Ray, '39
 (With Etoile de Vermeil)
 Charles H. Banks, '40
 Lee W. Fritter, '40
 John A. O'Keefe, '40
 (With Silver Star)
 Wendell B. Sell, '40
 Thomas E. Moore, Jr., '44

MISCELLANEOUS CITATIONS

Joseph J. O'Hare, '16.....Commander of the British Empire
 John W. Rafferty, '16.....Order of the British Empire
 Clare H. Armstrong, April, '17.....Commander of the Order of the British Empire
 David Marcus, '24.....Commander of the British Empire
 Laurence K. Ladue, '24.....Commander of the Order of the British Empire
 Lauris Norstad, '30.....Order of the British Empire
 Linscott A. Hall, '37.....Order of the British Empire
 Anthony C. McAuliffe, June, '19.....Distinguished Service Order (British)
 Robert F. Sink, '27.....Distinguished Service Order (British)
 Charles D. W. Canham, '26.....Distinguished Service Order (British)
 William G. Gillis, Jr., '41.....Distinguished Service Order (British) (Posthumously)
 Laurence K. Ladue, '24.....Star of Valor, Italy

MISCELLANEOUS CITATIONS (Continued)

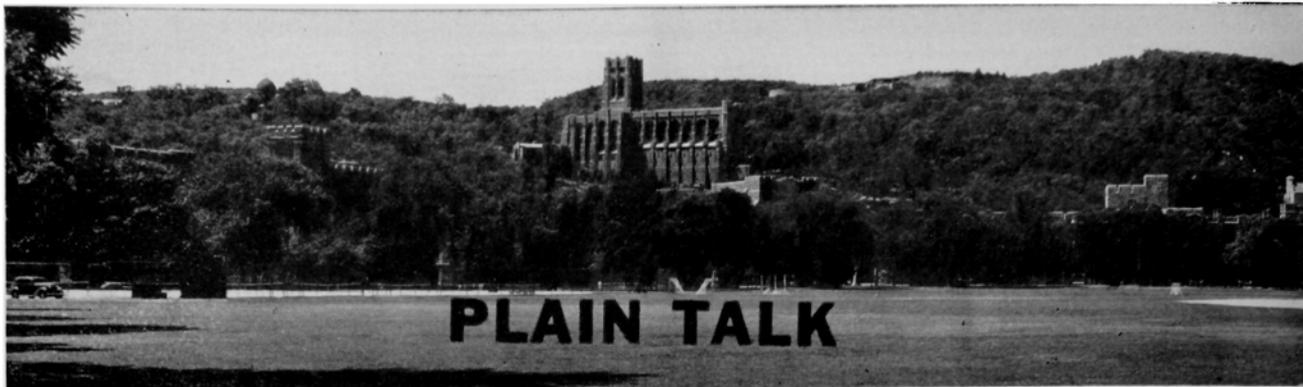
Laurence K. Ladue, '24.....	Order of the Crown, Italy
Ralph R. Mace, '29.....	Order of the Crown, Italy
Joe W. Leedom, Jr., '40.....	Knight Officer of the Crown of Italy
Richard U. Nicholas, '13.....	Russian Order of Wars for the Fatherland, First Class
Thomas H. Nixon, June, '18.....	Russian Order of the Homeland, 2nd Class
John G. Hill, '24.....	Russian Order of the War for the Fatherland
George B. Peplow, '25.....	Defense of the Homeland (Russian)
Walton H. Walker, '12.....	Croix de Guerre (Luxembourg)
Joseph J. O'Hare, '16.....	Couronne deChene (Luxembourg)
Joseph J. O'Hare, '16.....	Croix de Guerre (Luxembourg)
Robert K. Perrine, '27.....	La Couronne de Chene (Chevalier) Luxembourg
John G. Hill, '24.....	Couronne deChene (Luxembourg)
William L. Richardson, '24.....	Luxembourg Order of Nassau
William L. Richardson, '24.....	Croix de Guerre (Luxembourg)
Robert K. Perrine, '27.....	Croix de Guerre (Luxembourg)
Charles N. Howze, '31.....	Croix de Guerre (Luxembourg)
Leland S. Hobbs, '15.....	Croix de Guerre (Belgian)
William L. Richardson, '24.....	Croix de Guerre (Belgian)
William L. Richardson, '24.....	Belgian Order of Leopold II
James M. Smelley, '40.....	Belgian Croix de Guerre
Robert F. Sink, '27.....	Croix de Guerre (Belgique)
James M. Smelley, '40.....	Officer of the Order of Leopold (Belgian)
William G. Gillis, Jr., '41.....	Croix de Guerre with Vermillion Star (Posthumously)
William G. Gillis, Jr., '41.....	Croix de Guerre with Silver Gilt Star (Posthumously)
Joe W. Leedom, Jr., '40.....	French Medelle de Guerre
Maurice K. Kurtz, June, '19.....	Moroccan Goum (French)
Harold F. Loomis, '14.....	Tunisian Medal
Charles G. Mettler, '06.....	Order of Boyaca, Colombia
John W. Lang, '07.....	Cross of Boyaca, Colombia
Guy V. Henry, '98.....	Military Merit, 1st Class
Walton H. Walker, '12.....	Grand Ducal Order of the Crown, Commander Class
Joseph J. O'Hare, '16.....	Order of Orange-Nassau, degree of Commander with crossed swords
Clare H. Armstrong, April, '17.....	Croix d'Officier de l'Ordre de Leopold avec palm vermeil
Clare H. Armstrong, April, '17.....	Croix de Commandeur de l'Ordre de Leopold
Clare H. Armstrong, April, '17.....	Commandeur de l'Ordre de Leopold avec palm
Walton H. Walker, '12.....	Medal of Metz (French)
John M. Devine, April, '17.....	Czech War Cross
John M. Devine, April, '17.....	Czech Order of White Lion
John G. Hill, '24.....	Order of the White Lion (Czechoslovakia)
John G. Hill, '24.....	Military Cross (Czechoslovakia)
Joseph J. O'Hare, '16.....	Order of Military Merit, 2nd Class (Cuba)
William E. Shipp, '16.....	Order of Vasco Nunez de Balboa, Commander grade (Panama)
Charles G. Mettler, '06.....	Order of Military Merit, Brazil
Charles G. Mettler, '06.....	Order of the Southern Cross, Brazil
Charles G. Mettler, '06.....	Order of Abdon Calderon, Ecuador
Harry P. Storke, '26.....	Medaille de la Reconnaissance Francaise
Waldemar F. Breidster, '23.....	Yun Wei (Cloud Banner)—China
Charles G. Mettler, '06.....	Order of Ayacucho, Peru
Charles G. Mettler, '06.....	Order of Military Merit, Cuba
Charles G. Mettler, '06.....	Order of Libertador, Venezuela
Charles G. Mettler, '06.....	Order of Orange-Nassau, Netherlands
Earle W. Hockenberry, '31.....	Order of the Aztec Eagle (Mexico)
Ralph R. Mace, '29.....	Brazilian War Medal
Laurence K. Ladue, '24.....	Order of Military Merit, Brazil
John D. Torrey, Jr., '36.....	Order of Military Merit, Brazil
Laurence K. Ladue, '24.....	Order of the Knights of Malta
William E. Shipp, '16.....	Abdon Calderon, 1st Class (Ecuador)
Henry R. Brewerton, '40.....	Abdon Calderon de Primera Clase (Ecuador)

Last Roll Call

Alumni Who Have Died Since the Publication of the January issue of Assembly

Name	Class	Date of Death	Name	Class	Date of Death
Guy Carleton.....	1881	January 8, 1946	*Joseph R. Barker, II.....	1938.....	
Charles Crawford.....	1889	December 28, 1945	Edgar S. Rosenstock.....	1938.....	January 31, 1945
Chalmers G. Hall.....	1897	January 3, 1946	William P. Kevan, Jr.....	1940.....	November 27, 1945
Roderick L. Carmichael.....	1897	January 15, 1946	James L. Orr.....	1940.....	
Myron S. Crissy.....	1902	January 7, 1946	William B. Clark.....	1942.....	November 5, 1944
Merrill E. Spalding.....	1904	December 20, 1945	*Kenneth E. Dyson.....	1942.....	July 12, 1945
George V. Strong.....	1904	January 10, 1946	*Charles C. Ettlesen.....	1942.....	February 9, 1945
John B. Richardson.....	1904	February 25, 1946	*Byron A. Evans.....	1942.....	September 19, 1945
George S. Patton, Jr.....	1909	December 21, 1945	Edward H. Brooks, Jr.....	Jan., 1943.....	September 22, 1945
Warren W. Christian.....	June 11, 1919	January 9, 1946	Francis H. Bonham.....	Jan., 1943.....	December 18, 1945
George A. Ford.....	1924	January 4, 1945	*William E. Cramsie.....	June, 1943.....	April 10, 1944
*Harold J. Coyle.....	1927	May 3, 1942	*J. Weller Smith.....	June, 1943.....	June 26, 1944
James S. Neary.....	1928	February 5, 1945	Richard C. Stickney, Jr.....	June, 1943.....	January 3, 1945
*Arthur W. Meehan.....	1928	November 16, 1942	Ralph J. Teetor, Jr.....	June, 1943.....	March 7, 1946
Frank E. Fries.....	1929	January 30, 1945	James R. Thomas.....	June, 1943.....	January 12, 1946
*Frank P. Hunter.....	1933	January 23, 1945	Louis C. Wieser.....	June, 1943.....	April 1, 1945
Howard M. Batson, Jr.....	1934	January 30, 1945	Edward F. McCarron.....	1945.....	January 12, 1946
Thomas W. Chandler.....	1936	September 19, 1945			
Homer H. Ugiow.....	1937	January 30, 1945			

* Killed in action.



CAMPBELL, G. T.,
June '43

144th Anniversary Comments

MARCH 16th was celebrated throughout the world by West Pointers in commemoration of the 144th anniversary of the founding of their Alma Mater. Outstanding features of the annual radio broadcast celebrating the occasion were addresses by Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson and Major General Maxwell D. Taylor, Superintendent of the Military Academy. The following remarks of the Secretary of War are quoted as being a source of interest and gratification to West Pointers everywhere:

" I am familiar with the accomplishments of West Point graduates in war and peace. No task has been too hard for them. The word 'impossible' is unknown to them. In every endeavor for their country they set a high standard. That was particularly true in the Army which won us victory over Germany and Japan. It was not a West Point Army. Among its 872,000 officers, less than 9,000 were graduates of the United States Military Academy. But the quality of their leadership offset the smallness of their numbers. They were the leaven which raised a citizen army to the heights of combat achievement and victory over two powerful military machines. Our global strategy, brilliantly conceived and effectively executed, had its roots in the classrooms of West Point. In every one of our superb fighting units, there was the spirit of West Point"

The Superintendent said:

" Victory does not mean the end of work at West Point. It is in peace that the real work of the Academy is done in preparation against the day when the calamity of war may again face the nation. Although the rest of the nation may turn away from military ways, the Academy continues quietly with its mission of rearing the professional officers of the future armies of democracy. Democratic in their origins, the cadets live in a Spartan society of the purest democracy. Every cadet lives alike, dresses alike, eats the same food, sleeps in the same type of simple room, and reaches the same standards of scholarship and character. There are men in the Corps of every racial origin, every color, and every religion. The gray coat covers alike the ex-officer and the ex-soldier, the city boy and the country boy, Park Avenue and the East Side. All distinctions are lost in the Corps, for recognition goes to what a man is and does—not to what he was or whom he knew"

While the 144th anniversary celebrations are still fresh in our minds, it should prove of unusual interest to West Pointers to read about one of the unique celebrations of the anniversary in recent years. The following account of the celebration held three years ago by men of Bataan and Corregidor while prisoners of the Japanese at Davao, Mindanao, P. I., surely provides a sharp contrast to the first an-

niversary observed since victory and the peace. In the words of Morris L. Shoss, of the Class of 1940:

"Early in March, 1943. Lt. Col. Nelson, the American camp commander and a West Pointer, obtained permission from the only Christian Japanese officer at our garrison to conduct an anniversary gathering. After studying the matter, the Japanese officer, a Lt. Yuki, had given his consent that the West Pointers and U.S. Naval Academy graduates could meet.

"We chipped in what little money we had, and we were allowed to purchase several pigs, some coconut oil, and fruits. The Japanese donated a limited amount of coffee and some flour so that we could have squash pies and coffee for dessert. For days in advance we prepared for the occasion by washing our few remaining clothes and ourselves.

"On the second Sunday in March some thirty graduates of the Military Academy and twenty Annapolis graduates were marched to the Japanese seed farm where the pigs were being barbecued by Filipino convicts. We formed a reception line and introduced ourselves to the men we did not already know.

"Nothing could have been more of an anachronism. Some of us were dressed in gee-strings, all we had left. We were all ragged and emaciated, but there we re-acquired our dignity. Inside the barbed wire we had lived like coolies and serfs; but there, gathered to observe West Point's anniversary, we regained our dignity as officers.

"The Japanese even let us buy a little sake, our first and only taste of that beverage. With it we drank a toast to West Point and sang 'Benny Havens'. We all gathered around a crude log table and sang our respective school songs.

"Paul D. Phillips, '40, being the youngest member among us, explained the present status of the Corps. He apologized because his information was three years old, but we understood. Fowler of the Infantry whose class I have forgotten seemed to have the best memory and led the group singing. We ended with a 'Long Corps' for the Academy.

"Chow call was sounded.

"We had planned to continue our program after dinner, but in all our previous imprisonment we had never seen so much food. By the time we had fed our shrunken frames, we were too sick to sing or continue. The Japanese had to provide oxcarts to carry us back to the prison stockade. This was a celebration none of us will ever forget"

DIVISION OF THE PRESENT THIRD CLASS

Effective at reveille, 5 June 1946, the present Third Class will be reorganized and divided into two separate classes, the Class of 1947 and the Class of 1948, to be known respectively as the First and Second Classes. Thus, when the new plebes have entered, for the first time since 19 January 1943 there will be four classes at the Military Academy.

The division of the present yearling class was made in accordance with four factors. (1) Scholarship, leadership and long-range potentialities to the service were to be equal in the two resulting groups. (2) The individual cadets' preferences were to be heeded in so far as practicable. (3) The resulting classes were to be equally divided numerically. (4) Where other factors were equal, the maturity of the cadets was to be the deciding factor in determining whether any cadet should be graduated in 1947 or in 1948. The method of division adopted has received uniform praise from all West Pointers who have commented, and who are pleased to learn that the resulting classes cannot be characterized in the future as "Engineers" or "Goats." The final division as announced in detail in General Orders No. 6, H.Q., U.S.M.A., current series, has achieved the desired result of two balanced classes and a balanced Corps.

One of the interesting by-products of the dividing of the yearlings is the effect on the athletic squads at the Academy, especially the football team. It is apparent in the division as finally made that every outstanding regular affected will be graduated in the class of 1947. As soon as this fact became known, a precedent was broken and Army's Touchdown Twins—Doc Blanchard and Junior Davis—were elected co-captains of next season's football team. Many of the players, including Blanchard, would have been eligible for further competition in the class of 1948.



GENERAL HONNEN LEAVES

Brigadier General George Honnen has completed his tour as Commandant of Cadets and has been relieved from West Point to take up duties as Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the University of Hawaii. General

Honnen was the second general officer to have held the important post of Commandant of Cadets.

He is one of the general officers who rose to their stars from the ranks. He served as an enlisted man with the Field Artillery in France during the first World War. He entered West Point from the ranks in 1918. When the dearth of trained officer material motivated Congress to provide for early graduation, his class, 1920, was graduated in two years. General Honnen was an outstanding member of his class, rising to the grade of Cadet Lieutenant and to the captaincy of the Army baseball team in his last year. On graduating, he entered his chosen branch, the Infantry.

Some of the highlights of his commissioned service include tours in China and Hawaii and duty which earned him the decoration of Abdon Calderon from Ecuador. His overseas service in World War II was in the Southwest Pacific theatre as Chief of Staff of General Krueger's Sixth Army. He served as Commandant of Cadets at the Military Academy from November, 1943, to January, 1946. The outstanding character of General Honnen's service in the Army is indicated by the Legion of Merit that he received for his work as Chief of Staff of the Sixth Army and by the Distinguished Service Medal that he received for his work as Commandant of Cadets.



NEW COMMANDANT OF CADETS

Brigadier General Gerald J. Higgins, '34, has assumed the duties of Commandant of Cadets at the Military Academy. General Higgins was appointed as a cadet from the Regular Army where he rose through the ranks to the grade of Sergeant. While a cadet he was active in extra-curricular activities, a wearer of the Minor "A", and rose to the rank of Cadet Captain and Company Commander. After graduation, as an infantry officer and paratrooper, he continued his military career with distinction. He jumped with his men into Normandy and Holland and his experience in World War II was outstanding in many other respects. He was second-in-command of the famous 101st Airborne Division in its epic fight at Bastogne. General Higgins' appointment as Commandant is further evidence that the important post-war program at West Point for the training of the country's future officers has been entrusted to capable hands.

NEW CONSOLE FOR CHAPEL ORGAN

As published in the March 1st issue of *The Pointer*, Colonel Edgar W. Garbisch, '25, has generously offered to the Military Academy a new console for the Cadet Chapel organ. The present console being outmoded, the Chapel has been in need of a new one. At the present time the organist is unable to utilize all the stops on the organ simultaneously, new ones having been added from year to year.

The new console, which will be installed some time in 1947, is of the latest design, and will function electrically throughout. The operating mechanism will be so located that all repairs and adjustments may be made without interrupting the normal schedules of organ music.

The Cadet Chapel organ is one of the largest and finest in existence. By bringing it up to date with a modern console, Colonel Garbisch is making a gift which will be of considerable aid to the organist and which will reduce the time interval between numbers, making for more flexible and efficient operation generally.

Colonel Garbisch during his cadet days was an outstanding athlete (he was captain of the football and tennis teams and was All-American center in 1924); he was also cadet battalion commander, a member of the Cadet Choir, and a Cadet Sunday School teacher. The Corps of Cadets, West Point, and the Association of Graduates are grateful to Colonel Garbisch for his donation. His is a real contribution to all those who enjoy the beautiful music of the Cadet Chapel organ.

Bulletin Board

"... TO THE LADIES WHO COME UP IN JUNE. . ."

The following extract from War Department Circular No. 4, dated 5 January 1946, is quoted for the information of all concerned:

"IV. MARRIAGE. 1. In case any second lieutenant commissioned in the Army after 1 July 1949, marries within 1 year subsequent to the date of his original commission, such marriage will be considered cause for the revocation of his commission".

tion desire to spend a vacation at West Point. Accommodations are usually available during the summer months. Reservations may be necessary at other times.

U.S. HOTEL THAYER ACCOMMODATIONS

It is believed that members of the Association will be interested to know what hotel accommodations are available at West Point. The U.S. Hotel Thayer, a modern 200-room hotel, located near the South Gate, has been under government operation since 1943. At present, the Managing Agent is Mr. Emil H. Ronay, who has had many years of experience in hotel operation in New York City.

During June Week, the entire hotel is reserved for the families of the graduating Class. Therefore, it will be impossible to accommodate Old Grads during that period. Similarly, the families of the Plebe Class have priority during the Christmas holidays. However, at other times, and particularly during mid-week periods, accommodations are available to other visitors to West Point.

Present regulations permit guests to register for thirty consecutive days. Six months must elapse before the same guest may occupy rooms for another thirty day period. Repeats may register for brief stays during the six month period, if accommodations are available.

Rates are from \$2.00 per single room with running water; \$3.00 with bath. Double rooms are \$5.00 and \$5.50, all with bath or shower, for double occupancy and \$4.00 and \$4.50, respectively, for single occupancy. Suites are available at \$10.00 and \$15.00 per day. A discount of 30% is given on transient rates, after the first seven days. An excellent dining room and grill are operated by the hotel, serving three meals each day throughout the year.

It is felt that the U.S. Hotel Thayer will prove an excellent place to stay should any member of the Associa-

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE ARMY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Due to frequent changes in station during the War, we have many inaccuracies in our mailing list. Therefore, if you have not advised the Army Athletic Association of your latest address please do so at once. Further, it is requested that you urge other members with whom you come in contact to notify the Athletic Office of their most recent address so that a subscription card and application blanks may be mailed to all members.

CORRECTION, W.P. ALBUMS

In the January 1946 issue of *Assembly* announcement was made concerning the "Album of Official West Point Records". The records should be ordered from the Treasurer, U.S.M.A., instead of through the Special Service Office. The price of the Album is \$3.75 each instead of \$2.75.

GIFTS

The Association of Graduates wishes to acknowledge its gratitude to William H. Wheeler, 1874 (deceased) and Earl M. Price, 1915, for their generous contributions to the Association. Wheeler left a legacy in his will for \$1,000. Price contributed \$25.00 as a Sustaining Member.

BATTLE MONUMENT....

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famous monuments that have come from their quarry, one of which crossed the Atlantic Ocean to be the Lincoln Monument in London. In World War II this village of only seven hundred population sent nearly a hundred men into the Armed Services of the United States. Most of them had worked in the same quarry which in a previous period had furnished the stone for the Battle Monument at West Point, commemorating the heroisms of a still earlier age.



New Members

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

David O. Byars, '10—joined December 22, 1945
 Franklin W. Horton, '40—joined December 22, 1945
 Harrington W. Cochran, '40—joined December 22, 1945
 Peter R. Moody, '42—joined January 2, 1946
 Robert M. Perkins, '13—joined January 17, 1946
 John A. Stewart, April, '17—joined January 17, 1946
 Charles B. Hazeltine, '40—joined January 17, 1946
 James P. Strauss, '40—joined January 17, 1946
 Everett T. Brown, August, '17—joined January 23, 1946
 Durward H. Galbreath, '40—joined January 23, 1946
 Albert P. Richards, '40—joined January 23, 1946
 Roger M. Wicks, November, '17—joined February 7, 1946

John P. Dwyer, '40—joined February 7, 1946
 Arthur A. McCartan, '40—joined February 7, 1946
 Iver A. Peterson, '40—joined February 7, 1946
 Francis W. Clark, '01—joined February 27, 1946
 Clarence A. Mitchell, '05—joined February 27, 1946
 E. Louis Ford, April, '17—joined February 27, 1946
 Aaron Bradshaw, Jr., April, '17—joined February 27, 1946
 William M. Canterbury, '34—joined February 27, 1946
 Ralph M. Rogers, '40—joined February 27, 1946
 James B. Haskell, '14—joined March 15, 1946
 Charles M. Wells, November, '18—joined March 15, 1946
 Chester L. Johnson, '37—joined March 15, 1946
 Oliver E. Wood, '39—joined March 15, 1946

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE JUNE 10, 1946

*NOTE—Addresses requested — see heading of each class news. The Association of Graduates has a long list of Alumni whose addresses are unknown. Anyone having either the A.P.O. or home address of the names heading each class report kindly send same to the Secretary, Association of Graduates, West Point, N. Y.

1879

The following addresses requested, please! See note page 11.

Alexander, W. S.

1881

Thirty years ago during June Week, 1916, the class of '81 held its reunion at West Point celebrating its 35th anniversary and the class turned out in large numbers inasmuch as the Superintendent, Col. *Clarence P. Townsley*, was a classmate. He was about to be retired after serving a four-year tour, and his successor, Col. *John Biddle*, also a classmate, was on hand to take over the office.

Incidentally the records show that two other classes have each furnished two Supes, Ruger and Howard of '54, and Merritt and Wilson of '60.

In our day the law for retirement at 64 years of age had not yet been enacted, and some of the Professors still in active service getting along in years

but still going strong. Professor Church, Math Dept., was the oldest. Being somewhat bald, he habitually wore a black silk skull-cap whenever he visited a section room. He passed away while still in harness in March, 1878, after 40 years service as head of the Math Dept.

Among events of more than usual interest during our time were the unveiling of a statue, afterwards removed, of General Custer, which stood across the road from the cadet mess hall, the ceremony attracting prominent persons from all over the country. Also Mark Twain honored the garrison by delivering a lecture, or talk in his characteristic style, which was enthusiastically applauded by a large audience. Also a Board of General Officers, General Schofield, the Superintendent, being president of the Board, convened at West Point in 1879, to review the famous case of Gen. Fitz-John Porter, who had been cashiered from the Army January 21, 1863, for disobedience of orders and other charges, in connection with his actions at the 2nd Battle of Bull Run, when he commanded a Corps under General Pope. Porter contended that orders were vague and conflicting and that it was impracticable to place his Corps in the position ordered by Pope. Porter tried for several years to have the case reviewed and finally succeeded in 1879. The finding of the Board of General Officers was in Porter's favor, and he was subsequently reappointed a

Colonel of Infantry, the grade he held in the regular army when he was cashiered, and he was retired two days later.

The old Army Regulations before our time are said to have prescribed that officers should wear beards. In our day there was no such specific requirement, but it was prescribed that beards should be kept neatly trimmed, and the tradition that beards should be worn was pretty generally followed, a clean-shaven face among the officers at West Point being as rare then as is one these days sporting a crop of alfalfa. The cadets of our time didn't have Gillette blue blades or electric lawn mowers, but they had their "rasoir à deux lames"

As our 65th anniversary approaches, there are 7 survivors, but the distance of their homes from West Point, and in some cases physical disability, will prevent a large turnout, but those who attend have assurance from experience, that the path will be made smooth for their faltering steps by those in charge of looking after the old grads, and that for this occasion they will renew their youth in reviving the memories of long ago.

—J. T. K.

1888

We still are seven, survivors of '88. All are now 8-star octogenarians, proven experts in the Art of War at a safe distance.

1889

In June 1885 a motley crew of youths from all over the United States gathered at West Point; (in September a few stragglers came in).

One hundred and forty-eight Beasts, and after the Examinations there were 97 Conditional Its; then we acquired from the Class of 1888 7 Turnbacks, including *Barrios* and *Zavalas*. Total 104; of these 49 Graduated June 12, 1889; 55 Lost by the way-side.

Of the Graduates there are now thirteen living and of the non-graduates there are now living seven (that we can trace).

There are 33 widows of the Class living, and but two have remarried—Mrs. *D'Armit*—now Mrs. Louis H. *Burrell*; Mrs. *Winston*—now Mrs. William R. *Sample*.

Two members of the Graduates have remained bachelors, *Haines* and *Taylor*.

1890

Good news from California. *Pere Lamoreux* is comfortably settled in his new home, 841 43rd Avenue, San Francisco, Cal., where he will be glad to receive calls or letters from his classmates.

Primus Davis and wife drove from Berkeley to Carmel to celebrate Mrs. *Davis*' birthday. *Primus* is a master at the wheel and enjoys short excursions in the country of his beloved California. His oldest grandson and namesake, 19 years old, fireman 1st Class, stationed with his ship in Yokohama Bay, Japan, is carrying out the traditions of his distinguished grandfather.

Mel Rowell has been keeping the home fires burning all winter in cold New Hampshire, by his daily wood chopping exercises. *Mel* is independent of the modern means of heating such as oil, coal and electricity, preferring the old fashioned wood stoves of his ancestors. Fueling three stoves keeps him in prime physical condition. He is looking forward eagerly for the opening of the salmon fishing, he has his fishing tackle all prepared.

Ferguson is basking in the sunlight at his Florida home, where orange juice, lemon juice, lime juice and corn juice can be had in abundance, which in moderation does preserve his youthful looks and boy-like enthusiasm. *Fergie* has learned the philosophy of "The Happy Life".

Paddy Ryan has made the Army & Navy Club, in Washington, his home for the past year. He believes that Washington is the most desirable residing place for retired officers of the service. There one contacts so many comrades of other days, which makes it seem like a grand old army post. His son, Major Reginald T. *Ryan*, recently returned from Germany, passed to the Army Reserve with his rank of Major and is engaged in his profession, Industrial Engineer, at Fort Wayne, Indiana.

General *Ryan* is preparing a new list of addresses and desires to be notified of any changes that have occurred since the issue of March 10th, 1945.

Colonel *Hollis C. Clark* is under a doctor's care, in a nursing home at 1854 Wyoming Avenue, Washington,

D. C. There is nothing organically wrong, just weakness, lack of strength to take his usual outdoor exercises. He has excellent care, and with the use of modern vitamin remedies should soon be in circulation again. Cheerful letters from old friends will help greatly.

1895

The *Perry* and Mrs. *Miles* change of station makes Ninety-five's front-page head lines at this time.

Well established in Staunton, Virginia, for some seven years, their house was sold while they had under consideration, for reasons of health, making their home elsewhere for more favorable climate; and with the local housing situation normally acute, they reached their decision to follow the doctor's advice.

Proceeding by easy stages, they cleared Staunton in December, and are delaying at 430 Holt Avenue, Winter Park, Florida, until May 1, when they continue on their way to their new home in *Perry's* native state. The address is simply *Johnstown, Ohio*.

Cavanaugh, too, went to Winter Park, in January, for a season of sunshine, but he is expected to return to Washington.

As a Staunton resident, *Perry* really majored in leading the community's activities in Civilian Defense, bond sales and salvage work; and in the end was duly farewelled—editorially by Staunton papers; and handsomely at a surprise testimonial dinner arranged by the Staunton-Augusta Chamber of Commerce; at which time congratulatory messages were received from the Governor and officials of the War Finance Committee from the Virginia Chairman on down the line. To be noted, also, are two citations, one from the United States Treasury Department and one from the Chamber of Commerce; for "distinguished service"—in particular, if not in general. Yea, PERRY!

From the West Coast comes the report that they had "quite a temblor on Valentine's day, and it shook things up" Yea, FELIX!

—F. B. W.

1896

*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 11.

Hood, D. N.

1899

*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 11.

Ray, J. B.

1901

*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 11.

Haskell, W. N.
Knight, C. H.

1902

*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 11.

Carpenter, W. H.
Davis, W. M.

1904

*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 11.

Scott, R. E.

1905

*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 11.

Dallam, W. A.
Lewis, R. H.
Seagrave, D. C.

1906

Latest information shows *Wainwright*, *Pennell*, *Parker*, *Paine*, and *Gillespie* still on duty, 37 on the retired list of the army, 8 in civil life, and 28 passed to their final reward, out of the 78 to whom President *Taft* handed diplomas. Out of the 51 who belonged to the class, but did not graduate with it, 9 graduated with later classes, 7 others made great reputations in the services later, 8 others were located at different times, and the remainder have been lost from the class records. Any knowledge will be valuable for reunion purposes. Send it in.

Jim Riley, *George Morrow*, *Phil Mathews* and *McKew Parr* are hereby designated as the Reunion Committee, with plenipotentiary powers. *Jim's* address is 49 Wall St., New York City, where all suggestions should be sent and all addresses known.

Jim Bradshaw's boy will meet us at the Class tree one morning. If he is not allowed to keep a saber then, I'll keep the pawn ticket till he is.

Dick Burlison made a three months visit to Moscow with the American Reparations Commission. He lives in San Antonio and will come to the Reunion in the party with *Skinny*, who is now in San Antonio in command of the Fourth Army. *Skinny* has a fine plane. Hope it arrives with a full load of the class.

Hap Pennell, still at Sill, retires about April first and is looking for a job and a house. School job preferred. *Walter Wheeler* is saving up for the big party. (Lives in Burlington, Iowa.)

George Morrow's boy is still in the Navy, at Munich, Germany. *George* and *Christine* are supposed to be under way to La Jolla, California, on an exploration tour, but Birmingham is the permanent home and West Point is the goal this June.

Ralph Jones's daughter, who won our hearts at Hartford on *Wainwright* day, was married recently and lives in New York. The class sends best wishes to both and congratulations to him.

Cort Parker is having *McKew Parr* comb the New York environs for a temporary home, expecting to reach there soon on his terminal leave. They only allow one week in the barracks at West Point in June.

Red Hoyle is enjoying his children and five grandchildren at Alexandria, Virginia. *Christine* too.

Skinny paid us a grand visit at Miami Beach, mid January. *L. P. Horsfall* and I with our wives had a party for him at the Surf Club, where many old friends met him, and the crowd swarmed on him as usual everywhere he goes. *McKew Parr* is trying to get him on an official visit to Connecticut on April 26. If he does, it will be a great party and a great honor to the state. He's a great hero and a good one.

See you all at the old Rock-Bound at Graduation for the best reunion of all. Wear what you have and put

something crimson on it. We'll do the best we can. Yours, —P. D.

1907

*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 11.

Morrissey, P. J.
Rutherford, H. K.

Jeff Bartlett is on terminal leave in the State of Washington and hopes to locate in Southern California. Waldo Potter has left Governors Island and is on terminal leave in California.

A letter from Bob Cheney and Andy Lang from San Antonio tells us that Andy is recovering from a six months' siege at Brooke General Hospital. He has just retired as a Brigadier General. Patsy O'Connor has also retired as a B.G. Charley Harris has been relieved from Aberdeen Proving Grounds to await retirement.

Patsy O'Connor, Charley Harris and J. B. Rose have been awarded the Legion of Merit.

On February 13 when Roger Alexander was in Washington, Ben Castle arranged a class luncheon in his honor at the Army and Navy Club which was attended by Harry Pfeil, Paul Larned, Skee Santschi, Gute Gutensohn and Bruce Clarke. Eastman, Arnold and Marley were expected but were unable to be present.

A recent article about *Pewt Arnold* in a Washington paper claimed that *Pewt* was lost to the Cavalry at graduation because he was skinned for chewing tobacco at Cavalry drill as a Cadet and afterward became interested in aviation to get away from the Infantry. The powers that used to be must have believed more implicitly in the principles advocated in the course of military hygiene than most of us realized. Another article stated that when he returns to his fifty acre farm near Sonoma, California, after his retirement, *Pewt* expects to become a full fledged editorial writer for an old friend who is editor and publisher of the Sonoma Bulletin Index with a pre-Arnold circulation of 1,750 every Friday. He is going to do his writing sitting under an oak tree paying no attention to airplanes flying overhead. *Pewt* said he had a cow, a heifer, a couple of chickens, one hundred twenty fruit trees, some grape vines and a house which he thought would keep him busy enough.

The Medal of Honor has been posthumously awarded *Freddy Castle* for "a willing sacrifice of his life" by taking over the controls of a flaming B-17 Flying Fortress on a bombing mission over Belgium to enable the crew to parachute to safety. How gloriously our God-son lived up to his traditional heritage. Merced Army Air Field has been redesignated Castle Field in his honor.

1908

On Saturday, February 16, 1946 the annual Graduation Anniversary Dinner, was held at the Army and Navy Club, Washington, D. C.

The following members of the class were present: *Ayres, Bonesteel, Chaney, Donovan, Dougherty, Ellis, Edgerton, Fletcher, Garrison, Hughes, Johnson, Kelley, Kennedy, O'Brien, Peterson, Schulz, Sturdevant, Stockton, Smith, R. H. Sneed and Whitley.*

The present roster of the Class of 1908, shows, that of the 108, who were graduated 38 years ago, 13 are still on the active list, 62 are retired, and 6 resigned.

Ayres and Drennan, returned from civil life to the service in World War II and were retired for disability in line of duty.

Albert Lee Sneed, II, age 3 years; John Ryman Sneed, aged six months, have been added to the roster of "sons of 1908"

—R. E. O'B.

1909

*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 11.

Chen, T. C.
Grebbe, E. St. J.
Hill, J. R.
Mills, C. P.
Perrigo, F. L.

1910

*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 11.

Kalloch, P. C.
Smith, C. McC.
Wallace, F. C.
Wilson, D. S.

It has been decided to hold a class reunion this June in view of the fact that due to the war we could not hold our 35th reunion last year.

The reunion this year will be the 40th Anniversary of our entrance here as plebes in 1906. The Secretary of the class has received many letters indicating that a large number of the class will be back.

Graduation Day is 4 June, so put it on your blotter now, and don't run an absence!

—M. W.

1911

*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 11.

Homer, J. L.
Kemble, F.
Morris, W. H. H., Jr.
Richards, H. H. C.

Your scribe was in Washington recently and enjoyed a very pleasant class luncheon with *Phil Fleming, Roscoe Batson, Jimmie Crawford, Jack Kutz, Paul Baude* and *Bill Morris*. Most of the discussion concerned the coming 35th Reunion to which the balance of this column will be devoted.

Graduation this year is Tuesday, June 4th. Our Reunion Dinner will be held Saturday evening, probably at the Bear Mountain Inn. There will be a family luncheon Sunday noon, also at the Bear Mountain Inn and, of course, Alumni Day exercises on Monday.

Hub and Gerry Stanton have very kindly offered the use of the dormitory at their school to the female members of the class. A full bulletin of instructions will be forthcoming very shortly.

You will also receive a 35th Reunion information sheet from which we will build up biographies of all known members of the original class for publication in the 35th edition of our *Howitzer*. This will not be published until after the Reunion so that we can include the story of our reunion activities. The biographical sketches should cover the past five years and we want plenty of photographs.

This 35 year Reunion will be held in honor of *Jim Weaver* and *H. Square Richards* for it has been the unanimous opinion of all those consulted that their World War II experiences and the fortitude they displayed therein deserve that honor and an unusual effort on the part of all their classmates to attend the Reunion.

We are anxious to contact every surviving member of the original group that entered in 1907. The addresses of many of them are unknown. If you know where any of them are located send this information at once to *R. L. Gray*, 471 Cortland St., Belleville, 9, N. J.

By way of personal mention, *Jimmie Crawford* and *Allen Kimball* are retiring. *Roscoe Batson* is already retired and taking up permanent residence in Missouri.

Jim Weaver is at 1115 Lockwood, Columbus, Ga. He reports that young Jim was decorated for guiding the *Fadella* landing in the initial African Expedition and was wounded on Okinawa shortly before V.J. Day. Jim, Sr., was awarded the D.S.M. and the Silver Star in addition to the D.S.C.

Our 35th Reunion coming, as this one after four years of war, is decidedly the greatest milestone in our career. We must have full attendance. This is the last edition of *Assembly* before the Reunion so speck the date, June 1st and let's break all records for attendance.

—R. L. G.

1913

Brig. Gen. *Dennis E. McCunniff* just reached Denver for a vacation after several years in Hawaii—and lately, the Philippines. He was with the 96th Division.

Maj. Gen. *Chas. H. Corlett* is on his ranch in Espanola, New Mexico, awaiting retirement after a very hard and active life during the war.

Col. *Roland L. Gauder* has retired and is now living at 805 Tenth Street, Coronado, California.

Brig. Gen. *Wm. A. McCulloch* has a new assignment at Pennsylvania Military College, Chester, Pa.

Don Sutton is now living with family at Virregyes 825, Mexico, D. F.

—Joseph W. Viner.

1914

*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 11.

Davenport, J. R.
Herr, F.
Houghton, W. C.
Lampert, L. L.
Milligan, H. P.
Paddock, R. B.
Ryan, W. O.

1915

*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 11.

Boots, N. J.
Brady, T. J.
Coughlan, J. B.
Frank, P. R.
Hooper, O. A. B.
Howard, C. W.
Howell, R. M.
McDermott, J. A.
McNair, T. K.
Murphy, L. M.
Ritchel, C. S.
Serles, L. W.
Straub, O. A.
Watson, L. H.
Williams, J. H. C.

1916

*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 11.

Abernethy, E. A.
Jones, H. C.
Newgarden, G. J.

April, 1917

*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 11.

Campbell, A. H.
Compton, C. B.
Hutchings, H., Jr.
Newton, R. D.
Salvosa, L. R.

Since publication of the last issue of the *Assembly* many changes in assignments and stations affecting members of 1917 have occurred. Although news items of only some of these changes have reached us, the items which we have received are noteworthy and of great interest to all of us.

Among those still in Europe are: *Mark Clark*, who is the U.S. Commander in Austria; *Mat Ridgway*, who is General Eisenhower's representative on the Military Staff Committee of the United Nations Organization's Security Council; and *Ernie Harmon*, who is commander of the Third Army's new streamlined zone constabulary, a security and striking force of 38,000 handpicked men, mostly Regular Army enlistees, who will spearhead the occupation mission of the entire U.S. Zone of Germany.

Returning from Europe recently with his colorful Second (Hell-on-Wheels) Armored Division, which played a leading role in the liberation of France in 1944, *Jack Devine* visited West Point en route to his new station, Camp Hood, Texas. Among the many decorations Jack is wearing are the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, Silver Star, Bronze Star and Cluster, Czech War Cross, Czech Order of White Lion, French Croix de Guerre with Palm, French Legion d'Honneur au Grade de Chevalier, and the Guards Revensky Division Red Badge.

Another recent visitor to West Point was *Clare Armstrong*, who was on a short leave from his station in Europe. Incidentally, Clare was wearing a Distinguished Service Medal which was presented to him in person by General George S. Patton. *Morris Barroll* also paid a fleeting visit to the Point a few weeks ago but had to dash off because of pressure of business and few of us had a chance to see him. Seen at the Army-Navy Basketball game on March 2d was *John McEwan*, and it was good indeed to have him with us again.

Holding down two big jobs in Washington are *Joe Collins* and *Dan Noyce*. Joe is now War Department Director of Information, and Dan is Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff of the Army Service Forces.

News has been received that *Basil Perry* has been transferred from Camp Shelby, Mississippi, to Fort Jackson, South Carolina, where he is G-3 of the V Corps. And *Walter Warner*, we have been informed, is the present Chief of Ordnance Section of the Second Army.

According to our most recent records, *Arthur Harper's* latest assignment is Commanding General of the

98th Division stationed in Japan; *Fred Irving* is Commanding General of Camp Pickett, Virginia; and *Joe Tate* is at Fort Dix, New Jersey, where he is a member of an examining board for Regular Army Commissions.

And noted in the New York Herald Tribune of March 9, 1946 was the following article of especial interest to the class: "Colonel H. Norman Schwarzkopf, organizer and former superintendent of the New Jersey State police, has received the Distinguished Service Medal for outstanding services as commander of the United States military mission with the imperial Iranian gendarmerie. Word of the award was received here (Princeton, N. J.) by Mrs. Schwarzkopf. The award was made by Major General Clarence Ridley at Tehran, January 21, at a special reception in Colonel Schwarzkopf's honor".

August, 1917

*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 11.

Bartley, C. C.
Bell, J. P.
Hall, W. N.
Hawkins, J.
Lewis, P. W.
Milan, H. L.
Moomau, E. B.
Taylor, V. N.
Willard, R. A.

June, 1918

*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 11.

Baaby, R. E.
Bethel, J. M.
Blanchard, C. C.
Cintron, F., Jr.
Corpenino, M. M.
Crouch, E. H.
Dando, E. D.
Grant, J. L.
Grenata, M. C.
Grupe, E. A.
Hoffman, C. E.
Holt, H. W.
Hudson, G. B.
Kimble, F. Von H.
Lamar, J.
Lewis, H. B.
Lifsy, C. Q.
Mitchell, C. H.
Paterson, R. D.
Wang, K.
Wells, W. W.
Zachman, J. P.

Recapitulation—graduated, 137; active, 59; retired, 23; resigned, 35; deceased, 20.

General officers, 19, including one three star, *Clay*; three two-star, *Adcock*, *Casey*, *Miley*; and the following one-star, *Gallagher*, *Holman*, *Kimble*, *Kramer*, *Kreber*, *Marshall*, *Newman*, *J. B.*, *Robinson*, *Ross*, *Sherman*, *Sibert*, *Sturgis*, *Tansey*, *Timothy*, and *Townesley*.

The following information is based largely on replies to recent inquiries, news items, official dispatches. Those missing from this issue will be included in future "Notes" as information is received.

ACTIVE

Adcock, Maj. Gen., G-5, U.S.F.E.T.; G-4, 6th Army Group, 1944-45; G-4, 5th Army, Italy, 1943-44; in North Africa on Eisenhower's staff, 1943; Office, Chief of Engineers, Washington, 1940-43. Elder of two sons commissioned in A.A. (Regular Army).

Baish, Col., C.E., A.S.F. Training Center, Ft. Lewis, Washington, since May '44. In charge of Army Construction in Alaska, '43-'44; C.O., with 42nd Engineer Regiment, G.S., all parts of Alaska to include battle of Attu, '42-'43; with 42nd at Camp Shelby during '41. Claims daughter Olivia, three years old, the youngest class child.

Barth, Col., Inf. (information via Smith, P. W.), had been in F.A. nearly 20 years but got back to the Inf. at beginning of war and was wounded almost 18 months ago while leading his Regt. in France. Both daughters are in New York City, the older training as a nurse, the younger at N.Y.U. Adopted son graduates from U.S.M.A. in June.

Bishop, Col., C.E. Last heard of as C.O., 1310 Engrs., General Service Regiment, in Europe. Commanded this same Regiment at Camp Claiborne in 1943; Dist. Engr., Providence, R. I., '41-'43.

Blanchard, Col., F.A. Last heard of with Hqrs., XIV Corps Artillery in the Pacific. Seen some 18 months ago with an A.G.F. Liaison group attached to 6th Army in New Guinea.

Boineau, Col., A.G.D., having transferred from Inf. in 1940. Now in Publications Div., A.G.O., Washington. Returned to U.S. in May '44 after temporary duty as A.G. of the 1st Army in England; Deputy C.S. of the II Corps in the Sicilian campaign; A.G. of the II Corps during Tunisian campaign. Also served as A.G. of the XI Corps in Chicago and A.G. of the 2nd Inf. Div. at Ft. Sam Houston.

Caffey, Col., C.E. Now assigned to Staff of Army and Navy Staff College in Washington, after a distinguished record of service principally with the 1st Engr. Amphibian Brigade in practically all of the landings from No. Africa through Sicily, Italy and the Normandy Beach.

Casey, Maj. Gen. Still MacArthur's Chief Engr., a position held since pre-Bataan days. Came out of the Philippines with MacArthur and fought his way back from Australia to the Philippines. Was the first general officer in the class, and is probably the most decorated member. Son, Hugh Boyd, 1st Lt., C.E., recently returned for hospitalization in the U.S. after a demolition accident in Japan. Daughter, Patsy, recently married Maj. Frank Clay (son of Lucius) in Germany, where she had been on duty with the Treasury Dept.

Clay, Lt. Gen. Made the cover of TIME, so there is little by way of news to record here. Our only three-star General, Lucius, since April '45 has been Deputy Military Governor in Germany, after serving in Washington as Deputy to Director of War Mobilization and Reconversion Byrnes; '42-'44, Director of Materiel, A.S.F.; many periods of temporary duty overseas throughout the war including one month's command of the Normandy Base Section at Cherbourg; '40-'41, assistant to Administrator of Civil Aeronautics in Washington in charge of National Aircraft Program; '38-'40, Dist. Engr. at Denison, Texas; '37-'38, on MacArthur's staff in Philippines; '35-'37, River and Harbor Section, O.C.E. (Lucius inherited Casey's desk and four years later turned it

over to Marshall). Lucius, Jr. now a Lt. Col., A.A.F.; completed full quota of B-26 missions operating against Germany; has D.F.C., Purple Heart, and other decorations; graduated U.S.M.A., '42. Frank B. now a Maj. on Staff Duty at Hqrs., U.S.F.E.T., after fighting the war with the 1st Armored Div. in No. Africa and Italy; Silver Star and Purple Heart, among other decorations.

Cruse, Col., C.E., Dist. Engr. at Norfolk since '44; '42-'43, Engr., Air Service Command, Patterson Field, Ohio; '41, Engr., II Amphibious Corps, San Diego; '38-'41, R.O.T.C., Lincoln, Nebr; '34-'38, U.S. Engr. Ofc., Los Angeles. Two sons, Philip M. in Army Sig. Corps; Robert B. now in U.S. Naval Academy.

Donaldson, Col., Cav. Now at R.O.T.C., Harvard, leaving shortly for Panama for duty with Caribbean Defense Command; '45, with A.G.F. Board, Italian Theatre; '44, Cavalry School, Ft. Riley; '43, Commanding 14th Cav. Group, Ft. Lewis and Camp White; '42, C.O., 44th Armored Regt., 12th Armored Div., Camp Campbell, also with G-1, W.D.G.S. and 8th Armored Div.; '37-'41, 3rd Cav., Ft. Myer; '36-'37, Leavenworth; '32-'36, 8th Cav., Ft. Bliss. Sons—T.Q., IV., graduated U.S.M.A., Jan. '43, served as Capt. G-2 Section of 8th Armored Div., 9th Army and 2nd Army, now student at Leavenworth on way to U.S.M.A. as instructor. David R., graduated from Kansas State as Cadet Col. of R.O.T.C. Unit; commissioned 2nd Lt., Dec. '43, transferred to Paratroops, and in May '45 ordered to Pacific where he joined 11th Airborne Div.; killed in action on Okinawa the day before V.-J. Day while enroute to Tokyo with his Division. John W., graduated U.S.M.A. in '44; went overseas with 42nd Div. in Dec. '44; wounded Jan. '45, recovered and rejoined his unit; now with same Div. as 1st Lt. in Austria; received Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

Elliott, Col., C.E. Last heard of with Hqrs., U.S.F.E.T.; seen with an A.S.F. Liaison Group, 6th Army in New Guinea, '44.

Gallagher, Brig. Gen. Last heard of with Hqrs., U.S. Forces in China; '41-'43, Commandant of Cadets, U.S.M.A.

Gerhard, Col., C.W.S. Now Chemical O., 1st Army, Ft. Bragg; '45, Chemical O. with 1st Army in Germany and the Philippines; '41-'45, Edgewood Arsenal; '39-'41, Wright Field; '38-'39, Student A.C. Tactical School; '34-'38, Office, Chief, Chemical Warfare Service, Washington. 1st Lt. F. W., Jr., A.C.; graduated U.S.M.A. '44; now in Japan. 1st Lt. James C., graduated U.S.M.A. '44; now in Pacific Theatre. Ann, junior at Smith College, Northampton.

Gillespie, Col., A.C., Wright Field since June '41; temporary duty in England at times during '43-'45; '38-'41, aviation mission to Argentina; '37-'38, Barksdale Field. Two children, neither old enough to get into this war.

Gould, Col., Q.M.C. Transferred from Inf. in '41, last heard of at San Antonio General Depot, Ft. Sam Houston.

Gruhn, Col., Inf. With Joint Intelligence Objectives Agency, Washington, after considerable W.D. G-2 work during war.

Hewitt, Col., C.E. Until recently Chief Engr. of Kenney's Far East Air Forces from Australia to Japan; '43-'45, commanded Aviation Engr. Tng. Ctr., March Field, prior to going overseas; Dist. Engr., Galveston, '40-'43.

Holman, Brig. Gen. Now in W.D. G-4; '42-'45, Chief Ord. O. and C.O.S., U.S.A.S.O.S., S.W.P.A., and Chief Ord. O., U.S.A.F.P.A.C.; '41, Russian Div., Lend Lease Adm.; '40, Office Chief of Ord.; '39, student, Army Industrial College; '37-'39, Hawaii; '36, Leavenworth.

Irish, Lt. Col., Inf. Now R.O.T.C., Syracuse Univ.; '45, instructor, Civil Affairs, Stanford Univ.; '43-'44, Civilian Affairs O. and Military Governor various parts of Italy; in Sicilian Invasion with 1st Div.; '42, Ex. O., 350th Inf., 88th Div.; '40-'42, 1st Div.; prior to 1940 with 33rd Inf. in Panama. Expects a son to enter U.S.M.A. in June.

Jadwin, Col., Cav. Now rumored to be in Washington after varied tours as Military Attache in Italy, the Balkans and Turkey, from 1940 to '43.

Kern, Col., C.E. Dist. Engr. of Providence, R. I.; '44, Commanding an Engr. Group, S.W.P.A.; '42-'43, E.R. T.C., Ft. Belvoir; '40-'41, Dist. Engr., Little Rock.

Kimble, Brig. Gen. Last heard of in '43 commanding A.C. Tng. Ctr., Tuskegee, Ala.

Kovarik, Col. Fin.; '45, Corps Fin. O., Philippines; '43-'44, with Fin. Dept. in Australia.

Lorence, Col., C.E., Dist. Engr., Pittsburgh; '45, commanding Engr. Regt. in Burma; '40-'44, Fin. Div., Ofc. Chief of Engrs.; '34-'40, Leavenworth.

Marshall, Brig. Gen. President, The Engineer Board, Ft. Belvoir; '45, in command Boston Port of Embarkation; '44, G-4, U.S.A.S.O.S., Australia, New Guinea and Philippines; '43, commanding E.U.T.C., Camp Sutton, N. C.; '42-'43, Dist. Engr., Manhattan Dist.; '40-'42, Dist. Engr., Binghamton and Syracuse, N. Y.; '40, 1st Div., Ft. Benning; '39, Leavenworth. Maj. Robert C., C.E., with Hqrs., 3rd Army, Germany, after three years with 80th Div., Combat Engrs., two Bronze Stars and Purple Heart. Daughter Beryl recently married after serving two years as librarian Bryn Mawr College.

Matthews, Col., C.E., Ofc., Chief of Engrs. since Feb. '44; '42-'44, commanded engineer troops at various bases and served as Chief Engr., U.S. Advance Base, New Guinea; '40-'41, map reproduction plant, Washington; '37-'40, Rock Island Engr. Dist.; '31-'37, R.O.T.C., Univ. of Ill.

McKee, R. G., Col., G.S.C. (Inf.), with G-3, 1st Army, Ft. Bragg; '45, with G-3, 1st Army, Ft. Jackson and S.W.P.A.; '44, commanding 8th Inf. (4th Div.); '44, C.S., VII Corps; '43, G-3, 3d Army; '40-'42, instructor Inf. School, Ft. Benning.

Mewshaw, Col., Cav. 1943 to date G-3, III Corps; '41-'42, G-2, III Corps; '40-'41, G-1, 1st Cav. Div.; '37-'40, A.D.C. to Maj. Gen. Joyce and Asst. G-3, 1st Cav. Div. and S-2 and 3, 1st Cav. Brig. Now on a Cook's tour of Atlantic Bases with an Army Selection Board.

Mielenz, Col., C.E. Now recuperating at Oliver General Hospital, Augusta, Ga., after 3½ years as P.O.W. of the Japs; recovered at Mukden, 16 Aug. '45, arrived San Francisco 15 Oct.;

Nov. '41 to May '42 with Dept. Engr. and Engr. U.S.F.I.P.; '39-'41, fortification work, Philippines; '36-'39, Memphis Engr. Dist.; '32-'36, R.O.T.C., Penn State. Daughter, Penelope was war worker at Cochran Field, Macon, Ga.; Maurine, married former A.C. Lt. Robert Pendleton; Lloyd E., Jr. entering West Point June '46.

Miley, Maj. Gen. Now with Hqrs., A.G.F.; commanded 17th Airborne Div., '42-'45; commanded 501st Parachute Inf. Bn., '40-'41. Has a son at U.S.M.A.

Moore, A. T. W., Col., C.E. Now head of Personnel Div., Ofc., Chief of Engrs.; '44, A.S.F. Tng. Ctr., Camp Claiborne; '41 to June '44, commanded 19th Engr. Combat Regt., Ireland, England, initial landings at Oran, Algeria and Tunisia, and with S.O.S. No. African Theatre; '40-'41, 7th Div. commanding 13th Engr. Bn.; '36-'40, Ofc., Chief of Engrs. Marian graduated from Stephens College in '44, enlisted in W.A.C., now with Hqrs., 4th Air Force. A. T. W., Jr. at Woodland School, Washington.

Neilson, Col., C.E. Last heard of with 2nd Engr. Spec. Brig.; '44-'45, Australia, New Guinea and Philippines, took part in many amphibious landings; '43, Dist. Engr., Little Rock; '40-'42, Dist. Engr., Kansas City; '37-'40, Hawaii.

Newman, J. B., Brig. Gen., Div. Engr., Atlanta; '45, Air Engr., Hqrs., A.A.F., Washington; '43-'44, Engr., 9th Air Force in Europe; '40-'42, Dist. Engr., Wright Field and Ofc., Chief of A.C. J. B., III., Maj. C.E., graduated U.S.M.A. '42. Bob, Capt., C.E., graduated U.S.M.A. June '43. Both saw service in European Theatre.

Robinson, Brig. Gen., Commanding Spec. Troops, 1st Army, Ft. Bragg; Dec. '42 to Sept. '45, A.A. duty with 5th Army in No. Africa, Sicily and Italy; commanded 34th A.A.A. Brig. in Italy and invaded So. France with XXI U.S. Corps. Son Michael graduated U.S.M.A. Jan. '43, served with A.A. Staff, 3d Army throughout European campaign; daughter Alice married Maj. Colquitt, C.A.C.; son Gilbert, air cadet and Pvt. A.F., '43-'45; three other children at home.

Sherman, Brig. Gen., 5th Inf. Div., Camp Campbell; '44-'45, Asst. Div. Comdr., 3d, 34th and 88th Divs. in Italy; '43, commanding 7th Inf., 3d Div., Africa, Sicily and Italy; '41-'42, Ex. O., 15th Inf., 3d Div., Ft. Lewis and African invasion; '36-'41, 5th Inf., Portland, Me. and Panama; '34-'36, 7th Inf., Alaska.

Sibert, Brig. Gen., G-2, Hqrs., U.S. F.E.T., also served during current war as Military Attache to Brazil.

Sturgis, Brig. Gen., Engr., 6th Army, Japan; '43-'45, Engr., 6th Army, Australia, New Guinea, Philippines; '40-'42, Dist. Engr., Vicksburg.

Tansey, Brig. Gen., G-4, A.S.C.O.M., Japan; '42-'45, O.P.D. W.D.G.S.; '36-'40, duty with Engr. Commissioner, Washington. Pat, Jr., Maj., Inf.; and Ted, Capt., Inf., served in Europe, wounded and decorated; Bob graduated U.S.M.A. '45.

Timothy, Brig. Gen., Div. Engr., No. Atlantic Div., N. Y.; '45, Commandant, Engr. School, Belvoir; '43-'44, Chief Engr., 12th Army Group, E.T.O.; '41-'42, W.D., G-2; '40, C.O., 15th Engr.,

9th Inf., Div.; '37-'39, Intelligence Div., O.C.E., Washington; '36-'37, Leavenworth; '34-'36, Div. Engr. Ofc., New Orleans. Son, Simmons, Capt., Inf., graduated U.S.M.A., '42; landed in Normandy with 79th Div.; later assigned XV Corps and 45th Div.; D.S.C., S.S., B.S.M., etc.

Townsley, Brig. Gen., now in Hqrs., U.S.F.E.T., after having commanded artillery of the XXXVI Corps.

Whitaker, Col., C.E., Ofc., Div. Engr., Pacific Div., San Francisco; '43-'44, Ofc., Div. Engr., Atlanta; '43, commanding Engr. Regt., Camp Claiborne; '39-'42, Dist. Engr. Ofc., Chicago. Son, Joe, Lt. of Airborne Artillery killed in crash in Carolinas in '43.

RETIRED

Agnew, Lt. Col., Ret. (C.E.), living in Pasadena, Calif. Retired in '42 (physical) after serving with 3d Engrs. in Hawaii from '40 to '42; '37-'40, Pittsburgh Engr. Dist.; '36-'37, Army Industrial College. Malcolm, Jr., now a plebe at West Point; Charlotte K. attending Pasadena Junior College.

Kelley, Capt., Ret. (Inf.) now living in Stuart, Fla. Retired Sept. '33 (physical) after lengthy tour as P.X. Officer at Benning.

Kramer, Brig. Gen., Ret. (C.E.), now living at Vicksburg, Miss., and working as consultant to the Chief of Engrs., the Governor of Panama Canal, and various Div. Engrs. Retired 31 Dec. '45 (physical); '45, Asst. Pres., Miss. River Commission, Vicksburg; '43-'44, Dept. Engr., Hawaiian Dept.; '40-'42, Engr., 3d Locks, Panama Canal; '39, Dist. Engr., Caddo, Colo.; '36-'38, Dist. Engr., Conschas Dam, N. M.; '32-'35, Dist. Engr. Ofc., Memphis. Son, "Mr. B", recently graduated with honors from Kindergarten at the age of five, will be entering West Point in 1958.

McKee, C. E., Col., Ret. (C.E.), now Deputy Service Command Engr., Ft. Hayes, O. Retired in '22 as Capt., recalled to A.D. in 1940.

Newman, H. H., Col., Ret. (C.A.C.), now on a farm near Charlottesville, Va. Retired (physical) Oct. '45; '42-'44, Florida, Australia and New Guinea with 5th Fighter Cmd., and C.O., 197th A.A. Group; Mar. '41 to Dec. '41, Ex. O., 5th Fighter Cmd. (A.F.), Ft. Lawton, sailed for Philippines 5 Dec. and returned to San Francisco 9 Dec.; '40, Ex. and C.O., 67th C.A. Regt. (A.A.), Ft. Bragg; '37-'40, R.O.T.C., Georgia Tech.; '34-'37, Ft. Monroe with a year of C.C.C. duty. Howard H., Jr., Ensign in Merchant Marine, saw service in Europe, Africa, Munmansk, India, etc.; Donald R., 1st Lt., C.E., served in Iran, France, Germany, New Guinea, Philippines and Japan; Walter B., tail-gunner, with the B-29s, now heading for Europe.

Rice, Capt., Ret. (C.E.), living in Rockland, Me. Retired (physical) June '35; since '40 has served as Chairman, Knox County Chapter Red Cross; has been active as one of two lay members of the Episcopal Council of the New England Province.

Ross, Brig. Gen., Ret. (C.E.). Retired (physical) Dec. '45; '43-'45, Australia, New Guinea and Philippines principally as Chief Engr., U.S.A. S.O.S.; '42, commanding Engr. Hqrs., C.Z., and Provisional Tng. Brig., Camp

Claiborne; '39-'41, Chief R.R. Br., O.C.E.; '37-'38, Hawaii; '35-'36, in Div. Engr. Ofc., Portland, Ore.; '32-'35, R.O.T.C., Oregon State. L. T., Jr., now a yearling at the Point.

Smith, P. S., Capt., Ret. (C.E.), since '43 Associate Professor of Physics in Clarkson College of Technology, Potsdam, N. Y. From retirement (physical) in Oct. '26, taught school and engaged in real estate business in vicinity of Boston. Capt. Kenneth B. graduated U.S.M.A. June '43, spent most of '44 and '45 piloting a B-29 from Saipan; Lt. P. W., Jr., A.U.S., now in Japan, expects to be relieved from A.D. in '46 and return to Harvard to complete work for master's degree in physics; two daughters in high school.

Underwood, Col., Ret. (C.E.) in 1945 (physical), now living in Washington; commanded Engr. Regt. in England after training at Camp Claiborne.

RESIGNED

Atgettinger, living in Scarsdale, N. Y. Disgusted with the Medical Dept. after four rejections while attempting to get into World War II. Looked mighty healthy when last seen and most people inclined to agree with several civilian doctors who pronounced him fit. Still a bachelor.

Azelson, Col., (F.A.), Ret. G-5 and assistant to Adcock after commanding Mechanized 155mm. Artillery outfit in Europe. A retreat from civil life from 1941, after serving in New York National Guard.

Casman, in law business in Philadelphia. Turned down by Medicos for A.D. in World War II. Served in Penna. State Guard, and took active part in war bond drives and similar activities; from '37-'43 served as Regional Attorney of Social Security Board.

Cobb, at present with U.S. Government Smaller War Plants Corporation, Memphis; from '33-'44, sales engr., South Bend, Ind. Claims permanent address is his farm near Water Valley, Miss.

Coogan, last heard of as Lt. Col., A.C., Buckley Field, Colo.

Hamilton, with Aluminum Co. of America in Providence, R. I.

Hodges, now on terminal leave at his home in Lake Forest, Ill., after serving as a Col., Sig. C., throughout World War II, in Ofc., Chief Signal Ofc., Washington.

Horr, on active duty as Col., F.A. and Ex. O., F.A.R.T.C., Ft. Bragg. Came on A.D. as Maj. in June '42 and assigned to Bragg, serving at Camp Gordon, Camp Livingston and Camp Rucker, before returning to Bragg. Has two step-daughters by reason of marriage in 1936, and daughter born in '37.

Hurt, failed to get by the Medicos for World War II; assisted in war bond, Red Cross and similar drives, while retaining active ownership of a string of stores in Slater, Mo.

Knight, last heard of as a Lt. Col. of F.A. in the Philippines; has been on A.D. for over 3 years, practically all of which was spent in Australia, New Guinea and the Philippines.

Kreber, Brig. Gen., Artillery Comdr. of 37th Div. during past 3 years, seeing plenty of service in the Solomons and in the Philippines.

Lamar, still active as an artist in New York City. One of his portraits of Churchill is in the British Embassy and another at Hyde Park.

Malone, still on A.D. as a Col. commanding Central Dist. Service Comd., San Francisco; previously served in Oakland and at Camp Beale; G-1 of Brittany Base Section and in G-1 Section, E.T.O.; in 1940 organized the 144th F.A., in Calif.

Manning, served part of World War II in Washington as a Lt. Col., and believed now to have returned to civil life.

Murrill, recently returned to the Murrill Co., New York City; commissioned as Col. in '42 and served at Hqrs., A.S.F., Washington, at the Boston Port as Deputy Port Comdr., and for 19 months in E.T.O. in the T.C.

Stenzel, commissioned in '42 as a Maj., C.M.P., later transferred to Engrs. and was last heard of as a Lt. Col. commanding the Combat Engrs. in an Inf. Div., E.T.O.

Stephens, still manufacturing shoes in Reading, Pa. Son, Ernest L., III, served as Lt. of armored forces in Mediterranean Theatre, now hospitalized at Camp Edwards.

Tye, gave up his real estate business in Los Angeles in '42 and was commissioned a Maj. in A.C., promoted to Lt. Col. in Jan. '43; spent 18 months in S.W.P.A. as Port Comdr. at Milne Bay, later as Ex. O. at Tacloban, and with G-4 in Manila. Inactivated Sept. '45, now resting in Los Angeles.

Ward, commissioned Maj. in C.E. in '42, and almost immediately landed in Liberia, worked his way north in various troop assignments, through No. Africa, Sicily, Italy and E.T.O., wound up as Col., C.E.; returned to the construction business in fall of '45. Living near Stamford, Conn.

Classmates incorrectly described above or omitted from these notes can correct the situation by writing to the undersigned.

—J. C. Marshall.

November, 1918

*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 11.

Baclig, E. S.
Blair, H. W.
Broome, V. C.
Cambre, J. D.
Cathran, W. R.
Cullens, J. C., Jr.
Dunn, L. H.
Dzau, L. E.
Gildart, C. R.
Goodin, A. B.
Hesp, W. V.
McGiffert, R. D.
Norman, E. C.
Pence, J. P.
Piland, J. L.
Platte, F. B.
Pope, L.
Rosendahl, G. A.
Spring, R. R.
Stevens, F. A.
Vidal, E. L.

The Class will regret to learn of the recent death of *Jack Hinton's* wife, Betty. *Hixon*, *Tucker*, *Swift*, *Morrison*, *Ericson*, *Evans* and *Peckham* attended the funeral services at Ft. Myer and the burial in Arlington Cemetery. Classmates in Washington meet for luncheon at the Army and Navy Club the second Wednesday in each month. Charlie Hixon makes the ar-

rangements. *Peckham, Hastings* and *Whelchel* are on duty in the Office of the Quartermaster General; *Tucker* in the Office Chief of Ordnance; *Chorpening, Goertz* and *Schilling* in the Office Chief of Engineers; and *Al Johnson* in the Office of the Judge Advocate General. *Hixon, Morrison, Trichel, Gibney* and *Graham* are on duty with Headquarters Army Service Forces; and *Evans, Bill Blair, Dunkelberg, Moss, Holbrook* and *Kelly* with Headquarters Army Ground Forces. *Charlie Jewell* was released from active duty last October after serving in the Office Chief of Engineers and with the Joint Logistics Plans Committee and is living in Washington. *Mark Rhoads* is still working in a civilian capacity with the Signal Corps in Washington. *Groves* has recently been appointed Assistant Chief of Engineers for a four-year period. *Stoner*, who was found at plebe Christmas, is a major general and Assistant Chief Signal Officer. *Ericson* is on duty with O.P.D. and *Swift* with G-1, War Department General Staff, and *Pop Hendricks* with the Civil Affairs Division, War Department Special Staff.

Fred Butler is on duty in Australia with the Foreign Liquidation Commission. *Charlie Bathurst* and *Bonner Fellers*, both on duty in Japan, visited Washington during the Christmas holidays. *John Middleton* after commanding the Chinese Training Center and the China Theater Replacement Service, is now serving as president of the War Criminals Court in Shanghai. *Dave Griffiths* is District Engineer at Galveston, and *Al Riani* at Detroit. *Art Pence* is the Director of Service Instruction, Command and General Staff School.

The records at the Academy indicate that the following classmates have sons in the Corps, members of the classes as indicated: First Class—*Badger, Mendenhall* and *Arthur Pence*; Third Class—*Hughes, Wanamaker* and *Watkins*; Fourth Class—*Freeman*. All three who are members of the present Third Class have been designated as belonging to the Class of 1948, so they will be Second Classmen next year and will complete the full four years before graduating.

A report has been received that *Yoder* is back in the States for a well-earned rest. He was awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster to his Legion of Merit Medal for his work overseas before sailing from Manila. His wife, *Dorothy* met him in San Francisco. It was the first time she had seen him in four years.

Wanamaker has been appointed Deputy Division Engineer of the Missouri River Division. His headquarters will be in Omaha, Nebraska, and he will be the assistant to Major General *Lewis A. Pick*.

Red Carroll is often seen at West Point at the Saturday afternoon basketball games. He is back on the retired status and is living in Larchmont. He has two sons now preparing for West Point at Amherst College, both being in the active service.

A letter was received from *Paul Kendall*, who is now stationed in California. A letter was also recently received from *Doc Wells*, who at present is a patient in the Percy Jones General

Hospital, Battle Creek, Mich. He reports that *Stice* is also there but expects to retire shortly. Doc has also heard that *Mike Jenkins* lives in or near Battle Creek. Most of the above personal notes were furnished by *Howard Peckham*. With the above exceptions, no news was received from any classmates. Therefore, it is again requested that any news which might interest members of our class be forwarded either to the Association of Graduates or to *Badger*, who is now the class representative at the Academy.

June, 1919

*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 11.

Bready, W. R.
Broberg, W. S.
Cain, L. B.
Hale, D. W.
Hoffman, H. F. T.
Keeley, J. T.
Kelly, V. H.
Kirby, A. G.
Lewis, G. W.
McGinley, E.
Mickle, G. St. C.
Miller, P. R. M.
Molitor, C. S.
Moore, R. A.
Moroney, W. J.
Rex, H. McC.
Rhodes, L. F.
Smith, M. C.
Speed, H.
Works, J. M.

Warren Christian died in Bremen, Germany, on 9 January 1946 and was buried on 12 January in the U.S. Military Cemetery, Margraten, Holland. Condolences may be addressed to Mrs. *Christian* at 1901 Columbia Road, N.W., Washington, D. C.

Kyke Allan writes from G-2 that *Ed Sebree* has gone to Australia as U. S. Military Attaché. He also notes that *Merlin O'Neill*, found at our plebe Christmas, has recently been made Assistant Chief of the Coast Guard with the rank of Commodore. *John Hardin*, having returned to these United States after three years as Deputy Chief Engineer of the E.T.O., has reported for duty at Vicksburg, Miss., as Deputy to the President of the Mississippi River Commission and Division Engineer, Lower Mississippi Valley Division. *Dick Coursey* has been in G-1, G.H.Q., in Tokyo since July last. *Charlie Chapline*, having been separated from the Air Corps with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, has accepted appointment as Assistant Vice President of the Public National Bank and Trust Company in St. Louis.

Maurice Kurtz, formerly Division Artillery Commander for the 14th Armored Division, has been appointed Director of the Department of Motors at the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill. Among his decorations is the Moroccan Goum insignia, awarded him for his artillery support of the 3rd Algerian Division of the First French Army. His son, *M. K. Jr.*, is in the present plebe class, his name having been inadvertently omitted in the list published in this column in January. *Herb Jones* is reported to be back in Washington for duty in the A.G.O. after a tour in the Far Pacific, including *Espiritu Santo* and *Okinawa*, the latter since D plus 2. *Al Gruenth-*

er and *Urban Niblo* have been recent visitors at the U.S.M.A. *Al* gave a lecture to the First Class on the Italian Campaign, and being in his usual good form had the cadets hanging on his every word.

Mose Chadwick has recently been awarded the Legion of Merit for his work as Chief of the Quality Control Division, Signal Corps Ground Signal Agency, in 1944 and 1945. *Tony McAuliffe* assumed command at Fort Bragg early in January. His son saw war service as a Lieutenant in a Tank Destroyer unit.

The following additional awards of decorations have come to your scribe's attention: D.S.M. — *Collier, Faine, Parker, Price, Raean*; Legion of Merit — *Snodgrass, Meyer, McNamee, Jones, H. M.*

We seem to have run out of news for this issue. Why not drop us a line and thereby let the rest of the gang know what you are up to.

—B. W. B.

1920

*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 11.

Adams, C. M.
Ager, S.
Billo, J. J.
Carr, L. J.
Costigan, R. M.
Donnelley, R. B.
Edmonson, E. M.
Elliott, E. E.
Garrison, C.
George, A.
Gilbert, E. A.
Greenlaw, H. K.
Hart, A. J.
Howard, J. G.
Jacobs, N. N.
Kiefer, H. W.
Krause, G. H.
Lake, J. L.
Larner, J. P.
Lewis, J. M.
Merritt, W. D.
Moreland, J. W.
Reiersen, J. E.
Smith, R. O.
Trimble, F.
Turnbull, H. T.
Wakefield, M. F.
Yancey, W. J. T.

Since the last issue of *Assembly* *George Honnen* has left us for assignment as P.M.S.&T. at the University of Hawaii. However, the Class has been strengthened at West Point by the addition of *Ted Gillette*, who is with the Department of Chemistry and Electricity, and orders have been received this week assigning *Larry Schick* to duty with the Department of Military Topography and Graphics. Recent visitors have been *Volney Poulson*, who has a son in the Class of 1949, and *A. L. McCullough* who has just reverted to civil life and has returned to his former job with the Pan American Airways. Mac is living in Garden City, L. I. Orders have been issued for the retirement of *Chick Fowler* and *Lou Clatterbos*.

Congratulations to the following on the award of the D.S.M.: *Bill Bessell, George Rehm, Eddie Routheau, Eddie Williams, Gus Vogel, Homer Kiefer*, and an Oak Leaf Cluster to the D.S.M. for *Freddie Hayden*, who also visited the Academy over Navy Basketball weekend.

Congratulations also to the following members of the Class on the award of the Legion of Merit: *Charlie Holle*, *Bill Bessell*, *Jack Seybold*, *John McNulty*, *Jimmie Walsh*, *Jack McBlain*, *Bill Mitchell*, *Bill Long*, and an Oak Leaf Cluster to the Legion of Merit for *Jimmie Walker*.

Gainer Jones has reverted to civil life and is Vice President of a bank in Houston, Texas. *Jim Cullum* is now associated with the Eastman-Dillon Company of Wall Street. *Joe Dillon* has recently been assigned as Air Provost Marshal and should be ideally qualified for this new important assignment. *Rip Brady* is back from Europe, the possessor of the Bronze Star and the French Croix de Guerre with Palm, and has taken over the Editorship of the Coast Artillery Journal with Headquarters in Washington.

A recapitulation of Class' sons at West Point is as follows: Class of 1946, *Williams, H. K.* and *Withers*; Class of 1947, *Hammond, Herrick, Ruter and Travis*; Class of 1949, *Mitchell, J. D., Moore, W. S., Poulson, Hodes and Stauffer*.

1921

*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 11.

Pirkey, F. Z.
Spettel, F. J.

For the Class of 1921 I have the following, taken from a letter from *Harold J. Conway*.

"Present job: Director of Supply, Ninth Service Command (largest in United States) which job I have had for over a year, now at Fort Douglas, Utah. Yesterday, February 26th, received Legion of Merit for duty as Ordnance Officer and Director of Supply, Ninth Service Command.

"Also on January 28th received Army Commendation Ribbon for duty as Deputy Chief, Military Training Division, Office Chief of Ordnance in 1943. Detailed in General Staff Corps at present".

I also heard from *Col. J. Harry Marsh* that he is at Columbia in the City of New York in a military training capacity.

John E. Freeman is out of the Service, back in Washington, I believe, with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Col. Frank W. Crary is on duty in Japan near Tokyo.

Col. Milo G. Cary is Director of the Anti-aircraft Service Testing Section at Fort Bliss, Texas, and likes his assignment very much.

He also sends word that he sees *Red Whelen* quite often. *Red Whelen* was an original member of our class but was found and later commissioned in the Army prior to our graduation. His being commissioned was, of course, consented to by a vote of the class.

—*R. H. J.*

June 13, 1922

*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 11.

Anderson, G.
Beal, O. L.
Hensey, W. R., Jr.
Kastner, A. E.
McLallen, D. L.
Miller, S. M.
Mitchell, G. E.
Reed, C. H.
Woods, F. J.

After long and faithful service as your news representative *Len Leonard* has passed the buck to *Charlie Branham*, now at West Point as Secretary of the Association of Graduates. Please send Branham news of '22 that you would like to see in this column. Where are they and what are they doing?

Willie Wilhide spent a weekend at West Point recently. He has been a Lt. Col. in District Ordnance Office, Detroit, but expected to be a civilian again by the time you read this. *Mark McClure* has been assigned P.M.S.&T. at Harvard. *D. J. Crawford* is at Hq. A.G.F. in Washington. *Ted Straub*, in Ordnance Department at West Point, has been awarded the Commendation Ribbon. *McDavid* is with I.G.D. in Japan, after taking Military Government and Japanese language courses in the States. *Charlie Barrett* is back in Washington in Civil Affairs Division after accompanying Secretary of War Patterson on his recent extensive overseas inspection trip. *Numa Watson* recently reported for duty at Hq. A.G.F., in Washington. *L. J. Stewart* has resumed command of the division artillery and the duties of Provost Marshal after having temporarily commanded the 7th Division in Korea. Visitors to West Point to see the Army win in the basketball game with Navy on March 2 included *Bob Douglas*, *Art Klein*, *Spud Spalding* and *Pat Wardlaw*. *Orval Cook* has been awarded the D.S.M. *Monk* and *Virginia Blair* visited the Post 20 March. *Monk* is going to Germany.

June 14, 1922

*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 11.

Gilmartin, A. F.
Goddard, W. B.
Wedemeyer, W. A.
Wong, Z. T.

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*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 11.

Bowen, J. E., Jr.
Cowles, C. W.
Carroll, J. B.
Dewey, G. L.
Douthit, S. L.
Cunkle, A. C.
Evans, J. A.
Fisher, H. G.
Foster, R. M.
Gettys, C. W.
Heavey, W. H.
Hennessey, C. A.
Holland, T. G.
Johnson, A. L.
Kerr, W. L.
Krueger, R. H.
Kunkle, A. C., Jr.
Michelet, P. D.
Pamplin, D. G.
Ringsdorf, P. H.
Shepard, L.
Smith, V. R.
Stout, W. C.
Thomas, W. A. D.
Tormey, B. A.
Voedisch, M. K.
Williams, G. F.

Battle Horton is now P.M.S.&T. at Purdue University, having spent two years in the European Theater. He was Chief of the Assault Branch at the Assault Training Center in Devonshire, England, before the invasion. He entered France on D-day plus eight as assistant commander of the VIII Corps Artillery and was later head of the XXII Corps Artillery, with which he fought in all the major campaigns in the drive into Germany.

Leslie Holcomb is busy closing Paine Field. His address for the next four

months will be: Box 148A, Roufel, Alderwood Manor, Washington. *Dan Chandler* is back in Texas, selling sugar by the ton and finding the O.P.A. orders harder to understand than the A.S.F. Circulars.

Fritz Breidster was delayed by a strike in Colombo, Ceylon, on his way back from the C.B.I. Theater, and thus missed the Navy Football Game that he was counting on. And we missed the pleasure of seeing him at West Point too. He is now at 1801 E. Fox Lane, Milwaukee 11, Wis.

Ralph Tudor is again a cit and is with a construction company. He is at 348 Austin Ave., Atherton, Calif. He expects to head for Shanghai in connection with a contract as soon as a plane is available. He reports that *Sam Johnson* is at Stanford essaying the impossible task of teaching engineers how to write. He says *Art Garrecht* is P.M.S.&T. there and has a pretty tough row to hoe. He had a look-in on *Kenner Hertford* on his way through Washington, but missed *Miles Reber*, who was busy "up on the hill".

Frank Graling will finish five years as Military Attaché in Ottawa this April. *Oscar Stewart* dropped by for a chat recently; so did *Clyde Fry*. *Clyde* is with G-1 in A.G.F. He commanded the 88th Division for a while in Italy.

Guy Stubbs, who was still in Walter Reed Hospital at the time of writing, furnished the following complete report on all our classmates who were in the Philippines at the outbreak of hostilities:

Garcia: Joe commanded a Filipino Division at the front on Bataan and did a swell job. I did not see Joe after the surrender as Americans were separated from Filipinos but knew his American Executive Officer very well and had many glowing reports from him about Joe. His Exec. said he had to pull Joe out of the front lines repeatedly and that he had his men with him throughout. A mutual friend in Manila reports that Joe continued to oppose the Japs after our surrender and was finally caught leading Filipinos against them and therefore executed.

Guevara: Santiago is reported as alive and on the job in Manila, although I couldn't locate him when there on my way back in Sept. '45. I didn't see him after the surrender so he'll have to tell his own story.

Breitung: Howard had the A.A. Bn. on Bataan under Corregidor command. He did a wonderful job with his A.A. but came to me at Luzon Force Hq. (Bataan) repeatedly trying to get his Bn. sent to the front to fight there. I never saw anyone so anxious to get at the Japs. It took personal direct orders from our Hq. to get him to return to Corregidor when Bataan surrendered; he wanted to go up front and fight as infantry. I next saw Howard at Cabanatuan Camp No. 1 where we found the Corregidor gang on June 2, 1942. He was a bit thin even for Howard but was mentally as aggressive as on Bataan. He and two others attempted to escape late in Sept. 1942 and were caught and executed. I know enough about his escape plans to know that he was still

trying to get up in the hills for another crack at the Japs.

Marron: "B-food" was legal advisor to the American High Commissioner before the war but was sent to U.S.A. F.F.E. Hq. when the Japs hit us. He went to Corregidor and eventually to Bataan where he had a short tour of duty with the 31st Inf., then to Gen. Hosp. No. 2 on Bataan. I was with him at Cabanatuan, Davao and on the ship back to Manila in June '44. He returned to Cabanatuan Camp No. 1 and is reported killed on a bombed prison ship 15 Dec. '44.

Babcock: Dave had a self-propelled F.A. outfit on Bataan and did damn well with it. We lived in the same building at Cabanatuan and Dave was morale officer—a tough job. He did a swell job at running entertainments and morale work with two thousand sick, starving P.W.s and is reported as having done better and better for my old Group and later on for the entire camp. He is reported as killed on a bombed prison ship on 15 Dec. '44.

Granberry: I saw Granny several times on Bataan but the best idea of what he did there was given by the large number of his officers and mess who came to visit him in our shack at Cabanatuan: they all swore by him. He was in comparatively good condition when I left Cabanatuan in Oct. '42. He was a good and loyal friend in good times or tough times, and we saw them plenty tough while together. He is also reported killed on a bombed prison ship on 15 Dec. '44.

Mac Donald: Mac broke a foot sometime before the war and was still in a cast when the Japs walked in on us. He hobbled around on a crutch looking for a chance to get back to Baguio with his favorite Scout outfit but the Japs pushed in on Baguio before Mac could get the go-ahead so he came to Bataan and ended up in command of a Philippine Army Division where he did an exceptionally good job under trying conditions. We were together at O'Donnell and Cabanatuan and Mac was Executive of the Group at C. as well as on various command jobs at Davao Penal Colony. Mac did a good job as a prison commander but those who knew him best can easily imagine how he suffered when dealing with the Japs, being polite, etc. when he wanted to cut loose and blast the b-----s in good old Mac Donald style but had to hold in and play the game when the welfare of thousands depended on his reticence. We went to Davao together in Oct. '42, back to Manila in June '44 and were separated. He was in far better than average shape when we were separated, in spite of having been damn near baked and suffocated when we were jammed below decks due to several of the boys escaping by jumping overboard. He is reported as having survived the bombing of two prison ships in Dec. '44 and Jan. '45 with several wounds, only to die of exposure and lack of medicine on the 5 Feb. '45 after reaching Japan.

Peoples: Link arrived in Manila on an Ordinance job just before the war. We were together in Manila, Bataan, O'Donnell and Cabanatuan. Link was on the job throughout. He helped cheer the men with his sleight-of-hand stunts when any diversion was a godsend. He was in comparatively good shape

when I left him at C. in Oct. '42 but is also reported as killed on a bombed prison ship 15 Dec. '44.

Lindsay: Bob was F.A. Officer, 1st Corps, on Bataan and I saw him frequently during our short fight. His artillery undoubtedly had a lot to do with the Jap decision to make their final push on the other flank. I saw him next at O'Donnell just after the Death March and found him with a badly shattered knee due to a shell fragment from a Corregidor shell fired at Jap artillery as he was marching past one of their emplacements near our hospital on Bataan just after our surrender. His first words to me then were that it was well worth getting hit to see those Jap guns catch hell from Corregidor. He was moved to Bilibid Hospital eventually and I saw him there on both of my trips through Manila, Oct. '42 and June '44. He was gradually getting his leg back in shape and was as cheerful as ever. He too is reported killed on the prison ship on 15 Dec. '44.

Stubbs: I had a lot of luck. I was on the U.S.A.F.F.E. Staff at first, and went to Bataan Xmas '41. I ended up as C.A. Officer with Luzon Force, hiked up Bataan as an expendable, on to O'Donnell, Cabanatuan, and Davao, back to Manila and on to Japan. My first camp in Japan was at Yokkaichi (near Nagoya) and I spent the last three months at Toyoma which is listed as 99.5% destroyed by our bombers without much exaggeration. I hope to be back on duty next summer after the Docs get through chasing a rare bug out of my anatomy.

McGehee would like to have the addresses of the following members of the class of 1923: *Douthit, S. L.; Gilmartin, A. F.; Goddard, W. B.; Adkins, J. E.; Graffin, J. C.; Grombach, J. V.; Heavey, W. H.; Michelet, P. D.; Thomas, W. A. D.; Voedisch.*

—W. J. M.

1924

*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 11.

Adams, J. C. L.
Allen, T. H.
Bump, A. L.
Chang, T. H.
Clark, F. J.
Cleary, W. J.
Coates, C. H.
Coughlin, W. L.
Crosby, G. B.
Cullen, R. E.
Dewey, L. R.
Dugan, A. D.
Dyer, C. J.
Eddleman, C. D.
Elliott, G. E.
Foote, A. G.
Foster, A. P., Jr.
Graves, R. D.
Griffith, L. E.
Healy, E. F., Jr.
Hill, D. C.
Hincke, J. I.
Kendall, W. H.
Ker, H.
Kernan, G. J.
King, H. C.
Kirkendall, J. P.
Kirkpatrick, F. S.
Kuniholm, B. E.
Landon, C. R.
Lawes, R. C.
Leonard, A. T.
Lindell, F. S.
McGraw, J. E.
MacCloskey, M.
Mead, A. D., Jr.
Meehan, C. G.
Miller, A. D.
Morris, J. A.
Peblete, R.
Prather, R. G.

Raguse, C. W. A.
Raamussen, A. P.
Robins, E. A.
Selway, R. R.
Stadler, J. H., Jr.
Stowell, J. S.
Theis, H. J.
Thompson, F. J.
Towers, L. H.
Wood, W. R.
Young, G. E.

We present the *Limpus* Quarterly Review:

Back from Japan and other points in the Far Pacific, Ye Roving Reporter of Ye Thundering Herd has shed his War Correspondent's uniform and buckled down to a new assignment. This time he qualifies as a home-bound Foreign Correspondent, being detailed to head The News staff covering the U.N.O. headquarters. But it involves less traveling than usual, said Headquarters being only a 10 minute subway ride from his office. And occasionally he wanders as far afield as Washington to keep an eye on the War Department and classmates detailed there. But he's still gleaming gossip, as follows:

Eric Kuniholm and family passed through Washington in February, en route to their new station in Beirut and Damascus. Eric will be second in command of the Embassy, covering both capitals. He covered himself with diplomatic service glory during his stay in Ottawa and was rewarded by a rare honorary degree from the biggest French University in Canada plus a sheaf of laudatory farewell editorials from the Canadian press. One more step up and we'll be hailing Ambassador Kuniholm.

Colonel **Micky Marcus** is back in Washington after a hitch as executive officer to the Military Government of Germany. As usual, they brought him back for an even bigger job. Now Micky is taking over the direction of the legal staff prosecuting war criminals all over the globe. Emma came down to the capital to spend the first month with him. He was awarded the British citation, Commander British Empire (C.B.E.) "in recognition of the distinguished service performed by him in cooperation with British armed forces during the war".

Brig. Gen. **George Smythe** is now heading a Board of Officers, examining candidates for permanent commissions, up at Fort Devens, Mass. This makes Susie still a war widow and she's praying for the assignment to end quickly.

Mr. **Dennis Mulligan** is back in muffie and has resumed the practice of law in New York, after turning in his eagles. He has his family out at Ridgewood, N. J.

Colonel **Sam Smithers** paid a flying visit to Washington last month, and then rushed back to Chicago, where he is now stationed. We had the pleasure of exchanging a quick handshake as he came through.

Brig. Gen. "**Buck**" **Lanham** is now heading up a section in the War Department and proves to be as irreplaceable as ever; ditto Brig. Gen. **Gordon Textor** on all counts.

Ex-Lieut. Col. **Homer B. Millard** is also back in Washington and devoting a lot of attention to his boat. Sometimes we wonder if Beany shouldn't have gone to Annapolis. Despite his

repeated threats to retire from business and spend the rest of his life at sea the famous Millard School is still functioning.

Major Gen. *Pat Partridge* turned over the command of the Eighth Air Force, which he inherited from Lieut. Gen. *Jimmy Doolittle*, to Brig. Gen. *Pat Timberlake* (whom most of us remember as plebes) and came back to the War Dept. to head up A-2. He's genial as ever.

Broadcaster *Bill Slater's* dashing frantically hither and yon about New York these days, and you can't even nail him down for lunch. He seems, however, to be working off a little weight.

Latest advices from the Philippines report that Brig. Gen. *Art Trudeau* has resumed command of the big base in Manila, after taking time off long enough to serve on the Military Commission that sentenced Jap General *Homma* to be shot.

Col. *Bob Ellsworth*, Retired, is reported rusticated at Palm Village, Calif., after his discharge from Torney General Hospital.

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Zac Parmy, having served as G-3 of "Wes Pac" and then I.&E. of Base X, Manila, is en route home for medical treatment and possible retirement. Son, *Lee*, will graduate in June and is to marry *Marie*, daughter of Col. *Chas. West*, Class of 1920.

Frank Kidwell is at Ft. Omaha as Signal Officer, 7th S.C. Just awarded Bronze Star.

Doc Eaton and *Keg Stebbins* are also at Omaha. *Doc* is Chief of 7th Section, W.D. Manpower Board. *Keg* is just back from the Pacific.

George Finnegan, ex-eagles, is back in mufti with his New York law firm and carrying on the production of this column there, due to the decimation of the Herd's ranks at West Point. Please send all class news and notes to him at 30 Broad Street, New York.

Maj. Gen. *O. L. Nelson* is reported to be taking over a big job with the New York Life Insurance Co. *Otto* is retiring at his permanent R.A. rank. He was last working on reorganization of the State Dept.

Maj. Gen. *J. E. Moore* has been awarded the D.S.M. for his work as Chief of Staff of the Ninth Army. *Tad Tasker* has received the Legion of Merit for his work in the Strategic Section, O.P.D. *Mar Tracy* awarded Legion of Merit for work in connection with troop redeployment and for originating the "rotation" policy in O.P.D.

Booth, C. L., Eddleman and *Furuholmen* have been assigned to the Joint Operations Review Board, which is making a study of joint Army and Navy operations.

McLamb has returned from Japan with eagles and is on terminal leave, back with the National City Bank in New York.

Gordon B. Rogers has received an Oak Leaf Cluster to his Legion of Merit for service as Assistant G-2, Army Ground Forces, for work in connection with amphibious training against Japanese-type installations.

A newsy letter from *Les Skinner's* Frau, *Peg*, advises he is sojourning at the Grand Hotel in Yokohama and has

now received the Legion of Merit for the Bazooka development, plus Bronze Star for Ordnance organization work with the 8th Army.

Maj. Gen. *George D. Pence*, retired, is now assistant to the President of Willys-Overland Motor Corp'n in Toledo.

Brig. Gen. *W. L. Richardson* sponsored the rebuilding and em-ceed the rededication of the Jewish Synagogue in Bad Neustadt, Germany. Only one of the original congregation of 300 was still available.

Col. *J. L. Hitchings* is reported to be C.O. of the 94th A.A.A. group, somewhere in the Philippines.

Jim Poore and family have now settled in Johannesburg, South Africa, where *Jim* is selling Coca-Cola throughout the Dark Continent.

1925

*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 11.

Bailey, D. J.
Bennett, W. G.
Bigelow, W. H.
Bryan, J. W.
Clark, B.
Clark, R. T.
Dulligan, J. H.
Dunaway, F. E., Jr.
Farwick, A. W.
Gardner, R. A.
Gullette, W. C.
Holcomb, C. W.
Lamb, S. S.
Lansing, S. M.
Maier, C. C.
Mulligan, T. L.
Quekemeyer, R. K.
Smith, C. H.
Smith, J. M.
Soule, J. I.
Tischbein, C. F.
Van Brunt, R.
Woods, L. B.

Bill Kost turned over his file of letters to me to write this one up as he is going back to cit life on 1 April. There are not many letters. Let's try to get more dope in. After *Bill* leaves there will be three of us here, *Frank Fraser*, *Paul Weistfle* and ye scribe, *Suede Underwood*.

Sam Lansing writes that he is C.O. of the 386th Infantry in Japan. Says he saw *Joe Cleland* and *Daddy Dunn* before they came back to the States. *Dunn* is now C.O. of Reception Station No. 2, Fort Dix. He writes: "A few days ago I visited *Clay Hale* in Philadelphia where I picked up more information about our class in a few minutes than I had heard in two and a half years in Pacific.

"Borrowed his file of *Assemblies* and have been studying them at odd moments ever since. I saw practically no classmates during the entire war but was close to both *Diz Barnes* and *Denson* in Japan. *Westphalinger* and *Riggins* were in Manila and I had a chance to talk with them. Plenty of '25 scattered about Luzon and 'Fighting Joe' Cleland spent a Sunday with me near Yokohama before sailing in October. Our 'Americal' left Japan in November." *Dunn* was twice decorated for gallantry in action. He has the Bronze Star, Silver Star, Legion of Merit and Air Medal. He forgot to mention that.

Jim Deery writes from Memphis that he is S-3 of the Artillery Section (as of 20 Dec.) of Second Army in Memphis.

Heinie Deuterman is there too as C.W.S. Officer.

Wiley writes: "Guess our classmates did a lot of varied things during current party. I thought I might get back into the Artillery, but after I reported to A.G.O. was instructed to go over to Medical Dept. and run their laundries—I said 'Yes, Sir'—and went. Subsequently I brought them over to O.Q.M.G.—and all in all—have had a wonderful experience. Also after a couple of rides on hospital ships, and talking with the boys that carried the load—maybe I wasn't as young as I thought.

"At a buffet dinner for the new Quartermaster General last night (Feb. 17) —*Wiley*, *Barton* and *Liwski* bent an elbow and had a swell time.

"Rushing through Pentagon—late for a date with A.G.O.—Photographer —I ran into *Hank Westphalinger* who looks well fed—and with the famous grin"

John Haskell is back in the U.S. and vice president of the New York Stock Exchange. He lost his right leg last year while leading a special task force attached to the 12th Army Group in Germany.

Mercury Miller is back and now heads the Chicago Signal Depot. He was deputy chief signal officer in the European Theater.

Diz Barnes is director of the command staff course of the A.A.F. School at Maxwell Field. *Diz* was C.G. of the Fighter Command of the 13th A.F. in the Pacific and has collected the D.F.C. and the Air Medal with an Oak Leaf Cluster.

John Willems was Chief of Staff of the 7th Army, and *Van Brunt* Chief of Staff of XXIII Corps in Germany. *Lit Roberts* stopped in at Heidelberg on his way home. Haven't seen him on this side yet.

When the 82nd Airborne Division came to New York for their big parade *Bill Gillmore* who is artillery commander and *Marian* were up to the Point. He brought his basketball team up to play Army. *Bill* looked better than his team.

Charlie Saltzman who has been deputy Chief of Staff to Gen. *Clark* in Vienna has just returned to the U.S. and expects to be out of the service by 1 April. He was up to look around recently.

Ed Garbisch recently made a generous gift of the wherewithal with which to purchase a new console for the chapel organ. This is further proof of the warm spot *Ed* has always had in his heart for his alma mater.

Alex Dobak recently made a tactical reconnaissance of the post. He is at present director of supply of the Jersey City Q.M. Depot. Cries were heard all around the plain, "We want our *Dobak*".

Jerry Kelly and *Norm Smith* were recently seen regaling the West Point Society in New York on the vicissitudes of combat in the Pacific.

Red Willing is back in the States and we hear that he is now a student at Leavenworth.

Ike Evans was back to the U.S. for a few days and we understand he is now in Frankfurt am Main.

Bill Lord is now out of the service again and is practicing law in New Jersey.

Saw *Lebbeus Woods* and Dorothy on leave in Indianapolis. Lebbeus was going to a post in Kentucky. Young 5 year old "Lebby" is a chip off the old block.

What should we do about a new "Unreliable"? Let's have your ideas,—and your news.

This was cooked up at a bended elbow session of Fraser, Weitfle and Underwood. Slight interruptions from the ladies.
—W. N. U.

1926

*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 11.

- Gaffney, R. A.
- Gailbreath, T. B.
- Harris, S. R., Jr.
- Harwell, M.
- Harwood, D. C.
- Henderson, G. B.
- Krueger, J. N.
- Levin, O. J.
- Parker, G. E.
- Perman, J. E.
- Skinner, M. L.

The Class salutes *Red Duffy* and *Admiral Sims* for their fine work in the war, which has been recently recognized by the award of the D.S.M.

The Class congratulates *Herx Bartz* for his honorable mention on Marty Maher's All-American All-West Point Football Team which appeared in the January 1946 issue of the *Assembly*. It is well-deserved. (Incidentally, Herx, why don't you send in your \$2.00 for the Class Fund?)

Colonel *James Oka Wade* in from the China Wars, came up to his old haunts here and was a spectator at the athletic events in the Field House on 26 Jan. Jimmy looked fine. Said there will be no more rice in his diet from here on in.

Brigadier General *Mutt Bowen*, the G-3 of the Eighth Army, sent this operative a handsome booklet which gives the history of this amphibious army. It has been placed in our records. Mutt is in Japan and is in good health. He has been awarded the D.S.C. for "extraordinary heroism in action" near Buna; Silver Star with two oak leaf clusters for gallantry in action; Legion of Merit; Air Medal; Bronze Star with oak leaf cluster; and he also is the proud wearer of the Presidential Unit Citation for Hq. I Corps. Wonderful work, Mutt!

Boone Gross is back with the Gillette Razor Blade Co. He lives at 200 Kent Road, Waban, Mass.

Your agent recently observed Brigadier General *M. R. Nelson* checking the flight weather out of Mitchel Field. The General was smoking a stogie over eleven inches long at the time.

Mike Malloy and his sixteen year old daughter came up for Hundredth Night.

D. L. Van Syckle lectured to the First Class recently on The Ordnance Dept.

Johnny Roosma, Jr., who is attending Kent School, visited West Point with his school's hockey team. He is a fine looking prospect for the U.S.M.A. He hopes to enter in June 1947. His father, mother, with their twin boys, were rooters at the recent Army-Navy basketball thriller. They

thoroughly enjoyed the fighting Army team's 67-60 victory.

Colonel and Mrs. *Brookner Brady* gave a nine-course luncheon for your scribe in their home at Fort Benning in February. Present were Mrs. Eddie Mack (widow of *Eddie Mack*, Class of 1925—who died in a Jap prison camp), the *Grizzards*, and the *Bartlers*. All well. All concerned promised to send in their \$2.00 and a paragraph or so about themselves for inclusion in our *Twenty Year Booklet*.

The members of the Class in Washington had their monthly luncheon on Thursday, the twenty-first of February. The following members were present and voted for a class party to be given at the Army & Navy Country Club on Saturday, 9 March: *Barney Carter*, *Corderman*, *L. W. Johnson*, *Nelson*, *Tofloy*, *Van Syckle*, *Walker*, *Nourse*, *Ankenbrandt*, *H. W. Johnson*, *Miter*, *Ryan*, *Bashore*.

The "poop-sheets" on the 20th Reunion have been mailed to all the members whose addresses we now have. Please send in your latest address to Coke Carter, Control Division, A.G.O., Room 4E809, Pentagon, Washington, D. C.

Outside of our Washington contingent, and prompt response from *Vald Heiberg* (at Leavenworth) and *Jimmie Wade* (New York City), the Class has been slow responding to the call for information about themselves for the forthcoming *Twenty Year Booklet* (date of these notes is 6 March, 1946). It is estimated that this booklet will cost in the vicinity of \$2.00. It is again requested that you send your check payable to The Class Fund, Class 1926, to the undersigned, and forward information about your record and experiences, to Colonel *Bill House*, Detroit Ordnance District, National Bank Building, Detroit, 32, Michigan. Bill has a big job in preparing this book. He earnestly requests your help and, if you have information about classmates which you believe should go in the book, please forward it to Bill at once.

—R. P. R.

1927

*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 11.

- Bauer, M. S.
- Bleakney, W. R. F.
- Curtis, J. B.
- Gardner, F. S.
- Hackman, D. M.
- Hawkins, D. C.
- Hewitt, O. M.
- Hocker, W. F.
- Kilgore, J. O.
- Kimm, V. M.
- Lepping, A. J.
- McNamee, W. L.
- Melloy, G. S.
- Meredith, P. E.
- Miller, D. P.
- Moses, M.
- Sterling, J. M.
- Stober, M. F.
- Turner, R. G.
- Whitehouse, B.
- Williams, L. R.

This column is in the nature of a swan song for your two editors, *Tom McManus* and *Ralph Mercer*, who have been bringing you these headlines for the past few years. Tom will go back to Cit life in California sometime in May, and Ralph will go back to New York City about a month thereafter.

Many thanks to those who helped us to do our job by culling bits of news when news was scarce. Our successors will identify themselves in the next issue and will appreciate your help as much as we have. Tom will be at 2959 Piedmont Ave., Berkeley, California, and Ralph at 717 East 221st Street, New York City, and both hope you will stop by and say "hello" when at either extremity of the U.S.

Our new Cit *Bob Perrine* recently moved to Chicago, where he has rejoined DuPont and Co. at 225 No. Wabash Street. He has been made District Manager of their Photo Products Dept. Bob entered the Army early in the war and saw a lot of service in the E.T.O. He has received the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, La COURONNE de CHENE (Chevalier) Luxembourg, and Croix de Guerre Luxembourg.

Bob Sink recently joined the '27 delegation at West Point, taking command of the Infantry Detachment. He commanded the 506th Parachute Regiment attached to the 101st Airborne, from June 1943 to November 1945, landed in Normandy on D-day, and was in much of the heavy fighting from then on. He got the Infantry Combat Badge, Silver Star (2), Bronze Star, Two Regimental Citations, Croix de Guerre with Palm, Croix de Guerre Belgique, Order of the Orange, and D.S.O. (British). Bob reports seeing *Dickerson* at Benning and headed for Europe (wearing a Silver Star). Also saw *Berrigan* in Paris.

We understand *Matthew Deichelmann* has taken command of the IX Air Defense Command at Bad Neustadt Germany. During the war he served as Asst. Chief of Staff and was responsible for the tactical operations of this command. Saw service in France, Belgium, and Germany. Wears a Bronze Star and French Croix de Guerre with Palm. Wife's address is 2021 Allen Pl., N.W., Washington, D. C.

Chuck Stone (still Major General) is located at Hdq. 2nd Air Force, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Jack Hines is in Valley Forge General Hospital, Phoenixville, Pa. Recently was awarded, in addition to many other awards which we have previously reported, the Distinguished Service Medal. Jack would appreciate a line from all of you from time to time. His wife's address is 3740 Military Road, Washington 15, D. C.

Duke Gilbreth is with the G-3 Section of U.S.F.E.T. in Frankfurt. *Gardner* is in Le Havre in a job figuring who goes home when—is the Exec. Bob saw *Bus Howard* in London en route to Paris, with M.P.'s. *Walt Johnson* who had a Regiment in France now at Benning. *Stan Meloy* at Bragg with Army Ground Force Board—was C. of S. of 103rd Div. in France. *Thompson* now at Benning. Had a regiment in France. Thought he was retired due to wounds, and enrolled in cit college. Went to college 6 weeks and was suddenly told he was still in the army and will be. *Van Mosely* attended Naval War College. Expects to retire due injury in D-day drop on Normandy while commanding parachute regiment. They're

all so full of medals we can't be sure which they've got.

And so Ralph and Tom end their journalistic careers, leaving *Sink, Bell, Kirkpatrick, Levings*, and *Verbeck* to handle class affairs at the Point. Will be seeing you at reunions.

—T. K. McM.
R. J. M.

1928

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Allen, F. G.
Beall, H., Jr.
Brennan, T. J., Jr.
Coleman, F. J.
Doldge, J. P.
Easton, R. L.
Falkner, F. H.
Goodrich, C. G.
Holley, J. E.
Howard, C. F.
Howard, R. A.
Jack, W.
Johnson, W. P.
Kessner, A. W.
Koon, R. E.

A ship without a skipper. Seaman where art thou? Same for the rest of you. Answer our (*Tarrant* and *Sherburne*) letter when it comes, will be worth a lot to get the "28" post-war set up now.

Buck Wiley lends cheer and dignity to G-3, A.G.F. *E. K. Houseman* silver-starred in the P.I. *R. L. Smith*, ex-Military Pipeline Chief has a good job with Skelly Oil, Tulsa. *Dunc Somerville* is coming home for school for South American mission duty. *Luke Finlay* is getting out. *Butchers* dropped by. *Fred Anderson* still shines for us with two stars as A-1. *Frank Haskell* has just separated from Portuguese languages here. *Howard Hastings* expects to go back to law practice in Arkansas.

1929

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Adcock, T. A.
Andrews, R. W.
Blue, F. L.
Bryan, T. L., Jr.
Cooper, A. B.
Carns, E. H., Jr.
Crary, J. D.
Cruise, E. E.
DuBose, T. J.
Francis, W. H.
Gilbert, O. H.
Hannigan, J. P.
Hayden, E. C.
Heidland, E. F.
Herndon, C. B.
Hornor, J. L., Jr.
Hubbard, R. B.
Hughes, C. E.
Hunter, C. N.
Lowry, D.
McCoy, W. W.
Parr, W. H.
Sands, T. J.
Shumate, P. W.
Smith, R. V. M.
Sprague, M. E.
Strauss, R. V.
Taylor, R. K.
Trotter, L. T. R.
Scott, R. L.
Walker, D. F.
Watkins, K.
Wright, E. J.

A January press release from Sill says *Lefty Mace* has been appointed Acting Director of the Dept. of Communications of the F.A. School. He has recently returned from Italy where he was Exec. of IV Corps Artillery

Hq., and later was Deputy C. of S. of the same corps, part of the American Fifth Army.

Julia Van Bibber writes that *Van* is now in Antwerp.

In December *Pee Wee Merrill* was named Post Inspector of Camp McCoy, Wis.

Lowie Bell has received the Bronze Star for his work as Chief of Supply Division, Ordnance Section, India-Burma Theater. He was responsible for the supply of all ordnance material required by the India-Burma and China Theaters.

Jim Gavin's 82nd Airborne really "did itself proud" on 12 January, in its parade up Fifth Avenue in New York. It was great to see a classmate leading the parade that had its counterpart in the 1st Div. parade led by General Pershing after World War I.

Here's quoting from a letter headed "Dear Class of '29", from Kate Kinnee: *Dale's* copy of Assembly just came. I have enjoyed so much, these last couple of years, tracing down my friends and his. I know that, just as he would be interested in their fate, they are in his. *Dale* was killed in action, Dec. 15, 1944, in Subic Bay, while attempting an escape from the Dec. 13 prison ship. The last he was seen, he was gathering food from the deserted galley preparatory to the attempt with a couple of others on a raft. Quite a typical gesture wasn't it? He was always interested in the commissariat. He was captured on Bataan, made the March of Death, was at Cabanatuan, later was sent to Davao, returned from there in June '44 to Cabanatuan, then Bilibid, and out. I have been in the Waves for several years. I do wish *Dale* could have known. How amused he would have been! But as my work was super-duper secret, I didn't dare more than hint in the few letters that got through, and in spite of the collaboration of the entire camp, he didn't quite get it. May I take this opportunity of thanking all of you men, everywhere, for the kindness and thoughtfulness you have showered on the P.O.W. wives? We all do appreciate it. If any of *Dale's* friends are where I am, I would love to see them. My permanent address is care of my father, Col. L. L. Hopwood, 227 Burr Road, San Antonio 2, Texas, but I am now (8 Dec. '45) in S.F. and plan to spend a year or so, when I get out, in New York. Sincerely, Kate Kinnee.

Daddy Woods wrote from Ft. Ord where he was C.O. of a Bn. in VII Corps. Said it wouldn't last long, but he expected to stay with the Corps so he was happy.

Dick Carpenter writes from 60 E. Cedar St., Chicago 11, Ill. He was retired in Jan. Is permanently lame from the loss of his hip bone, but gets around with a cane. He believes that he is the only West Pointer who is a professional artist. He is a student at the Chicago Academy of Fine Arts, taking cartooning and illustrating. He hopes to become staff cartoonist on an Indianapolis paper. To date he has three gag cartoons and three political cartoons published. Says he plans to throw in the sponge if he sees no definite goal in sight and go into Federal Civil Service. His decorations

comprise the Silver Star, Bronze Star and Purple Heart. His permanent address is still 734 7th St., Columbus, Ind.

After his globe-circling tour with the Secretary of War, *Abe Lincoln* sent the following poop: *Rollo Sykes* is in the Engineering business in Tokyo, but was on inspection trip so *Abe* didn't see him. *Abe* says that inspection trips are an occupational disease with the Engineers. He saw *Cowboy Connally* in Kyoto where he was Sixth Army J.A.G. *Larry Borke* was C.O. of a combat team of the 98th Div. In China *Abe* saw *P. Caraway* who was Acting C. of S. and "fielding with both hands in an accomplished manner". *Doc Kearney* was dealing with somewhat complicated supply matters. In Manila *Don Poorman* was parked in Army Forces Pacific Hq. as was *Fred Chaffee* who was in the business of planning. *Abe* missed seeing *Andy McKeefe* there. They had been together on Leyte, where *Andy's* bald head was an unmistakable landmark. *Abe* also just missed seeing *Skinny Kraus* on the Emperor's ex-train in Japan, where *Skinny* is "gaulteier of a portion of Japan". *Weary Wilson* was in Assam apparently trying to turn airfields back to tea plantations. *Abe* saw no classmates in Italy but was greeted there by B. G. Maurice L. Miller, his former tac, and B.G. Frank Oxx. *Randolph Kutz* is in charge of planning in the Hq. at Frankfurt. *Abe* himself is still "the Army Planner" in the Operations Division and is grateful to have *Slim Vittrup* and *Jimmy Sladen* with him.

Army Armstrong is now Editor of the F.A. Journal. He was up here a couple of weeks ago to help Col. LaGarde in writing up first classmen for Army Mutual Aid Insurance.

Fritz Weber (Ex '29, '30) was here overnight and stayed with Jack Dimond.

John Phillips, on his way back to Germany, stopped for the afternoon and saw the semi-finals of the Inter-collegiate Boxing bouts. This was the first time they have ever been held at West Point. Incidentally the Army had four cadets reach the finals and all of them won their bouts. Due to my return to the retired list in June, this is my last column. Until the '29ers remaining here decide who's going to be "it", please send any dope on the class to Class of 1929 Representative, Ass'n of Grads. West Point. Many thanks to those who sent in poop for Assembly. It's your column. Keep it going.

—Nesbitt.

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*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 11.

Alexander, D. S.
Anderson, H. C.
Ausman, N. E.
Brooks, H. E.
Cloud, C. C.
Eastburn, C. P.
Edgar, T. I.
Emery, R. G.
Ganey, W. D.
Harding, M. L.
James, J. E., Jr.
Kelley, S. P.
Kilburn, J. C.
Klimpton, T. M.
Kromer, P. F., Jr.
Landon, K. M.

Lee, M. J.
Miller, J. A.
Muth, R. W.
Neal, N. A.
Pradiadh, S.
Sudasana, C.
Smith, S.
Taylor, D. R.
Walsh, B.
Watson, R. J.
Wright, A. M., Jr.

The Medal of Honor was awarded posthumously to Brig. Gen. *Frederick W. Castle*. The citation read in part, "Willingly sacrificed his life when he took over the controls of a flaming Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress over Belgium and enabled the crew to parachute to safety."

Hank Royall is at Welch Convalescent Hospital, Daytona Beach, Florida, recovering from wounds received over a year ago in the Roer River fighting. He says that he'll be out in good shape very soon. Hank went through the show from Africa to Sicily, Italy, Normandy Beaches and the Roer. He married a southern girl in 1942. *Ned Moore* returned on Christmas Day from the E.T.O., where he was Chief of Staff of the 101st Airborne Division. He is at West Point as Public Relations Officer. Dot and the two boys are with him. Hear that *Pospisil* is on duty with the Military Government in Germany. His address is Det. E-204 Co. D, 3d M.G. Regt., A.P.O. 403, c/o P.M., N.Y.C. His wife is still durating in Wilbur, Nebraska. *Andy* and Mrs. O'Meara with their three children, are at Fort Sill, where Andy is C.O. of School Troops. Andy fought the war in the E.T.O. with the Artillery Section H.Q., 12th Army Group and with the VII Corps. *George Gibbs*, after two years of combat with the 1st Inf. Division in Tunisia, Sicily, Normandy, and Northern France, and a siege in the hospital from wounds has settled down as an instructor in the Field Artillery at Fort Sill. *Tom Stoughton* is with the 5th Infantry Division at Camp Campbell, Kentucky. Marguerite and the children are in Henderson, Kentucky, with him. *Frank Waldrop* visited some old friends at West Point in March. He is writing a number of articles on the Army and West Point. He and Mrs. Waldrop live at 4900 Loughboro Rd., N.W., Washington, D. C. Two fine Class of 1930 parties were held in Washington recently. One by *Emmie Terry*, and one by *Millard Lewis*. Millard is compiling a list of the Class in and around Washington. His address is A.C./A.S.-2, Hq. A.A.F., Room 3E152, The Pentagon. *Connie Booth* (address Mrs. Robert H. Booth, 3147-21st St., North, Arlington, Virginia) is a big help in getting out news of the Class. Without her help, this column would be pretty small. *Bill Allen* has just arrived in Washington after four years overseas with the 25th Division. He and Betty have bought a house in Arlington, Virginia. *J. Ammerman* (Fred) is with H.Q., 8th Army in Yokohama. Dot and Fred, Jr. are with Dot's family in Oakland, Calif. *Carmichael* and his wife Georgia have taken up residence in Washington. *Paul* and Mrs. *Clark* are just fine—Paul is in the Literature Section of G-3, A.G.F. *Brainerd Cook* and his wife had one of the two bang up Class of 1930 parties at their Belle Haven, Va., home recently. *George* and

Sis Duchring were at *Emmie Terry's* for a party. *Sis* has been in Washington all during the war. *George* has just finished a course on Military Government at Columbia University and left Monday for Frankfurt. He expects to travel around Germany until June inspecting the various Military Government set-ups and then is slated for duty in the Pentagon. *Jimmy Curtis*, looking fit as a fiddle, is just back from Hq., 1st Cavalry Division in Tokyo, and is to be stationed in Washington. *Johnnie Hayden* came back from the E.T.O. last July and is now in G-3 Section of A.G.F. He and Glen have two children, Larry six and Sharon four. *Judie* and *Anne Heriot* are now living in Fairfax, Va. *Judie* has been in O.P.D.-Strategy for almost a year and a half in the Washington Office. He was formerly in the 25th Division. *Ace Goodwin* has been in Washington over a year and is the same as ever.

Bill and *Nancy Harris* have been taking in the Class Parties in Washington. (Harris, Wm. H.). *Bill* and *Ruth Harris* (Harris, Wm. W.) got back to Washington last October—Bill is now in A.S.F. *Hutchinson, R. C.* and wife are madly house hunting in Washington. *Hutch* finished a course in the Naval War College in December of '45. *Johnny Greco* was in the same class at the Naval War College with *Hutchinson*, and was in Washington prior to his departure for Nicaragua, for duty as head of the Military Mission there. *Lola* and the children are with him. Address c/o American Embassy, Managua, Nicaragua. Mrs. *Harry B. Packard* attended one of the Class Parties, and she is now living at 3720 R St., N.W., in Washington. She hopes to stay in Washington permanently. *Barksdale Hamlett* is now a student at L'Ecole de Guerre in Paris, and expects to finish in August. His wife and daughter live in Washington. *Bob* and *Margaret Porter* have bought a house in Alexandria, Virginia. He is working for "Abe" Lincoln '29 in O.P.D. *Larry* and *Isabel Norstad* now have quarters at Bolling Field, D. C. *Larry* is assigned to the A-5 office there. *Roe* and *Jean Dodson* have been ordered to Maxwell Field for duty. *Troup Miller* is also at Maxwell Field. *O'Neil Kane* and his wife *Grace* have gone to Santiago, Chile, where Kane is to be the Assistant Military Attache. He saw a lot of *Bob Booth* on Leyte and Okinawa when his former outfit was attached to the 7th Division. *Art Fuller* was married last summer and has two step-children, *Bill* sixteen, and *Patsy* thirteen. He and *Alice* have bought a house at 1995 No. Highland St. in Arlington, Va. *Art* is currently stationed in Washington. Millard "Pappie" *Lewis* and Mrs. *L.* had the first "get-together" for the Class of '30 at their beautiful new home in Washington in November. *Morris Lee* has left Washington for duty at March Field, Calif. *Sandy Stone* went to the Pacific last August. *Mary* and their three children are in Washington with her family. *Al Watson* is now in Japan, after having been with the 10th Army's Artillery. *Al's* wife, *Anne*, is living in Lewisburgh, Pa. *Chuck Heitman* and *Barbara* have been in Lincoln recently according to *Anne Heriot*, so *Chuck* is either back here or back on leave. *Anne* and *Chuck*

have three children—a girl and two boys. *Tommie Dunn* is reported back in the U.S.A. according to *Bill Allen*. *Mitchell, H. V.* and wife have been in Washington over a year. *Fairlington*, *Arlington, Va.* *Timothy, R. W.* from last reports was in China. His wife *Sue*, lives in Pittsburgh, Pa. *Pete Peterson* and his wife now live in Fairlington, Arlington, Va., and *Pete* is looking forward to his assignment in the Pentagon. *Pete* served on Corregidor and came back by plane about last September. *Pete* is alleged to be looking better than he did during his cadet days. Some of us never grow old. *Alva Fitch* was missed by *Bob Booth* by a scant 10 minutes on the dock at Fusan, Korea, last September. *Sammie* and *Jewel Morrow* were in Lawton, Oklahoma, last Christmas. *Sammie* was on leave and expected to go back to Europe. *Paul Yount* got back from India last September. He and *Betty* have bought a lovely home in Alexandria. *Paul* is a B.G. and in the Transportation Corps of A.S.F. He is in fine shape after his three year tour in Persia and India. *Jack* and *Phyllis Rothschild* have been in Washington since last fall. They live in Arlington, and *Jack* is with the C.W.S. They have one little girl. *Aubrey Strode* was here 18 months ago upon his return from Leyte. We hear that *Aubrey* has left the Army and is now back in Lynchburg, Va., to continue his practice of law. *A. D. "Mac" McLean* came back last fall to have an injured knee repaired, and is now on his way to the 3rd S.U.C. in Baltimore. *George "Seafood" Garton* came back as a member of the Eisenhower party last June. After a leave he wound up in the Guns and Carriage Section of A.G.F. Board No. 1, at Bragg. *Mary* joined him in October, and they are now living at 208 Virginia Ave., Fayetteville, N. C. *Bob Booth* has been Assistant Military Governor of Korea since last September. He is now on the American Commission which is meeting with the Russian Commission to settle Korea according to the Moscow agreement. He was Chief of Staff of the 7th Division during Okinawa Campaign. The children and *Connie* are still in Arlington hoping to see *Bob* soon. *Percy* and *Nancy Brown* are at Ft. Knox, Ky. *Wendell Langdon* is also stationed at Ft. Knox, Ky. *Ham Howze* has just finished Leavenworth and is now at Ft. Riley, Kan. *Fuddy Wing* has also just graduated from Leavenworth. *Ludlow "Pete" King* was retired for P.D. as a Lt. Col. *LeRoy Bartlett* has recently relinquished his post as head of the Nicaraguan Military Mission. *R. C. Brisach* and wife were in Washington recently while *Ray* was on leave. We understand that he is to return to Europe. The March 2, Army-Navy Journal carried *James K. Herbert's* resignation, under the General's Orders. "J.K." has been a B.G. and was C.O. of a Port of Embarkation for over a year. "Rusty" *Ruestow* has left Washington for parts unknown. His wife and 2 young sons are living in Hamilton, N. Y. *Taber, A. P.* graduated from Leavenworth in February and has returned to Wright Field where he is assigned to Aviation Ordnance. According to the Army-Navy Journal, *Fritz* and *Kay Weber* have quarters at Ft. Benning, Ga. *J. K.*

Wilson has been ordered recently to Ft. Sill. Okla. Don Neil is in Frankfurt, Germany, with the A.S.F.

In and around Washington, addresses can be obtained from: Millard Lewis, Harry Boyd, Dick Bristol, Norman Burnett, Spike Eckert, Louie Heath, Cayce Odom, Bream Patrick, and Bill Perry. Sam Sampson is under orders for A.A.F. Board at Orlando, Fla. Sam Sauer is under orders as Asst. Military Attache, Melbourne, Australia. Cam Sweeney, Bob Wood, Phil Smith, Paul Weyrauch, Brainerd Cook, Rock Dodson, Bob Porter, O'Neil Kane, Paul Yount. At West Point are: Ralph and Marty Swofford; Ned and Dot Moore; Bill and Vida Dickinson, D. W. and Pat Ferguson; Winn and Pat Sisson; and Johnnie and Mary Walsh.

—N. D. M.

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*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 11.

Boyd, R. K.
Candler, H. W.
Hiddleston, E. W.
Hogan, A. H.
Jones, S. E.
Landaker, C. L.
Passarella, P. F.
Patterson, D. R.
Perry, M. O.
Rodgers, L. H.

This is not intended to be a recap of the class news, because just about all we have is changes of addresses. It IS intended to be an announcement to encourage all of you to answer promptly the poop-sheets Johnny Waters has sent you, to indicate your intentions of coming back to our 15th, the greatest of reunions, and to tell you some of the plans that have been made for this June Week. Graduation being on 4 June, the class party will take place at Round Pond the afternoon and evening of MONDAY, 3 JUNE, preceded the evening before, 2 June, by an informal stag get-together. Other data will be sent you via poop-sheet. We can make living accommodations for all officers in North Barracks, but ladies have no assurance of getting a place to sleep. It's tough, but we just can't encourage the wives to come along. The first pre-war Graduation, the biggest graduating class in history—both items tend to make living accommodations in the vicinity of West Point very scarce.

Dick Lane has left the faculty of U.S.M.A., and is now in business in Chicago. Paul Burns has also left, and is on his way to Germany. Davis, J. J., visited us here the first of the month, on his way back to Germany. Glenn Farris and Bob Holland have been transferred from Framingham, Mass., to the A.A.F. Hospital on Long Island. Pumpelly is on terminal leave, at present on Long Island, and is planning on getting back into civilian foreign service.

Milt Arnold has voluntarily retired from the Army. Del Campo is at Watervliet Arsenal, having returned from the E.T.O. some time ago. A letter from MacNair, who is in Shanghai, tells of talking with Jack Read occasionally. Pachler is in command of the 17th Inf. in Korea.

Percy Lash, Herb Mansfield, Johnny Waters, Bill Train, and others in Washington have spent lots of time preparing poopsheets, looking up present addresses, and in general, planning on a great re-union. A big turnout here in June will show them that we appreciate their work. So long—see you in June.

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*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 11.

Arnold, R. R.
Call, W. A.
Cary, H. T.
Clark, E.
Cowan, G. C.
Hoehl, F. R.
Howarth, A. E. R.
Huber, W. R.
Johnston, F. V.
Kambhu, C. C.
McConnell, J. P.
Praband, B. M.
Pryor, D. A.
Russell, A. C.
Stoltz, A. E.
Teller, G. C.
Tiffany, K. E.
Winston, E. G.

From the mailbag:

Two fine letters—one from Gale Hall (wife of Gary) and the other from Lon Smith. Gale advises that Hall is now Exec. of the Philippine Rehabilitation and Detention Center at Los Banos, Luzon. Walt Tisdale also is in the Philippines. Beach, just back from a long stretch in the Pacific is enjoying leave in Michigan. George Power also on leave in San Antonio. Hillsinger has been retired—now living in Orlando, Florida. He plans to attend Law School at the University of Florida. Massey is at Fort Sam Houston and Besson was last reported in Tokyo. Thanks Gale for your letter—here's hoping more wives follow your example and write us what news they have.

Lon Smith—that gentleman from the south and a lifesaver to your columnist—deserves a special vote of thanks for his letter which follows practically in toto:

"Here in Washington on duty in various parts of the War Department are the following:

"With O.P.D. are Jim Woolnough, Dan Gilmer (now in hospital at Tampa, Fla.), Jim Churchill, George Mather, James McCormack, Bill Kunzig, Bernie Thielen, Johnny Steele, Phil Pope (ex-'32), Arnold Sommer, just returned from Luxembourg, and myself. George Mather is Assistant Executive, O.P.D., while Jim Woolnough, Dan Gilmer and Bernie Thielen are holding down Section Chief jobs. The rest of us are the 'answer-dreaming boys'.

"With A.S.F. you'll find Ray Cochran, who heads up one section in the Military Personnel Division, Johnny Metzler, Bill Little, and George Grunert, who incidentally looks twice the size as when he was a cadet.

"At A.G.F. one can find Dick Hunt, Wallace Brucker, Bill Moore, El Davis, Ward Gillette, and Jack Welborn.

"As usual, the Air Forces have a big representation, consisting of Stan Wray, Hunter Harris, Leo Dahl, Herb Thatcher (at Bolling Field), Bill Gar-

land, Ernie Powell, Gene Mussett, Harry Porter and Bob Terrill.

"Ken Hobson and Mike Riley are with the Legislative and Liaison Division.

"Pete Hinshaw and Jim Boswell (ex-'32) are with G-2, while at the same time Al Clark, Dave Davidson and Steve Mellnick are with M.I.S.

"With the Chief of Engineers are Carl Sciple and Bill Powers. Johnny Bowen is the Secretary, W.D.G.S. Biff Menoher is with the Chief Ordnance Officer. Bob Landry is still trying to learn, and may be found at the College of National Security (old A.N.S. C.O.L.).

"I note that you have requested the address of several members. I believe that I can help you in the case of Ward Gillette, who is here in Washington with the Army Ground Forces, and John Keating, who is at the present time at his home in Neenah, Wisconsin, enjoying a 45-day leave from Europe preparatory to departing for Japan, where he will be Chief of Staff of the 97th Division. Bob Landry, as I have just stated above, is at the College of National Security, Washington. Jim Churchill says that Jim Rankin (now retired) can be reached at 5110 Magnolia Avenue, Riverside, California. Johnny Street, who has again returned to civilian life, can be found at 140 Cherry St., Denver, Colorado, where he is in the law business.

"Some of the few who have been through here in the past few weeks are Charley Pidcock, who was on his way to Spokane, Wash., Red Smith on duty at Langley Field; Charlie Carroll, now in E.T.O.; Ed Roban, now in E.T.O.; Bill McNulty, now in Greece supervising elections, Tom Hannah with General Wedemeyer's staff in China, Thomas Randall McDonald, who is at Fort Sam; Honey Whalen, now in E.T.O.; and Jim Gavin, who 'finishes' at Leavenworth this month. Bob Scott comes through here every now and then, and Johnny Pugh is on his way to Fort Sam for duty."

From the underground:

Jim Thompson also in Washington at A.N.S.C.O.L. Bob Terrill played a one-night stand at West Point—promised to send plenty of info for the next issue of Assembly. Bob is on board investigating effects of the strategic bombing of Japan. Schrader, in the Finance Dept., is now in Newark, New Jersey, with the Office of Dependency Benefits. Rude, Schroeder, and Nelson—all studying the rudiments of Military Government at Yale preparatory for service in the Pacific—took time off to see the Army-Navy basketball game here at the Point. Believe they will agree that the game was certainly worth the trip. Hillberg is in the G-1 section of the Ground Forces at the Pentagon.

From the Clipping Bureau:

Lazar is still in Vienna as head of General Clark's Special Service Section. Dale Means now on the staff and faculty at Fort Sill. Merle Williams after a long stint in the Pacific is now C.O. of the Twin Cities Ordnance Plant at St. Paul.

Postscript:

The old guard here includes Webster, Zitzman, Hood, McLane, Thinner,

Trice, and Hassmann. Harley Trice is now at Cornell University studying the vagaries of the Russian tongue in preparation for serving "Borsh" for the Modern Languages Dept. next fall. He, Webster and Zitzman will probably be the only members of the class who will remain here after June. It looks as though Zitzman will probably inherit the editorship of this column—so don't miss the next issue. Above all don't fail to send in your news—give Kenny plenty to put in print.

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*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 11.

Armstrong, J. G.
 Bashein, I.
 Cashman, R. E.
 Cepeda, E. S.
 Crawford, J. B.
 Cyr, A. R.
 Flynn, T. D.
 Gibb, F. W.
 Jackson, W. P.
 James, N. C.
 Jensen, W. A.
 Jimenez, J. J.
 Kaiser, M. E.
 Kibler, E. H.
 King, V. H.
 Lane, J. J.
 Lewis, J. H.
 Macherey, E. J.
 Mathews, J. L.
 Merriam, L. W.
 O'Reilly, J. B.
 Pearson, J. P., Jr.
 Pittman, J. M.
 Powell, C. W.
 Powers, G. T., III
 Quinn, W. W.
 Richardson, J. V.
 Shields, J. B.
 Shinberger, J. B.
 Simpson, G. C.
 Skinner, J. H.
 Stephenson, A. D.
 Stube, L. L.
 Taylor, E. O.
 Whelihan, W. P.
 White, G. W.
 Zellar, F. J.

'33's" largest news item occurred in Washington on the 26th of January when a class reunion was held at the Army-Navy Country Club. The reunion included dinner and dancing. *Abe Lincoln* and *Johnny Cleveland* were the promoters of the party, which was attended by nearly one hundred classmates and their wives. A few of those present were *George Beeler*, *Ted Marshall*, *Bob Neely*, *Gordon Bartlett*, *Ted Conway*, *Johnny Honeycutt*, *Bob Turner*, *Pick Vidal*, *Soapy Watters*, *Phil Pope*, *Harry King*, *Joe O'Malley*, *Jack Armstrong*, and *Harry Bishop*.

Joe O'Malley is bound for Lima, Peru. *Jim Bosuelli* is well settled in Washington and appears to be happy and contented. *Tom Hall* has just recently arrived at West Point for duty with the Modern Languages Department. *Ben Thompson* leaves West Point shortly for home and a return to civil life. *Wally Thinnes* and *Bing Downing* are still holding down key positions in the Academic Department. *Freddie Zierath* and *Doug Gilbert* are the big wheels in the Tactical Department. *Johnnie Johnson* is taking a refresher course for former P.O.W.'s. This course includes a two weeks stay at Bliss, Riley, Benning, Belvoir and Knox. *Dick King* is glad to report that his address is no longer "missing in action or Omori Prison Camp, Tokyo, Japan" but 73d Wing (V.H.B.), MacDill Field, Tampa, Florida. *Cowboy Elliott* returned from

Europe in January for a short visit with his family in West Chester, Pa. *Bowen* was also able to return from overseas for a short visit with his family in Carlisle, Pa. *Herb Plapp* has been detailed as a member of an interview board for officer applicants in the Regular Army. He leaves his instructor detail at Sill temporarily for this duty. *McMorrow* is Air Ordnance Officer for the Far East Air Forces Headquarters in the Philippines. *Harry King* is located in Washington with the New York Life Insurance Company in the Shoreham Building. If you have any insurance problems contact him.

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*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 11.

Arosemena, B. M.
 Bolland, G. L.
 Brown, P. S.
 Browning, H. W.
 Cunin, K. A.
 Fajardo, G. T.
 Gould, K. T.
 Henigar, P. T.
 Howard, C. L.
 Ingram, L. L.
 Johnson, J. L.
 Kemple, F. Jr.
 Kushner, G. L.
 Lardin, H. E.
 Lawlor, J. D.
 Lewis, E. A.
 Mead, J. E.
 Northam, W. F.
 O'Neil, T. A.
 Renfro, W. J., Jr.
 Richardson, J. B., Jr.
 Shaughnessy, L.
 Simenson, C. G.
 Squier, J. H.
 Star, J. J.
 Turner, H. F.
 Valdez, E.
 Walsh, J. E.
 Ward, N. P.
 Williams, R. L.
 Winkle, C. E.
 Wood, C. H.

One of the first congratulatory messages received by *Red Higgins* after assuming his duties as Commandant of Cadets was from *Charlie White* in the Philippines. Because this letter contained considerably more of interest than personal congratulations, "the General" extracted much of it for publication here: ". . . *Russ Volckmann* gave me the news the other day when I unexpectedly ran into him at San Fernando. . . Just prior to leaving Okinawa in July, I ran into *Bill Cunningham*, *Pop Womack*, and *Emery Lewis*. All . . . with the Island Command. . . While at Mindoro *Bob McKinnon* and *Murray Cheston* both dropped in on me. The former was with the Pacific Warfare Board and probably is back in the States now. (Cheston) is on the U.S. Training Group and works with the Filipino Army. He is still here in Manila. . . At San Fernando *Bill Voehl* is chief of staff of Base "M" located there. He had *Volckmann* in for lunch. . . (who) had just returned after 45 days in the States. . . The following day I was down at Base "R" at Batangas. *Miles Chatfield* met me at the plane. He is Deputy Commander there. I was with the 96th at Mindoro . . . when they sailed for home I was jerked up here to work with the Philippine Scouts in the G-3 section (Manila) . . . *Fajardo* is around but I haven't run into him yet. My best

to any of the class." Thanks for the news, Charlie.

Parts of an interesting letter from *Jim Walsh*, received in December, may also prove interesting to you: ". . . Acquired this (Oct. Assembly) from *J. H. Anderson*, who is Engineer for the Kyushu Base in Japan. He had been with the Tenth Army on Okinawa previously. Saw him at Wakayawa on Honshu, where my . . . 544th Engr. Boat and Shore Regt. replaced the Base—Yours truly is Military Governor of the City of Wakayawa. . . *Brown, T. T.*, is in Yokohama; A.S.C.O.M.C. is his headquarters. Saw *Percy Hennigar* there too—in Yokohama—he had previously been in New Caledonia. (Here Jim makes a reference to the probable location of *O. P. Robinson*—Jim probably didn't know that O.P.'s death was imminent—information received here was that he died in Japan in December.) During the Philippine Campaign I flew over the lines and spent a couple of days with *Volckmann*; he looked well and his life as a guerilla had not disagreed with him; not thin or run down. . . I was the first classmate he'd seen since Bataan. He got the D.S.C. . . *Bud Buehler* is in G.H.Q. in Tokyo; *Bob MacDonald* in Yokohama with 8th Army. . . *Lamb* and *Bucknam* were on active duty as Majors out here with 5th Air Force. . . *Fell* is with G.H.Q. Signal Section in Tokyo. *Petty* was C.W.S. Officer for the 1st Cav. Div.; joined them on Luzon. Say hello for me to 1934 through the column"

I think one more excerpted letter is all the Editor will give me space for; this one is from *Jenna* in December: "*Harry Hillyard* right here in the 2d Armd Div. . . Regimental C.O. (We both) sail for home the latter part of the month. . . Had several get togethers with *U. P. Williams*, *Jim Winn*, *Horace Saunders*. . . *Hal Edson*, who is C.O. of the 15th Inf., and *Shag Shaughnessy* (sic), his exec., came in one night for a small '34 reunion. *Tom O'Neill* is Asst. G-1 of the Berlin Dist. Hdqtrs. saw *R. B. Miller* there on duty with the Signal Office. *Meade Dugas* is G-3 of the XXIII Corps. . . Saw *Simenson* just prior to the St. Lo break through where he worked with us as a deception expert. As a result of his and *Jim Snee's* work, the 2nd Armd. moved some 50 miles, unknown to the Krauts, and we broke through on July 26 for the long run across France. I've had the 41st since last Jan. at the close of the Bulge. . . My best regards to any of the class" Thirty. —*Fink*.

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*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 11.

Blackburne, G., Jr.
 Brown, J. K., Jr.
 Critz, H. H.
 Culver, G. P.
 Ellsworth, R. E.
 Everett, W. S.
 Herold, F. R.
 Howell, J. N.
 Jeffus, C. J.
 Johnson, E. C.
 Keatino, J. W.
 Knowles, S. R., Jr.
 Lashley, R. O.
 Mosby, J. T.
 Simpson, W. A.
 Slaughter, J. E.
 Waterman, B. S.

In response to our urgent appeal in the last issue of *Assembly* for news from our classmates we have received letters from *Sinclair* who is in Korea; *Ferris* at W.R.G.H.; *Hoy* at Ft. Riley and *Twitchell* and *Bauer* in Washington. The latter, God bless him, mailed us a W.D. directory along with a hint to go to work on it.

Somers Dick, who recently joined us at West Point in the capacity of Ass't. Prof. of Math., supplied us with considerable information reference our class. So here we go—as we know it:

Adams, W.D.G.S.; *Alger*, with R.T.C. at Ft. Knox; *Armogeda*, Engr. Office, W.D.; *Ashman*, G-4 Sec., G.H.Q., Japan; *Bare*, G-1 Sec., A.G.F.; *Bassett*, A.G.F.; *Bauer*, Sig. C., W.D.; *Bernier*, M.I.S., W.D.G.S.; *Bidgood*, visited U.S.M.A. on recuperative leave after being a Jap P.O.W.; *Bowyer*, Finance O., Memphis, Tenn.; *Bristol*, O.P.D., Washington; *Brown*, G. F., A.G.F., Washington; *Bryde*, student U. of Mich., Post Hostilities Course; *Buckler*, returned to Texas and civilian life; *Caughey*, China; *Clow*, A.G.F., Washington; *Coz*, student C.&G.S. School; *Critz*, Hq. 15th Army; *Cummings*, A.G.F., Washington; *Curtis*, G-3 Sec., W.D.G.S.; *Davis*, J. J., C.O., Cav. Det., U.S.M.A.; *Davis*, L. I., Wright Field, Dayton, O.; *Dick*, Asst. Prof. of Math, U.S.M.A.; *Dilley*, British Gen. Staff School; *Duffey*, L.L.D., W.D.S.S.; *Eckhardt*, O.C.C.S., Washington; *Edwards*, with Canadian Antarctic Exp.; *Eaton*, Aid Sec. War; *Farnsworth*, Hq. 7th Army; *Ferris*, W.R.G.H. or Off. P.M.G., Washington; *Firehock*, Instr. F.A. School, Ft. Sill; *Foreman*, Asst. P.M.S.&T., Wilberforce, Col., Ohio; *Freudenthal*, Office Chief A.C., Washington; *Gee*, Engineers, Washington; *Gent*, A-3 Sec., A.A.F., Washington; *Hawkins*, G-4 Sec., 8th Army; *Hickman*, Hq. A.T.C.; *Hill*, P.M.G. School, San Antonio, Tex.; *Horstman*, somewhere in Washington; *Hoy*, Dir. of Tng. Cav. Sch.; *Isham*, A.G.F. Amphibious Bd., Cal.; *Johnson*, A. S., left U.S.M.A., ret'd to civilian status at Syracuse, N. Y.; *Johnson*, E. C., Sig. O., Army Sv. Cmd., Korea; *Johnson*, S. T. B., Hq. A.G.F.; *Jones*, G. M., Dir. Tng., A.B. Sch., Ft. Benning; *Kemper*, somewhere in Washington; *Haug*, C. D. W., Hq. A.G.F.; *Lapsley*, somewhere in Germany; *Lemley*, Off. Mil. Govt., Berlin; *Leonard*, Japan; *McEntee*, physical retirement—making home in California; *Maroun*, student, C.&G.S. Sch.; *Martin*, O.U. S.W., Washington; *Martz*, South America; *Matyas*, on leave in U.S. from G-3 Sec., 8th Army; *Mente*, Hq. A.G.F., Washington; *Mitchell*, Tactical Sec., Inf. Sch.; *Mock*, Hq. 2nd Army, Memphis, Tenn.; *Moore*, J. C., Faculty, A.A. Sch., Ft. Bliss; *Moore*, O., recently completed Post Hostilities Course, Columbia U.; *Morgan*, O.P.D., Washington; *Musgrave*, A-1 Sec., A.A.F.; *Osmanski*, Ft. Bragg; *Parker*, 5th Sv. Command, Ft. Sheridan, Ill.; *Pickard*, Ft. Belvoir; *Phelan*, Engrs., Washington; *Peeke*, Hq. A.G.F.; *Proctor*, Paris; *Ramee*, Tactical Sec., Inf. Sch.; *Reybold*, recently resigned; *Rhoades*, patient W.R.G.H.; *Riemenschneider*, on duty in Washington; *Roberts*, J., A-3 Sec., A.A.F. *Rogers*, O.Q.M.G., Washington; *Rhode*, Ft. Belvoir; *Rum-*

sey, recently student C.&G.S. Sch.; *Russ*, G-1 Sec., W.D.G.S.; *Russell*, M.I.S., W.D.G.S.; *St. John*, C.O., 6th Engr. Bn., 6th Div., Korea; *Saxon*, in states on leave from Saipan; *Sherrard*, Hq. A.S.F.; *Sims*, returned to civilian life; *Sinclair*, G-1 XXIV Corps, Korea; *Skells*, M.I.S., W.D.G.S.; *Smith*, G-2 Sec., XXIV Corps, Korea; *Spring*, Engrs., Washington; *Stanton*, Dir. Tng., U.S.M.A.; *Stapleton*, Instructor, Inf. Sch.; *Stillman*, A-3 Sec., Tac. Air Cmd., Tampa; *Stone*, A.M.G., Frankfurt, Germany; *Symroski*, G-2 Sec., 6th Corps, Germany; *Taylor*, Tac. Dept., U.S.M.A.; *Throckmorton*, Hq. 1st Army, Ft. Bragg; *Totten*, O.P.D., Washington; *Tucker*, Ft. Bragg; *Twitchell*, O.P.D., Washington; *Van Ormer*, C.O. of a post in Panama; *Walker*, C., on leave in Florida; *Wallace*, G-1 Sec., W.D.G.S.; *Walsh*, A-2 Sec., A.A.F.; *Waterman*, Plan. Div., A.S.F.; *Weld*, Hq. A.G.F.; *Wells*, Hq. A.S.F.; *Wheeler*, somewhere in Japan; *Wilby*, somewhere in Japan; *Wilkins*, C.O., A.A.A. Bn., Saipan; *Williamson*, Tac. Sec., Inf. Sch.; *Wilson*, J. A., A-4 Sec., A.A.F.; *Woodyard*, G-1 Sec., A.G.F.; *Worthington*, recently left C.&G.S. Sch. for E.T.O.

That is the latest whereabouts on our classmates as known by us at West Point.

From Washington comes word that our class has held two memorable reunions recently, the last one being on February 2, which far outdid in attendance (at least) our Tenth Reunion here at West Point last June. While our list is not complete (Kemper let us down on this) the following were present: *Mente*, *Russ*, *Woodyard*, *Kemper*, *Musgrave*, *Gent*, *Roberts*, *Clow*, *Bermer*, *Cummings*, *Stancook*, *Gee*, *Hickman*, *Berquist*, *Bassett*, *Waterman*, *Haug*, *Rhoads*, *Brown*, *Adams*, *Peeke*, *Eckhardt*, *Anderson*, *Twitchell*, *Totten*, *Martin*, *Skells*, *Haug* (Tom), *White*, *Babgy*, *Eaton*, *Sherrard*, *Stillman*, and *Heckemeyer*.

Here's to seeing you this June Week at West Point.

—M. C. T.

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*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 11.

Fergusson, R. G.
Gapen, R. D.
Green, P. S.
Holderness, S. W.
Holmes, E. S., Jr.
Hotterman, G. H.
Florez, L. P. Y.
Hughes, J. R.
Jackson, L. A., Jr.
Jordan, J. H.
Kallman, M. M.
Kerkering, J. H.
LeMoyné, McP.
Lind, H. D.
Lockhart, E. E.
Monteith, G.
Norman, F. P.
Rickenbaugh, C. L.
Singletary, J. R., Jr.
Spencer, N. C., Jr.
Williams, J. M.

The big news this issue is our tenth reunion—come June Week, 29 May—4 June, the eleven of us here hope to see most of you joining us. We're making big plans, and will work out the logistics. In anticipation of your arrival, I mailed a form letter the other day, requesting information, but answers already in have clearly shown

that many of the addresses we had were incorrect, so bear with me while I repeat the questionnaire. And will you write in and answer it?

Do you expect to be here for June Week?

If so, how about a class party 3 June?

Are you interested in a "Ten Year Book"?

If so, how about sending a check or money order for \$3.00 to help establish a class fund? The fund also pays for stamps, stationery, etc.). Make checks payable to the 1936 Class Fund.

If we don't have your correct address, please send it to the Association of Graduates, whether you are a member or not—also any addresses of classmates.

Ben Evans, *Abe Abrams*, and one or two others think plain biographies would be best for the "Ten Year Book"—In this I agree, having checked cost of pictures—But no one has said what they want to see in the biographies—How about an expression of opinion?

As of 4 February, *Jack Arnold* reported from Fort McKinley, Philippine Islands, that: *Ernie Holmes* was at Atsugi Airdrome near Tokyo; *Bob Frost* had departed stateside, *Lind* was last heard of G-4ing for A.F. P.A.C.; *Beard* was seen at the Army-Navy Club (Manila?) the night of the Army-Navy game, and that *Yost* was with a bomb evaluation team, Headquarters Tokyo.

Cliff Cordes came through with a list of Pentagons' addresses, as did *Dave Heister* and *Bernie Bess*—*Bob O'Brien* is now working on a complete list for us in Washington, where *Howie Snyder* feels lucky to be alive after stopping over fifty fragments from an '88 in '44.

Ned Broyles, laying dubious claim to having lost the sobriquet of "Daddy", reports in from Augsburg that *Westmoreland* has forsaken the Field Artillery and now commands the 60th Infantry, and that he (Daddy) is a daddy again, a second boy as of 28 September — Congratulations Daddy! (All this as of 3 Dec.)

Bill Connor from Frankfurt, as of 16 December reported *Ollie Haywood* with U.S.F.E.T. and *Bill Hay* with T.S.F.E.T., with *Rudy Ganns* at Frankfurt, *Bill Kinard* at Bad Homburg, and *Johnny Heintges* commanding the 7th Infantry Division. (We have just heard that *Bill Connor* is in the States.)

Chuck Billingslea, with the 82nd at Bragg, expects to join us for June Week, and *Nick Grothaus*, Washington, has just come through with a helpful list of addresses—among others he identified *Bill Steek* as being in Washington, *T. C. Rogers* in the Pacific (Manila?) and *Bill Haneke* with him.

Nick Perkins, *Frank Gillespie*, *Bob Blodgett*, and *Gordy Austin* all expect to join us for June Week.

Granny Gunn, in a recent letter, placed *Champion* at Palawan, Philippine Islands, three months ago, and *Cecil Combs* at Orlando, Florida, while approximately fifty of the class keep close tabs on one another in Washing-

ton. (Incidentally, about forty-five of them got together for a grand class party 2 March.)

Dan McElheny is with the Engineer Section of the 7th Army—*Wirt Crockett*, *Willy Hendrickson*, and *Joyce* are all retired—*Wirt* will be with *Corning Glass* in May. *Willy* is living in Florida, and *Joyce* in Chicago—*Phil Gage*, retired, is in Buffalo. Are there others? *Louis Chappalear* retired when he came back from the Philippine Islands before the war—*Jack Brimmer* is G-4, 9th Division and *Er Hahney* is with the 1st Division—*Herb Cady Philadelphia*, Insurance, writes that he can't make it for the reunion and *Eddie Dunn*, currently in the States on leave, is afraid of the same—*Eddie* reports *de Lesdernier* with Staff of 3rd Army about two months ago, *Benson* with 83rd Division at Linz, Austria, *Morris*, *H. A.*, *Davis*, *R. W.*, and *Landry* with 15th Army Headquarters.

In addition to those already reported at West Point, *Safford*, *Bess*, *Hiesler*, *McCabe*, *Kelly*, *J. E.* and I have recently returned, *Kelly* and I for our second tours.

I. W. Rogers, former editor of this column, and again returned to civilian life, writes that he expects to live on the West Coast—*John Torrey* is instructing tactics at Sill, *Bill Yarborough*, when last heard of, was Provost Marshal for the City of Vienna, *Bruce Palmer*, Chief of Staff of the 6th Division has forsaken the Cavalry for crossed rifles, *Bill Ryder* has been recently married in Tokyo, as has *Ken Madsen*, at long last, in New York—*"Jock" Clifford*, that grand guy, has been posthumously awarded the Legion of Merit, and an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of his second Distinguished Service Cross.

If you'll write in, we'll get the information out—and, incidentally, you can get off those long delayed letters to classmates you've been wondering about by writing to the Acting Class Secretary, Class of '36, c/o Association of Graduates—He will probably have the address you need.

For the Class,

—*Jim Landrum*.

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Black, W. L.
Cain, W. J., Jr.
Calverley, W. S.
Campbell, F. P.
Cheal, R. C.
Clark, A. D.
Dannelly, C. G.
Durham, J. N.
Elkins, H. W.
Gieye, W. C.
Green, M., Jr.
Griffin, G. T.
Gulick, J. M.
Haltom, J. D.
Hammond, H. E.
Herman, R. H.
Hipp, W. G.
Holcomb, G. L.
Holdiman, T. A.
Horrigan, W. K.
Hoyt, C. S., Jr.
Hyzer, P. C.
Kennedy, R. S.
Lee, E. M.
Leland, G. C.
Leist, E. F.
Mansfield, V. E.
Mapes, R. L.
Mitchell, J. B.

Parker, J. Y.
Pfeffer, C. A., Jr.
Porterfield, B. W.
Rutherford, A.
Salientes, M. Q.
Sanborn, K. W.
Scott, J. A., Jr.
Skeldon, J. H.
Snyder, C. H.
Smith, S. L.
Stegmaier, R. M.
Stevenson, J. D.
Stiegler, H. L.
Suriya, M.
Weikel, J. R.
Whittemore, P. V.
Worcester, W. J.

News from the '37 gang has not been rolling in very fast of late. However in a short time all of you should receive from the Association of Graduates a questionnaire which we urgently request that you complete and forward promptly to the Association in order that we can publish the most recent news of the Class via the *Assembly*. For your information *Scotty Hall* was recently elected as acting class secretary in order that all information coming in to any of us could be centralized and properly recorded for later publication.

Down Washington way—a '37 wives luncheon on February 8 and a '37 dinner dance at the Army-Navy Country Club on March 30 seem to highlight the winter and early spring social events of the class. In Washington territory are: *Broadhurst*, *Ingmire*, *K. B. Lemmon*, *Mitchell*, *B. F. Taylor*, *Walker* and *Westover* in O.P.D.; *Chapman*, *Compton*, *Easton*, *Eubank*, *Gildart*, *Postlethwait*, *Sterling*, and *Travis* in A.G.F.; *Chase*, *M. H. Clark*, *McDowell*, *Register*, *Skeldon* and *Spaulding* in G-4; *Conway*, *Leist*, *Mitchim*, *Ressegieue*, and *Teeter* in A.S.F.; *Fellous*, *Hyzer*, *Klocko*, *J. H. Reeves* and *Sloan* in G-1; *E. A. Russell* in G-3; *A. B. Robbins* and *Ohman* in A.A.F.; *Posey* at Army-Navy Staff College; *Cosgrove*, (Q.M.); *Davison* (O.C. Ordnance); *Gurney* (C.A.F.), and *Snouffer* and *McDonald* at Bolling Field; *Kuna* (Eng.); *R. C. Miller* (Army Map Service); *Murray* (A.T.C.); *Brierly* (Ballistics); *Claggett* (Tn. Center) and *Nance* (Ord. Board) (limited service) are at Aberdeen; and *Evans* (Eng. Bd.) and *McAfee* (Eng. School) are at Belvoir.

Of special interest is information of the nomination of our first B.G., *Hank Byroade*, helping General Marshall in China. Congratulations Hank and the best of luck.

Recent visitors up our way include "Atomic Bomb" (new nickname) "Gashouse Martin" who blew in about February 1 after 43 months in the Pacific—same old "Gashouse". *Hugh Sawyer* (resigned) looks mighty snappy in his civilian clothes and should sell plenty of insurance on personality and appearance alone. *Hugh* plans to settle in Charlotte, N. C. and be affiliated with the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company. Also in civies was *Jack Minor*, who with his wife *Sherry*, put in an appearance in January. *Jack* is now with General Motors and expects to be located in South America. All of us were sorry to have *Bill Chenoweth* leave the clan when his retirement materialized. *Bill* hopes to become an industrial manager at Cape Haitien, Haiti. *Hoot Horrigan* has been fatten-

ed up by the hospital after his ordeal in Jap prison camps and is now on leave in Kentucky. *Hoot* expects to be back on a flying status soon and has promised a visit in these parts in the near future. *Jack Tolson* returned to the States in February, with *Eagles* and an outstanding 3 year record with the 503rd Airborne and 6th Army Headquarters in the Pacific. After knocking about the country on leave *Jack* paid us a fine visit on the weekend of March 9 and expects to report to *Benning* soon. *Jim Cosgrove* arrived March 7 with sugar coated words for the 1st Class Q.M. aspirants.

Other bits of information brings the news that *Ken Wade*, after seeing action in North Africa, Sicily and Italy, is now on temporary duty in Orlando, Florida; *Randy Hines* back in the states on 30 days leave from E.T.O.; *Dave Surles* still with 8th Army in Yokohama; *Bud Underwood* recently departed for China; *Charlie Register* who suffered injuries in a train wreck in the Pacific theater in September of '43 has spent his time ever since in various hospitals, now being transferred from *Walter Reed* to *Hot Springs* pending disposition; *Mill Clark* begins a one year Ordnance Course at M.I.T. in June; *Stan Connelly* now a military attache in Sweden; *Elmer Blaha* just returned from the Pacific; "Steggy" *Stegmaier* returned from Germany and assigned to the Latin American Staff Officers Course at Michigan University; *Jay Abercrombie* en route to Japan on a "trip"; *Delk Oden* home from Germany on 45 days leave; *McDuffy Brown* now at Bragg, expecting an over-seas assignment mighty soon; *Roy Lutes* in G-4 Div. of U.S.F.E.T. in Frankfurt, Germany; *Stan Smith* now out of the Army and the latest report is that *Stan* has a regular Commission as a Lt. Commander in the Coast Guard, is now stationed at the Coast Guard Academy as an instructor in mechanics and will assist in coaching track and football; *Bill Bailey* and *Tom Neier* reported to be in Tokyo; *Monte Hickok*, retired, married, with two children and teaching at *Punahou School*, Honolulu, T. H.; "Ambrose" *Menard* still in Europe with 26th Div.; *Bob Stumpf* in Greece overseeing the elections; *Bud Zehner* at *Leavenworth*; *Ray Rumph* due back from Hawaii in April, and expected to report here as a drawing instructor; *Bill Strandberg* just back from Japan at *Camp San Luis Obispo*, Cal.; *Bud Major* is C.O. of Field Artillery Training Detachment No. 2, Field Artillery School Troops, Ft. Sill; *Joe Chabot* and *Monk Myer* instructing at Ft. *Benning*; *Bob Palmer*, Exec. at *Airborne School*, Ft. Bragg. *Chuck Pfeffer* is awaiting retirement at his farm in *Brewster*, *Westchester County*, N. Y.

Jim Peale has just returned from outstanding combat service as a Battalion Commander with the 101st (Yankee) Division in Europe—*Jim* wearing the Silver Star, Bronze Star and Purple Heart is now *Liaison Officer* at *Aberdeen*; *Jack Donohew* (resigned?) and expecting to start his own business.

Congratulations are in order for *Mitch Mitchims*—expecting their first—and *Bill Snouffers*—expecting their

fifth!! Wow what a record! Also congratulations to *John Frasier* whose marriage to *Patricia Jones* took place in Washington on December 29.

On Alumni Day *Katrina Maybach* is dedicating a Memorial Organ Stop at the Cadet Chapel in memory of *Al*. That's a mighty fine tribute to a loyal classmate, *Katrina*. When *Scudder Miller* was shot down over Italy, his ring was removed by an Italian, later got into the hands of an American soldier and eventually was returned to *Scudder's* wife, *Mary Lou*, in San Antonio. On Dec. 20, the Silver Star was awarded posthumously to *Bill Dunmyer* and was presented to his 5 year old son *James* and wife *Penny*, now living at 3 East Forty-Fourth St., Wilmington, Delaware.

Our West Point clan remains the same except that *Bill Chenoueth* has departed; *Bill McKinley*, *Don Shive* and *Tank Hardaway* (me), (Tacs)—*Gene Stann* (Mech.), *Scotty Hall* (E.G.&H.), *Stu O'Malley* (M.A.&E.), *Jimmy Duncan* (C.O. Armored Det.), and *Charlie Stark* (Exec. O. at Stewart Field). Let us hear from you often for we depend upon you entirely for the news in this column. Take it away *Bill McKinley* for the next news broadcast in July.

—E. G. H.

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Barschdorf, M. P.
Campanella, S. S.
Crocker, W. S., Jr.
Danielson, O. W.
D'Arezzo, A. J.
DeHart, E. G.
Dillard, G. H.
Dupuy, T. N.
Eaton, S. H.
English, J. T.
Ford, W. F.
Feffer, P. C.
Gerlich, F. J.
Gillivan, E. F.
Hallinger, E. E.
Herboth, J. B., Jr.
Hartman, F. E.
Hogan, S. M.
Holman, H. K.
Jenkins, F. W.
Keator, V.
Kenzie, H. D.
Knox, O. E.
Lemon, M. R.
Miles, V. M.
Miller, F. A.
Morrison, H. C.
Neff, W. F.
Parry, I. M.
Smith, M. F.
Talbot, C. N.
Walson, C. W.
Webb, M. L.
Weissinger, W. T.
Wells, J. B.
Zoller, V. L.

Let's start off with a card from *Bob Demitz*, who wrote from Tilton General Hospital, Fort Dix, New Jersey. "Saw *Jack English* on a War Bond tour while I was in Kilmer. This was in December. He is a well decorated full colonel and looks healthy as a bear. Not much from me—left teaching at Leavenworth in June '44 to go to Staff College at Camberley, England. Joined 15th Army in December, 1944, then joined Berlin Planning Staff as G-4 in February, '45 (*Ed Machen*

was G-3). At present hospitalized for a going over prior to return to E.T.O."

From a P.R.O. release we extract the following: "Lt. Col. *Howard E. Michalet*, who was a reporter for the New Orleans Item at the time he entered the Army, is now serving in Seoul, Korea, as Exec. in Military Administration, Military Government. *Ida*, his wife, and *Pamela Ann* his daughter, live at 2415 Marengo St., New Orleans"

Johnny Hamilton and *Billie* stopped over for a few days at W.P. *Johnny* will return to Germany—*Billie* wants to go back with him.

West Point situation: *Jacunski*, *Amick*, *Lynch*, *Corbett*, *Anderson*, *C. H.*, *Hal Moorman* and *Glance* members of the old guard still here. *Brooks Wilson* assigned, but at present in Mexico City studying Spanish. *Willy Langford* assigned, Dept. of Chemistry and Electricity. *Vail* assigned, Dept. of Mechanics. *Curley Harvey* at Columbia, assigned, will be in English. *John Corley* now hardboiled Tac.

Kitty Webb is expecting *Martin* home on leave and is planning to join him in Germany as soon as possible. *F. B. Harrison* is at Sill in Dept. of Materiel. *Gus Broberg* is due to report at Sill with wife and daughter. *Bud Mearns* is at Columbia studying Russian and Czech for a year. He is house hunting for his wife, two daughters and infant son. *Poodlepuss Hayes* and his bride have just gone to Sill.

Dotty Browning and three children are living in Corpus Christi while *Phil* is overseas. *Betty Strange* is expecting to join *Hubie* as soon as she can in Heidelberg. *Bill Wansboro* now has a Bn. in 7th Inf., 3rd Div., at Hersfeld, Germany. *Dobby Clark* is in G-2, 3rd Army Hdqts., and has signed up for 2 more years—already been over for 4 years, thus giving *Janie* almost top priority to join him.

Dick Stilwell has transferred to Infantry and is on special mission from 3rd Army Hq. to London.

Tittle and *Weinnig* in Washington. *D. C. Damon* at Leavenworth. Mrs. *Wulfsberg* ran into *Anderson, G. P.*, reports that he expected to be at Mitchell Field this month for duty. *Coleman, G. C.* at Biggs Field, Texas, *Don Matheson* going to E.T.O. temp. duty in April. *Danielson* in Germany. *Ken Skaer* at March Field. *J. D. Ryan* is at Los Alamos, New Mexico. *Jim Isbell* at Randolph. *Pitchford* at Tyn-dall Field, Fla. *Chuck Jackson* and wife visiting *Lynch* at W.P. The third dinner of the Washington, D. C., group took place on the 23rd of March—and highly successful. Thirty couples in attendance.

Jacunski and *Glance* leave the Academy this June for civilian pursuits. Understand *Harvey Barnard* was released from Letterman General and is now teaching near Denver, Colo.

This is my last issue after three and one half years of trying to get out the dope for you boys and girls. I regret that I didn't always get out all that you wanted to read, and particularly

regret having omitted entirely any mention of certain of you in the class. One of the members here will take up where I leave off—GIVE HIM YOUR WHOLEHEARTED SUPPORT — drop a card once in a while, it's a problem writing a column with no up-to-date information. "Til we meet again. . .

—Glance.

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Boylan, V. L.
Breitenbucher, P. M.
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Crandall, R. S.
Crawford, T. M.
Dietz, C. W.
Doivln, W. G.
Grieves, L. C.
Griffith, H. A., Jr.
Herron, W. N.
Hill, J. A., II
Hillhouse, C. H.
Hunsbedt, T. W.
Jumper, C. Y.
Kelly, J. J., Jr.
Kurth, E. H.
Kurtz, J. S.
Lampley, H., Jr.
Latoszewski, E. J.
Little, R. F.
McBride, J. L.
McCrorey, J. L., Jr.
Mial, J. P.
Martin, S. T.
Myers, H. M.
Newcomer, H. C.
Olson, J. E.
Peterson, R. T.
Reardon, J. V.
Rogers, J. L.
Schellman, R. H.
Schmidt, E. P.
Schroeder, E. W.
Seaver, P. R.
Sellers, F. C.
Smith, M. C.
Studer, R. W.
Vandevanter, E., Jr.
Watt, J. W., Jr.
Williams, A. T., III

Owing either to the fact that people are indifferent or that they are busy (pick your slot) the file in the Association's office disgorged the staggering total of two letters, one of which was from a wife, contributing information to this so-called column. Only the influx of visitors to the post kept us in business this quarter, and the tourist trade is a rather uncertain source of material on which to base a class report four times a year. If you have any interest in keeping the light of '39 out from under the proverbial bushel, patronize your local mail carrier.

Luckily the portion of the class presently on leave seemed to find these old grey walls inviting and descended upon us brimming with information. *George Higginson*, the latest arrival, came in on a recent boat for a tour of R.&R. with *Tex Miller*, *Boylan*, *St. Clair*, and *Schroeder*, who has an assignment in the South American course at the University of Detroit. *Higginson* left *Tom Smith* and *Tim Simpson* waiting for a boat home; *George* will return to Wiesbaden to rejoin *Glance* and *Morrison*. Also back in the States for R.&R. are *Mike Krisman* and *Bob Schellman*, both of whom are stationed in Berlin.

Dick Curtin, who came through with *Higginson* and spent a few days with his sister *Ann* and her husband, *Walter Higginson*, has an assignment to

join *Carpenter* at Maxwell Field, Alabama. *George Pickett* spent the previous weekend here with his wife to get a change from the Washington scene, which has been more or less recently enlivened by the arrival of *Ed Latoszewski*, *D. J. Rogers*, *Whitehouse*, *Bestic*, *Brinker*, and *H. C. Newcomer*. Another Pentagonian, *Dutch Kerwin*, brought his wife up to show her where he lost his youth; *Dutch* claims that Washington is supporting some seventy of our classmates at this point.

Vic Johnson, on his way to Borden General Hospital in Chickasha, Oklahoma, for a patching up, stopped here overnight; but few of us got a chance to wish him a quick recovery. *Al Ginder*, the same exuberant class mascot in spite of the brace on his foot collected with the Airborne, managed to get around to see nearly all of us here. We were all sorry to learn he faces retirement. Unfortunately *Pop Legler* is going down the same road with a bad eye that he brought back from Europe. Among our unscathed visitors were *Showalter* and *McCollam*, both of whom had to return to Germany, and *Jack Boles*, bound for the altar and the Second Armored Division.

One of our two correspondents, *Ollie Olson*, sent us the happy news that he has finally regained his citizenship after six years overseas, three of which he spent studying Jap prison methods first hand. He can be congratulated at the Infantry School; he certainly deserves the plaudits of us all.

It was a great blow to hear recently that one of our best didn't come back. *Walter Farmer* died at the hands of a German civilian after an airplane crash behind the lines shortly before the end of the war. He was a man we could ill afford to lose.

Another story we hated to hear was that of *O. B. Taylor's* polio, which he caught in Italy. It looks as though he will swell the retirement list that seems to grow longer every day.

This reporting job would throw anyone into a blue funk if something comical didn't turn up now and then to dispel the gloom. *Billup's* campaign to become an Austrian count is an excellent example; but you'll have to ask him for it—that is about all we know (in a factual way).

Having taken over the Pentagon, '39 is well on the way toward capturing the source of supply by infiltrating gradually behind the walls of Usmay College. Within the last three months *George Howard*, *Moses Samuel*, *Jack Dobson*, *Wimpy Bradley*, *U. G. Gibbons*, *Charlie Mount*, and *Ray Allen* have found refuge from the housing shortage; and others are anticipating an assignment (but we don't print rumors). All the aforementioned are "P's" except *Charlie Mount*, who has already cut his teeth on his first S.I.

To be sure that some of us go right on learning, too, the War Department has given scholarships at Leavenworth to *Mike Davison*, *Jack Kinney*, *Julian Ewell*, *Bob Camp*, and *Bill Martin*. Back on the teaching side, *P. W. Long* holds down an instructorship at the Engineer School at Belvoir.

Among the Airborne lads at Bragg we found *Kail* and *Teeters* in the 13th

and *Pudgey Shanley* in the 82nd. *Bunny Adams* is soaking up sunshine at Williams Field, Arizona, next door to the idle rich. *Jesse James* persuaded the Air Corps to give him another whack at flight training after returning from Wiesbaden, where he wound up the war as a glider pilot. And *Ernie Lasché*, whose wife sent in the only other letter to the files, still sweats it out with F.I.A.T. in Frankfurt. The only person we know who seems anxious to take a trip back in Ernie's direction is *Hank Newcomer*, who anticipates adding a very charming French femme to the '39 family.

Here is where the poop runs out. For any inaccuracies we are sorry, but you have only yourselves to blame. Corrections and additions for the next issue should be addressed to the Resident Secretary, Class of 1939, West Point. Skimping word-of-mouth reporting like the above can be avoided by the dispatch of a few facts through the world's fastest mails—send them in and buck this column up.

—Cleverly.

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Brown, H. C.
Castillo, F. S.
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Horton, W. F.
Klar, L. R.
Lane, H. V.
Riddell, J. McL., Jr.
Sanford, G. C.
Smiley, J. L.
Spencer, T. K.
Turner, H. J.
Wright, W. D., III

Sattem, *Carnahan* et al at West Point who have been handling this business for the past three years have passed it on to me for consideration and the meeting of various and sundry deadlines. The plan now is for me to act as a clearing house for all information on the class. Realizing the great value of a poopsheet I have set up a card index gleaned from *Sattem's* files on all of the class. If you have any dope please send it in to me at Valley Forge Military Academy, Wayne, Pa. If you want any information drop me a line and I will try to oblige.

Dick Abbey is back in Washington with the W.D.G.S. and expects to go to China on T.D. for three months. *Aber* is a Military Attache in Berne, Switzerland. Word comes from "*Hank*" *Adams* that he is "breaking forward" in Tokyo and is looking for a chance to get home . . . but quick. *Ahmajan* is with an engineer battalion in Nagoya, Japan. "*Hank*" *Arnold* is believed to be at Fort Bragg. *Banks* was in Engineering Section U.S.F.E.T. and says he saw *Black*, *Borden*, *Denno*, *Mayo*, *McAfee*, *Wilbraham* and *Yeuell* at U.S.F.E.T. for the Navy Game. *Baastad* is in Operations Division W.D.G.S. *Mendez* is C.O. of 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment. *Barnard* at Maxwell Field. *Barton* is waiting for a train at Arlington Hall Station, Virginia. *Don Baumer* is at Yale University taking course for post-war orient work. *Kasper* saw *Mike Bararo* at First Army Headquarters at Fort

Bragg but believes that Mike has returned to Austria to his job as secretary to General Staff of American occupation forces there. *Bell* is looking for his wife to join him in Korea. *Bayerte* is with an A.W. Bn. on Saipan. *Benson* was last heard of at Headquarters A.G.F. in Washington. *Jack Beiser* is somewhere in the Pentagon Building. *Bengston* recently transferred to A.S.F. from A.G.F. and is in Washington. *Gerhard Brown* with G-1 Section on W.D.G.S. *Don Bennet* is a C.O. of a F.A. Bn. at Benning. He won the D.S.C. while a tank Bn. Commander in E.T.O. *Herb Bowlby* with 82nd Airborne Division. *Kasper* reports *Andy Budz* as in G-2 Section also of the 82nd Airborne Division. *Biswanger* has transferred from the C.A.C. to the Q.M.C. and is back in Alaska. *Burfening* was with an Engineer Combat Bn. attached Headquarters U.S.F.E.T. No late news.

Case is in hospital at Camp Edwards. *Clock* and *Colligan* have both been at C.&G.S. *Vic Conley* on way to Germany after a change of orders. *Brewer* is an instructor at C.&G.S. *Brown, H. C.*, is on leave in New Hampshire. *Lee Cagwin* is with the tactical section at the Infantry School. *Clap-saddle* is back in command of a F.A. Bn. in Germany after leave in the U.S. *Colacicco* is a patient in Fort Story Convalescent hospital. Big *John Coontz* is with Centralized Schools A.A.R.T.C. at Fort Bliss. *Crocker* is at Yale taking post war orient course. "*Rocket Crockett*" is inviting his soul at Miami, Florida. *Paul Cullen* with a G-1 Section in Tokyo. *Devlin* says he saw *Black* hale, hearty, and happy in Washington. *Bonham* has returned to the States from Korea. *Cameron* is with the 66th Inf. Division in E.T.O. *Chandler, M. B.*, his just reported in to Washington. *Campbell, W. B.*, is with C.A.F. at Bolling Field. *Chize* is a student at Harvard Business School.

Dalziel instructs at A.A.F. Special Staff School at Orlando. *Davis, M. P.* recently returned from T.D. in England. *Esau*, *Ellis*, and *Ferril* are with Headquarters A.A.F. *Ben Delamater* married in February and is with 82nd Airborne at Bragg. *Dubuisson* is supposed to have submitted his resignation sometime ago and is probably a civilian by now. *Fairlamb's* resignation accepted by War Department. *Fitzpatrick* and *Fellenz* in Austria. *Skip Fowler* is in Office of Chief of Engineers where he won't find *Gillem*. *Art Frontczak* getting used to those eagles in the A.T.C. *Gideon* at W.D.G.S. in Washington. *Gillem*, the well known electronics expert and inventor of "Water-hammer" has just invented a "card wrench" for use in stud poker game. *Daniels* is with Parachute Infantry in Japan. *Paul Deems* is stationed with 902nd Base Unit in Orlando, Florida. *Delaney* is with the O.S.S. in China while *de la Tour* is stretching his legs with an A.A. group in Okinawa. *Dunham* looks for a transfer from Engineer Section 6th Army in the Pacific.

Phil Elliot is back with First Infantry Division in Germany after a trip as A.G.F. observer in the Pacific. *Endress's* wife, *Katherine* lives at 180 Third Street, Newburgh, New York.

England, S. P. is with V Corps Artillery at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Forbes is Base Signal Officer on Leyte. He got the D.A.C. (Daily Atabrine Consumer) Medal from Signal Corps for avoiding malaria for a period of six months. It was represented by a P-70 Night Fighter mosquito rampant on a disc of gold plated spam. This information is straight from Larry's wife. Sid Fisher is with G-4 Section A.G.F. in Washington. Free was in Vienna in December. Expected to return for assignment to Manhattan District. Gildart is with A.S.F. in Planning Division. Graf is in Washington on W.D.G.S.

Ford Fuller is south of the border in Mexico City as an observer at the Mexican War College. Fuller, L. J. is an instructor at C.&G.S. Gleszer is back in Germany. Goodrich is with Signal Section Headquarters 2nd Army in Memphis. Haggard has turned salesman and is with Recruiting Office in Enid, Oklahoma. John Harnett and Hazelline are in Washington. D. C. Ed Hendrickson is with a F.A. Bn. in Manila. Heinemann is with a A.A. test section at Fort Bliss. Jim Hennessy is at Fort Monroe with Department of Submarine mines. Hoffmann is S-3 at A.A.A. School at Fort Bliss. Holm graduated from C.&G.S. and is with 82nd Airborne Division at Bragg. Wing Jung is at Yale taking Orient course.

Taps sounded for Kevan on 27 November 1945 when he was killed in an aircraft accident while en route to his position as Military Air Attache to Yugoslavia. His wife is at 1667 Berkeley Avenue, Petersburg, Virginia.

John Knight at Chanute Field, Illinois. Krisberg is at Watson Laboratories at Red Bank, New Jersey. Lemley is in Washington with M.I.S. LaBreche is an A-3 at Randolph Field. Archie Knight, much decorated, is with 3rd Airforce at Tampa, Florida. Phil Loojbourrow is with 412th Jet Fighter Group at March Field, California. Joe Leedom is with Allied Forces Mediterranean. Burtie Lane is at Fort Knox and Leahy is a Regimental Exec. in 82nd Airborne. Hughes is believed to be assigned as an Air Attache in Cuba. Kintner is with M.I.S. in Washington and Jacobs is on sick leave also in Washington.

McCartan is supposed to be in Shanghai. Coaching Freddie White, it is rumored. Gillem who I think is not always too accurate reports Manzolillo as an instructor in electronics at M.I.T. Muller is at Headquarters A.G.F. and Roy Nelson is at Headquarters A.A.F. Munson seen at Fort Benning. Norvell reported both overseas and in the states. Both sources mention he is losing his hair. MacDonald is an instructor at the Infantry School at Fort Benning. Stu McKenney last heard from in G-3 Section, Vienna. Burton McKenzie at West Hampton Beach, New York. Maedler at Headquarters 6th Army in Japan. Marston due soon from Manila where he was C.O. of a Weather Group. Milner with First Armored Division Artillery at Stuttgart. Ross Milton fat and rosy-cheeked with A.T.C. stationed in Ohio. Jim Moore in Germany. Steve Morrissey is with I.&E. Division in Washington. George Mueller in Wash-

ington preparing a report on Philippine Military Academy. McLean at C.&G.S. Merchant back from overseas also at C.&G.S. After leaving U.S. in October, 1940, Norris has just returned from overseas to join First Army G-3 Section.

Patten and Perry with Military Missions Division stationed in Lima, Peru. Nosek finished C.&G.S. then to 2nd Army Headquarters. Dave Parker is with G.H.Q. in Tokyo. Penny back in Tokyo after a stateside leave. Porte in Walter Reed General Hospital in Washington. Raleigh is with G-5 Section Headquarters U.S.F., Austria. Rasmussen returned from China. Ralph Osborne resigned. Bob Pfeil with Aviation Bn. in Korea. Pidgeon at Headquarters 2nd Army. Richards and Robinson at Bragg. J. K. Roberts in Vienna and Rogers with A.A.A. at Bliss. Rosen on recuperation leave in Massachusetts. Russell with Mil. Personnel Division in Washington. Rust finished C.&G.S. and is now at Belvoir. Sell is with G-3 Section A.G.F., Washington. Shanahan studying Spanish in Mexico City. Jim Smelley a student at University of Michigan taking a course in Latin American affairs. Smiley in 9th Infantry Division Staff in E.T.O. Smith, J. J. at Headquarters A.A.F. Page Smith last heard from in Shanghai, China. Stablein's wife living at 732 Wyoming Avenue, Elizabeth 3, New Jersey. Strauss in E.T.O. Eben Swift in San Antonio on leave from Pacific. Percy Stoddart still living in San Francisco. Summers is Provost Marshal at C.A.F., Bolling Field. Gillem says he looks just like a cop.

D. B. Stewart back in the states. Was P.O.W. since Kasserine Pass. Ray Sleeper in A.A.F. personnel. Sheetz in Tokyo. Thommen reported retired. Dean Vanderhoef student at Columbia. Warren at Headquarters A.A.F. also Wilcox. Super-saturation in goats reached when Woodward rooms with Gillem in Washington. Wynne at Bolling Field. Townsend in G-1 Section, A.G.F. Turner at Okinawa. Tyler with 88th Infantry Div. in E.T.O. Walters is an instructor at C.&G.S. Warren at Headquarters A.A.F. and Wermuth at Headquarters A.G.F. along with Wetherill. Webster visited West Point while on leave from E.T.O. Wetzel is in Training Division A.C./A.S.-3 (whatever that is). Wilderman at Headquarters V Corps Artillery at Fort Jackson. Lanny Witt at Yale for Orient course. Yates transferred to Infantry from C.A.C. Yeager at Woodrow Wilson General Hospital, Staunton, Virginia. Zahrobsky with Airborne Division at Bragg.

Following members of the class are stationed at U.S.M.A. Moore, Dixon, Roedy, Stella, Legere, Applegate, Barry, Devlin, Kramer, O'Bryan, McFarland, Orman, Carnahan, Pillsbury, Spengler, Downey, Prann, Dice, Wilson, Tuck, Symroski, Humphrey who was incidentally O.C. of the Army basketball team which recently took Navy, Strong and Brosseau.

If I have erred in the above I am sorry, if the information is old, abject apologies, but let me have some

new stuff so I can really get up to date by the July issue of *Assembly*.

Sincerely,

—Hank Brewerton.

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Harris, C. K.
Healy, J. G.
Hershenow, W. J., Jr.
Kramer, R. S.
Laudani, A. A.
Lee, L. C.
Maynard, C. O.
Michel, J. F.
Moore, G. B.
Niles, G.
Puray, W. A.
Rowny, E. L.
Samz, R. W.
Stainback, F. P., Jr.
Stainaker, J. W.
Stanford, F. C.
Stillson, G. H.
Ward, T. N.
Weidner, J. J.

New arrivals at West Point: Harrington, Cochrane, Jim Stigers, Ed Kissel, Earl V. Brown, Phil Seneff, Jack Kelsey, Taxi Knowlton, Gregg McKee, Biz Moore, Chuck Cannon, Dave Woods, Ben Mayo, Jack Camp, and George McIntyre. Kelsey at M.I.T. and Woods at Columbia getting educated. Elmer Yates, Pete Crow and Lew Elder are at Leavenworth where Harry Harvey is an instructor. Also being educated is Sandy Matheson; getting his Master's Degree at University of Pittsburgh. Chuck Roton is at Fort Sam Houston, Tidmarsh and Skowronek are at Ft. Knox, Billy Mitchel can be found at San Antonio, Guy Goddard on the move to Ft. Lewis, Washington. Bruce Edgerton is in Frankfurt, Germany. Address; F.I. A.T., U.S.F.E.T., A.P.O. 757. Congratulations to Joe Silk in Dayton, Ohio, on his marriage to Jenny Boyle. Boswell is now at Gen. Depot No. 3, Calcutta, India.

Down in Washington: Spoo Maynard is writing history, he's with the historical section, M.I.S. Fred Stanford has a job working directly under the big wheels, he's married to Jean Porter whom he met at Leavenworth. Burnside Huffman is with G-1, Ted deSaussure is Aide to General Devers. Felchlin is with A.G.F. and Cliff Cole is with G-1, Air Forces. Wire Coakley is Public Relations Officer to Manhattan Engineering District in Washington.

Congratulations to Jack Norton on his coming marriage to Cheaney McNabb. Jim King going to Uruguay as Asst. Military Attache. Windy Knowles on way to Brazil. Spec Powell's engagement to Celia Pez announced; will marry in spring. Lee, J. C. H. married to Patricia Schapert; Shadday married to Eva Jeannette Sowell; Van Hoy father to a boy, John Webb Van Hoy, III. Our congratulations to all of you.

In the Pacific: Frank Linnell going to I Corps under Barney Woodruff's father, where he'll join Paul C. Day and Bernie Schultz. Woody Garrett in Kyoto, Japan, awaiting orders to

11th Airborne Division. *Bucky Miller* at A.F.P.A.C., *Harry Besancon* with G.H.Q. in Tokyo, *Mal Troup* in same area. *Gibby Niles* with 40 months in the Pacific now seeing the Chaplain almost every day. *Tom Cleary* also with A.F.P.A.C. *John Manley* has an M.P. Bn. in Kyoto. Don't forget this June will mark the five year point and if you get the chance drop around to the "Point". There are thirty-four of us here at present who would appreciate any news to be placed in this column.

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The number of classmates here at U.S.M.A. has increased rapidly during January and February to reach a new total of 29; we are now one of the strongest classes here. In the Dept. of Tactics is Lt. Col. *Hinkle*, Capt. *Finney* and Maj. *Ray Murphy*. Teaching Military Bridges is Maj. *Rosell* in the Dept. of Military Art and Engineering. Maj. *Michel* and *Sheffey* operate in the Dept. of M.T.&G. (Drawing). Capt. *Hanst* teaches Frog while Maj. *Garvin* teaches Kraut in the Dept. of Modern Languages. Capt. *Cutler* and Lt. Col. *Obenchain* are in Electricity, while Maj. *Hamerly* is in Chemistry. Maj. *Cerar* is our sole representative in Physics, whereas Maj. *Beeson*, *John Baker* and *Hozier* are all in Mechanics. Captain *Uhler* is the new Post Finance Officer. We are well fortified in the Math Dept. with Capt. *Bart*, *Yeilding* and *Morgan*, Maj. *Hewitt* and *Omans*. An expansive program in the Dept. of English brought in Capt. *Hardaway*, *Ogden*, *Mizell* and *Jack Adams*, Maj. *Wilder* and *Woodward*, Lt. Col. *Moody* and *Stapleton*; all of them are taking a course at Columbia University until June. *Ken* and *Barbara Hanst* just got a baby girl 16 Feb. named Susan Elliott Hanst. *Michel's* twin boys have been named *Joseph* and *Patrick*. The *Hewitt's*, *Cerar's*, *Hinkle's*, *Moody's* and *Morgan's* are all "expecting" seconds, while the *Garvin's* are expecting their first, all between now and June. Capt. *Dick Wise* was relieved from active duty and went home to Ohio at the end of Dec.; he expects to go to Venezuela with an oil company. I will cover those not stationed at USMAY in alphabetical order.

Lt. *Larry Adams* last reported with an Air Transport Gp. in the Pacific, Maj. *Aileo* still in Italy, and Mr. *Alfaro* is still with the Alfaro Brothers fruit export company, Panama City, Panama. Think Capt. *Allen* has returned to U.S. from Pacific; Maj. *Allin* at Camp Breckenridge, Ky. Maj. *Anderson* still at Westover Field, Mass., while Capt. *Arms* is a Tactics Instructor at Ft. Benning. Lt. Col. *Atwood* is still the Div. Sig. Officer with 11th A./B. Div. *John M. Baker* deceased. Maj. *Ballard* somewhere in U.S. probably. Out at Cal. Tech. Maj. *Jack Barnes* is taking a course in jet propulsion. Also in Calif. is Maj. *Rog Barnes*, C.O. of 220 Armd. Engr. Bn. at Camp Cooke; Maj. *Bartholomees* still with 98th Div. in Pacific. Capt. *Baxter* just finished C.&G.S. School in

Feb. *Charles A. Beaucond, Jr.*, deceased. Maj. *Beers* with A.C./A.S.-4 in Wash. *Joseph Bell* and *Henry C. Benitez* deceased. Maj. *Berman*, recently married, now at March Field, Calif. *Charles Berra*, *James W. Bigbee* and *Leon Bilstin* deceased. Maj. *Blaha* at Mitchel Field, L. I. *Blair's* address still unreported. Capt. *Blissenbach* now at C.&G.S. *Jack L. Bogusch* and *Wayne N. Bolefahr* deceased. Capt. *Bolton* finished C.&G.S. in Feb. Maj. *Bonasso* with Hq. U.S.F.E.T. in E.T.O. Capt. *Boone* still on Saipan at last report, and Capt. *Bortell* now at C.&G.S. Capt. *Braden* believed to have returned to U.S. from Saipan, but present whereabouts not reported. Lt. *Brandon* still in E.T.O.; Capt. *Brice* retired at end of Jan. Capt. *Bringham* finished C.&G.S. in Feb. *Carey H. Brown, Jr.*, deceased. Maj. *Brugh* last reported with 81st Div. in Pacific. Maj. *Buchanan* finished C.&G.S. in Feb. Maj. *Buck* returned to U.S. from Italy, but present location unknown. *James E. Buckley* deceased. Maj. *Burke* married a Long Island girl last Autumn, and was still at Suffolk Army Air Field, L. I., at last report. Maj. *Burris* at Mitchel Field, L. I. *Austin P. Byrne* deceased. Capt. *Gage* now at C.&G.S. School. Lt. *Cannon* at Camp Bowie, Texas, with 4th Army Hq. Capt. *Carpenter* believed in Philippines or West Pacific. Capt. *Caruthers* last heard from in E.T.O. *James M. Caviness, Jr.*, deceased. Maj. *Charbonneau* in W.D.G.S., O.P.D., Wash. *Keith G. Chatfield* deceased; Capt. *Dave Claggett* last reported at Woodrow Wilson Gen. Hosp., Staunton, Va. Capt. *Bob Claggett* at Ft. Benning, Ga., and Capt. *Possum Claggett* at an air base in S.C. Maj. *Clapp* in Wash. *Richard R. Clark* deceased and *William B. Clark* missing in action. Maj. *Frank Clark*, in G-3 Sect. of U.S.F.E.T., recently married to Gen. Casey's daughter in Berlin, while his brother *Lu Clay* is still with a light bomber Gp. in Germany. Lt. *Clementson* in the engineering div. at Wright Field. Capt. *Coates* now at C.&G.S. Maj. *Cobb*, still with a bomber group in E.T.O., is reported to have wed a Belgian girl. Capt. *James K. Cockrell* with A.S.F. Intelligence in Wash. Capt. *John C. Cockrill* in 4th Army Hq., Arty. Sect., at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas; Maj. *Coleman* in Office of Chief of Staff in Wash. Lt. *Colladay* still in Italy. Capt. *Connolly* in G-3 Sect. of U.S.F.E.T.; Capt. *Cooperhouse* now at C.&G.S. School; Lt. *Corcoran* last reported at Orlando, Fla.; Maj. *Corley* was on orders to C.&G.S. School but didn't show up in Feb. *Philip M. Costain* deceased. Capt. *Craig* still in Italy; Lt. *Crary* somewhere in Pacific; Lt. Col. *Crittenberger* in E.T.O.; Capt. *Crosson* with Hq. of U.S. Group Control Commission in Berlin; Lt. Col. *Crowley* in G-3 Sect. of 1st Army Hq. at Ft. Bragg, N. C.; Maj. *Cumpston* in M.I.S. in Wash.

John O. S. Damron deceased. Capt. *Davies* with 88th Div. in Italy. Maj. *Davis* with A.G.F. Board No. 2, Fort Knox, Ky. Lt. Col. *Deane* with Hq. U.S.F.E.T. in E.T.O.; Capt. *Deffke* at Mitchel Field, L. I. Maj. *Dillon* in A.A.F. Mil. Personnel Sect. in Wash. Maj. *Dilworth* in G-3 Sect. of U.S. F.E.T. Capt. *Diners* with Inf. Board at Ft. Benning. Capt. *Doyle* still sta-

tioned in India with a Sig. Bn; Maj. *Duffie's* whereabouts questionable at present; he was credited with three planes destroyed in the air and ten on the ground; got D.F.C. and Silver Star. *Kenneth E. Dyson* died from wounds received in action over Formosa. *Thaddeus F. Dziuban* deceased. Maj. *Eckert* returned to U.S. from Pacific; present whereabouts unknown. *William H. Edwards* deceased. Maj. *Eisenschmidt* with a Sig. Corps Unit at University of Minnesota. Lt. *Ellis* with a Fighter Gp. in China. Capt. *Ely's* present location unknown. *Charles C. Ettesen* and *Byron A. Evans* deceased. Maj. *Bob Evans* in Engineering School at Wright Field. *Thomas F. Farrell, Jr.*, deceased; Capt. *Fender* at Army Air Field at Greenville, S. C.; *Robert S. Ferguson* deceased; Capt. *Chas. Fergusson*, who is with 2nd Cav. Brig. in Tokyo invites everyone to drop in for a visit. Capt. *Field* finished C.&G.S. in Feb.; Capt. *Fishburne* last reported with B-29's on Saipan, but rumored to be back in the States; Capt. *Fisken* home from Iwo Jima on leave in Feb. and March; Capt. *Flanagan* still in Valley Forge Gen. Hosp., Phoenixville, Pa., and will probably be retired; Capt. *Flor Cruz*, after temp. duty at U.S. M.A., then Annapolis, then Columbia University, should be back in Manila where he will help re-establish the Philippine Military Academy; *John C. Ford* deceased. Lt. *Bill Ford* with T.D. Bn. in E.T.O.; Maj. *Foster* last reported with 5th Armd. Div. in E.T.O., but may now be in U.S.; Capt. *Frank* at Mitchel Field, L. I.; *Frawley's* whereabouts unreported. Maj. *Fritz* now commanding the Panay Island Area Command in the Philippines; Capt. *Furey* came back to U.S. with 82nd A./B. Div. and is now at Fort Bragg.

Thomas T. Galloway deceased; Lt. Col. *Garland* believed to be somewhere in U.S.; Capt. *Gaspard* in Flight Test Sect. at Wright Field; Maj. *Gatchell* still with 78th Div. in Germany; *Miles A. Gayle* deceased; Capt. *Geiger* believed in U.S.; Capt. *George* with T.D. Gp. at Ft. Jackson, S. C.; Major *Gernert*, with Deputy Chief of Staff at Washington; *Samuel A. Gibson, Jr.*, and *John E. Gimpertling* deceased; *Charles B. Gracey, Jr.*, missing in action. Capt. *Grant's* location unknown; Capt. *Grieco* in Wash. with Office of U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff. *Walter F. Griffin* deceased. Capt. *Grimshaw* with Office of Joint Chiefs of Staff in Wash.; *John W. Guckeyson* deceased. Maj. *Gustaves* finished C.&G.S. in Feb. and recently stopped by here for a visit just before returning to U.S.S.T.A.F. Hq. in Europe.

Capt. *Halpin* may be back in U.S.; Capt. *Halsell* in Research Dept. of A.S.F. in Wash.; Maj. *Hamilton* in G-1 Sect. in Wash.; Maj. *Hanley* in Advance Hq. of U.S.A.S.T.A.F. in Pacific; Maj. *Harmeling* is Adjutant of Office of U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff; Maj. *Harrell* in A./C. A.S.-3 Sect. in Wash. Lt. Col. *Hayes* ("Cardinal") was in U.S. on leave last Dec.; now believed back in Germany; Maj. *Sam Hays* last reported with 94th Div. in E.T.O., but probably somewhere else now; Capt. *Heard*, still recovering from jeep ac-

cident in E.T.O., is now at C.&G.S. *Carl Helmsstetter, Jr.*, deceased. Capt. *Joe Hennessee* with Inf. Bn. Hq. in 89th Div.; Maj. *Dick Hennessy* in P.&T. Sect. of A.G.F., Wash., D.C.; Capt. *Henton* finished C.&G.S. in Feb.; Maj. *Hesselbacher* is in Research Dept. of A.S.F. in Wash.; Capt. *Ben Hill* permanently stationed at Coast Arty. School, Fort Monroe, Va.; Capt. *Charlie Hill's* location unknown; Maj. *Yates Hill* in Sig. Sect., Hq. 9th U.S. Air Force, E.T.O.; Maj. *Hinckley* in Hq. of Air Transport Comd. in Wash.; Maj. *Holdredge* at March Field, Calif.; *Philip E. Horan, Jr.*, deceased. Capt. *Horridge* in Office of Chief of Staff in Wash.; Maj. *Hottenroth* with Engr. Avn. Bn. in Pacific; Capt. *Howe* with Air Serv. Sqdn. in Pacific; Capt. *Howell* now at C.&G.S.; Lt. Col. *G. D. Hughes* in A.C./A.S.-2 in Wash.; Capt. *Bill Hughes* ("Superman") is in U.S. F.E.T. Hq. in Europe; Maj. *Hunter* in F.A. Bn. with 98th Div. in Pacific; Maj. *Wes Hyde* returned to U.S. last summer and married Margaret B. Gillespie of Knoxville, Tenn.; present location unknown; Capt. *Doc Hyde* still in Valley Forge Gen. Hosp., Phoenixville, Pa.; Capt. *Iuliucci* last reported as Asst. S-3 of a Post Hq. in Alaska; Maj. *Ivey* reported with the San Antonio Recruiting Dist. at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, but this is not verified. Maj. *Jackson* is at Lawson Field Hq., Fort Benning. Maj. *Jaynes* at Wright Field; Capt. *Johnson* in Arty Sect. of 7th Corps Hq., Presidio of Monterey, Calif.; Lt. *Lee Jones* in A.A. Gun Btry in E.T.O.; Capt. *U. G. Jones* in G-3 Sect. of 32nd Inf. Div. in Pacific. Capt. *Jordan* with A.A. Btry in E.T.O.; Capt. *Josendale's* resignation effective 30 March; Capt. *Josephson* with 28th Inf. Div. at Camp Shelby, Miss., in G-3 Air Sect.; Lt. *Kates* with Inf. in Italy; Maj. *Kennedy* in Hq. of U.S.F.E.T.; Maj. *King* still at England Gen. Hosp., Atlantic City, N. J. A recent promotion to Lt. Col. for *Koitsch* in the Engr. Sect. of 8th Army Hq. in the Pacific; Lt. Col. *Koster* with 4th Inf. Div. at San Luis Obispo, Calif. *Henry P. Kozlowski* deceased. Maj. *Kraft* in 15th Cav. Gp. Hq. in E.T.O.; Maj. *Krueger* last reported with Base Sect. Engineers at Marseilles, France.

Lt. Col. *Ladd* finished C.&G.S. School in Feb.; Maj. *Lahm*, with U.S. Military Ground Mission at Quito, Ecuador, announces a son, Frank Purdy Lahm II, born in Jan.; Maj. *Lambert*, married at U.S.M.A. in Feb., now at C.&G.S. School; *Thomas H. Lauer* deceased and *Horace A. Lawler* missing in action. Maj. *Leavey* with 1263 Engr. Combat Bn. in E.T.O.; *John W. Leonard* deceased. Maj. *Lewis* and Lt. Col. *Low* in Mil. Intelligence Serv. in Wash. *William F. Loughman, Jr.*, deceased. Capt. *Lumpkin* in G-4 Sect. of 11th A./B. Div.; Maj. *McAdam* in 314th Bomb. Wing Hq. in Marianas; Maj. *McCarthy* with A.C./A.S.-2 in Wash. *John L. McKee, Jr.*, deceased. Capt. *McLellan* unreported in more than a year; Lt. *McMaster* with F.A. Gp. in 5th Army in E.T.O.; *John M. McMurray* deceased. Maj. *Maffry* in O.P.D. in Wash.; Maj. *Manierre*, recently married, now with M.I.S. in Wash., has submitted his resignation. Maj. *Marks* with Test Sect. of Inf. Board at Ft. Benning;

Maj. *Marshall* with Air Base Unit at Orlando, Fla.; Lt. Col. *Martell*, who commands 1332nd Engr. C.S. Regt. in Manila wants a competent replacement so he can return to the U.S.; Maj. *Martinez* in F.A. Bn. of 6th Div. in Pacific; Capt. *Master* with an A.A. S.P. Auto Weapons Bn. in E.T.O.; Maj. *Mattina* came home from C.B.I. on leave, and passed through U.S.M.A. Lt. Col. *Maupin* with A.C./A.S.-3 in Wash.; Capt. *May* an administration instructor at Ft. Benning; Maj. *Jess Miles's* location unknown at present; Lt. *Dick Miles*, recently transferred from Inf. to Ord., is taking a course in rockets at Cal. Tech. Capt. *Miller* believed returned to U.S. from Saipan. *John R. Moran* deceased. Capt. *Morey's* whereabouts unknown since he completed C.&G.S. School in Feb.; Capt. *Munns* with A.C./A.S.-2 in Wash.; Capt. *Murray* in P.A. Div., G-3 Sect. of A.F.W.E.S.P.A.C. Hq. in Pacific; Maj. *Newman* on temp. duty in Wash.; Maj. *Nickodem* believed returned to U.S. from Pacific. *Thomas A. Norwood* deceased. Maj. *Offley* finished C.&G.S. in Feb., but is rumored to be in Ft. Leavenworth Hosp. with appendicitis. Maj. *O'Neal* in the Sig. Sect. of A.G.F. Hq. in Wash.; Maj. *Orme's* location not reported; Lt. *Otis* last reported from Lovell Gen. Hosp. at Fort Devens, Mass.; Maj. *Palfrey*, recently married, hasn't reported in since his release from prison camp. *August D. Parker, Jr.*, deceased. Maj. *Pasciak* commands the 98th Sig. Bn. in Japan; *Alexander M. Patch, III*, deceased; his 2½ year old son, A. M. Patch, IV died 12 Feb. and was buried at U.S.M.A.; our class sent a wreath for the funeral. Maj. *Peck* unreported in the past six months. *Timothy A. Pedley, III*, deceased and *Walter H. Peirce* missing in action. Capt. *Pendergrast* finished C.&G.S. School in Feb.; Maj. *Pezda* somewhere in U.S.; Capt. *Piott* with 315th Bomb. Wing Hq. in Marianas; *Louis Polcari* and *Jack W. Pryor* deceased.

Lt. *Ragland* with Sig. Serv. Bn. in Antilles Dept.; Maj. *Rawls* last reported in Germany with Engr. Combat Bn.; Lt. *Ray* still at England Gen. Hosp., Atlantic City, N. J.; Maj. *Raymond* with Engr. Sect. of Inf. School at Ft. Benning; Maj. *Redlinger* and *Rehkopf* with Hq. U.S.F.E.T. in E.T.O. *Ollie W. Reed, Jr.*, deceased. Maj. *Johnny Reid* in O.P.D. in Wash.; Maj. *Reinbold* with 4th Air Force Hq. at San Francisco; Capt. *Reinert* last reported at Camp Ritchie, Md.; Maj. *Retzer* with A.C./A.S.-3 in Wash.; Lt. Col. *Rew* at Army Air Field, Dover, Dela.; Capt. *Rice* with 4th Sig. Bn. in E.T.O.; Capt. *Rickman* finished C.&G.S. School in Feb.; Capt. *Riedel's* present location unknown; Capt. *Rienzi* at Ft. Monmouth, N. J. *Galen P. Robbins* deceased. Capt. *Robbs* in A-3 Sect. of U.S.A.F.E. Hq. in E.T.O.; Maj. *Roberts* finished C.&G.S. School in Feb.; Maj. *Robinson*, at Randolph Field, Texas, was expecting an increase in his family in Jan. Lt. Col. *Roecker* now at C.&G.S.; Capt. *Rogers* believed to be somewhere in Pacific; Maj. *Rose* somewhere in U.S.; Maj. *Rowland* at the Engineering School at Wright Field;

Maj. *Rubenstein* in Dept. of Research and Training Publications at Engr. School, Ft. Belvoir, Va. *Glenn W. Russell* deceased. Capt. *Pete Russell* in G-3 Sect. of 1st Armd. Div. in E.T.O.; Capt. *Rog Russell* is Ass't. Military Attaché in Buenos Aires; Capt. *Ryan* is taking a course in aeronautical engineering at M.I.T. and recently spent a weekend at U.S.M.A.; Maj. *Ryder* believed to be in Germany; same for Maj. *Schmidt*. Capt. *Scofield's* location unknown but think U.S.; Capt. *Dick Scott* somewhere in U.S. *William R. Scott, Jr.*, deceased. Capt. *Scullen* in Information and Education Sect. of 9th Div. Hq. in Germany; Maj. *Seifert* now at C.&G.S.; Lt. Col. *Seip* is C.O. of F.A. Bn. in Japan; Maj. *Shedd's* whereabouts unknown; Lt. Col. *Shelton* was Sq. Comdr. of Fighters in E.T.O. at last report. *Clifford C. Sherman* deceased. Maj. *Johnny Short* in Zone Hq. of Military Police Comd. in Philippines; Maj. *Bob Short* somewhere in U.S.; Maj. *W. D. Short* with 78th Div. in Germany; Capt. *Shutrum* with 3rd Sig. Bn., last reported on Ie Shima, but probably now in Japan; Capt. *Sifford*, last reported at Wilmington, N. C., now believed overseas; Capt. *Simon* somewhere in U.S. *Radcliffe S. Simpson* deceased. Maj. *Sitterson* now at C.&G.S. School; Capt. *Slaton* finished C.&G.S. in Feb., and should now be back at Maxwell Field, Ala. *Frank C. Smiley, Jr.*, *Gene C. Smith* and *William F. Smith, Jr.*, deceased. Capt. *Roy Smith* last heard from at Santa Rosa, Calif. Air Field; Lt. Col. *Jerry Snow* finally got back with the Engineers after serving through Italian campaign as doughfoot, and received his promotion last Oct.; Maj. *Bill Snow* is at Wright Field; Capt. *Spilman* finished his parachute training in Dec. with the 11th A./B. Div. in Japan; Capt. *Standish* last reported with G-3 Sect. of 94th Div., present location unknown; Lt. Col. *Stann* is with 449th Bomb. Wing at Dalhart, Texas. *Altus G. Steadman* deceased. Maj. *Steinmetz* with 2nd Cav. Gp. Hq. in E.T.O.; Capt. *Dopey Stephens* was home on leave in Dec. but is now back with Provost Marshal Sect. of 3rd Army Hq. in Germany. Maj. *Gar Stevens* last reported his address with an amphibious tank Bn. in the Pacific; Maj. *Studer* with M.I.S. in Wash.

Lt. Col. *Tabb* is in Engr. Sect. of 7th Corps Hq. at Presidio of Monterey, Calif.; Capt. *Tarver* reported with an A.A. Auto Weapons Bn. at Zamboanga in Philippines. *Frederic H. S. Tate* deceased. Capt. *Tatsch* with Arty Sect. of 3rd Army Hq. in E.T.O.; Maj. *Terrel* with 4th T.D. Gp. at Ft. Jackson, S. C. Maj. *Terry* in Sig. Operations Gp. with A.F.W.E.S.P.A.C. at Manila; Capt. *A. Thompson* with Hq. Btry of F.A. Bn. in E.T.O. Maj. *Pat Thompson* now at C.&G.S., previously was Div. Sig. Officer of 33rd Div. in Pacific; Capt. *Timothy* finished C.&G.S. in Feb.; Maj. *Townsend* in Hq. of 9th Tank Bn. of 20th Armd. Div. at Camp Cooke, Calif. Capt. *Trainer* with Air Force Base Unit at Westover Field, Mass. Capt. *Tucker* believed somewhere in Pacific; Capt. *Ulsaker* finished C.&G.S. in Feb.; Maj. *Urrutia* somewhere in U.S.; Maj. *Vivian* in Pentagon Building in Wash., according to

old information; *Voegeli* now at C.&G.S., received his majority very recently; Maj. *Vogel* Exec. of 852nd Engr. Avn. Bn. in E.T.O.

Maj. *Wachendorf* Exec. of 1269 Engr. Combat Bn. in E.T.O. *Frank D. Waddell* and *Sam P. Wagner* deceased. Capt. *Walker* in Inf. Regt. Hq. with 96th Div. in Pacific. Capt. *Waller* taking course at M.I.T.; Capt. *Ward* at Stuttgart, Ark., Army Air Base; Capt. *Van Warren* in M.P. Hq. in Manila; Capt. *Bill Warren*, married to Long Island girl in Dec., is on committee supervising elections in Greece. Maj. *Watkin* with 239th Engr. Construction Bn. in Pacific. With a recent promotion, Maj. *Watson* is in G-2 Sect. in Wash. Capt. *Weeks* is Asst. Wire Officer of 4th Air Force Hq. in San Francisco; Capt. *Weigel* with base unit at Florence, S.C., Air Field; Capt. *Westenhoff* at Wright Field; Lt. Col. *Ernie White* reported at Mitchel Field but mail addressed to him there has been returned. Lt. Col. *Jim White* in N.D.D. Sect. of W.D. Special Staff in Wash.; Capt. *Frank Williams* in F.A. Bn. Hq. with 102nd Div. in E.T.O.; Capt. (Retd.) *Pat Williams* has executive job with a frozen foods concern with Hq. in N.Y.C. *Carter Williamson, Jr.* and *Robert E. Winkelmeyer* deceased. Capt. (Retd.) *Jim Wise* reported with Oklahoma State Highway Dept. *Albert O. Witte* and *Philip S. Wood, Jr.* deceased. Lt. Col. *Jim Wood* rumored to have resigned late in '45. *James S. Woolfolk* deceased. Capt. *Wright* with Engr. Combat Bn. in 6th Div. in Pacific. Capt. *Wyman* with 88th Div. Hq. in Italy; Maj. *Rtp Young* with Engr. Dist. in Wash. Lt. *Skip Young* on limited service in Calif., he reports a new daughter, *Barbara Cornelia*, born 22 Aug., '45. Maj. *Zimmerman* with Inf. Bn. Hq. of 78th Div. in E.T.O.

Unless you have a permanent job and address good for two years, please drop us a card at least once every three months to report on your location, job engaged in, and address. Anyhow, KEEP US POSTED, and we'll do the same for you.

—T. T. T.

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*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 11.

Barnes, J. W.
Behn, M. A.
Costello, E. M.
Franklin, V. A.
Farnsworth, F. H.
Kemp, H. E.
Kinney, G. B.
McKinney, J. A.
Oliver, T. K.
Roberts, J. E.
Scott, E. D., Jr.
Thompson, W. M.
Truex, R. J.
Wilson, J. M.
Wink, E. A., Jr.

Any members of the class coming to Washington either to play or to work contact *Hank Saylor*, at home, ORdway 5130 or at the office, A-3, Hq. A.A.F., Ext. 5132. Members of the class stationed in and about Washington are becoming pretty well organized. *Joe Gatewood* has been elected to supervise the entire social program. *Darric*

Richards was chosen to keep me informed of what's cookin'. Thanks to them I have a wealth of Washington poop to pass on to you. Majors *Darric Richards*, *Johnny Catlin* and *Bill Starnes* are with O.P.D., W.D.G.S. *Olle De Gruchy*, *Glenn Glasgow*, and *Jimmy Lane* are with C.A.F., Bolling Field. With A-1, Hq. A.A.F. are *Jim Bestervelt*, *Mort Carmack* and *Killer Kane*; A-2, *Joe Gatewood*, *Johnny Kerig*, *Bob Muldrov*, *Ed Sheley* and *Pat Stoll*. In A-3, *Terry Ellis*, *Roger Fisher*, *J. J. Jones*, *Ed McGough*, *Sonny Pitts*, *Hank Saylor*, *Don Thompson* and *Bob Whillow*; A-4, *B-Ball Harrington* and *Bill Pitts*.

Other Washingtonians are mentioned throughout the following notes.

Capt. *E. R. Ardery* 243rd Engr. Bn., A.P.O., P.M., N. Y. Capt. *E. E. Bennett* office A.C. of S., G-2, M.I.S., W.D. G.S., Washington. Capt. *E. J. Bielecki* Board, Ft. Belvoir, Va. Capt. *D. K. Blue* 361st Engr. Sp. Sr. Regt., A.P.O. 660, c/o P.M., San Francisco. Major *Roy Bowlin* home from Ger. and now with A-4, Hq. A.A.F., Washington, D. C. Majors *J. H. Buckner* and *H. G. Kolb* in Schweinfurt, Ger. with the 86th Fighter Grp. (A.P.O. 62, c/o P.M., N.Y.) *Buck* is a group C.O. and *Herb* is Exec. Capt. *R. B. Burlin* Hq. A.A.F. China Theatre, A.P.O. 879, c/o P.M., N. Y. C. Capt. *J. S. Changaris* home for awhile on T.D.Y. He is with the 78th Div. in Berlin. *Joe Conroy*, Mil. Tng. Div., Hq. A.S.F. *Paul Croonquist* was home on R.&R. *Jim Doyle*, Stat. Control, Hq. A.A.F., Washington. Major *E. B. (Ben) Edwards* (Hqtrs., 64th Fighter Wing, A.P.O. 62, c/o P.M., N. Y.) he's an Air Inspector for the 64th. Capt. *R. L. Evans* has retired to Casper, Wyo. *Dick* said he was going to start a Hunting & Fishing Lodge. Sounds good! Hope some of us can get out there sometime. Capt. *E. L. Faust* Hq. 1158th Engr. Grp., Ft. Jackson, S. C. Major *Bob Fishel* Oper. O. of the 406th Fighter Group in Nordholz, Ger. (A.P.O. 69). *Lowell Fisher* and wife have announced the birth of *Bruce Rudi Fisher* on Feb. 25th. Major *E. M. (Fluscheel) Flanagan* and wife visited W.P. recently. *Jack Gorman*, C.A.D., W.D.S.S., Washington. Capt. *A. B. Grace* 290th Engr. Bn., A.P.O. 758, c/o P.M., N.Y.C. Capt. *T. E. Griess* Hq. General Engr. District, A.P.O. 75, c/o P.M., San Francisco. Capt. *L. B. Harding* 220th Armd. Engr. Bn., Camp Cooke, Calif. Major *Johnny Hatch*, A.A.F. or W.D.G.S., Washington or Schweinfurt, Ger. *Mac Hatch*, G-3, W.D.G.S., Wash.

Capt. *Gregg Henry* writes that he and *Harry Pritchett* are home for awhile. *Hank's* leave address is 178 Conger Ave., Akron 3, Ohio. Major *R. G. Hillman* 805th Engr. Av. Bn., A.P.O. 902, c/o P.M., S. F. Major *W. W. Hogrefe*, 326th A./B. Engr. Bn. Gp. 472, c/o P.M., N.Y.C. Major *Bill Horde* is in a Fighter Group near Munich. *Jim Huddleston*, G-2, M.I.S., W.D.G.S. *Bill Hume* transferred to Wright Field. About to be married. Capt. *S. N. Karvick* Hq. VII Corps, Presidio. Capt. *Dimitre Kellogg* 1871st Engr. Arm. Bn., A.P.O. 75, c/o P. M., S.F. Capt. *A. L. (Iggly) Lane*, A-3 Section, XII T.A.C. (A.P.O. 62) at Bad Kissingen, Ger. Capt. *R. L. (Bob) Lawrence* on

returning from Italy married *Marjorie Jean Bernstein* in N.Y.C. on Feb. 3rd. Capt. *C. S. MacVeigh*, 1244th Engr. C. Grp., A.P.O. 403, c/o P.M., N.Y.C. *Britt May*, A.T.C., Washington. Capt. *John McClure*, 1884th Engr. Avn. Bn., A.P.O. 901, c/o P.M., San Francisco. Major *H. J. (Hank) Mazur*, Dover Field, Del. Has the Air Medal with 16 clusters and the D.F.C. with a cluster. Capt. *Stev Meyer* home from Frankfurt last January. Married *Jane Morss* at Elmira, N. Y. *Jim Moore*, office of Gen *Spaatz*, C.G., A.A.F. *Murry*, *Bestervelt*, *Bishop* and *King* are or were in the States. *Joe Nett*, Office, Chief Signal Officer, Hq. A.S.F., *John Nichel*, Office, Chief Sig. O. Capt. *George Rebh*, Manhattan District, Office Chief of Engrs. *Georgie* is continuously in on all types of new warfare. Capt. *J. R. Richardson*, on T.D.Y., R.&R. attached to 1857th S.U. Recp. Sta., Ft. Sam Houston. *Kilburn Roach*, A.-N. Staff College. Capt. *M. A. G. Robinson* visited W.P. recently. *Robbie* is going back to Stuttgart, Ger. and Hq. 31st A.A.A. Brigade. He writes that he and his wife were at Fort Bragg and saw Capt. *Connie Koerper*, *Jerry Cosgrove* and Major *Bob Kurtz*. Says *Connie* has a year old son. Both *Connie* and *Jerry* stationed at Bragg. *Bob*, who was shot down near Strasburg and was a P.W. for nine months, was on terminal leave and is being retired for physical disability. *Robbie* said that Capt. *R. A. Bertram* and Major *Vic Cherback* came back with him. *Bert* was at Rheims and should be at Paris now with the Theater Redeployment Section. *Robbie* included the fact that Major *Johnny Baer* was at a hospital in Straubing, Ger. with some thing that keeps him from having a drink for four months. Capt. *A. E. Saari*, IX Engr. Comd., 9th A.F., A.P.O. 126, c/o P.M., N.Y.C. Capt. *V. K. Sanders*, 308th Engr. Bn., A.P.O. 83, c/o P. M., N.Y.C. *Dick Schlosberg* transferred to U. of Pittsburgh for a year's course. Major *R. J. Smith*, Sqdn. C.O. on Guam. *Jack* and *Dorothy* had their second daughter, *Francine Vivian*, last October. Capt. *F. M. Smith*, 933rd Engr. Avn. Regt., A.P.O. 180, c/o P.M., S.F. *Stahle* has taken his R.A. examination. Major *W. J. Talbot*, 1st Engr. Bn., A.P.O. 1, N.Y. Capt. *J. J. Upchurch*, 325th Eng. Bn., A.P.O. 447, c/o P.M., N.Y.C. Capt. *F. B. Waters*, Hq. U.S.F.E.T. (Rear), A.P.O. 887, P.M., N.Y.C. *J. F. White*, 546th Eng. Pon. Bn. Co., A.P.O. 939, c/o P.M., S.F. Capt. *R. M. Wood*, Hq. Seventh Army, A.P.O. 758, N.Y.C. At Bad Tolz, Germany, Majors *DeWitt Armstrong*, *Hal Barber*, *Bob Marshall* and *Capt. J. R. Mitchell* were hosts to a class reunion. *Roberts* from Wiesbaden flew Majors *Chuck Alfano*, *McDermott* and *Goldenthal* from Frankfurt. Also at Frankfurt there are *Flatley*, *Greenberg*, *Lowry*, *Meyer*, *Peden*, *Shaw* and *Wade*. New instructors at W.P. now include Lt. Col. *Beeson*, Majors *Frankosky*, *T. D. Harrison*; Capt. *T. Q. Donaldson*, *Cutler*, *Willcox*.

Some of this news is quite out-dated, so if you're not where *Assembly* puts you, then it's up to you to put you in your place. Well, Time, Tide and *Assembly* wait for no man.

—Al F.

June, 1943

*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 11.

Arnold, W. B.
Brake, W. J.
Chandler, J. S.
Cole, H. C.
Cragg, E. T.
Fredericks, E. J.
Hancock, R. M.
Hughes, H. D.
Hunt, W. P.
Johnson, E. A.
Jones, C. M.
Linton, W. C.
Lockwood, H. N.
Renth, E. J.
Richmond, C. W.
Shiely, A. R.
Smith, E. F.
Smith, H.
Spieth, C.
Thomas, L. C.
Watson, L. M.
Wright, L. F.

First of all, gang, I want to thank you all for your cooperation in filling out and returning *Stukie's* and my poopsheet of 3 February. Thus far the response has been terrific. Some of you on the other side of the globe, however, still haven't answered! Also, I have a list of about fifty classmates whose whereabouts are unknown; consequently, if you know of anyone who did not receive a copy of the poopsheet tell him it was because his address was unknown but that he can send the poop: name, present military address, permanent home address, present rank, present duty or job, marital status, wife's name, children, and any remarks (future prospects, hot poop, etc.) to me prior to May 15th—my dead line for the roll call I'm working on. Furthermore, those of you who have already answered please let me know of any changes that might affect you between now and May 15th. For your information I have set up an index file—individual cards with all the latest pertinent information about each classmate recorded. Drop by any time and I'll be glad to haul out the file for you.

A great many of you have written in and asked for a consolidated list of our casualties since graduation. The following list is not complete, but it is a resumé of all names which I have been able to confirm to date. *Abbott, J. E.; Almond, E. M.; Beck, R. E.; Berry, R. N.; Boukamp, T.; Broderick, J. M.; Browning, J. E.; Chambers, B. B.; Cloudman, F. H.; Cramsie, W. E.; Crump, A. F.; Culbertson, R. S.; Davis, L.; Derouin, F. D.; Diron, A. C.; Earhart, J. W.; English, O. R.; Evers, W. E.; Field, F.; Foisey, R. C.; Fore, J. D.; Gaignat, C. T.; Gilles, R. J.; Hammel, J. W.; Hannish, B. C.; Harper, H. P.; Harter, M. L.; Hederstrom, P. A.; Hoffman, B. F.; Hammel, J. M.; Huddleston, J. M.; Hutchings, T. L.; Keynon, H. J.; Laudani, T. J.; Lutz, W. D.; McClure, D. DeF.; McGregor, J. M.; McNiel, J. R.; MacDonnell, L. R.; Mattfeldt, J. P.; Miracle, R. V.; Myrtetus, J. W.; Orr, R. E.; Purcell, R. J.; Reed, J. C.; Renzulli, R. J.; Richards, C. C.; Ritchie, S. B.; Rooney, R. J.; Smith, D. L.; Smith, J. W.; Stickney, R. C.; Susank, F. E.; Swank, L. E.; Swisshelm, J. J.; Teeter, R. J.; Walker, F. V.; Watkins, F. M.;*

Whalen, W. J.; Wickham, F. O.; Wieser, L. C.; Wilhelm, K. F.; Yeilding, H. G.; Yeuell, O. H. In addition, I have a list of those who are merely rumored; however, I will withhold it until I can confirm the names. By the way, if you know of any others positively confirmed let me know.

Charlie Pence married *Waring Wilson's* sister in Mexico in mid-March. Latest news about Charlie indicates that he will remain on permanent limited service as Superintendent, Arlington National Cemetery. Latest infiltration to these parts concern *Ace Parker* and *Jack K. McGregor*, who have boosted the *Stewart Field* complement to six; *Bill Greenwalt* who has joined the Infantry Detachment; *Hal Parfitt*, Engineer Detachment; *Doug Deal* and *Dick Shaefer*, Chemistry and Electricity; *Fergie Knowles*, *Christy Munch*, *Ralph Scott* and *Bill Herres*, English; and *Bud Bolling*, Modern Languages bringing the total on duty at *Usmay* to twenty-two.

Hal Aaron dropped by recently between trains. He's now instructing Counter Intelligence Agents at the C.I.C. Center, Baltimore. *Page Jackson*, home on T.D.Y., got married the 17th of February in Georgia. *Clark Baldwin* and *Bill Peak* are studying Russian at Columbia University for future Military Attache jobs in U.S.S.R. *Gabby Barrett* is leaving *Leavenworth* where he has been an instructor to go as an observer to the Atomic bomb test, Operation Crossroad. At *Leavenworth* taking the last of the short war courses are *Grady, Roger Ray, Bill Scott, Charlie Jones, John Kelly, and Walter Hutchins*. *Walter Beckett* is taking a course in Electrical Engineering at the University of Illinois. *Jane Boatner* writes that *Mark* should be eligible for T.D.Y. soon; he is still in Italy running a school for non-coms and clerks at the *Lido Study Center*. *Banker Bond* returned from E.T.O. in June, 1945, and has been instructing Gunnery at the A.A.A. School at Ft. Bliss. *Ernie Boruski* writes that he is enjoying life as a civilian in N.Y.C. His office is Room 901, Time and Life Building, Rockefeller Center. *Margie Bowley* is making plans to have *John* home on T.D.Y.; he's now in Istus, France. *Freeman Bowley* writes that roughly speaking our classmates are in three localities: overseas, West Point, or the Pentagon. From all accounts you can't run into less than ten classmates on any one trip to the Pentagon! *Jim Brice* is taking Liaison Pilot training at *Sheppard Field, Texas*, and then will take another course at Ft. Sill. He mentioned having had a stag party with *Johnny Brier, Junior Lloyd, and Rex Cocroft* recently at Carmel, California. *Johnny* is now a Liaison Officer on duty with the recruiting section VII Corps, Presidio of San Francisco. He reports *Clare Farley* is in the Engineering Section there and that *Rex Cocroft* is at A.G.F.R.D. No. 2 at Ft. Ord. *Tom Brown* is in Structures Section of Air Installations, Pentagon. He writes that *Jim Pugh* is now at Orlando, Florida. *Buzz Bucher* sent in quite a bit of news. He's now on T.D.Y. and expects to return to U.S. A.F.E. the end of March where are

the following: *Pat Hurley (A-5), Buck Coursey (A-2), Hank Rosness (A-2), Dick Stoddard (A-2), Dale Sweat (A-1), Shadrack Easley (A-3)* and *Deacon Childs (A-1)*—all in Wiesbaden. Quite a reunion! He further reports having seen *Harry Schroeder* and *John Cochran* recently in Frankfurt, Germany. *Dick McCord* got married last September and is now stationed at *MacDill Field, Florida*. *George Bugg* is a patient in *Northington General Hospital, Tuscaloosa, Alabama*, and would like to hear from some of you people. *Walt Burnette* is at *Mitchel Field with Jack Neuer and Lou Nesselbush*. Lou's second child, a daughter, was born Christmas Eve. *Bob Burrows* is Comm. Officer of Co. "D" 346th Engr. G.S. Regt. of Frankfurt, Germany. *Bob Campbell* just returned to *Friedberg, Germany—10th F.A. Bn.*—after T.D.Y. at home. With him in the 10th is *Ham Carter*. *Ben Cassidy* is C.O. of 87th Fighter Sqdrn. in *Linz, Austria*. *Dave Chase* is at present hospitalized at *Waltham Regional Hospital in Waltham, Massachusetts*, but hopes soon to return to Japan. *Bob Clark (D-2)* reports that *Bill Brierty* is Mr. Paul McNutt's personal pilot. Address him High Commissioner's Office, Manila, P.I., A.P.O. 75, San Francisco. *Dutch Ingwersen* is on Guam, and *Dave Chamberlain* is in China in charge of three E.M. and 45,000 Coolies building an air strip. *Harry Heintzelman* and *Nony Sparhawk* are at *Bolling Field*. *Johnny Cobb* just home from 18 months in E.T.O. with the 82nd Airborne Div. *Charlie Crane* is with the office of Military Government for Germany (U.S.). Other classmates with Charlie are *Stan Ott, Del Perkins, Dave Davenport, and Rog Conarty*. *Danny Cullinane* is Asst. S-3 of 3rd Regiment, Ft. Knox. *Jim Wade* is also at Knox on the A.G.F. Board No. 2. *Danny* also had some poop on *Willy Cover* who is at present with X Corps on *Okinawa*. He is reportedly engaged to a Lt. (J.G.) in the Waves. *Ted Tansey, Carl Wolff, Bill Ray, and Jim Glendenning* are at *Benning* taking the advanced course. *Bob Hanna* also at *Benning* as an instructor. Likewise at *Benning* in various other capacities are *J. C. Miller, Sam Jenkins, George Newman, Jim Greene, and Dick Orphan, Frank Saul, and Ed Curcru* are hospitalized at *Walter Reed, J. R. Thomas* is on Guam, and *L. C. Thomas* is in Germany with an Engineer Construction Battalion. *Vernon Turner* is at *Selfridge Field, Mich.* *Don Dargue* is at *Hq. 2nd Air Force*. With him are *Ernie Randall, Jammie Philpott, and Hank Richard*. *Joe Huau* expects to go to *Panama* about April 1. *Hal Dunwoody* is a patient in *N. D. Baker General Hospital in Martinsberry, West Virginia*. He thinks he'll be there for about 18 months so let's keep some letters going his way. *Tommy Fouk* reports that he and *Doc Hughes* are enjoying the restored family life in *Honolulu* now that wives have joined their husbands in *Hawaii*. *Helen Gingrich* says that *Hal* is out in the *Philippines* with *Jack Teague, Johnny Schatz, and Joe Bill Weyrick*. At *March Field* are *Bud Gorelangton,*

Robin Olds, Phil Eastman, Tom Love, and Lew Webster. Flash! The *Al Gullions* became parents of a bouncing boy on February 14th. *Rog Hilsman* plans to marry in June. *Felix Kalinski* is Sqdrn. C.O. of the 112th A.A.F. Bn., Grenier Field, Manchester, N. H.; *Bob McDowell* and *Warren Rogers* are in Control Division Hq. A.S.F., in Washington. *Bruce Koch* is going to the Engineer School at Belvoir. Another new dad is *Johnny Moses* — a daughter was born Feb. 3 at Camp Polk, Louisiana. *Bill Naylor, Ed Cutler,* and *Al Brown* are studying Japanese at Yale University. *Bob Neilson* plans to enter medical school in September. He is now attending Wake Forest College. *Robin Olds,* after steering the big rabble through another successful season is with *Ed Burdett* in P-80 jets at March Field. At Wright Field are *Stan Pace, Darc Schwartz, J. Wethe, Tom Oliver, Jim Fitz-Gerald, Hank Fletcher, Vince Gaudiani, Bob Hershberger, Sy Silvester,* and *Johnny Davis.* *Mary Potter* writes that *Wally* is at Ft. McKinley, P. I. and has seen *Art Van Schoick, Les Hardy, Howard Coffman, Bethell Edrington, Jim Betts, Harold Neill, Jug Young, Rosie Rumpf, Ed Cleary, Tony Grice, Bill Brierty* and *Jack Morris.* *Harry Reeder* is an instructor in the Intelligence School at Ft. Riley. *Cajun Pavy* is also an instructor; *Tom Essen* is a student there. *Rocky Rhoads* is in Shanghai, Engineer Office Hq. China Theater. *Hank Romanek* and *Archie Hill* are both in V Corps Hq. at Ft. Jackson, S. C. *George Thompson* wrote that *Harry Schroeder* and *Howie Wickert* are with him in Hq. Western Base Section, A.P.O. 513, N.Y. Nearby are *Ralph Young, Ed Blount,* and *Snuffy Rhea.* *Button Warburton* is at William and Mary College. *Bill Westbrook* is with the 73rd Wing at MacDill Field, Florida, with *Dick Sullivan, Nobby Oswald, Chuck Speith, Ken Smith,* and *Keith Whitaker.* On the matrimonial waiting list is *Hal Dunwoody* who will marry Miss Betty Hausheer of Jamestown, N. Y., this spring. Among the newly weds are *Ed Parks* who married Miss Patricia Grady, Jan. 7th in Stanford, Connecticut; *Gabby Ivan* who married Miss Ida Breckenridge of New Canton, Illinois; and *Bill DeBrocke* who married Miss Virginia Varnell of Chattanooga, Tennessee, at Ft. Oglethorpe, Georgia. Late report from *Evelyn Jones* relates that *Ralph* is on the Special Occupational Planning Board. His address is Hq. U.S.A.F.E. (Main), A.P.O. 757, N.Y. *Barney Lewis* is commanding the anti-tank Co. of the 20th Inf. in Southern Korea. Also stranded in Kwangju, Korea, is *Stanley Wilson* as Adjutant of the 33rd Military Government Company.

Those of you who asked me to change your address at the Association of Graduates may rest at ease. Also those who asked for specific addresses will receive them as soon as I can locate them. Most of us are trying to

find the same group of about fifty unknowns so I can't promise much.

As yet the June Week program hasn't been lined up but let's have a big turn out up here to pin our permanent First Lieutenant bars on one another!

Keep the poop rolling and we'll surely make a success of the new class card index, that is now well underway.

—B. deC.

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Aurand, H. S., Jr.
Boning, J.
Campbell, J. B.
Ingalls, R. D., Jr.
King, J. C.
Lisenby, J. T., Jr.
Mitchell, C. A., Jr.
Nelson, J. R.
O'Connor, J. H.
Patton, O. B.
Porter, F. B.
Simmons, J. M.
Tisdale, P.
Walters, W. H.
Wightman, W. E.
Withers, M. B.

Egad, what a temptation to start every column with "As you already know"—and you know how true that is! But some of this must be news to some of you.

Another point: If (which should read "when") you come across some erroneous poop, sit down and write to me about it. It isn't necessary to give out with a voluminous letter. Merely outline where you are doing what—the boniest skeleton will do. In fact, just a postcard with your name and address will be enough! My permanent address is 9510-106th Street, Ozone Park, Long Island, New York . . . need I say more? Those of you who have written and received my blessings for same, just skip reading the above paragraphs. Now he tells me.

Pappas is at the A.A. School, Fort Bliss, Texas, and will return to Hawaii on completion of the course. *John Carley* is a captain in the 60th Inf. Div., and *Jimmy Stewart* is Bn. Adj. in the 9th Inf. Div. . . *Frank Moore* has a Co. in the 47th Inf. Regt. . . *Shepherd* and *Bob Conant* are at 3rd Army Hqs. *T. E. Moore* is Ass't. S-4, 42nd Div., and *Harry Rogers* and *Jim Dunham* are also in the 42nd Div. . . *Fred die Smith* and *Steve Mulkey* are both captains in the 71st Div. . . *Charley Daniel* and *Phil Grant* are in the 9th Div. . . *Ed Samuel* is C.O. 9th Rcn. Troop, 9th Div. . . *Don Gruenther* is in Austria. . . *Bob Shannan* is with the War Crimes Commission in Munich. (All above are in Europe, chiefly Germany).

Tex Rodden has joined the 1346th Eng. Combat Bn. in Japan; *Lenny Sims* is at Hqs. of the 10th Army in Korea; *Chandler* went to Manila in January. *Dave Ott* is with G-2 U.S. F.E.T. in Frankfurt; *Jim White* is in the 1st Eng. Bn. in Germany, and *Ralph Holstein* is with G-4, U.S.F.E.T. *Joe Cutrona* is a captain with the visitor's bureau U.S.F.E.T., and *Molly Mollo* and *Bud Partridge* are also with the same organization. *Mac Williams, Jim Connell, Corby Truman, Carl Peterson,* and *Bob Flynn* are at the Hq. Command, U.S.F.E.T.

Buck Milam and *Willie Burr* are mainstays of the 508th Pcht. Regt. at Frankfurt. *Mickey McGuire, Doc Greaves, Harry Buzzett, Ralph Sciolla,* and *Rojo Aldrich* are all in Berlin.

Bob Samuel, Les Halstead, Tommy Flynn, Don Thompson, Becker, and *J. S. Sullivan* are at Hqs. of the 7th Army.

Dee Pettigrew (Captain), *Rod Lindell, Dan Wallis, Dick Ware,* and *Doug Kinnard* are with the 71st Div. in South Germany. *John Desmond,* and *Doug Gallez* are with the 3rd Div. in Germany. *G. B. Brown* is a Captain with U.S.F.E.T. in Frankfurt, and *John Eisenhower* is still with the 15th Army. *K. P. Pittz* (97th Div.), and *Jack Bruno* are in Japan. *Bob Pickens* has joined the 97th Bn. in Hawaii; *Betty* joined him in January.

Bob Routh is at Fort Bliss, Texas, until 3 June taking a research course in guided missiles. *Pappas* is with him and *George* sends out an S.O.S. to continue sending the previously requested poop to his wife's address: 124 E. 91st St., New York 28, N. Y. He is going to get out a poopsheet on the class every three months as soon as you help him get our class records straight.

The 2nd Div. is rumored to move from Camp Swift to Fort Lewis. That moves *Giles, Wessels,* and all that gang.

The Manila area had a small reunion the weekend before Christmas. *Di-Napoli* acted as host for the out-of-town visitors, and was sporting his newly won "tracks". *Andy Keller* and *Al Bethel*, who live practically next door to Nap, came in as did *Bill Spalding* and *Griff Callahan.* *Jack Irvine, Bill Fullilove, Dave Fitton,* and *Knobby Knoll* came down from Clark Field, Luzon. After a lot of running around they located *Bob Faas*, who was touring the islands with the Okinawa basketball team—they saw him in action in the first game of the final series for the Pacific Championships; he's still got his old flash. *Knoll* has a company and *Rog Hendrick* and *Jack Cushman* (in Japan) both have companies; *Jack* has his tracks.

Bob Kendall picked up jaundice in Manila and was sent to Fitzsimons Gen. Hosp. in Denver; then he got 30 days sick leave and married *Barbara Royce* on 5 January. *Bob* will go to Bliss by the end of March for re-

assignment. *Joe Hale* was best man and saw *Jack Wells* and wife in New York and *Joe Cutrona* and wife at West Point.

George Tuttle is in Vienna with the 222d Inf. of the 42nd Div., A.P.O. 411, N. Y.; he had a Co. during combat and after the war ended was made S-3 of the 1st Bn. in Vienna. *Donaldson* has a Co. near Salzburg. Also in the Vienna area are: *D. C. Rogers* (Div. S.S.O.); *Harper* (with a heavy weapons Co.); and *Douglas*, who just left for a 30 day leave to the States. Just about all of them are wearing the Bronze Star. Tuttle got a cluster to it. Here's a quote from Tuttle: "*T. E. Moore* is now in 42nd Div.; he got the silver star and croix de guerre for his work in the art'y when we cracked the Siegfried Line. He adjusted on the pill boxes my company hit when we jumped off. Some of the boys who joined our outfit from the 66th say that *Mahin* is up at U.S.F.E.T. historical section. Got a letter from *Carlson* who is out on Okinawa with an Engr. Bn."

Coots Mitchell, *Don Tripp*, and *Jerry Capka* are at Fort Bragg, N. C., with the 13th Airborne.

The biggest class reunion that has occurred since graduation (with the possible exception of the latest Notre Dame game) took place in January at Camp Kearns, Utah, where some of the men have been waiting for assignment. All the 120 twin-engine men were there except *Nolan*, *W. P. Anderson* (busted kneecap), *Burns* (frozen at Salina), *F. L. Smith*, and *Nelson* (A.T.C. in N. Africa). On top of that there were quite a few pea-shooters, all P-47 boys—*Sohn*, *Algermissen*, *Rhodes*, *Tanner*, *Edmunds*, *Ingalls*, *Royem*, *Chandler*, *Crowell*, and *Charlson*—a few others had already shipped out and were at Camp Stoneman near San Francisco. The B-24 boys who left for Japan were *Waldo Emerson*, *Johnny Williams*, and the A-26 boys who shipped: *Deakin*, *Blake*, *Lynn*, *Fowler*.

Elton Parker, *McAuliffe*, *Dorsey Schaper*, and *Jim Young* are taking a 16-week course in Signal Communications at Fort Sill after which they will return to their various divisions—*Schaper* and *McAuliffe* to the 2nd Div.; *Parker* to the 533rd Rocket F.A. Bn., Camp Hood, Texas; *Young* to the 20th Armored. *Desmond*, *Bob Smith*, and *Jackson* returned from Germany to take a refresher course at the Field Artillery School. Hope you noticed that we had a report that *Desmond* is in Germany too—what a man! *Shirey* and *Scott* (né Solomon) are at Camp Hood.

Geof Cheadle reports that he and *Buckley* are in charge of construction at Guam and will remain there permanently—hm maybe we could send them our blueprints and have a home made to order. It seems that the other men also stationed at Guam are on their way to Hawaii; *Bahls*, *Boning*, and *Bingham* are included in that group. *Bass Hanley*, *Lou Gamble*, *Gil Gilson*, and *George Davis* are out Okie way making like construction engineers, too.

Bryan Lceper got back from China in February and reports that Capt.

Hank Aurand is stationed in Shanghai. Leep is now at Oak Ridge, Tenn. *Wally* (P.O. Plenty) *Moore* is now at Guam or Midway. *Wally* informs us that *Clayton*, *Ed Murphy*, and *Glick* have married.

Hi Ely reports that *Jack Robinson*; *O'Donnell*; *Kirk Heiss*; *Roy Hoffman*; *Joe Losch* (the last three all in Ordinance); *Bill Stowell*, newly arrived and in G-2, and *Ely* in G-4 (both War Dept. Gen. Staff) are all stationed at the Pentagon. *Ely* arrived home in September and got his captaincy in November as a premature Christmas present.

Art Nelson was in Washington, D. C., for a week and departed as the Engineer Representative on a Military Mission to Honduras. *Hale* and *Maish* are at Fort Belvoir doing map work. *Bill Miller* was in D.C. after being behind Jap lines in China for three months doing intelligence work and rescuing downed American fliers.

Hal Beukema is on his way to Berlin; his wife awaits an heir shortly. *Beth Blanchard* expects *George* home for a 45 day leave from Bremen—should have arrived by now.

Allison has at least six more months of hospitalization—it has been a year so far; his left leg was paralyzed, but he now gets around well by wearing a brace.

Mike Nelson returned from four months duty as ass't. chief pilot, African Div., A.T.C. He ranged from London to Calcutta and Johannesburg, and managed to get back for the Navy game. He was assigned to Clovis, N. M., 4 Jan. but left 23 Feb. for Greensboro, N. C., for reassignment to E.T.O.

Doc Boutwell, *Tom Horie*, *Carl Anderson*, *Boning*, et al were over from Harvard A.A.F. to help *Foster Smith* slip the ring on the third finger, left hand of *Audrey Morris* of Kansas City on Thanksgiving Day in Lincoln, Nebraska. All the B-29 men except *Foster* got orders during the holidays to go to O.R.D. at Kearns, Utah.

Gynch Lynch is awaiting retirement at Fort Benning, Ga. *Don Carter* and *Oz Duttweiler* were in the 10th Mtn. Div. but are now at Camp Swift, Texas.

This is one of the best bits of news we have this issue. and it's a correction: *Al McCoy*'s son is a strapping boy of twenty-four pounds with three teeth at the age of eight months; "The Midget" is with his parents at Camp Swift, Texas.

Here's another cheerful piece: the way things are shaping up now *Nolan* won't bid farewell to Army Blue and don Civialian Gray. The medics seem to concur that he is now in perfect health.

Bill Bradley was married in December. *Strecker* married to Lt. Vera Nielsen of the 77th Field Hospital Unit on October 26 at Camp Lucky Strike near Paris. Both now have been

transferred to Frankfurt, Germany, where he is on the staff of European Hqs. They will remain on duty there for another year after which they hope to join their families in the States. *Joe Cutrona* married *Mary Grace Ryan* 7 December, in Washington, D. C. *Dave Silver* wed *Betty Jane Shuster*; he is now on leave from assignment in Frankfurt, Germany. *Bud Partridge* married *Sarah Overton* in early December; *Bud* is scheduled to return to Frankfurt. *Les Salzer* married in September in Pittsburgh, Pa. *Dick McPerson* married *Dorothy Keene* of Orlando, Florida on 19 September.

Ace Fuller and the Missus are making a face card. *Jean* and *Howie Tanner* expect a visit from the stork very soon.

Eileen and *Jack Combs*' junior was born July 24, 1945. *Bob Faas* and his wife have a son born 3 February; he's *Bob Junior*. *Er* and *Mary Mire* have a daughter, *Camille Marie*, born 10 January at Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Ala. Way back in March 13, 1945 *Dusty* and *Ruth Rhodes* were parents. Quote from Mrs. R.'s letter: "We call him *Duncan John Rhodes*—named him for *Dusty's* ex-wife, *Duncan Palmer*, who by the way, is somewhere flying peashooters." *Helene* and *Deane Crowell* have a daughter, *Malinda*, born 5 September. The *Charley Sampson's* daughter, *Sally Louise*, was born at West Point on 8 January. *Ruth* and *Dave Fitton* have a son named *David III* born August 15th. *Dave* is at Clark Field, Manila; *Ruth* and son hope to join him this spring. *Dot* and *Bill Fullilove* have a daughter, *Susan Kay*, born July 12th; *Bill* is also at Clark Field. *Lou Gamble* is collecting all bets; (since Feb. 11th) he and *Betty* have a *Louis George Gamble, Jr.*, and call him "Bill".

The next deadline is June 1st.

—*Marshall Nolan*.

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*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 11.

Braucher, E. P.
Briscoe, J. J.
Catts, P. H., Jr.
Dexter, G. E.
Farr, D. A., II
Johnson, J. H.
Lansing, P. L.
Lindsay, R. G.
Lozano, A. H.
Reynoldson, C. LeR.
Waddington, R. B.

Take heart 45er's, we have some news for you this issue but it is up to everyone to send in the info if we are to get this column up to date.

More marriages since graduation: *Jim Ruth* to *Margie Bitzer* of West Virginia, Sept. 9 at Rockville, Maryland; *Walt Gelini* to *Genie Joslin* of Pittsburgh, Oct. 21, at Pittsburgh; *DeWitt Nunn* to *Martha McPherson* of Scarborough, N. Y., October 16 at Scarborough; *Dick McConnell* to *Joyce O'Brien* of White Plains, N. Y., October 14 at White Plains; "Moe" *Wright* to *Gloria Hanson* of Logan, Utah, October 24 at Logan; *Bob Barr* to *Beatrice Rodden*

hausen of New York City, October 7 at New York; *Jim Root* to Mary Elizabeth Birks at Camp Beale, California; *Don Fowler* to Betty Jenkins, September 21 at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania; *Al Sheppard* to Betty Astridge of East Orange, N. J., October 14 at East Orange; *Bill Norris* to Virginia Stafford of Raleigh, N. C., October 14 at Raleigh; *Dick Kothrade* to Lois Osborne of Philadelphia, October 6, at Philadelphia; *Chuck Alder* to Harriet Grossman, October 6; *Don Wolf* to Evelyn Lagassa, October 16 at West Point; *John Kusewitt* to Shirlee Joseph; *Rus McGovern* to Nancy Ann Groton of Corning, N. Y., September 8 at Corning; *Bill Bess* to Patricia Kelly of Needles, California, September 6 at Needles; *Dave Higgins* to Margaret Lodge of Mountain Lakes, N. J., June 5 at Mountain Lakes; *Phil Lansing* to Elizabeth Bucher of White Plains, N. Y., June 6 at White Plains; *George Lunfest* to Lois Malnati of Boise, Idaho, November 4 at Denver, Colorado; *Lindsley Cummings* to Patricia Ryan Donan at Reno, Nevada, February 3, 1946.

Engagements: *George Casey* to Elaine Morton of Boston; *Lucian Truscott* to Anne Elizabeth Harloe of Washington, D. C.; *Carl Fischer* to Anita Guillot on June 28 at Fort Devens, Mass.

Following the news of those who stepped over the deep end comes word from our Class President, *Doug Kenna*, written in November. With regard to the race for the loving cup to be sent to the Class godchild, Doug says, "Applications for this pennant race are due January 1st (Hope this caught none of you napping), and will be sent to the Secretary, Association of Graduates, West Point, New York. The cup is now in his possession and will be given to the father of the first male child born after January 1st.

"Just prior to graduation the class tree was planted in front of the Officers' Club on the island between the Club and the tennis courts—drop by and take a look at it. It should be fully grown by the time you return!

"The voluntary contributions solicited by *Benson* and ably seconded by *Stanowicz*, pushed the class fund to upwards of \$2,000, which prophesies some rousing class reunions for the future. All suggestions for the use of this fund will be appreciated. Contrary to popular belief, none of this money was appropriated by the class officers to buy uniforms or automobiles.

"Here are assignments in the European Theater as far as known: Third Army, 1st Division: *Bennett, Boleyn, Carter, C. F., Coldren, DeKay, Fuqua, Heimerl, Holt, McChrystal, McGee, Muelhke, Pratt, Dolan, Garman, Garrett, Mallory.* 9th Division: *Burton, Chamberlain, Holcomb, Jagiello, Ladenson, Parr, Preston, Stetekluh, Stough, Tolar, Webster, Wilcox, Williams, R. C., Kohler, Linden, McAllister, Wakefield.* 4th Armored Division: *Ensboe, Farley, Hall, Kenna, Gorder, Newnan, Polak, Spann, Tomlinson, Tyler.* 467th A.A.A. (A.W.) Bn. *Campbell, R. W., Parker.* And in 482nd A.A.A. *Wagner.* 2nd Cav. Group:

McNaughton. 1st Army: *Vaughn, Berger, Farret, Dworshak, McCracken, Hayden, Ryan, Hero, McMurray, Wier, Monroe, Broughton, Walker, Hogan, Tobias, Pierce, Landis, VanHouten, Ferguson, Rogers, Smith, McDonald, Post, Burke, Bohn, Crane, Fye, MacIntire, McLendon.*

"All of you men out in the Pacific, all of you Engineers and other displaced and unlocated persons, hurry and get some information in so we may gather up old ties. E. D. K."

Now some news is quoted from *Garland Landrith* (E.T.O.):

"I saw *Higgins*, at Fort Jackson, S. C., along with *David U. Armstrong* and *Waldo L. Carbonell*, all of the Ordnance and all going to the E.T.O. *Wade Harvey Shafer, Ben G. Hussey, Warren Cobb*, and *Bob Loudermilch* of Ordnance are going to the Pacific. Also Infantry Paratroopers *George Adkisson, Jim Bowman, Louis Boettcher, John Wahl*, and *George Daoust* reported in at Fort Jackson as we left for Shanks. Assume they are going to the E.T.O. and the other paratroopers, *John F. Brown, Ted Halligan, Paul Nelson, Charles Curtis, Clark Campbell, Chuck Greer*, and *Don Nelson* are heading into the Pacific.

"Saw *Robert Waddington* in the lobby of the Astor, who gave me the names of *Jim Zeller, Bob Ziedner*, and *Tom Marriot* as the other Field Artillery Paratroopers."

A letter from *Cy Brown* gives the Theater assignments of the Signal Corps as follows:

"E.T.O.. *Adler, Brown, Lunney, Graham, Musgrove, Troxell, Marben, Gilbert, Fehrs, Lohn, Calder, Cookman, McFadden, Driscoll, Downing;* Pacific: *Cain, Calvert, Oppenheimer, Knight, Hanson, Herron, Ekberg, Daugherty, Winthrop, Powers, Leghorn, Michalak, Prentiss, Veltie, Glynn, Lansing, Boyd, Myron, Baldwin, Smith.*

"Signal Corps reported to the respective A.S.F.P.R.D.'s at Fort Jackson and Camp Beale November 17."

"Air Corps reports from Shaw Field, S. C. (P-40): *Rowland, Blessley, Breen, Carter, Estill, Evans, Ford, Gerald, King, Lilley, Marks, Minor, Morris, Russell, Simpson, Smart, Stickman, Storb, Matre, Warren, Wilcox, Williams, Knight, McCaddon, Protsman, Ray, Valpey, and Westervelt.*"

Landrith wrote with sad heart that the Engineers rode into the E.T.O. in the bottom hold of the U.S.A.T. *Sea Cat*, a vessel definitely not in the luxury liner class.

From scattered locations in the Pacific comes word from the boys of meetings with classmates. *C. S. Hamilton* (the Colonel) writes from Mindanao of locating *Pink Pinkey* with an Engineer Bn. near Manila; *Tom Dolan*, 14th A.A.A. Command, Luzon; *Dave Erlenkotter, John Bennet, Laird Wooley* with the 86th at Marikina, Luzon; *Nelson* with an Infantry Co. guarding Porak Airstrip, Luzon. With the 86th Task Force (Mindanao) *Kahlert, McKinnon, Limpus, Childress, Johnsrud, Myers*, and *Hamilton* with Baker Battery and *Eyster* commanding the Cavalry. *Chidlaw, Rhett, Gra-*

ham, all Engineers, were seen heading north through P. I.

Dick Armstrong is in a H.Q. at Koshi, Japan, as Special Service Officer. *Milt Stone, Aus Yerks, Hawk Wood*, and *Ted Adair* are there. We understand Aus and Alice are in the cup race.

From *Ernie Dentz* (Engineers) comes the story of a weekend in Manila with *Dick Hartline* (stationed on Bataan). They were just in time to say bon voyage to a bunch of Infantry boys loading up for Japan. The twosome joined with *Doc Hesse* who is stationed in Manila, *Pitzer* who is guarding Japs, and *Bealmear* with the Infantry on Corregidor, for a fine reunion.

The Blackhawk Division has its representatives of the Class of '45 in the persons of *Dale Mahan, J. D. Murphy, R. J. McCarrell, George Nelson, Harold Wolaver, Jim and Walt Root, Bob St. Onge, Don Rottan, Joe McDonough, Bob Mackinson, Bernie Johnsrud, Joe Woolley, John Kennedy, Pat Powers*, and *Gordon Shumard* are with the 86th. Pat and Bernie are in a 155 How. Bn. From a corner of Japan comes a cry from *George Casey*. Now assigned as an A.&R. Officer, *George* blew plenty of bucks into band instruments for his regiment and now expects to be shot at sunrise. Nearby *Chuck Curtis* is playing on the great 11th A.B. football team.

From the Infantry Replacement Depot near Manila, *Jim Shilstone* wrote of the epoch trip of the Infantry from Camp Beale to Manila. They traveled aboard a luxury liner with 200 Red Cross girls and nurses aboard. *George Benson* and *Joe Stanowicz* provided the rest of the entertainment. With a towel about his waist and a bonnet on his head, big Joe was shy Sunny Boy and Benny sang "Sunny Boy" as only he can. Supplementing the cast were *Flum, Hodges, Smith, Briscoe, Nusbaum*, and others.

From the replacement depot some of those assigned to the Eighth were: *Les Ayers, Bob Batson, Campbell, Casey, Elkey, Flum, Gatsis, Gillard, Gross, Hayes, Herman, Heilbronner, ImObersteg, Jernigan, Jones, Kochel, Kochli, Knudsen, Lombardo, Malony, McCunniff, Morris, Nacy, O'Brien, Salter, Saxby, Tierno, Van Cleve, Wichiep, Wittner, Donovan* and *Dubsky.*

To the Sixth are *John Wood, Shorty Harmon, Woody Carter*, and *Bill Wolfe*. To the 24th go *Jock McQuarrie, Spike Sprinkle* and *Pete Spragins*. *Bruce Barnard, Bill Inverse*, and *Zook* and *Jack Harmeling* are among the prospective fathers.

Lyle Edwards writes from Japan of seeing *Harry Findlay, J. K. Edwards*, and *Art Greene*, all of the T.D. School, but back in the Infantry. *John Forbes, Bill Glunz, Lum Edwards, Moose Hardy, R. L. Hillman*, and *Rolf Hinman*—seems that all the above are in school together.

Additional news of the Air Corps boys comes from La Sunta A.A.B., California, where the following are stationed: *McCance, D. J. Nelson, W. S. Wood, W. L. Wood, Pettie, Farrar, Fingar, Macur, Bruton, Jack Beezley, Lake, Heard, Dick Perez, Bill Ray-*

mond, Earl Thompson, Jack Crouch. Cliff Meyers is in Colorado Springs.

The field at La Sunta is closing, so all the boys are doing very little flying. Beezley is P.T. Officer, Lake is an Adjutant, Nelson is a T.A.C., Fingar works in classification, Perez and Raymond are Post Engineers, Farrar and Pettee are in the Legal Office. The rest of the boys are in processing—one hour of processing to seven hours of poker. All are hoping for shipping orders.

Daubert, John Fitzpatrick, Myers, Rolf Ford, McCance, Nelson and Fingar are all in the cup race. Jack Beezley and wife have an addition in their family—a young feller they have named Bruce Alan born February 4th.

Jim Summer was seen wandering around in the lobby of the Hotel Astor the night of February 2nd. Waiting for shipping orders along with Bobby Marlowe and others, they were spending a few free hours in New York.

At Geiger Field, Washington, attending Aviation Engineer School until December 22 were: Hanket, Hadzima, Hastie, Henderson, Kimbrough, Lott, McBride, McGuinness, Myers, Norris, Reirson, Harry Stewart, Wirries, Wolf and Worthington.

Chuck Reynoldson reports in for some Engineers in the P. I. Among them are: Bill Gardiner, Ernie Lane, Jim Dager, Walt Gelini, Ken Moore, Fred Jones, Larry Klima, Jack Rhett, Dick Chidlaw, Sleepy LaBoon, Gene Love, Ray Dietsche, Joe Hanlon, Oscar Portman, Jim Ruth, Shep Sheppard, Warren Stumpe, Marion Trotti, Bob Barr, Bates Burnell, Johnny Graham, Harvey Jones, Harry King, Dale Lochard, Bill Love, Manor Malbry, Jim Mueller, Bob Nelson—all planning for Tokyo or Okazaki. Doug Atkins, Dick Boberg, Dick Kothrade, are at Clark Field. Ray Eckstrom, Don Fowler, Ernie Hardin, John McCulloch, Vern Pinkey, Walt Slazak and Nile Soik are in Manila.

Ordnance heading through for Japan are Loudermilch, Shafer, Hussey, and Cobb.

Duplications of names noted in this column are the results of the rapid movements of our class. Now the boys are assigned to their permanent outfits and the situation should be as static as assignments in the Regulars ever are. You will note also that much of this material is almost ancient history. Let's get this column up to date—send information to the Association as often as you can.

This civilian is presently working with the National Broadcasting Company in New York City. If at any time you are passing through the big city be sure to give me a phone call.

—George Lenfest.

Harold F. (Hardrock) Hogan, Joe (Smoky Joe) Kovar, Richard W. Davis, Francis B. Kane, Bill R. Guth-

ric, and Pat Callahan are assigned to the 7th Infantry Regt., A.P.O. 3. Hogan is commanding A Company but is expecting a Captain in to take over soon. Dick Davis is 7th Inf. Provost Marshal and is now executive officer and Motor Officer of regimental headquarters company in Hersfeld. Joe Kovar is assigned to L Company and Kane to F Company, but both were down to the 7th Army Company Officers' School at Seckenheim for the two weeks session beginning 24 February. Guthrie assigned to H Company, just got back from school 23 February. Callahan is assigned to M Company and will soon get the call to go.

Ran into John L. Black at the Red Cross Goof-Off Inn. Black and Jim G. Christianson are assigned to the 10th F.A. Bn., headquarters at Friedberg. Jim Christianson is Executive Officer of Service Battery, (has been battalian S-2 and assistant S-3). He has already had one demolition job of destroying pillboxes—what, an erstwhile engineer misplaced in the F.A.? He, too, was in school for the 24 February session. Black has been in the session starting 10 February along with Harry Kelly of the 68th F.A. and Jim Morris. Black had gone to Stuttgart over the weekend and ran into Jim A. Munson of the 68th F.A. Bn., Andy Fovret and A. V. Rinearson of the 4th Tank Bn., Ed. N. Robinson and Ward Dworshak of the 1st Tank Bn., and R. L. Smith.

Met quite a few classmates at the officers' school in Seckenheim the 24th of February—Joe Kovar, Frank B. Kane, Ted H. McLendon, Cy J. Brown, Bruce O. McCracken, Bill G. Stewart, Jim Christianson, John C. Boleyn, and Dick E. McConnell. McLendon is in the 68th Armored F.A. Bn. and said that in a month his unit was due to move to Fulda to join the Constabulary there. Cy Brown is in the 65th but is stationed there at Bad Orb. Stan Calder is also in the 65th but is stationed at Seckenheim. McCracken is assigned to the 203rd A.A. up northwest of Kassel, and invites one and all up for a sizzling steak dinner. Bill Stewart is in A Co. of 16th Ar. Eng. Bn., still has his mustache. He has been demolishing part of the Siegfried line in true engineer style. McConnell along with George Bush is assigned to B Company of the 290th Eng. C., Bn., right outside of Heidelberg. George said that the 290th was going to be assigned to the 1120th Engr. Group which was going to move the first part of March close to Bamberg to be directly under the 3rd Army Engineers.

A communication from the adjutant of the Aviation Engineer School at Geiger Field, Washington, gives the following theaters and temporary addresses:

To the Pacific: John C. Hastie, Donald H. Henderson, William H. Nor-

riss, Harry T. Stewart, Fayette L. Worthington, Joseph G. Hadzima, William V. McGuinness, Otis C. Myers, Jr. Temporary address A.A.F., O.R.D., Kearns, Utah.

To the E.T.O.: Arch P. Kimbrough, Douglas A. Lott, Robert W. McBride, Robert K. Reirson, John H. Wirries, Jr., Donal J. Wolf. Temporary address A.A.F., O.R.D., Greensboro, N. C.

Heard that Bill K. Vaughn was assigned to 17th Cav. Recon. Group near Darmstadt. Also that Everett O. Post had already returned to the States to attend a special course at Benning. He'll be back though.

Perry Catts dropped in to stay all night back in January. He was on his way back from T.D.Y. with the C.R.E. up in the British zone.

The engineers going to the Pacific were rolling in with the U.S.S.S. Marine Corps due 30 November, according to a letter from Jim Ruth.

A letter from Boots Blesse to Jim Christianson gives some information about the fighter files originally sent to 3rd A.A.F.—including Bob Spragins, Blessey, Russ Taliaferro, Bob Lindsay, and Ramey.

From Dale Mabry Field in Tallahassee, Florida, they were transferred to Bart Field, Florida, to fly P-51's. However the field closed out before they got into P-51's and they were transferred to Hunter Field in Savannah, Georgia. Most of them received Administrative jobs, Boots' job being that of surveying the Field's water supply lines for the Post Engineer. Still no P-51's hours. Then came orders sending seven to A.A.F., O.R.D. at Kearns, Utah, i.e., the Pacific, and 19 to A.A.F., O.R.D. at Greensboro, N. C., i.e., Europe, to report on 2 January and with 19 days leave over Christmas and New Year's. Blesse, Spragins, Taliaferro, and Blessey stayed to do so for a few days of their leave in order to fly P-51's—the first to do so, they claim. Congratulations! Almost all got to see the Army-Navy football game too. Lucky Guys.

At Kearns, Utah, were Gervais (G-29), Bartz (P-51), Deakin (A-26) and Tanner from the class of '44 and Bob Lochry (A.T.-6), Tom Marks (P-47), Westervelt (P-47), Bill Moran (A.T.-6) and Ray Jones (A.T.-6) from the class of '45.

One wedding since the last issue is that of Hank Warren to Doreen Helsing on 27 December. How about sending in that announcement to the Association of Graduates when the big event occurs?

—Garland S. Landrith, Jr.



By Joe Cahill

APPARENTLY imbued with the spirit that "Repetition makes Reputation", Army athletes, despite tougher and more mature opposition, continue to win major championships in the customary manner of the past several seasons.

It is true our percentage fell off somewhat as compared to a year ago, but if you are so inclined, there is still much to gloat over. For instance, in addition to keeping the Admirals-to-be on the short end in five of seven forays, two of King Winter's principal trophies wended their way back to West Point following a harrowing winter of competition. I say "back" because Billy Cavanagh's ringmen have won the Edward J. Neil Memorial trophy, emblematic of the Intercollegiate Boxing Championship, for the fourth time since its inception in 1930. The same inference is intended in track as Leo Novak's runners and jumpers retained the IC4A Indoor diadem for the third successive year—a feat unprecedented in the history of intercollegiate track and field.

CAVANAGH'S CUFFERS

Setting up a ring on the main floor of the spacious South Gymnasium, Colonel Lawrence (Biff) Jones, G.M.A., had the 23rd Annual Intercollegiate Boxing Tournament staged at the United States Military Academy for the first time. The two-day tourney received a rousing reception from the Post personnel who taxed the 3,800 seating capacity to the limit for each of the three sessions. Auspiciously enough, Army won team honors hands down as the stout-hearted Cadets copped four straight titles from welterweight up through the light heavyweight division. Steve Conner, gallant captain of Cavanagh's Cuffers, launched the attack when he pounded out a decisive victory over Virginia's Charles Pomatto thereby defending his 145 pound crown for the second year. High ranking Amos Jordan, who wears the gold-braid of the first captain of the Corps, outclassed Dick Prussin, Syracuse entry, for his second straight 155 pound title. Locking step in the uninterrupted march to the team title was another defending champ, John Castle, who clinched the meet for Billy's Boys by taking a close one from Wilfred Raes of the Coast Guard Academy, in the 165 pound class. But the sweetest triumph of the tourney was produced by lean and lanky Harry Ball, captain-elect of the '46 contingent. Stepping into the squared circle against John Wright, the Coast Guard's heretofore invincible 175 pound champion and winner of the light heavy crown for the past two years, Cadet Ball fought his heavier opponent to a standstill in the first two rounds. In the third stanza, he lowered a

booming right on the Guardsman's jaw flooring him for the count of nine. Although the points which the victory brought were only instrumental in building up a more formidable margin, Ball won the plaudits of the crowd for his successful uphill bid. Our four titles brought a total of 20 points to Virginia's 16 in the runner-up spot. The defending Coast Guard team totalled 11, Syracuse 9 and Penn State 8.

Individual honors went to Milton Parlow, a stand-up fighter displaying unusual class and boxing skill for a heavyweight. He was awarded the I.B.A. trophy given annually to the boxer in the tournament who "best exemplifies the ideals, spirit and traditions of college boxing". There is no denying that the ex-Air Corps veteran and captain-elect of the Virginia Cavalier football team richly deserved the beautiful bronze statue. In his two encounters in the tourney, the lithe Southerner scored a clean knockout over Cadet Bobby Dobbs in a thrilling semi-final bout. He then went on to stop Leonard Lestig of Syracuse in the finals when the roly-poly up-Stater failed to come out for the third round.

THINCLADS WIN IC4A AGAIN!

Using the earlier Madison Square Garden invitation meets as warm-up ventures, the track and field team stormed the Intercollegiate meet en masse adding another important piece of bric-a-brac to our trophy room. Sweeping the 60 yard high hurdles, the thinclads conclusively decided the team championship with 53½ points to virtually "steal" the meet from the Violets of N.Y.U.

DeWitt Coulter, beefy Texan, scored his first important shotput title with a heave of 53 feet ¾ inch. Upsetting his teammate, Max Minor, in the 60-yard dash, Dick Newell blazed past the finish line with our third and final individual winner. Our thirteen point makers were more than adequate for team honors.

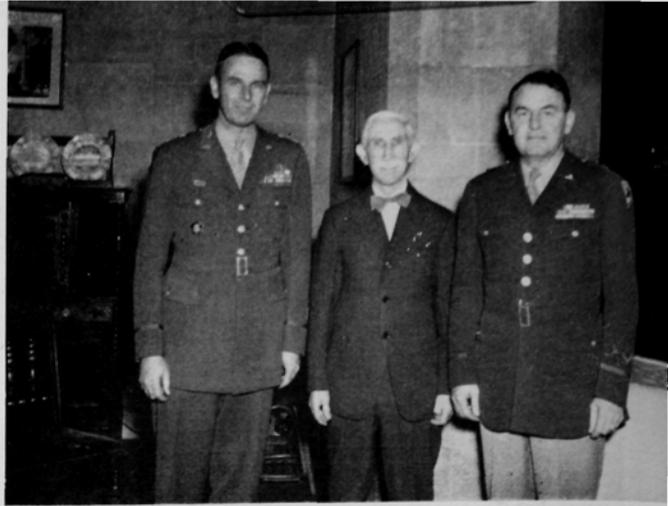
Featuring a pair of exhibitions by the season's best milers, Marcel Hansenne of France and Leslie Mac-Mitchell, the Third Annual West Point Relays attracted a capacity crowd to the big Field House. Despite the odd-distance races, a record field of nine teams competed in the afternoon program. No team score was kept, but our spiked shoe artists were far in front in races won.

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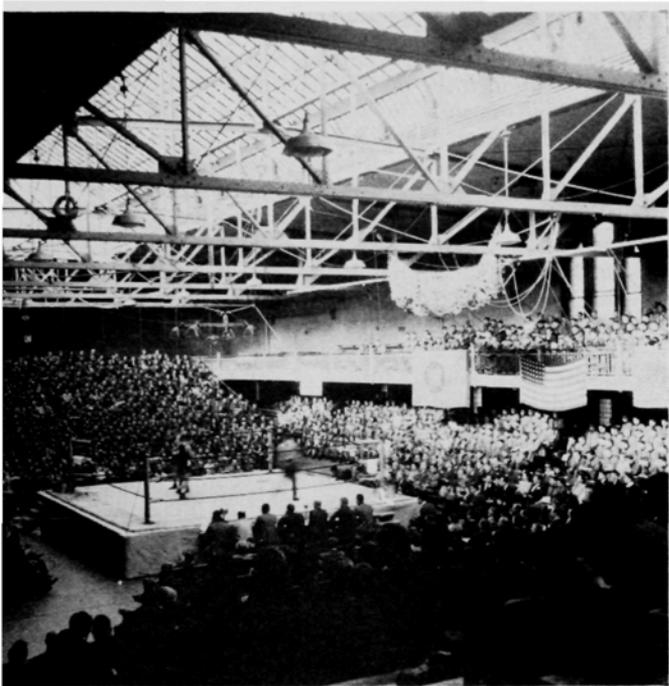
Our basketball machine sputtered with inexperience throughout the campaign, but thanks to a brilliant coach-



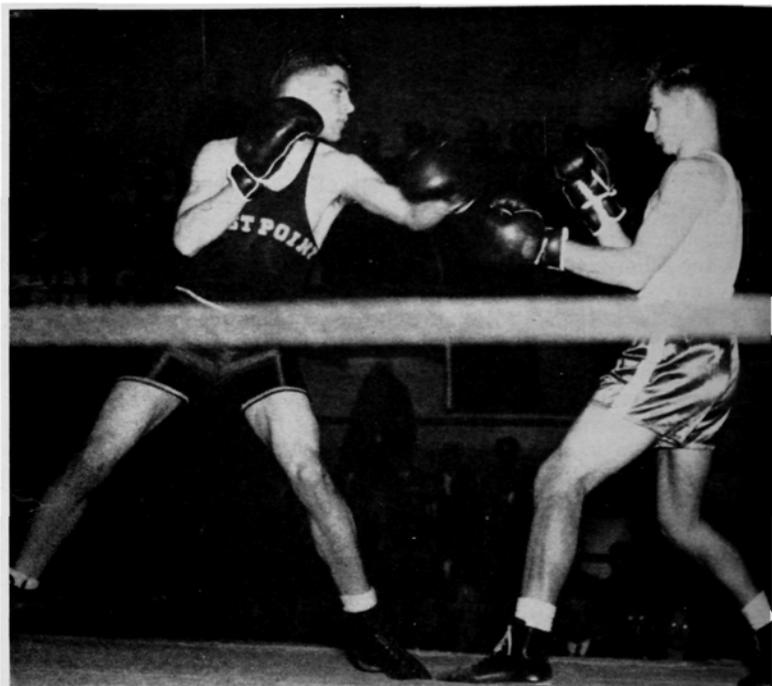
Football co-captains elected for first time in Academy history. Doc Blanchard and Junior Davis after congratulations by General Taylor.



Recognition of 50 years faithful service in the Cadet Tailor Shop made by Generals Taylor, Honnen and the Corps to Mr. Dick Wa

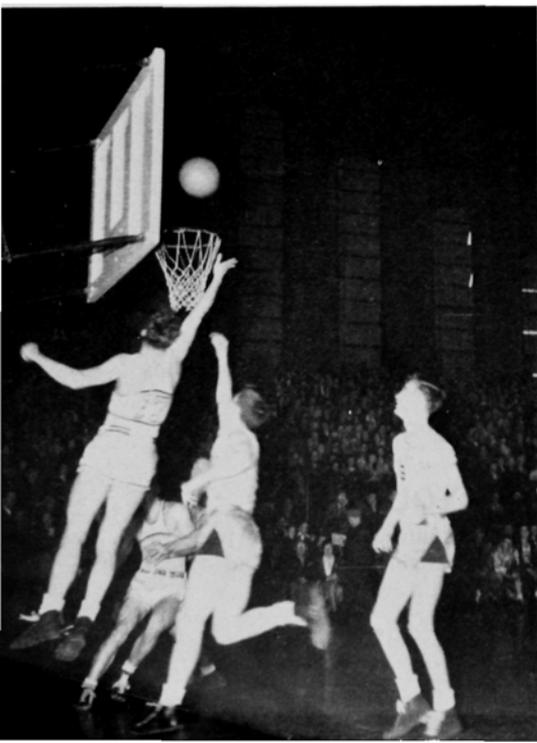


Overall view of the 23rd Annual Intercollegiate Boxing Tournament held for the first time at W.P. in the Cadet Gymnasium, March 8th and 9th.



John Castle, '46, Army 165 pound champion, spars for opening against Wilfred Raes, Coast Guard, in 23rd Annual Intercollegiate Boxing Tournament.

Cadet Tallman scores basket against Navy. Final score—Army 67—Navy 60.



Cadet Bernard Conor, Captain of Track, wins 3 yard relay. Third Annual W.P. Relays at W Point.

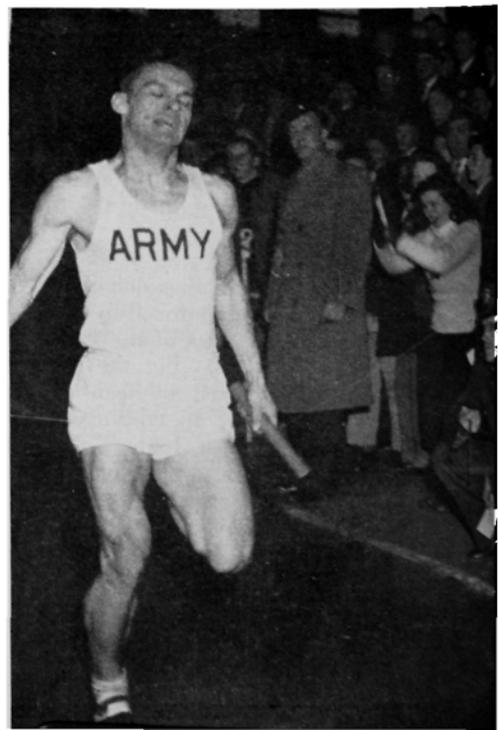


Photo of original pitcher used by Benny Havens. The pitcher is on exhibition at the W.P. Army Mess.

ing stint by Stu Holcomb the Cagers came back to win their last four in a row climaxing a so-so season with a stunning 67 to 60 reversal over Navy. It goes without saying, Captain Johnny Nance was the spearhead of this edition of West Point basketball. He consistently paced the attack and on one occasion hooped 36 points erasing Dale Hall's previous Academy high of 32 established in 1944. The 95 points registered against Penn the third time out last winter was also a new team mark that bettered the old standard by ten. Nevertheless, it is difficult to compare this team's won nine, lost six record with the near-perfect performance of the two previous quintets who scored in 29 of 30 contests. What can be said without going too far out on the limb is that the squad picked up the valuable experience needed to make the next couple of years on the court worth watching. Jim Rawers, Bob Folsom, Arnold Tucker, Barney Poole and Hank Foldberg, hardly first rate players this year, should come along and form the nucleus of another court power.

Lloyd Appleton's wrestlers concluded their regular season undefeated but lost a hairline decision to Navy in the intercollegiate at Lehigh.

After toppling six straight opponents, the fencing club lost stride at the conclusion of the season going down under the thrusts of both N.Y.U. and Navy. Compiling eleven straight successes over a two year span, Tom Maloney's magic failed him the twelfth time out as Penn State's National Champions showed a little too much finesse for the West Point tumblers. They came back and concluded with a convincing win over Navy. The pistol team boasts of a unique record in that the Middies have never won a match from an Academy team since the series was inaugurated in 1942.

LOOKING AHEAD

Generally speaking, the immediate outlook on the spring sports front can be considered bright and with a spot of luck in the clutches it may prove exceptional. We are co-defenders with Navy in lacrosse; the Indoor

IC4A track champions will remain intact while Paul Amen's diamond team point for the biggest schedule in West Point history. Twenty-one games, including an exhibition with the Giants, are listed on the baseball agenda and it will be particularly interesting to note how well the Cadets perform without the aid of the Brooklyn Dodgers who performed their warm-up stints in collaboration with Army during the past three seasons. We will rely, as usual, on the ability of Ralph Chambers to develop a net team capable of meeting the best in the Eastern college field. Chambers' four top men were graduated and with the exception of Bill Dougherty and Dan Tate, it will be strictly a rebuilding proposition.

DID YOU KNOW

That Colonel Ned D. Moore, '30, has replaced Colonel Meade Wildrick, '10, as Public Relations Officer. . . That Colonel Earl H. (Red) Blaik will coach the football team as a civilian this fall. . . That line coach Major Bob Woodruff has taken a coaching spot with Georgia Tech. . . That football contracts have been signed with Illinois and Colorado for 1947 and Oklahoma is listed for the first time on September 28th of this year. . . That Doubleday Field has been levelled off and resodded. . . That the track and baseball teams moved outdoors earlier this year than anytime within memory. . . That a fatal accident on the ski slopes of New Hampshire took the life of Captain Vic Constant, veteran skier and pioneer coach of West Point's first competitive snow birds. . . Dale Hall and Doug Kenna, mainstays of the 1944 and '45 quintets, displayed their basketball talents throughout the European Theater where they are serving with the Army of Occupation. . . Another classmate, Jerry Morrow, former cadet track star and captain, won a track title in a meet held in Japan not many months ago. Major Hobart B. Pillsbury was elected President of the Intercollegiate Boxing Association for the coming year. He is Officer-in-Charge of the West Point team and was vice-President last year.

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Dear Sir:

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Permanent Address

(If you are a former cadet but not a graduate, please have two members of the Association sign the following.)

I nominate the above former cadet, who served not less than one complete academic term at the U. S. M. A. and was honorably discharged therefrom.

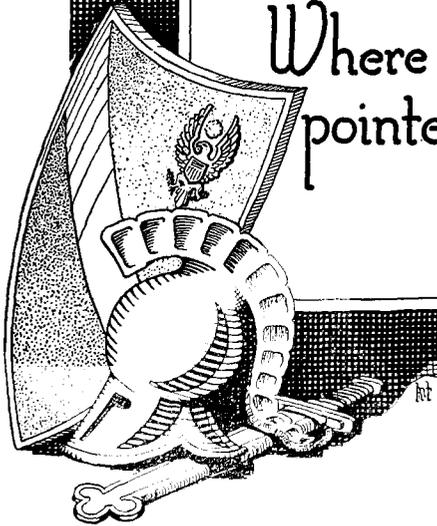
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In Memory

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



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ANDREWS, F. M.	1906	MAY 3, 1913	7
AUSTIN, E. A., JR.	1941	MAY 15, 1913	23
BERRY, J. A.	1901	SEPTEMBER 21, 1945	5
BOWMAN, E. N.	1903	OCTOBER 7, 1945	5
BRICE, W. B.	JANUARY, 1943	DECEMBER 16, 1944	26
BRODERICK, J. M.	JUNE, 1943	JANUARY 6, 1945	26
BROWN, H. M.	1939	MAY 19, 1944	21
DAVIS, N. L.	JANUARY, 1943	APRIL 22, 1945	27
ECKERT, J. K.	JANUARY, 1943	MARCH 8, 1944	29
HOLDEN, H. W., JR.	1914	JULY 24, 1945	30
JONES, P. M.	1935	OCTOBER 21, 1944	19
JOYES, J. W.	1894	SEPTEMBER 21, 1945	3
KERR, E. V.	1919	JANUARY 27, 1945	11
LOTT, A. G.	1896	JANUARY 21, 1945	3
MARSHALL, G. F.	1935	NOVEMBER 8, 1942	20
MENDENHALL, J. R.	1915	JANUARY 27, 1945	10
MERRILL, J. W.	1934	JUNE 24, 1944	18
MINNIECE, J. G., JR.	1929	AUGUST 9, 1944	17
PATCH, A. M., III	1942	OCTOBER 22, 1944	24
PIERCE, H. R.	1920	OCTOBER 30, 1945	12
ROBERTS, T. A., JR.	1920	AUGUST 4, 1944	13
ROSEN, R. H.	1941	SEPTEMBER 20, 1944	23
SCHIMMELPFENNIG, I. R.	1930	FEBRUARY 1, 1945	18
SHROEDER, T. L.	1945	SEPTEMBER 21, 1945	31
SMITH, W. F., JR.	1942	JULY 28, 1945	25
STEWART, C. W., JR.	1923	JULY 7, 1945	15
THOMPSON, P. S.	1929	AUGUST 10, 1944	17
VANTURE, G. D.	1920	DECEMBER, 1944	14
WEAVER, W. R.	1903	OCTOBER 27, 1944	3
WEBB, C. H., JR.	1910	AUGUST 26, 1942	22
WILLIAMSON, R. L.	JUNE 11, 1919	SEPTEMBER 26, 1945	11
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John Warren Joyes

NO. 3568 CLASS OF 1894

Died September 24, 1945, at Griffinsburg, Virginia, aged 75 years.

BRIGADIER GENERAL JOHN WARREN JOYES was born April 17, 1870, at Waterloo, Seneca County, New York, the son of James John Joyes and Charlotte Stratton Joyes. His father, born in Galway, Ireland, from a fine old Irish family, came to this country and fought through the Civil War. He remained in the Army as a First Lieutenant, afterwards resigning to go into business in San Francisco.

Jack had had one year of High School when he felt he had to help his family financially. He found a job in the real estate business in San Francisco, studied at night school and for a time with a tutor.

At the age of twenty he took a competitive examination with twenty others and was appointed from the 3rd California Congressional District to the United States Military Academy, West Point. He graduated sixth in his class, one of four company Captains.

In 1904 while stationed in Düsseldorf, Germany, as inspector and purchaser of Field Cannon and Carriages, he married Georgiana Manning Butler in Geneva, Switzerland. "Brick" Parker, a classmate, stationed at the French Cavalry School at Saumur, France, acted as best man.

Command; Augusta Arsenal 1907-1910; Manila Ordnance Depot 1910-1913; Benicia Arsenal 1913-1915; Picatinny Arsenal 1915-1917; Springfield Armory 1929-1933.

Chief of Nitrate Division, Ordnance Dept. 1917-1919, administering all research, construction and operation. In 1919 he headed President Wilson's Fixed Nitrate Commission to report upon the state of nitrogen fixation in Europe and visited all important plants in France, England, Norway and occupied Germany.

Chief of Technical Staff 1922. Ordnance Officer 2nd Corps Area, Hdqrs., Governors Island 1922-1923. Student Army War College and Army Industrial College. Detailed Assistant to Chief of Ordnance with the rank of Brigadier General 1923-1927.

After Jack retired in 1934 he and his family returned to Washington where he did a little real estate business, feeling that he wanted to keep busy. Later he bought a farm in Culpeper County, Virginia, in the heart of the fox hunting country. Here he had visions of stocking his farm with fat white-faced steers. However, it was impossible to get labor to build fences so he had to put off his ambition. He thoroughly enjoyed living on a farm where he could be out all day and do as he pleased.

Jack was a great reader, always studious throughout his service, especially in Ordnance professional subjects. He had a fine library which he had collected through the years.

Having a delightful sense of humor, he was always gay and full of amusing stories. A friend wrote, "He had a full life, busy 'til the end and I'm sure it was as he would have wished."

General Clarence Williams has written the following:

"When we gathered at the Academy to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the graduation of our Class we had hopes that Jack Joyes would be with us.

"He could not come but he sent a cordial letter which was read at the Class Dinner.

"Our number grows smaller with each passing year. I knew Joyes well and sorrow to think that I shall not see him again.

"He was a fine, capable and devoted officer. His many important assignments were carried through with great ability and success—all of his classmates and associates will miss him greatly."

Alfred H. White, Professor Emeritus of Chemical Engineering, University of Michigan says, "In the early days of World War I, General Joyes was placed in charge of the Nitrate Division whose work was to be almost as secret as the Atomic Bomb of World War II. Starting alone, he added in a few months over a hundred officers,



all necessarily newly commissioned and without Army experience.

"I was one of those green reserve officers who was and still is, profoundly grateful to him for his patient guidance and kindly forbearance. His keen mind and his untiring energy brought a quick understanding of complex technical problems, and his extraordinary knowledge of military procedure enabled him, almost instantly, to outline the most feasible method to accomplish a desired result. He was an inspiring leader."

An old friend of his, Colonel Frederick Reynolds wrote, "I never knew anyone quite his equal in all that makes one of God's noblemen. I have just read again Jack's letter of a year ago. It is full of his charm, humor and entertaining philosophy."

General Earl McFarland says, "He was my very dear friend. He was a strong power and influence in the Ordnance Department for a full generation and many things that he had started and carried into execution will live for many years yet to come."

He is survived by his wife and two daughters, Mrs. Mason Stober of Seattle, Washington, Mrs. Oliver Dur-

ant, II of Culpeper, Virginia and four Grandchildren.

He was laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery beside his beloved son, Captain John Warren Joyes, Jr.

"There is no death, what seems so is transition;

*This life of mortal breath
Is but a suburb of the life Elysian,
Whose portal we call death."*

—Longfellow.

Abraham Grant Lott

NO. 3711 CLASS OF 1896

Died January 21, 1945, at San Antonio, Texas, aged 73 years.

NOT many years after the Battle of Gettysburg, this highly professional and distinguished soldier was born, most appropriately, in the old Lott farmhouse where Meade had his headquarters throughout the battle. It is almost within sight of the desperate finish of Pickett's charge.

Lott's father was a gallant soldier in the Union Army. Although I have no record of his fighting in that battle, he must have brought up his son with many a tale of what happened at home on those critical days in July, only a few years before Abe was born there. The spirits of Meade, Warren, Hancock, Gibbons, Gregg, Pleasanton and others of the fighting Union generals who met there on the night of the 2nd in the front room of the Lott house, with the staff officers crowding the other rooms, gave a fitting background for a soldier's son and a soldier's soldier.

Like so many other Pennsylvania families of that period, the Lotts took part in the winning of the West and were next at home on a farm near Abilene, Kansas, not so many years after Sheridan and Custer made the Kansas frontier safe for such peaceful settlers. It was the boys of that generation, sons of the Confederate and Union Armies, brought up on the Missouri and Kansas frontiers, who have produced and continue to produce such outstanding soldiers as Pershing, Eisenhower, Helmick, Harbord and Truman; such publicists and statesmen as Ingalls and William Allen White.

Prior to their time the southern background and environment seemed to produce a group of leaders at West Point and in the Army, out of proportion to their numbers. There are obvious reasons for that; but from the 80's on, the western frontier came into the picture. It was not from the blue blood of the South, but from the sturdy stock of those who felt the urge for the West, and the hard and varied life there, that came the strongest and best.

Among these was the career diplomat who recently told me of first meeting Lott in the late 80's when he was playing on the baseball team at Salinas, which had the old-time rivalry with the neighboring team at Abilene, where Lott was the captain and catcher. The teams played in such fierce competition and the towns felt so strongly about it that the games ended usually in a riot and in many personal fights. These became so notori-

ous that the town fathers got together and organized a team composed of the best players from both teams. It became the outstanding team in the heart of Kansas and played together for some years while both the future soldier and diplomat were in their respective high schools, and later became teachers. All of which showed their early leadership and character.

It was at one of these games against the cavalry team at Fort Riley that Lott became of interest to the officers of the cavalry regiment there, and that his ambition was stirred to become one of them himself. He entered the competitive examination for West Point that year and won against a large field. That early leadership and competitive spirit showed strongly at West Point and through his long years in the army and in every post and army school up to and including the War College.

I speak from intimate experience and association, from that time on in the service until almost the end. Although not belonging to the justly celebrated Class of '96, I was a plebe in A Company when he was a corporal. I played baseball with him for three years and became such a devoted follower and friend, that in looking back it gives me the greatest interest and pleasure to try to pay a tribute to one of the manliest men I have known.

For any West Pointer, Lott's record as a cadet, corporal, First Sergeant and First Captain, the outstanding player and best batter for four years on the baseball team, the hardest and fastest tackle on the football team, ready to take a turn at track athletics when a fast and hard performer was needed, is sufficient to paint a picture of a cadet who inspired and stimulated the best in all of us of his time.

One of our fellow players writes to me remembering Lott as "the catcher of our ball team, and when our pitchers failed, he went into the box with nothing but a fast ball, fine control and an indomitable determination to win. With him in the box our team looked really good." He sums him up also as "a stalwart at West Point, a fine character and an outstanding athlete." Stalwart is the word. To it should be added a just judgment in action, which followed him throughout his career.

Although the exceptional performer, Lott always played in a team and never seemed to try for show or glory. One exciting moment will never be forgotten, however, by the cadets of his time. It was when Danny Duncan of '96 made the first score against a major football team, running the length of the field, hotly pursued by the Princeton team, with Lott protecting his rear most of the way and fending off one Princeton man after another. Finally Doggie Trenchard, the Princeton captain, leaped and knocked him down, but Duncan won the final leap and staggered over the goal line, tackled just an instant too late by Trenchard.

Once again in his last year as cadet, much to the surprise of the runners-up, Lott came out winner in the greatest and most successful competition of his life, when he won Clara Mercur, the daughter of our professor of En-

gineering. That happiest of marriages lasted throughout his service and gave contrast to his serious side and his reserved dignity. The place held by the Lotts in every regiment in which they served has always been cherished by those lucky enough to serve with them. In the later years of service when he was in command of a regiment and post and school, it had much to do with his success and the "happy ship" he always made of his command.

Throughout Lott's career, he was one of those so-called lucky men whom his superiors always wanted and to whom they gave important assignments. He was devotedly loyal, without "crooking the pregnant hinges of the knee where thrift may follow fawning." His efforts were always constructive and always involved his innate sense of teamwork.

I can remember what a hullabaloo was aroused in a hard-riding cavalry regiment on the frontier in '97 when he broached the subject of golf. All the polo players looked down their noses at such a childish, foreign game, but Lott, with a few of his fellow lieu-



tenants and his own troop, laid out a golf course and started the men, women and children of the post to playing. My remembrance is that this was the first golf course on any army post. For the next forty years he was the outstanding golf player in every place in which he served. Thank Heaven he was able to keep up the game almost to the last. Every time he hit the ball off the tee I grinned, harking back in memory to the way in which he quietly and surely hit the ball on the West Point baseball team and made more home runs than all the rest of us on the team put together.

There is here inserted what seems to me to be a complete picture of Lott's army service, as it was published in the Junction City paper at the time of his retirement.

(From The Junction City Union, Junction City, Kansas, May 23, 1935.)

"The retirement of Brigadier General Abraham G. Lott, commandant at Fort Riley, on July 1 concludes a long and distinguished military career and will be regretted by his fellow officers and the many civilian friends he has made in Junction City since he became

commandant of the Post and Cavalry School.

"In 1880 he came with his parents to Abilene, Kansas, where he lived for thirteen years helping to 'crop' farm, and going to public school. After ten winters in the public schools he graduated from the Abilene High School in 1889, and taught for three school terms.

"He received his appointment to West Point from the Fifth Kansas Congressional District after winning a competitive examination against thirty-two others.

"General Lott's career has included service for a number of years on the western plains and the Texas border, two tours in Cuba, two in the Philippines, and service in Panama, France and Hawaii.

"Many distinguished diplomas have been handed him since he stood as a boy of eighteen in the Abilene High School and received his first one. He graduated from Post Army School Courses, is a distinguished graduate of the Fort Leavenworth School of the Line, 1911, and a graduate of the Staff Class of 1912. He is on the Initial General Staff Eligible List and is a graduate of the Army War College, 1923.

"His service includes the Adjutant General's Department in Washington and the Quartermaster Department. Twice he has served on the War Department General Staff, and three times on the General Staff with troops, including Chief of Staff of the 7th and 12th Divisions. When he was appointed Brigadier General in December, 1927, he was Chief of Staff of the Hawaiian Department.

"All these staff details have not prevented his duty with troops, or 'soldiering', as the professional soldiers refer to it, for he has commanded all the elements of cavalry, including the regiment, and was in command of the 8th Infantry Brigade at Ft. McPherson, Ga., when assigned to duty as Commandant of the Cavalry School at Ft. Riley, in August, 1929.

"He has served as Commandant of the Cavalry School through six school years as long as the terms of his three immediate predecessors, and in cooperation with three Chiefs of Cavalry. One of the outstanding features of his administration at Riley has been the beautification of the post. It might well be called a period of physical construction. He will leave here many new buildings, improved roads and well planned and beautifully kept grounds as a reminder of his interest and influence. His administration has been wise and conservative, and characterized always by dignity, tolerance and good judgment.

"General Lott says that while he does not look forward with pleasure to retirement, it is a source of great satisfaction to him to be completing his military service with such a long, pleasant tour of duty in his own state, so near to where he began it, among so many good friends, and in such attractive surroundings.

"Mrs. Lott's charm and sincere friendliness make her the ideal commandant's wife. She will leave in the minds and hearts of all those who have been privileged to know her a warm and pleasant memory."

Distinguished Service Medal

Abraham G. Lott, Colonel, General Staff Corps, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious and distinguished services in the Adjutant General's Office in connection with the procurement of commissioned personnel. Later as Chief of Staff, 12th Division and Executive Officer at Camp Devens, by his untiring energy, loyalty and organizing ability he aided materially in the rapid demobilization of troops passing through this camp.

—F. R. McC.

John Anderson Berry

NO. 4035 CLASS OF 1901

Died September 21, 1945, at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, aged 65 years.

AFTER a long illness of several years, Col. John A. Berry, A.G.D., U.S. Army, retired, 316 Brahan Blvd., San Antonio, Texas, died Friday morning, September 21, 1945 at Brooke General Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Col. Berry served at Fort Sam Houston from 1930 to 1937 as Assistant Adjutant General and Adjutant General of the 8th Corps Area. He had retired from active duty in October, 1938, while stationed at Fort Shafter, T. H., in headquarters of the Hawaiian Department.

Born in Hackensack, N. J., February 29, 1880 and son of the late John Berry and Agnes Hitchcock Berry, he entered the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, when he was 17 years of age and graduated February 2, 1901 as a second lieutenant in the old Artillery Corps.

Colonel Berry spent 11 months overseas in World War I with the 85th Division, at this time being detached from the Coast Artillery Corps to duty with the Quartermaster Corps. He rose to the rank of full Colonel during this time, reverting to his permanent rank of Major July 1, 1920 and being promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel July 16, 1920. He was transferred to the Adjutant General's Department in May 1922 and was promoted to full Colonel December 1, 1931.

He completed two tours of duty in the Philippines, one in Panama and one in Hawaii in addition to two tours in Washington, D. C., Fort Wadsworth, N. Y., Fort Hancock, N. J., Fort McPherson, Ga., Fort Barrancas, Fla., Fort Casey, Puget Sound and Fort Douglas, Utah.

Surviving Colonel Berry are his widow, the former Frances Meylert, Staten Island, N. Y., whom he married July 21, 1905, in Seattle, Wash., their son John A. Berry, Jr., F.A., who was stationed in Bamberg, Germany, at the time of his father's death, who has recently been awarded the Legion of Merit, the bronze star and Croix de Guerre for his services during the European campaign and has recently been ordered to Washington, D. C., for duty. Other survivors are his daughter, Mrs. McDonough, wife of Commander R. P. McDonough, U.S.N., stationed at Norfolk, Va., a sister Mrs. F. D. Blanck, Hackensack, N. J., four grandchildren, Bruce Berry McDon-

ough 10 years, Phillip Berry McDonough 3 months, John A., III, 7 years and Joan Meylert Berry 4 years of age.

The honorary pall bearers were close friends, Colonels Neill E. Bailey, Dan Howe, A. W. Bloor, Dan Tompkins, Harry Melton and Major General Walter E. Prosser.

For the past two years Colonel Berry's daughters Mrs. McDonough and Mrs. Berry, Jr., have been with him, together with his grandchildren, to cheer him.

Colonel Berry, or "Johnnie" as he was called by his friends, was one of the best beloved officers in the Army. He was admired for his ability and loved for his staunch loyalty, his unselfish devotion to the best interests of his friends and his ever readiness at all times to promote their interests.

As an officer he was imbued with a firm sense of duty and with it an unflinching fairness which ever precluded unjust action, all of which brought respect and admiration from his superiors and loyal devotion from his subordinates.



The regard in which he was held by the War Department is well summed up in a letter from General Malin Craig, then Chief of Staff, which reads as follows:

"Now that your military career has been brought to a close by your retirement I wish to extend to you the appreciation of the War Department for the service you rendered the country as an officer in the United States Army.

"Your military career, which extended over a period of more than forty-one years, has been characterized by zeal and devotion to duty. The capable manner in which you performed your duties won the approbation of your superior officers, and their many commendatory remarks are testimony of your ability and good judgment. You may well be proud of your military record and you can retire with the full consciousness that you have always been faithful in the performance of your duty.

"As a result of your ill health and consequent retirement the Army has lost a valuable officer, but I trust that your relief from military duties will greatly improve your health, and that

you will have every success and happiness in the future.

"Sincerely yours,
(Signed) "Malin Craig,
"Chief of Staff."

An unfortunate automobile accident several years prior to his retirement brought suffering to him in the latter years of his life. This he bore bravely and uncomplainingly, even with the sure knowledge of a shortened life before him, his ever present thought to make the best possible preparation for his beloved wife and family.

His death poignantly brings to mind those touching lines from Tennyson

"Oh for the touch of vanished hand
And the sound of the voice that is still."

—N. E. B.

Everett Newton Bowman

NO. 4210 CLASS OF 1903

Died October 7, 1945, at St. Louis, Missouri, aged 68 years.

EVERETT NEWTON BOWMAN, the son of John Clark Bowman, III and Eliza Saunders Bowman, was born at Petaluma, California, on June 7, 1877, shortly after his mother and elder sister had made the difficult journey by mule-train across the Isthmus of Panama to the Pacific Coast.

When Everett was three years old, his parents took their children and returned to the family home in Mount Pleasant, Iowa. This town had been founded by Everett's grandfather, Presley Saunders, who had come from Kentucky with Abe Lincoln, fought with him in the Black Hawk War, and later pioneered into the Iowa Territory.

Here, Everett grew up on his father's farm, and here he met the little girl who was later to become his wife, Grace Van Benthuisen, the daughter of Will Van Benthuisen, Editor of the New York World, who used to summer in Mount Pleasant on her grandparents' farm. They were sweethearts almost from babyhood.

Everett entered the preparatory department of Iowa Wesleyan University, and when he was sixteen he received an appointment to the United States Naval Academy and passed the examination. However, due to color blindness which was later cured, he bilged out after his first six months.

When the Spanish American War broke out in 1898, Everett was very anxious to enlist, and he was told that he could obtain a commission as a second lieutenant if he was able to recruit a certain number of men, and that he could obtain a first lieutenantancy if he could recruit twice the number. Everett went to Chicago, and rented a small all night restaurant on the waterfront where the stevedores ate. He had never cooked before, but he learned to make coffee, hamburgers, and a few simple things that must have satisfied his hungry customers, for he enlisted enough men to organize Company E, Third Missouri Volunteer Infantry, and to entitle him to a first lieutenantancy. However, for some reason, the promise was not kept, and he was enlisted as a second lieutenant in

Company E on April 27, 1898, and discharged on November 7, 1898 when the company was mustered out. To his everlasting disappointment he saw no action, but spent the seven months in the malarial camps of Florida.

At the time he was discharged, he was offered a second lieutenancy in the regular army, but he was anxious to complete his interrupted education, and decided that he would try to obtain an appointment to West Point. This he did, from Congressman Clark of Iowa. Unfortunately, he was unprepared at the time he took his first examination, and flunked it. Since Everett was then twenty-one years of age, this seemed his last opportunity, and his disappointment was bitter. However, another examination was arranged and he passed it. He entered West Point one day before his twenty-second birthday.

Since he was the oldest man in his class, and having had such wide experience before entering the Academy, he found the discipline difficult to endure at first, though all his life he retained his love for West Point and his pride in it. He had the record for guard duty, most of it due to demerits for smoking.

His class, the Class of 1903, was a famous one, consisting of such men as Douglas MacArthur, U. S. Grant, III, and Hugh Johnson. Walter Gallagher, Albert Gilmor and Hugh Johnson were Everett's roommates. He was nicknamed Jimmy Butts by his classmates, and for the rest of his life he was known as Jimmy in the Army, and he much preferred it to his own name.

There was an island, known as Goat, in San Francisco Bay, which his classmates always maintained was named for Jimmy. His grades were just passable, though his mathematics instructor always said that Jimmy was one of the most brilliant students he had ever had. However, he was so far behind in French and Spanish that he had to sacrifice his math in order to keep up in the other studies. All his life, his forte was as a mathematician and tactician.

When Jimmy was a yearling, the hazing scandal of the Class of 1903 became a national issue. Since none of the classmates would name the ring-leaders, there was talk of courtmartialing the whole class. Jimmy's fiancée, later his wife, was the daughter of the managing editor of the *New York World*, the paper which gave the most publicity to the story and even went so far as to advocate the abolishment of West Point. Grace found herself in the unhappy position of defending her fiancée's attitude to her father and her father's policy to her fiancée. It ended in her breaking her engagement and almost leaving home; but in time the scandal blew over, and the engagement was resumed.

When Jimmy graduated in 1903, he married Grace almost immediately, and took his bride to Angel Island in San Francisco Bay. Here, at Fort McDowell, their first child, William Van Benthuysen Bowman was born, and died.

In 1905, Lt. Bowman was ordered to the Philippines with the 13th Infantry, stationed at Fort McKinley. Here they became close friends of Capt. (very shortly General) and Mrs. Per-

shing. William K. Taft was Governor General at that time, and occupation was still new, so that they had ample opportunity to see the Philippines as it had been before the Spanish War.

They returned in 1907, and Lt. Bowman was ordered to the Army Signal School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Here, he had the opportunity of joining the new Air Corps, then a part of the Signal Corps, but he did not accept because his wife was again pregnant. In 1909, his second son, John Clark Bowman, IV, was born. From June of 1910 he was on special duty in the Signal Corps in various maneuvers in the United States, particularly in the field service along the Mexican Border during the civil disturbances in Mexico.

His next assignment was at Fort Crook, Nebraska, with the 4th Infantry, serving as judge advocate of a general courtmartial. From this post he was named as commandant of cadets at the State University of Nebraska at Lincoln. While serving in this capacity, there occurred the tornado



which almost wiped out the city of Omaha. Lt. Bowman was commended by the State of Nebraska and the City of Omaha for his services during this catastrophe. He was at Lincoln until 1914 when he was again ordered to the Mexican Border, and this time he accompanied Gen. Funston in the Vera Cruz Expedition with the 4th Infantry.

His family met him at Galveston, and from there he received his orders to go again to the Philippines with the 13th Infantry, and later with the 31st. He arrived at Manila in 1915 and went directly to Corregidor where his family moved into a nipa shack on Middleside until the concrete duplexes were completed. Lt. Bowman was instrumental in founding the Nipa Club on Middleside which was later to be famous as the gayest club west of Shanghai.

With his captaincy, Jimmy was ordered to Batangas on southern Luzon. Both he and his wife were very popular, and were frequent guests at the Malacanan in Manila.

In the early part of 1917, Capt. Bowman was appointed a major in the Philippine Scouts, and he returned to Corregidor. This was after the United States had entered the war, and all

officers were anxious to return to the States so that they could be among the first to go abroad.

In August of 1917 he was appointed Major of Infantry in the National Army, and in September he received his orders and he returned to San Francisco with his family. He was stationed at Camp Travis, Texas, as adjutant of the 156th Depot Brigade. Here, his family joined him until he was sent to Camp Gordon, Georgia, as Executive Officer. He was very anxious to get to France, and finally organized the 814th Pioneer Infantry, a part of the 32nd Division. They sailed on October 6, 1918.

However, despite his eagerness to see action, he was sent to the School of the Line at Langres, directly upon his arrival in France, and was released from this on the day the Armistice was declared. From here he was detailed to the 126th Regiment, then forming part of the bridgehead at Coblenz, and remained with the Army of Occupation in the Rhineland for almost a year after the end of the war. At this time he was a lieutenant colonel. In August 1919 he was attached to staff headquarters of the Third Corps as Assistant Inspector General, and returned to the States with that outfit.

Upon his arrival, he was assigned as commandant of cadets to the Pennsylvania Military College at Chester, Pennsylvania. He remained there until 1923 when he was ordered to the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth. On graduating in 1924, he married Marguerite Haynie of St. Paul, Minnesota.

His first detail after his marriage was at Jefferson City, Missouri, as senior instructor to the Missouri National Guard. Here, he found so many fine friends that he determined to make this his home when it would finally become necessary for him to retire. He was fortunate enough to remain at this happy post until 1929, when he was assigned to the command of the 10th Infantry at Fort Thomas, Kentucky. Here, he was also very happy and made many friends.

In 1933 he was transferred to Frankfort, Kentucky, as senior instructor, Kentucky National Guard, and here he remained until June of 1937, having received his Coloneley in 1934. His next post was at Fort Hayes, Ohio, as Officer in Charge of National Guard Affairs, Headquarters Fifth Corps Area under his former classmate and good friend, Major Gen. (Scraggy) Hodges.

In 1938 he returned to West Point for the thirty-fifth reunion of his class, a real highlight of his life among old friends and memories.

He remained in Kentucky until October 31, 1940 when he retired voluntarily after the death of his sister. He was barely settled in his sister's home in York, Nebraska, when his wife, Marguerite Bowman died suddenly. Jimmy stayed only a short time in York. He decided to join old friends and complete the plans he had made many years before to build a home and settle in Jefferson City, Missouri.

Here, for the five years until his death he lived quietly but happily in a Colonial home he erected just out of town. He was very active in the

Episcopal Church, being a Warden and a Vestryman, and he was President of the Country Club for two years. After Pearl Harbor, he was also active in organizing the Home Defense in Jeff City. He loved to entertain his friends, and to go to their homes, and friends tell of his methodical habits and punctuality from his days in the army.

He followed with avid interest the course of the war, as his greatest enthusiasm had always been military tactics. He also watched with absorption and pride the career of his classmate, Douglas MacArthur.

He died very suddenly after what seemed only a minor complaint, on October 7th, 1945 at St. Louis, Missouri. After a funeral at Grace Church, Jefferson City, his body was taken to York, Nebraska, by his dearest friends where another funeral service was held. He was buried in the family plot at York cemetery where his wife and parents were also buried.

—J. C. B.

Frank Maxwell Andrews

NO. 4494 CLASS OF 1906

Killed in an Airplane Accident in Iceland, May 3, 1943, aged 59 years.

NEAR to the barren, lonely hill in Iceland, where the plane crashed in which he and his staff were en route to inspect the local defenses, lies the mortal remains of Frank Maxwell Andrews, Class of 1906—U.S.M.A. On May 3, 1943, at the very summit of a splendid career, with the rank of Lieutenant General, and with the assignment as Commanding General of the U.S. Forces in the European Theatre of Operations—wearing very proudly the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Distinguished Service Medal, and many others designating important and superior service, or recording the honors conferred by foreign governments—he passed suddenly and bravely into the great beyond. He would have preferred to have led the American Forces into the Continent on their second European Crusade for Righteousness among Nations, in accordance with those great plans which he left for his successor. The Nation will not forget the debt, immeasurable and unpayable, which it owes to him for the great service he furnished and for the plans he left to guide us toward victory.

Hereafter, we should like to place in the record of the Association of Graduates, facts and memories of Frank Andrews—from the class archives and publications as well as from the files which the Nation has kept of his illustrious service.

Frank Maxwell Andrews was born in Nashville, Tennessee, February 3, 1884, under the long shadow of Andrew Jackson, and he was educated in the traditions of that great soldier-statesman, and also in the many fine traditions of the deep South.

He came to the United States Military Academy at West Point July 31, 1902, when he was a little over eighteen years of age, along with forty-four other "julettes". The 71 June members of his class never let him for-

get this month-and-a-half inferiority in military experience.

For those of us who like to think that "the tree grows as the twig is bent"; that cadet days are a promise of Army success or failure—let us record here that Frank Andrews was a shy, gentle, fun-loving cadet, with a long, Southern drawl; that he loved horses; that he was first man on the first team of the 1905 Polo Season at West Point . . . playing along with Jonathan M. Wainwright (General, formerly in captivity of the Japanese), Adna Chaffee (Lt. General, the builder of the Armored Force, now deceased), and George Quekemyer (General Pershing's personal aide during the World War, and afterward, who died while Commandant of Cadets of the United States Military Academy). What a great team this was!

Let's record, also, that for four long years Frank Andrews stayed in the very middle of his class; that he became an acting-Sergeant in his first class camp, and was "busted" from that high rank; that, one time, at least, like so many other distinguished members, he walked the hard, round



gravel of the area barracks, and achieved the distinguished title of "A.B." But, all the while, he ran smoothly and carefully—gaining his experience, saving his strength—like a racehorse waiting for the last lap, in which he could, with conserved power and increased knowledge, take the rail and cross the finish-line ahead.

We, who played with him as a cadet, like to remember, also, the fun we had together—things which are not recorded in the annals of the Academy. We like to remember the practice march to Fishkill, when the "Tacs" just looked in the pup tents and failed to count them in the night. Frank, along with a few others, took down the tents on the end of the line, in which we lived; parked them in the woods; and spent the night investigating the neighboring villages. Then, toward morning, came back; put up the end tents; and all were present and accounted for.

We like to remember the messages sent by difficult wig-wag from the tree-tops around West Point, when Frank Andrews was a scout for our little maneuvers. We like to remember that he liked grits, corn bread and sweet potatoes; and we called his grits "Georgia ice cream". We like to re-

member his turning out on New Year's Eve of the first class year, along with "Kaiser" Wilhelm and Alex' Gillespie—beating the Hell Cats' drums, and joining in a gay and raucous yell for the new 1906.

When he graduated, and was commissioned into his chosen branch, he started out for Manila, joining the 8th Cavalry; returned with it in a year to Yosemite Park (under his father-in-law to be, Major Henry T. Allen). He went with the 8th Cavalry for a couple of years, to Fort Huachuca; a couple of years at Schofield Barracks, in Hawaii (as Aide to General "Monty" McComb); a couple more years at Fort Bliss, Texas, and Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont (during which time he served under General Dickman, who led the A.E.F. in Germany).

At Ethan Allen, he prepared to take his regiment into the World War, but, thinking the 2nd Cavalry wouldn't get overseas, he transferred to the Air Corps, then named the Signal Corps, and spent his war service passing from 1st Lieutenant up to Lieutenant Colonel in the study of aviation and its use as a war weapon. At the end of the war, he knew more about land planes, hydroplanes and aerial warfare than any man in the United States Army, and took over General Mitchell's air command in Coblenz under Major General H. T. Allen, the Commanding General of the A.E.F. in Germany. On account of his knowledge of aviation, he went to duty directly in the Chief's office of the newly-formed Air Corps. He took over the first great Air Corps training center, at Kelly Field, as its Executive and leader. When it became the advanced flying school, he became its Commandant. He helped establish the principles of air education—not only the part which deals with flying an airplane, but also the part which deals with fighting in the air, and the use of bombs and armament and the development of armored planes with strong fire power.

In 1928, he was ready to begin his studies as a Staff Officer. At the Air Corps Tactical School, at Langley Field, Virginia, he prepared for Leavenworth. In 1929, he graduated from the Command and General Staff School. After commanding the famous 1st Pursuit Group, at Selfridge Field, he went to the Army War College, graduating in 1933, and he joined the General Staff Corps in 1934 and 1935.

His excellent Staff work caused his selection as one of the Brigadiers of the Air Corps, to undertake its new organization. Before the year was over, he was made a Major General, and organized and commanded the General Headquarters, Air Force, of the United States Army at Langley Field. For four years, he continuously studied and improved the fighting Air Force, making it a striking unit which could be ordered to any point of the world for effective action.

Being an ardent exponent of the flying fortress, his insistence to have it recognized brought about his punishment, and he was sent to Fort Sam Houston, demoted to a Colonelcy—a lesser fate than his great friend "Billy" Mitchell, suffered.

With a change of Command, his contentions were recognized. He was brought back promptly, again, as a

Brigadier General of the Regular Army, and assigned to the War Department General Staff as Asst. Chief of Staff, G-3, in July, 1939—the first airman in the U.S. Army to have such an assignment. His interest in the air defense of the Panama Canal won him that Command in 1941, and he became Lieutenant General, Commander of the Caribbean Defense Command.

General Andrews' preparations for security around the Panama Canal, without doubt, prevented an attack there similar to the disaster at Pearl Harbor. He was aware that a successful attack on the Canal would set back the war program of the United States months and years. We give him credit, too, for his quick response to the tender of Ecuadorean facilities, by President Arroyo del Rio, after Pearl Harbor. General Andrews had his troops at the Galapagos Islands and in Salinas, Ecuador, within four days after permission was given, protecting, at once, all Southern approaches to Panama. Secretary Stimson said, "I have keenly remembered the wisdom and intelligence he exhibited in our conferences over the difficult and vital problems of the defense of the Canal".

In 1942, he was made Commanding General of the U.S. Forces in the Middle East, at Cairo, and helped the 8th Army beat Rommel back in his initial defeat at El Alemein, and on his disastrous retreat toward Tunis.

In February, 1943, he took over the greater Command of the American Forces in the European Theatre of Operations. From this new point of vantage, in England, he directed the intensive destruction of German factories and facilities by the American Air Force, on the continent and at the ports in the Atlantic. He was in the midst of the inspection of this new Command, when, in the Iceland fog, trying to find its way to Reykjavik, his plane crashed on a lonely hill.

As a General, the summation of his character by Henry McLemore, the well-known columnist, seems best of all the many fine articles which appeared in the press all over the Nation. He said:

"Lt. Gen. Frank M. Andrews wore his stars as lightly as a corporal wears his stripes. As the Commanding General of the American Forces in the European Theatre he was the main actor in the show, but he preferred the wings to the footlights.

"There was no fuss or feathers about the man; none whatsoever. He was the same to everybody and he was the same on Tuesday as he was on Monday. His complete efficiency would get results at any cost. His toughness was hidden behind a gracious manner, a quick smile and a pair of twinkling eyes. He worked 12, 15 or 18 hours a day, but he always had time to talk to those who wanted to see him."

Of the many telegrams and letters which came to Mrs. Andrews at the time of General Andrews' death, these are most indicative of the high regard of the officers of the Nation:

General George Marshall, Chief of Staff, U.S. Army, said: "He was a great leader and in his post abroad was on the way to rendering a tremendous service to the Allied Cause"

Lt. General H. H. Arnold, Commanding General, Army Air Forces, said: "His fine character and high ideals

will be long remembered by those fortunate enough to have shared his friendship. Equally so will be his brilliant leadership and absolute devotion to the advancement of aviation—one of my greatest regrets will always be that he had to go before he could see the full results of his efforts"

Major General James Ullo, the Adjutant General, said: "The Nation can ill afford to lose the services of such a distinguished officer and comrade. All of us here feel that no one can take his place".

Mr. Henry L. Stimson, the Secretary of War, said: "We shall miss his energetic leadership in the European Theatre."

On March 16, 1914, Frank Andrews and Jeannette Allen, the daughter of Major General Allen of the U.S. Army, drawn together by their common love of horses and the game of polo, were united in marriage to make a great team—known all over the Army and everywhere else where planes and horses are loved. Over the years, there were born three children: Josephine (now married to Captain Hiette Williams, A.C.); Jean (who is living with her mother in Florida); and Allen (a Lieutenant in the Air Corps, on duty in the South). Jeannette Allen Andrews, familiarly known as "Johnnie", has made a home at Miami Beach for this devoted family.

Whatever may be the opinion of him as a General—we, of his Class, knew him somewhat differently—as a classmate and friend. Our estimate goes something like this: When the evening wore on, and friends gathered around, Frank, like the rest of us, was fond of getting out the poker chips at a friendly table, and using the game to keep his friends around and amused. He would tease and banter them, tell yarns, recall great moments, draw out first one and then another on an important question of the day—until the players were comfortably satisfied with the evening's game and conversation. And—when the banker cashed in the chips at the end, Frank was not always behind, in spite of some attempts to fill "inside straights", to "draw to lone aces", or draw "five new cards". The best thing we ever learned from him, in the way of leadership, was his idea to keep fresh for each new battle; to be fully prepared mentally and physically—like a prize fighter going into the ring—and this advice, which he gave us, he always practiced. He held in a special way the loyalty and affection of all who served under his command. Through many years of close association, we seldom have seen him tired.

And now, on the edge of the Iceland mountains, as a great monument to American leadership, lies this body of a great American soldier. Now that peace has come again, his contribution to the conquering of that peace will be appreciated by all the world. Our hope is that his country has learned, from his life and experience, that it is necessary to look forward, always; to make proper provision for the obvious future; to listen to those who have felt and seen and heard the machines of war, in order to plan their use; and, above all, to keep enough men, adequately trained, to lead the Nation through its battles to victory.

—Charles G. Mettler.

Walter Reed Weaver

NO. 4749 CLASS OF 1908

Died October 27, 1944, at Washington, D. C., aged 59 years.

IN the passing of Major General Walter Reed Weaver on October 27, 1944, the Army Air Forces lost one of its most distinguished leaders and commanders.

During the early and crucial period of World War II, he organized and guided the vast, nearly half-million man, Army Air Forces Technical Training Command, the largest single command in the United States. The success and rapid expansion of this gigantic command was due in great measure to two particular characteristics of this man of outstanding ability. The first was his ability to organize and the second, his ability to anticipate future requirements and to plan measures with which to meet them. With the first, the ability to organize, he combined the faculty to utilize existing facilities for new and unique purposes, such as the use of hotels for the housing of Basic Training Centers and Technical Schools. With the second, the gift of being able to anticipate future requirements, he had an almost uncanny insight and vision of the future. For instance, he visualized, long before the war, not only the use of heavy bombardment in air power but the details of its application. He foresaw the need of heavy bombardment units for long-range bombardment and the need for a heavy type aircraft similar to the B-17, which was our mainstay in the early period of the war. His estimate of these future requirements was sound and was not subject to the usual criticism of under-estimation common to most organizers. He could always be counted upon to be ahead of the times rather than behind the times.

Like his father, Major General Erasmus Morgan Weaver, Chief of the Coast Artillery, who organized, expanded and built up the Coast Artillery to the peak of its efficiency, General Walter Reed Weaver organized, expanded and built up the Technical Training Command to the high peak of its efficiency.

General Weaver was born on February 23, 1885, at the Citadel in South Carolina, where his father was Commandant. The son of distinguished parents whose families' traditions had long been associated with military life, it was natural that he would follow in the footsteps of his father into the United States Army. His mother, Leize (Holmes) Weaver, was the daughter of Professor Holmes, who discovered the phosphates of South Carolina and utilized them in manufacturing gunpowder for the Confederacy. It was natural, therefore, that the grandson of such a man should carry on this ability to utilize existing facilities and thereby add to a great family tradition.

As soon as the young man, Walter Weaver, was of age, his father, General Weaver, enrolled him at the Virginia Military Institute, to begin the military career his father was so

anxious for him to pursue. In retrospect it was, indeed, an illustrious Cadet Corps at V.M.I. that year. The young Cadet had as his first Cadet Captain, General of the Army George C. Marshall.

At the end of his third year at V.M.I., Cadet Weaver received an appointment to West Point, which he accepted, and forthwith entered the Military Academy. It was at this time that General Weaver gained a friend and roommate who was also destined to play an important role in the affairs of this nation. This friend was Major General Edwin M. Watson, Military Aide to President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The association of these two men continued past their Cadet days and early Army life as Second Lieutenants, and through the years there developed between them a mutual regard, respect and sincerity characteristic of both of these eminent patriots.

General Weaver was graduated from the United States Military Academy in June, 1908 and commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Infantry. He was assigned to the 11th Infantry at Fort D. A. Russell, Wyoming (now Fort Francis E. Warren).

In 1910, he was transferred to the 28th Infantry at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, which transfer proved to be one of the most important in his life, for in 1911 he married the beautiful, charming Miss Elizabeth Johnson, whose father was an official of the Omaha Railway. Whenever General Weaver faced difficulties in administration involving those semi-official problems so common in Army administration, Mrs. Weaver was constantly at his side, aiding and assisting him in smoothing out the knotty problems of semi-official and social life. She endeared herself to the members of his command and became noted for her charms, gracious hospitality, and her interest in befriending the wives of young officers.

From Fort Snelling, General Weaver was transferred in 1912 to the Philippines, where he was the Aide-de-Camp of Brigadier General Eli D. Hoyle. In 1914 he was transferred to Tientsin, China.

Upon return from foreign service, General Weaver was assigned to Columbus Barracks, Ohio, in 1915, followed by an assignment to Fort Thomas, Kentucky, in 1916.

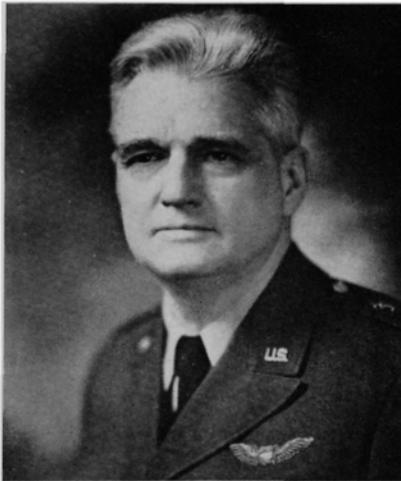
In 1917, at the beginning of World War I, he transferred to the Aviation Section, Signal Corps, and was assigned to duty as Commandant of Flying Cadets at Wilbur Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio. At this time he was promoted to the rank of Major. Shortly after this, General Weaver was ordered to St. Paul, Minnesota, to organize and command the U.S. Army Aviation Mechanical School. This was a most difficult assignment which required utmost vision and initiative. When he reached St. Paul, he learned that there were 500 students enroute to this locality, and the Army had no place to house them. With no authority other than personal instructions, he approached the manager of the Willys-Overland assembly plant in St. Paul and said that he wanted the building. The manager pointed out that he had just moved in 3,000 automobiles. The General promptly tele-

phoned the president of the company, secured the building, and started moving out cars within the hour, enlisting the aid of the purchasing agents of two railroads. Before dawn, he was supervising the installation of bunks and mess halls. Two and a half days after receiving his orders, General Weaver had the school in operation.

In 1919, General Weaver was assigned as Chief of the Supply Group, Office of the Director of Air Service, Washington, D. C.

General Weaver had long had an ambition to learn to fly. During the war, he was too busy, but in 1920 he took advantage of the opportunity and began flying training, which was completed in 1921 at Kelly Field, Texas, where he received his wings and the rating of Airplane Pilot.

Then followed a most difficult assignment in 1922 as Commanding Officer of Mitchel Field. This station had become terribly rundown. The buildings were deteriorating rapidly, the wartime personnel had been discharged, there were no floors in the



hangars, and airplanes had to be repaired and operated in the mud. Within one year, General Weaver had repaired buildings, repaired hangars, put in hangar floors, put in hard surface parking ramps and aprons and transformed this station into one of the best, if not the best operated station in the Air Corps. It became a station that reflected great credit to the Air Corps and to himself.

Then followed a succession of tours of command duty: Boston Airport, 1923-1925; Air Depot, Middletown, Pa., 1925-1927; Maxwell Field, Alabama, 1927-1931.

In 1932, he was a student at the Army Industrial College in Washington, then Chief of the Plans Division, Office of the Chief of Air Corps, later serving as Chief of the Information Division of the same office in 1933. From the nation's capital he was transferred to New York City in 1934 as Procurement Planning Representative of the Air Corps.

In 1935, when the G.H.Q. Air Force was organized with its headquarters at Langley Field, Virginia, he became inspector of this command. In 1937, he was assigned as Commanding Officer of Langley Field, which position he occupied for the next two years.

In 1939, he became Commandant of the Air Corps Tactical School at Maxwell Field, Alabama. This was an important assignment, because it was here that the tactical doctrine was formulated and taught. This doctrine was the basis for the air strategy which contributed so much to the winning of World War II.

In 1940, when the Air Forces suddenly commenced its enormous expansion, General Weaver was assigned as Commanding General of the Southeast Air Corps Training Center at Maxwell Field and promoted to the grade of Brigadier General. Here, again, General Weaver had an opportunity to exercise his ability in organization and expansion. Within a very short time the Southeast Training Center became a going concern, training thousands of young pilots. In July, 1941, he was promoted to the rank of Major General.

From December 1941 until March 1942, General Weaver was Acting Chief of the Air Corps, with station in Washington. During this period the Air Corps was subjected to a complete reorganization and was designated the Army Air Forces. General Weaver, as Acting Chief of the Air Corps, played a major part in the preparation of the ensuing plans of reorganization. When this reorganization became effective in March, 1942, it included the constitution of the Technical Training Command, with General Weaver as the Commanding General. This command was responsible for the induction and basic training of all enlisted Air Corps personnel, the technical training of all Air Corps personnel, and practically all of the Air Forces schools, except flying training schools. As the headquarters for this command, General Weaver selected the Pine Needles Hotel at Southern Pines, North Carolina. Few people realized the enormity of the task which had been handed to the Technical Training Command, but General Weaver knew well its full implication. He realized the number of men that would have to be inducted would be so great that it would be impossible either to house them in existing camps and cantonments or to construct cantonments in time to meet the requirements, even if the materials had been available. He rapidly searched the nation for an answer to his problem. The hundreds of resort hotels, laying idle, seemed to be his solution as he envisioned them as housing for Basic Training Centers and Schools. This was entirely contrary to precedent. Such a thing had never before been done, and it was with great difficulty that General Weaver was able to secure the approval of the War Department in this project. However, had this not been done, it would have been practically impossible to accomplish the gigantic housing task within the short time allowable. Working with maximum speed, General Weaver acquired the resort hotels in Atlantic City, N. J., Miami Beach, and St. Petersburg, Fla., and a group of hotels in Chicago, including the Stevens Hotel.

At the beginning of this period of expansion, General Arnold, Commanding the Army Air Forces, asked General Weaver how long it would take

him to open the first Officer Candidate School. General Weaver replied, "Today is Wednesday. Can you give me until next Monday?" General Arnold, mildly skeptical of General Weaver's bold confidence, was quite surprised but much elated, nevertheless. General Weaver fell to work with characteristic speed. He had to borrow instructors and appropriate instructional facilities wherever he could find them. In addition, he had to take over the hotels for housing the students. But on the following Monday, true to his promise, the first 500 Officer Candidates began their courses. Thousands followed.

It was during this time that Frederick Simpich, writing in the National Geographic Magazine, commented:

"Sometimes Weaver looks hard and grim as he bites his pipestem and ponders some knotty problem in the infinite tasks that face him; but underneath that rigid military mask beats a kindly heart. To him the welfare of his humblest student mechanic, whether from farmyard or city street, is also important, along with the trials of all the generals, colonels, majors and others who help him run the many technical training schools scattered across the country".

In taking over the resort hotels of the nation, General Weaver stated: "The best hotel room is none too good for the American soldier". And it was with this sincere regard for the welfare of his men that General Weaver based many of his actions.

In recognition of General Weaver's services during this critical period, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

In July, 1943, when the Technical Training Command was at the peak of its strength and operating efficiency, General Weaver's health failed him. This was aggravated by the constant strain, worry and responsibility incident to a nation and an Air Force at war. After a period of hospitalization at Walter Reed Hospital, he was retired for physical disability. Most men, under these circumstances, would have been content to accept the verdict of the surgeons and live in quiet and relaxation, but General Weaver felt that the war was still unwon and that there might be something which his health would permit him to do to further the war effort. He would not give up. Whereupon he became associated with the Aviation Corporation as a Consultant. In this capacity he continued for approximately one year until he was again admitted to Walter Reed Hospital shortly prior to his death.

Although General Weaver's career and, by far, the greater part of his life had been spent in the military service, it was quite evident that his capabilities extended into the business world as well, and the success which he achieved in the short period of time, approximately one year, with the Aviation Corporation is evidenced by the resolution which was passed unanimously by the Board of Directors of the Aviation Corporation after his death. This resolution is quoted as follows:

"We record with profound sorrow the death on October 27, 1944, of Major General Walter Reed Weaver, Retired, who during his term of service with

this corporation earned the respect and affection of the entire personnel of our organization.

"With great honor and distinction Major General Weaver served the United States Army for over forty years. With far seeing vision he became interested in aviation very early in his military career, advancing step by step from a flying cadet to Commandant of the Technical Training Command, the largest division of the Army Air Forces.

"Upon his retirement from military service August 31, 1943, because of ill health, he was not content in the midst of war to forego all activities and accept well-earned rest and leisure, but promptly associated himself with the Aviation Corporation as Consultant, where his lifelong experience in military aviation made him of incalculable help to the Aviation Corporation in the furtherance of its activities in the war effort and particularly in the production of aircraft engines and other ordnance for the armed services.

"Though we deeply mourn his loss, the memory of his great patriotism, loyalty and happy enthusiasm will long be an inspiration to us. In testimony whereof we have recorded in full upon the records of the corporation this expression of our regard and affection, and have directed that an engrossed copy hereof be forwarded to his bereaved wife, Mrs. Elizabeth K. J. Weaver"

In addition to the above, a personal tribute paid to General Weaver by Mr. Victor Emanuel, President of the Aviation Corporation, is quoted as follows:

"While I only knew General Weaver over a period of three or four years, no one I met made any deeper impression upon me, and I speak for this entire organization when I say that we all felt he was the most patriotic man that we had ever met, one of great ability, of great understanding, of great human sympathy, and great kindness. I do not know how I can say any more. We just loved him."

In recreation, General Weaver was as intense at sports as he was on duty. A tireless golfer, he would exhaust younger aides and beat them almost invariably. Nor was he content to play with mediocre talent, but loved to feel the challenge of the most peerless player available for a game. When amusement required quiet concentration he would become thoroughly absorbed and relaxed. If it was music, which he loved, he would give it the undivided attention of the complete music lover. If it was chess, he would concentrate and ponder moves like a General in battle. Indeed, he was such a master of the game that it lost some of its charm in the original form, and he invented a new chess game. This was a three dimensional game with an upper deck above the standard board, upon which the pieces represented air combat units.

So it was in his entire life, no matter whether official or unofficial. He gave his whole energy and ability to the job before him, creating new procedures, conquering almost insurmountable tasks, building a career that became credit to his country, himself, and a tradition in the Army . . .

a life characterized by "Duty, Honor and Country".

Even though this great soldier has passed from this earth, his name lives on in many ways. In at least one instance his name continues to be of service to his country, for it is the Army Air Forces Floating Maintenance Unit, the Major General Walter Reed Weaver, a proud ship with a great name, that is servicing U.S. A.A.F. planes in the Pacific where she has been diligently at work, since her christening at the height of the war on Japan.

And in that land of rest, love and understanding not on this earth, the long line of departed grey will welcome a fellow soldier with "Well done, be thou at peace".

John Ross Mendenhall

NO. 5456 CLASS OF 1915

Killed in Action, January 27, 1945, in New Guinea, aged 51 years.

THE untimely death of Colonel John R. Mendenhall brings to a close the military career of one who contributed his enthusiasm, energy, and most of his life to his service in the army.

He was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, on September 29, 1893. Coming from a family of long West Point tradition, he was raised on the tales of his grandfather's battles against the Indians. In 1911 he continued the family tradition and entered West Point, a member of the class of 1915. Almost immediately upon being commissioned he took part in the Mexican



Border Campaign. In 1918 he married Anne Louise Killinger ten days before he departed overseas. In France, he served with the 3rd Division and participated in five major engagements. For his service in the last war he was awarded the Silver Star Citation, the Purple Heart, and the Croix de Guerre.

When he returned to the United States he served with the 28th Infantry at Camp Dix, New Jersey. Following that, he was senior instructor with the 174th National Guard Regiment at Buffalo, New York, where he made many friends. In 1925 he was pro-

moted to the permanent rank of major, and he soon left for duty with the 42nd Infantry in the Canal Zone in November of that year. Later he was made Post Commander of Quarry Heights.

In 1928, he returned to the United States and attended the Infantry School at Fort Benning. On completing his course, he was appointed instructor for the 7th Regiment of the National Guard in New York City, which position he held for six years. During this time he had charge of the George Washington Bicentennial program which he managed so efficiently that it began and ended exactly on time. This astounding feat had never before been accomplished in the history of outdoor pageantry in New York.

Following his service with the 7th, he was stationed for two years with the 16th Infantry at Governors Island and then for three years as P.M.S.&T. at the North Dakota Agricultural College where he built up enormously the morale and prestige of the R.O.T.C. program there. In 1941 he was graduated from the Battalion Commanders and Staff Officers Course at the Infantry School at Fort Benning. In July of this year, he was commissioned to the temporary rank of Colonel and he then left this country to serve two years with the 65th Infantry in Puerto Rico and Panama. After this he became regimental commander of the 167th Infantry, was promoted to the permanent rank of Colonel May, 1944, and served with it in the Southwest Pacific in the vicinity of New Guinea. It was there, on January 27, 1945, that he first was listed missing and then killed in action. He was awarded the Purple Heart posthumously.

Besides his wife, Louise K. Mendenhall, he leaves two daughters, Sylvia Mendenhall and Mrs. Harold Schreder, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Mendenhall, and a brother, Lt. Col. C. M. Mendenhall, Jr.

We have lost one of our most enthusiastic army officers who was a great asset to the service and to whom the army meant a great deal. Always modest and unostentatious concerning his achievements, he gave beyond the ordinary line of duty with inexhaustible enthusiasm, sincerity, tact, efficiency, and his leadership ability. As the 7th Regiment of the New York National Guard wrote in tribute to his service with them:

"His keen and active interest, and his ability to bring to us the most advanced military thought, has played no inconsiderable part in bringing the Regiment to its present state of efficiency.

"In performing his duty he has moved along with intent on creating not only an efficient military machine, but a Regiment consistent with all of our own ideals and traditions, and has thereby made a place for himself in our esteem and affection seldom accorded to anyone not actually a member of the Regiment.

"His never failing dignity, tact and consideration have done much to further mutual confidence between the elements of the two great components of the United States Army—the 'Regular' and the 'Guardsmen'."

Edwin Virgil Kerr

NO. 6327 CLASS OF 1919

Died January 27, 1945, in a Japanese Prison Camp, aged 47 years.

EDWIN VIRGIL KERR was born June 27, 1897, in Metropolis, Illinois. He attended the local high school and the University of Illinois before he entered West Point. He graduated in 1919 and was assigned to the Field Artillery, serving in San Antonio, Texas; Fort Bragg, North Carolina; and as P.M.S.&T. at Fishbourne Military School in Virginia.

He served with the Gold Star Mothers Pilgrimage in France in 1932—a year of great interest and happiness to him and his family.

In 1938 he joined the 7th Field Artillery at Fort Ethan Allen and served as Post adjutant and from here he went on maneuvers to Fort Benning.



In 1940 he was ordered to the Philippines from where he was destined not to return. He served with the 24th Field Artillery and lived through all the horrors of the Death March of Bataan and subsequent moves from Mindanao to Cabanatuan. He was on the fatal ship of December 15 torpedoed off the coast of the China Sea. His whereabouts at the time of his death are unknown. He died the 27th of January 1945 at the age of 47—another sacrifice of his class to the cause of freedom.

Virgil was an expert pistol shot and interested in sports and pistol firing.

While in Hawaii in 1922 and '24 he was a member of the champion pistol team and was elected to the Olympics team of 1924. He continued his shooting in the U.S. at the Camp Perry National meets 1928-30 and was a Distinguished Pistol Shot.

Col. Kerr was meticulous in the performance of his duties wherever they chanced to be. He was greatly beloved by the students where he served as P.M.S.&T. As a tribute of their esteem the military school in Virginia dedicated its 1933 annual to him. He also served in the R.O.T.C. unit of the University of Missouri.

Virgil loved West Point and the

ideals it stood for. He remained boyish and idealistic all of his life, he never lost his high sense of honor and was simple in his tastes, unassuming and modest.

He was deeply religious and had a great sense of humor, two qualities which sustained him during his long imprisonment. Reports from fellow prisoners were repeatedly reported to verify his high morale and spirits.

Virgil died a hero's death but he lives on in the hearts of his children and his wife.

He left two children Edwin Bartlett Kerr, Lt. of Infantry, Class of 1945, U.S.M.A., and Ramona Kerr Sussman wife of Lt. Col. Sussman, Class of 1938, U.S.M.A.

He was a member of the Sons of the Revolution and the Army and Navy Club and Scabbard and Blade.

—R. E. K.

Russell Lowell Williamson

NO. 6512 CLASS OF JUNE 11, 1919

Died September 26, 1945, at Hamilton Field, California, aged 47 years.

THOSE who knew Colonel Russell Lowell Williamson best will remember him for two conspicuous attributes of greatness: the true humility of a great spirit and the forcefulness of a distinguished man of action—two qualities which the colonel held always in careful balance, both in his private life and in his colorful career as a professional soldier.

The estimate of those who knew him and worked with him is preserved in letters now in the possession of Mrs. Williamson. In one of these letters, written on the occasion of the colonel's transfer from one assignment to another, an acquaintance comments:

"Whenever you have come and gone on your numerous trips, my own morale has risen and fallen. . . . Your blessed sense of values, your wit, your initiative and decisiveness, and your impatient patience have been an inspiration to me. . . . I shall always remember you and wish that you may yet have the assignment which is hard enough, nasty enough, big enough to be worthy of your capabilities."

Another associate, writing to Mrs. Williamson after the colonel's death, reflects an intimate acquaintanceship:

". . . Colonel Williamson was the best Army man I ever met and one of the few great men I have ever known. The patience and interest he had for five little boys gave each of us a respect so great that we wanted to follow his profession.

"Your husband was a successful man, a humble one, and the things he gave his family are those very things I admire most. You can judge a man by those."

The patience which impressed both these correspondents was extended freely to all the colonel's associates who proved, by their character and industry, that they deserved consideration. But there is reason for the curious choice of words, in the one letter: "your impatient patience." For Colonel Williamson, with boundless

energy and a consuming eagerness to give his best to every task which he undertook, expected enthusiasm and high ambition on the part of his subordinates and associates, and was always impatient with unnecessary delay, carelessness and ineptitude. Reasonable, discerning, patient with everyone who worked conscientiously against unavoidable difficulties, ready to help his subordinates and associates wherever he could, Colonel Williamson was nevertheless impatient to get on with the task ahead, eager to complete the job with speed and thorough efficiency.

Perhaps it was his balance of patience and impatience, humility and forcefulness which contributed as much as anything else to the qualities of leadership that Colonel Williamson displayed throughout the 27 years of his life as a professional soldier.

He was born in Illinois on July 5, 1898. Graduated from a country high school in Metea, Indiana, he taught in the school for one year before entering the Military Academy in June, 1917.

He was graduated on November 1, 1918 with the degree of Bachelor of Science and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Infantry. The Armistice of 1918 came a few days later. Lieutenant Williamson then returned to West Point for further study, which he completed in June, 1919.

The remainder of the summer of 1919 was spent in Europe, where the young lieutenant studied the battlefields and campaigns of World War I. Completing this work, Lieutenant Williamson entered upon the nine-month course of study in the Infantry School at Ft. Benning, Ga., from which he was graduated in June, 1920. Then followed six months of service with the 56th Infantry; his transfer to the Air Corps; his completion of primary flight training at March Field in December, 1921, and advanced flight training at Ft. Sill, Okla., in June, 1922; his assignment to the School Group at Kelly Field; his tour of duty at Ft. Sam Houston; then, in 1926, his transfer to the Hawaiian Department and his assignment to the Fourth Observation Squadron at Wheeler Field; his transfer with this squadron, a few months later, to Luke Field, where he spent the remainder of his three years and eight months' service in the Department.

When the Hawaiian Air Depot was established, he was assigned to that organization and became the Commanding Officer of the Engineering Unit at Luke Field.

During this time he furnished technical advice needed in organizing the Inter-Island Airways. In this work he assisted Lieutenant Carl Cover, who later became vice president of the Douglas Aircraft Company, and, during a leave of absence upon completion of his tour of duty in the Hawaiian Department, he flew as a pilot for the Inter-Island Airways.

Returning to the mainland in 1930, Lieutenant Williamson was assigned to study design engineering at Wright Field, then to duty in Air Corps laboratories at Wright Field and later to duty in flight test and supply at the Fairfield Air Depot, near Wright Field.

During his tour of duty here, important changes were made in the con-

struction of the warehouse area and in the warehousing of supplies. He was occupied with this work until, in June, 1936, he was made Post Commander at Bowman Field, Louisville, Ky.

On this assignment, which was extended to December, 1940, Williamson (now a major) procured a large number of reserve officers for the Air Corps and made a host of friends for his branch of the service. He was retained on the assignment an additional six months, beyond the length of the normal term, to supervise the construction of a new cantonment at Bowman Field. He personally made the layout of all buildings and utilities for the new station, and was in large measure responsible for the enthusiastic support which the people of Louisville gave to this project.

In January 1941 Major Williamson returned to the Hawaiian Department as Wing S-4 of the 14th Pursuit Wing at Wheeler Field. He served later as Executive Officer and as S-4 of the Fighter Command in Hawaii, Supply



Officer and Executive Officer of the Hawaiian Air Depot, chief of the Supply Division of the Seventh A.F. Service Command.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES,
PACIFIC OCEAN AREAS, A.P.O. 953

By direction of the President, The Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas, takes pleasure in presenting the *Bronze Star Medal* to Colonel Russell L. Williamson, O-12474, Air Corps, United States Army for service set forth in the following, and as announced in General Orders No. 19, Headquarters Army Air Forces Pacific Ocean Areas, February 1, 1945:

Citation:

"For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 6 November 1941 to 8 April 1944. As Base Executive Officer Wheeler Field, T. H., during the Japanese attack on 7 December 1941, Colonel Williamson displayed calmness, courage and leadership of the highest degree in the supervision of the dispersion of aircraft, motor vehicles and other critical supplies. Immediately following the attack and for

several days thereafter, he was responsible to a large extent for the rapid construction of shelters for personnel and numerous other activities in the organization of Wheeler Field for defense against the possibility of further attacks by the enemy. As Executive Officer of the VII Fighter Command he supervised plans for the rapid construction of housing and messing facilities for personnel of the command, and was responsible to a large degree for the rapid and efficient organization of the administrative establishment of the VII Fighter Command. As Chief Supply Officer of the Hawaiian Air Depot, he displayed professional and organizational ability of a high degree in planning and directing the expansion of the supply facilities of the Depot, which enabled it to meet wartime demands and to contribute greatly to the logistical support of Air operations in the Central, South and Southwest Pacific areas. His expeditious handling of supply processes and his constant efforts to improve those processes have contributed signally to the accomplishments of the Army Air Forces in the Pacific. His personal example, tact and initiative contributed greatly toward maintaining a high state of morale of all with whom he came in contact. By his outstanding devotion to duty, Col. Williamson exemplified the highest traditions of the Army Air Forces and provided a source of inspiration to all who served with him."

From February 14, 1945 to June 30, 1945, he was acting Air Inspector at the Sacramento Air Technical Service Command, McClellan Field, Calif.

Meanwhile, in 1942, he had been promoted to the permanent rank of lieutenant colonel and the temporary rank of full colonel, in recognition of his distinctive achievement.

Suffering from ill health but still driving himself on with his unlimited nervous energy, he was assigned, in July, 1945, as a patient, to the A.A.F. Regional Hospital at Hamilton Field, Calif. He died there on September 26, 1945.

Herbert Ralph Pierce

NO. 6578 CLASS OF 1920

Died October 30, 1945, at Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D. C., aged 45 years.

FUNERAL services for the late Lt. Col. Herbert R. Pierce, U.S. Army, were held November 1, 1945. Col. Pierce died October 30, 1945 at Walter Reed General Hospital after a brief illness contracted while on active service in the China-Burma-India Theater with the Chinese Combat Command.

Born in Washington, D. C., September 28, 1900, Col. Pierce attended the local schools and was graduated from McKinley High School in 1917. After one year of engineering at George Washington University he was appointed a cadet to West Point and was a member of the graduating class of 1920. He served with the Field Artillery for three years at Fort Knox, Kentucky and Camp Stotsenberg, Philippine Islands, resigning in 1923 as a

First Lieutenant. Returning to the United States in 1923 he attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology at Cambridge, Massachusetts, where he received a degree in Civil Engineering.

About fifteen years of Col. Pierce's life were spent as a Civil Engineer in Central and South America. He planned and supervised the construction of many highways, railways and pipelines in Cuba, British and Spanish Honduras, Costa Rica, Panama, Venezuela and Colombia. Prior to Pearl Harbor he was associated with the U.S. Army Engineers in the construction of airfields and other military defenses of the Canal Zone.

Returning to the United States in April 1942, Col. Pierce was commis-



sioned as Captain in the Field Artillery and after attending the Field Artillery Schools at Fort Bragg and Fort Sill he was promoted to the rank of Major and assigned to duty in the Western China Theater in August 1943.

During his two-year service in the China Theater, Col. Pierce served as Field Artillery Officer with the Army Artillery Battalion where he was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service during the period from April 4 to September 4, 1944. Later he served as Combat Liaison Officer with the Chinese Combat Command and was awarded the Special Breast Order of Yun Hui. He was also awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service in the India-Burma Campaign.

Services for Col. Pierce were conducted at the home of his mother, Mrs. Mattie Y. Pierce, at Bailey's Cross Roads, Virginia, by Lt. Col. D. C. Stewart, Chaplain U.S. Army.

Former West Point Classmates of Col. Pierce, who served as Honorary Pallbearers, were Brig. Gen. F. M. Harris, Brig. Gen. F. A. Henning, Brig. Gen. H. I. Hodes, Brig. Gen. E. H. Lastayo, Brig. Gen. R. C. Partridge, Brig. Gen. J. H. Stratton, Col. H. C. Fowler, Col. H. F. Handy, Col. C. G. Holle, Col. D. R. Van Sickler, Lt. Col. R. D. Durst and Mr. H. B. Millard.

Lt. Col. Pierce is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ouida Moore Pierce, of New York City, two daughters, the Misses Olivia and Betty Pierce, and one son, Edward Pierce; his mother, Mrs. Mattie Y. Pierce of Bailey's Cross Roads, Virginia, and two sisters, Mrs. Sara P. Rouse of Deal, Maryland and Mrs.

Charles F. Miller, Jr., of Bailey's Cross Roads, Virginia.

Interment was at Oakwood Cemetery, Falls Church, Virginia, with military honors.

Thomas Arnett Roberts, Jr.

NO. 6614 CLASS OF 1920

Killed in Action August 4, 1944, in Normandy, France, aged 44 years.

TARRY was killed on the field of battle August 4, 1944, while commanding the Artillery of the "Hell on Wheels" 2d Armored Division in the Normandy invasion. Born December 5, 1899, at Springfield, Illinois, he bade fair to match the distinguished World War I record of the father whose namesake he is. His mother was Jessie Reed Roberts of Springfield, Illinois. It is owing as much to her gentle guidance in his formative years when his father was "off to the wars" as to the latter's sterling example that he happened early upon the qualities that set him apart.

Like his entire life, Tarry's cadet days were full. By nature an active, powerful, outdoor man he relished sports and engaged in boxing, football, swimming, and rifle and pistol marksmanship. The three latter were his favorite hobbies; he earned his U.S.M.A. letters in swimming and some years after graduation the Distinguished Pistol Shot Medal. He carried his love for sports throughout his service. He was as much at home on a polo pony as on the football field or at hunting. The physical fitness and endurance he thus maintained was to stand him in good stead when war's demands eventually came to tax the utmost of him. During the crammed wartime West Point days, he also found time to be Vice-President of the Y.M.C.A., Assistant Editor of the Howitzer Board, a mainstay of the Cadet Chapel Choir, and another one in the Hundredth Night Show. Yet, with it all, he had no difficulties with his studies. He went at everything he did with all he had. His untiring energy and enthusiasm, be it at work or at play, was an inspiration to those about him. He oozed personality and leadership and it was but natural that he should graduate the First Captain of the Corps of Cadets and well up academically.

Tarry's army schooling took him from West Point to the Basic Field Artillery School at Camp Knox, Kentucky. He later attended the Advanced Field Artillery Course at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he was retained as an instructor in Gunnery. Many present-day Field Artillery battalion and higher commanders and staff officers now in combat all over the globe owe much to his earnest teachings in setting them "on the right path." Later he attended the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where likewise he was returned as an instructor while also Aide-de-Camp to the Commandant.

Tarry met his charming wife, the former Miss Grace Huppertz of San Antonio, while stationed at Camp Travis, Texas, his first troop assignment. They were blessed with three

boys, but an unfortunate tragedy overtook one. Their life together was a complete and devoted one. The Welcome sign was always out for their always increasing host of friends, and those at other stations through the years were sure of getting one of Tarry's family silhouette Christmas cards.

Camp Travis was preceded by Camp Knox and followed by the Philippines, Fort Myer, Fort Riley, Fort Sill, Fort Leavenworth, Fort Sam Houston and Fort Leavenworth again. And then came the war. Its outbreak caught him at Fort Bragg. Things moved fast and furiously for everyone then and he was no exception. As Assistant G-3 of the First Corps Area, he served on General Staff duty from January 27 to August 5, 1942. On August 6, 1942, he achieved a life-long ambition when given command of the Artillery of the 2d Armored Division, the command he held throughout the campaigns of North Africa, Sicily, and Normandy until his death.

At a fitting military ceremony at Fort Sam Houston, his wife was presented with the Bronze Star and the Silver Star Medals he so valiantly earned. One need but read between the lines in the citations for his Silver Star Medal to guess the nature and the importance of the operations in which he was last engaged and the manner in which he did his part.

SILVER STAR

"On 29 July 1944, in the general vicinity of * * * * the command post of Colonel Roberts, who was Division Artillery Commander, was in danger of being overrun by counterattacking enemy troops. This was at a very critical time during the operation that was to drive the enemy from the * * * Peninsula and pave the way for a gen-



eral Allied advance into Brittany and into the heart of France. Colonel Roberts immediately supervised the organization of a local defense, exposing himself to intense enemy fire without regard for his personal safety. The attack was repulsed and the enemy was driven from the area with heavy losses largely as a result of the gallant action of Colonel Roberts. Although his command post was the nerve center for all the artillery of the division, Colonel Roberts insured that the operations were not inter-

rupted even at this critical period. His actions were an inspiration to all who were around him."

BRONZE STAR

"For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in * * * during the period from 9 July 1943 to 17 August 1943."

Tarry is mourned by all who have had the good fortune to have known or served with him. Upon his death his chaplain wrote kindly of his interest in the moral as well as the military care of his officers and men. His natural easy self-assurance, his active interest in those about him, his diligence and endurance, his alertness to and readiness for acquiring and assuming ever greater responsibilities always inspired the loyalty and devotion of his subordinates and the full confidence of his superiors. And with it all is his easy natural "genuineness" and his readiness to get together whether for a strident songfest with his guitar and "Way Down Yonder in the Cornfield" or an overnight march.

Tarry is survived by his wife, their two sons, his father, and his sister who has herself sacrificed in the Southwest Pacific her husband, Colonel William Douglas McNair, a close associate and a close counterpart of Tarry's. They were born soldiers. They lived soldiers. They died soldiers. Their country in this hour of need can ill spare such leaders. By the way they lived and by the way they died they have left a priceless heritage to it and their loved ones.

—J. A. S.

George Dewey Vanture

NO. 6603 CLASS OF 1920

Died while a Prisoner of War, in the Pacific Area, December, 1944, aged 46 years.

WHEN first called upon to write the obituary of as close a comrade as Czecho was to me, I almost thought it beyond my powers to do so. I still feel that I can never adequately express my feelings or do his memory justice. I feel, however, that above all his friends and classmates I am the one who can most clearly record the greatness of his character, personality and bravery in times of trial. Throughout this brief statement, behind the scenes runs continually the thought "But for the grace of God there am I".

I will leave it for others to tell of Czecho's early personal history and his peacetime accomplishments, for although we were roommates during our First Class year and had spent most of our service in the same branch, we had never served together until the fateful days of '41. Czecho arrived in Manila almost simultaneously with me in October 1941, although not on the same boat. We were both temporarily stationed at Stotsenburg before our assignment to the Philippine Army and during the hectic days preceding Pearl Harbor we had little chance to see each other.

I commanded the 71st F.A. (P.A.) and Czecho was assigned to the 91st F.A. (P.A.). On the night following the second day's battle on December 23rd, Czecho arrived with a regimental combat detail to come to our support and after the smoke had temporarily cleared away, we found ourselves fighting shoulder to shoulder on the banks of the Agno River on Christmas Eve. The pressure of the enemy attack was terrific. I handled the Artillery while Czecho took on the bigger job of coordinating the remnants of Infantry, Cavalry and Engineers and by his inspiring leadership formed them into a defense line along the banks of the river. We held the river bank for two days and then retreated southward where Czecho picked up the remainder of the Artillery regiment and my outfit was ordered to San Fernando. He engaged the enemy two days later at Cabanatuan while my regiment was in



action to the southeast at Baliwag and I did not see him again until some time in January when my regiment was ordered to support the 1st Division, Regular Army (P.A.), in the defense sector of Moron, Bataan.

Czecho was then Division Artillery Officer. We made a groupment of my regiment plus all the artillery we could muster in the sector for a coordinated defense system and during the bitter fighting of the next few weeks Czecho was constantly by my side at my Command Post and Observation Post while still acting as a buffer for me against the high command. The Division was surrounded by a surprise attack of the enemy on January 20th during which time I was wounded. Czecho being caught on the other side of the break-through, made his way alone and unaided to General Wainwright's Hdqrs. of the 1st Corps to acquaint them with the situation and to urge a counter attack. When told by General Wainwright to rest and recuperate he replied, "Sir, I have a classmate who is dead or wounded there. I am going up to get him now". He went with the counter attack which was launched and for three days the situation was in doubt. In the end the remnants of our trapped Division were forced to blow up our guns and trucks and escape through the jungle to our own

lines. At the end of our march, the first man I saw was Czecho who, after taking care of our exhausted troops, saw to it that I was sent on my way to a hospital.

After my wounds had healed I returned to duty with the 2nd Corps in the east sector while Czecho remained with the 1st Corps on the west. During the next two months of siege we were unable to see each other although we talked several times by telephone. During the bitter days that followed our surrender and the Death March, our paths did not cross, but on the night that we finally reached our first concentration camp at O'Donnell and I was huddled with an exhausted group in a flimsy shack, I heard in the dark a voice calling, "Is Chick Fowler there?" To which I answered, "Yes", and the voice replied, "This is Czecho. Move over, boys, I am coming in"

From that time on we contrived to be inseparable. Whatever possessions we had or were able to get we considered unquestionably our common property.

After a brief stay in O'Donnell we were taken to Cabanatuan from where in October 1942 Czecho was ordered to Davao. So close was our comradeship that although not selected, I immediately volunteered to accompany him. For almost two years, we lived, worked, talked and thought together. We shaved with the same razor blade and smoked the same cigarette, if either of us was lucky enough to get one. Our innermost thoughts were common property to each of us.

Others have attempted to tell snatches of the rigors of our imprisonment but the real tale is yet to be told, if ever. Suffice it here to say, it was a period in which human instincts were bared to the core and the veneer of civilization was subjected to a tremendous strain. It is therefore with a total inadequacy of expression, I can only say that Czecho faithfully followed the ideals of his and our beloved Alma Mater.

We were shipped from Davao to Manila about June 1944. Czecho was sent back to Cabanatuan while I, being incapacitated, remained at Bilibid. He returned to Bilibid some time in November as a member of a group destined for shipment to Japan. For almost six weeks we were constantly together, during which time it was an even bet as to whether we would all be rescued or be shipped to Japan. On December 13th his fateful orders were received and after grasping my hand in a farewell, he marched away to what we all realized was almost certain death. His head was high and his eyes still held the fire in them that had glistened on the banks of the Agno River.

Czecho will bear no general's stars with him to his Valhalla and he will never receive the medals and citations that are his proper due. Those who fight in as bitter a rear guard action rarely do. My greatest comfort is that when I go to join that "Long Grey Line" of which he is now a part, I will be able to call, "Where is Czecho? Move over, boys, I am coming in"

—H. C. F.

Charles West Stewart, Jr.

NO. 6968 CLASS OF 1923

Died July 7, 1945, at Frankfurt,
Germany, aged 45 years.

ONLY rarely in a world beset with selfishness, uncontrolled ambitions and narrow personal prejudices, does one encounter an individual who is able to transcend serenely these evils and keep his eyes continually focused on the finer things of life. Charlie was one of these rare beings—and much more.

Endowed with an inordinate curiosity, he delved into many fields of human knowledge not only amassing a large body of well organized facts and a deep appreciation of their significance but also developing to a high degree an innate sense of good taste and the "fitness of things." Aside from his professional qualifications as an engineer and general staff officer, his vast fund of information was always willingly and sincerely shared with all others who were interested. The inspiration and incentive toward a finer appreciation of music, art and literature—among other things—that he gave to those who knew him, continue to grow and spread in ever wider circles. Charlie's influence in adding to the sum total of human happiness through understanding and better values of life does and will continue to exist.

The very characteristic of "selflessness" which he possessed so completely enabled him to become, when necessary, a vehement champion of an idea or a principle which was vital to our national interests. He would defend a position with forceful and clear logic in unmistakable terms with never a thought of his own personal interests or prejudices. This intenseness of purpose and fearlessness in fighting for principles coupled with a personal humility and purity of heart are the seldom found attributes of real Christian leadership. Charlie really lived his whole life in true service to his country and in doing things for other people. And in his short life he not only helped improve the country he served but also made the people there feel better just because they met him.

Charlie, with his modesty, would probably protest that the above was not entirely correct; that he really lived in a world of his own with his music and etchings and philosophy which he shared with his wife and son. This also is true but not exclusively so, as we, who knew him better than most, understood his nature. He did have the complex and profound nature of the soldier-poet with the ability to live objectively and yet preserve an intellectual and emotional self-sufficiency made entirely complete with his marriage and the arrival of his son "Westy." This did not make him entirely immune to the "slings and arrows of outrageous fortune" but enabled him by his philosophy and perspective to rise above them and realize their ephemeral character in the true scheme of things.

Our task in trying to delineate in

mere words the intangible and kaleidoscopic aspects of Charlie's character would not be complete without mentioning his ever kind disposition and enormous joy of living. He was a delightful companion in both war and peace. Under adverse conditions when things looked the blackest, Charlie was always the bright spot that never faltered and steadfastly searched for a solution. That same light still shines among us, whom he has left, and we shall do our best to keep it burning and pass it on to those who come after us.

To tell the full story of Charlie's life with all that it means to his family and friends would require volumes. Volumes indeed would be necessary to describe adequately the full measure of his life. In fact, each phase of it is a long chapter in itself, with every feature constructive, able, intelligent, and sympathetic for the good of whatever he touched. Those of us who remember him well will from time to time desire to recall to our memories the high lights of his life. Then, even in the constant bustle of these hectic



days, we may find a quiet hour or two when we can dwell upon some of its splendid details.

Charlie was born in Washington, D. C., on January 3, 1900, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles West Stewart. His father was a graduate of the United States Naval Academy in the Class of 1881. In a boyhood spent in Washington, Charlie first displayed his character, and there the number of his friends began to grow in ever-widening concentric circles. He graduated from Central High School with distinction, where he was the senior cadet officer in that institution.

Charlie entered West Point on June 13, 1919. From the very first he stood out among his classmates. How many of us remember, we wonder, Charlie's constructive efforts for the Plebes in the late summer of '19 when General Douglas MacArthur, who was then Superintendent, was reorganizing the Corps of Cadets. Four very full years followed and Charlie graduated on June 11, 1923. Cadet Adjutant, Captain of the Tennis team, and many other honors had already been heaped upon this self-effacing but thoroughly

matured young man.

Following graduation and the receipt of a commission in the Corps of Engineers, Charlie attended the Engineer School at Fort Humphreys, Virginia, from which he graduated in 1924. These were happy months indeed for him, as he was home again in his beloved Washington. Then followed seventeen months at Fort Dupont, Delaware, with the First Engineers. Even in this renowned old regiment still filled with many veterans of the first World War, this quiet and unassuming young officer made a definite contribution to the efficiency of the organization and to the maintenance of a very high standard of morale.

On June 30, 1925, Charlie went to Cornell University where he completed the Civil Engineering Course in 1926, again near the top of his class. To the average civilian student in the Civil Engineering School at this great University, Charlie was an "eye-opener." Was it possible, thought they, for a man who was devoting his life to the profession of arms to have such a rich store of knowledge of the world of arts and of music. Yes, it was, they were convinced, after they had an opportunity to talk to and to know Charlie Stewart.

On August 24, 1926, he returned to the Military Academy for duty as an instructor in the Department of Civil and Military Engineering. During the following four years Charlie was busy, busy as he always was during his entire life, doing something constructive for others. In that period there were written in his Department numerous texts on both engineering and on military history. These books formed the backbone of those courses at West Point for the following decade. Charlie's personality and his words are found shining throughout the pages of these texts.

During these days at West Point, Charlie married Miss Mildred Hoover of Washington, D. C.; on June 13, 1928. To portray fully what this marriage meant to him at that time and for the rest of his life cannot be done with mere words. Let it suffice to say inadequately that this was the culmination of all that was noble, unselfish, and lovable in Charlie Stewart.

After West Point Charlie again was stationed at Fort Humphreys (now Fort Belvoir) from 1930 to 1934. Here he was assigned to the Thirteenth Engineers where normal troop duties increased his stature as a soldier, and supplied much of the background for invaluable service in later years with the General Staff. In May of 1935 Charlie went to Hawaii. Here he was assigned to the Third Engineers but actually served as Assistant to the District Engineer in Honolulu. Engineering problems involving the harbor facilities of the Hawaiian Islands tested Charlie's ability during this period, and found him, as usual, an able contributor to solid solutions. Upon his return from Hawaii in 1937, he attended and graduated from the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth in 1938. Again he went back that year to Fort Belvoir where he served until 1941 as an Instructor in the Engineer School. His personality and scholarly ability are

more than well reflected in the war-time careers of the officers whom he taught during that period. On March 2, 1941, a son, Charles West Stewart, III, was born to Mildred and Charlie.

On September 3, 1941, Charlie was transferred to Washington and assigned to the General Staff Corps as a member of the War Department General Staff. These were the never to be forgotten days just before we entered World War II, and everyone in the Army was striving desperately to get ready for the inevitable. Charlie was now in the "Big Leagues", and he was soon to become a key member of his team. A short period of duty with the Headquarters of the Army Ground Forces at the Army War College followed from December, 1941, to March of 1942. During the latter month he was transferred to the new Operations Division of the War Department General Staff, where he remained until his departure on January 2, 1945, for duty with the G-4 Section of Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces (S.H.A.E.F.) with which he was stationed successively at Versailles, Rheims and Frankfurt.

It was during his service in the Operations Division with the War Department General Staff—during the early and hectic days of World War II—that Charlie's great character, professional ability, never ending patience, and his tireless attention to duty were completely revealed in their true light. During the greater part of his tour in the Operations Division he served as Executive Officer in the Theater Group of that Division. The prosecution of the war in all its global aspects brought many and varied problems of vital importance to Charlie's attention. In an unbroken succession of 14, 16, and 18 hour days, over all the war years, Charlie never faltered in his determination to give unstintingly of his time, his energy and his ability, to advance the cause of our war effort. His war experience is the true story of a real Staff Officer who contributed in a constructive, clear-cut and vital manner to our ultimate victory. His citation and decoration for the Legion of Merit for services during this period speak for themselves. He is, in fact, a personification of our Alma Mater's Motto: Duty, Honor, Country.

By his outstanding service to his country, to his family, and to his friends during the brief span of years allotted to him, and by his never failing thoughtfulness of others, Charlie, through his own acts, built himself a true monument to represent his life. That monument is our memory of him. All of us who knew him will always retain it. With Mildred and "Westy" we deeply mourn our irreplaceable loss.

John Prichard Woodbridge

NO. 7979 CLASS OF 1926

Killed, January 9, 1945, while a Prisoner of War, at Takao, Formosa, aged 41 years.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOHN P. WOODBRIDGE (Johnny) was born in Newark, Ohio, on the 11th of January 1903, entering the Military Acad-

emy from that state July 1, 1922. He was graduated from the Military Academy in the Class of 1926, well known and respected by his classmates and associates for his cheerfulness, optimism, helpfulness and integrity. Upon graduation Johnny chose the Air Service and graduated from the Air Corps Primary Flying School in 1927. In April 1927 he was transferred to the Field Artillery and to the "Field" he gave his loyalty and devotion until his untimely death cut short a highly successful military career.

During 1929 while at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, Johnny married Miss Mary Lee Matthews of San Antonio, Texas, who as wife and companion helped and inspired him to the day of his death. From Fort Sam Houston Johnny went to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, graduating from the F.A. School Battery Officers' Course in 1931. Then followed service as a Battery officer and Field officer at Fort Stotsenburg, P. I., Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, with the Armored at Fort Knox, Kentucky and at Fort Jackson, S. C. In 1941 he attended the C.&G.S. School



at Fort Leavenworth after which he was sent to the Philippine Islands as a part of our outpost there. He realized the critical military situation of the time but his cheerfulness and optimism did not desert him.

When the War struck the Philippines December 8, 1941, Johnny was stationed on the island of Bohol, P. I., in command of the 81st F.A. Philippine Army. The regiment was sent to Mindanao where because of lack of equipment it acted as infantry. During the difficult fighting in the defense of the P. I. Johnny retained command of his regiment and by his fearless example and his qualities of leadership inspired a hastily organized, inadequately trained and poorly armed force into a combat unit which delayed and inflicted heavy casualties on the Japanese landing force which invaded Mindanao. Both superior and subordinate officers were unanimous in their praise of the results which he obtained with his regiment. The following are extracts from comments of his superiors—

"The untiring energy, initiative, zeal and leadership you displayed in

the task of organizing your positions for defense is worthy of the highest praise. It was only by the organization of your positions and erection of obstacles that permitted it to be held during the brunt of the enemy attack of May 3, (1942). Your action in covering the withdrawal of the 62nd Regiment on May 9, (1942), by holding your positions under heavy machine gun and artillery fire was of high order. I would be pleased to have you serve under my command at any time".

"Your husband, Colonel Woodbridge, was one of the Regimental Commanders of Cagayan Sector of Mindanao which was under my Command. . . . I wish to express my deepest sympathy in your bereavement and to have you know that your husband was an extremely fine officer and did an outstanding piece of work in the command of his Regiment, the 81st Field Artillery in the Defense of the Philippines. His Regiment was a Field Artillery Organization, was equipped and was fought as an Infantry Organization since there were no field guns available for them to man. Although very poorly equipped, these Filipino soldiers, under the able leadership of your fine husband made a gallant defense and acquitted themselves in a most effective manner".

Johnny was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel February 18, 1942, and was recommended for promotion to Colonel April 2, 1942. This promotion, while richly deserved, was not made due to his junior position on the Army promotion list. When Mindanao was finally overwhelmed by the Japanese forces Johnny was taken prisoner and held in Mindanao until May 1944 when he was sent to the prison camp at Cabanatuan, P. I. He remained there until October 1944 when he was sent to Bilibid Prison Camp in Manila.

December 13, 1944 Johnny was embarked on ill-fated Oryoku Maru and survived its sinking at Olongapo on December 15, 1944. With the other survivors he was sent overland to San Fernando, La Union, P. I., and again embarked for Japan on December 27, 1944. He was on board a Japanese freighter in the harbor of Takao, Formosa when it was bombed by American planes January 9, 1945. A bomb hitting on the edge of the hold killed and wounded several hundred American prisoners, Johnny being one of those instantly killed.

During combat and while a prisoner of war for two and one half long years of suffering and privation Johnny remained undaunted and unafraid. The memory of his family, whom he dearly loved, was with him always and to the day of his death he was cheerful and optimistic of returning home to resume his interrupted life with his family and in his chosen profession.

Johnny will always be remembered as one of the finest examples of the graduates of the U.S.M.A. who practiced the precepts of our Alma Mater DUTY-HONOR-COUNTRY.

He is survived by: his widow, Mary Lee, two daughters, Jane Ann and Joyce, one son John Jr., who live at 143 Cloverleaf Avenue, San Antonio, Texas; his mother, Mrs. F. L. Woodbridge, 118 Main Street, Newark,

Ohio; and two brothers, F. L. Woodbridge, 205 Wm. H. Taft Road, Cincinnati, Ohio; Wm. P. Woodbridge, 20779 Almar Drive, Shaker Hgts., Ohio.

—I. A.

John Gresham Minniece, Jr.

NO. 8525 CLASS OF 1929

Died on August 9, 1944, in European Area as a Result of Wounds Received in Action, aged 36 years.

JOE MINNIECE was born in Meridian, Mississippi, on February 2, 1908. Before entering West Point, as a member of the class of '29, he attended Mississippi A.&M. Upon graduation from West Point, after a detail in the Air Corps at Brooks Field, Texas, he was assigned to the Cavalry and joined the 1st Cavalry at Fort D. A. Russell. While at Fort D. A. Russell he married Laura Mitchell of Marfa, Texas.

In 1932 a change in assignment located Joe at the Cavalry School where, after completion of the Troop Officers' Course, he was selected for the Advanced Equitation Course. After completion of these courses at the Cavalry School he was detailed in the Remount Service, and served at The Remount Depots at Fort Robinson,



Nebraska and Front Royal, Virginia. In 1941 Joe was with the 5th Cavalry at Fort Bliss, Texas, and was once again stationed at Fort D. A. Russell, when a portion of the 5th moved there during the same year.

The war found Joe in Texas and in the days when everyone was trying to get overseas, Joe joined the Tank Destroyers. He went overseas commanding the 603rd Tank Destroyer Battalion, and participated in the invasion of Europe. He was wounded in action on August 1, 1944 and hospitalized. He requested and obtained permission to rejoin his unit. He was seriously wounded on August 9th. During his service overseas he had received the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

Joe is survived by his wife, Laura, and one son, John G. Minniece, III,

who was born at Fort Riley, Kansas, on February 12, 1933. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. John G. Minniece now reside in Mobile, Alabama. Two brothers are in the services, Captain Thomas Y. Minniece, who is serving in the Pacific, and Lt. Houston Minniece, who is in the Navy. One sister is married to Captain M. L. Rush, and now living at Camp Barkeley, Texas.

This is the record. However, there are many things that a bare record cannot tell. There was never an officer or a soldier having the opportunity who was not proud and happy to have served under Joe Minniece. There was never an officer or soldier knowing him who did not have the greatest of respect for him. Joe took everything in his stride, from breaking a horse to commanding troops, in the same way—quietly, efficiently and calmly. He was one of those rare officers who never became excited when the going got tough, and was a steadying influence on those around him. We can only surmise that he died as he had lived—with courage, composure and natural dignity. '29 has another classmate who has taken his place in the "long grey line" and one who will never be forgotten.

—F. D. M.

Paul Singer Thompson

NO. 8530 CLASS OF 1929

Killed in Action, August 10, 1944, in the European Area, aged 37 years.

IN Brittany on August 10, 1944 in the bitter attacks against St. Malo there died by enemy artillery fire an outstanding soldier, Paul S. Thompson. Tommy was commanding the 908th F.A. Bn. of the 83rd Infantry Division firing at pointblank range against the St. Malo fortifications. The manner of his death seems a fitting end to a great artillery career. He had lived as he died—in the saddle. Tommy primarily was a soldier's soldier and the many letters received after his death from his men and officers testify to the real admiration and affection of those under him.

Along with some five hundred other members of the Class of '29 Tommy entered the Academy on July 1, 1925. Here he was destined to spend eight carefree and happy years: four as a cadet when tenths and demos flowed in freely and four as an instructor in French with such side lines as cadet polo coach, contender in the National Horse Show and crack polo player.

Looking back on Tommy's years as a young lieutenant one does not see a quiet, studious officer but rather holsterous hell-for-leather type of an officer who did everything well. No matter how late he got to bed or how two-fisted had been the evening Tommy was right on the ball the next morning. It took a rugged constitution and he had it, and it took a lot of real professional ability and he had that to an outstanding degree.

His first post was Ft. Stotsenburg in the Philippines where he arrived, after the usual transport trip, the day before maneuvers. The 24th F.A. at that time was a pack outfit and with

"A" Battery Tommy took off on the six weeks maneuver. He was broken in rapidly—six weeks on a jiggling horse is an effective if not a pleasant conditioning period.

Tommy was a natural athlete and although he played well anything he undertook, his love for horses directed his abilities towards the mounted sports. He trained his own horses and he did it well, constantly and enthusiastically. Before he left the islands, besides being known as a very capable officer, he was one of the hardest hitting and hardest riding polo players there and he maintained that reputation from there on. When he died he still carried four goals.

He departed Stotsenburg in March 1932 assigned to the 16th Field at Fort Myer. From there he took the 1933-34 course at Ft. Sill and followed this with the Advanced Horsemanship Course. Next stationed with the 83rd



F.A. at Fort Benning his reputation as a soldier and as a horseman was preeminent. Then followed a year in Paris where Tommy learned to know the people, the country and the language.

In the summer of 1938 Tommy reported to West Point for duty in the Department of Modern Languages. He was married here the next year to Betty Wilson, sister of Bim Wilson, '28. There never has been a more devoted husband than Tommy was nor a prouder father after Paul, Jr. (Herkimer) arrived. Full and happy years followed while at the Point.

But after Pearl Harbor Tommy started to champ at the bit, a field soldier's place was in the field. After a refresher course at Ft. Sill in July 1942 he joined the embryo 83rd Division at Camp Atterbury as C.O. of the 908th F.A. Bn. (105mm). This was his outfit: he formed it, trained it, and led it until the end. For it and with it he won the Bronze Star in the Normandy campaign and a soldier's death at St. Malo.

Those of us who have known and loved Tommy will miss him as the years go by but so colorful was his life that we can always recall glimpses of him. Betty and Herkimer, old Pete the dirty dog, chunky Tiger Lily out-jumping all the thoroughbreds in the National Horse Show, the Ford with supercharger which jumped the open

culvert at Benning, the terrific back strokes in polo, these and many other memories will come to our minds as we wait for Tommy's passing tread.

Irvin R. Schimmelpfennig

NO. 8810 CLASS OF 1930

Killed in Action, February 4, 1945, near Las Pinas, Luzon, P. I., aged 36 years.

On February 4th, 1945, Irvin Rudolph Schimmelpfennig, Colonel, G.S.C., Class of 1930, was killed in action at the Paranaque River line near Las Pinas, Luzon, Philippine Islands at the head of the 11th Airborne Division of which he was Chief of Staff.

Schimmel was born on December 7th, 1908 in Howells, Nebraska, the son of Reverend and Mrs. R. P. Schimmelpfennig. After one year at Midland College, Fremont, Nebraska, he entered the Military Academy where he was graduated June 12, 1930 in the Field Artillery.

To those who remember him as Captain of "M Company", his brilliant career came as no surprise. As a Rhodes Scholar at Lincoln College, Oxford, he found time to cultivate many lasting friendships and to make an enviable athletic record on the Lincoln College crew and lacrosse teams and the University boxing team. In 1931-2 he was Amateur Heavyweight Champion of the British Isles.

While at Oxford, he was detailed by the military attache at London to duty with the German Army on maneuvers in Schleswig-Holstein. His accounts of regal living at the various baronial seats were fascinating both for the tales themselves and his obviously happy recollections of them. His report of that maneuver was commended by General Theisen of the German Army.

On completion of studies at Oxford, Schimmel served a year at Ft. Ethan Allen in Battery B of the 7th F.A. Here he met and married charming Elizabeth Miller of Burlington, Vermont. This marriage was undoubtedly the happiest circumstance in his life—wonderfully suited, they complemented each other in every way. Pride in his family, which amply justified that pride, was his greatest joy from then on.

Next came a tour at the Field Artillery School, Fort Sill for the basic course. From Fort Sill the Schimmelpfennigs went to Fort Hoyle, where he served first with Battery D and later as S-3 of the 6th F.A. There is where he took up polo. It is a tribute to his natural aptitude that he excelled in that sport too and continued his interest throughout his peacetime career, playing on the teams at Ft. Hoyle and West Point.

A tour in the Math Department at West Point followed. It was here that I renewed the friendship begun in cadet days. The Schimmelpfennigs called to see us in New York several times, and we visited them at the Point before the war and before I was stationed there. We will never forget

their warm welcome when we arrived for duty—how Schimmel told us what to do and not to do—how Elizabeth showed my wife through the intricacies of the commissary and PX. One always had the feeling of complete hospitality in their home. No matter when you stopped in nobody was too busy to discuss affairs of this big world or your own little one. West Point wasn't the same after they left—to us no place will be the same without the gaiety the Schimmelpfennigs sponsored: the oyster parties, the picnics at Round Pond, the visits to Bear Mountain Zoo (with the children whenever possible)—all simple things but fun because of the company.

From West Point in March 1943 he was ordered to duty with the 11th Airborne Division at Camp McCall as G-1. Elizabeth was able to get a house nearby and so took to him the family life that meant so much to him. This was their last real home although she did follow him with the children while the Division was on final maneuvers at Camp Polk.

During the training period he became G-4 and then Chief of Staff, the position he held through maneuvers at



Camp Polk, theatre training at Dobodura, New Guinea, and staging and action on Biak, Halmahera, Leyte and finally the drive on Manila from the south.

Schimmel was qualified for parachute and glider operation and was awarded the Air Medal during training at Dobodura.

The Bronze Star was awarded for his achievements in the operations on Leyte in November and December, 1944.

For gallantry in action at Palico Bridge, Luzon, Philippine Islands, February 4, 1945, he received the Silver Star.

Later in the same day at the Paranaque River near Las Pinas in the outskirts of Manila, he faced his last action. The citation awarding the D.S.C. recites in part:

"For extraordinary heroism in action near Las Pinas, Luzon, Philippine Islands . . . with utter disregard for his own safety, he moved forward to an extremely exposed position and observed the fire of concealed enemy mortars and machine guns. From this position he obtained information which enabled his mortar platoons to

eliminate the enemy position, and allowed the leading elements to reach the south bank of the Paranaque River. Colonel Schimmelpfennig again went forward under heavy fire to confer with the commander of an assault unit, but while returning to the command post, was mortally wounded" (sic) by a Jap sniper.

General Eichelberger's letter to Elizabeth said, "During the entire campaign he was the 'sparkplug' of the attack and the inspiration of the men. His devotion to duty, his bravery and his outstanding leadership are proud heritages for you to keep".

The 11th Airborne Division now occupying part of Northern Japan has received permission to name their station "Camp Irvin R. Schimmelpfennig".

Elizabeth and the children, Anne, Louise and Paul, are joined in their deep feeling of loss by the many friends who remember and treasure Schimmel's warm friendship, who respected his conscientious character, who enjoyed his humor and who found themselves a little better for association with one who had such a great capacity for faith and understanding. It was characteristic of Schimmel that his life was always full and complete, for his devotion to his family and his participation in post affairs and the life of the adjoining community were outstanding.

Of his final resting place, General Swing of his division wrote:

"We have put him to rest in the little town of Nasgubu. It's a lovely place and he lies there in the midst of 300 of his comrades. It's a little bit of ground that we will all picture in our minds until the end"

A memorial service was held in the Christ Lutheran Church of Newburgh of which he had been an active member, Chairman of the Finance Committee, Superintendent of the Church School and Organizer and Chairman of Boy Scout Troop 13. The text, chosen by his close friend Reverend Ernest C. French, for the service appropriately expresses the feelings of Schimmel's many friends:

2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8

"For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

"I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.

"Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing"

John Wentworth Merrill

NO. 10083 CLASS OF 1934

Killed in Action June 24, 1944, near Cherbourg, France, aged 32 years.

WHEN Johnny Merrill was killed we lost a beloved and genial companion who was everyone's friend and whom everyone loved. But most of all, our country lost an efficient, capable leader at a time when leaders are needed as never before.

Johnny will never die—his memory will live forever in the hearts of those who knew him.

Johnny was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., in 1912, but spent his boyhood in Utica, N. Y., and was appointed to the United States Military Academy from that city. He graduated in 1934. As a cadet he won his class numerals in fencing, which remained one of his enthusiasms throughout his career. He was a member of the Dialectic Society and appeared in the Hundredth Night Shows—who could forget that demure bridesmaid!

His first assignment was with the 28th Infantry at Fort Niagara, N. Y. This was followed by a tour in Hawaii with the 35th Infantry. Upon returning to the States in 1937, he went to Fort Benning, Georgia, as a student in the Infantry School after which he was assigned to the 29th Infantry. His tour of duty with the 29th was interrupted by details as officer in charge of the army exhibits at the Pan-American Exposition at Tampa, Florida, the World's Fair at San Francisco and twice at the annual fair and exposition at Portland, Oregon. At the World's Fair in San Francisco, Johnny demonstrated many of the army's weapons and much equipment, including the Link Trainer, and gave many talks on the army's customs and history. His daily retreat parade talk was one of the features of the army's part in that fair. For his services at the Fair, he was commended by General DeWitt, then Commanding General of the 9th Service Command.

When compulsory military service was first put in operation, Johnny, then a captain, organized and operated the Reception Center at Fort Benning. He also organized the headquarters of the IV Corps. Having such a knack for efficient organization he was again detached from the 29th Infantry to the 21st Engineers where he again demonstrated his ability to mould cadres into working units.

In 1941 he was sent to the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, upon completion of which he returned to the 29th Infantry. While commanding "F" Company of the 29th, he conceived the idea for a card system to replace the outmoded Company Charts, which he called the Handy Progress Card. They were designed along the lines of the business machine cards and were kept on the individual soldier. He perfected cards for every need and each branch of the service.

In 1942 Johnny was ordered to Camp White, Oregon, in the cadre for the 91st Infantry Division, which was to be activated, and assigned to command the 1st Battalion of the 363rd Infantry. While there, he was promoted to the grade of lieutenant colonel. In 1943 he was ordered to the cadre for the 70th Division, then transferred to the 103rd Division at Camp Claiborne, La., where he served as the division G-3 and was on the maneuvers that summer. In November of 1943, he was transferred to the 4th Division and joined his new outfit at Camp Gordon Johnston, Florida, where it was engaged in amphibious training. Serving in various positions and as a battalion commander, he went with the division to Camp Jackson, S. C., and from

there, left in January 1944, to go overseas.

England was the destination of the division, where it spent the months before D-Day in intensive training for the invasion of France. Johnny landed in France with the first wave that hit the beaches and, serving as liaison officer for the 4th Division, to the VII Corps, he landed several times that memorable June 6th. He wrote that the landings were "just like an infiltration course—nothing to get worried about until I noticed characters about me becoming deceased" Several days of free lance observing—war ad lib, as Johnny called it—followed. Then he was loaned by headquarters to command a battalion of infantry which had lost its commanding officer. Major General Raymond O. Barton who commanded the 4th Division wrote—"While leading his battalion forward in an attack in good order, Johnny was struck by tank fire as he was advancing his command post. * * * He was a brave and valiant soldier and leader. He was my utility man. I used him for staff work, for liaison work



and for any job where I quickly needed a good reliable and dependable man of ability. You can have the greatest sense of pride in the realization that Johnny's division commander considers him one of the outstanding combat soldiers and one of the most gallant officers he has ever known".

Johnny was awarded the Silver Star "for gallantry in action against the enemy". The official citation stated, "Col. Merrill's battalion command post group was attacked from the flank by a force of approximately thirty Germans. He courageously led his smaller group against the German force, killing approximately fourteen of them and capturing the rest. The gallant combat leadership displayed by Col. Merrill was an inspiration to the officers and men under him."

While at Fort Benning, Johnny met Helen Marsh, the daughter of Colonel and Mrs. Raymond Marsh, Ordnance Department, U.S.A. They were married in 1939—a full regimental wedding—one of the most colorful Benning had seen. Their marriage was one of such complete love and happiness that their fun together was a joy to know. His widow, their son and only child, Richard Marsh Merrill, who was born at Fort Benning in 1941

and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Merrill of 5 Farview Heights, Utica, N. Y., survive him.

As a boy, Johnny learned to play the trumpet and at the age of 13 he was a bugler in the Utica National Guard unit. Daily in the summers of his boyhood, at his parents' camp in the Adirondacks, the camp flag was lowered while Johnny sounded "To the Colors". Who, of his many friends he made during his ten years of service, never heard Johnny "toot" his trumpet in that questionable style that admitted him to the ranks of any unsuspecting dance band whenever he wanted to play? His ukelele and his Hawaiian songs, his hilarious skits and his villainous dramatic roles will always be remembered as a part of Johnny and his joy in living. Who could forget "Princess Pappuli" or some of his own talented compositions? No, Johnny isn't dead, his unflinching wit and humor, his gay spirit and his very delight in life will always live.

Not many knew how thorough was Johnny's knowledge of Kipling's works. While in England, before D-day, among the many friends he made, he was given a first edition of "Kim" by an English college professor because of his rare knowledge and love of Kipling. This same English professor wrote of Johnny, "I always thought and think of John as a kind of D'Artagnan—a beau sabreur, one of the bright spirits—and that is the memory and savour he leaves" Most of Kipling's quotations are too hackneyed, like "If" Johnny thought, but he wanted this passage from "The Lost Legion" inscribed in a volume of Kipling's poems he had ordered for his son;

*"We know as the cartridges finish
And we're filed on our last little
shelves,
That the Legion that never was 'listed
Will send us as good as ourselves."*

Johnny was a conscientious, firm yet fair and considerate officer of outstanding ability, a gentleman of wide interests and engaging personality and a wholly delightful friend and a devoted husband, father and son. He had a talent for life, but in becoming one of that "long grey line" he died as he had lived—faithful to the motto of his Alma Mater "Duty, Honor, Country".

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Paul Montgomery Jones

NO. 10367 CLASS OF 1935

*Died October 24, 1944, at Sea in the
Vicinity of the Philippine Islands,
while a Prisoner of War,
aged 34 years.*

MAJOR PAUL M. JONES was born in Cleveland, Tennessee, January 10, 1910. He was graduated from local schools and prepped for West Point at the Marion Military Academy in Alabama. Prior to this, when he was about 15 years old, he joined the Tennessee National Guard and performed strike duty service as a private and as a noncom.

He entered the Military Academy on July 1, 1931. "Red", as he was known to his classmates, was one of the most

conscientious cadets in his class. His seriousness of purpose and his high sense of duty which he showed in his later years was clearly visible while he was a cadet at the Academy. The sincerity and absolute honesty that marked him as an officer were apparent as a cadet. He graduated from the Academy on June 12, 1935, and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Cavalry. His first assignment was with the 6th Cavalry at Fort Oglethorpe. Work always came first with Red, and he was the last to leave the stables or the orderly room at the close of each day, but he also knew how to relax, and led a gay life as a bachelor. His parents' home was not far from the post at Fort Oglethorpe, and he was well known throughout eastern Tennessee. No one who ever met him ever forgot him. He became Regimental Signal Officer for the 6th Cavalry and did much to modernize the signal communications of mobile units. He commanded "F" Troop of the 6th and then was sent to Fort McPherson, Georgia, on temporary duty to act as instructor at the West Point Preparatory School there conducted by the Army.

In 1938, he married Miss Helen Bickerstaff of Brookline, Massachusetts.

He attended the Cavalry School regular course in 1939, graduating in January, 1940. He received his orders for the Philippines but was temporarily assigned to the 5th Cavalry at Fort Clark, Texas. He participated in the Louisiana Maneuvers in the summer of 1940, and served with Brigadier General Jonathan M. Wainwright, then commanding the 1st Brigade of the 1st Cavalry Division. He was later to spend much time on the field of battle with General Wainwright. He and his wife sailed on the same boat with General and Mrs. Wainwright in September of 1940.

Upon arrival in the Philippines, Jones was assigned to the 26th Cavalry, Philippine Scouts, at Fort Stotsenburg. Here he and Mrs. Jones had a few happy, undisturbed weeks together in the sunshine and quiet of Pampanga. But the sands of time were running out—none knew this more than Red, and he worked so hard during the long Department maneuvers in Bataan in December and January that his commanding officer on more than one occasion had to give him a direct order to rest, and in one instance he was so exhausted that he slept 19 hours straight. He was probably the hardest working member of a regiment which abounded in hard-working officers.

In February, 1941, the 26th was expanded, and Red was given C Troop to organize and train up to the high Scout standards of the remainder of the regiment. This task he attacked with such vigor that within a few months, C Troop functioned with the same smooth efficiency as did the old troops of the 26th, and was possessed of the same dash and esprit. No one was more pleased than Red when he learned, via the prison grapevine, a short time before his death, that the troop which he had fathered had been cited by General MacArthur, who told its members "You have covered your troop guidon with glory and set an ex-

ample for soldiers everywhere to emulate." The young recruits had had their first lessons in devotion to duty in the example set them by their first Troop Commander. It was a lesson they had learned well.

The bright sweet days at Stotsenburg were soon to end, and in June of 1941, Mrs. Jones was evacuated back to the United States, while Red remained with the 26th Cavalry. On December 7, when the Japs struck, he was commanding the Provisional Squadron of the Regiment. On the first day of war, he was ordered to organize an advance headquarters for the high command, which contributed substantially to the successful staff work that made the brilliant withdrawal into Bataan possible.

Red was definitely not a desk staff officer. One day, while conducting General Wainwright on the front line, they came upon some Jap soldiers, and Red and General Wainwright killed several of them with their rifles. During this action, Jones was wounded. No doctors were available at the time, and the regimental veterinary treated



him. It was not long until he was back to duty, and he continued fighting with the 26th Cavalry during their magnificent stand on Bataan.

In the dark days of May, 1942, when the 26th Cavalry surrendered to the Japs, Major Jim Blanning, Class of 1931, commanding one of the squadrons, stayed with Jones, as the latter was too sick to move without assistance. Red had been struck by malaria and struck hard. Major Blanning took him up into the hills around Mariveles and by this action, they both missed the Death March. They were later captured and confined in the prison camp at Cabanatuan. In June, 1942, Major Jones was sent to Davao to the prison camp. At the time of his departure, he was very ill and many of his comrades despaired of his pulling through. Nothing much is known about his stay at Davao except that he conducted himself as an American officer should under such circumstances. He returned to Luzon in June, 1944, and was put in the Cabanatuan prison camp. After his return, he regained most of his health and was an inspiration to his fellow prisoners—sober, sensible, and reliable as ever.

In October of that year, he was moved to the Bilbid Prison to await transportation on a Jap prison ship to the mainland of Japan. His boat sailed in a convoy and was sunk. Over one thousand prisoners had been jammed into the hold without water and without room to move. When his ship was hit, Jones saw that because of the condition a panic might ensue. One of the few survivors of that ship, a master sergeant, stated that a red-headed major who had been sick most of the trip got their attention and restored order with the following statement: "Boys, we're in a hell of a jam, but we've been in jams before. Remember that no matter what happens, we're American soldiers, and play it that way to the end of the script". That red-headed major was positively identified as Paul M. Jones.

For his action in the Philippines, he received the Silver Star and the Purple Heart with cluster. Major Jones died as he lived—with never a blemish on his record. His selflessness will never be forgotten by those who served with him in training, in combat, in prison, or in death.

He is survived by his widow, Helen Bickerstaff Jones of Brookline, Massachusetts.

George Frederick Marshall

NO. 10341 CLASS OF 1935

Killed in Action, November 8, 1942, in North African Area, aged 31 years.

GEORGE FREDERICK MARSHALL was born in Jacksonville, Florida, November 22, 1910, the son of Samuel A. and Louise Marshall. After attending the University of Florida and the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, he was appointed to the Military Academy from Florida, entering July 1, 1931, from which time on it can be said that those members of the class of 1935 who had no knowledge of the state of Florida soon acquired it through their contact with this genial representative of our most southern state. Uncle Obie, or "Obe", as he was known to the members of the class, endeared himself to all of us for his cool and collected manner in the face of any circumstance, for his cheery humor, and for his soldierly appearance. Never a specialist in any single line, Obe was one of those rare characters who was able to come forth with flying colors from any task undertaken. Graduated on June 12, 1935, George chose the Infantry, and after graduation leave reported for duty at the Presidio of San Francisco, California, where he was assigned to the 30th Infantry. He served at this station for two years, during the latter year on detached service as instructor at the West Point Preparatory School, Ft. Winfield Scott, California, until his relief on June 11, 1937. Having watched many classmates and other friends pass through San Francisco on their way to Hawaii and the Philippines during the two previous years, the urge was too great, and he requested service in the latter place. Upon arrival in the Philippines he was assigned to the 57th Infantry (Philippine

Scouts), stationed at Ft. William McKinley. During part of this tour the 57th Infantry was stationed on Bataan Peninsula, blazing trails and building roads which proved to be of such value when this regiment was later called upon to assist in the final defense of Luzon. Some leave and a trip to the Southern Islands with the Navy were a welcome break in the routine. It was in the Philippines that Obe met Dahlis McMurdo, daughter of Colonel and Mrs. H. B. McMurdo, Medical Corps, whom he married in March of 1939, prior to returning to the United States to attend the Regular Course at the Infantry School.

The detail at Ft. Benning, Georgia, proved to be a long one, for while the course at the Infantry School was cut short in January of 1940 due to the accelerated training program then underway, graduation from the Regular Course was followed by the Tank Course and then a period of duty with the 18th Infantry of the 1st Infantry Division at the same post. Upon the activation of the 2d Armored Division at Ft. Benning, George was transferred to the 41st Armored Infantry of that division, serving in the capacity of Adjutant, Company Commander, Battalion Executive, and Battalion Commander. Through his early experience with this unit he acquired a knowledge of the employment of armored infantry and recognition as an outstanding soldier which led to his early promotion to the grade of major in March of 1942. It was during this period at Ft. Benning that both his sons were born and it was also here that his outstanding professional ability was recognized by those who later requested that he be transferred to the 1st Armored Division, then scheduled for movement overseas, for service in the same capacity that he had held in the 2d. While stationed in Northern Ireland George was promoted to the grade of lieutenant colonel in July of 1942 in his capacity as Battalion Commander of the 3d Battalion, 6th Armored Infantry, 1st Armored Division.

Plans prepared for the North African campaign required the assignment for the carrying off of an extremely hazardous mission of a battalion commanded by as competent an officer as could be found. The success of the expedition depended to a large degree upon capturing intact the installations and ships present in the Port of Oran, Algeria. George was called to London early in the fall of 1942 and given this mission. There can be no doubt but what he realized the implications of this assignment, but no greater praise can be spoken of an officer, nor of his command, than that they were chosen to accomplish so difficult a task.

The action did not go through as planned. There were many who did not return including George, to whom was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. A citation in the name of the President of the United States as public evidence of deserved honor and distinction appeared in the War Department General Orders and is perhaps the most eloquent description of this action. The citation follows:

"The 3d Battalion, 6th Armored Infantry, United States Army, is cited for outstanding performance of duty in action on November 8, 1942. Charged

with the seizure of port installations at Oran, Algiers, the battalion entered the harbor aboard two cutters in the face of powerful shore batteries and guns of ships at anchor; upon reaching the harbor proper, the cutters promptly came under terrific artillery and small arms fire accurately laid through the help of searchlights. Using the only available infantry weapons and small caliber guns mounted on the boats, the battalion continued toward its objective until both cutters were sunk with severe loss of personnel. Despite the odds, surviving members of the battalion swam ashore, supporting their wounded, and fought their way through machine gun fire in a desperate attempt to carry out their mission. In the face of great odds and with no expectancy of aid, the action of the battalion was marked by gallantry, fearlessness, and devotion to duty."

In George's honor, the Armored Division Parade Ground at Ft. Benning,



Georgia, has been named Marshall Field.

West Point and especially the Class of 1935, can be proud that among her sons she can number such a soldier as George. For him, it truly can be said, "Well done, be thou at peace".

He is survived by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Marshall, of Jacksonville, Florida; his wife, Dahlis; his two sons, George Frederick and Michael Playfair; and three brothers, Major Samuel A., Jr., Cavalry; John; and Lieutenant (J.G.) Walter, U.S.N.

—E. M. H.

Harold MacVane Brown

NO. 11738 CLASS OF 1939

Killed in Action May 19, 1944, near Rome, Italy, aged 28 years.

*"Not in the camp his victory lies—
The World (unheeding his return)
Shall see it in his children's eyes,
And from his grandson's lips shall learn."*

—Kipling.

AT the head of his troops, his death occurred, as he was gallantly and fearlessly leading his battalion over very mountainous terrain, in the

face of very strong enemy opposition." Those are the words of "Brownie's" Regimental Commander.

He didn't have to tell those of us who knew "Brownie" that "Brownie" was at the head of his troops. His courage and eagerness to lead have always placed him out in front. Back in those happier, carefree days of cadet life we remember "Brownie" as one of those stalwarts of that forward line of the Army teams of '36, '37, and '38.

Born at Fort Mott, New Jersey, 28 years ago, Major Harold MacVane Brown was the son of the late Captain John O. Brown, U.S.A., and Mrs. Grace MacVane Brown, now of Mechanicsburgh, Pa. His mother was Miss Grace MacVane of Portland, Maine, previous to her marriage.

He was graduated from William Penn High School, Harrisburg, Pa., and attended the Columbian Preparatory School in Washington, D. C., before entering West Point on July 1, 1935.

He came to the Academy with an enviable high school football record to his credit and in his first year, had no trouble in making the Plebe football team. After a successful year in plebe football, he spent the next three years on the varsity eleven giving his all for Army at the guard position in the forward wall.

We who knew him intimately remember him for his joviality, good natured sportsmanship and his rare ability to laugh at misfortune. He was always there for the boodle fights and B.S. sessions that made cadet life worth living.

He was graduated from the Academy on June 12, 1939 and on August 4th of that year was married to Geraldine Mary Lynch of Portland, Maine.

Upon graduation he was assigned to the 13th Infantry which was then stationed at Fort Adams, R. I. He accompanied this unit to the Panama Canal Zone. His next assignment was with the 14th Infantry at Fort Davis, Canal Zone. After his tour with the 14th, he was transferred to the 7th Infantry stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington. He accompanied this unit to Fort Ord, California and completed his tour of duty with the 7th at that station. In 1942 he attended the Battalion Commanders and Staff Officers Course at Fort Benning. He was then assigned as an instructor in the Tactics Department of the Tank Destroyer Center, Camp Hood, Texas. Later he was assigned to the 351st Infantry at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

He went overseas in October 1943 where his outfit became a part of the now famous Fifth Armv. At the time of his death he was commanding a battalion of Infantry in the drive on Rome.

The following extract from the New York Herald Tribune, dated Tuesday, May 16, 1944 (three days before his death) gives an account of one of "Brownie's" outstanding victories in the fighting near Spigno, Italy:

"WITH THE 5TH ARMY AT SPIGNO, ITALY, MAY 15.—This important citadel, a southern extension of the Gustav Line, was entered last night by the unit commanded by Major Harold Brown of Portland, Me., whose troops, constantly on the move since the start of the offensive, stormed a

2,000 foot height at dusk and then swept down its eastern slope into Spigno. Scores of Germans, strongly entrenched on the reverse slope gave up without firing a shot. They included a company commander, a lieutenant, and several artillery men, whose eight 75-mm howitzers, emplaced in the draw below, were captured intact, with large stores of ammunition and food.

"Other troops reaching Spigno a few minutes after the entry of Brown's men said they had encountered nests of snipers on the northern approaches to the town. Sporadic machine gun fire could be heard high up on the near-by slopes but by later afternoon the whole valley was relatively quiet. Four days after the start of the offensive, a vast mountain area from Castelforte to Spigno was almost entirely cleared of Germans in a most satisfactory advance.

"German losses in prisoners and materiel are considerable. Brown's men



captured a thirteen mule train in addition to the eight guns."

At the time of his death, "Brownie" was in line for promotion to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. The following tribute was paid to "Brownie" by his Regimental Commander in a letter to Mrs. Brown: "From the time your husband joined this regiment, he proved to be one of my most efficient and reliable officers. His hale and hearty personality served to distinguish him as an officer, well liked by all who knew and served him. During the recent advance of the Allied Forces, which resulted in the capture of Rome, your husband continued to be an invaluable aid to this regiment and acted as a superior battalion commander through some of the bitterest fighting. His death occurred as he was gallantly and fearlessly leading his battalion over very mountainous terrain, in the face of very strong enemy opposition. Throughout the entire campaign, until his death, his heroic and inspiring leadership was the driving force of his battalion. The spirit your husband so thoroughly instilled in his men, was undoubtedly largely responsible for the singular honor which they were later to achieve, when they distinguished themselves by be-

ing the first Infantry unit to enter the Eternal City. The loss of Major Brown, as a member of my command was indeed a great sorrow to myself and the men of the regiment and is second only to the sorrow you feel over the loss of one so dear to you"

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. H. M. Brown of Gorham, N. H., two children; Harold Jr., aged four, and Nancy Ellen, aged one year; two brothers, John O. and George D.; his mother, Mrs. John O. Brown; and a sister, Mrs. Walter Hagemann of Staten Island, N. Y.

Clyde Henry Webb, Jr.

NO. 11905 CLASS OF 1940

Killed in Action, August 26, 1942, in the South Pacific Theatre, aged 25 years.

"WE regret to inform you that Captain Clyde H. Webb was killed in action in the South Pacific Theater, August 26, 1942."

In these brief words the tragic news came that an heroic soldier, a fine young American, had given his life for his country.

Captain Webb was born September 13, 1916, in Hamond, Kentucky. After graduation from high school in Eldorado, Illinois, he took two years in the School of Engineering at the University of Illinois, then entered the United States Military Academy at West Point.

While at the University of Illinois he met his future wife, Miss Patricia Braun, of Peoria, Ill., whom he married in the West Point Chapel, June 12, 1940, the day after his graduation. Assigned to the Air Corps, he took his primary training at Cal-Aero Academy, Ontario, California. He completed his basic training at Moffet Field, California and received his "wings" at Stockton, California, on March 12, 1942.

For nearly a year he was stationed at the Albuquerque Air Base, Albuquerque, New Mexico, with the 19th Bombardment Group. En route December 7th, 1941, to San Francisco with the expectation of proceeding to the Philippines, he was met by the news of Pearl Harbor. Under changed orders the day after Christmas, 1941, he flew to Florida, and then took a Flying Fortress halfway around the world to Java in time to take his share in the savage fighting there. As pilot of a B-17 Flying Fortress he was in repeated combats. Death hovered near many times; some of his crew were killed; his plane was destroyed on the ground; he was injured; handicapped by a broken ankle he escaped to Australia with others of his crew.

From an Australian base he was in almost constant action over Japanese-held territory. On July 21, 1942, he received his promotion to Captain.

On August 26, 1942, piloting a B-17 over Buna, New Guinea, he and his crew attacked a Japanese cruiser. An anti-aircraft shell from the cruiser hit the plane and Captain Webb was killed.

Earlier in the year, in May, 1942, in action over Rabaul, New Britain, he

and his crew met a concentrated attack of Japanese Zeros. The B-17 fought off the attackers, reached the objective and bombed the base with telling effect. For this heroic work he has since been posthumously awarded the Silver Cross.

After his death his wife, Mrs. Patricia Braun Webb, in order to carry on her husband's devoted service as far as possible, herself entered the Army as 2nd Lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps. She is now stationed at Davis-Monthan Field, Tucson, Arizona.

In keenly realistic words Captain Webb wrote a letter the Fourth of July, 1942, which shows the courageous heart and inspiring ideals of the true soldier that he was:

"Freedom will always go to those who are willing to fight and suffer for it. If we as a nation are willing to suffer and kill and die for that Freedom nothing will ever take it from us.

"I am a soldier by choice and I have



assumed certain duties . . . they involve an agreement to fight anywhere at any time. I even agree by oath to die for my country if need be. I am not fighting for my wife and family alone, but for a nation which has decreed that a war is to be fought; I am not fighting for my own personal protection, there are thousands of young men who will never carry a weapon. I'm fighting for them, too.

"Coming face to face with death is exciting at any time, but to make a habit of it, gives one a lifetime of experience in a very short time. I have more responsibility in an eight hour combat mission than many men have in a lifetime.

"What is my driving force? Simply I'm a soldier and I'm taking orders"

He loved his home. He had varied interests; riding and skating, cabinet making, taking amateur movies, the study of history. His great ambition was to become an aeronautical engineer.

Beside his wife, Captain Webb leaves a father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Webb, and a sister, Mrs. Bert Gaskins, Jr., all of Harrisburg, Ill.

Emory Ashel Austin, Jr.

NO. 12295 CLASS OF 1941

Killed in Action, May 15, 1943, on Attu Island, aged 2 1/2 years.

ON May 15, 1943, Emory Ashel Austin, Jr., was killed in action on the island of Attu. Leading his command to the accomplishment of its assigned mission Emory died a soldier's death. Thus, a career that showed every promise of becoming one of the army's most brilliant was ended when it had hardly begun.

The only son of Emory A. Austin and Hazel Gleason Austin, Emory was born on July 13, 1918 in Dallas, Texas. His parents' stay in Texas was only temporary and shortly after his birth the Austins returned to their home in Erie, Pennsylvania. As a boy, Emory attended public schools in Erie where his participation in the athletic and musical activities was only matched by his outstanding scholastic record. Studies never presented any difficulty to Emory, but they did cause him one inconvenience — when he graduated from high school he was still too young to achieve his ambition of entering West Point. To continue his education he enrolled at Colgate University in Hamilton, New York. There he maintained an enviable academic standing and continued his participation in extra-curricular activities. He was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

Appointments to West Point were never easy to obtain in Erie so in order to insure his success, Emory enlisted in the Pennsylvania National Guard where merit alone would count. After a year at Colgate he left to prepare himself more effectively for the competitive examination at the Millard Preparatory School in Washington, D. C.

Emory entered the Military Academy on July 1, 1937 to become a member of the class of 1941. Like all new cadets he immediately attracted the attention of the upper classes—where most of us just attracted attention, however, Emory was also being earmarked for future leadership. It came as no surprise when at the end of the first year his name was high on the list of acting corporals. The acting corporalcy was made permanent in second class year while the next year found him wearing the three stripes of a cadet lieutenant.

With his college and preparatory school training behind him, Emory never experienced any academic difficulties. His ability to grasp all subjects with apparent ease gave him much time to devote to his personal interests. As one of the mainstays in the cadet orchestra throughout his four years at West Point, Emory took his regular trumpet practice seriously and many Cadet Hops were sparked by his entertaining play. Handball, squash, swimming and riding were the sports he enjoyed the most, while Cadet Chapel Choir and Glee Club activities rounded out his active program.

Recognition of Emory's worth as an instructor was given in the winter of 1941 when due to the shortage of Officer personnel it was necessary to select additional instructors from the most qualified cadets. Emory was one of the few cadets chosen to fill these posts and was assigned as an instructor in Fourth Class French.

Upon graduation in June 1941, Lt. Austin chose the Cavalry as his base branch with a detail in the Air Corps for pilot training. Cavalry was his first love and it was always his intention to return to the ground arm after he had learned how to fly. Flying apparently was not in his makeup however, for after five months of flight training at Tulsa, Oklahoma and Randolph Field, Texas, Emory was re-assigned to the Cavalry and sent to Armored Force School at Fort Knox, Kentucky. On completion of his course there he was transferred to the 7th Reconnaissance Squadron stationed at Camp San Luis Obispo, California. The war had just broken out and training with a combat unit took on new significance. He rose rapidly in



his new organization to become a captain and troop commander and was then chosen to organize and train the 7th Reconnaissance Troop, the unit he led against the Japs. That his training was expertly done is attested to by the official recognition given the unit in War Department General Orders No. 10, 29 January 1944 in the following citation:

"The 7th Reconnaissance Troop. This organization landed at Scarlet Beach at Attu from the U.S.S. Kane on 11 May 1943 as a part of a provisional battalion. Operating thereafter in conjunction with the 7th Scout Company, over most difficult terrain and under severe weather conditions, it approached its objective and was instrumental in assisting the successful operations of the Northern Landing Force. In the course of its operations the troop commander, Captain Emory A. Austin, was killed, and a large number of officers and men were casualties, including quite a number of exposure cases. One platoon, commanded by Lieutenant James Mahoney, crossing difficult mountain terrain route, assisted in covering the right flank and

rear of the Northern Landing Force, and provided a necessary security."

Emory had done the job for which he had been trained and had done it well. His own heroic conduct was rewarded by the posthumous presentation of the Silver Star and the Purple Heart.

All who knew Emory will remember him and sincerely regret that he was one of the first to go. To his parents he was a considerate, and devoted son; to his wife a loving husband; to his superiors an officer who inspired confidence, trust and pride and who was ready and willing to accept responsibility; to his classmates and fellow officers he was always a gentleman and good fellow; to the men of his command he was a leader in whom they had no misgivings; to his roommate he was friendly, helpful, cooperative, regular and the embodiment of everything that West Point means.

Surviving are Emory's wife, Jeanne Patterson Austin whom he married June 14, 1941 in Leonia, New Jersey and his mother, Mrs. Hazel Austin of 3937 Sasafra St., Erie, Pennsylvania. Captain Austin's father was recovering from a heart attack suffered in March, 1943, when news of his son's death came. He suffered a relapse and died shortly before Christmas, 1943.

*"He is not really lost to us
Though he has passed away
In memories that never fade
He'll live for us each day,
And in the knowledge that he went
Bravely without regret
We know he went to God content
To do the task he met.
His spirit will live on with those
Who fought for liberty,
And he will be forever young,
Who died to keep men free."*

Robert Harold Rosen

NO. 12631 CLASS OF 1941

Died September 20, 1944, at Nijmegen, Holland, as result of wounds received in action, aged 28 years.

DURING his last action he led a portion of his company in a charge into enemy positions. He paused in the middle of a bullet swept street to direct his men and exposed himself to continuous sniper and machine gun fire as he moved back and forth through the lines with snipers less than seventy-five yards away. Any indication of leadership by Captain Rosen brought on a concentration of fire. He crossed an open street to obtain tank support. As he directed them, Captain Rosen was wounded by snipers but refused to be evacuated until the tanks were in a position to bring effective fire on the enemy. This action drove the enemy back and made it possible for the subsequent attack to succeed. The wounds received by Captain Rosen resulted in his death."

If any one had ever asked Bob to choose—he would have had it just the same, for "Duty, Honor, Country" were more than words to him. He would have laughed if he knew they said he

was gallant, and deserved a decoration—for he was only doing his job.

Robert Harold Rosen, the son of Morris and Jenny Rosen was born July 5, 1916, in New York City. He grew up in Brooklyn, and was educated in the public schools. While in school, he came upon a book about West Point, and he settled upon his career right then.

After graduation from high school, he enlisted in the Army, serving a one-year enlistment in Coast Artillery. A year after his discharge, he reenlisted, determined to get into the Army Prep School, and to win an appointment to West Point. It took him three years, but he entered the Academy July 1, 1937.

Bob was neither at the top nor the very bottom of the class. He never won his "A", hard as he tried. He received his diploma and commission in the infantry on June 11, 1941.

He was sent to Robins Field, Jackson, Miss., for primary flight training. But after some hair-raising episodes of trying to land the plane, his instruc-



tors decided it would be best for everyone if Rosen stayed on the ground. He was sent to Camp Lee, Va., for a course at the Quartermaster School, then to the Motor Transport School at Holabird.

Assigned to the 90th Division, he served a few months as Gas and Oil Officer of the Division. While stationed with the Division, he received his promotion to first lieutenant.

In August of 1942 he was assigned to the 104th Division at Camp Adair, Ore., commanding a Q.M. truck company—his first. On September 9, 1942, in Corvallis, Ore., he married Miss Marjorie Hammer of Jackson, Miss.—the first wedding in the Division.

A tour of duty as Chief of the Basic Training Branch of the Quartermaster Unit Training Center, Vancouver Barracks, Wash., followed. In January of 1943 he received his captaincy, and more important—on June 23, a daughter, Judith Anne, was born. A proud father never lived.

Following graduation from Command and General Staff School January, 1944, Bob was sent overseas to serve in the Movements Branch of E.T.O.U.S.A. The next July, he re-

ceived an assignment he had long desired—to the "jump school" of the 82nd Airborne Division. On July 29, 1944, perhaps the proudest day of his life, the coveted paratroopers wings were pinned on his blouse.

From his letters written at this time, it is evident that he had at last found his place to serve to the best of his ability. He was prouder of his job as company commander than anything he had ever done—and more satisfied with it. The rest of the story is told in the citation that accompanied the Silver Star awarded posthumously to him "for gallantry in action" and in a letter written to his widow by the Commanding General of the division, Major General James M. Gavin:

"Putting aside family ties, the admiration, respect, and affection of comrades are a soldier's most priceless possessions, because collectively these comrades are unfailing judges. These possessions I believe your husband had earned in full measure".

He lies buried among his comrades in the division cemetery in the little town in Holland where he died.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Marjorie Rosen, a daughter, Judith Anne, his mother, Mrs. Morris Rosen, a brother, Lt. Col. Milton L. Rosen (U.S.M.A. Class of 1935), two sisters, Mrs. Dorothy Marsh, and Mrs. May Friedlander.

His warm smile, generous heart, and his lovable personality will never be forgotten by those who knew him. And his willingness to fight—to lay down his life if necessary—for freedom, places him among the ranks of the great patriots of history "who dared to die that freedom might live"

—M. H. R.

Alexander McC. Patch, III

NO. 12743 CLASS OF 1942

Killed in Action, October 22, 1944, in France, aged 24 years.

"PATCH, ALEXANDER M., Capt., O-24723, Fr dy to K.I.A." Thus is so briefly recorded in the official Army records an event that struck sorrow into the hearts of all Mac's friends and leaves an ache that cannot be erased.

Alexander McCarrell Patch, III was born on July 2, 1920 in Washington, D. C. As to his future career there was never any question, he being the third generation to bear the same name in a distinguished Army family. Mac spent a considerable number of his growing years in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia and attended the Staunton Military Academy there. He developed a great attachment to that part of the country and during his cadet days was wont to reminisce about the beautiful climate and scenery of the Valley. In 1937-38 Mac attended the Millard Preparatory School in Washington. He obtained Senator Byrd's appointment to West Point from Virginia, and on July 1, 1938, entered the Military Academy.

At West Point Mac's sunny disposition and great sense of humor soon made him a host of friends. At the same time his sincerity and a high sense of duty that seemed so natural in him earned the respect of all who met him. His military abilities were soon recognized by the Tactical Department and he was appointed an acting corporal as a yearling, rising in time to a cadet lieutenant as a first classman. In the realm of sports Mac first went into football, playing end on the championship "L" Company intramural team in his plebe year, and later transferred his energies to lacrosse, which he played for three seasons. His formidable singing voice placed him on the choir for four years, as well as in the glee club, but these activities did not prevent him from finding the time to serve on the Howitzer staff for three years and participating in a Hundredth Night performance.

It was during first class summer, however, that I first noticed Mac's extraordinarily high sense of the traditions of the Corps. As cadet com-



pany commander of "L-M" Companies on the "beast detail" he sought constantly, starting on the very first day, to impress upon the new plebes an understanding of the traditions of West Point as embodied in its motto. This devotion to duty and honor was to become stronger and stronger in him as he continued in the service. Later in the year Mac was selected one of the few in his class to become a cadet instructor and he was given the responsible job of instructing members of the yearling class in English while at the same time completing his own course of study.

On May 29, 1942 Mac was graduated in the Academy's first war-time class and was commissioned in his favorite branch, the Infantry. Immediately after he was married to Genevieve Spalding, daughter of Colonel and Mrs. Basil D. Spalding, in the Cadet Chapel.

Only a short two weeks after his marriage Mac reported to Fort Benning to take the basic infantry course. These were happy days for Mac, who commuted daily from Columbus to the School. The course was finished in mid-September and Mac was assigned

to the 315th Infantry of the 79th Division. There he entered on a career of great variety in the duties assigned to him, serving as rifle and machine-gun platoon leader, battalion S-3, Rifle Company commander, and regimental headquarters company commander. He was promoted to 1st Lieutenant in December 1942 and to captain in October 1943. Immediately after his promotion to captain he attended the Advanced Officers' Course at Fort Benning.

In the spring of 1944 the 79th Division went across to join the forces massing in England for the assault on Normandy. A few days after D-day the 79th was committed to action and it was not long afterwards that the incident described in the next paragraph, for which Mac received the French Croix de Guerre, occurred.

"On the afternoon of the 8th of August Capt. Patch was ordered to reconnoiter a turn-around for quarter-master trucks. A French civilian approached Capt. Patch's group and informed them that there were Germans in a wooded area near the turn-around. The group went to investigate the report and moved in on the wooded area to within 50 yards of the German position, when three Germans taken completely by surprise surrendered. Leaving the prisoners under guard the group crept forward closer, and eventually entered a draw where 37 more Germans, including four officers, constituting a German company, surrendered. Although the enemy surrendered without a shot they were all heavily armed. During this action Capt. Patch was constantly in an exposed position and it was largely due to his tactical skill and courage that the capture was successfully completed."

On the 19th of August Mac was transferred from Headquarters Company and given command of a rifle company. We who knew Mac can readily understand why it was only nine days until he was wounded. He always insisted on personally leading his men at the point of greatest danger. On this occasion he won the Distinguished Service Cross, the recommendation reading as follows:

"The regimental objective was to capture the high ground in the vicinity of Saily north of Limay. The attack continued but the advance was bitterly contested. The advantage was all the enemy's for they had ample opportunity to dig in and camouflage themselves in positions that commanded the surrounding terrain. As the attack moved out of the woods on to open ground, Company "B" had a slight downgrade toward securely established enemy positions. However, with Captain Patch in front of his troops, the company advanced under heavy small arms fire. It was almost impossible to see from whence the fire emanated. Captain Patch spurred his men on, always in the foreground, until finally a bullet hit him in the shoulder. This did not deter him from his task. Never faltering for a moment he continued to lead the attack for two hours after being hit. All the time he was bleeding profusely

and growing weaker from loss of blood. No amount of persuasion would make him retire until the objective was in sight and then only with great reluctance. By this time the success of the attack was a certainty. At all times throughout this attack Capt. Patch displayed unusual courage and valor. The extraordinary heroism displayed distinguishes Capt. Patch as upholding the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States."

Nothing could keep Mac back, however. While in the hospital he wrote that he was anxious to get back quickly to his outfit. He finally got back on the 18th of October and was given command of C Company. Again he resumed his place at the head of his company in the attack. This time it was only four days until he was hit. And this time it was fatal. If there was ever a man who gave his life it was Mac Patch.

William Franklin Smith, Jr.

NO. 12879 CLASS OF 1942

Died July 28, 1945, at New York City, aged 27 years.

"DUTY, Honor, Country," were the ideals uppermost in the life of William Franklin Smith, Jr., killed on July 28, 1945 when his twin-engine bomber crashed into the Empire State Building in a heavy fog over New York City. He was returning from the Bedford Airport in Massachusetts on a routine flight when he met his untimely death. "An English day if I ever saw one," he had said to his wife just before taking off, but he smiled and waved goodbye as he taxied down the runway. Bill was like that; he took everything in stride, and with a big smile.

Bill, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. William Franklin Smith, was born in Latham, Alabama, on June 3, 1918. When his folks moved to Birmingham, Alabama, he attended and graduated from Woodlawn High School. At his graduation Bill was class orator and the theme of his address to his classmates was taken from a poem by Carlyle, "This above all—to thine own self be true." This theme became an inherent part of Bill Smith. He believed in himself and knew what he wanted. His mind set on a military career he entered Marion Military Institute in September, 1936, and was Regimental Adjutant at his graduation in May, 1938, when he received his appointment to the United States Military Academy.

When Bill entered the Academy in July of 1938 he stood on the threshold of a brief but brilliant career as a soldier. To look back on that career we wonder if he knew that his time was short. He wanted to do everything in a military manner, but fast and well. He seemed to acquire a new nickname every week, but "Nig" finally stuck. "Nig" had never played football before

but it didn't deter him from going out for it at the Academy and he gave it, as everything else he did, all he had. In his senior year a ruptured appendix during the Army-Harvard game terminated his gridiron aspirations, but "Nig" had already won more than enough fame as an athlete on the Lacrosse field. Here he "rocked-and-socked 'em", playing defense, and was nominated "All-American". The Tactical Department also recognized Bill Smith's military ability by placing him on the list as Cadet Lieutenant, First Class Year. While recovering from his appendectomy "Nig" fell in love with his nurse, Lt. Martha Molloy, A.N.C., and they were married at the Chapel on Graduation day.

Bill knew then that he wanted some-



thing else; he wanted to fly. He went to Ocala, Florida, for Primary training, then to Greenville, Miss., for his Basic and on to receive his wings and First Lieutenantcy at Lawrenceville, Ill. He loved the "Big-babies" and graduated from the B-17 school at Sebring, Fla.

After intensive combat training Bill received his promotion to Captain and went to the European Theatre of Operations as Squadron Operations Officer in January, 1944. Based in England, the "17's" of the 457th Bomb Group hammered at targets in central Germany and Bill looked down on the invasion routes of the oncoming allied armies. He was awarded the Air Medal in April and the Presidential Citation. In May, Bill received his Majority and became Commanding Officer of the 750th Bomb Squadron. In August he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and in October he flew home for a rest leave and got his first glimpse of "Bill III".

Returning once again to England Bill became Group Operations Officer for the 457th. In March he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and became Deputy Group Commander. He was decorated again with Oak Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Croix De Guerre with Star from the Government of France. Hostilities ended in the European Theatre and once again Bill came home. It was "Colonel Smith" now,—"Nig" was

on his way! He had a brilliant start and the military career he had chosen was a success. Everything that life held for him was within his grasp and he had come through the war unscathed.

At 8:30 on the 28th of July, 1945, "Old John Feather Merchant" breezed easily down the runway and wafted into the sky and the thickening gray clouds and fog that swallowed her up. It was "Nig's" last flight.

One of the many tributes to the memory of Bill Smith, was a letter from Lieutenant General Ira C. Eaker, who wrote in part:

"With deepest regret I have learned of the death of Lieutenant Colonel William Franklin Smith, Jr. It has come to my attention that Colonel Smith who graduated from the United States Military Academy, had an enviable reputation in his command. Throughout his training at George Field, he followed a course which later helped him attain his ambition to become an outstanding airman. A strong, resourceful leader, possessing a fine spirit of cooperation and friendliness toward his comrades, he was a respected and honored officer who is greatly missed by those who knew him well. For his Country, he gave his utmost."

Officers and men under Bill Smith's command in combat have said that he knew most of them by their first names and was the only commander they knew of who could send them out of a briefing for a mission,—with a smile. His meteoric rise in his profession was proof of his belief in himself as well as his outstanding ability, and his sudden and tragic passing leaves a gap that will long be remembered in the ranks of the Black, Gold and Gray.

Funeral services with full Military honors were held on August 2, 1945 at Birmingham, Alabama. As taps sounded in the stillness of the evening Bill was laid to rest in the spot he had so many times said was the most beautiful on earth,—Elmwood Cemetery. Bill is survived by his wife, Mrs. Martha M. Smith of Watertown, Mass., his son William F. Smith III, his parents Mr. and Mrs. William F. Smith of Birmingham, Alabama, and his brother Robert B. Smith, Lt. Jg., U.S.N.R., now stationed in Japan.

—John J. Molloy.

William Boyce Brice

NO. 13366 CLASS OF JAN. 1943

Killed in Action, December 16, 1944, in Germany, aged 25 years.

THE story is soon told! William Boyce Brice, son of Eugene Douglas Brice and his wife, Laura J. Brice; born in Winnsboro, South Carolina, August 14, 1919; graduated from Mt. Zion Institute, June, 1936; spent two years at Erskine College; entered United States Military Academy and graduated in January, 1943; killed in action, Germany, December 16, 1944.

In high school he was most popular among both teachers and pupils, receiving the medal for Best All Round Boy in school; at West Point was a

member of Fishing Club, Boxing, and Pistol Marksman, attained the high rank of Cadet Captain, was on the Board of Governors, First Class Club and also held the honor of "Mule Rider". His friends among the Cadets—and they were legion—called him "Willie B.", and men give nicknames only to those they love. After graduation, he entered the Service of the United States as a Second Lieutenant, choosing the Infantry; training at Fort Benning, Georgia, he was promoted to First Lieutenant and stationed at Fort Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina, whence he was sent overseas in October, 1944; on December 16, 1944 in the Battle of the Bulge, he met a soldier's death in action.

Such is the all too brief story! It tells so little—is so cold and formal. Behind the facts, to those of us who knew and loved him, is the true reality—the fresh young life, the courage that knew no shadow of turning, the honor that never failed, the ability



that gave promise of so much "Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friend". I who write these lines knew him "from his youth up". I was his Superintendent of Schools for eleven years, from his first grade through High School, in a small town. I know what I do speak. I never saw him do an ungenerous act or fail in that courtesy and courage that marks a gentleman, a gentleman born and a gentleman bred. William Boyce Brice came of good South Carolina ancestry. He fought, therefore, as a matter of course. He was "true to the instincts of his birth, and faithful to the teachings of his father". In "the short, sharp, agony of the Field", in a foreign land, he sealed his loyalty with his life.

—G. F. Patton.

John Metcalf Broderick

NO. 13907 CLASS OF JUNE 1943

Killed in Action, January 6, 1945, at Ancona, Italy, aged 25 years.

JOHAN M. BRODERICK was born November 16, 1919, in the City of Mandan, North Dakota. He attended the St. Joseph's Parochial School un-

til he entered the Mandan High School. After graduation he took one year of post graduate work. In the year of 1937, while attending High School, at the age of eighteen years, he enlisted in Battery "E", 185th Field Artillery, North Dakota National Guard, and attended its maneuvers that year. While at Camp, the officers of the National Guard suggested to him that he should try to get an appointment to West Point Military Academy, and it was at that time he decided to follow a military career.

Upon his graduation from High School he enrolled at the University of Minnesota, which he attended for one year. In the fall of the year he was appointed Third Alternate to the U.S. Naval Academy, but he had no desire to attend the Naval Academy, and in any event the principal candidate passed his examination and qualified, and nothing developed from that. While attending the University of Minnesota he investigated the possibilities of obtaining an appointment to attend the West Point Preparatory School at Fort Snelling and just before his first year of school work at the University closed, he received his appointment. He then came back to Mandan and in the month of July, 1940, he enlisted in the regular Army and was assigned to Company "B", 15th Infantry at Fort Lincoln, after several months at Fort Lincoln he was assigned to the West Point Preparatory school at Fort Snelling where he finished among the first eight candidates at the Preparatory School. In the spring of 1941, while he was attending the West Point Preparatory School, he received an appointment as First Alternate to West Point and, upon the failure of the Principal Candidate to qualify, at the request of the War Department he was honorably discharged from the Regular Army for the purpose of permitting him to accept the appointment to West Point and he entered West Point in July, 1940.

Although he graduated from West Point in June, 1943, as a Lieutenant in the Coast Artillery, he was permitted to go on and complete his training as a flyer in the U.S. Army Air Corps. John had a very special reason for wanting to complete his training as a pilot. His only brother, Captain William C. Broderick, (then a Lieutenant in the Air Corps) who had been First Pilot on a "Flying Fortress" had been shot down in the African Campaign, while on a mission over Tunis, and was taken prisoner by the Germans and at the time of John's graduation was a prisoner of war interned at Stalag Luft No. 3, at Sagan Silesia. John wanted to fly in the European Theatre so he could do his part in winning the war and at the same time help to liberate his brother.

After training at various Army Air Fields in California, he completed his flight training at Williams Field at Chandler, Arizona, and was commissioned a First Lieutenant in the Air Corps in January, 1944. Shortly after receiving his commission in the Air Corps he was stricken with what he termed the "Valley Fever" which finally developed into pneumonia. After spending two months in the hospital he

was given a furlough in March, 1943, which he spent with us at home. He then returned to Chandler, Arizona and spent some time at that Field as Supervisor of Night Flying and in the month of August he was ordered overseas. He landed in Italy and was assigned to the First Fighter Squadron, 71st Fighter Group of the 15th Air Corps, as a Pilot on a P-38. Sometime during the month of November, 1944, he suffered severe burns about his hands and arms and was then sent to the Rest Camp on the Isle of Capri. After he was sufficiently recuperated he returned to his flying unit. He had been flying as fighter escort on bomber and photographic missions to Austria and Czechoslovakia and on February 1st, 1945, we received a message from the War Department that our beloved son had been killed in action in Italy. On April 15th, 1945, we received the following communication from the Deputy Chief of Air Staff:

"The report relating to your son's death has now been received and states



that on January 16th, 1945, Lieut. Broderick was returning from a mission when adverse weather was encountered. Visibility was so reduced that he lost contact with the other aircraft in the formation and upon arrival at the home base, Lieutenant Broderick's aircraft was found to be missing. The following morning, the English military authorities reported that Lieutenant Broderick's aircraft had been found where it crashed into a mountain near Ancona, Italy and that your son failed to survive the crash."

As evidence that John was carrying on according to the well known West Point traditions, we received a letter from Lieutenant Claud A. Babb, one of the officers where John was based, in which he said, "I have seen the pilots of this Squadron come and go, as I have been here quite some time, being a non-flying officer, and I have never met a better officer than John"

We received many wonderful tributes to our son's character, but among those we prize most highly and shall always cherish, were the ones we received from his two closest associates at West Point, namely Captain Jesse Fishback, who was John's roommate

during all the time he attended West Point and Captain John Norton, with whom he spent a great many pleasant hours.

Captain Norton said: "I am sure we became brothers. I remember how we 'sweated out' Bill when he went down over Africa and how happy we all were when we received word that he was alive. Please let me say that as a son you two could not have been blessed with a finer man. He was everything that the world admires—what we described at West Point as possessing the qualities expressed by our motto 'Duty-Honor-Country'. We know that he died as we wanted to die—Flying. Your son has joined the angels".

Captain Jesse Fishback wrote: "My three years as Jack's roommate made brothers of us as much, if not more, than if we had been born so. I cannot remember that we ever had a serious disagreement, and many were the happy times we spent together. Jack will always be with me in all of my best memories and at least in some measure in the way I live"

In the month of December, 1944, he wrote to his mother stating that he had not finished his missions, but that even when he did he did not intend to return to the United States until his brother "Bill" had been liberated and they could return home together. However, although his brother was finally liberated when Moosberg was taken and returned home on June 8th, it was evidently God's will that John was never to return.

While it seems to us, his parents, and his brother and four sisters, that his loss is simply unbearable and it is beyond our comprehension and understanding why he was taken so young in life when he had so much to live for, we, and others in like circumstances, must get our consolation in knowing that he did his full duty to his country, and in the thought expressed in the following poem which I happened to see in a small magazine published by the House of Mercy of Fargo, North Dakota, which I quote herein:

THIS BOY DID NOT RETURN

"I cannot write nor send a kodak snap;
I cannot 'phone nor talk by radio;
I cannot drop a rose into your lap;
Nor speak to you from my new portico.

"I have no way to let you know how grand
My daily portions are where now I be
And though I told, you could not understand,
For here all rescued nations do agree.

"So do not wish me back to life my dear;
Nor weep beside my lonely, empty bed,
For if you knew my special blessing here,
You could not wish me anything but dead.

"Did I say 'Dead'. No, now I live with Him
Where all His goodness and His grace are mine;
Where Heaven's Cherubim and Seraphim
In glory, pomp and majesty do shine.

"Dear mother, sister, wife or good sweetheart;
Sometimes when you are praying to your God,
Then we are just a little ways apart,
The only difference be the grave, the sod.

"So then, dear folks, please do not mourn for me,
Because I'm safe—my sins all washed away,
'Tis true, I'm gone; God said, 'So must it be',
But I am the honored guest of Christ today."

—His father.

Norvin Leslie Davis

NO. 13375 CLASS OF JAN. 1943

Killed in Action April 22, 1945, near Sulac, Luzon, Philippine Islands, aged 23 years.

"WE will always remember Dave for his ever present cheerfulness and his desire to help others." That tribute paid Norvin Leslie Davis in the January 1943, Howitzer, at the time of his graduation from West Point, was as prophetic of his life to follow as it was true of him then. Today, a ridge on southern Luzon is known as "Davis Ridge" because Dave would not let his able-bodied men take the added risk of trying to carry him out, and because he refused to leave his wounded men. A Sergeant who returned from that ridge to a hospital in Manila said of him; "It was a great comfort to us to have Lt. Davis there, because we thought so much of him and depended on him. He was one of the best men I've ever known." But Dave was mortally wounded. He died on that ridge.

Dave and his platoon had been assigned to patrol duty on April 18th. The last direct message from him had given his family this information. Then only four days later came the last day of Dave's service to his country—a day devoted to duty and his fellowman. "Duty, honor, country," Dave took that motto to his heart the day he entered West Point. He lived by it and he died by it. But his story can best be told through some of the letters written to Lt. Davis' sorrowing family, by his superior officers. The following is the letter from his company commander:

"It is with the deepest sympathy that I write you concerning the death of your son, Lieutenant Norvin L. Davis, an unusually well liked member of this company. His devotion to duty was an example to all who knew him and fought beside him. Every officer and man in this company ex-

tends his deepest sympathy in your great loss.

"Lt. Davis was killed on 22 April 1945 while his company was engaged in battle with the enemy in the vicinity of Sulac, Luzon, of the Philippine Island group. He died among his friends and was fighting for them. He suffered no pain, but died almost instantly when struck in the chest by enemy rifle fire.

"Norvin was buried in the United States Armed Forces Cemetery Number One in Batangas, which is located on Luzon of the Philippine Island group.

"The burial was attended by the Chaplain and many friends, who all joined in prayer as he was laid to rest. Appropriate religious services were conducted. Lt. Davis will long be remembered by us as an Officer who asked no favors and preferred to be fighting side-by-side with the enlisted men in his charge.

"Please feel free to write me if I can be of any further assistance to you.

"Sincerely yours,

"Hobert B. Wade,
"Capt. 511th Prcht.
"Inf. E. Company."

Lt. Gen. O. W. Griswold, Commander of the XIV Corps, a West Pointer of an earlier day, sent to the Academy by the same Nevada locality that later sent Norvin, said of him;

"I was happy to have your son, Norvin, visit me at my headquarters in Manila, late in February, such a short time before his untimely death. He had my standing invitation to come again, but his life proved all too short. He was a fine boy and a fine soldier, a son of whom you may well be proud, and one who heroically gave his life for his country. No one realizes more than I, the grief and tragedy this war has brought to so many American homes.

"We who have the responsibility of leading our fine American boys, really know what war means and what it costs in human life. We know too that there is nothing adequate that can be said to a mother to assuage her tragedy in the loss of a son on the field of battle. I can only say to you humbly and sincerely, you have my deepest and sincerest sympathy.

"I have no doubt that we soldiers will win the victory. What concerns us all after that is whether the people themselves can win and keep the peace. If this can be done I feel that those of our American boys who fell in battle will have as their memorial the greatest monument ever built by the human race.

"My hope is, those quiet Nevada mountains and open spaces may combine with time to soften and make more bearable your great loss.

"Sincerely,

"O. W. Griswold."

And still another treasured possession came to Dave's family in the form of a letter from Maj. Gen. Swing, Commander, 11th Airborne Division, who included with his tribute to "a

gallant soldier who gave his life heroically in the defense of his country," two pictures of that little cemetery at Batangas, taken on Memorial Day. It was on this day that two divisions, the 1st Cavalry and the 11th Airborne bade farewell to their comrades-in-arms, sleeping there. In these pictures one sees the colors flying protectively over "the white crosses, row upon row", and knows that one of them marks the final resting place of our courageous soldier, Norvin L. Davis. And we would like to think that from his far-away Alma Mater the strains of that song he used to sing in memory of others may somehow float out across the vast Pacific to him;

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

Norvin Leslie Davis was born to Thomas Leslie Davis and Leah S. Davis, July 8, 1921, at Elko, Nevada and is survived by them and a younger sister, Irene. When still too young to remember, he moved with his parents to the nearby town of Wells, Nevada, where he lived until he entered



West Point. His early life was the average one of a boy reared in a small western town. He was fond of the usual things, Boy Scouts, fishing, hunting, riding and baseball. As a lad he faithfully attended Sunday School and as a youth, he just as faithfully attended the services of the Presbyterian Church, which attested to his belief in God and a life hereafter.

When he finished grammar school, at twelve years of age, Norvin confided to his family his ardent desire to enter West Point. With that fond hope in view, he planned his high school courses, graduating from the Wells High School in 1938 as Salutatorian of his class. The following September, he entered Rutherford Preparatory School at Long Beach, California. This he did upon the advice of the late Senator Key Pittman who was offering him the chance of an appointment to either the United States Military Academy or the United States Naval Academy, through the competitive civil service examinations. Norvin had the good fortune to win an appointment to each Academy. He confessed, he spent

a sleepless night trying to decide which it should be, but with dawn returned the certainty of his first love—West Point.

So July 1st, 1939 saw him trudging up the hill to the greatest military academy in the world. He was a persevering plebe, working conscientiously and refusing to let any hardship discourage him more than temporarily. During his four years he found time for such activities as the ski club, the fishing club and the camera club. He also took part in the Hundredth Night Show all four years and distinguished himself as a second class machine gunner and as a more than proficient horseman. Dave always smiled dryly when his roommate declared, "He not only rides horses like a true Nevada but he makes friends in that companionable Western way" Dave and that roommate never lost touch with each other though Adrian St. John went to the European theatre of operations and Dave to the Pacific. Letters passed between them as fast as time and distance would permit, then when one was returned to Saint with that fatal and so final mark, "Deceased", this loyal, close friend and roommate wrote Dave's bereaved family:

"He was a true soldier and man down deep. He was sincere and generous, and he inspired the admiration of all his classmates. Dave wrote me of dying. He said the hardest thing about it would be knowing the ones he loved would suffer. And so it is, for after death comes only peace and happiness. And now it is for you, whom he loved so much and spoke about so often, not to mar his happiness by too much sadness, for most surely he is watching over you"

Dave's life at the Academy terminated with early graduation and he reported to Ft. Benning. Shortly after completing Infantry School, on May 19, 1943, he was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant. He had already applied for duty in the paratroops, so he entered that training and received his wings at the Ft. Benning Parachute School, June 5th. From there he was sent to Camp Mackall and later to Camp Polk. While at the latter, he was selected for the Adjutant General's School at Ft. Washington, Maryland. Soon after the completion of this administration course came his last leave, which he spent in his little home town in Nevada, and then came overseas orders.

In May, Dave sailed from San Francisco harbor, with the 511th Regiment which was even then forward echelon of the 11th Airborne Division, for it sailed on a fast ship, which did not travel in convoy, but which arrived in New Guinea the same month, much in advance of the convoy carrying the remaining elements of the division. The rest of their work is history.—Leyte—Manila—Cavite, and the brilliantly executed para-troop assault by the 511th Regiment at Los Banos prison camp that freed 2,146 internees. Dave, who had asked for duty that would afford him more action than the adjutant work, saw action in all of these battles as he was serving in capacity of regimental transportation officer. On December 17, near the

end of the Leyte campaign, he was wounded and was awarded the Purple Heart. It had seemed for a time after he had been wounded and placed aboard a hospital ship that he was destined to be returned to New Guinea, but Dave pled with a sincerity that could not be denied, until he was allowed to return to a base hospital. It would almost have broken his spirit to have been assigned to another company, so great was his devotion to the men in his charge. When his wound had healed, he was permitted to take a plane from the nearest airstrip and re-join his outfit. This he did just in time to be counted in, at the beginning of the Battle of Manila. Such was the mettle of this soldier. He was awarded the Bronze Star for "meritorious leadership in action," in this Battle of Manila. Then came the clean-up on southern Luzon and to our beloved Dave—death.

In the little church of his home town, where he had worshipped so often, a Memorial service was held for him, on the Sunday preceding Memorial Day. To a saddened and hushed congregation that the church could not hold, an Army Chaplain repeated the words of Paul, the Apostle, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith"

"We gather to pay our respects," the Chaplain continued, "and to honor Norvin Davis, an officer in the Armed Forces. He too might well have uttered the words of the Great Apostle"

Dave's life was cut short by war but he was not cheated from victory. He has gained the victory over the world—and a Nation through its President, has awarded the Purple Heart posthumously,

"In grateful memory of
First Lieutenant Norvin L. Davis
who died in the service of his country
in the Southwest Pacific Area,
April 22, 1945.

He stands in the unbroken line of patriots who have dared to die
That freedom might live, and grow,
and increase its blessings.

Freedom lives and through it,
he lives—

In a way that humbles the
undertakings of most men.

(Signed) Harry Truman
President of the United States
of America."

John Keeler Eckert

NO. 13302 CLASS OF JAN. 1943
Killed in Action, March 8, 1944, near
Bishops Stortford, England,
aged 23 years.

AMONG Johnny's effects was found a pocket note book in which he had pasted or written in longhand a few extracts from his readings that expressed his own philosophy of life. Quotations such as the following reflect his thoughts and record with remarkable fidelity how he lived and died.

"Life is a one-way street. No matter how many detours you take, none of them leads back. And once you know and accept that, life becomes much simpler. Because then you know you must do the best you can with what you have and what you are and what you have become."

Johnny did things methodically and thoroughly, expending energy according to the law of diminishing returns. He did not set himself tasks beyond reach of his resources and abilities. Another of his principles was that the means to an end are as important as the end itself. Definitely he believed in enjoying the quest, as a favorite quotation put it:

"Happiness is not a station you arrive at, but a manner of traveling."

Temperamentally, Johnny was a friendly and unsuspecting. He accepted people at their own valuation and assumed that their reactions would be in accordance with honest standards. A quiet perseverance sustained his faith in human nature. In contro-



versy he stuck to his guns on fundamental issues, but he could hear the other side with tolerance and seldom lost his temper. He was most unhappy when involved in any real dissension. "In any controversy," quotes his book, "the instant we feel anger we have already ceased striving for truth, and have begun striving for ourselves."

Johnny was born in the army, the son of Col. and Mrs. John P. Eckert, Field Artillery, and nephew of Col. Norman J. Eckert, Field Artillery. His younger brother, Robert P. Eckert, Air Corps, is a member of the class of 1945. Johnny grew up to the sound of bugles and guns. He learned to hike, to ride a horse, to shoot a rifle, to make camp and take care of himself in the open, whether in the forests of the Alleghenies, the prairies of Oklahoma, or the jungles of Luzon. It was natural that he should follow the profession of arms.

Army friends and playmates of the early days called him "Zommy" He was distinguished by his large size, curly blonde hair, serious manner, robust health, and astonishing appetite. He early exhibited a love of mechanical things, and a skill with

tools. Johnny was always building something,—a shack, a radio set, an airplane model, or a sailboat.

His formal education, like that of most army children, was handicapped because of frequent changes of station, but the broadening effect of travel compensated. He was a seasoned troop train traveler before beginning kindergarten in Lawton, Oklahoma. Fourteen years later he returned to the same town to graduate from high school. Between those years he picked up his education on the fly, in Washington, D. C., Columbus, Ohio, Fort Stotsenberg, P. I., and Leavenworth, Kansas. He passed through the various ranks to the top in Boy Scouting. Meantime he tried his hand at Sea Scouting and became proficient in sailing a boat.

In Pampanga he rode the China Sea Pack Trail with Filipino Scout soldiers, and scaled Mt. Pinatubo. He could outbargain a native tradesman anywhere, and his collection of "curious objects" included trophies personally acquired from Negrito pigmies and Igorote headhunters of Luzon, and from China, Japan, Guam, Hawaii, Panama, and Mexico. No doubt he added a few pieces from South America, Africa, and England on his final tour.

Following high school, Johnny went to Millards. He was familiar with Washington because of a brief residence at Ft. Myer and many happy visits to the home of his grandfather. While at Millards he took the presidential competitive examination for appointment to the Military Academy, was successful, and received an appointment at large.

Never a hive in academics, Johnny nevertheless managed to keep near the middle of his class. Extra-curricular activities included amateur photography and debating. In athletics he widely distributed his interests and energies, enjoying many sports, but specializing in only two. Horseback riding, hiking, swimming, skiing, basketball, tennis, and football each took a part of his time, but his real passions were sailboating and flying.

Long before reporting to West Point, Johnny had announced his determination to be a flyer. He wanted to round out his experiences on land and water by a conquest of the air. It was no surprise that he proved successful at flying. He would have been happy at nothing else. With other members of his class he passed through primary training at Avon Park, Florida, basic at Shaw Field, S. C., and advanced twin-engine work at Columbus, Miss. He returned to West Point with his wings and graduated on January 19, 1943.

At this juncture, Johnny's methodical and planned procedures were upset by the premier master gunner himself. Dan Cupid obtained a direct hit. Johnny fell head over heels in love with Barbara Hamblen, an army girl, daughter of Brig. Gen. A. L. Hamblen, Infantry and sister of Cadet Arch Hamblen, Jr., class of June 1943. They were married at Del Rio, Texas, Johnny's first station, on April 3, 1943. It was a whirlwind affair that surprised everybody, including the prin-

cipals, but it proved to be a supremely happy union. Barbara's grace and beauty really laid the big fellow low, but she claims that the match was cinched when Johnny, who enjoyed his meals, learned that she had majored in home economics in college, and could wield a mighty skillet. The bride and groom soon were transferred to MacDill Field, Tampa, Florida, and then to Lakeland, Florida.

With the 494th Squadron of medium bombers, 1st Lt. Eckert, now skipper of a B-26, left for overseas on January 13, 1944. His ship, the "Jonera", a contraction of John-Barbara, was named for his unborn child. He wrote with great pride and enthusiasm of his fine plane and gallant crew, the "best in the army". An interesting account of their flight over the ocean, brief stay in North Africa, and movement to England, was written by his co-pilot, Lt. Linwood Brooks, and later published in the Monroe Journal, of Monroe, N. C. There were a few exercises and trial missions in England before the squadron went into combat. During these last few hours of his life, Johnny learned that a son, John Hamblen Eckert, had been born on February 17, 1944, the day he arrived in England.

On March 8th Johnny took off with his flight on a combat mission. The sky was overcast. While climbing through the clouds to the target, a collision occurred between Johnny's ship and another of the formation. Although both pilots desperately tried to regain control, and appeared to have succeeded, an explosion caused first one and then the other to crash. All personnel were instantly killed. With the comrades who went down with him, Johnny was laid to rest in Cambridge.

Our boy lived a short, but full and happy life. He died in action, a fate reckoned within the probabilities, and for which, in his sensible way, he had prepared himself. Some of his best friends and classmates had already gone. One of his requests was that in event of his death there be no demonstrations of mourning. Particularly he asked that he be buried where he fell.

Johnny's flight leader, in a letter to the family, paid this tribute: "One other thing you must know, and I could have written this six months ago, or ten years from now. Every man in this squadron believes and has told me that he has never known a finer, cleaner living and thinking man than your son. He was a real soldier"

A certain shy reserve prevented the oral expression of sentiments that Johnny deeply felt. Only to his mother, his wife, and his little book, did he speak these things of the soul. In his handwriting we have a beautiful fragment that unconsciously described himself: "The heart makes a record of every sparkling thing and sends it back in music"

Life here on earth has been sweetened by Johnny's sojourn with us. Boy and man, he was grand. That shining memory, the love he inspired among

us all, and the presence here of his own adorable child, who resembles him remarkably, suggest to us that we could not honor him with a more fitting salute than to quote one final line from his little book of precious thoughts:

"Nothing that truly lives can ever die"

—J. P. E.

Harlan Ware Holden, Jr.

NO. 14001 CLASS OF 1944

Killed in an airplane crash, July 27, 1945, near Abilene, Texas, aged 23 years.

THIS might well be a dissertation on Consideration for Your Fellow Men instead of being the obituary of a good friend, for "Speed", above all people we have met, lived by this rule. Whether or not he would have admitted this as his philosophy is a point for conjecture, but the fact remains that consideration for everyone



with whom he had contact was apparent in his every action.

A typical example of this characteristic is his instigation of the A.A.F. Junior Officers' Course at Orlando, Florida. While on graduation leave at Orlando, Speed attended various classes at the Air Forces School of Applied Tactics. He immediately recognized that a course at the school would be of great value to all members of his class who were in the Air Corps. Consequently, he suggested to his father, Colonel Holden, Commandant of the School, that a Junior Officers' Course be initiated to parallel the existing Senior Officers' Course. Then, two months later when other classmates who were with him went on leave, he went to Orlando on detached service and helped to select the subjects to be covered in the course. Had "Speed" not been considerate of his fellow men he could have been content with the instruction he had received and forgotten about a course for his classmates.

All his early life was spent at Air Corps stations except for four years

in Washington. Five years at Pope Field in his very early days did much to initiate his great interest in wild life and domestic pets, especially dogs and horses. This interest was continued and greatly broadened with experiences at other Air Corps stations, his trips around Maryland and Virginia, and summers in Massachusetts. Naturally, he combined photography with his wild life experiences, and his collection of outdoor photos contains many "shots" of unusual interest.

"Speed" went through the varied schooling which is the usual lot of an "Army Brat" until his four years at Maxwell Field. There he attended Stark's University School for four years, being graduated with honors in 1940. As he had continually had West Point as his goal, he immediately enlisted in the army for a year in order to attend the West Point preparatory school at Ft. McPherson, Georgia. His reward came the following spring when he successfully qualified in the competitive examinations for both Presidential and Army appointments.

"Speed" entered the Military Academy in July 1941. Following graduation leave, he reported to Craig Field, Alabama, for fighter pilot transition training and gunnery. After Craig Field came the frequent changes of station common to the Class of '44. For "Speed", these tours of duty included Randolph Field, Texas, for the flying instructors' school, and Orlando, Florida, for the A.A.F. Junior Officers' Course. Then came a short assignment as flying instructor at Craig Field before being transferred to a P-47 combat training unit at Abilene, Texas. Four months later in a P-47, a combination of a gusty wind and a tight turn into the field caused his death.

At Abilene his enthusiasm for everything concerning his profession inspired his associates. While on duty, either in the air or on the ground, he was constantly striving to prepare himself for the future, seemingly living by the motto "Lack of ability is excusable, but lack of professional knowledge is not". This enthusiasm brought the following comment from his Squadron Commander after "Speed's" death: "Speed was the most promising young officer with whom I have had contact. His enthusiasm was largely responsible for making this the finest squadron that I have commanded. He was by far the best student pilot in the outfit"

Of "Speed" and his activities while at the Academy, his roommate has this to say:

"'Speed' was that kind of a man whom other men wanted to know in terms of the popular phrase, a 'man's man'. Those of us who were privileged (and I say privileged with all sincerity) to know him realized that he too enjoyed his friendships. 'Speed's' friendly smile warmed even the strangest of the strangers, for it had a certain genuineness about it. A practical joker of no mean repute, many times that smile would spoil his schemes. If not, however, I could expect to trip booby traps arranged in

our room setting all sorts of keenly devised mechanisms into motion.

"These little devices and his frequent puns were all expressions of his love of fun and his keen mind. I have never known a man with such a retentive mind—once over a technical reading and he could max even the most detailed writ. It cannot be said that 'Speed' ever over-taxed this talent, however, for academics did not fall in line with his great love of the outdoors. In hunting, he found all that he loved: the great open air, the wild life, and simply the spirit of the hunt. It has often been said that one usually enjoys the activities in which he excels. In the true spirit of this maxim, 'Speed' was as fond of all athletics as he was of hunting. He settled on athletics, perhaps, to supplant the thrill of hunting denied him by cadet life. The derivation of the pleasure matters not, though, for whether on the squash courts or inspiring the polo team which he captained, the ability was there and he couldn't be stopped. I remember in Plebe year when he decided to play polo simply because he liked to ride. With this late beginning in competition with so many experienced polo players as one is apt to encounter at West Point, 'Speed' led the team in two years. I remember, also in Plebe year, how badly he wanted to play football in violation of an agreement with his father and how, as a Yearling, his yearning conquered his will.

"As it was in athletics so it was in anything 'Speed' attempted. What was a mere introduction for him would have been for anyone else a lifetime of experience. In spite of this universal adaptability, 'Speed' never possessed a feeling of over-confidence and, it follows naturally, he never impressed anyone as having conceit—a genuine modesty ruled this out.

"Genuine—genuine—yes, the word grows trite in a character analysis of 'Speed', for he was a genuine Army officer with a bright future ahead, all cut short by fate. His passing darkened the future for those of us who knew him, for we will be denied his friendship—something we took for granted."

—Classmates.

Thomas Lewis Schroeder

NO. 15274 CLASS OF JUNE, 1945

Died September 21, 1945, near Foster Field, Victoria, Texas, aged 22 years.

TOM was born into the Army on July 12, 1923, at New Haven, Connecticut. He was killed on September 21, 1945, at Victoria, Texas, near Foster Field, during a routine training flight, when another ship overtook and crashed into his plane. During those short twenty-two years he tasted life fully and in its happier phases.

Tom's earliest memory must have been of West Point itself, from 1924 to 1928, sledding on Chapel Hill in the snowy winters and solemnly watching the long grey lines on the plain in

the spring and fall. During his grade school days he watched Randolph Field being built down in Texas, and saw the first air cadet classes graduate there; there he caught his first enthusiasm for the Air and for things that fly.

During his last two years before high school, he learned to sail boats in Pearl Harbor, to surf board on the rolling surf at Honolulu, and to ride in the gymkhanas at Schofield Barracks. But even in Hawaii, his thoughts were mostly about airplanes and flying. He lived at Wheeler Field, when night flying techniques were being developed and when the first pioneering Trans-Pacific flights were being attempted and some completed.

During his early high school years in Western Oregon, he learned to ski on the steep snow peaks of the Cascade Ranges, to hunt deer in the Blue Mountain Ranges, to catch trout in the Rogue River and salmon in the Columbia. However, his interest was still in airplanes; he continued to build models, each an improvement



over the last. His gas engine powered models flew two to three thousand feet up into the clouds, and were often mistaken for army planes when they came plunging down out of gas.

His keen interest and enthusiasm for all things having to do with flying and with the wide outdoors won him hosts of friends in many places and among widely different groups. They were caught up with his zest for living, his ready laughter, his understanding of people and his passionate devotion to developments and improvements of airplanes and flying techniques.

At Boston, Massachusetts, Tom graduated from high school, then studied a year at Millards in Washington, D. C. He entered West Point in July of 1942, joining his older brother Harry who was Captain of B Company. The Air Corps training facilities being opened at Stewart Field made the West Point training program perfect as far as he was concerned. His cadet days were full and busy, and as happy as the rigorous training schedules ever permit them to be for anyone. Academic studies came to

Tom the hard way and included burning the midnight oil, lights under blankets and extra instruction; these were offset by his keen joy in the flying instruction and association with his many friends. His primary flying training he completed at Jones Field near Bonham, Texas, during the spring of 1944.

Tom graduated from West Point in June of 1945, proudly wearing his wings. He flew to Washington, D. C., for a short visit and spent the balance of his graduation leave with his parents at the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. On July 5th he reported to Foster Field, Texas, his first station.

Tom's first choice had been the fighters. He wanted to get on with and into the war. At Foster Field he did well in his transition training with the faster fighter ships and in the gunnery practice along the Gulf Coast. With a group of his West Point classmates, he was sent to Orlando, Florida, to attend the Junior Staff Officers' Course. On their return to Foster Field, the group was awaiting assignments to tactical units and went on periodic training flights. It was then, when Tom seemed to have in his grasp all that he had studied and trained and fought for, that he was struck down on a routine training flight. His last letters were so enthusiastic; he wore his wings so proudly. It was because Tom was so sure that "God's in his heaven, all's right with the world", that his death was so tragic and all the effort seemed so futile. Until the oncoming propeller struck him senseless, Tom had no doubt that duty with the Army Air Corps held the ultimate in life's ambitions and in Service to his Country; and after that it did not matter.

Tom was laid to rest at West Point on September 25, 1945, surrounded by a circle of friends, most of whom had known him from his earliest childhood days. His quiet grave looked up at the peaceful autumn hills and still white cloud patches above. Up the broad Hudson loomed Storm King and beyond that lay Stewart Field where he had first known the joy of flying.

Tom came from a long line of warriors. One of his ancestors was on General Washington's staff during the Revolution; others have taken their part in every war thereafter. In the present war, his older brother was commanding a battery in a combat division during the crossing of the Rhine and the drive into Germany and Austria; his younger brother was serving with the Navy in Okinawa waters.

What Tom missed in years he gained in living fully and winning friends, and in his joy and enthusiasm for flying. His classmates said of him: "—plenty of friendliness went to make up his character, providing him with the facilities to go far." The facilities were there but the opportunity was not granted. So man hopes and struggles for perfection, but God in his infinite wisdom, quite beyond mortal understanding, has the final and awful decision.