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# Report of the 77th Annual Meeting

of the

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

Held in Cullum Memorial Hall, West Point, N. Y., 3 June, 1946

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 P.M. by the President, Robert M. Danford, '04.

2. The meeting approved the omission of the complete Report of the President and the complete Report of the Treasurer since both appear elsewhere in this issue of *Assembly*.

3. The Treasurer outlined briefly the salient features of his complete report.

#### 4. The President:

a. Paid tribute to the fine work of the Professors who are members of the Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees.

b. Called to the attention of the meeting the excellent work of Kost, '25, as former Secretary; and particularly praised the results achieved by Kost in building and maintaining the quality and popularity of *Assembly*.

c. Reported failure of the effort to secure the election of Sylvanus Thayer to the Hall of Fame and assured the meeting that another attempt would be made at the next opportunity in 1950.

d. Reported that there was now no need to raise funds by subscription for a new Console for the Cadet Chapel Organ, as proposed last year, since the entire amount required, \$25,000, had been given by one generous graduate—Edgar W. Garbisch, '25.

e. Explained the purpose of the forthcoming "Register of Graduates, U.S.M.A.", the progress made in its preparation, and the financial benefits which it is hoped will eventually accrue to the Association from its publication and distribution.

f. Complimented the West Point Society of Philadelphia as the most active of our regional societies and recommended its emulation by all West Point Societies.

5. The meeting approved the President's proposal to send the Association's greetings in telegrams to our 5 star generals—Pershing, MacArthur, Arnold and Eisenhower.

6. Andrews, '86, assumed the chair, and through the Secretary presented the Nominating Committee's report as follows:

#### FOR PRESIDENT:

Robert M. Danford, 1904

#### FOR VICE PRESIDENTS:

John J. Bradley, 1891

Lewis S. Sorley, 1891

Johnson Hagood, 1896

Russell C. Langdon, 1896

Walter D. Smith, 1901

#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

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Allan M. Pope, 1903

Chauncey L. Fenton, 1904

James W. Riley, 1906

Walter S. Sturgill, 1906

Meade Wildrick, 1910

Thomas D. Stamps, August, 1917

Edmund B. Bellinger, June, 1918

Francis M. Greene, June 13, 1922

Maxwell D. Taylor, June 13, 1922

William L. Kost, 1925

The meeting approved the nominations as presented and directed the Secretary to cast one ballot for the election of all officers and trustees as nominated.

7. Danford, '04, the reelected President, was escorted to the chair by Morgan, '80 and Wainwright, '06.

8. At the request of the President the following distinguished members rose to receive the applause of the meeting for their outstanding achievements in World War II:

General Jonathan M. Wainwright, '06

Lt. General Daniel I. Sultan, '07

Lt. General Oscar W. Griswold, '10

Lt. General Walton H. Walker, '12

Lt. General J. Lawton Collins, April, '17

Lt. General A. C. Wedemeyer, June, '19

9. The President called the attention of the meeting to the presence of Hodges and Kerr, '81; Andrews, Traub and Harris, '86 (here for their 60th reunion) and Crain, '94, returning all the way from California for Graduation Week, as is his custom. At the request of the President each arose to receive the tribute of the meeting.

10. The President then said that it was customary to send a telegram of greeting from the annual meeting to the oldest living graduate, but that this year we were happily fortunate in being honored with the actual presence of that distinguished member. The President paid tribute to Colonel Morgan, '80, and read the citation for the award of the Medal of Honor to Morgan, won as a 2d Lieutenant against the Apache Indians in 1882. At the President's request Morgan arose and received the tumultuous cheers and best wishes of the entire meeting.

11. The President noted that each member of the Class of 1946 had been presented with a copy of "Eyes Up", an excellent volume containing ten sermons of the Chaplain, U.S.M.A.; and that members might obtain copies by application to the Office of the Chaplain—\$1.00 per copy, the proceeds to accrue to the Chapel Fund.

12. The President then introduced Major General Maxwell D. Taylor, '22, Superintendent, U.S.M.A. who made a most effective and well-received report to the meeting concerning the present state of matters affecting the Academy and its future—a report which General Taylor aptly compared to the "State of the Union" reports of the President of the United States to Congress.

13. The meeting approved its own adjournment at 3:05 P. M.

CHARLES N. BRANHAM, '22,

Secretary.

# Report of the President of the Association of Graduates, 1945-1946

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## Members of the Association:

The list of accomplishments and activities of the Association of Graduates for the year 1945-46 includes the following:

- Continued favorable position of the Endowment Fund.
- Increase in Membership.
- Publication of *Assembly*.
- Donation of Chapel Organ Console.
- Failure to secure favorable action on the nomination of General Thayer to the Hall of Fame.
- Effort to obtain employment for alumni who have been retired because of battle wounds and for those honorably relieved from active duty.
- Annual Broadcast.
- Prizes to Cadets.
- Status of the *Register of Graduates, U.S.M.A.*

The Endowment Fund, handled by the Treasurer, under the valuable counsel given by the Endowment Fund Committee, consisting of Richardson, June, '18; Pope, '03 and Bellinger, June, '18, continues in a favorable financial position. The yield of Endowment Fund securities, based on book value, for the year is 4.35%. The net loss on the redemption of securities amounts to only \$62.27 and represents the only transaction in securities during the year. However, the total amount in the Endowment Fund was increased during the year by:

- \$300 Midtown Enterprises, Inc. Non-Cumulative.
- Income Bond received from John B. Abbott, '82.
- Bequest by the late William H. Wheeler, '74—\$1,000.
- Contribution from E. F. Reinhardt, '10—\$30.00.

The membership in the Association was increased during the year by 931-346 members of the Class of 1945 and 88 members of other classes who joined during the year.

Four issues of *Assembly* magazine were published during the year and sent out to members of the Association and to other subscribers. Many letters, and other expres-

sions of appreciation, received by the Editor during the year, attest to the continuing and increased popularity of this magazine among our membership. The editorial staff is constantly trying to improve the quality of this publication and to increase its value to its readers. Suggestions from the membership for its improvement are always welcome. It is particularly important that all members of the Association inform the office of the Secretary of all changes of address, in order that they may receive their copies of *Assembly*, and other publications sponsored by the Association, promptly and regularly. Every effort is made by the Association to keep its list of addresses of the membership constantly up-to-date, and all available and reliable sources of information are utilized for this purpose. Many of these sources, however, including the War Department, are far from being up-to-date during the current period of reorganization and readjustment of their records. It will be extremely helpful if each reader of this report will assure himself that his current address is known to the Secretary of the Association, and further, it will be greatly appreciated if he will remind those members of the Association with whom he has contact, and who may not be receiving publications of the Association regularly and promptly, of the necessity of notifying the Secretary of any changes in their addresses.

Last year the Board of Trustees initiated action which had for its object the raising of \$25,000.00 to install a new and enlarged Console (key-desk) for the Cadet Chapel Organ. It is very pleasing to announce that before subscriptions were solicited, an alumnus of the Academy, Colonel Edgar W. Garbisch of the Class of 1925 donated the entire sum necessary for this project. It is anticipated that the Console will be installed during the summer of 1947.

It is regretfully announced that the efforts of the Association to secure the election of Sylvanus Thayer, Father of the Military Academy, to the Hall of Fame of New York University were not successful. The privilege of resubmitting his name will occur again in 1950.

The efforts of the Association to secure desirable employment for alumni who have been retired due to battle wounds, or who have been honorably relieved from active duty, are continuing and have met with some success. William L. Kost, '25, as Secretary until 1 April 1946, and in his civilian capacity since that date, has undertaken this service to such extent as has been practicable. These efforts, however, have been handicapped insofar as the office of the Secretary is concerned by the lack of sufficient time and secretarial personnel to attend to the amount of correspondence and contacts which are necessarily a part of this service.

The 144th anniversary of the founding of the Military Academy was celebrated by many meetings of alumni throughout the world. Through the courtesy of the National Broadcasting Company and the Armed Forces Radio Service, addresses by the Honorable Robert P. Patterson, Secretary of War, and Major General Maxwell D. Taylor, Superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy, and a program initiated at West Point and including appropriate music by the U.S.M.A. Band, the Cadet Choir and the Cadet Glee Club, with cadets participating in interviews designed to emphasize the democratic traditions of West Point, were broadcast throughout the Nation and to all our over-seas stations. In many cities throughout the country, and at several stations over-seas, graduates and former cadets gathered on 16 March 1946 to reaffirm their loyalty to the Academy and renew their associations with fellow-alumni. The radio program, broadcast under the sponsorship of the Association, was well received by all who had the opportunity to hear it.

As in the past few years we have continued our policy of presenting prizes to the two cadets outstanding in leadership in the lower classes. During Graduation Week, 1946, the President of the Association presented the awards as follows:

- 1—\$50.00 U.S. Government Bond to the cadet most outstanding in leadership upon his becoming a First Classman; Cadet Frank C. Boerger. (Note: The former Third Class was divided into two separate classes, i.e. the Class of 1947 and the Class of 1948.)
- 1—\$25.00 U.S. Government Bond to the cadet most outstanding in leadership upon his becoming a Third Classman; Cadet Marshall E. Neal.

As many of you already know, there has been established, since our last annual meeting, the "West Point

Alumni Foundation". This Corporation, with offices in New York City, has been founded primarily for the purpose of publishing annually a *Register of Graduates of the United States Military Academy*. The officers and directors of the Foundation are all members of the Association of Graduates, and a majority of them are also, by requirement of the Foundation's By-Laws, members of the Board of Trustees of the Association of Graduates.

The idea of such a Register came from noting the success of a similar publication, over the past several years, by the United States Naval Academy Alumni Association. The first issue of our Register will appear this fall and will include the names of all graduates and former cadets from 1802 to 1946, inclusive. More than 25,000 names will thus be catalogued and indexed. These names will be shown by Class in accordance with their Graduation Number. After each graduate's name will appear a very brief biography. The same will apply to former cadets insofar as information concerning them is available.

All of us who are now engaged in the preparation of this register feel that it will prove to be an invaluable contribution to the records of West Point, and of great and continuing interest to all graduates and former cadets, and to many other friends of the United States Military Academy. It should stimulate greater interest both in the preparation and the use of Cullum's Register.

Incidentally, the publication of this Register, if we may judge by that of the Naval Academy, should give us an additional, material, and much needed source of revenue for the Association.

With deep gratitude, acknowledgment is made of a \$300.00 Bond presented to the Association by John B. Abbott, '82; a bequest of \$1,000 by the late William H. Wheeler, '74 and a contribution to the Endowment Fund, amounting to \$30.00 by E. F. Reinhardt, '10.

On behalf of the Association, I wish to express my appreciation to General Wilby, to his successor as Superintendent of the Military Academy, General Taylor, and to their staffs, for their continued assistance and cooperation during the past year in matters pertaining to the Association of Graduates.

ROBERT M. DANFORD,  
President.

# Report of Treasurer

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

APRIL 30, 1946

EXHIBIT A—Balance Sheet as of April 30, 1946.  
 EXHIBIT B—Changes in General Fund during the year ended April 30, 1946.  
 EXHIBIT C—Changes in Endowment Fund during the year ended April 30, 1946.  
 SCHEDULE I—Investments as of April 30, 1946 and income received thereon during the year ended April 30, 1946.

### EXHIBIT A BALANCE SHEET, APRIL 30, 1946

ASSETS		
SECURITIES: (See Schedule I)		
Irving Trust Company .....	\$111,592.57	
Office, Treasurer, Association of Graduates.....	162.50	
		\$111,755.07
CASH IN BANKS:		
Irving Trust Company (Checking Account).....	\$ 9,171.40	
First National Bank in Highland Falls (Checking Account).....	805.94	
First National Bank in Highland Falls (Savings Account).....	4,445.41	
Newburgh Savings Bank .....	4,949.23	
		\$ 19,371.98
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES .....		3,510.70
	Total .....	\$134,637.75
LIABILITIES		
GENERAL FUND:		
Balance May 1, 1945 .....	\$ 12,669.36	
Less: decrease during year (See Exhibit B).....	2,496.72	
		\$ 10,172.64
ENDOWMENT FUND:		
Balance May 1, 1945.....	\$107,436.91	
Add increase during year (See Exhibit C).....	2,345.39	
		\$109,782.30
CULLUM FUND:		
Balance May 1, 1945.....		11,087.00
(No transactions during the year)		
UNPAID TAXES WITHHELD FROM EMPLOYEES' SALARIES.....		85.11
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES .....		3,510.70
	Total .....	\$134,637.75

### EXHIBIT B CHANGES IN GENERAL FUND DURING YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 1946

INCOME		
Payments on Life and Annual Memberships.....	\$ 14,444.50	
Annual Dues .....	170.00	
Sustaining Memberships .....	25.00	
Sale and Subscriptions—ASSEMBLY.....	281.55	
Interest on Bank Deposits .....	213.05	
Dividends on Investments.....	2.50	
Miscellaneous (Sale of Rosettes and Thayer Brochures).....	17.70	
		\$ 15,154.30
EXPENDITURES		
Salaries .....	\$ 4,074.72	
Supplies .....	720.67	
Postage .....	998.52	
Printing .....	11,406.06	
Addressograph Machine, Dupligrph and Typewriters.....	2,383.17	
Miscellaneous (Including Loss on Luncheon).....	1,564.85	
		21,147.99
Expenditures in excess of income.....		5,993.69
Transfer from Endowment Fund.....		3,496.97
	Net Change (Decrease).....	\$ 2,496.72

### EXHIBIT C CHANGES IN ENDOWMENT FUND DURING YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 1946

PRINCIPAL		
Cash Contributions .....		\$ 1,647.10
Less:		
Loss on sale of securities .....	\$ 62.27	
Brokers fee and transfer expenses .....	3.00	
		65.27
	Total .....	\$ 1,581.83
INCOME		
Interest and dividends from securities.....	\$ 4,380.03	
EXPENDITURES		
Safekeeping of Securities .....	119.50	
		4,260.53
	Total additions .....	\$ 5,842.36
	Less—Transfer to General Fund.....	3,496.97
	Net Change (Increase) .....	\$ 2,345.39

**SCHEDULE I. INVESTMENTS, APRIL 30, 1946 AND INCOME RECEIVED THEREON DURING THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 1946**

Date Acquired	NAME OF SECURITY	Face Value of Shares	Number of Shares	Book Value at April 30, 1945	Cost or Gift Basis	Purchases	Redemptions, Sales and Amortization	Gain (Loss) on Sales of Securities	Brokers' Fees and Transfers	Face Value of Shares April 30, 1946	Book Value at Cost or Gift Basis April 30, 1946	Approximate Market Value April 30, 1946	Dividends and Interest Received
Aug. 1, 1933	— First National Bank in Highland Falls, N. Y., common PV \$7.50	5	5	\$ 62.50							\$ 62.50	\$ 62.50	\$ 2.50
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>													
June 4, 1931	— One unit 92-21 Union Hall St., Inc., 5 1/2% debent. due 3/27/40									\$ 10,000.00	\$ 3,956.67	No Quotation	
Feb. 3, 1940	— U. S. Savings Bonds, Series D, due 2/1/50		100	\$ 7,125.00						100	7,125.00	8,170.00	
	Total Cullum Fund			\$ 11,081.67							\$ 11,081.67	8,170.00	

**NOTE:** Bequest of \$10,000 to the Association of Graduates by General George W. Cullum, under the stipulation that after investment the income is to be used for current expenses of the Association but only as long as the principal remains undiminished. If a loss in the amount of the principal occurs, income is to revert to principal until the bequeathed amount is again attained.

Date Acquired	NAME OF SECURITY	Face Value of Shares	Number of Shares	Book Value at April 30, 1945	Cost or Gift Basis	Purchases	Redemptions, Sales and Amortization	Gain (Loss) on Sales of Securities	Brokers' Fees and Transfers	Face Value of Shares April 30, 1946	Book Value at Cost or Gift Basis April 30, 1946	Approximate Market Value April 30, 1946	Dividends and Interest Received
<b>ENDOWMENT FUND</b>													
May 21, 1929	— N. Y. Title & Mortgage Co. Mortgage Series F-1 Ctf. 5 1/2% due 7/1/39			\$ 8,400.00			\$ 400.00			\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 6,160.00	\$ 321.54
July 25, 1929	— Title Guar. & Trust Co. Part. in BM of C. Cappeiani Construction Co. 5 1/2% due 7/1/38			9,750.00			225.00			9,525.00	9,525.00	8,001.00	476.15
July 18, 1930	— St. Louis, San Francisco Rwy Co. Cons. Mtge Series A 4 1/2% due 3/1/78			5,000.00						5,000.00	4,620.88	2,225.00	215.30
Oct. 9, 1930	— Colorado & Southern Rwy Co. Gen. Mtge Series A 4 1/2% due 5/1/80			5,000.00						5,000.00	4,889.00	3,700.00	200.00
June 1, 1931	— N. Y. Title & Mtge Co. Part in BM of Rocklin Opera Corp. 5 1/2% due 6/1/38			2,000.00						2,000.00	2,000.00	1,240.00	96.23
July 2, 1936	— Lercourt State Bldg (1375 Bway Corp.) 1st Mtge Lshld 6 1/4% due 4/25/48			100.00						100.00	100.00	947.00	3.66
Nov. 25, 1938	— Sears, Roebuck & Co. capital stock NP	20	20	375.00			102.59	2.59		20	375.00	960.00	45.00
July 30, 1940	— Pittsburgh, Cinn., Chi. & St. Louis Rwy Co. Gen. Mtge Series A 5%, due 6/1/70			5,000.00						5,000.00	5,037.50	6,875.00	250.00
May 31, 1941	— Kansas Power & Lt. Co. 4 1/2% cum. pfd. stock PV \$100.00	50	50	5,050.00						50	5,050.00	5,500.00	225.00
June 26, 1941	— U. S. A. Defense Savings Series G. 12 year Cur. Inc. 2 1/2% due 5/1/53			6,000.00						6,000.00	6,000.00	5,682.00	150.00
Jan. 27, 1942	— U. S. A. Defense Savings Series G. 12 yr. Cur. Inc. 2 1/2% due 6/1/53			4,000.00						4,000.00	4,000.00	3,788.00	100.00
Aug. 15, 1942	— U. S. A. Defense Savings Series F. due 7/1/54			1,000.00						1,000.00	1,000.00	947.00	25.00
May 1, 1943	— U. S. A. Defense Savings Series F. due 7/1/54			100.00						100.00	100.00	87.00	4.00
Feb. 3, 1944	— 60 Park Place Office Bldg. 1st Mtge Fee & Lshld 3 1/2-5% due 8/1/47			100.00						100.00	100.00	87.00	4.00
Feb. 3, 1944	— Utah Power & Lt. Co. 1st Mtge 3 1/2% due 12/1/68			8,240.00						8,240.00	7,210.00	7,332.50	309.38
Feb. 10, 1944	— Florida Power & Lt. Co. Debent. 4 1/8% due 1/1/79			7,000.00			1,008.75	(21.25)		7,000.00	7,122.50	7,420.00	288.75
May 18, 1944	— Oklahoma Natural Gas Co. 4 3/4% cum. pfd. stk. Series A. PV \$50.			4,522.50						4,522.50	4,522.50	5,212.50	220.00
July 25, 1944	— Chicago & Northwestern Ry Co. 5% cum. pfd. stk. VTC PV \$100.	15	15	5,000.00						15	5,000.00	5,700.00	237.52
July 25, 1944	— Chicago & Northwestern Ry Co. com. stk. VTC NP	23	23	1,563.93						23	1,563.93	997.50	93.75
July 25, 1944	— Chicago & Northwestern Ry Co. 1st and Genl. Mtge Series A. 4% scrip. due 1/1/89			1,018.22						23	1,018.22	862.50	69.00
July 25, 1944	— Chicago & Northwestern Ry Co. 2nd Mtge Conv. Inc. Series A. 4 1/2% due 1/1/99			106.22			62.61	(43.61)		—	—	—	6.00
Sept. 8, 1944	— Delaware & Hudson Co. 1st and Ref. Mtge 4% due 5/1/63			1,260.67			1,260.67		1.50	—	—	—	49.50
Jan. 25, 1945	— Cleveland, Cinn., Chicago & St. Louis Rwy Co., Cinn., Wabash & Michigan Div. 1st Mtge Series A. 4% due 7/1/91			920.00						1,000.00	920.00	1,042.50	20.00
Jan. 25, 1945	— Southern Pacific Co., Oregon Lines, 1st Mtge Series A. 4 1/2% due 9/1/77			6,685.00						8,000.00	6,685.00	7,120.00	320.00
Feb. 2, 1945	— Chicago & Northwestern Ry Co. 2nd Mtge Conv. Inc. Series A. 4 1/2% due 1/1/99			7,595.00						8,000.00	7,595.00	8,440.00	360.00
Feb. 2, 1945	— Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Rwy Co. 1st Mtge Series A. 4% due 2/1/78			4,900.00			756.00			5,000.00	4,900.00	5,100.00	40.50
Oct. 22, 1945	— Sears, Roebuck & Co. Capital Stock N.P.	60	60	1,125.00						60	1,125.00	2,880.00	200.00
Oct. 25, 1945	— Midtown Enterprises Inc. 5% non. Cum. Inc. due 5/1/64			300.00			65.40		1.50	300.00	234.60	No Quotation	48.00
Oct. 25, 1945	— Midtown Enterprises Inc. Capital Stock P.V.	10	10	2,016.67						10	2,016.67	No Quotation	8.75
Apr. 29, 1946	— Chicago & Northwestern Ry Co. 2nd Mtg. Conv. Inc. Series A. 4 1/2% due 1/1/99			2,316.77			3,881.02	(62.27)	3.30	2,000.00	2,016.67	1,860.00	—
	Total			\$ 113,381.59			\$ 3,881.02	\$ (62.27)	\$ 3.00	\$ 111,755.07	\$ 107,241.70	\$ 4,380.03	\$ 4,382.53

Examined and found correct:  
**FRANK G. FRASER,**  
 Colonel, F.D.,  
 Fiscal Officer.

**CHARLES N. BRANHAM,**  
 Colonel, C.A.C.,  
 Treasurer.

# We Salute

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

## DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

James H. Phillips, June 11, '19  
John L. Lewis, '25  
(Posthumously)

Martin Moses, '27  
(Posthumously)

Jacob E. Smart, '31  
William J. Boyle, '39

## DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

Guy V. Henry, '98  
William Bryden, '04  
(Second Oak Leaf Cluster to)

Charles L. Scott, '05  
Oscar W. Griswold, '10  
(Navy)

Burton O. Lewis, '10  
Russell L. Maxwell, '12  
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)

Henry B. Cheadle, '13  
David B. Falk, '13  
Frederick W. Boye, '15  
John B. Wogan, '15  
Thomas D. Finley, '16  
James A. Code, Jr., April, '17

William F. Heavey, April, '17  
Edwin J. House, August, '17  
(Army)

Edwin J. House, August, '17  
(Navy)

Edmond H. Leavey, August, '17  
John C. Raaen, November, '18  
Joseph S. Bradley, June 11, '19  
James H. Phillips, June 11, '19  
William W. Bessell, Jr., '20  
Frederic L. Hayden, '20  
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)

Edward A. Routheau, '20  
Gustave H. Vogel, '20  
Orval R. Cook, June 13, '22  
Mervin E. Gross, June 13, '22

David Larr, '23  
Royal B. Lord, '23  
George S. Smith, '23  
Paul Cooper, '24  
Martin F. Hass, '24  
James E. Moore, '24  
Russell E. Randall, '25  
Irving A. Duffy, '26  
Edwin W. Chamberlain, '27  
Laurence S. Kuter, '27  
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)

Charles B. Stone, 3rd, '27  
Robert Q. Brown, '31  
Robert M. Lee, '31  
Jacob E. Smart, '31  
John P. McConnell, '32

## SILVER STAR

James H. Phillips, June, '19  
Leroy J. Stewart, June 13, '22  
John L. Lewis, '25  
(Posthumously)

Raymond E. Bell, '27  
(Third Oak Leaf Cluster to)  
Harry B. Packard, '30  
Charles E. Frederick, '31  
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)  
Linscott A. Hall, '37

Homer H. Uglow, '37  
(Posthumously)  
Earle M. Shiley, '38  
Robert M. Wood, January, '43

## LEGION OF MERIT

Robert E. Wood, '00  
Troup Miller, '02  
Chauncey L. Fenton, '04  
George V. Strong, '04  
Rene DeR. Hoyle, '06  
Duncan Richart, '06  
William E. Morrison, '07  
Hayden W. Wagner, '07  
George R. Goethals, '08  
John T. Kennedy, '08  
Rodney H. Smith, '08  
J. Garesche Ord, '09  
John C. Beatty, '11  
Wilfred M. Blunt, '11  
James B. Crawford, '11  
Harry R. Kutz, '11  
William E. Larned, '11  
Hubert G. Stanton, '11  
Oscar J. Gatchell, '12  
Samuel A. Gibson, '13  
Falkner Heard, '13  
William C. Young, '13  
Adam E. Potts, '14  
John L. Parkinson, '14  
John S. Bragdon, '15  
John F. Davis, '15  
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)

James K. Cockrell, '16  
Thomas D. Finley, '16  
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)

John W. Rafferty, '16  
Frank C. Scofield, '16  
George S. Beurket, April, '17  
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)

William S. Eley, April, '17  
Leo J. Erler, April, '17

William F. Heavey, April, '17  
Harris Jones, April, '17  
Marion Carson, August, '17  
L. Van H. Durfee, August, '17  
Bartley M. Harloe, August, '17  
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)

Edwin J. House, August, '17  
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)

Thomas D. Stamps, August, '17  
Robert A. Willard, August, '17  
Duncan Hodges, June, '18  
George M. Badger, November, '18  
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)

Richard A. Ericson, November, '18  
Bonner F. Fellers, November, '18  
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)

Kester L. Hastings, November, '18  
Arthur W. Pence, November, '18  
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)

John C. Raaen, November, '18  
Boyd W. Bartlett, June, '19  
Emmett J. Bean, June, '19  
Charles H. Bryan, June, '19  
Robert W. Crichlow, Jr., June, '19  
Louis Ely, June, '19  
Sydney W. Gould, June, '19  
James H. Phillips, June, '19  
William W. Bessell, Jr., '20  
Rex V. D. Corput, '20  
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)

Charles G. Holle, '20  
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)

William C. McFadden, '20  
Lawrence E. Schick, '20  
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)

Charles W. West, '20  
Harold J. Conway, '21  
Francis M. Greene, June 13, '22  
Lawrence C. Leonard, June 13, '22  
William F. Sadtler, June 13, '22  
Joseph W. Boone, '23  
Steven L. Conner, '23  
Earl S. Gruver, '23  
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)

Harold D. Kehm, '23  
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)

Charles T. Myers, '23  
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)

Benjamin S. Mesick, '24  
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)

C. Stanton Babcock, '25  
Charles P. Nicholas, '25  
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)

Meredith C. Noble, '25  
Willet J. Baird, '26  
Samuel P. Collins, '26  
James O. Wade, '26  
Raymond E. Bell, '27  
Charles B. Stone, 3rd, '27  
John H. Hinrichs, '28  
James F. Olive, Jr., '28  
Roscoe C. Wilson, '28  
Alvin G. Viney, '29  
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)

Robert H. Booth, '30  
Richard C. Hutchinson, '30  
Willis A. Perry, '30  
Alexander G. Stone, '30  
Jacob S. Sauer, Jr., '30

**LEGION OF MERIT (Continued)**

Frank A. Bogart, '31  
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)  
Daniel F. Callahan, '31  
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)

Richard B. Carhart, '31  
Gunnar C. Carlson, '31  
Charles E. Hoy, '31  
Peter Schmick, '31  
James W. Coutts, '32

Kenneth B. Hobson, '32  
John P. McConnell, '32  
(Second Oak Leaf Cluster to)

I. Sewell Morris, '32  
Paul T. Carroll, '33  
Samuel A. Mundell, '33  
Travis T. Brown, '34  
John F. Smoller, '34  
James E. Landrum, Jr., '36

William C. Westmoreland, '36  
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)

Edwin B. Broadhurst, '37  
Jack M. Donohew, '37  
Linscott A. Hall, '37  
Roy R. Brischetto, '38  
John B. Bestic, '39  
Henry H. Arnold, Jr., '40  
Cyrus E. Manierre, Jr., '42

**DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS**

Richard C. Hutchinson, '30  
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)

Jacob E. Smart, '31  
John P. McConnell, '32

**BRONZE STAR**

Oscar W. Griswold, '10  
William F. Heavey, April, '17  
George M. Badger, November, '18  
George M. Williamson, Jr., Nov., '18  
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)

James H. Phillips, June, '19  
Leroy J. Stewart, June 13, '22  
Stewart T. Vincent, June 14, '22  
George F. Heaney, Jr., '23  
Ovid O. Wilson, '24  
Haydon Y. Grubbs, '25  
Thomas J. Cody, '28  
Robert H. Booth, '30

Robert M. Lee, '31  
John P. McConnell, '32  
Russell M. Nelson, '32  
Roy T. Evans, '33  
William D. Denson, '34  
Stanley Johnson, '35  
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)

William C. Westmoreland, '36  
Linscott A. Hall, '37  
John M. Finn, '38  
Thomas L. McCrary, '38  
William A. Sundlof, '38  
(Two Oak Leaf Clusters to)

William J. Boyle, '39  
Donald F. Hull, '39  
Charles J. Long, 3rd, '39  
John S. Samuel, '39  
Robert J. Delaney, '40  
Edwin L. Powell, Jr., '41  
Wayne L. Bart, '42  
Cyrus E. Manierre, Jr., '42  
Norvin L. Davis, January, '43  
James C. Huntley, January, '43  
Cecil W. Page, January, '43  
Robert M. Wood, January, '43

**AIR MEDAL**

Oscar W. Griswold, '10  
Daniel F. Callahan, '31

Jacob E. Smart, '31  
(Three Oak Leaf Clusters to)  
John P. McConnell, '32

William C. Westmoreland, '36  
Roy R. Brischetto, '38

**PURPLE HEART**

William F. Heavey, April, '17  
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)  
Charles E. Frederick, '31  
Stanley Johnson, '35  
Linscott A. Hall, '37  
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)

John M. Finn, '38  
William J. Boyle, '39  
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)

Donald F. Hull, '39  
Donald L. Driscoll, '41

Norvin L. Davis, January, '43  
(Oak Leaf Cluster to)  
(Second Oak Leaf Cluster to—  
Posthumously)

Robert M. Wood, January, '43

**MISCELLANEOUS CITATIONS**

James H. Phillips, June, '19.....French Legion of Honor  
Robert M. Lee, '31.....French Legion of Honor  
Dale E. Means, '32.....Cross of the Chevalier of the Legion of Honor  
William C. Westmoreland, '36.....French Legion of Honor  
George M. Badger, November, '18.....Croix de Guerre with Palm  
James H. Phillips, June, '19.....Croix de Guerre with Palm  
Benjamin S. Mesick, '24.....French Croix de Guerre with Palm  
Robert M. Lee, '31.....Croix de Guerre with Palm  
Dale E. Means, '32.....Croix de Guerre with Palm  
Donald F. Hull, '39.....Croix de Guerre avec etoile vermeil  
Linscott A. Hall, '37.....French Croix de Guerre  
Cyrus E. Manierre, Jr., '42.....French Croix de Guerre  
John W. Rafferty, '16.....Most Excellent Order of the British Empire  
George S. Smith, '23.....Commander of the British Empire  
Benjamin S. Mesick, '24.....Order of the British Empire  
Linscott A. Hall, '37.....Order of the British Empire  
George M. Williamson, Jr., November, '18.....Crown of Italy Medal  
George S. Smith, '23.....Silver Medal (Rome)  
George S. Smith, '23.....Order of St. Maurice & St. Lazarus of Italy  
George S. Smith, '23.....Order of the White Eagle of Yugoslavia  
Robert M. Lee, '31.....Belgian Order of the Commander  
Robert M. Wood, January, '43.....Medal of Verdun  
Linscott A. Hall, '37.....Medalha di Guerra (Brazil)

# Last Roll Call

Graduates Who Have Died Since the Publication of the April Assembly.

Name	Class	Date of Death	Name	Class	Date of Death
Abiel L. Smith.....	1878.....	April 24, 1946	James E. Parker.....	June 11, 1919.....	March 19, 1946
Percy E. Trippe.....	1880.....	May 11, 1946	*Pastor Martelino.....	1920.....	January 8, 1945
John B. Abbott.....	Ex-1882.....	June 1, 1946	*Albert Svihra.....	1922.....	October 24, 1944
Harry C. Hale.....	1883.....	March 21, 1946	*Martin Moses.....	1927.....	November 1, 1943
Seth G. Ellegood.....	Ex-1884.....	—	Kenneth M. Briggs.....	1929.....	March 25, 1946
Robert O. Fuller.....	Ex-1885.....	October 11, 1945	*Harry R. Melton, Jr. ....	1936.....	—
Edmund S. Wright.....	1886.....	April 13, 1946	*Charles S. Hoyt, Jr. ....	1937.....	December 15, 1944
Charles B. Wheeler.....	1887.....	April 11, 1946	*Ralph B. Praeger.....	1938.....	December 3, 1944
Hurlburt H. Pinney.....	Ex-1897.....	December 8, 1945	*John H. Davis, Jr. ....	1939.....	January 1, 1945
Winfield S. Overton.....	1897.....	April 26, 1946	*James P. Walker.....	1941.....	September 7, 1943
Grayson V. Heidt.....	1899.....	—	John E. Hatch, Jr. ....	Jan., 1943.....	April 1, 1946
Walter H. Smith.....	1901.....	June 11, 1946	Ernest D. Scott, Jr. ....	Jan., 1943.....	May 18, 1946
Frederick S. Warren.....	Ex-1903.....	December 5, 1943	*Floyd O. Tobey, Jr. ....	Jan., 1943.....	March 25, 1945
Walter S. Drysdale.....	1904.....	May 14, 1946	Zean G. Gassmann, Jr. ....	1945.....	—
George G. Bartlett.....	1906.....	April 3, 1946	John J. McGranery.....	1945.....	—
Clair W. Baird.....	1903.....	March 31, 1946			
Roger W. Autry.....	Nov. 1, 1918.....	March 11, 1946			

\*Killed in action.

## Bulletin Board

### To All Members of the Army Athletic Association

Members of the Army Athletic Association, who have not received their 1946-1947 information-address card, are requested to notify the Athletic Office as soon as possible. Address cards have been mailed to the most recent address of members as shown on our records.

Application blanks for 1946 football games will be mailed on or about 15 August to all members. Blanks will be forwarded to addresses furnished us on returned address cards, or by separate letter.

The 1946 football schedule is as follows:

- Sept. 21—\*Villanova.
- 28—\*Oklahoma (O.U.)
- Oct. 5—\*Cornell.
- 12—Michigan—At Ann Arbor.
- 19—\*Columbia.
- 26—Duke—At New York.
- Nov. 2—\*West Virginia.
- 9—Notre Dame—At New York.
- 16—Pennsylvania—At Phila.
- 23—Permanently open.
- 30—Navy—At Philadelphia.

\*—Home Games.

The closing dates for applications are usually five weeks ahead of the games. It is generally impossible to take care of late applicants for the Army-Notre Dame and Army-Navy football games. Our Association has grown rapidly in recent years due to large graduating classes and there is no doubt that in the future these two games will always be oversubscribed by our membership on or before the closing dates.

Late applications for those games on our schedule which are not oversubscribed on the closing date will be taken care of as the ticket supply warrants. On such games late applicants seldom receive tickets in quantity or locations to which their membership seniority would entitle them were the applications in before the closing dates.

In view of the above, members of the Army Athletic Association are urged to:

- (1) Furnish present address to the Athletic Office so that address card and football application blanks may be forwarded.
- (2) Forward application early for such football tickets as you may require.

### The Oldest Living Graduate

West Point was happy to welcome its oldest living graduate, Colonel George H. Morgan, '80, who attended all of the principal ceremonies incident to June Week this year (See Front Cover). Colonel Morgan is ninety-one years old and appears to be in remarkably good health for his age. He resides at the Ontario Apartments in Washington, D. C.

### Message From General Pershing

In response to a telegram of greeting from the Association of Graduates sent on 3 June by the President, Major General Robert M. Danford, the following telegram was received by General Danford on 4 June:

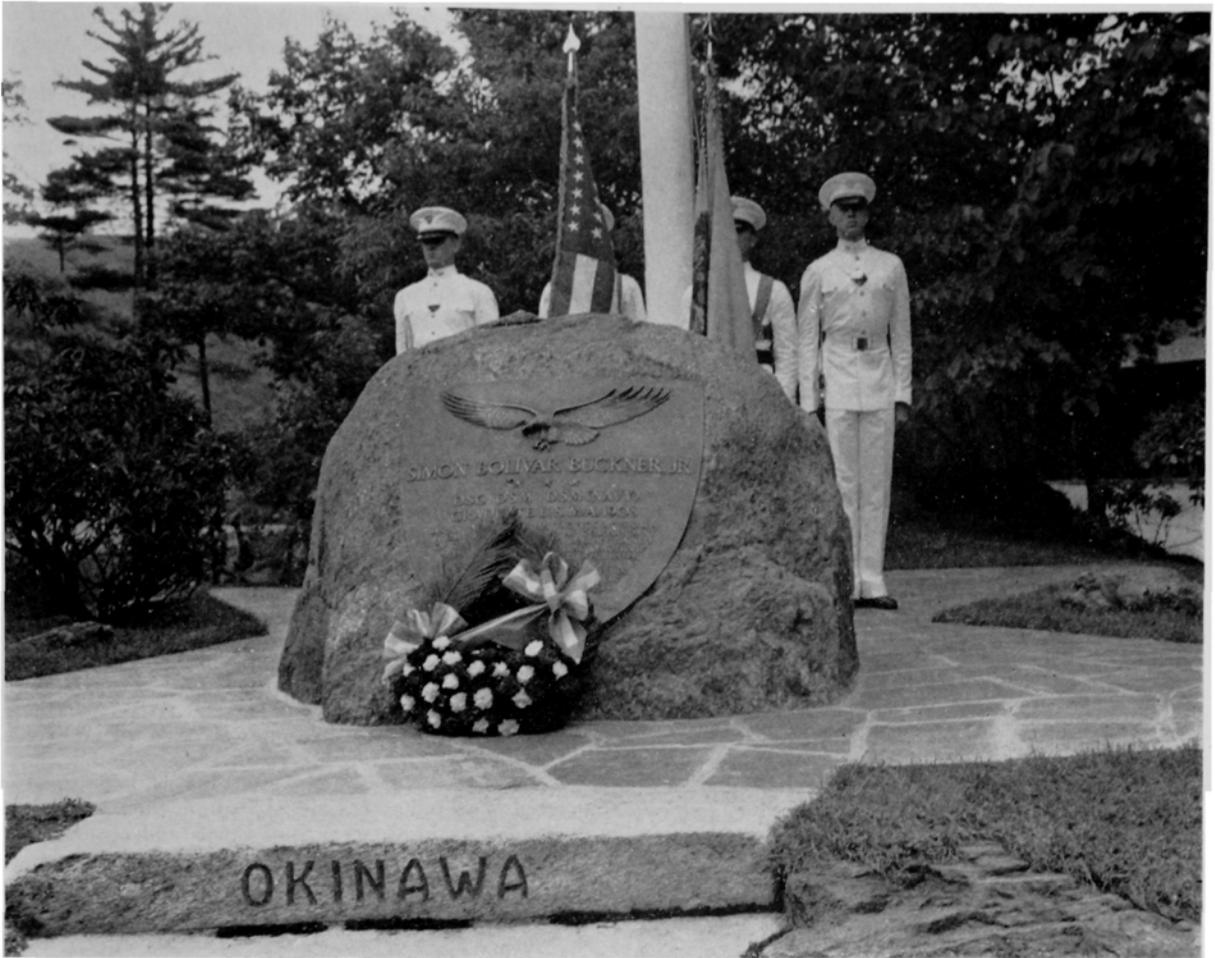
"Deeply appreciate your cordial message on behalf of assembled graduates and extend to all through you my warmest thanks and kindest regards.

JOHN J. PERSHING"

(See also Class News of 1886 in the REPORT section of this issue.)



Class of 1906 presents portrait of General Wainwright to the United States Military Academy, in a ceremony at 1906 Class Tree at West Point on 3 June, 1946.



### Camp Buckner Is Dedicated

On 6 July in a brief but impressive ceremony Camp Buckner, the cadet training area in the vicinity of Lake Popolopen, was officially dedicated to the memory of the late Lieutenant General Simon Bolivar Buckner, Jr., Class of 1908, and former Commandant of Cadets, who was killed in action while leading his Tenth Army in the battle against the Japanese on Okinawa on 18 June 1945.

In the presence of Admiral of the Fleet Chester W. Nimitz, Admirals T. C. Kincaid and Kelly Turner, General Courtney H. Hodges and General Buckner's widow, daughter and two sons, the Superintendent, Major General Maxwell D. Taylor, gave the dedicatory address.

In stressing General Buckner's outstanding military achievements in World War II, General Taylor said: "General Buckner always gave personal leadership to his troops on the battle field and was often found in the front lines. It was in the course of such a visit to the front on June 18, 1945, that he was killed in action".

"As you pass this rough-hewn rock", General Taylor told the Cadets clustered about the rocky ledge on which is mounted the bronze, shield-type memorial plaque, "I would ask you to reflect upon the rugged man for whom it stands. This rock should serve to remind you of his life of service and inspire you to develop the same qualities of strong leadership which characterized General Buckner."

The plaque bears the following inscription:

"SIMON BOLIVAR BUCKNER, JR.  
DSC: DSM: DSM (NAVY)  
GRADUATE U.S.M.A. 1908

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As an instructor in tactics at U.S.M.A. from 1919 to 1924, and as Commandant of Cadets from 1933 to 1936, he trained and impressed his sterling leadership on hundreds of cadets who later served their country well in World War II. He was killed in action leading his army on Okinawa on 18 June 1945.

This Camp is named in his honor."

(See also biographical sketch of Simon Bolivar Buckner, Jr. in the IN MEMORY section of this issue.)

### John B. Abbott's Gift

In memory of the Class of 1882, John B. Abbott, Ex-'82, presented a handsome silver tray to the United States Military Academy in May 1946. This tray will be used on appropriate occasions at the Academy in accordance with the wishes of its donor. It may be seen by all alumni at the West Point Army Mess. Mr. Abbott's generous gift arrived only a few days before the announcement of his death was received at West Point.

## Colonel Fenton Retires



ON 13 June 1946, Colonel Chauncey L. Fenton (Class of 1904) took off his uniform and donned civilian clothes after 42 years of active service, almost 18 of which were spent as Professor of Chemistry and Electricity at West Point. The transition was made unobtrusively, there being none of the usual fanfare and ceremony incident to a professor's retirement, because all of that had taken place in 1944 when Colonel Fenton was officially transferred to the Retired List and simultaneously recalled to active duty.

Graduates who have returned for June Week during recent years have become accustomed to visiting the laboratories of the Department of Chemistry and Electricity, and have there gotten a first-hand impression of the remarkable strides made in cadet instruction under Colonel Fenton's administration. The sight of such superb facilities and so much advanced equipment (much of it unknown and incomprehensible to many older graduates) is convincing evidence of his energetic and progressive regime. It can be stated without reserve that at no period in the Academy's history has a greater contribution to the teaching of science at West Point been made than during the eighteen years of his professorship.

Since great achievement is not the result of accident or momentary inspiration, but rather the culmination of all one's previous study and experience, it is fitting that a brief sketch of Colonel Fenton's career in the Army be given. He came to his chair with a record of 24 years, in which he had already demonstrated the qualities that were to make him an outstanding member of the Academic Board.

Born in Pennsylvania 14 January 1880, he was appointed to the Military Academy from Ohio in 1900. Upon his graduation in 1904, he received his commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Artillery Corps.

He had spent only two years on company duty at various western posts, with a brief tour in the Philippines, when he was ordered to West Point in the Department of Mathematics. His performance was so outstanding that he was slated for eventual return as Associate Professor.

Another interlude of company duty followed at various posts in New York and Texas, during which he rose to the rank of captain in 1912. Graduation from the Coast Artillery School in 1915 was followed by service there as an instructor, and appointment as Adjutant of the Coast Defenses of Chesapeake Bay.

The bare record of this period does little to convey the solid reputation that Colonel Fenton was building up with his associates and superiors. He had, however, demonstrated his fitness for higher responsibility. One of the officers whom he had most impressed was William R. Smith, destined to become Major General and Superintendent of the Military Academy. Years later, General Smith told the writer that he considered Colonel Fenton the finest junior officer who had ever served under him, and that one of his greatest accomplishments for the Military Academy was his success in securing Colonel Fenton's appointment as professor.

In June 1917, shortly after the United States entered World War I, Colonel Fenton, then captain, was detailed to the General Staff Corps and ordered to the Army War College for a brief course. His promotion to major was followed by a tour of observation of the British and French Armies as a member of the staff of Major General Hugh L. Scott, during which he participated in the Cambrai Major Operation with the British 61st Division.

Upon his return to the United States in January 1918, he was on general staff duty at the War Department. He became Chief of Artillery of the 1st Army, A.E.F., on the 23rd of April, and served in that capacity until the 16th of October. During this period he saw considerable action, and participated in the Aisne-Marne, St. Mihiel, Meuse-Argonne and Somme Offensive Operations; most of the time in the grade of lieutenant colonel.

Then, on 16 October 1918, he was promoted to full colonel and made a member of the Staff (Artillery Information and Counter Battery) of the Chief of Artillery, 2nd Army, in which capacity he served until the 11th of December.

This duty was followed by an assignment to the Operations Division (personnel) of the War Department General Staff from 1 January 1919 to 15 August 1922. His outstanding performance was recognized by the award of the Distinguished Service Medal, the citation for which reads as follows:

"For exceptionally meritorious and distinguished services as chief of a section of the General Staff during the period of demobilization and reorganization of the Army. He has rendered conspicuous service in the solution of intricate and important problems pertaining to the scientific utilization of the commissioned personnel of the Army."

Colonel Fenton graduated from the Army War College in 1923 and the Command and General Staff School in 1928. In between attendance at these two institutions,

he served as Associate Professor of Mathematics at the Military Academy. He also served as Assistant Executive for War Plans and Training on the Staff of the Commanding General, 3rd Coast Artillery District. Meanwhile, his permanent rank had risen to lieutenant colonel.

It was with this background of distinguished military service that Colonel Fenton came to West Point to succeed Colonel Wirt Robinson in the Chair of Chemistry and Electricity. His previous details as Instructor and Associate Professor of Mathematics had thoroughly familiarized him with the academic system and local procedures. By temperament and natural inclination, he was admirably fitted for the important position he was about to assume. Those who knew him best were confident that he would apply to his department the same qualities of vigor, force and intellect that had made him an outstanding performer in every assignment he had previously held. His record since has justified the prediction.

When he became professor, Colonel Fenton was not content to rely upon his already extensive knowledge of the subjects taught in his department; nor was he satisfied merely to maintain the status quo in courses and equipment. With characteristic energy, he undertook the adoption of new texts, complete reorganization of courses and laboratories, and at the same time, advanced studies for himself at Columbia University. He also initiated the Department's first instructor training program, by which his instructors were sent to leading technical schools for advanced studies. He himself travelled far and wide, inspecting laboratories, observing teaching in the scientific schools, conferring with civilian educators and soliciting their visits to his own Department, where he could profit by their direct observation and advice.

Such a program of concurrent activities would have broken down a man of less rugged physique; but Colonel Fenton thrived on it. There seemed to be no limit to his endurance; nor to his initiative and willingness to undertake additional responsibilities. As the years went on, successive Superintendents came to rely upon him more and more in tasks where wisdom, energy and ability to get things done were required.

With World War II came a host of urgent problems confronting the Military Academy. That they were solved smoothly and effectively, without any of the disruption that had occurred in the previous war, was due in no small degree to the wise competence of Colonel Fenton as a member of the Academic Board and as chairman or senior member of many important advisory boards and committees.

Colonel Fenton was a member of the committee which devised the three-year wartime curriculum, and also the one that prepared the post-war four-year course. He was chairman of the board that studied deficiencies in the lighting of the Cadet Barracks and the Academic Buildings, and designed a new system that put a stop to the strain that was impairing cadet eyesight because of the intensified course. He was a member of the Athletic Board and of the committee charged with recommending elimination of inapt cadets. He was also chairman of the board which selected outstanding candidates and alternates to be recommended by the Academic Board for appointment by the Secretary of War. In addition, he was heavily relied upon by the Superintendent for advice in many difficult situations.

During the war, Colonel Fenton visited the principal military installations all over the country. There he talked with young graduates and got their opinion, as well as that of their superiors, as to the value of the West Point curriculum and training in the light of their war experience. The changes made at the Academy were thus not the result of pragmatism, but of positive knowledge.

Concurrently with all of these activities, Colonel Fenton was aggressively improving his department. When most of his Regular Officers were taken from him, he selected replacements from Retired Officers and civilians with such success that there was no impairment of efficiency. Seeing the increasing importance of electronics in military technique, he constructed a laboratory which incorporated the most advanced features and became the envy of the leading scientific schools. His accomplishment in this field will remain a monument to him for years to come.

It is small wonder that, when in 1944 Colonel Fenton came under the statute of retirement for age, the Superintendent, Major General Francis B. Wilby, urgently requested the War Department to allow him to remain at his post for the duration of the war. It is also evident that the following citation, which accompanied the award of the Legion of Merit, was a fitting recognition of the debt owed to Colonel Fenton for his outstanding contribution to the Military Academy and the Army:

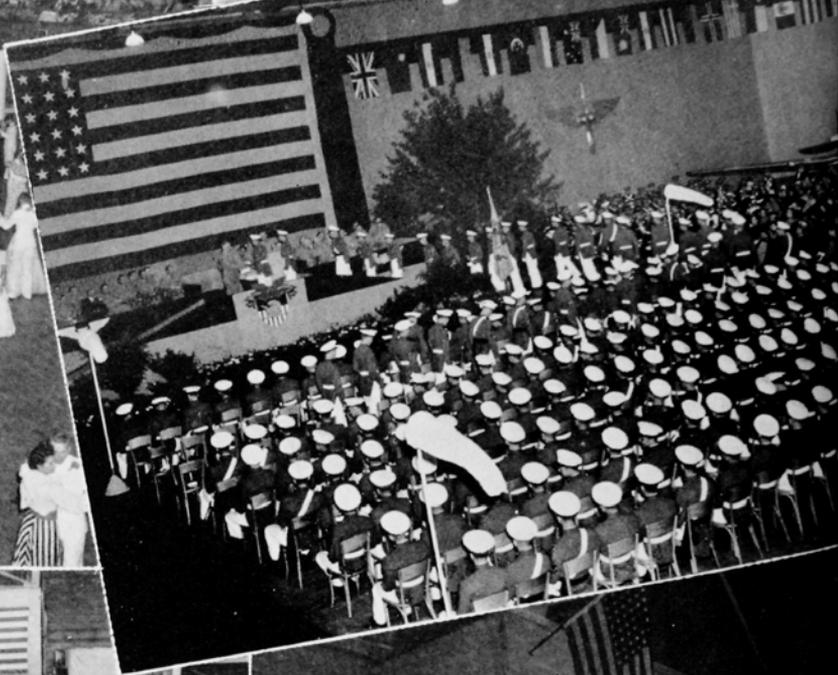
"Colonel CHAUNCEY L. FENTON, 01895, Army of the United States, administered with rare judgment and exceptional ability the Department of Chemistry and Electricity, United States Military Academy, during the period 12 January 1942 to 4 September 1945. Every challenge presented by many complex and unusual situations within his department during the critical period of the war emergency was effectively met with initiative and wisdom. Colonel Fenton's able administration of the department, selection and training of instructors and development of laboratories kept the Chemistry and Electricity courses abreast of technical and military developments and maintained high standards of cadet instruction. As a senior member of the Academic Board and as Chairman, or member, of many important Boards and Committees, Colonel Fenton was a guiding factor in the successful solution of many new and trying problems forced upon the Academy by the impact of war. His persevering devotion to duty and record of achievement reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Military Service."

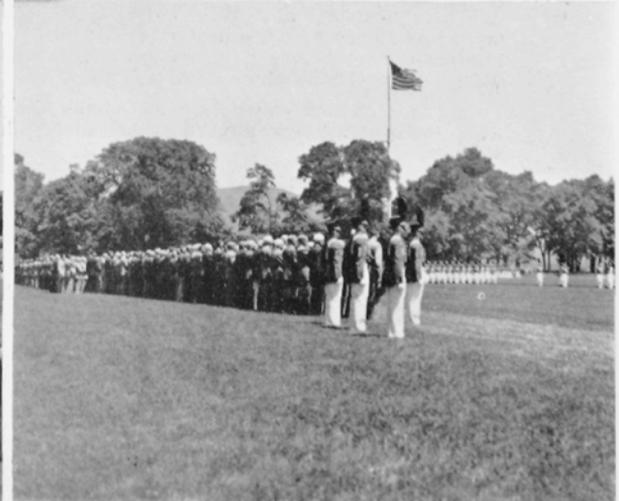
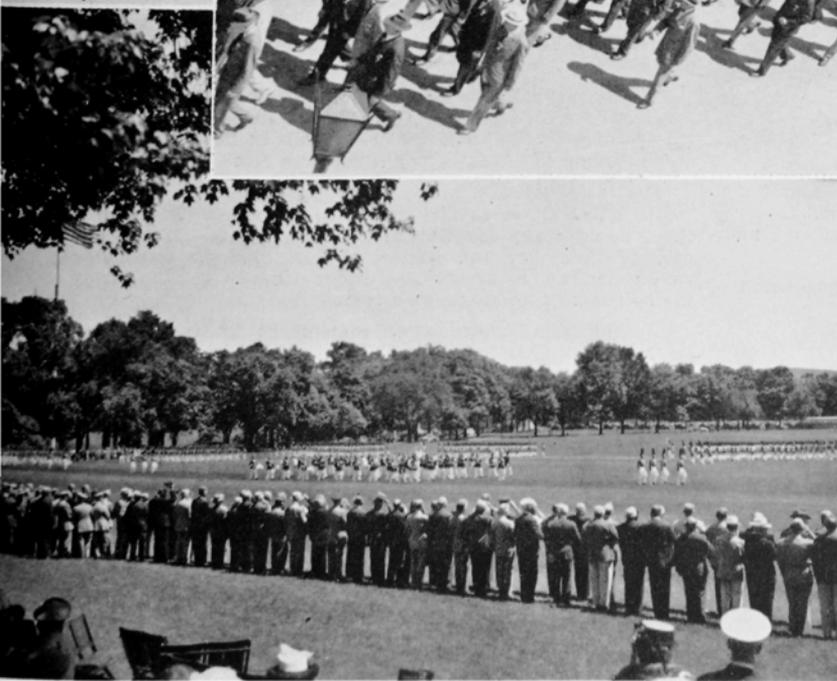
This recital of Colonel Fenton's distinguished services in two wars would be incomplete without some mention of his place in the affections of officers and cadets. His portrait in the Library will always be there to remind those who had the good fortune to serve with him or study under him, of the human qualities that made him a beloved mentor and a worthy successor to Bailey, Kendrick, Tillman and Robinson.

Fortunately, he will also be here in person; for he plans to build a home near Highland Falls, where he will manage the affairs of the First National Bank, of which he is president, and devote himself increasingly to the Association of Graduates. With his usual energy and foresight, he has already begun active preparations for the Sesqui-Centennial of the Military Academy.

In announcing Colonel Fenton's retirement from active service, we rejoice that, instead of noting the end of a career, we herald the beginning of a new phase. We wish him many more years of vigor and accomplishment.

—W. J. M.





# Marty's First 50 Years

By JOE CAHILL



Marty receives his review of the Corps with the Superintendent.



The First Captain, Cadet Amos A. Jordan, presents Marty with a watch, a gift of the Corps; in the presence of Mrs. Maher, General Taylor and the Commandant of Cadets, Brigadier General G. J. Higgins.

**F**IFTY years is a long time. In that period thousands of men have passed through the ivy-covered portals of this military citadel. And, likewise, a lot of water has passed over the proverbial dam. But, for Marty Maher, a half century at West Point is not quite enough! Because he has reached his seventieth birthday, the government wants him to retire again, for the second time, from the same job as custodian of the gym.

As you and I know, Marty loves the Military Academy and everything associated with it. His little cubby-hole of an office near the swimming pool is more like home to him than a place of business. Old-timers will tell you that he goes there for solace and satisfaction. He is the first one in the building at daybreak and he pulls the switch that darkens the place at night.

It was in his office that I heard the white-haired, blue-eyed, smiling Irishman narrate the fascinating story of his life. His face beaming with that infectious smile, Marty retold incident after incident of yesteryear . . . of how the place tripled its size . . . how athletics grew from an incidental part of cadet life to its present important stature. He even cited exact dates and scores of Army games twenty-five to forty years and more ago!

Sitting back in the chair and lighting up his old briar, he began reminiscing and we were soon temporarily lost in a flood of memories.

Marty launched his rollicking career shortly after arriving in the United States, and except for a bit of that predominant Irish luck, his future at West Point might have been nipped in the bud.

"All the waiters used to steal from the greenhorn", Marty recalls. "So I found myself without any dishes this night. But I was very thankful to General John J. Pershing, who was a tactical officer at West Point in '97. He found all my dishes in the fireplace in a cadet's room. 'Twas easy to know who they belonged to because they were all marked with a '3' as I was number three waiter."

Captain Pershing called Dan McDonald, the headwaiter, who, incidentally was a good friend and countryman of Marty's.

"Fire that man and give him five minutes to get off the Post", were Pershing's terse commands.

"That was fifty years ago", beamed Marty, "and I'm still going strong."

"You see", he avers, "me friends were workin' and I didn't know it!"

"I'll niver forget the first table I set, either", he chortled, pulling out a match to light up again. "They had a knife,

a fork and two spoons. When they told me the second spoon was fer dessert, I wus wunderin' what that would be. Parsnips was another funny dish to be havin' on the table", he thought. "We used to throw them to the hogs in Ireland."

It was difficult at first for Marty, but he learned quickly. He was getting thirteen dollars a month with "breakage" out. After his first fall on the waxed floor with a full tray of dishes, he thought it was time to make a change.

"The money I was making wouldn't buy a paper of tobacco", he recalls vividly. "And so I decided to enlist in the Army and get out of the mess I was in—the Cadet Mess."

In sharp contrast to the draft army of today, Marty had to find a vacancy in an outfit before he could enlist in the service. After several vain attempts to get into uniform, he finally succeeded in swearing to "bear true faith and allegiance to the United States of America. " on the 19th day of September, 1898.

His first assignment as a G.I. was in the gym and by a twist of fate he remained there practically throughout his thirty years except for a few brief spells in the guard house and a couple of voyages to his home in Roscrac, County of Tipperary.

His amazing versatility came to the front during the three decades as Custodian of the Gymnasium. He started as a janitor, pure and simple. Before long, he was made swimming instructor and also found time to get the Army football team into shape as a trainer.

General "Ike" Eisenhower remembers Marty's activity in the training room: "You know, when I hurt my leg that time playing football, Marty worked his head off trying to get me ready. He was bound and determined to get me back into the game"

Of course, it is possible that Marty had a pecuniary interest in the matter as well as a sincere likeness for "Ike". He won sixteen hundred dollars backing his gridiron favorites . . . "enough to take Mary and me back for a visit to the Old Sod". "Of course", he elaborated, "that was the

old days. We wouldn't think of betting even a cigar on a game these days."

And speaking of football he remembers in 1913 when Knute Rockne and Notre Dame came to West Point to launch the great inter-sectional rivalry.

"I looked them over and saw that they had eight inches of lacing hanging from the ball", his Irish brogue twisting every syllable. "I thought they were using it to throw the forward pass." He was referring, of course, to that famous Rockne to Dorais passing combination that electrified the East with a new phase of the game.

After the game Colonel Koehler, Master of the Sword, invited the Notre Dame team into his office and Marty laced three footballs in a demonstration period.

"So it was a fair exchange", the little Irishman says. "Notre Dame showed Army the forward pass and I showed them how to lace a football."

"Rockne was always very good to me. He used to tell me when to lay off and when to bet", Martin continued. "And he only made one mistake. In 1914 he was sure he was going to win, but we put the boots to him to the tune of 20 to 7! That was Army's first undefeated season", Martin reminded us.

"It was a lot of little items" he recalls, "that kept me running back and forth to the guard house."

"Once I looked cross-eyed at a sergeant. Another time a Colonel caught me asleep in his maid's bed while she was upstairs waiting on table. I thought they threw the key to the guard house in the Hudson River that time" he elaborates, "and it was the longest time I was ever in jail for nothing."

For another minor infraction of the soldier's code, the 5 feet 6 inch dynamic Mick was laboring in a ditch six feet below sea-level. A graduate, who was an old friend of his, walked by. Surprised to see Marty at such punishing work, he inquired: "What are you doing down there?" "You must be blind" was Marty's pointed retort. The officer then asked him if he was going to the Army-Navy game. "I have no money, no ticket and I'm in the guard house", Marty yelled up to the lieutenant. "He was a friend in need", smiled Marty. "He got me out of jail; handed me a ten dollar bill; gave me a ticket to the game and I didn't have to finish the last three days of my sentence."

"That was the nearest I came to breaking my record of never having missed an Army-Navy game since '96."

"All together though I didn't have twenty days in the guard house" Marty will tell you with pardonable pride.

"But, I wasn't the only one who was having any fun", says Marty with a wink.

"Once they put the morning gun on top of the West Academic Building and the officers couldn't find it for a week! I thought MacArthur was involved in that bit of horse play, because it took a damn smart man to engineer that without being caught."

He built up a saga around his technique as a swimming instructor. Using a pulley and a tackle, he has practically an infallible record as a teacher although he keeps away from the water demonstrating the strokes from the deck of the pool. In addition to cadets, Marty has taught hundreds of officers' wives and children to swim and guarantees to teach anyone in five lessons.

"And the funny part of it is" Marty concludes, "confidentially, I can't swim a stroke!"

After thirty years of service, Marty retired from the United States Army with the rank of Technical Sergeant. He was rehired immediately as a civilian, becoming an institution in himself ranking with the fabulous Benny Havens of old. Generals and Lieutenants, Colonels and Captains alike, consider him as much a part of the Academy as Battle Monument, Cullum Hall or Beast Barracks.

When he retired for the second time, by government decree, as a civil service employee on June 25th, 1946, the wiry septuagenarian received a postal bag full of telegrams and letters from "old grads" the world over.

General Jacob L. Devers, busy Chief of the Army Ground Forces wrote: "You are one of the great men of your

time—always full of enthusiasm and a burning desire to get your job done more quickly and better than anyone else. You came all the way up through the ranks and by your example, sound advice, your wealth of historical facts, and your great loyalty to the United States Military Academy and the things it stood for, you influenced more young leaders for good at the starting point of their careers than almost any other man known to me"

Others implored him not to leave. Lt. General George Stratemeyer, former Air Chief of the China-Burma-India Theatre, even flew in from Chicago, drove down to Highland Falls and escorted Marty, his wife, and their pretty, blond niece Margaret to the parade.

An official order from Post Headquarters stated that full military honors would be rendered at a Corps Review for Sergeant Martin Maher upon completion of fifty years of service.

Never before in the one hundred and forty-four year history of the Academy were such honors bestowed on a plain soldier-civilian. Just as the Secretaries of War and Navy inspected rigid rows of grey-clad cadets a week previous, so did Marty, his snow-white hair blowing in the breeze, pace down the inspection line in step with Major General Maxwell D. Taylor, Superintendent, and former Commander of the famous 101st Airborne Division of Bastogne fame.

Hundreds of well-wishers clustered about the grassy carpet of the Plain for the ceremony. The band played a medley of lilting Irish music. Songs you would expect to hear at a Saint Patrick's Day Parade. It was indeed a great day for the Irish.

As Company after Company streamed past the reviewing stand in an incomparable display of precision marching, a salty tear was detected edging its way down Marty's ruddy cheek.

It was not always as glorious as this he was saying to himself. He probably recalled the time he was chased from his home in Ireland for busting a wealthy landlord in the nose over a misunderstanding.

Or maybe he was reminiscing about the day he went into the back room to have a drink with a lieutenant. That was a good one.

"Marty" said the young officer, offering a toast, "I'm going to pay you a compliment. My grandfather was born in the Army; my father was born in the Army; and I was born in the Army, too. You are the first sergeant I ever had a drink with!"

"Well my good friend", returned Marty sharply. "You're the lowest ranking officer I ever had a drink with!"

His memories may have carried him back farther to the afternoon that Mary, his charming wife, entered into the picture.

Mrs. Maher came to West Point in 1909. She was employed by Colonel and Mrs. Charles, the same family that Marty was "striking" for to earn an extra dollar.

"For three months we hardly spoke five words to each other—except in the line of duty", he reiterated.

Then, one afternoon Mrs. Charles directed him to hitch up the horse and buggy. He drove a short way out in the country and on the way back, she asked him point blank if he would marry Mary!

When the wedding presents began to pour in, Marty relates: "We got very great in a short time." Since January 5, 1911, Mary has guided his destiny. By now he was pulling out the solid gold watch and chain that the Corps of Cadets presented to him as a token of their appreciation.

"It's eleven thirty, my friend, and Mary has lunch on the table."

Upon leaving the office we stopped, momentarily gazing at the wooden sign on the door: SGT. MARTIN MAHER, CUSTODIAN.

"When are they going to take that down", we asked.

"What fer?" Marty sounded off "I'm not leaving. I'm just retiring!"



GENERALS EISENHOWER  
AND TAYLOR CONFER IN  
THE SUPERINTENDENT'S  
OFFICE.



THE CHIEF OF STAFF ARRIVES  
AT WEST POINT DURING JUNE  
WEEK.

GENERAL WAINWRIGHT ARRIVES  
AT HEADQUARTERS, ACCOMPAN-  
IED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT,  
CAPTAIN GREENWALT AND  
COLONEL MOORE.





## New Members

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

Arthur T. Frontczak, '40—joined March 29, 1946  
 Thomas H. Harvey, '32—joined April 29, 1946  
 Kenneth S. Stice, Nov., '18—joined April 29, 1946  
 Jefferson D. Childs, '32—joined May 29, 1946  
 Thomas B. Catron, 2nd, '09—joined May 30, 1946  
 Wesley C. Dever, Nov., '18—joined May 30, 1946  
 Nye K. Elward, '24—joined May 30, 1946  
 Joseph H. Twyman, '30—joined May 30, 1946  
 Gerald J. Higgins, '34—joined May 30, 1946  
 Benjamin M. Warfield, '36—joined May 30, 1946

Gregg LaR. McKee, '41—joined May 30, 1946  
 Floyd W. Harris, '86—joined May 30, 1946  
 Frank C. Waldrop, Ex-'30—joined June 4, 1946  
 James F. Brady, '97—joined June 15, 1946  
 Ellery W. Niles, '05—joined June 15, 1946  
 Ferdinand T. Gallagher, '16—joined June 15, 1946  
 Roland C. Brown, '28—joined June 15, 1946  
 Charles C. Segrist, '36—joined June 15, 1946  
 William T. Hamilton, '42—joined June 15, 1946  
 Joseph A. Morris, Jr., '24—joined June 25, 1946  
 Edward Verner, '40—joined June 25, 1946

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\*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 17.

Alexander, W. S.

### 1881

Although there is but little to record in the way of news of the present membership of the class, we are one less in number than a year ago, due to *Carleton's* passing in January. His was a happy disposition, making him beloved by all, with whom he came in contact. He passed away after a prolonged illness, which was borne with great fortitude. Seven (including *McIver* of '82 but entering with us) of the class are abroad in the world; *Bartlett* lives in San Antonio; *Bennet*, in Oakland, California; *Kerr* and *West*, in Washington, as well as *McIver*; *Milbs*, in Cleveland; *Hodges*, Noroton, Connecticut. All are reported in fairly good health at last accounts. *Bartlett* seems to be remarkably hale. He is crowding *Morgan* of '80 for the posi-

tion of "the oldest, living graduate" as he is in his ninety-first year.

—H. C. H., Jr.

### 1886

The 60th Anniversary Reunion of the Class of '86 was small in number but large in enthusiasm and devotion to our Alma Mater. Those present were *Harbord*, our honorary member, and *Traub*, *Harris* and *Andrews*. Out of ten surviving graduate members of the Class six were unable to be present on account of either personal or family illness, and one was abroad.

It was a matter of profound regret that *Pershing* could not be here to preside as Class President. Telegrams of greetings were sent to all absentees. *Pershing's* cordial reply in a telegram received by *Andrews* at West Point was as follows:

"General Avery D. Andrews—  
 "Class of 1886, United States Military Academy,  
 "West Point, N. Y.—

"My thoughts have been with you more fortunate members of '86 and your cordial message touched me deeply. Please accept for yourself and convey to all my warmest thanks and ever affectionate regards

"JOHN J. PERSHING, '86."

Our movement towards the right of the old gray line and the head of the Alumni Column is clearly shown by

the fact that, of the many hundreds of old grads present, only three graduated ahead of us. These were *Morgan* of '80, who is now the oldest living graduate, and *Hodges* and *Kerr* of '81.

As usual, everything was done for the comfort and entertainment of the old grad, and the Class of '86 extends its cordial thanks to the Superintendent and the Entertainment Committee for their generous hospitality.

— A. D. A.

### 1888

Editor's Note: A note received by the Editor from *Guy H. Preston*, 62 Churchill Avenue, Palo Alto, California, includes the following:

At the outbreak of World War I this Class had been in service nearly thirty years. Fewer than thirty remained on the active list. From these were chosen the Chief of Staff of the Army and its Adjutant General, in Washington, and an interim Chief of Staff of the A.E.F. in France.

Twenty-one others became general officers.

### 1890

The Class of '90 was represented this year on Alumni Day by the three R's: *Rogge*, *Rovell* and *Ryan*. It was a glorious day, with sunshine and warmth, the only dry day in a week. West Point never looked better and the ceremony at the Thayer monument was ably conducted and well arranged.

In the column of graduates '90 found itself near the head of the procession, but seven marchers ahead of us. No representative of the classes of '87, '88, or '89. It was the largest gathering of the Alumni ever attended and they were repaid by the review of the Corps in their honor.

The march past was faultless as regiment followed regiment in massed battalions, showing a perfection reached by no other body of marching soldiers.

Letters from *Primus, Pere, Fergie* and *Goobar Brown* were received expressing regrets at not being able to attend this year. Mel Rowell, looking hale and hearty, after his winter in the New Hampshire hills, looked as young and active as ever. Rogge now carries a cane to help him keep up with the procession, but looks well and full of admiration for the old school.

Reports from the Pacific coast record the celebration by Primus of his 80th birthday by motoring with Mrs. Davis to the Pinnacles National Monument, in the San Benito Hills, 140 miles south of Berkeley. After a five days outing they returned via Carmel, Monterey, Camp Ord, Santa Cruz, Los Gatos and Milpitas, a 225 mile drive through a beautiful country. Primus holds the medal for careful driving at his age.

Pere Lamoreux appears to be much better in health, attending lunch at the Union League Club where he meets *Grote, Blakeley, Mearns, and Schultz*. A good friend from Kansas keeps him supplied with butter, which seems to be renewing his youth.

*Hollis Clark* is much improved in health, is able to be out of doors, take auto rides and contemplates spending the summer at his old home in Massachusetts.

Goobar Brown just returned from Bermuda, but was so busy planting corn and other vegetables that he could not spare time for the Alumni meeting. He spent seven months in Bermuda, over stayed planting time and hopes to catch up with Rowell whose planting has been delayed because of cold weather.

## 1891

Five members of the Class assembled at West Point in June for the celebration of the 55th anniversary of our graduation: *Bradley, Donworth, Fleming, Schoeffel* and *Sorley*. Our group was augmented and graced by the presence of Mrs. Fleming and Colonel and Mrs. Leslie Carter (Betty Fleming), come to see the graduation of Cadet Robert Fleming Carter and to take along on his furlough Cadet Leslie Carter, Jr.; and further by Mrs. Schoeffel and Mrs. Braitmayer (Marian Schoeffel). Also present were Colonel and Mrs. Ray L. Burnell (nee *McIndoe*), come for the graduation of Cadet Ray L., Jr. Mother and son both exhibited much of the charm of our own beloved Jimmy.

Sunday afternoon, June 2, we attended the Supe's reception in the gymnasium, where many old friends were met. In the evening the group spent some convivial hours at the Club talking over old times. Schoeffel was in a reminiscent mood and delighted us with graphic accounts of adventures in peace and in war.

Monday, Alumni Day, dawned in sunny contrast to the rain of Sunday. The usual parade of alumni from Cullum Hall to the Thayer Monument took place in the forenoon, followed by the review of the Corps for the Alumni. At the monument the choir was led by a cadet, and the singing of "The Corps" and "Alma Mater" were superb.

After the review a group picture was taken at the Class Tree.

Then followed the Alumni luncheon and annual meeting at Cullum Hall, at which Bradley and Sorley were elected Vice-presidents for the ensuing year. A feature was the presentation of distinguished graduates by the President to the Association—men who had borne in the best traditions of the Academy weighty responsibilities during the war. As representatives of these graduates we had the pleasure of greeting Generals Wainwright, Collins, Sultan, Walton Walker, Wedemeyer; also, a special tribute was paid to Colonel Morgan, '80, the oldest living graduate.

In the afternoon a committee of the Class visited the graves of our three classmates in the cemetery. We found *Furlong's* monument as it was five years ago, but in the cases of *Echols* and *Pierce*, the headstones had been replaced by beautiful monuments bearing the '91 crest in sunken relief in addition to the data.

Graduation parade was the usual magnificent event, but the size of the graduating class, 875 necessitated the adoption of special arrangements for the occasion. Instead of marching to the center individually and in a single line, the graduates came in company squads and the line advancing to the reviewing officer was several ranks deep and extended the full width of the brigade front. To take the salute of the passing Corps, the graduates took their places by massed squads of about 35 at the company guidons marking their reviewing positions.

In the evening we had our class dinner at the Mess. The ends of the table were graced by Gens. Hodges and Kerr, of '81, who were our special guests; the Carters, the Flemings and the Schoeffels and Mrs. Braitmayer, plus Bradley, Donworth and Sorley completed the party. Through the courtesy of Colonels Fenton and Bartlett we were enabled to enjoy a group of lantern slides of our cadets days. Messages of regret and greeting were received from Mrs. Adams telling of *Sep's* immobility due to a broken leg; from *Bowen, Bush, Conrad, Cook, Cosby, Crowley, Donovan, Glasgow, Hines, Howard, McMaster, Tuthertu, Walker, Whitman, Whittemore, and Winans*. Greetings were sent to those known to be ill, and to the Annapolis Class of '91. Especially appreciated by the Class were the greetings from Mesdames Corcoran, Johnston, McIndoe, Murphy, Switzer, and from Bill McIndoe.

## 1893

Editor's Note: The following has been extracted from the

"Report for 1945

To the Class of 1893, U.S.M.A."

by Frank E. Wilson, Secretary:

"Still in the flesh, as of 11 April 1946, are the following one-time mem-

bers of the class: *Ames, Andrews, Bash, Bell, Brown, W., Carpenter, Carey, Cocheu, Edwards, Houle, Hunt, Jamerson, Kilbourne, Kutz, Laubach, Lawton, L. B., Mathews, McManus, Parke, Pattison, Read, Rogers, Timberlake, Vidmer, Waite, Walker, K. W., Walker, M. L., Washburne, Whitworth, Wolfe, Wilson*—31 out of the original 104."

Inasmuch as it has been mailed to the surviving members of 1893, the entire report is not republished in this column.

## 1894

Three members of '94 represented the class at the ceremonies of June week this year—*Frank Cocheu*, from Washington, *Carlos Crain*, from Pasadena, and *Laddie Ladue*, who is living at the Thayer Hotel, West Point. Mrs. Pence, widow of *Sep Pence*, was also here to see two grandsons graduate, thus following in the footsteps of their father, Col. Arthur Pence ('18) and their grandfather. Though few in number, the representatives of '94 enjoyed the opportunity of recalling old days and of noting the changes that Time has brought to West Point,—leaving unchanged, however, the living spirit of the place.

*Butler Ames* reports that he is flying to Paris and to his place on Lake Como, in Italy, where he will spend the summer. He expects to return to the United States about September 1st.

*Louie Bash* writes from his home in Palo Alto, but has no news to contribute. Being somewhat off the beaten track, he seldom sees any of the men of his time.

*Ed Bell* is living quietly in Washington. One of his daughters, with her three children, sailed in April on the transport BARRY to join her husband, Lieut. Col. Everett A. Luckenbach, in Berlin. Another daughter is married to a civilian, and is living in Tappan, N. Y.

*Carlos Crain* seldom misses his annual visit to West Point in June Week. At the meeting of the Association of Graduates, on Alumni Day, the President of the Association asked Carlos to stand up and take a bow, as "the graduate who comes oftenest and farthest to attend the June meetings"—a tribute well earned by his constant attendance. Carlos frequently sees *George Hamilton* and *Peggy Whitworth*, and reports them both as in good health and spirits. Peggy still holds office as Police Commissioner of Los Angeles.

*Hoke Estes* continues to live at the Grey Gull Inn, in Clearwater, Florida. Under his leadership the retired commissioned officers of the Armed Services living in Clearwater have been organized into a club, which holds luncheons at the Clearwater Yacht Club once a month. These luncheons have been very successful, with an average attendance of about forty officers. A Ladies Night dinner was held on June 5th.

*Banton Giles* sends from his home in Texas his greetings and best wishes to each of his former classmates, and his appreciation of the kindness and courtesy shown by them to his grand-

son, James Bascom Giles, Jr. ('44) at the time of our last reunion. The young man is marrying a Texas girl in June, and is scheduled soon to go overseas for the second time. He wears the Purple Heart and two battle stars, won during his first tour overseas.

*Don Pablo* and Mrs. Malone are living temporarily with their daughter, who is "Personnel" at Fort Winfield Scott, California, during the housing shortage. Pablo has finished his contract as Military Analyst for the American Broadcasting Company, and has resumed lecturing, along with the writing of another book. The story starts in Ireland and ends with the inauguration of Gen. George Washington as the first President of the United States. Don Pablo has two sons and one grandson in the service, and a second grandson was killed in action in Luxembourg while serving under General Patton. A second daughter is the wife of Col. O. S. Robles, Retired, now living in Sarasota, Florida.

*Brick Parker* and Mrs. Parker have been living at the Union League Club in Chicago for the past four years. Brick is still active as Member, Board of Directors, Executives' Club of Chicago, and Chairman of various committees of the American Legion. His work as Executive Director, Illinois War Council (Civilian Defense) ended with 1945.

*F. le J. Parker* is spending the summer in the mountains of North Carolina.

*Duke Preston* and *Chat Castle* report "no news". Duke says he is already looking forward to our next reunion in 1949,—as, indeed, so many of us are.

*Sax Saxton* has been under the doctor's care for some weeks, but is making good progress, and hopes to be able soon to drive up to Indian Springs, Georgia, where he and Mrs. Saxton are accustomed to spend their summers. It is anticipated that they will be comfortably settled there by the time this issue of *Assembly* is in print.

*George Vidmer* writes: "All runs smoothly with the Vidmers. My son-in-law, Col. J. P. Aleshire, has retired and bought a very lovely home very near us, and so in our latter years we are made happy to have our only daughter near us. Son is still in England in charge of the Herald Tribune Bureau. One grandson is pilot of a P-51 in the P. I.'s".

*Peddie Wells* is living quietly in Washington. Carlos Crain visited him there in May, and they enjoyed an hour of reminiscences and talk. Peddie, at 77, claims to be the oldest living member of the class, and reference to the Army Register supports his claim.

*Billy Williams* sends friendly greetings, and brief comments on the state of the world today and on the noble part that West Point continues to play in shaping history. He is looking forward to being present at our reunion in 1949.

—W. B. L.

## 1895

A recent welcome letter from *Pearce*, with a change of address to 507-1 Elmhurst Street, San Antonio, Texas, recalls disconcerting examina-

tions of our cadet days; and incidents now worth a good laugh over rumors of casualties in First Class Spanish. But of the later days he writes that Mrs. Pearce, for several years an invalid, died in January; and in 1940 they lost their elder son.

*Cavanaugh* is making a trip to Ohio this summer, after having returned to Washington from a stay in Florida last winter.

*Dwyer* was due for a Class luncheon here in Washington this spring, driving north after spending the winter in Summerville, S. C. But in changing his route to avoid city traffic, he went around the District instead of coming through, and sent his regrets accordingly.

*Newbaker* was a welcome luncheon guest of local Ninety-fives at the Army and Navy Club in Washington on May 1.

Through *Nuttman* came the word from Boston that *Curtis* had died—Tom Curtis of our early days; and in reply to a request for details, came a most generous response from the Reference Department of the Boston Herald and Boston Traveler, inclosing a clipping from each. From the Herald, May 30th, 1944: "Funeral services for Thomas Pelham Curtis, 72, president of the Tennis and Racquet Club, vice-president of the Lord Electric Co., of Boston, New York and Pittsburgh, will be held at 3 P. M. tomorrow at Story Chapel, Mt. Auburn cemetery, Cambridge. A native of San Francisco, Mr. Curtis died Sunday at Faulkner Hospital after a short illness. He was an electrical engineer and graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology. After advanced studies in Dresden, he joined the Lord Company with whom he had been associated for about 50 years. A track and football star in his youth he was a member of the B.A.A. team that went to Athens in 1906 and won the first Olympic games for the United States. He held the world record in 1896 of 17-3/5 seconds for the 100 meter hurdles race. During the first World War, he was a captain in the Massachusetts State Guard and a member of Gov. Coolidge's staff. He was a member of The Coun-

try Club, Brookline and the Tennis and Racquet Club. Surviving are two sons, Thomas Curtis, now of Washington, D. C., and Major H. Pelham Curtis, U.S.A.A.F., Dayton, Ohio, and nine grandchildren". And from the Traveler, May 31, 1944: "Curtis—In this city, May 28, Thomas Pelham Curtis, in his 73d year. Father of Thomas Curtis and Major H. Pelham Curtis. Funeral services at the Story Chapel, Mt. Auburn cemetery, Cambridge on Wednesday, May 31, at 3 o'clock. Interment private". Thank you Nuttman; and thank you, Boston papers.

—F. B. W.

## 1896

\*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 17.

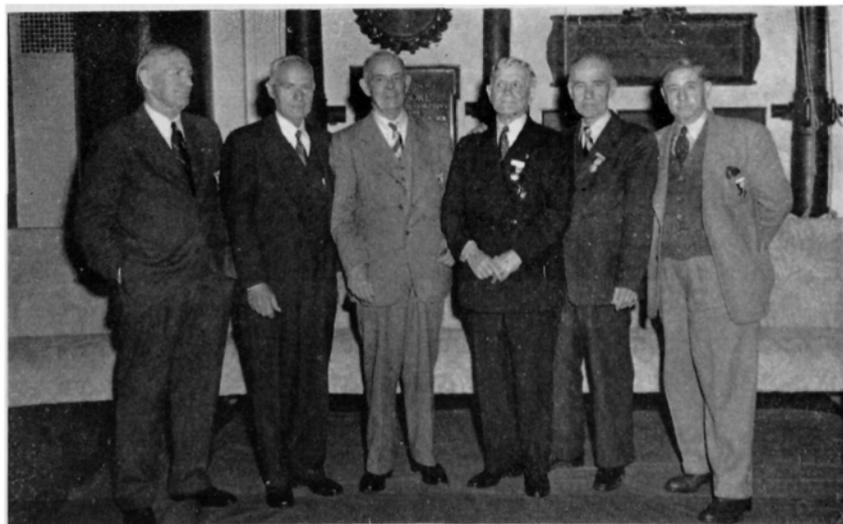
Hood, D. N.

"Fifty years young", the Class of 1896 had its semi-centennial reunion at West Point on June 3rd. Those of us who were present made the rooms of the Officers' Club ring with the class yell.

From all absent members greetings came in letters and telegrams. All of these were read; and we discussed the present activities of those who sent them. We greatly appreciated a telegram in the name of our predecessors, the class of 1895, sent by Frank B. Watson, which read: "Most cordial greetings to our worthy half-century successors"

Class pictures and other photographs were passed around. On one of them were the signatures of all seventy-three of the men who graduated in June 1896. One of the pictures shown was that of the U.S. Engineer Steamer "E. R. Stuart", which was named in honor of our No. 1 man "Reddie" Stuart who was Professor of Drawing at West Point in his later years. A tablet to his memory, which was presented by our class, was unveiled on the vessel when she was commissioned on October 21st, 1939.

It happened that among those present at the reunion were four classmates who had participated in the Battle of El Caney on July 1st, 1898.



50th REUNION, CLASS OF 1896

After comparing our experiences on that hot Friday, we unitedly "roasted" the Ordnance Department for issuing to the field batteries "black powder" which caused clouds of white smoke to arise with every discharge.

But *Tschappat* "came to the rescue" of his comrades in the Ordnance. He convinced us that in 1898 the progress in the art of making smokeless powder had not gone beyond the small-arms stage, and that there were unavoidable causes of this state of affairs.

But this was not the only subject of discussion. We covered a wide range of topics. Among them we brought ourselves up to the current period in our retrospect by having Kuhn of 1916 tell us of the Army Exchange System of World War II.

By reason of existing vacancies we needed to elect a new slate of class officers. We chose *Tschappat* for our new President, *Nolan* for Vice President, and *Langdon* for Secretary and Treasurer.

It was decided to revive the class custom of years ago of sending occasional "bulletins" to all members of the class.

We checked up on the latest addresses of all of our members. We will give this information to the Association of Graduates whose co-operation with class organizations is deeply appreciated.

—R. C. L.

**1898**

\*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 17.

Miller, H. W.

**1899**

\*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 17.

Markham, E. M.  
Ray, J. B.

**1901**

\*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 17.

Cooley, W. M.  
Knight, C. H.

**1902**

\*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 17.

Davis, W. M.

**1903**

\*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 17.

Collins, O. G.  
Patterson, C. H.  
Smith, F. H.

**1904**

Members of 1904 who expect to be in Washington at any time, should plan to be there on the first Thursday of a month, for on each such day at 12:30 P. M. all classmates who can, assemble at the Army and Navy Club for luncheon together, and visiting classmates are always welcome. Those

frequently present at these luncheons include *Benedict, Bryden, Carter, W. V., Corbin, Garges, Gregory, E. B., Kingman, Pickering, Pratt, H. C., Roberts, H. C., Scott, W. R., White, A. J., Woolnough* and *Wise* who are living in Washington or vicinity; *Anderson, R. F.*, from Baltimore, *Diller* from Frederick, Md., and *Reynolds* from Warrenton, Va. During the past year, *Golden, Harbold, Robins, T. M.* and *Wilson, E. M.* attended until they left the city. *Fenton, Moody* and others who were visiting in the city appeared at some of the luncheons and *Stilwell* attended during his brief period in command of the Army Ground Forces.

It is hoped that many of the class will find it possible to meet with the Washington group during the coming months.

—W. B.

**1905**

\*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 17.

Bain, J. J.  
Dallam, W. A.  
Dodds, W. H., Jr.  
Seagrave, D. C.

**1906**

\*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 17.

Maul, J. C.

**1907**

\*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 17.

Faris, M. G.  
Hill, R. C.  
Morrissett, P. J.  
Wheeler, W. H.

*McNeil* is back in Washington and is living at 2728 34th Street, N.W. He closed his office in Paris on February 15 and arrived in New York on March 26. Mac is now on duty in the War Department in connection with the revision of the Articles of War. He was awarded the Legion of Merit for service in England from June 1943 to D-day and is in line for a second D.S.M. for service after that.

*Ben Castle* gave a cocktail party in Washington at which the following

members of the class were present: *Drain, Murley, Eastman, Gulensohn, Wood, Rutherford, Larned, Sullan, Murray, Clarke* and *McNeil*.

*Harry Pfeil* is at his place in White River Junction, Vermont for the summer.

*Charley Harris* is living in Washington.

*Patsy O'Connor* has retired and is at 214 South Mansfield Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

*Bill Gano's* latest temporary address is 224 Oak Street, Sarasota, Florida. Bill wrote that he had been retired after forty-four consecutive years of service for disability incurred overseas in line of duty and is somewhat baffled at being caught at last with anything in line of duty.

*Max Murray* is at 2710 36th Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. He and D. I. Sultan spent June week at West Point. D. I. is The Inspector General of the Army and Max expects to retire this fall. D. I. brought his staff to West Point after graduation for an official inspection of his old Alma Mater.

*Dick* and *Winifred Park* were at West Point to attend the graduation of their youngest son, Joe, and *Sister Marley* stopped off for a day a short time ago.

*Bob Arthur* is retired and is still living at 1537 Octavia Street, New Orleans. He does not expect to locate there permanently but is remaining on until the housing situation improves. He expects eventually to locate somewhere in the South.

*Skee Santschi* wrote from Ogden, Utah that he had retired and that he and Mrs. Santschi had arrived there after a leisurely automobile trip from Washington. They had made no definite plans for the future but were looking the country over and expected to go to the Pacific Northwest and then down the coast. They were looking forward to seeing the Arnolds and perhaps other classmates enroute.

*Freddy Cruse* is retired and is living in Guatemala City. He says that he has no particular intention of staying there indefinitely but until the housing situation in the States improves and some steamers get going somewhere, there is no better place than where he is.

*Jimmie Steese's* address is P.O. Box



40th REUNION, CLASS OF 1906

105, Balboa Heights, C. Z. Though twice previously retired he has just finished sixty-two months of active military duty with the Caribbean Defense Command. He was retired for the third time last March but is remaining in Panama as Assistant to the Governor, The Panama Canal, Jimmie has the D.S.M., the Legion of Merit, a number of foreign decorations and eight foreign service bars.

*Harry Rutherford's* address is 1869 Wyoming Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C.

*Waldo Potter* is at 286 Lenox Avenue, Oakland, California and *Ray Hill* has just finished building a new home at 1080 Logan Street, Denver, Colorado. *Pot Shedd* and *Enrique White* have been ordered home to await retirement.

*Blanton Tandy* was heard from the other day. He is living in Olmito, Texas where he owns and runs a store. He retired a few years ago and moved to a beautiful lake nearby where he built himself bachelor quarters and started to fish. He said, however, that when he started answering himself when he talked to himself he decided it was time to go back to town.

*Pewt Arnold* recently received a Doctorate of Laws from Harvard University and an honorary Doctor of Engineering degree from the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology.

*Rick Morrison* and *Hans Wagner* have been awarded the Legion of Merit.

Lt. General Ira C. Eaker in a military ceremony at Mountain Lakes, New Jersey presented to Winifred Castle the Medal of Honor posthumously awarded to her son Freddy. The Airfield at Merced, California was also recently dedicated to him. A portrait of Freddy was presented and is now hanging in the Officers' Club. Ben presented a bronze tablet reproducing the tribute paid to Freddy in an editorial by Beirne Lay in the Washington Post and *Pewt Arnold* received the plaque for the United States Army Air Forces.

1946 June week has now passed into history and we should all start making plans to attend our 40th Reunion next year. Let's make this reunion the best one yet.

## 1909

\*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 17.

Chen, T. C.  
Davis, L. D.  
Grebler, E. St. J.  
Hill, J. R.  
Mills, C. P.  
Smith, R. D.

The end of the war has caused a general exodus from active duty to civil life. The following have been separated from the active list or are now on terminal leave: "*Mick*" *Ahern*, who is still residing at the Army and Navy Club, Washington. *Carl Baehr*, who is making his home at 255 Irvine Road, Lexington, Kentucky. "*Slew*" *Beardslee* has returned to San Diego. *Donald Beere* is on terminal leave in West Lafayette, Indiana. *Frank Beson* is living at 12721 S.W. Edgecliffe Road, Portland, Oregon. *Tom Catron* is in business in Baltimore, living at The Northway, 3700 N. Charles Street.

*Carleton Chapman* is back in Asheville, North Carolina. *Eley Denson* and *Duke Davis*, after running ports of embarkation on the Pacific Coast, are now headed for retirement. *Franz Donat* has retired and is living at 4129 Kenmare Avenue, Chicago. *Jimmy Dunswoth* has gone back to civil life at 816 Winthrop Road, San Marino, Calif. *Elbert Farman* has returned to his home in Garrison, New York. *Horace Fuller* has been retired for physical disability and has bought a home at Lusby on the Patuxent River in Maryland. *Phil Gage* is being retired from Fort Banks, Mass. *Bob Goetz* has left West Point for his home at Wilton, Connecticut. *Forrest Harding* is now on terminal leave in Washington, D. C., and expects to establish a permanent residence at Franklin, Ohio. *Thruston Hughes* has been retired for physical disability; he has his permanent residence at 2708 36th Street, N. W., Washington, with a summer home near the Thousand Islands in Ontario. "*Mike*" *Kelly* has been relieved from duty at the University of Pittsburgh and makes his home at Sandy Hook, Conn. (Box 97, R.F.D. 1). *Arnold Krogstad*, retired from the Army Air Forces, is living at 5605 La Groce Drive, Miami Beach, Florida. *John McDowell* has retired after commanding a Military District with headquarters at Buffalo. *Tom Milling*, back in civvies after serving on the War Department Decorations Board, is living at Alban Towers, 3700 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C. *Henry Munnikhuisen* has been on terminal leave from the Office of The Quartermaster General. He owns a farm near Belair, Maryland, and occupies an apartment at the Wardman Park Hotel, Washington. *Earl North* oscillates between a winter home in Jacksonville, Florida, and a summer place at New Vineyard, Maine. *Garry Ord* has retired and is still living at 3325 Rowland Place, N.W., Washington. "*Molly*" *Partridge* is on terminal leave after commanding Watervliet Arsenal, New York. *Fordyce Perego* has been relieved from active duty and is living in New Orleans. "*Cope*" *Philoon*, retired for physical disability, is Administrative Assistant to the Governor of Maine, with his home in Augusta. "*Peep*" *Reed*, was last reported at 541 West 239th Street, New York City. *Merl Schillerstrom* is on terminal leave from Fort McClellan, Alabama. *Frank Purdon* has completed his tour of duty in Boston and makes his home at 65 Central Street, Andover, Mass. *Bob Sears* has retired and lives at 790 Twenty-second Avenue, San Francisco. *Cuthbert Stearns*, retired for physical disability, now holds forth at 1853 Fendall Avenue, Charlottesville, Virginia. *Carlin Stokely* has relinquished command of Fort Geo. G. Meade, Maryland, and is living at 3513 Rodman Street, N.W., Washington. *Fred Teague*, after serving at the Seattle Port of Embarkation, is back in business at Yakima, Washington. *Claude Thummel* has retired and last reported in from Bradenton Beach, Florida. *E. R. ("Smooth") Van Deusen* is on terminal leave from Cornell University. *George Van Deusen* is also on terminal leave and may be reached at Box 512, Red Bank, New Jersey.

*Cliff Bluemel* and *Ted Chase* are back on the job after their long confinement in Jap prison camps. *Bluemel* is living at 1229 Sacramento Street, Vallejo, Calif., while *Chase* has been recuperating at Walter Reed and on leave.

A few hardy souls are still putting in a full day for the Army. *Jake Devers* has been commanding the Army Ground Forces from The Pentagon but is about to move his C.P. to Fort Monroe, Virginia. *Bob Eichelberger* still commands the Eighth Army in Japan. *Delos Emmons* is about to relinquish the Alaskan Department. *John Lee* commands the Mediterranean Theater. *Ed Marks* runs the Southern Pacific Engineering Division from 351 California Street, San Francisco. *Fred Mountford* is on duty at A.S.F. Headquarters in The Pentagon. *Barney Oldfield* continues as Anti-Aircraft Artillery Officer at Headquarters, Army Air Forces. *Bill Simpson* is moving the headquarters of his Ninth Army from Memphis to Baltimore.

'09 sons graduating from West Point in June of this year were George S. Patton, IV, and Edwin R. Van Deusen.

## 1910

\*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 17.

Millikin, J.  
Williams, R. H.

The following members of our illustrious class foregathered at West Point during June Week to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of our entrance as plebes back in 1906: *Goat Griswold*, *Meade Wildrick*, *Bunny Robb*, *Pot Richards*, *J. B. Coleman*, *Oscar Solbert*, *Ducky Reinhardt*, *Sammy Edelman*, *G. W. Chase, Jr.*, *Spec Hines* and *Snaky Dunlop*. Dinner was held at Bear Mountain Inn the night before Graduation Day and it was most enjoyable. *Meade Wildrick* had charge of arrangements and nothing was overlooked. At this occasion *Griswold* was elected President of the Class and *Dunlop*, Secretary-Treasurer.

That afternoon just before Graduation Parade the gang assembled at the quarters of Colonel John Ray (Martin's son) where he and Mrs. Ray entertained us most delightfully with a cocktail party. Four of 1910's cadet sons were with us, *Raymond T. Moore*, '46 (*Jerry's* son), *Meade Wildrick*, '47, *Herbert Marshburn, Jr.*, '49 and *D. S. Wilson, Jr.*, '49. The Class presented young *Jerry Moore* with a silver penknife in place of the saber usually given. As soon as a saber is obtainable it will be forwarded to young *Moore*. *Ducky Reinhardt* made the presentation speech.

—R. H. D.

## 1911

\*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 17.

Burt, J. D.

Thirty-eight of our original group returned to West Point for the 35th Reunion of the Class. Present were, *Baadc*, *Bagby* with wife and daughter, *Beatty*, *Belcher*, *Bishopp*, *Blunt*, *Bootton* with wife, *Chase*, *Clark* with wife,

Conard with wife and daughter, Crawford, Estes, Fleming, Franke with wife, Gray, Hardigg with wife, Heffernan, Kemble, Kimball with wife, Kutz, Larned, O'Neill with brother Chaplain Col. Jim, Orrell with wife, Richards with wife and daughter, Shekerjian, Stanton with wife, Thompson with wife, Weaver with wife, Wyche, Ladd with wife, Burt, Nance, Rader, Stewart with wife, Delamater, Hicks, G. R., Bradford. Most of these were present at the family dinner Sunday evening. In addition, Mrs. Freeman Bowley was with us.

After the reunion dinner Saturday night the business meeting was held, presided over by our President, Gus Franke. Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were submitted and his resignation, effective June 15th was accepted. Hub Stanton was thereupon unanimously elected Secretary and Treasurer of the class. The class also voted unanimously for the publication of the 35th year supplement to our Howitzer and Gus Franke was authorized to appoint a committee to handle the preparation, editing and publication of this book. The Committee is headed by Phil Fleming and includes three other officers on duty in Washington, together with Tod Larned and Hub Stanton. Hereafter all pertinent biographical information, photographs, etc. should be sent to Major General Philip B. Fleming, Federal Works Agency, Washington, D. C. It is requested that all those who have not already filed their information sheet, fill these out at once and forward them to Phil Fleming.

A brief and very damp ceremony was held at the class tree to introduce Cadets Ladd and Bowley, class sons who graduated two days later. The class is making a suitable gift from the class to each of these boys.

Chaplain Jim O'Neill, a Colonel in the Regular Army, was made a member of the class and put in charge of our spiritual well being.

H. Square Richards and Jim Weaver gave us very vivid accounts of their experiences, at the family dinner Sunday evening. They both appeared to have recovered from their ordeals and it was wonderful to have them back with us safe and sound.

A list of known names and addresses follows. Any corrections or additions should be communicated to your new Secretary, Col. H. G. Stanton, Cornwall-on-Hudson, N. Y.

This is the Swan Song of your present scribe, Robert L. Gray, who is retiring from active business July 1, 1946 and takes up his permanent residence at "Bobetty House", Smith's Cove, West Brooksville, Maine.

#### KNOWN ADDRESSES

Allen, Terry de la M.—Maj. Gen.; 1000 E. San Antonio St., El Paso, Texas.

Baade, Paul W.—Maj. Gen.; War Department, Washington, D. C.

Bagby, Carroll A.—Col.; 94 Infantry Drive, Columbus, Ga.

Ballinger, Carl J.—Lt. Col.; 3308 Calle Fresno, Santa Barbara, Calif.

Batson, Roscoe C.—Col.; c/o Army-Navy Club, Washington, D. C.

Baxter, Charles R.—Lt. Col.; 2500 So. Dearborn Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Beatty, John C.—Lt. Col.; c/o Dept. of Commerce, 112 State St., Albany, N. Y.

Betcher, Alfred J.—Col.; 104 Reed St., Canajoharie, N. Y.

Bishop, Ben B.—Mr.; Sheldon, Ill.

Blunt, Wilfrid M.—Col.; 1748 S.U. Station Comp., Camp Carson, Colorado.

Booton, John G.—Col.; Quarters No. 8-14, Governors Island, N. Y.

Bradford, Karl S.—Brig. Genl.; 3136 P St., N.W., Washington 7, D. C.

Brown, George LeRoy, Jr.—Mr.; Engineer Corps, Washington, D. C.

Burt, James D.—Maj.; General Adjustment Bureau, Albany, N. Y.

Calley, Charles D.—Col.; Post Headquarters, Ford Ord, Calif.

Calvert, William J.—Col.; P.O. Box 857, Pass-A-Grille Beach, Florida.

Chase, George W., Jr.—Mr.; 54 S. Randolph Avenue, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Christian, Thos. J.J.—Col.; 9800 Collins Ave., Miami Base, Florida.

Churchill, John W.—Mr.; Room 7701, U.S. Patent Office, Richmond, Va.

Clark, Robt. W., Jr.—Lt. Col.; 275 Prospect Ave., Sarasota, Florida.

Conard, Arthur B.—Lt. Col.; 1905 Harbert Ave., Memphis, Tenn.

Cowles, David H.—Col.; Route 1, Box 877, Menlo Park, California.

Crawford, James B.—Brig. Genl.; 3344 Volta Place, Washington 7, D. C.

Crowley, Francis C. V.—Col.; Hq. 8th Service Command, Dallas 2, Texas.

Delamater, Benj. F., Jr.—Col.; A.G.O., U.S. Army, Camp Hood, Texas.

Estes, Howell M.—Col.; Lord Jeffery Inn, Amherst, Mass.

Feathers, John E.—Mr.; 723 Palisades Drive, Akron, Ohio.

Fleming, Philip B.—Maj. Genl.; Federal Works Agency, Washington, D. C.

Foster, Sidney H.—Capt.; 138 Cross St., Keene, N. H.

Franke, G. H.—Maj. Genl.; 604 Greene St., Camden, So. Carolina.

Gilbreath, Fredk.—Maj. Genl.; 128 E. Birch St., Walla Walla, Wash.

Gray, Robert L.—Lt. Col.; 195 Prospect St., East Orange, N. J. (until July 1, 1946).

Smith's Cove, West Brooksville, Maine (after July 1, 1946).

Hall, Charles P.—Lt. Genl.; 11th Corps, A.P.O. No. 471, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

Hardigg, William B.—Col.; Watertown Arsenal, Watertown 72, Mass.

Hardy, Edwin N.—Col.; Manager, Geo. K. Reeder Co., Craig, Montana.

Hatch, John E.—Col.; Hq. Reception Center, Camp Atterbury, Indiana.

Heffernan, Leo G.—Maj.; 238 S. Mariposa Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.

Hicks, Frank H.—Col.; 1040 A.A.F. B.U., Santa Ana, Calif.

Hicks, G. R.—Col.; 332 Magnolia Ave., Frederick, Md.

Hoisington, Gregory—Col.; 1800 Las Tunas Road, Santa Barbara, Calif.

Holland, George D.—Lt. Col.; 18 Forest St., Cambridge, Mass.

Holliday, Ralph C.—Col.; Hq. 93rd Inf. Div. A.P.O. No. 93, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Calif.

Homer, John L.—Maj. Genl.; Quarry Heights, Canal Zone.

Johns, Glover S.—Lt. Col.; P.O. Box 1416, Corpus Christi, Texas.

Jones, Byron Q.—Col.; 3133 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington, D. C.

Keeley, Harry J.—Col.; 1775 S.U. Station Comp., Fort Snelling, Minn.

Kemble, Franklin—Col.; 219 S. High St., Selinsgrove, Pa.

Kieffer, Philip J.—Maj.; Hollywood, California.

Kimball, Allen R.—Brig. Genl.; 263 Guy Park Ave., Amsterdam, N. Y.

Kunneke, John W.—2307 Village Drive, Louisville 5, Ky.

Kutz, Harry R.—Brig. Genl.; 1200—16th St., N.W., Washington 6, D. C.

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Larned, William E.—Col.; Picatinny Arsenal, Dover, N. J.

Lawrence, Thompson—Maj. Genl.; 2140 Charnelton St., Eugene, Oregon.

Lockwood, Benjamin C., Jr.—Brig. Genl.; A.G.F. Replacement Depot No. 2, Fort Ord, California.

Lucas, John P.—Maj. Genl.; 4th Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

McKinney, Carl F.—Col.; Hq. 5th Service Command, Fort Hayes, Ohio.

Mehaffey, Joseph C.—Maj. Genl.; Governor, Panama, Canal Zone.

Mooney, James S.—Maj.; P.O. Box 56, Ithaca, N. Y.

Morris, William H. H.—Maj. Genl.; Wardman Park Hotel, Washington, D. C.

Murray, Max S.—Col.; 4605 Harrison St., Kansas City, Mo.

Nance, Curtis H.—Col.; 1548—44th St., N.W., Washington, D. C.

Nichols, Harold F.—Brig. Genl.; Hq. 6th Army, Presidio, San Francisco, California.

O'Neill, William P. J.—Capt.; 7914 S. Sangamon St., Chicago, Ill.

Orrell, Louis B.—Mr.; 318 Orange St., Wilmington, No. Carolina.

Polhemus—name changed to Weeks, Adrian—Maj.; 606 N. Washington St., Moorestown, N. J.

Rader, Ira A.—Col.; A.A.F. Regional Hospital, Coral Gables, Florida.

Reinecke, Paul S.—Col.; 743 Washington Road, Grosse Pointe 30, Mich.

Richards, Harrison H. C.—Col.; River-ton, Warren County, Va.

Rumsey, Dexter C.—Mr.; La Jolla, California.

Schneider, Frank V.—Col.; 1447 S.U. Pat. Det., Fort Benning, Ga.

Schwenck, James C. B.—Maj.; 53 S. Market St., Petersburg, Va.

Shekerjian, Haig—Brig. Genl.; Wardman Park Hotel, Washington, D. C.

Simpson, Bethel W.—Brig. Genl.; 2605 S. Joyce St., Arlington, Va.

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Stanton, Hubert G.—Col.; Cornwall, New York.

Stewart, John W.—Col.; 163 Vreeland Ave., Rutherford, N. J.

Surles, Alexander D.—Maj. Genl.; Bureau of Public Relations, Room 2E 880 Pentagon, Washington, D. C.

Thompson, John M.—Col.; Governors Island, N. Y.

Van De Boe, Grover C.—Maj.; Boy Scouts of America, Philadelphia, Pa.

Walker, Walton H.—Lt. Genl.; 8th Service Command, Dallas, Texas.

Wall, John F.—Col.; Myrtle Beach, So. Carolina.

Weaver, Roy N.—Brig. Genl.; 1115 Lockwood Ave., Columbus, Ga.

Wheeler, Raymond A.—Lt. Genl.; Room 3126 New War Dept. Bldg., Washington, D. C.

Wier, Joseph L.—Maj.; 1857 Viking Way, La Jolla, Calif.

Wyche, Ira T.—Maj. Genl.; Hq. 3rd Corps, Camp Polk, La.

Jones, C. R.  
McDermott, J. A.  
McNair, P. K.  
Peabody, H.  
Pendleton, H. McE.  
Prichard, V. E.  
Straub, O. A.  
Williams, J. H. C.  
Woodruff, R. B.

A scant four was all that 1915 could muster for June Week: *Ellis, Cochran, Hyde, and Beukema. Van Fleet* popped in long enough for Graduation Exercises.

Vital statistics—Two 1915 sons graduated: A. T. Cochran, 'in the Air Force; C. P. Benedict in the Ground Forces. Both made fine records. Miss Patricia Benedict, a 1915 daughter and 2d Lieutenant Harrison Lobdell, Jr., Class of 1946, were married at the Cadet Chapel on June 6. An "all-1915" grandson, with Bradley and Beukema registering quiet pride and satisfaction, is duly reported. Have any other "all-1915's" been heard from?

*Hayse and McKinnon* have joined the Association of Graduates.

**1913**

\*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 17.

Corlett, C. H.  
Foote, W. C.  
Martin, H. S.

*Greene, Palmer, Bradburn, Williams and Viner* stayed in barracks for the 1946 graduation. We were on the third floor with a lot of our 1910-1911 and 1912 friends with us on the first and second floors, and a lot of our plebes of 1915 and 1916 on the upper floors. Twenty-eight of our respectful plebes were there and remembered all of us well.

We had the usual "God-Son" presentation of a very handsome pigskin brief case for each graduating. "Shorty" Williams and "Nemo" Bradburn were there with their wives to see their sons graduated. "Doug" Greene and Dasha officiated for "Gus" Sliney's boy.

We also had from the fourth class present, Falkner Heard, Jr., Spragins, and Chas. Paliner—Dana's a fine looking boy. "Jeff" Keyes was back in the U.S.A. for a visit but is now back in Germany commanding the Third Army.

"Dixie" Crutcher was a visitor in Washington in May.

A new Class Bulletin will be out shortly. Send all news to Viner at once.

**1916**

\*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 17.

Abernethy, E. A.  
Caperton, J. N.  
Jones, H. C.  
Lange, O. F.  
McBride, H. L.  
Miller, M. L.  
Newgarden, G. J.  
Pickering, J. A.  
Rinearson, A. V.  
Sasse, R. I.  
Wales, V. W. B.

**April, 1917**

\*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 17.

Campbell, A. H.  
Cole, J. T.  
Hutchings, H., Jr.  
Lewis, R. H.  
Newton, R. D.  
Redner, W. J.  
Salvosa, L. R.  
Smith, A. C.  
Whitcomb, J. C.

On 4 June 1946 the largest class in the history of the Military Academy—

875 members—was graduated. Two of these 875 were class sons: Rex Webb Beasley, Jr. and Joseph Easterbrook Collins, both of whose parents were present for their sons' graduation and participation in June Week festivities. Also present and participating in June Week activities, besides *Rex Beasley, Senior* and *Joe Collins*, were *Bill Heavey, Parson Parks, Harris Jones, Jack Stewart, Jim Hayden, and Tom Sinkler*. Bill Heavey, incidentally, sailed up the Hudson in his Engineer's boat and docked at North Pier. On the afternoon of 3 June Bill invited the class to join him in a sail from West Point to Newburgh and return and the trip was indeed a highlight of the week.

During the month of May 1946 Harris Jones and Jack Stewart were awarded the Legion of Merit for meritorious service during World War II: Harris, for outstanding administration of The Department of Mathematics, U.S.M.A.; and Jack, for outstanding services as Commanding Officer, Field Artillery Detachment, and as Assistant to the Commandant of Cadets, U.S.M.A.

*Matt Ridgway* visited West Point recently as host to thirty-two senior army, navy, and air force officers of The Big Five members of the United Nations Security Council, of which Matt is a member. After a luncheon at the Hotel Thayer, the members of the group reviewed the Cadet Corps and looked over the installations at West Point, declaring unanimously that the Military Academy and the cadets were in fine shape.

Reports from Europe tell us that *Ernie Harmon* is doing a superb job organizing the all-important American Constabulary Forces. The United States Constabulary, which comprises remnants of some of the most famous American combat units, 38,000 men in all—about the strength of three divisions, will handle the problems of border patrolling, "search and seizure" operations, and zonal military patrols. Augmenting local agencies and the Military Police, the Constabulary will work hand-in-hand with Counter Intelligence Corps, Criminal Investigating Division, and the German civil police. The principal mission of Ernie's task force will be to keep in close contact with everything that is

**1914**

\*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 17.

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

**1915**

\*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 17.

Boots, N. J.  
Brady, T. J.  
Frank, P. R.  
Hanley, T. J., Jr.  
Hodgson, P. A.  
Hooper, O. A. B.



30th REUNION, CLASS OF 1916

going on above ground and underground throughout the American zone of occupation.

According to a recent news item in the Washington (D.C.) Times-Herald, *Aaron Bradshaw* has returned from overseas and is presently holding down an important job in Washington and making a big success of it. Aaron's chief interest is stoutly centered in anti-aircraft artillery. During World War II Aaron commanded a brigade at Cassino and served as chief of anti-aircraft and coast defense at Algiers. He was with General Patton's Army as anti-aircraft commander and held a similar position with Mark Clark's 5th Army.

*Clare Armstrong* has also returned from Europe and is now with the Army Ground Forces Headquarters in Washington.

At present writing of these notes *Cupe Yuill* is at West Point for several days on official duty as a member of the War Department Man Power Board. Cupe is stationed in Baltimore and states that *Meach Meacham* is back from the wars and once again settled in civilian pursuits in Baltimore. Cupe also reports that *Arthur Harper* is due to arrive in Baltimore soon for duty with 2d Army Headquarters.

And here's an article concerning *Gus Gurney* which appeared in the 8 June 1946 issue of The Army and Navy Journal and which should be of interest to all of us:

"Col. Augustus M. Gurney, commanding officer of U.S. Army troops at Adak, and Miss Gladys Kirton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Kirton, of Aynor, S. C. were married in the Post Chapel at Fort Richardson, Alaska, 23 May.

"Mrs. Gurney, formerly employed by the State Department, was associated with the employee relations office at Fort Richardson for more than two years before her marriage. Col. Gurney went to Alaska in October 1945, and commanded U.S. Troops at Attu before being transferred to his present command.

The bride was given in marriage by Brig. Gen. Harry A. Johnson, commanding general of Fort Richardson. Mrs. Gurney wore a gray suit with blue accessories. She was attended by Miss Mabel McIntire. Col. Gurney had as best man his West Point classmate, Brig. General *Robert M. Bathurst*, Chief of Staff of the Alaskan Department.

"The ceremony was performed by Chaplain (Maj.) Raymond Firth, Post Chaplain. Following the ceremony a reception was held in the Eagle Room of the post officers' mess. Col. and Mrs. Gurney left for Adak, where Mrs. Gurney will be the first Army wife to take up residence on that Aleutian island post"

## August, 1917

\*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 17.

Bell, J. T.  
Chapman, W. McC.  
Delehanty, R. D.  
Faust, H. P.  
Grupe, E. A.  
Hall, W. M.  
Hawkins, J.  
Milan, H. L.  
Taylor, V. N.  
Wells, W. W.  
Wilson, C. B.

## June, 1918

\*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 17.

Achatz, F. J.  
Bethel, John M.  
Bagby, Robert E.  
Corpening, M. M.  
Grupe, Edward A. Jr.  
Wells, Wayne W.  
Turner, Frank J.

The following notes supplement those printed in the April issue.

### ACTIVE

*Barriger*, Col., G.S.C., now Chief of Staff, Panama Canal Dept.; went through most of the war with the 12th Army Group, transferred to the 15th Army in Feb. '45 as G-4 and was with that group until Sept.

*Blanchard*, Col., 24th Div., Artillery Officer, March '46—to date; served on first Crimes Commission in Yokohama; Artillery Officer, XIV Corps, July '45-Dec. '46; Asst. Artillery Officer, X Corps, April '44-July '44 (Leyte and Mindanao Operations); Nov. '43-April '44, took part in Arawe Operation as an observer and the Sidor, New Guinea, Operation as G-3 of the Task Force.

*Casey*, still a Major General and Chief Engineer to MacArthur in Japan. Son Hugh B. nicely recovered from demolition accident. Dot on her way to joint Pat.

*Clay*, still wearing three stars and doing a wonderful job in Berlin.

*Cruse*, Col., C.E. Recently relieved as District Engineer, Norfolk, understood to be on his way to foreign service.

*Donaldson*, Col., Cav. On General Crittenberger's Staff in the Canal Zone.

*Fenn*, Col., now a patient at A.A.F. Regional Hospital, Maxwell Field, Ala.

*Gallagher*, Brig. Gen., recently assigned to Fort Benning after a period of temporary duty with General George Marshall in Washington. Apparently not going back to Wedemeyer's Staff in China. Upon relief as Commandant of Cadets, U.S.M.A., in Nov. of '43, became Assistant Division Commander, 89th Inf. Div.; then Commanding General Panama Mobile Force and Security Command; C.G., 16th Reinforcement Depot, Compiegne, France; C.G., Chinese Combat Command, China Theater, and, just prior to return to U.S., Assistant Deputy C.G., U.S. Forces, China Theater.

*Gould*, Col., Q.M.C. Recently assigned to the Memorial Division, O.Q.M.G. Family still in Texarkana, Texas.

*Gruhn*, Col., Inf. Still on duty with G-2 in Washington. Has managed several monthly Class luncheons at which from 10 to 14 were present.

*Hewitt*, Col., C.E. Now District Engineer at Seattle, after a short tour in Washington and a brief deadbeat at Walter Reed.

*Holman*, Brig. Gen., Assistant to the Chief of Ordnance, Washington, D. C.

*Holt*, Col., F.A., now at Headquarters, A.F.W.E.S.P.A.C. in Manila. During war served as Artillery Executive Officer, 100th Division; Artillery Commander, 8th Armd. Div. in E.T.O.; now Executive Officer, War Crimes Trials, Manila.

*Lifsey*, Col., Q.M.C., with Fifth Corps, Fort Jackson, S.C. From '42 to '45 served in England, Africa, Sicily, Italy and Austria. Is one of the few remaining Class bachelors.

*McNamee*, Col., Inf. Now on occupation duty in Austria with Hqrs., 232nd Inf., 42nd Div.; in March 1942 sailed from San Francisco with a Task Force to the South Pacific, landed in New Hebrides where he was in succession Operations Officer, Bn. Comdr., Regt. Ex. Officer and then C./S. of the III Is. Comd.; returned to U.S. in June '43; July '43-'44, Weapons Section, Inf. School; Aug. '44 joined 42nd (Rainbow) Div. at Camp Gruber, Okla., and assumed command of 232nd Inf. Regt.; Nov. '44 left for E.T.O. and landed at Marseille, France, joined 7th Army. Still in Europe.

*Mesick*, Col., F.A. Dean of Army Graduate Education, Washington, D.C.; '45, checked 18th Obsn. Bns. use in E.T.O.; was with 250th F.A. Group which acted as part of anvil on West side of Ruhr Pocket; '43-'44, 63d Div. Arty as Ex.; June '41-'43, 1st F.A. Obsn.; '40-'41, R.O.T.C.; '37-'40, 1st Div. John, Jr., 1st Lt., A.C., served most of war at Gaya, India. Second son, limited service due to loss of an eye, but still in Eastern Theater as Medical Corps N.C.O.

*Miley*, Brig. Gen., recently assumed command of Airborne School at Fort Benning.

*Neilson*, Col., C.E., Feb. '46—to date, Corps Engr., XXIV Corps, Korea; Sept. '45-Jan. '46, C.O., 5221st Engr. Construction Brigade, Korea; Jan. '44-March '45, C.O. 532d Engr. Boat & Shore Regt., New Guinea and Philippines.

*Offley*, Col., Inf. Commanded 1st Filipino Inf. in New Guinea and P.I. Now in J.A. Section, Hqrs., A.F.W.E. S.P.A.C., Manila.

*Rundell*, Col., Ord. Dept. Now retiring, own request. For past two and one half years in command of Erie Proving Ground, LaCarne, Ohio. Son Bud graduated from West Point in June '43, Capt., A.C.; German P.O.W. at Stalag Luft 1.

*Sturgis*, Brig. Gen., Air Engineer, H.Q., A.A.F., Washington, D. C. Chf. Engr., 6th Army, 1943-'46; Corps Engr., XIII Corps, Providence, R. I., 1942-'43; Dist. Engr., Vicksburg, Miss., 1940-'42; Student, Army War College, 1939-'40. Daughter Harriet married 1st Lt. Richard G. Knox, U.S.M.C.

*Tompkins*, Col., Cav. Now Commandant, European Theater Intelligence School, U.S. Forces European Theater, Oberammergau, Germany. 1935-'36, Asst. P.M.S.&T. at V.M.I., Lexington, Va.; '36-'37, C.&G.S. School; '37-'39, Mech. Cav. Brigade, Ft. Knox, Ken.; '39-'40, Army War College; '40-'42, Office, Chief of Cav., Washington, D. C.; June '42-Oct. '43, G-2 Sec. Hq. E.T.O.; Oct. '43, Actg. G-2, 1st U.S. Army Group and during Normandy landings Deputy G-2, Staff of Field Marshall Montgomery's 21st Army Group; Dec. '44-June '45, assigned 7th Armd. Div. and commanded a combat unit. Both daughters, Julia and Frances, married.

*Townsley*, Brig. Gen., until 31 Jan. was Deputy C.G., G.F.R.C., E.T.O. from

March '45; C.G., XXXVI Corps Artillery, Ft. Riley and Camp Gruber, Sept. '44-March '45; C.O., 86th Div., Arty, Camp Howze and Camp Livingston; New Division Officers School, Ft. Sill, Sept. '42-Oct. '42; Office of G-4, War Dept., Oct. '41-Sept. '42; A.G.S., G-1, First Corps Area, Oct. '40-Sept. '41. Son C. Page Townsley, III, Lt. (J.G.) U.S.N.R., served on merchant ship since Feb. '42, Edwin S. Townsley, Cadet, U.S.M.A.

Wilson, Col., Q.M.C., Department Quartermaster, Antilles Department, San Juan, Porto Rico. Still claims Opelika, Ala., permanent address.

#### RETIRED

Hazelhurst, Lt. Col., Ret. (U.S.A.), living in Long Beach, Calif. Retired in '43 after being on C.C.C. duty at Van Nuys, Calif., '40-'42; 1943, with 5th Inf. at Ft. Preble; '37-'39, 45th Inf. in P.I. and 1st Inf. at Ft. Warren; '39-'40, La. maneuvers. Has two daughters and a son.

Hudson, Col., Ret. (Cav.), living in El Paso, Texas. Retired in '43.

Kramer, Brig. Gen., Ret. (U.S.A.), now residing in San Mateo, Calif., and is a part-time consultant in Sverdrup & Parcel, Consulting Engineers, San Francisco.

Pichel, Lt. Col., C.E. Now on active duty with Advance G.H.Q., G-4, in Tokyo. Participated in Luzon Campaign.

#### RESIGNED

Grant, with The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States in New York.

Hoffman, released from A.D. 30 Jan. '45 as Lt. Col., A.C. Now located in Key Sarasota, Fla.

Lewis, relieved from A.D. 1 Feb. '46 as a Col., A.C. Now living in Miami, Fla. Aug. '42, called to A.D. as Maj., A.C., until 13 Jan. '43 Dir., Military Tng. and C.O. Corps of Off. Candidates; Jan.-Sep. '43, Commandant of Cadets T.T.C. and C.O., Tech. Tng. School, Jefferson Barracks, Mo.; 27 April '44, C.O., Officers Sec., O.R.D., Greensboro, N. C.; 1 Sep. '44, Tng. Course at Vandalia, Ohio; 22 Sep. '44-1 Feb. '46, A.A.F. representative with Douglas Aircraft Co.

Richardson, with First Boston Corporation, Philadelphia, New York, and Boston. Coordinator for Purchasing, Boston Ordnance Dist., '41-July '42; Special Asst. to Dist. Chief, July '42-Dec. '43; Chairman Boston Ordnance Dist. Price Adjustment Board, July '42-Dec. '43.

—J. C. M.

## November, 1918

\*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 17.

Baclig, E. S.  
Bowman, F. O.  
Breen, J. J.  
Brimmer, H. W.  
Broome, V. C.  
Cambre, J. D.  
Carter, W. V.  
Chadwick, B. F.  
Cothran, W. R.  
Dunn, L. H.  
Dzau, L. E.  
Goodin, A. B.  
Gorman, C. L.  
Hesp, W. V.  
Johnson, D. T.  
Lee, R.  
McGiffert, R. D.  
MacKenzie, A. J.  
Mendenhall, C. M.  
Monroe, H. M.

Moore, C. H., Jr.  
Norman, E. C.  
O'Grady, G. B.  
Pence, J. P.  
Piland, J. L.  
Platte, F. A.  
Pope, L.  
Praeger, O., Jr.  
Rosendahl, C. A.  
Schilling, K. B.  
Stevens, F. A.  
Taylor, D. A.  
Vidal, E. L.  
Watkins, E.  
Welch, J. C.

There were eleven members of the Class of November 1918 at West Point during June Week. In addition to Badger, who is now Treasurer, they were Arthur Pence, Montgomery, Welch, G. Bryan Conrad, Peckham, Red Carroll, Mark Rhoads, Pearson, Wheelchell and Griffiths. Pence, Montgomery, Welch, Carroll and Wheelchell were accompanied by their wives. The Badgers had the gang up to their quarters for an informal party after graduation parade Monday. A presentation ceremony was held in the Treasurer's Office after the Superintendent's reception on Sunday when six of our sons received sabres from the class. The sons in the graduating class were Badger, A. W. Pence, Jr., W. F. Pence, J. C. Welch, Jr., R. A. Montgomery and Mendenhall.

We heard from Danny Dever in March, shortly after the last Assembly went to press. His business address is: 1000 R. A. Long Bldg., Kansas City 6, Missouri. He is with the U.S. Epperson Underwriting Co. Danny was back in the Army during the war and ran an O.C.S. for the Air Corps. He sent us a newspaper clipping which stated that Roger Autrey's body had been found in a small creek south of Chattanooga, Tenn., on March 12, 1946. Few details were given, but it hinted as if the cause may have been foul play. We received a note from Mrs. I. A. Roux, Roger's mother, which confirmed his death.

The response to our circular letter was very encouraging. One of the first replies to be received was from Ken Leslie. He, his wife and two daughters are living at 550 Fairmont Avenue, Westfield, N. J. Ken resigned in 1922 and has been connected with public utilities since then, first as an engineer and later with administration. He is now Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer of the American Gas and Electric Service Corporation at 30 Church Street, New York 8, N. Y.

We also had a letter from G. Bryan Conrad who was temporarily at Southern Pines, N. C. George was G-2 of E.T.O.U.S.A. during the war. He reports having seen Charlie Bathurst and Fred Sherrill in Washington recently. Charlie was back on a "breather" from Japan and Fred was in town to see some high government officials in reference to the world cotton market. Conrad is now spending his leave at his home in Highland Falls.

We also have a report that Andy March is now P.M.S.&T., Ohio State Univ.; Tubby Snow is in the Office of the Chief of Engineers; Joe Twitty is with the Army Navy Staff College; Johnny Sherman is in Military Intelligence Division of the War Department and Al Johnson is in the office of the Judge Advocate General. Dave Ogden is back from Japan and has

reported as C.G., 2d Amphibious Command, San Luis Obispo, California, by this time.

Bob York writes that he ran into Griffiths, Wanamaker, Traver, Riani and Chorpene recently in St. Louis. Bob is now Commanding Officer of the Granite City Engineer Depot, Granite City, Illinois.

We also heard from Bev Tucker who, at that time, was on terminal leave and working as special assistant to General Gregory, the Administrator of the War Assets Administration in Washington, D. C.

Tom Brinkley writes that he was with the 10th Armored Division in the E.T.O. during the war. He returned to the States in January and has been in the Oliver General Hospital, Augusta, Ga., with high blood pressure. He reports that Handsome Harry Hillard was also there after having been returned from the Pacific with asthma. Harry is now awaiting retirement.

Fred Sherrill wrote us from Los Angeles. He is with the J. G. Boswell Co., 354 South Spring Street. We also had a letter from Archie Colwell who is with the Thompson Aircraft Products Co., 23555 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland 17, Ohio. Archie has become an expert on aircraft engines, particularly in reference to valves and valve mechanism. He has done quite well in the business world being vice-president of the Thompson Company and on its Board of Directors, as well as being on the board of several other companies.

Tom Munford wrote from V.P.I. in Blacksburg, Virginia. He is now Commandant and P.M.S.&T. there. Tom was anti-aircraft officer with XVI Corps on the Rhine River crossing of the Ninth Army. He also landed on D-day on the Normandy beaches with an A.A.A. Group Headquarters.

Kenneth Stice dropped us a letter from his home in Urbana, Illinois. He was on sick leave and was to return to the Percy General Hospital in Battle Creek, Michigan, for final disposition. Ken was overseas in the U.K. and E.T.O. for nearly forty months. He was C.O. of the Electronics Training Group and in the office of the Chief Signal Officer, E.T.O.U.S.A. Ken reports that Van Voorst, Swede Mickelson and Art Pulsifer were all on duty in that office at one time or another.

Fitzpatrick who was on duty here at the Academy during the war is now back in civil life and living in Olean, N. Y.

Claude Chorpene writes from Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he is now District Engineer of a district that has a large dam construction program. Corp was a Base Engineer and Chief of Staff of the Western Base Section in U.K. and came to France on the Normandy Invasion as Deputy Commander for General Plank. He later served in Hawaii and in the Chief of Engineer's Office before arriving in Tulsa. The Chorpene daughter is married to an Ensign in the Navy.

A. M. Wilson, who is now C.O. of the 3d Military Area of the Third Service Command, with Headquarters in Richmond, Virginia, had an automobile ac-

cident in Texas shortly before Christmas. He fractured the knee cap of his right leg and was in a general hospital for two months. His wife Juliette and little daughter, Laura Belle, were also in the car at the time of the crash. They were considerably shaken up but not otherwise seriously injured. A. M. has a stiff leg but manages to get around.

We heard from *Harrison Shaler*, who is Chief of Staff of the Peninsular Base Section, which is the Communication Zone Organization of Italy. He writes that *Corny Hahn* is Base Engineer and *Charlie Colson* has recently arrived to become Assistant Division Commander of the 88th Division. However, Charlie was "Shanghaied" to the Regular Army Examination Board upon arrival. *Eric Molitor* has been the Artillery Officer of the 88th Division for several months. Harrison, Charlie and Eric are having their families come to Italy. We understand that Corny has not yet made up his mind on this matter.

*Stevens, B. G.*, and his wife Polly were at West Point during the week end of 21 April. They were here for a visit with Captain Stevens, B. G., Jr., who graduated in 1943. Steve, Sr., has been on temporary duty in Washington for the past several months and he is returning to the Armored Force School at Fort Knox, Ky.

*Monk Dickson* writes that he is "now reconverted to civil life after five years of militarism". Monk did a bang-up job as G-2 of the First Army during the campaign of the Continent. He has a game leg from a wound received at El Guettar, North Africa, on 6 April 1943. He served in North Africa, Tunisia, Sicily, Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Germany. He reports that he caught glimpses of *Lew Gibney*, *Graham Canan*, *Stokes*, *Butler*, *Shaler*, *Conrad*, *Locke*, *Holbrook* and other characters along the line. Monk is now with the Terminal Warehouse Company, 81 Fairmont Avenue, Philadelphia 23, Pa.

*H. Reed Yeager* writes us from Okinawa. He is Air Communications Officer for the 8th Air Force. He reports that *Frank Bowman* is C.G. of the Okinawan Base Command, and that *Jim Christiansen* is Deputy Chief of Staff of A.F.W.E.S.P.A.C. Reed was Chief of the Electronics Sub-division at Wright Field before going overseas.

*Savvy Saville* dropped us a letter from Houston, Texas. He said that he was back in the oil business after four years in the Army. His letter contained a standing order for all classmates to check in with him when passing through Houston. He has a son in the new second class.

We heard from *Charlie Leng* who retired in February 1925. He was back on active duty during the war and again retired as a Major this June. Leng served with the New York Port of Embarkation and had an interesting job connected with Overseas Supply of Engineers Materiel. Leng now lives just north of Albany, N. Y., and his address is P.O. Box 3 of that city.

—G. M. B.

## June, 1919

\*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 17.

Barlow, R. C.  
Bennet, A. S.  
Bennison, R. T.  
Bready, W. R.  
Broberg, W. S.  
Burns, J. J.  
Cain, L. B.  
Collier, J. H.  
Dodge, F. B., Jr.  
Emery, H. R.  
Fennell, M. A.  
Halter, B. S.  
Hill, L. L.  
Hoffman, H. F. T.  
Holly, J. A.  
Keeley, J. T.  
Kelly, V. H.  
Kirby, H. B.  
Lewis, G. W.  
Luce, D.  
McGinley, E.  
McLean, D. S.  
Madison, J. H.  
Mickle, G. St. C.  
Miller, P. R. M.  
Molitor, G. S.  
Moore, R. A.  
Moroney, W. J.  
Phelps, J. V.  
Porter, F. B.  
Rex, H. McC.  
Rhodes, L. F.  
Rockafellow, L. H.  
Smith, M. G.  
Snodgrass, E. H.  
Speed, H.  
Warren, J. H.  
Whitelaw, J. L.  
Winn, W. S.  
Wolff, C. M.  
Works, J. M.  
Wyman, W. G.  
Young, E. H.

Major General *Jim Parker* died on 19 March 1946 when the bomber in which he was flying crashed on a mountain side in Formosa, with the loss of all on board.

Add to the list of general officers in the class Brigadier Generals *Eugene McGinley* and *W. G. Skelton*. This brings the total of members of the class elevated to general officer to 41, including 2 lieutenant generals, 5 major generals, and 34 brigadier generals. Add to wearers of the D.S.C. *Holden Phillips*, *Johnny Frederick*, and *Bill Wyman*.

Fourteen members of the class assembled at West Point during June Week; *Armstrong*, *Bartlett*, *Donnally*, *P. A.*, *Domminey*, *Dunham*, *Gould*, *Gruenther*, *Heiberg*, *Hill*, *R. A.*, *McMaster*, *Phillips*, *Rash*, *Regan* and *Wedemeyer*. All assembled for an informal reunion at "Brick" Bartlett's quarters after the graduation parade. The highest ranking member of the group, Lt. General Al Wedemeyer, was given the privilege of presenting his son, Albert D. Wedemeyer, with his diploma at the graduation exercises. Also graduating in the Class of 1946 were *J. L. Armstrong*, *R. L. Gruenther*, *R. B. Dunham*, *H. H. D. Heiberg*, *W. H. McMaster*, (star man), and *J. H. Warren, Jr.*

Al Wedemeyer tells of a lively reunion of 20 members of the class at his home in Shanghai last March. He expects shortly to return to China. Paul Donnally is living at Green Hill Road, Madison, Connecticut. *Willie Palmer* is now Commandant of the Army Information School at Carlisle Barracks, Pa. *Horace Buck*, returned

to civilian life after a tour of active duty, is President of Buck and Donahue, Inc., 790 Broad Street, Newark. *Tony McAuliffe* and *Harrison Helberg* are participating in Operations Crossroads; Tony as Adviser for the Army Ground Forces and Harrison as an observer. *Herb Semmelmeier*, out of uniform again, is Pacific Coast Manager for the Standard Accident Insurance Company. *Dick Ovenshine* is Inspector General for the 11th Corps in Japan. *Holden Phillips* is Chief of Staff of the Second Service Command. *Jim Harbaugh* is with the Strategic Air Command at Boeing Field.

"Bully" *Van de Graaff*, back in uniform for the duration, is now a lieutenant colonel of infantry, with much experience in the Pacific Theater, including Okinawa. *Nate Twining* is Commanding General of the Air Materiel Command at Wright Field. *Jack Raaen* is Commanding Officer of Watervleit Arsenal. *Tom Waters* is Commanding Officer of United States troops at Nome, Alaska. *Ben Sheets* has returned to the retired list and is now vice president of the Marine Trust Company in Buffalo, New York. *Fred Makinney*, retired for physical disability in January 1946, is now living at 4819 Cahala Avenue, Honolulu. *Simon Foss*, also retired for physical disability, is living at 165 Harrigan Court, San Antonio, Texas. "Doc" *Johnson*, with the Janssen Piano Company in New York City, is living at 31 Rosemere Street, Rye, New York. *Battle Rivers*, with the Meade Johnson Baby Food Company, may be reached at 1011 Esplanade, New Orleans 16, La. "Stuff" *Dunham* has just been retired for physical disability and has not yet decided where he is going to settle down.

"Kyke" *Allan* writes from Washington that *Logan Shutt* recently made inquiry as to when he would be eligible for retirement in the grade of Colonel and received the reply that on 30 November 1946 he would be so eligible in the grade of Colonel with 75% of his active duty pay at the time of retirement.

"Chick" *Noble* writes interestingly of his experiences in Europe where his combat command of the 16th Armored Division captured Pilsen on 6 May 1945. He remarks that his efforts were all to no purpose since a careless American aviator missed the Skoda works and destroyed instead the Pilsen Brewery just before the city was captured. He writes further "the citizens of Pilsen very graciously elected me an honorary citizen. I really am in a select group, the other 4 being President Masaryk, President Benes, Marshal Koneiv, and General Harmon".

Last month the annual Booodle Fight given by members of the class stationed at West Point for sons of the class now in the Corps, was held at the quarters of Bill and Janice Regan. They numbered 7 in the Class of 1946, 4 in the class of '47, and 9 in the Class of '48. Of them, *R. M. Montague, Jr.* particularly distinguished himself this year by standing first in Yearling Math and Yearling Physics.

—B. W. B.

## 1920

\*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 17.

Adams, C. M., Jr.  
Ager, S.  
Avera, W. B.  
Bullene, L. R.  
Costigan, R. M.  
Culleton, J. R.  
Davis, T. E.  
Donnelly, R. B.  
Edmonson, E. M.  
Elliott, E. E.  
Garrison, C.  
George, A.  
Gilbert, E. A.  
Greenlaw, H. K.  
Hart, A. J.  
Howard, J. G.  
Ivins, C. F.  
Jacobs, N. N.  
Johnston, O. R.  
Kiefer, H. W.  
Krause, G. H.  
Lake, J. L.  
Larner, W. P.  
McMillin, J. M.  
Merritt, W. B.  
Moreland, J. W.  
Nye, W. S.  
Raymond, J. E.  
Reterson, J. E.  
Romain, C.  
Rosebaum, D. A.  
Smith, R. O.  
Trimble, F.  
Turnbull, H. T.  
Wakefield, M. F.  
Whitmore, C. S.  
Wood, W. S.  
Yancey, W. J. T.

Graduation of the Class of 1946 has passed into history. Although it was an off-season year for the Class of 1920, the following members spent some of June Week at the Academy: *Williams, H. K., Withers, Chitterling, Kelly, P. C., B-Food Pearson, Tombaugh, Lemmitzer, Poulson and Cullum*. Two sons of the Class of 1920, *Williams, H. K., 3rd and Withers, W. P., Jr.*, were presented with Class Sabers at the Quarters of Merle and *Red Blaik* on Saturday afternoon, June 1st, in the presence of all classmates and their wives at West Point.

Also, since the last issue of the *Assembly*, the following have visited West Point: *Gus Vogel, Dinty Moore, Fred Hayden, Rip Brady, John Culleton*, recently from three years in E.T.O. and now assigned Fort Bragg, and *Dick Partridge*, just prior to leaving to become Military Attache to Yugoslavia.

Orders on the retirement of *Lou Claterbos* have been noted. Don't forget us, Lou, now that you have time for visiting.

Congratulations to *Clovis Byers* and *Larry Carr* on the award of the D.S.M. and to *Bill Crist, Charlie West* and *White, D. G.* on the Legion of Merit.

At the Class Dinner in New York on the 16th of March the following were present: *Chitterling, West, Curtis, Kelly, P. C., McCullough, Pearson* and *Smyser*.

June Weddings of classmates' sons and daughters include the sons of *Williams, H. K.* and *Withers*; the daughters of *West* and *Smith, L. S.*

## 1921

\*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 17.

Pirkey, F. S.  
Spettel, F. J.

Nothing new to report except that *Crary* was in Washington recently on

leave from Japan, where he expected to be again by the time you read this; and *Pat Wardlaw* was among the alumni returning to West Point during June Week.

Please send news to *R. H. Johnson*, 64 Wall Street, New York 5, N. Y., and help fill your column with the latest about the men of 1921 and their families.

—R. H. J.

## June 13, 1922

\*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 17.

Anderson, G.  
Carpenter, G. R.  
Hein, F. W.  
Kastner, A. E.  
McLallen, DeW. L.  
Reed, C. H.  
Spry, J. W.  
Woods, F. J.

## June 14, 1922

\*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 17.

Gilmartin, A. F.  
Goddard, W. B.  
Harris, D. Q.  
Wedemeyer, W. A.  
Wong, A. T.

## 1922

Not many Orioles returned to West Point for June Week this year—suppose most of them are saving energy, and the wherewithal for the big 25th next year. Returnees included *Virginia* and *Art Klein*, *Dollie* and *Ollie Hughes*, the *Bob Douglass's*, *George Mitchell* and *Harry Albert*. The visitors present foregathered with the home team—the *M. D. Taylors, Leonards, Greenes, Straubs, Hop Dance, Charlie Branham* and *Joe Grant*—at Joe's quarters after Graduation Parade.

Notable local events: The marriages of Lt. *Kenneth W. Hughes*, '46, *Ollie's* son, to *Virginia L. Stephenson* on 6 June, and *Virginia Klein*, *Art's* daughter to Lt. *Roger Lennick*, '46, on 9 June. Both weddings were in the Cadet Chapel and attended by several of '22 and their families. During June Week the class presented a saber to *Ollie's* son, the only son of '22 in '46.

*Hazel Haas* and daughter came up for the *Klein* wedding on 9 June.

Mrs. *Bob Murphy* attended Easter services at the Cadet Chapel.

The *Bob Raynsfords* made a brief spring visit to West Point enroute to Europe where Bob is on duty with the Signal Corps.

*Fritz Lee* reported in May from the C.&G.S.S. that he expected to be working for *Babe Bryan*, P.M.G., in Washington after 1 June.

"P.D." *Crandell* is Adjutant General of MIDPAC. Mrs. *Crandell* is with him at Ft. Shafter. Son *Roy* is attending Cornell Medical College and *E. P., Jr.* is a Seaman, 1st Class, U.S. Navy.

*Mervin Gross* is Commandant of the Air Institute of Technology, at Wright Field, Ohio.

*John Uncles* is with Hq. A.G.F. in Washington.

*Bill Lawton*, Deputy Chief of Staff, MIDPAC, was a recent visitor at West Point.

*Wy Schuyler* has joined Cort in Bucharest.

*Field Sattler* was last heard of as Ordnance Officer of the 8th Army in Japan.

*Pat McGrath*, seen some time ago in Washington, was said to be desirous then of staying "in" with the R.A.

More news, please, to me at West Point—

—C. N. B.

## 1923

\*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 17.

Bing, R. C.  
Bowen, J. E.  
Bromley, C. V., Jr.  
Carroll, J. B.  
Cavender, C. C.  
Cowie, C. W.  
Cunkle, A. C.  
Dewey, G. L.  
Douthitt, S. L.  
Dulaney, R. L.  
Evans, J. A.  
Evans, J. H.  
Fisher, H. G.  
Foster, R. M.  
Getty, C. W.  
Graffin, J. C.  
Heavey, W. H.  
Hennessey, C. A.  
Heyl, C. H.  
Holland, T. G.  
Howard, E. B.  
Johnson, A. L.  
Kerr, W. L.  
Krueger, R. H.  
McLean, D.  
Michelet, P. D.  
Pamplin, D. G.  
Pierce, W. R.  
Shepard, L.  
Smith, V.  
Stewart, O. C.  
Tormey, B. A.  
Voedisch, M.

As this was not a reunion year for our class, attendance during June Week was slim. The following were present at the Old Grads Review: *Lee Shafer, Judge Noyes, Howard Serig, P. D. Weikert, Steve Conner, Louis Vauthier, McGehee* from Tennessee and *Bill Morton*. Incidentally, *Steve Conner* was here to see his son graduate. *Tom Maddocks* put in an appearance for the Graduation Ceremony only. *Pete Leone* was also in circulation, as he is spending his leave at Cornwall.

*Bill Leaf* and family spent his leave at West Point last March. He was just back from Japan where he was G-4 of the Sixth Army, and was enroute to Rock Island, Ill., where he is now District Engineer. The following is some of the dope he gave us.

*Dave Dunn*, when Bill last saw him, was Engineer of the 8th Army, building an air field between Yokohama and Tokyo. *Gil Hayden* was in Tokyo. *Jimmy Bowen* was with G-3, MacArthur's headquarters. *Bob Oliver* was in San Antonio. *Rex Chandler* was also there, just back from Japan. *Sweany* was Chief of Staff, 41st Div., Japan, but due back in this country. *Opie Newman* was succeeding him. *Eddie Post* was Chief of Staff, C.&G.S.S., Ft. Leavenworth.

*W. H. Weber's* address is 1911 Albe-marle Road, Brooklyn 26, N. Y. *Daridson, H.* may be found at 101 Park Ave., N. Y. City. *Johnny White* left the Service last December and is now Director of Promotion for the American Gas Association in the Graybar Building, N. Y. City. His home address is River Road, Scarborough.

*Frenchy Grombach*, having just been demobilized, is staying at the New

York Athletic Club while surveying his prospects. He writes:

"Since I have been asked to report on myself, I am now on terminal leave after almost forty months as a chicken Colonel, War Department General Staff. The job that I held down since February 1942, even though it grew, was neither heroic nor athletic. It consisted of general liaison to civilian agencies, such as State, F.C.C., Office of Censorship, etc. I was awarded the Legion of Merit, although I am strongly for limiting decorations to only those who have seen action.

"While walking down 57th Street the other day studying the wind and the blondes, a hand suddenly grasped my elbow:

"'Frenchy!', I heard a voice say, 'Remember me, I'm *General Lord*'.

"It was Ikey!"

*Baron Kehm* writes as follows: "The appointment of *Vandenberg* as G-2 of the War Department highlights the fact that the Class of '23 occupied a great many berths of some importance in G-2 in the recent war.

"*Gene Harrison* was G-2 of the Sixth Army Group and *Budye Smith* was G-2 of the Army Group in Italy. Thus we had two of the top notch jobs in four army groups which fought the Germans.

"*H. V. White* was G-2 of the Sixth Army. *Houard* was G-2 of the Fifth (and so far as I can find out the only army G-2 to become a B.G.). I was G-2 of Ninth Army from March of 1945 to the deactivation in September of 1945. This means that at one stage we furnished three of the G-2s of the eight U.S. Armies which were outside the United States. So far as I can recall we had no theater G-2s from the Class. *Bill Castner* did a grand job as G-2 in Alaska during a time when the command he was serving could have been classed either as an army or a theater.

"We probably had some Corps G-2s in addition to *Cecil Nist* who was G-2 for the XXIV Corps in the Okinawa show. I don't think these facts prove anything but they were interesting to me.

"Here at Leavenworth we are just finishing up the last of the short staff classes and the 2nd and last command class. 1923 is represented by *Post* who is the Chief of Staff under a reorganization of the School and Post (no pun), *Fowler*—who is exec at the War Department Personnel Center, *Bill Grove* who is an instructor in the Service Division and I who am a deputy director of the Command Class. We four were the only '23 at the West Point dinner here. When I was here in 1938-9 as a student we were heavily represented in the student body and had quite a few visitors, notably *Bo Ascher* and *A. L. Johnson*. I believe *Al* is back in Canada after a long tour with Air Force Headquarters in the Pentagon where I got to know him again and enjoyed working with him as I did on several occasions. I don't know where 'Bo' has been since his duty at West Point." ("Bo" became a full colonel; was with the Engr. Sec., Hq. 8th Army; was Task Force Engineer on Mindoro from April through June 1945; is now back in civil life, address: 2000 Baltimore St., Kansas City, Mo.—W.J.M.)

## 1924

\*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 17.

Adams, J. C. L.  
Adams, L. W.  
Allen, T. H.  
Barkes, L. C.  
Binford, T. E.  
Bingham, L. L.  
Blinn, F. S.  
Bonnett, C. R.  
Booth, E. F.  
Bragan, O. P.  
Bump, A. L.  
Busbey, G. W.  
Chang, T. H.  
Clark, F. J.  
Conley, S. G.  
Coughlin, W. L.  
Cullen, R. E.  
Dewey, L. R.  
Duerr, G. A.  
Dugan, A. D.  
Dyer, C. J.  
Ellinger, D. J.  
Elliott, G. E.  
Eyerly, W. J.  
Foster, A. P., Jr.  
Graves, R. D.  
Hames, S. T.  
Healy, D. F.  
Hill, D. C.  
Hosea, S. W.  
Johnson, W. L.  
Keiler, R.  
Kendall, W. H.  
Ker, H.  
Kernan, G. M.  
Kirkpatrick, F. S.  
Kraft, J. B.  
Kuniholm, B. S.  
Landon, C. R.  
Lawes, R. C.  
Leonard, A. T.  
Lloyd, W. W.  
Lyndall, F. S.  
McGraw, J. E.  
Mead, A. D.  
Meehan, C. G.  
Merkle, E. A.  
Miller, A. D.  
Noll, W. K.  
Poblete, R.  
Ragusee, C. W. A.  
Ramsey, J. W.  
Rasmussen, A. P.  
Robins, E. A.  
Schmidt, G.  
Selway, R. R.  
Smith, G. J.  
Smith, M. E.  
Stadler, J. L.  
Steel, G. H.  
Stephens, R. W.  
Storck, D. G.  
Stowell, J. S.  
Summerall, C. P.  
Textor, G. E.  
Theis, H. J.  
Thompson, F. J.  
Towers, L. H.  
Triplet, W. S.  
Wells, J. B.  
Wood, W. R.  
Young, G. E.

*Art Trudeau* boned up a class roster for those on duty in and around Washington. The list is surprisingly large. The names and home addresses are given below, as this looks like the biggest and most permanent group of the Herd that we have had since before the war. A stag cocktail party was held on 21 May at the Officers Club of the Army War College. About 80% of the names listed below were present plus a few from out of town, including your scribe. The nucleus of a Class organization based on Washington was started and proposals for a post-war issue of the *Thundering Herd* were discussed. In view of the hilarity of the occasion, accomplishing this much business is considered indicative of the sobriety brought on by advancing years in the Class. We also toasted the first Class grandfather *Emil Lenzner*, while *Tad Tasker* was reported in as the latest father. Some class!

Other items: *Trudeau* reported seeing *Tom Allen*, *Hitchings*, *Poblete*, *de la Rosa*, *Healy*, *Crosby*, and *Triplet* in Manila at the annual West Point

dinner in March. Others not present at the dinner included *Jack Ramsey* and *Dave Ellinger* on Okinawa.

*Russell Moses* has been on the staff of the Eighth Service Command but is being retired shortly due to combat wounds received in Italy.

*Boatner* is Chief of Staff of the Eighth Service Command.

*Tubby Burgess* was in Texas on leave from Japan.

*Otto Nelson* has been retired and is now heading the housing program of the New York Life Insurance Company.

*Sam Strohecker* writes from Seattle (1110 Hoge Building) where he is back in civil life with the DuPont Company after commanding the Towle Ordnance Depot.

*Slim Turner* (Major General) took command at Mitchel Field on 5 April.

*Limpus* wrote an interesting report of his unique interview with *Yamashita* shortly before his execution (the Jap's, not *Limpus*'). This appears in the *Infantry Journal* of April 1946.

*Kuniholm* was awarded a doctorate of letters by the University of Laval in Quebec.

### CLASS OF 1924 IN AND ABOUT WASHINGTON, D. C.

- Anding, J. G.—4420 Volta Pl., N. W.  
Arnold, W. H.—3834 Morrison, N.W.  
Bertsch, W. H.—2414 N. Military Rd., Arlington, Va.  
Beurket, R. T.—3620 Porter, N.W.  
Bicher, George A.—4000 Lee Blvd., Arlington, Va.  
Booth, Charles L.—Riverside Apts., 22d & C, N.W.  
Brinson, Noah—2800 Woodley Rd.  
Chazal, Edward A.—3512 3d St., N., Arlington, Va.  
Coates, C. H.—4115 S. 33d St., Fairlington, Va.  
Conley, S. G.—A.W.C., Qtrs. T-3.  
Cullen, Robert E.—3507 Woodley Rd.  
Daniel, C. D.—3526 Edmonds, N.W.  
Eddleman, C. D.—4334 Reno Rd., N.W.  
Erskine, D. G.—1805 N. Quinn St., Arlington, Va.  
Foote, A. E.—1010 25th St., N. W.  
Forbes, W. R.—1420 Columbia, N.W.  
Furuholmen, Bjarne—2924 S. Dinwiddie, Fairlington, Va.  
Garges, P. R.—Leesburg, Va.  
Graling, Francis J.—1901 Wyoming, N.W., Apt. 70.  
Hains, Peter C.—619 UpInd. Pl., Alexandria, Va.  
Hass, Martin F.—3726 Conn. Ave.  
Henney, Frederic A.—Qtrs K-6, M.B. Quantico, Va.  
Hill, John G.—2730 Ordway, N.W.  
Hincke, John I.—612 S. 20th, Arlington, Va.  
Itschner, E. C.—(To report to Military Construction Division o/a 20 May 1946).  
Ker, Howard—Ft. Belvoir, Virginia.  
Kessinger, H. E.—A.W.C., Qtrs. 16-B.  
King, Cary J., Jr.—2930 S. Buchanan, Arlington, Va.  
King, H. C.—Westchester Apts., 4000 Cathedral.

Lanham, C. T.—104 N. Columbus, Arlington, Va.  
 Lee, Ernest O.—3917 Benton, N.W.  
 Lenzner, Emil—3411 Rodman St.

MacCloskey, Monro—532-20th St., N.W.  
 Maher, J. P.—2602 Conn. Ave.  
 Marcus, David—1918 N., N.W.  
 Martin, Darwin D.—4519 N. Carlyon Springs Rd., Arlington, Va.  
 McCormick, Otis—4426 S. 36th St., Fairlington, Va.  
 Millard, Homer B.—1918 N., N.W.  
 Moore, J. G.—4000 Cathedral.  
 Morris, J. A.—3407 Cameron Mills Rd., Alexandria, Va.

Nelson, Paul B.—3919 N. 30th St., Arlington, Va.

Parmly, Eleazer—1421-36th, N.W.  
 Partridge, E. E.—3416 Garrison, N.W.

Richardson, W. L.—4911 S. 29th Rd., Fairlington, Va.  
 Robinson, C. F.—319 Foxhall Rd.  
 Rogers, Gordon B.—808 Beverly Dr., Alexandria, Va.  
 Rothgeb, C. E.—213 Maple Ave., Takoma Pk., Md.

Scovel, Charles—2914 38th St., N.W.  
 Smithers, S. W.—Temp. at A.W.C., T-3, (4222 18th St., N.W.).  
 Smythe, G. W.—1200 N. Inglewood, Arlington, Va.  
 Stadler, J. H.—A.W.C.  
 Stevenson, C. G.—2802 N. Washington Blvd., Arlington, Va.  
 Stokes, M. B.—3710 Reno Rd.  
 Strother, K. C.—4418 9th, N.W.  
 Sullivan, G. J.—2107 Wyoming Ave.  
 Summerall, C. P., Jr.—2846 28th St., N.W.

Tasker, H. P.—6201 32d Pl., N.W.  
 Textor, G. E.—314 Mansion Dr., Alexandria, Va.  
 Thomas, R. G.—697 Rollingwood Dr., Chevy Chase, Md.  
 Thompson, R. H.—Fairlington, Va.  
 Tracy, Maxwell W.—2032 Allen Pl., N.W.  
 Trudeau, A. G.—2326 S. Meade St., Arlington, Va.

Van Wyk, Harry—2120 California, Westmoreland Apt.

Watson, James Angus—6804 Bradford Blvd., Bethesda, Md.  
 Wells, J. B.—4833 S. 29th St., Fairlington, Va.  
 White, Edward H.—3202 Gunston, Pkfairfax, Va.

## 1925

\*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 17.

Bailey, D. J.  
 Barton, R. M.  
 Bigelow, W. H.  
 Bryan, J. W.  
 Caldwell, C. H.  
 Cannon, R. M.  
 Crosland, D. F.  
 Dulligan, J. H.  
 Dunaway, F. E., Jr.  
 Gardner, R. A.  
 Gullette, W.  
 LeFavour, W. B.  
 Lamb, S. S.  
 Maier, O. C.  
 Mulligan, T. L.  
 Quekemeyer, R. K.  
 Smith, C. H.  
 Smith, J. M.  
 Soule, J. I.  
 West, G. W.  
 Woods, L. B.

June week has come and gone. Ten of the class got together on the night before graduation. The classmates of the local garrison threw a bit of a party for the boys and their wives. "Diz" Barnes furnished the K.P. detail. There was a bit of talk about having our "Twenty Year Reunion" next year. The local O.P.D. will get busy on that. What is your idea? The crew who showed up for June week were: *John Daniel*—he stopped to say hello and took off for parts unknown; "Diz" Barnes—with stars and a son in the second section; *Russ Randall* up for graduation parade; "Daddy" Dunn—covered with medals; *Frank Fraser* of the local force; "Hoppy" Hopkins—due at the Point this month, has been away studying languages; *Gerry Kelley*—came for alumni exercises; *Porter Kidwell*; *Bill Kost*; *Matty Matteson* to see his son graduate; *Underwood* and *Weitfle* of the locals; and *Bill Wood*, in his usual good humor.

*Harold Wiley* was up for a week in May from Washington to fix the button-crusher in the local laundry. He promised some scandal on classmates in and about Washington. He crashed through with six pages. Said he wanted two weeks notice if I quoted him so he could get out of the army. I'll paraphrase a bit.

*Red Newman* is Chief of the Training Division, G-2, A.G.F.

*Kuhre* is Chief of the Maintenance Division O.C.E. *Winchell Wiley* said he met him in the PX at the War College. *R. T. Clark* is a Captain, C.E. retread and Chief of the Engineering and shop branch in Kuhre's division.

*Dave Tulley* is in the Legislative and Liaison Division, W.D. Special Staff, on Universal Military Training.

*Hank Westphalinger* was reported in Washington on temporary duty from G-4, MacArthur's Hq.

*Joe Daugherty* is in the Military Personnel Division O.Q.M.G.

*Ray Barton* is a student at the Army Industrial College.

*Nick Robinson* is Acting Deputy Director of Operations, Memorial Division O.Q.M.G.

*Carl Meyer* is on the Engineer Board at Fort Belvoir. Still has a big smile and not too much hair.

*Branner Purdue* is P.M.S.&T. at U. of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas. He had lunch recently with *Livski*, *Robinson*, *Daugherty* and *Wiley*.

*Charlie Nicholas* is Deputy Chief of Central Planning Staff, Central Intelligence Group.

*Ken Treacy* is Exec. Off. O.P.D.

*Jimmie Channon* is in G-4, A.G.F., Equipment Supply Branch.

*Russ Finn* is Asst. Chief of Control Division, G.F.C.—G-1 and is under overseas orders—wants to go back where it's quiet.

*Bill Heacock* is Exec. Officer with the I.G.

*Godwin Ordway* is Chief of Troop Control Section, O.P.D.

*Mike Esposito* is Chief of Logistics Group, O.P.D.

*Bill Wood* is Chief of Legislative Section W.D., G-1.

*Wilfred Champlain* is Personnel Officer for Assistant Chief of Air Staff—4 (Material). He is leaving the service on 30 June.

*Bruce Clarke* came up to the Point to talk to the cadets. Bruce is Deputy

Chief of the Plans Section, A.G.F. He said he saw *Peploe*, *Howze*, *Tibbetts*, *Lit Roberts*, *DePew* and *Grubbs* at a party at Fort Knox. They called *Graham Kirkpatrick* in Birmingham, Alabama. Graham is General Agent in Alabama for the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company.

*Art Bliss* is now back from E.T.O. *Jack Davis* is in Washington while on R.R.&R. from Europe.

*Claude Black* is P.M.S.&T. at University of Tennessee.

*George Beane* (Ex-'25) is at Fort Sam Houston and about to go on terminal leave.

*Ike Evans* was about this spring, on R.R.&R. from E.T.O. He is now Deputy Director, Memorial Division, O.Q.M.G.

*Bill Ritchie* is in Hq. A.A.F. and just back from a trip to Russia.

*Mutt Crandall* is Exec. Off., Fiscal Section, A.G.F.

*Pickles Martin* is in the Artillery Planning Board, G-3 Section, A.G.F.

*Al Burton* is Director of Real Estate, O.C.E.

*Stan Babcock* is on the Far Eastern Commission, State War and Navy Coordinating Committee. *Leb Woods* has just gone out to Operation Crossroads. *Bud Hankins* is Deputy Air Chemical Officer Hq., A.A.F. *Carl Tischbein* has been attending the Army Industrial College. *Chuck Scovel* has returned to civil life and is reported to be with the V.A. in Washington. *Tom Harrold* is at present connected with the Board on Regular Army Commissions. *Ted Baldwin* is reported back in civil life.

*Henry Strickland* was in and out in May. He is with the Manpower Board. His boy is entering West Point this summer.

—W. N. U.

## 1926

\*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 17.

Gaffney, R. A.  
 Gaillbreath, T. B.  
 Krueger, H. N.  
 Parker, G. E.

The twentieth reunion of the Class was a success. It was a grand get-together and all present apparently enjoyed themselves. On Sunday, June 2d, the Class held a picnic in the cabin at Round Pond. At this picnic a business meeting was held. *John Harvey Kane*, whom we elected President of our Class when we were cadets, tried to resign his Presidency in favor of one of the brothers, but all present (except Kane) voted that John Harvey Kane will remain President of our Class from here on in. *Reeder*, our Class Representative at West Point, rendered a report on the status of our class fund. *Coke Carter*, who conducted the meeting, rendered a report on the activities of our classmates stationed in Washington, and it was voted that a Planning Committee, consisting of certain classmates in and around Washington, D. C., will lay the groundwork for future class affairs. Planning Committee Chairman—*Ankenbrandt*. It was also voted that our class dues will be \$5.00 yearly. It was further carried that our Class—with the loyal help of *Bill House*—will publish a 20-Year Booklet this Fall. It was noted that the cost of this book

will exceed the previous estimate of \$2.00. Carter invited attention to the fact that House will be handicapped in this work if the members do not come through with more information about themselves and their families. Colonel Bill House's address is: Detroit Ordnance District, 1832 National Bank Building, Detroit 32, Michigan.

On Monday, June 3d, a class dinner was held at the Bear Mountain Inn. John Harvey Kane was the Toastmaster and called upon various members of the Class to make short speeches. He kept the party alive with his sparkling wit and amusing remarks. Telegrams and messages were read from the following members: *Walt Young*—from Los Angeles; *F. X. A. Purcell*—from San Francisco; *Freddie Munson*—also from San Francisco; *Bayshore* sent in his best wishes; from Tokyo came a message from *Pickens Collins*, *Hawthorne*, *Van Horne*, *Bowen*, and *Hickman*.

Both parties were a success and all present acknowledged our gratitude toward *Boone Gross* for his aid in these two affairs.

The following people were present: Van Syckle; The Kanes; Ankenbrandt; The Ehrgotts; Nelson; The Burns; Walker; The Van Meters; The Roomas; The Whites; Grizzard; The Sloans; Foehl; Connolly, C. F.; The Broadhursts; The Ennises; The Wades; The Ringlers; The Molloyes; Canham; The Grinders; Carter; The Readers; Peck; The Bradys; The Nurses; The Hank Rosses; The Heidners; and Bill Mills. Several old friends from 1925 joined us in the festivities. Billy Kost, 1925, former Secretary Association of Graduates, addressed us briefly, stressing the importance of keeping the Association of Graduates informed as to your address.

At the Round Pond meeting the members of the Class stood with bowed heads while the names of the following deceased classmates were called:—*Jimmy Andersen*, *Clair Conzelman*, *George Ehrhardt*, *Tommy Horton*, *Oscar James Levine*, *Charlie Meny*, *Dick O'Conner*, *Harlie Parks*, *Dick Pogue*, *Ed Raney*, *Dusty Rhodes*, *Duke Richardson*, *Fritz Scheffler*, *Gene Smallwood*, *George Smith*, *Jimmie Willis*, *Johnny Woodbridge*, and *Mike Yeomans*. Flowers were sent by the Class to the Cadet and Catholic Chapels at West Point "In memory of those in the Class of 1926 who have died"

On Wednesday, 5 June 1946, Miss Lucy Ann Burns married 2d Lt. Robert Duncan, Class of 1946, at the Cadet Chapel. Colonel Pinky Burns came all the way from Tokyo for the event. Chaplain Jack Walthour officiated at this beautiful wedding. Marty Maher, the Nurses, Readers, and Wades attended the ceremony in the Cadet Chapel and the reception afterwards at the Hotel Thayer.

The following voluntary contributions over and above any amounts asked for were received and have been deposited to the credit of our class fund: a \$1.00 bill in the mail from *Thurston*; a ten-spot from *Sparky Baird*, and five bucks from the Honorable *Fat Walker* who is wasting away to a shadow.

Brigadier General "Pooper" Doyle, Air Corps, has been transferred to a

station on the West Coast. The '26 Washingtonites will miss him.

—R. P. R.

## 1927

\*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 17.

Axup, R. W.  
Bleakney, W. R. F.  
Brown, C. B.  
Curtis, R. W.  
Dickerson, A. H.  
Gardner, F. S.  
Garland, E. B.  
Griffith, J. H.  
Hewitt, O. M.  
Kilgore, J. O.  
Kimm, V. M.  
Lepping, A. J.  
McNamee, W. L.  
Meredith, P. E.  
Miller, A. M.  
Miller, D. P.  
Moseley, G. V.  
Stober, M. F.  
Turner, R. G.  
West, R. J., Jr.  
Whitehouse, E.  
Williams, C. B.  
Williams, L. R.

The response to the circular letter has been fine; however, several have been returned due to changes in orders. please send us your latest address. We have had some excellent suggestions for a Memorial. . . let us have your idea before SEPT. 1. If you haven't received a letter of suggestions for the memorial write *Ray Bell* and he will send you a copy of it.

*Tom McManus* is back in San Francisco. *Paul Berrigan* is there also. *Ralph Mercer* leaves West Point soon. . . *Ray Stanton* has been home on leave from Japan. *John Kochevar* writes he has seen *Mid Condon* in Tokyo. *Bill Glasgow* and *Hutchison* are on General MacArthur's staff. . . According to *Mid Condon*, *Bud Coyle* was decapitated by the Japs. *Cocky Crume* and other classmates in Washington held a real "pow-wow" at the Army-Navy Club on June 7th. . . Among those present were, *Mos Asensio*, *Ed Chamberlain*, *Barney Daughtry*, *George Derby*, *Doug Douglas*, *Jazz Harron*, *Woody Hocker*, *Hank Hoefler*, *Buzz Howard*, *Max Johnson*, *Jack Lovell*, *George McGregor*, *Ed Mechting*, *Mac Miller* (recently married), *Marty Morin*, *Frank Ostenberg*, *Mucker Quinn*, *Antulio Segara*, *Jack Sterling*, *Milt Towner*, *Bunny Webb*, *Ted Weyher*, *Yachel Whatley*, *Ralph Zwicker* and *Chubby Roth*. Congratulations are in order for *Freddy Brown*, *Jim Collins*, *P. D. Ginder*, *Jack Sterling*, *Bill Verbeck*, *Ralph Zwicker* and *Ray Bell* who have been selected for the National War College. Course begins in September. *Trapnell* has been taking a refresher course and last heard from was at Fort Sill, Okla. "*Goober*" *Lamb* and *Larry Shaw* are in El Paso, Texas. *Ken Thiebaud* and *Hal Kurstedt* dropped in for June week. *Hawkins, D. C.*, is in Seattle, Wash. . . *Jack Stober* is doing well in the same city. . . *Dick Hartley* (ex '27) manages Cook's Travel Agency in San Francisco. *Nelly Fooks* and *Tommy Thompson* are at Benning. *Joe Felber* (ex '27) paid the Point a visit recently. *Dickerson* and *Bob Lowe* stopped in to say hello enroute to Europe. *M. T. Smith* (ex '27) who served as Chaplain (Col.) during the War is located at Dominican House of Studies, Washington, D. C. *Ham Hunter* is G-2ing with the V Corps. . . *Burghduff* is at Cornell

University, Ithaca, N. Y. . . R.O.T.C. *Henri Luebbermann* is at Fort Riley, Kansas. *Chris Nelson* is on Org. Reserve duty at Syracuse. Glad to hear *Chuck Stone* is in the East for station for the first time since graduation. . . He is Chief of Staff of Air Defense Command, Mitchel Field, L. I. *Trap* gave us a lot of dope in a recent letter. . . He found *Carl Graybeal* in 4th Army Hqs., San Antonio. *Hal Isaacson* at Sill and *Tommy Watlington* at Knox. . . *Jack Hines'* morale is as wonderful as ever. I want to correct an impression which some of you may have with respect to *Jack*. He was divorced in 1944. *Stan Meloy* recently reported to Texas A.&M. for duty. *Chubby Doan*, who has a wonderful war record, is now at Fort Knox on a A.G.F. Board. . . *Hans Holmer* is in Germany as Deputy Director of the Transport Division, O.M.G.U.S. He writes *Bill Pence* is in the same place in the Communications Section. . . *Bob White* is with A.S.F. at Marietta, Pa. *Bert Holtzworth* is with the Armored School at Fort Knox as Executive Officer. *George McCoy* when last heard from in April is taking care of air matters in the Panama Canal Department. *Francis Foster* is busy, as a civilian, in Little Rock, Ark. . . *Ralph Doty* has moved to San Diego, Cal., and is with Brown Military Academy. . . *Bob Aloe* is running the 17th Replacement Depot in Germany. *Dana McGowan* is getting a checkup at Martinsburg, W. Va. . . *Jack Schwab* has been promoted by Penn. R.R. and is now in Wilmington, Del. . . Congratulations. . . *Julian West* was recently commended for outstanding service in Headquarters Army Air Forces . . . as an Expert Consultant on electronics. . . *Harry McKinney* has been sitting on a R.A. Exam. Board, but is now back at Camp Robinson, Ark. . . *Bob Easton* was on the same board out at Fort Ord, Cal. . . *Bob Turner* passed through Ord not long ago enroute to join the Second Division at Fort Lewis, Wash. . . *Walter Johnson* has been on duty at Fort Benning. *George Asnip* is General Manager of Pendleton Manufacturing Co. at La France, S. C. . . *Larry Kuter* is commanding the Atlantic Division A.T.C. at Fort Totten, L. I. . . *Marion Moore* now at Lewisburg, W. Va., is doing a fine job at a Military Academy. . . *Fay Upthegrove* as well as *Ham Hunter* spent some time at Fort Dix, N. J. on a R.A. Interview Board. . . *Carlock* was stationed there, at the time. . . *Townsend, H. F.* writes he is commanding Ft. Ruger in Hawaii. . . nice going. . .

Gentlemen, this is about the roundup for this time. . . Drop us a line when you see a classmate and let us know what you are doing. . . This is your column. . . you make the news. . . we will see that it is printed. . .

—R. E. B.

## 1928

\*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 17.

Allen, F. G.  
Anderson, A. V. P.  
Bock, F. L.  
Boland, J. P.  
Boos, F. H.  
Breckinridge, W. M.  
Brennan, T. J., Jr.  
Brentnall, S. R.  
Brown, J. W.

Doidge, J. P.  
 Easton, R. L.  
 Falkner, J. H.  
 Holley, J. E.  
 Howard, R. A.  
 Jack, W.  
 Johns, W. E.  
 Johnson, W. P.  
 Koon, R. E.  
 Lawrence, G. H.  
 Leeds, C. T., Jr.  
 Lovejoy, J.  
 Matteson, W. J.  
 Middlebrooks, R. R.  
 Mitchell, P. J.  
 Morrow, J. J.  
 O'Connell, D. H.  
 Parham, A. H.  
 Pinkerton, C. R.  
 Pohl, M. G.  
 Ramey, R. M.  
 Reber, E. C.  
 Spivey, D. T.  
 Steed, T. W.  
 Stritzinger, F. G.  
 Tally, F. C.  
 Taylor, R. T.  
 Thayer, E. B.  
 Todd, W. E.  
 Vickers, L. T.  
 Watkins, G. M.  
 Wells, T. J.  
 Wetherill, R.  
 Will, G. F.  
 Wilson, D. M.

"Thanks to Adams and Harbold we have: these classmates in D.C. area: (A.A.F.) Anderson, F. L., Anderson, S. E., Briggs, Bunker, Everest, Goodrich, Harbold, Landon, Maxwell, Mills, Olive, Samford, Tate, Wilson, R. C.; (others): Anderson, W., Adams, Bain, Barnes, Billingsley, Breckinridge, Breden, Butler, Curran, Cralle, Daley, Dayharsh, Finlay, Frederick, Gilchrist, Green, Hathaway, Lamont, Lane, T. A., Lockett, Matthews, E. S., McGarr, McNamara, Michela, Oakes, Peddicord, Sawyer, Seeman, Tate, Totten, Watt, Webb and Wiley.

"Besides those 47 in Washington we know that Allan is in Tokyo; Brentnall in Berlin; Mundy in Manila; Cummings in Birmingham; Denniston, Fritzsche, Maeridian, Smith, D. B. and Smyser in Frankfurt; Frederick, S. F. bound; Hastings, Tarrant and Sherburne at U.S.M.A.; Mason at U. of Ala.; Myers at Bragg; Travis at Mitchel; Spivey at Barksdale; Walter at Sill; Wilkinson at Baltimore; Wells in T. H.; Grinstead at Ft. Mason; and Kissner in Azores.

"We lost during the war: Matthews, C. M., Mansfield, Davis, Beall, Fuller, Gibbs, Forrest, Kelly, King, McNair, Daly, Murtha, Thayer, Ivy, Lewis, Montgomery, Wilson, R. A., Williams, J. O., Meehan and Neary.

Fred and Sam Anderson and Bob Frederick still have two stars each; Everest, Harbold, Landon, Maxwell and Samford, one. Luke Finlay has five heirs, Tate and Oakes only four each, Jack having one three weeks old.

"This only accounts for eighty-eight. Write in and correct or add."

—T. L. S.

## 1929

\*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 17.

Abbott, W. T.  
 Anderson, R. L.  
 Angluin, D.  
 Andrews, R. W.  
 Blue, F. L.  
 Brewster, W. M.  
 Bryan, T. L., Jr.  
 Carns, E. H., Jr.  
 Cone, J. D.  
 Cooper, A. B.  
 Crary, J. D.  
 Cruise, E. E.  
 Du Bose, T. J.  
 Dwyre, D. G.  
 Easley, B., Jr.

Fink, R.  
 Fitzgibbons, J. J.  
 Francis, W. H.  
 French, D. R.  
 Gavin, J. M.  
 Geary, J. A.  
 Gilbert, O. H.  
 Greear, W. H.  
 Hannigan, J. P.  
 Hayden, E. C.  
 Heidland, E. F.  
 Herndon, C. B.  
 Hornor, J. L., Jr.  
 Horridge, H.  
 Hubbard, R. B.  
 Hughes, C. E.  
 Huglin, H. Q.  
 Hunter, C. N.  
 Kirn, W. T.  
 Kraus, W. E.  
 Longaker, N. S.  
 Love, R. L.  
 Lowry, D.  
 McCoy, J. W.  
 McKeefe, A.  
 Mautsby, W. E., Jr.  
 Mays, S. E.  
 Parr, W. H.  
 Poorman, D. A.  
 Quill, J. B.  
 Reilly, G. M.  
 Robbins, C. P., Jr.  
 Robey, P. H.  
 Sands, T. J.  
 Scott, R. L.  
 Shumate, P. L.  
 Smith, R. V. M.  
 Sprague, M. E.  
 Steinbeck, P. W., Jr.  
 Strader, R. B.  
 Strauss, R. V.  
 Talbot, W. M.  
 Treat, C. H.  
 Trotter, L. T. R.  
 Walker, D. F.  
 Watkins, K.  
 Whiteley, H. S.  
 Wilson, W. C.  
 Wright, E.

The following members put in an appearance at West Point during June Week, 1946: Bennett, Sands, Harkins, McAneny, Viney, Chandler, Nesbitt, Callery, Graul, McKeague, Griffith, Fellows, Elias, Talbot. Of these, Harkins, McAneny, Viney, Chandler, and Nesbitt are currently stationed at the Point. They, together with McKeague, Callery, Griffith, Fellows, and Talbot, got together for refreshments on Alumni Day, and all but Talbot attended a belated 15th Reunion dinner at Bear Mountain Inn. The attempt at a real reunion was somewhat of a flop, only 14 of the 50 expected returning. However, all present enjoyed the get-together.

Ran Kutz sent his regards from Europe where he expects to be another year. He is G-3 of a Division, U.S.F.E.T.

McDermid sent best wishes from Honolulu, where he runs a Sears Roebuck store, and is also Vice-President of the Chamber of Commerce and Commissioner of Police.

Fellows is attending an Asiatic Staff Officers Course at Yale. Not enough Pacific in his years as a P.O.W., I guess!

John Hammond has been in Japan since the 6th Army made its headquarters in Kyoto last fall.

Tom Hammond is in the American Embassy in Paris.

Weary Wilson sent his best to '29, stating that he had 3 more days as a B.G. and was on leave from India to make his family's acquaintance again. Going to St. Paul as District Engineer.

Jack Horton is busy occupying Germany as Chief of Military Personnel, Hq. U.S.A.F. in Europe. Harold Huglin, still wearing his star, was with him as A-3. He reports that McCartney had just left for the states.

Lefty Mace sent his regards from Fort Sill where he is Director of the Dept. of Communication.

Dan Doubleday reported "too much Crossroads" to enable him to return June Week.

Duwilly Williamson sent his regrets from duty with Military Staff Committee of the United Nations. He is Assist. U.S. Air Representative.

Bob Meyer hoped to return from Fort Monmouth, but didn't show up. Neither did the following from Washington who reported through Charlie Tench they were coming: Freddie Smith, Milwit, Lou Hammack, Bob Chard, Bozo McKee, Pierce, Thompson, M. R., Hayes, Brewster, Abe Lincoln, Bill Hall, Armstrong, and Tench. Apparently, things got busy down there between April and June!

Napier wrote from Randolph Field, Texas: have several for me.

Zip Millett is with the airborne at Benning. He's been showing his wares to the cadets.

Shrimp Griffith, who was with us both in body and spirit for 3 days, is now a farmer at Leesburg, Va. He's raising pheasants just for the fun of it. As always, fun out of everything for the Kid!

John Theimer, from the Naval Gunfire Liaison School, wrote "he wished he could attend".

Swede Svensson, attending the Command class at Fort Leavenworth, wrote that McNally, Charlie Allen, Bat Carns, and Snuffy Bowyer were with him. In the Staff Class were Lank de Riemer, Hugh Stevenson, and Red Reynolds. Roger Browne is an Instructor in the C.&G.S.S.

Kai Rasmussen is Commandant of the Language School.

Tiny Jark paid a visit to West Point in May. He is Exec at the F.A. School.

Doby Kraft sent best regards from Indianapolis, where he is manager of the Industry Study Dept. of Eli Lilly & Co.

Pinky Wetzel was in Manila in May, expecting an immediate transfer to Tokyo.

Bob Ward was at West Point in May, on a business visit from Washington.

Rumor has it that Dave Angluin, Congdon, Joe Lovell, Howard Pearson and George Evans are all retired.

Johnnie Nichols is back in civil life, where he is Treasurer of Guantanamo Sugar Co., New York City. Callery has returned to civil life as a lawyer in Weehawken. Johnnie Nesbitt expects to return to Sullivan's School this month.

McKeague, who was one of our two classmates not commissioned on graduation, left his job as a statistician in 1940 for a commission, now granted, and served notably during the war in the Transportation Corps. He hopes for a regular army commission.

Barber expected to be on his way to Fort Baker (C.A. School) by June.

Renshaw left May 1 for the Philippines. Daddy Woods is now at Hdqtrs. VI Army, Presidio of San Francisco. Don Graul, now at Watson Laboratories, Red Bank, N. J. was at West Point on June 1 and 2, when he had a private reunion with Griffith and McAneny. Greeley writes that he saw Mautsby in Washington. Greeley is now stationed at Dallas, Texas.

*Luster Vickrey* is Chief of Real Estate Division, Kanagawa Mil. Gov. Dist. of Japan.

*Dwight Schannep* is Staff Engr. to the Fifth Air Force.

*Dud Wiegand* announces the birth of Marguerite Claire in Guatemala, where he is advisor to the Military School.

*Fred Sladen* is a member of the Joint War Plans Committee.

*Philip Merrill* is on duty with the Separation Center and a member of the Reg. Army Interview Board at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin.

*Tom Lynch* is Chief, Air Base Services Division, VII A.S.A.C.

*Sam Silver* is Assist. G-4, Hdqtrs. U.S.A.F. China.

*Daddy Sykes* is reported in Chief Engineer's Office, Operations Division, A.F.P.A.C.

*Huntley Bassett* is Chief of Weather Service and C.O. 59th Weather Wing, E.T.O.

*Lewie Bell* is Theater Ordnance Officer for India-Burma.

*Charlie McClelland* is Chief Liaison Section, E.T.O.

*Bill Vestal* is Dep. C. of S., Hq. Continental Base Section, E.T.O.

*Jim Harding* is C.O. Worcester Military District, O.R.A., Worcester, Mass.

*Ed Conley* is reported with the Maintenance Div., Army Service Forces.

*Frank Merrill* is Chief of Staff of Sixth Army. He lectured to cadets at West Point in April on his Marauders. Daddy Woods is with the Sixth, also.

*Dick Carpenter* was retired in February. He is now a professional artist in Chicago.

*Bob Cook* is a student at Naval War College in Newport, R. I.

*Bork* is in Japan, Hq. Eighth Army, doing War Crimes and J.A. duty.

*Calloway* is Assist. G-4, W.D.G.S.

*George Evans* is Mgr. of Distribution for U.S. Gypsum Co., Staten Island, N. Y.

*Paul Freeman* is in Brazil on Joint Brazil-U.S. Mil. Commission.

*Hugh Mackintosh* is at Fort Bragg, Army Quartermaster, Hq. First Army.

*Charlie Rau* has just arrived at Presidio of San Francisco, Hq. Sixth Army.

*Harry Montgomery* is Chief of Standards, A.S.-4, Hq. A.A.F.

*Dick Wentworth* is G-2 of Div., E.T.O.

*Larry Guyer* is with the Historical Section, U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff.

*Sid Ofsthan* is at the Air University, Maxwell Field, Ala.

*Bill Hall* has been reported to have a new job as Air Force Representative on Gen. Eisenhower's staff.

*Don Keirn* was Dep. Chief, Power Plant Lab. at Wright Field in April.

*Bob Crandall* has been G-2 Div., Chief of Censorship Branch, in E.T.O.

*Jim Ostrand* has been Chief of Research and Development Div., O.C.E.

*Charlie Tench* has been reported as taking a new job with General Richards in the Budget Division.

*Fred Dent* is Chief of Aircraft and Physical Reg. Subdivision, Wright Field.

*Paul Thompson* was Chief Information and Education Div., E.T.O., in April.

*Herb Milwit* is in the Mil. Intelligence Div., O.C.E.

*Fred Chaffee* has been G-3 of Section, A.F.P.A.C., since 1944.

*Army Armstrong* has been busy electing President Truman, as Colonel, to Honorary Presidency of the F.A. Association. The Field Artillery Journal is full of "Army".

*Joe Ranck* is Q.M. Supply Officer at the Columbus A.S.F. Depot.

*Bob Chandler* is Staff Judge Advocate, U.S.M.A.

*Roy Hattan* is C.O. of 209th F.A.

*Jack LaPage* is attending the Latin-American Post Hostilities Course at the Univ. of Michigan.

*McCulla* is a student, Interim Course, at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

"Oink" *Poinier* has been Director, Dept. of Materiel, F.A.S.

*Chauncey Bennett* is a Sales Engineer for the Bendix Aviation Corp., N. J.

*Paul Harkins* is currently Exec. Officer of the Dept. of Tactics, U.S.M.A.

*Tom Taylor* has been Director of O.C.S. and Gen. instructor Dept. T.A.S., at Knox.

*Neville Buck* is Exec. Off. of Ground Force Div., Air University, Maxwell Field, Ala.

*Paul Caraway* is Assist. Military Attache at the Embassy in London.

*Elmer Kirkpatrick* has been Deputy District Engineer and C.O., Clinton Engineer Works, Oak Ridge, Tenn.

*Bozo McKee* was still Chief of Staff, Air Transport Command, in Washington in April.

*Vittrup* has been holding down the job of Liaison Officer with State Dept. for Operations Div., W.D.G.S.

*Lon Hammack* is G-3 Section, Hq. A.G.F.

*Dan Quinn* is on terminal leave awaiting retirement.

*Parks* is G-1, Personnel Div., W.D.G.S.

*Marshall Stubbs* is Chief of Control Branch, G-3 Div., E.T.O.

*Seitz* is on the Faculty Board at Fort Benning.

*Ralph Cooper* is Artillery Instructor, Air. C.&S. School, Air University, Maxwell Field, Ala.

*Bill Shimonek* was retired in Feb. and is now at Boulder, Colorado.

*Red Hill* is Commandant, Engr. Training Center, E.T.O.

*Jim Evans* is on the Faculty and Staff of the F.A. School.

*Andy Samuels* is G-1 Section in Hawaii, U.S.A.F.M.I.D.P.A.C.

*Jim Beynon* is in the Plans Section of A.G.F.

*Jack O'Hara* is in the Office of Assist. Chief of Staff, Hq. A.A.F.

*Bill Hamlin* has been Chief of Military Training Branch, O. Chief Sig. Off.

*Mackenzie* is Chief Quartermaster, Mid. Pacific Theater.

*Lasher* is Chief of Commercial Traffic Service, Inland Transportation, Washington.

*Red Thompson* and *Phil Draper* have just recently been ordered to West Point for their second tours of duty there.

Congratulations, *Majors!*

—MCA.

1930

\*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 17.

Alexander, D. S.  
Anderson, H. C.  
Ausman, N. E.  
Baker, D. H.  
Blanchard, P. W.  
Bristol, R. M.  
Brooks, H. E.  
Brunzell, R. L.  
Chalmers, P. A.  
Clarke, C. H.  
Cloud, C. C., Jr.  
Cron, R. E., Jr.  
Eastburn, C. P.  
Edgar, T. I.  
Emery, R. G.  
Ganey, W. D.  
Gibbs, G. W.  
Haas, C. W.  
Harding, M. L.  
Haskell, J. F.  
Heath, L. T.  
Heimerdinger, E. H.  
Howze, H. H.  
James, J. E.  
Kelley, S. P.  
Kilborn, J. C.  
Kimpton, T. R.  
Kowalski, F., Jr.  
Kromer, P. F., Jr.  
Kunzig, H. B.  
Landon, K. M.  
Lee, M. J.  
Luckett, J.  
Miller, J. A.  
Muth, R. W.  
Neal, N. A.  
Pauley, J. L.  
Pradisidh, S.  
Smith, S.  
Stevens, E. S.  
Sudasna, C.  
Taylor, D. H.  
Taylor, W. N.  
Walsh, B.  
Watson, R. J.  
Wright, A. M.

Another June Week has come and gone. At the Alumni Exercises and Review, '30 was represented by *Swofford*, *Sisson* and *Moore* from West Point, *Joe Twyman* from Fort H. G. Wright, *Bob Wood* from the Pentagon and *Carl Fernstrom* who is on leave resting up.

The Kings County New York Veterans of Foreign Wars instituted the Frederick W. Castle Post in honor of *Freddie Castle* on May 24th.

"*Stu*" *Crawford* wrote from Fort Sill that he and his wife and two girls are firmly dug in there. Also at Sill are *Tommy* and Mrs. *Dunn* and their daughter, *Jimmie* and Mrs. *Wilson* with two girls and a boy, *George* and Mrs. *Gibbs* with one boy and one girl.

A letter from *George Duehring*, whose address is Civil Affairs Division, the Pentagon, Washington, D. C., said that while on a recent trip through Europe he saw: *Jack Pauley* in Vienna with Hq. U.S.F.A.; "*Sammy*" *Morrow* in Munich with the 9th Div. Arty.; "*Happy*" *Brooks*, "*Gundy*" *Gunderson*, "*Chuck*" *Heitman* and *John Guthrie* in Heidelberg with the 3d Army; *George Schlatter* at Hq. XII, T.A.C.; *Paul Ruestow* in Wiesbaden, A-4 of U.S.A.F.E.; *Bill Whipple* in Berlin with the Office of Military Government (U.S.); *Noel Neale* in Berlin with Military Government, Berlin Dist.; *Paul Chalmers* in Frankfurt with Hq. Command U.S.F.E.T.; *Charlie Olin* in Frankfurt, C.O., 3118 Sig. Service Group and *Bus Kenney* in Wiesbaden.

When last seen *Pospisil* was in Regensburg with Det. E-204, Co. D, 3rd M.G. Regt., A.P.O. 403 c/o P.M., N.Y.C. His wife is in Wilbur, Nebraska.

—N. D. Moore.

## 1931

\*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 17.

Carlisle, J. H.  
Cusack, G. K.  
Gallup, W. F.  
Hogan, A. H.  
Leinster, R. L.  
MacLachlan, C. L.  
McGowen, C. D.  
Passarella, P. F.  
Patterson, D. R.  
Rodgers, L. H.  
Young, M. C.

There was only one disappointment about the 15th reunion; there weren't enough of you here. But those of us who did attend elected ourselves a quorum and proceeded to have a good time. The stag party on 2 June in the 26th and 27th divs was a lively affair. *Dave Hutchison* showed us that he has learned something during the war other than to fly, and as a result, many of us were scurrying around the next morning trying to cash checks. On the morning of 3 June, our class tree was dedicated by *Sherwood Reed*, the class godson, son of *Howard Reed* and *Kaye*. After a few mumbled remarks by *Ambly Hughes*, who arose from his bed for the occasion, we started to get ready for the party at Round Pond. A good roast beef dinner, with all the trimmings was the highlight there. *Deke Roller* provided some film taken in New Guinea and put on a movie for us, supplemented by sound pictures of the 1944 football season. After the graduation exercises the next morning, the gang started to break up, already looking ahead five years to the 20th.

Among those who couldn't make it, but who put on a 15th reunion of their own over in Tokyo at the Imperial Hotel, were *Brown, E. A., Buck, Damberg, Hickey, Big Swede Carlson, Little Swede Carlson, Bob Hackett, Cave, Bell, W. J., Walt Ellis, Alex Sutherland, Hoover, Gallup, Johnnie Westermeier, Phil Bethune, and Macaleer*. In his letter, *Bob Hackett* sent a one-yen note signed by the above, with the addition of *Purnell*.

*Charlie* and *Anita Raymond*, stationed here at the Point, became the parents of their third son, *Thomas Mayhew* on 29 April. Also, a daughter was born to *Ken* and *Mrs. McCrimmon* at Walter Reed Hospital on 13 March.

*Ed Messinger* left for station in Costa Rica immediately after attending the reunion. *Tom Stayton* has assumed command of the Coast Artillery detachment here. *Jack Daley* has arrived here to become assistant professor in the Physics Department.

You'll get the rest of your news by reading the class book, which was edited by *Al Greene* and his confederates in Wash., D. C. and printed under the supervision of *Scott Dickson* of the M.T.&G. Dept. If you haven't yet sent in your questionnaire and two bucks to *John Waters*, 3900 Tunlaw Road, Wash., D.C., do so, and your copy of the book will be sent to you pronto.

## 1932

\*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 17.

Bruckner, W. H.  
Cary, H. T.  
Clark, E.  
Coiner, R. T.  
Cowan, G.  
Descheneaux, G. L.  
Ellery, F. W.  
Fraser, W. B.  
Glatterer, M. S.  
Hoehl, F. R.  
Horner, S. W.  
Howarth, A. E. R.  
Huber, W. R.  
Iseley, C. M.  
Jamison, F. G.  
Kambhu, M. L. C. C.  
McConnell, J. P.  
McCormack, J., Jr.  
Mullikin, O. W.  
Murray, C. R.  
Rowan, E. M.  
Seaward, G. W.  
Stoltz, A. E.  
Sundt, H. S.  
Teller, G. C.  
Tiffany, K. E.  
Wheeler, E. G.  
Williams, R. L., Jr.  
Winston, E. G.

June Week was extended an additional day (as if it needed it) for the resident members of the Class by a farewell party for *Jake* and *Harriet Hassmann* at Bear Mountain Inn. *Jake* is now on terminal leave in Cincinnati preparing to return to civilian life and as yet has not decided where he will finally dig in. We all owe him special thanks for turning out a very lively and informative column in this publication during the past year. One of his last official acts was to team up with *Webster* and elect me (2-0) as his replacement. Please address all correspondence to me here, c/o the Electricity Department, and do it often. As it now stands, the local lineup for next year will include *Bill Hood*, the newsman's friend in the P.R.O.; *Bruce McLane* in drawing; *Wally Thinnies*, German; *Harley Trice*, when he gets finished with Cornell and Middlebury late this summer, to head the Russian Department; *Benny Webster* and me. *Benny* still commands *Stewart Field*, which he took over after returning from commanding the 8th Fighter Command in the final 6 months of combat in Europe. The new consolidated West Point Prep School for Army appointees will also be located at *Stewart*. During June Week *Click Rees* and *Joe Kelly*, both of the A.A.F. Training Command, *Barksdale Field*, spent a few days on the post. *Al Schrader* stopped in and reported that he will soon go to Harvard for a year of Business Administration. *Norman Ford*, who is currently teaching at N.Y.M.A. and is considering an offer from *Norwich University*, dropped in on us a few times during June Week.

Another very nice letter from *Gale (Mrs. Gary) Hall* reveals that *Hutchison* is now A-1 of the 5th Air Force en route from Tokyo to Nagoya, Japan; *Robot Beach* and *Roland Bower* are at Sill; *Jimmy Godwin* is J.A. of III Corps at Camp Polk, and all of the following are at Leavenworth as students or instructors: *Price, Dryer, Gavin, Adams, Wray, Praband, Saricki, Coutts, Head, Horner, Hewitt, Kumpe, Power, Goodrich, and Pryor*. She also states that *Charley Baer, Bob Moore, Rush Lincoln, Walt Tisdale* and *Gary Hall* kept the 1932 table afloat at the West Point dinner in Manila.

*Bob Terrill* writes that he last saw *Don Hardy* and *Hot Rock McConnell* in Shanghai, and *Bill Smith, Frank Britton, D. B. Johnson, By Page, Chih Wang, Frank Besson* and *Archie Lyon* in Tokyo. *Chip Lavigne* is on terminal leave in Detroit having been retired a couple of years ago for physical disability and recalled immediately to active duty. He states he is actually in the best of health, incidentally, and will outlive all of us. He intends to take a graduate course at the University of Colorado this fall and we can only conclude that he is finally about to remake the educational system of the country as he threatened to do when he was a yearling. A publicity release from Ft. Meade reveals that *Jack Ondrick* was married there to *Miss Patricia Hodgins*, niece of Colonel and *Mrs. J. P. Crehan* of the Field Artillery, on May 29th. The release says the bride was resplendent in a gown of white satin, etc., and *Jack* (by inference) in a self-satisfied smirk. For those who did not know it, *Jack* commanded the 309th Infantry of the 78th Division in combat. *Todd Slade* from Okinawa writes enclosing a menu and program of the West Point dinner there, which was apparently as well attended by natives as it was by graduates. The former had a little trouble with the words to the songs, but apparently did very well with the music.

*Ell Davis* wrote from Washington describing a dinner dance in Washington attended by some 40 classmates with their more or less happy wives, and enclosed a check representing the surplus, for the class fund. This admirable practice is encouraged in 1932 clubs throughout the world and will help us greatly in organizing the reunion next June.

Some interesting information from the Register of Graduates questionnaires that have recently arrived: *Ash Manhart* had a little girl, *Gail*, born in April to join four year old *Michael H.*; the *Stan Wray's* had their third boy a year ago which is fair progress, but still leaves him one down on *Taffy Abell* (Chief of Staff, Seine Base Section); *Robot Beach*, who commanded the 24th Division Artillery in the Pacific, and is now at the Field Artillery School, and *Bill Little* of the Pentagon Littles, (Did I hear someone bid 5?). *Bill Masello* was wounded four times, the last three within twelve days, at *Corregidor* before going on a forty month's diet as a Japanese P.O.W. We sincerely hope that the lack of vitamins did not cause him to lose his hair. *Chih Wang*, as most of you know, married one of his countrywomen in 1937 and has a boy and a girl. Since 1944 he has been a major general of the Chinese Army, which makes him the highest ranking member of our class, and no holds barred.

*Floyd Hanson* is Ordnance Officer and *Bugs Cairns* Assistant G-3 of the 1st Army at Bragg. *Dave Schorr* is Director of Training of the Airborne School at Benning and *Stan Stewart* is A-2 of the Fifth Air Force in Tokyo. *George Mather* is en route to the Headquarters of the Caribbean Defense Command.

*Ray Stecker* has returned to civilian life with 10 clusters on his Air Medal and can be reached at Salem, Mass.

Honest Tom Darcy is easily the fruit salad champ with 18 ribbons, beginning with a D.S.M., in addition to his Command Pilot's Wings. Eight of the decorations are from grateful foreign countries, all of them on our side during the war. Johnny Bowen, who in our book is one of the best shooting soldiers in our class, based on personal observation on the way he ran the 26th Infantry during a year and a half of combat, is now Secretary of the War Department General Staff. Wayne Barlow states he will shortly be retired for physical disability but includes no other details.

Bill Smith is in Oakridge, Tenn., on the Atom Bomb project.

In conclusion, there have been indications from classmates all over that they intend to make our 15th reunion next year the best ever, since the war virtually cancelled our 10th. Those of us who are stationed here will do everything we possibly can to make it that way, and will start active planning (that wonderful word again) in September. There are only a few of us, however, and we are absolutely helpless without response from you, so please start writing now to maintain a little closer contact throughout this year, and respond the first time to the letters we send out. Send in suggestions or ideas for our reunion at any time and we shall do our best to include them all.

—Zitzman.

## 1933

\*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 17.

Armitage, J. D.  
Armstrong, J. G.  
Bashein, I.  
Burkhalter, H. N., Jr.  
Cahill, E. M.  
Cepeda, E. S.  
Cyr, A. R.  
Danis, J. J.  
Doleman, E. C.  
Edwards, M. O.  
Engler, J. E.  
Eyler, G. M.  
Flynn, T. D.  
Gallagher, R. E.  
Gibb, F. W.  
Given, W. J.  
Greco, E. J.  
Grubbs, S. D., Jr.  
Hale, E. J.  
Haskin, M. L.  
Herb, E. G.  
Hine, D. L.  
Hoebeker, A. L.  
Jackson, N. P.  
James, N. C.  
Jensen, W. A.  
Kibler, E. H.  
King, V. H.  
Kleitz, A. F.  
Lewis, J. H.  
Leydecker, C. E.  
Lonning, S. N.  
Macherey, E. J.  
Mack, S. B.  
Mathews, J. L.  
McCrary, A. A.  
Meals, R. W.  
Merriam, L. W.  
Miller, A. A.  
O'Reilly, J. D.  
Parr, I. W.  
Pearson, J. P.  
Pittman, J. M.  
Quinn, W. W.  
Ratcliffe, L. C.  
Rayburn, R. W.  
Richardson, J. V.  
Sellers, R. W.  
Shields, J. B.  
Shinberger, J. B.  
Simpson, G. C.  
Skinner, J. H.  
Smith, F. G.  
Stube, L. L.  
Taylor, E. G.  
Thompson, W. H.

Vidal, F. L., Jr.  
Wagstaff, D.  
Whellhan, W. P.  
White, G. W.

Very few of the class were at West Point for the June Week exercises. Charley Wynne was observed around the premises during this period. Bill Calhoun has reported for duty at West Point with the F.A. Detachment. John Honeycutt is due to arrive at West Point shortly. Jack Dimond can probably use John over in the fencing room this winter. Dick Montgomery is based at Grand Island, Nebraska, as C.O. of the 449th Bombardment Group. Dick expects to go to Alaska this fall. Russ Broshous has taken over the Engineer Detachment at West Point. Bernard Card and Buck Vansant are located nearby at Mitchel Field. Rod Gott has exchanged his uniform for mufti and has settled down in a vine covered cottage in Scarsdale. Bing Downing took time off from his job as Assistant Professor of Mechanics during June Week in order to record the June Week activities on celluloid. Howie Webster has been located at his home in Cornwall for a brief period. Expects to go back overseas shortly. Gerald Chapman and Herb Plapp are instructing at the F.A. School. Bob Lawlor after serving time in the P.I., Japan, and Manchuria is visiting various schools and posts as part of a refresher course. Gordy Bartlett is headed for London. Hackman has been studying Physics at the University of Va. Bob Hain and Bert Sparrow are located in O.P.D. Washington. Marcus Tague after finishing his class at Leavenworth has an amphibious job with the Navy in Coronado. Ben Thompson is back in civilian life as an attorney in Los Angeles. Butch Baumer is based in Paree as a military adviser. Gerry Roberson is teaching Combined Arms at the F.A.S. Bob Arnette is Comm. at Okla. Mil. Academy. Ab Huntsberry completed the course at Leavenworth. Doug Gilbert has been giving a series of picnics at Delafield trying to make up for time lost during the past few years. Don Cubbison is on the A.G.F. Board at Benning. Harry King came to West Point prior to Graduation and was welcomed by a host of friends in all classes. Harry spurred the Army lacrosse team on against Navy but we wound up a few goals shy. Ralph Talbot is on an A.G.F. Board at Fort Ord. Dick King is C.O. 498th Bomb Gp. at MacDill Field. Graydon Essman is military attache in London. Clyde Hilder is writing technical literature in Toledo, Ohio. Hartel is way down in Puerto Rico. Pete Clainos is P.M.S. &T. at Ripon College, Wis. Ed Ehlen has taken over as Quartermaster at West Point. Joe Jimenez is a "mayor" in the Venezuelan Army and is based at Caracas.

## 1934

\*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 17.

Arosemena, B. M.  
Beyma, S. R.  
Bilbo, T. G., Jr.  
Bolland, G. L.  
Brown, P. S.  
Browning, H. W.  
Buehler, J. P.  
Cunin, K. A.  
Dany, G. B.

Davall, H. C.  
Davis, E. O.  
Diefendorf, J. E., Jr.  
Eatman, G. L.  
Fajardo, G. T.  
Gooch, S. W.  
Gould, K. T.  
Hayes, T. H.  
Hennigar, P. T.  
Hillyard, H. L.  
Hollingsworth, D. L.  
Holzafo, W. J.  
Howard, C. M.  
Hyser, R. C.  
Ingram, L. L.  
Johnson, J. L.  
Kemble, F.  
Kushner, G. L.  
Lamb, V. S.  
Lard, H. E.  
Lawlor, J. D.  
McKee, R. L.  
McMahan, S. J.  
Maniove, A. W.  
Mead, J. E.  
Mullen, E. J., Jr.  
Richardson, J. B., Jr.  
Rogers, W. L.  
Sanders, H. L.  
Shaughnessy, L.  
Simenson, C. G.  
Squier, J. H.  
Stark, J. J.  
Turner, H. F.  
Turner, P. L., Jr.  
Upham, H. H.  
Valdez, E.  
Ward, N. P.  
Warner, G. G.  
Warren, R. B.  
Winkle, C. B.  
Womack, C. D.  
Wood, C. H.

A gathering of the clan at Red Higgins' quarters for a June Week 1934 get-together following Graduation Parade found us short in numbers but long in spirit. The old West Point standbys Weitzel, Hoffman, Tate, and Smoller have been reinforced by Andrews, Jablonsky, Crystal and Kenerick. Charlie Johnson and the Mrs. up from Benning, where he is Secretary of the Infantry School, and Gilman, A.G.F. Liaison Officer with G.E. in Schenectady, N. Y., and Frances were the only couples able to pull up stakes to see what June Week was all about. Jabbo and Weitzel went all out on a barbecue that topped the evening off.

Charlie Johnson gave the news of Benning. Russ Jenna commands the 25th Infantry Regiment, Bill Mullin is in the Weapons Section of the Academic Department; Alex and Mim Stuart still like those picnics when he's not too busy being O.P.D. representative on A.G.F. Board No. 3; Kermit Davis is an artillery instructor at the Infantry School; Ronald Martin is a member of A.G.F. Board No. 3, where he works hard all day and then rushes home to his four queens.

Then we understand that McLellan, a recent transfer to the T.C., is still deadbeating in Washington; Tom Foote is back on T.D. from Germany; Hank Neilson is in Salzburg; Lutrell is with the diplomatic service in South America.

Bill Gross, now C./S. for 3rd A.F., flew in the sixth of June from Greenville, S. C. for an airborne demonstration given to the cadets. He had seen Bill Stone at Langley Field and reports that Bill, Myra and the children are fine, and that Bill is due to go to Washington, D. C. for assignment. Bill Shuck is schooling in Boston. Johnny Hutchison has recently been assigned to the Pers. and Adm. Division, W.D.G.S. (11 June 1946 reorganization, G-1 to you!). He has bought a house and expects to be joined by Beverly and little Johnny soon; Jeff Mosley, Surratt, and

Paul Ashworth are getting their higher education at the C.G.S.S.

Dick Moorman is attending classes at the Univ. of Illinois at the start of a year and a half course—it must be good! June is still in Hampton, Va. with the youngsters. Jack (Jake?) Stark was last seen in the vicinity of the maternity ward of Walter Reed General Hospital. He was here on leave from the 7th A.F. in Okinawa and expected to go back. Jack Renfro is due back for duty at West Point any day now. Tom Crystal goes to Princeton for a year of concentrated study, after which he will return to the Dept. of E.G.&H. here. Joe Piram is in Frankfurt while Phyllis holds the fort in San Antonio. Bill Tank is surrounding himself with beautiful women down Washington way—Priscilla having presented him with a third daughter in December. Chick and Harriet Andrews have a brand new bouncing boy. J. T. (Bing) Hillis has returned to his law practice in Logansport, Indiana after giving four of the best years of his life to Uncle Sam. Bing spent the war years in Washington, first in Hq. A.A.F. and later as Secretary of the Joint War Plans Committee under J.C.S. It was his duty and privilege to attend the high level conferences at Cairo and Teheran in early 1945.

Bob Finkenaur, who has handled the "34" news column since its inception, except for several issues, when Johnny Stevens carried on, has pulled up stakes and is on his way to Shanghai. Jeanne and the two boys are settling down near Newburgh, awaiting the call.

A rising vote of thanks from the entire class is due Bob for his fine work in gathering and disseminating the news during the war years when people were constantly on the move and news was hard to collect albeit plentiful. We know that he's one field correspondent who will dutifully collect all news items from his sphere of influence and send them in. As the success of this column depends largely upon letter reports from our scattered forces, it is requested that when time is heavy on YOUR hands some evening YOU take pen in hand and scribble a line about yourself and your acquaintances and forward it to—

—Kenerick.

### 1935

\*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 17.

Blackburne, G., Jr.  
Booth, R. M.  
Boyle, A. J.  
Brown, J. K., Jr.  
Cherry, H. T., Jr.  
Cole, J. D., Jr.  
Critz, H. H.  
Culver, G. P.  
DeArmond, D. A.  
Egy, W. L.  
Elliget, D. A.  
Ellsworth, R. E.  
Everett, W. S.  
Fiore, C. F.  
Grieves, W. P.  
Haines, R. E., Jr.  
Herald, F. R.  
Howell, J. N.  
Ingram, D. E.  
Jeffus, C. J.  
Johnson, E. C.  
Knowles, S. B.  
Lashley, R. O.  
Mosby, J. T.  
Rosen, M. L.  
Simpson, W. A.

Strauss, R. H.  
Wallace, D. C.  
Wright, J. R., Jr.

The far reaches of the P.I. bring us a little news. At the W.P. dinner in the A.&N. Club in Manila were the following (drinking TUBA): Breakefield, Rynearson, Niles, Harden, Thayer, Fickel, Bower.

Bill O'Neal wrote in April from Leyte that Rutte was also in that neighborhood with the 1st Philippine Infantry, U.S.A.

Our contingent at West Point swings and sways with the tide. Sims and Al Johnson have returned to "cit" life. Mill Taylor has departed for Europe, with Stanton all set to go at an early date. On the other side of the ledger Reuben Tucker (chute and all) has descended on the Tac Dept. with Throckmorton and Les Wheeler due to report in at any time. Stan T.B. Johnson is also reputed to be on the way to the Academic Division. Davis, J. J., Dick and Rhoades are susceptible to letters from a few of you reading this to help swell up the class news next time.

During June Week, Bryde, Totten and Anderson cast jaundiced eyes at the Corps but admitted they (the cadets) were as good as ever. Guess the gates to hell are closed for repairs! Tommy Musgrave threatened to come up but if he did we are awfully mad for he didn't ring any doorbells. A telephone call from "( )" Morris, we think, placed him in these parts during early June.

Now for the news of news. After battling through 150 odd personal history briefs from those who sent them back, it is noted a lot of you claim to be brave, gallant, fearless Fodicks but the blue ribbon goes to Ellerson by virtue of being far out in front with 4 (four) (IV) kids.

### 1936

\*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 17.

Green, P. S.  
Holderness, S. W.  
Holmes, E. S.  
Hughes, J. R.  
Jackson, L. A.  
Jordan, W. H.  
Kelly, J. R.  
LeMoyné, McP.  
Lind, H. D.  
Lockhart, E. E.  
Monteith, D.  
Norman, F. P., Jr.  
Prosser, C. M.  
Punsalan y Florez, L.  
Rickenbaugh, C. L.  
Singletary, J. R., Jr.  
Spencer, N. C., Jr.  
Steele, W. S.  
Walker, F. L., Jr.  
Williams, J. M.

Well, the 10th Reunion has! And it sure was great to see those of the rabble who could make it. Those here included: Michaelis, Clifton, Cato, Finkel, Miles, Steele, Joyce, True, Perkins, Breaks, Chaffin, Pack, Gage, Gillespie, Noake, Ripple, Snyder, Austin, Jansen, Lee, Goodwin, Oswald, Kelly, J. E., Landrum, Bess, Safford, Griffith, Holton, Shea, L. C., Mohlere, O'Brien, Carmichael, Hartman, Whipple, Segrist, Hiester, Clark, Blodgett, Billingslea, Dorland, Milne, and Goldenberg.

Most of the above turned out for the meeting and dinner at the Bear Mountain Inn, where the chow and re-

freshments were first rate. The home contingent from U.S.M.A. made certain proposals, and after a good bit of discussion it was agreed:

1. That there be maintained a Class Fund to cover expenses incurred here by the Secretary and Treasurer acting for the Class.

2. That permanent officers of the Class who have died since Graduation, be not permanently replaced.

3. That the officers stationed at West Point be authorized by the Class to select an acting Class Secretary and Treasurer for the purpose of conducting class enterprises from a Headquarters at the Academy.

4. That a Ten Year Book, under the able supervision of Clifton, be prepared as soon as possible.

Some sidelights on the reunion: Joyce and Gage were all spiffed out in civvies and the envy of everyone present. Joyce is in the process of rebuilding Chicago and Gage will sell you anything General Motors makes, when he can get it at his plant up Buffalo way. Segrist is on the way back to his air conditioning business and L. C. Shea leaves U.S.M.A. in a couple of days—Destination Tokyo.

Washington was well represented and it's too bad more of the Pentagonites couldn't make the trip north. But what might have happened to the War Department if all of '36 had pulled out at once?

The Usmay group has decided to slug Hiester with the job of Secretary and Bess the task of Treasurer. So if you want any information write them or any of the rest of us up here including Safford, Finkel, Landrum, Mohlere, McCabe, Noake, or J. E. Kelly.

By the time the next issue comes out we hope to have most of the correct addresses of our classmates. If you have not sent yours in, please send it at once. Don't forget those biographies for our 10-Year Book. In short—get the poop in!

Congratulations, Captain!

### 1937

\*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 17.

Black, W. L.  
Browning, J. W.  
Diehl, C. H., Jr.  
Pfeffer, C. A., Jr.  
Porterfield, B. M.  
Stiegler, H. L.

Well another June Week and our NINTH anniversary has come and gone; and probably because most of the Class is saving up its health and wealth for the big show next year, very few of us except the cave dwellers up here were on hand for the recent well acquitted activities. Up for Alumni exercises, however, were Dave and Evelyn Nye, "B-hurst", Bob Stumpf, Gill and Gene Easton, and Bud Hines; and together with those of us on Duty at West Point and now increased by Johnnie Johnson (F.A. Det.) and Eph Graham (Tac), they constituted the Class representation. All in all, it was very pleasant. Somewhat exhausting, but only a Preview to 1947, I predict.

We are not too long on news of the Class for this edition. It's funny how apparently some classes are letter writ-

ers and some are not. It looks as though ours falls into the latter category. But here's what there is, dished out in the typically overbaked a la Winch technique:

*From the Moans and Aches Department:*

*Gashouse Martin*, still in Pentagonia, and as he writes, slowly going crazy in distinguished company. He's been working on details for CROSSROADS. *Peter Hyzer* is holding down the Awards and Decorations desk in G-1, W.D.G.S. His motto is "a Purple Belly Button for any friend". He's a good man to know. He also says he has his problems! Me, *McKinley*, trying to write this column with rather limited news. The returns from the Association of Graduates questionnaire have been fair; however, many are being returned to us as undeliverable since the addresses used to mail them out were obsolete. If you have not received a questionnaire or know of any classmate who hasn't received one, will you please drop a note to *Scotty Hall* (L. A. Hall) here at West Point. Also send him a note on any change of address, etc. Come on, you all want to see your names in print.

*From the "last heard from at" department:*

A note from *Tom Holdiman* states he and *Bob Herman* are located at Colorado Springs, Colo., with the Hq., 15th Air Force; *Moe Preston* is at Smoky Hill A.A.B., Salina, Kansas, with a new daughter, *Paige*, born May 3rd; and *John Eriksen* is at Ft. Worth, Tex. *Al Clark* reports from Kwajajalien that all is going fine with Operations Crossroads, but that he is certainly looking forward to settling down in the U.S. again. A good letter from *Charles Dannelly* states everything is grand in Texas, where he plans to start a business of his own soon. His present address is 126 E. Vanderbilt, Corpus Christi. A letter from *Salientes* tells of his experiences with the Philippine Guerrillas after his release from a Jap prison camp. He is now attending the C.&G.S. School at Fort Leavenworth. *Walter Gleye* writes that he has been retired after seeing the battle of Europe and is now enjoying the sun in Glendale, Calif. *Phil Sterling*, now retired, recently assigned as Commandant of Cadets at Schriener Institute in Kerrville, Texas. Incidentally Phil has four little ones! *Steggy Stegmaier*, still in our midst, pursuing a course of South American Subjects, at the U. of Michigan. *Focht*, *Unger* and *Enson* attending short courses at Columbia University. *Bill Cain* (Sugar), Air Inspector for 8th A.F.—Okinawa. *George Holcomb*, C.O. Gulfport Field, Gulfport, Miss. George is due at West Point soon as an instructor in Spanish. *Bob Van Volkenburg* was at West Point on D.S., but has now departed for OPERATIONS CROSSROADS. *Bill Strandberg* in Office Chief of Engineers, D.C. *Bill Easton*, ordered to College of Law, U. of Minnesota. *Red Minor*, now working with the Gen. Motors Overseas Division, 1775 Broadway, N.Y.C. *Hoot Horrigan*, attending Air Staff College at Orlando, and learning at the knees of *Dunlap* and *Barden*, instructors thereat. *Low* and *Donohew*, instructors at Maxwell Field. *Jim Scott*, recently visited West Point, on D.S. from Korea

where he is Asst. S-3 in Hq. 8th Army. *Dubb Haltom*, now retired and working with the Stick Company (Publications Division) in Dallas, Texas. He's married and has a young one. *Luke Elkins*, commanding an A.A. Bn. with the 82nd Abn. Div. at Bragg. Orchids to:

*Hank Byroade*, for the STARS he's now wearing, and the fine work he's doing with General Marshall in trying to settle the internal difficulties in China. To the families of the following classmates listed among those to go to Japan early this summer: *Johnny Weikel*, *Pete Kreiser*, *Ernie Laflamme*, *Bill Bailey*, and *Paul Whittemore*. In addition, *Alice Scott* and *Dottie Lee* are probably enroute to Korea by now to join *Jim* and *Ed* there.

*Kay Ames*, as a news clipping from New York states that she was one of the first tenants to occupy the thirty new emergency homes at Ft. Tilden. Kay and her two children had been living with her family at Rockaway Beach. *Rolie*, as you remember, died in a Jap prison.

*Johnnie Stevenson*, since word from Lynchburg, Va., announces the engagement of Colonel John Stevenson and Miss Laurelee Trent of that city. Nice going, *Johnnie*. *Don Shive*, for his wonderful wife *Fran*, who beyond all others is the one who has done most for the "VISITING CLASSMATES CLUB" here at OUEST PERNT. *Scott Hall* for the continuous work he is forever doing in connection with '37 affairs. (Right now he is engaged in 1000 manhours of work on tabulating YOU and me for the "Register of Graduates, U.S.M.A." He deserves another L.M.).

—Bill McK.

## 1938

\*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 17.

Artman, G.  
Ashworth, R. L.  
Barschdorf, M. P.  
Campanella, S. S.  
Chambers, J. H.  
Craig, J. T.  
Crocker, W. S., Jr.  
Danielson, O. W.  
Dillard, G. H. L.  
Dupuy, T. N.  
Eaton, S. M.  
Erlenbusch, R. C.  
Feffner, P. C.  
Ford, W. S.  
Gerlich, F. J.  
Hallinger, E. E.  
Hannum, W. T., Jr.  
Hartman, F. E.  
Hawes, P. R.  
Herboth, J. B., Jr.  
Hogan, S. M.  
Holman, H. K.  
Huglin, H. C.  
Isbell, J. H.  
Keator, V.  
Kenzie, H. D.  
Kopczak, A. A.  
Knox, O. E.  
Lemon, M. R.  
Lester, R. B.  
Long, R. J.  
Macomber, C. F.  
Matheson, D. R.  
Miles, V. M.  
Miller, F. A.  
Morrison, H. C.  
Murray, A. M.  
Neff, W. F.  
Offer, R. D.  
Parry, I. M.  
Ryan, W. S.  
Sawyer, T. I.  
Sibley, T. N.  
Sinnreich, S. R.  
Smith, M. F.

Smith, W. W., Jr.  
Swenson, J. H.  
Taibott, C. M.  
Thackeray, D. W.  
Walson, C. W.  
Webb, M. L.  
Wells, J. B.  
White, J. W.  
Zoller, V. L.

## 1939

\*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 17.

Bailey, W. W.  
Boylan, V. L.  
Breitenbucher, P. M.  
Brinker, W. E.  
Cain, H.  
Collins, J. L., Jr.  
Dean, W. G.  
Dietz, C. W.  
Greer, R. E.  
Grieves, L. C.  
Hackett, C. J.  
Hanchin, R. J.  
Herron, W. M.  
Hillhouse, C. H.  
Holt, F. T.  
Hudgins, S. F.  
Knapp, J. B.  
Kurth, E. H.  
Kurtz, J. S.  
Lampley, H., Jr.  
Little, R. R.  
McBride, J. L., Jr.  
McCrorey, J. L.  
Martin, S. T.  
Mial, J. P.  
Newcomer, H. C.  
Robinette, A. L.  
Seaver, P. R.  
Schellman, R. H.  
Smith, M. C.  
Studer, R. W.  
Trahan, E. A.  
Watt, J. W., Jr.  
Wickboldt, W. C.  
Wisdom, W. B.

In the last issue of the *Assembly*, *Cleverly* chided all to send a little news of classmates and families for publication in this column, but the amount of said "news" is indeed meagre. Come on fellow-sufferers of 1935-1939, send in news of classmates and families—more about families—it is time we all took cognizance of the fact that '39 has a maximum share of lovely ladies and a wealth of Army brats to uphold our record of being the first "big" class and first in a lot of other things. Did you know that there will be a *Carpenter*, *Seipel*, *Howard*, *Mount*, *Kobes*, *Higgins*, *McCaffrey*, *McCollam*, *Bowman*, *White*, *Sears*, *Krisman*, *McChristian* et al in the Corps about 1965? And how many more, like myself, will be providing "drags" for them? Let's get the word around about those families!

Now that June Week "has" it is time to report on the activities of that good class of 1939. The resident secretary, *Bob Spragins*, has detailed me to the job and although this will be a far cry from a "reporter's report to the class", it will pass on all the information I have been able to gather.

June Week brought together 26 members of the class at U.S.M.A. We assembled at the '39 table in Cullum Hall for a class dinner, and the tall stories grew taller and the combat exploits grew more courageous and of greater valor until an outsider would wonder why anyone else went overseas. Obviously, the Class of '39 won the war almost single handed. In addition to those temporarily ensconced behind these cold grey walls, those present for June Week included *Harry Kinnard* with his lovely red-headed wife,

Mikelle, now stationed at Fort Bragg; Johnny Carpenter, instructor at Maxwell Field, Alabama; *Swede Crandall*, off to a year's schooling at Cornell; *Bill Boyle*, still resting in Halloran General Hospital; Clarence and Betty Seipel, vacationing in Newburgh, awaiting a new assignment; *Mickey Laitman*, still in uniform, and *Matt Legler* in mufti showed up and gave us all the information on the tough civilian world; *Eddie Ostberg's* widow, Margie, who is now living in Newburgh was also with us during the alumni ceremonies.

*Jim Schwenk* sends in the following from far away Tokyo: *Charley Coates* and *Chas. "Doris" Duke* just leaving for the U.S.A., Duke to California Tech and Coates to look for an assignment. Also just returning is *Walt Wells* with ulcers and *Chas. Fredericks* with eagles. Those in or around Tokyo are *Harry McClellan*, *Bill West*, *Phil Seaver*, *Seth Hudgins*, *Heinz Weiseman*, *John Urban*, *Sal Mancuso*, *Frankie Iseman*, *Tube Wynn*, and *Woody Wilson*. *Ed McConnell* just made an "overnight" inspection trip from Washington to Tokyo and return (probably inspected some of Jim Schwenk's schwenk-fellers); *Dave Dilard* is on Kyushu and *Joe Kingsley* on Okinawa. Wives on the way to Japan to join soon are *Helen Beckedorff*, *Anita Weiseman*, *Elaine Schwenk* and *Mrs. John Urban*. Thanks Jim for all the news. Readers take note and do the same. Incidentally, Jim is roughing it in some swanky Jap Admiral's suite at the ex-Jap Navy Club.

Out in Leavenworth, *McFarland* has made himself a hero with this column and sends the following dope about the '39 clan gathered there to be educated: *Bill* and *Jane Atwell*, *Jim Sykes Billups*, *Bill* and *Jean Boyd*, *Moe* and *Abby Boylan*, *Bob Camp*, *Ben* and *Opal Chapla*. *Pete* and *Reba Clifford*, *Dave* and *Jean Davidson*, *Mike* and *Jean Davison*, *Inky* and *Dotty Engstrom*, *Al Evans*, *Julian* and *Jean Ewell*. *Hanch* and *Beryl Hanchin*. *Jack* and *Lois Kinney*, *Mike* and *Alice Krisman*, *Mac* and *Gerry McFarland*, *Bill* and *Mary Martin*, *Blo* and *Tree Meyer*, *Al* and *Jean Robinette*, *Speed* and *Rosa Lee Stone*, *Tom* and *Nernie Thomanson*, *Con* and *Kay Troiano*, *John* and *Rosalie Watt*. *Mac* and *Bill Atwell* are faculty and the others are the poor students.

Speaking of students we have a large number of our uneducated classmates going back to school for one excuse or another. *Bob Ploger* to Cornell, *John Medusky* to the University of California, *Jay Dawley* and *Don Beere* to Chicago University, *Harvey Fraser* to Oak Ridge, *Jack Norris* to Palestine, and even *Tom Shanley* has left the 82nd Airborne Division for a two year detail at Princeton. Incidentally, *Bill Henry* just finished at Yale and is reported on his way to the Orient. *Stooky Gallagher* is reported at either Howard U. or Harvard U.; *Red Rooster Gideon* at Ohio Univ.; *Ed McKeever* at University of Pittsburgh; and *Ed Romig* is matriculating at the U. of Michigan.

Located at Maxwell Field at present are *Johnny Carpenter*, *Roger Phelan*, *Dick Curtin* and *Joe Dickman* although Joe is leaving for Panama City,

Florida, soon. In the Philippines are *Al Rollins* and *Jack Looney* (in the 86th Division) and *Oz Cooperider*, *Bel Evans*, *Bill Bailey* and *Frank Holt*. They were assembled for the last West Point dinner in the Philippines. *Clyde Sutton* is somewhere in that area, too.

We haven't had a scratch from the brass of '39 down in Washington. However, we have heard by the grapevine and a note from *Bernie Teeters* that the following have joined the pencil pushers there: *Ray Belardi*, *Geo. Jumper*, *Al Herzberg*, and *Bernie*.

*Dave Goodwin* and *Dick Reeves* are with the First U.S. Army at Fort Bragg. Also at Bragg with the 82nd Airborne Division are *Bob McMahon*, *Hal Crawford*, and *Sammy Kail*, although *Sammy* is leaving soon for Cuba. Also reported somewhere around the flagpole at Fort Bragg were *Dusty Newcomb* and *Dick Bowie*.

Flash! *Chuck Walton* is off to Chile as air attache. "Reverend" *Williams* is reported in a hospital in Augusta, Georgia. *Bob Pennell* is in the Burns General Hospital in Santa Fe, New Mexico, but expects to be transferred to *Fitzsimons* in Denver soon. *Bob* is "whole" except for a few teeth an overly zealous Jap Guard poked out, and an index finger which one Jap guard shot off while *Bob* was thumbing his nose at another.

*Karl Ockershauser's* resignation letter is being passed around as how not to write a resignation letter. Good luck with that night club, *Karl*, and we'll all be around to help you drink up the profits.

*Tim Simpson* passed through West Point taking a new Buick and family back to Germany. *Joe McChristian* also was here just prior to returning to Germany with his wife, *Dempsie*, and little "Tanker" *McChristian*. *Gertie McCollam* departed on about the same boat to join *Bert* at Erlangen, Germany.

It was a great loss to the Army, and to us another of our good classmates to don the mufti when *Frankie Joe Kobes* was retired. We wish him the very best of happiness in the civilian world. *Johnny* and *Nancy Pavick* were hosts at a '39 farewell party for *Frankie Joe* and *Lydia Kobes*. The party also served as a "going-away" party for *Johnny* and *Louise Scroggs* as *Scroggs* was off to school. Those attending were *Walt* and *Ann Higgins*, *Charlie* and *Millie Mount*, *George* and *Barbara Howard*, *Dick* and *Ruth White*. *Joe* and *Kay Reynolds*, *Ray* and *Virginia Allen*, *Gertie McCollam*, *Bob* and *Sally Spragins*, *Don* and *Dottie Hull*, *Dick* and *Adelaide Cleverly*, *John* and *Annie Ray*, *Jim* and *Rachel Keller*, *J. B.* and *Nan Marcell*, *Jack* and *Teet Dobson*, *Bob* and *Mary Sears*, *Sam* and *Virginia Samuel*, and *Lindsay Herkness*. The Class Members stationed here presented the *Kobes'* with a set of West Point plates and warned them that they would have many '39 visitors to help them break them. Good luck in the civilian world, *Frankie Joe*, and don't forget we all knew you when you were just a poor Army officer.

Some flash reports have filtered in and we find *Eloy Alfaro*, still a bachelor, can be addressed at Box 200, Panama City, C. Z.; *Jaime Alfaro* is in the same vicinity, but his marital status

is unknown. *Johnny Boles* has been reported as married this June but no details have been forthcoming. If reports are correct, and we believe they are, the class congratulates you, *Johnny*, and welcomes *Mary* to those who "Join the Army, too"

Back in the U.S.A. after three years as a Japanese guest is *Riley Bass* now on rehabilitation leave; tucked away in a Pentagon corner or somewhere around Washington, D. C. are *Bill Boughton*, *Freddie Boye*, *Lew Cantrell*, *Andy Goodpastor*, *Brownie Brownfield*, (new son just arrived), *Art Pointer*, *Jim Reardon*, *Hank Sullivan*, *Danny Tatum*, *Joel Walker*, *Wigwam Wright*, *Mart Megica*, *Jimmy Rogers*, *Hack Conner*, *Chris Coyne*, *Stan Dziuban*, and *Bill Buster*; *Carl Buechner* is back in Berlin; *Ed Dannemiller* has wangled a Military Attache job in Paris; *Joe Coffey* is occupying Korea, and *Kenny Collins* is with the 10th Constabulary Regt. in Germany.

Flash! *Freddie Foerster* has just returned from Kunming, China, and may be reached at A.T.C. Hdqtrs, in Nashville, Tennessee; *Buzz Chapman* is at Fort Benning; *Johnny Davis* (J.N.) is reported with the R.&S.C. at Birmingham, Alabama; *Moe Donahue* is sunning himself at MacDill Field, Florida; *Hugh Griffith* is currently flying out of Selfridge Field, Michigan; *D. N. Hall* is with the 4th Army Hq. in San Francisco, *Ed Hamilton* has been living in Birmingham, Alabama; *Fuzzy Harrison* is still Class Representative (and incidentally, he also represents A.G.F.) at Fort Dix, New Jersey; the *Perry Hoisington's* at Albuquerque, N. M. Airfield have just had a new son; *Ted Hunsbedt* has settled with the Hq., Ninth Service Command in Salt Lake City; another U.S. arrival is *Ray Janowski* last reported at Passaic, N. J., awaiting a new assignment.

Back to the war fronts and we find *R. C. Richardson* still in the E.T.O.; *Jack Fling* with the 143rd A.A.A. Bn. on Okinawa; *Billy Hale* with a tank Bn. in the Pacific; *Geo. Higginson* at Weisbaden, Germany; *Moose Hinternhoff* with the 24th Div in Japan; *Antelope Kirby-Smith* with U.S.F.E.T. Hqtrs in Frankfurt; *Jim Knapp* and *Sal Manzo* with the Air Force in the Mediterranean area; *Chet Lennhoff* with Post Hq., Corozal, Panama; *Chuck Medinnis* with the 346th Ord. Bn. in Hawaii; *Harry Murray* with the 29th Inf. in the E.T.O.; *Joe Perry* holding down one corner of Guam; *H. Tom Smith* with the 489th A.A.A. in the E.T.O.; *John Wald* getting his name in the papers for his good work at Fort Amador, C. Z.; *Stump Warren* still with the 508th Parachute Regt. at Frankfurt, Germany; *Dave Nanney* in the Philippines; and *Bub Brinker*, *Butch Banning*, and *Waffe Wohlfeil* are en route to Germany to join the occupation forces there.

*J. D. Richardson* is vacationing with wife in Miami, Florida. Such a vacation will help him forget three and a half years as guest of the Japanese emperor.

*S. B. Hardwick* and *Curly Edwards* are at Chanute Field. *Curly* just made a quick trip to West Point to see his kid brother graduate.

*Rocky* and *Gene Crawford* are due

for duty here at West Point in a few days. *Libby* and *Jim Taylor* are presently the newest addition to the '39 family here. *Libby* will draw a gross of Form One's and join the Tactical Department. *Rocky* will pass on the wisdom of his slipstick in the Academic Section rooms.

Back to some more U.S.A. news, we report *Punchy Jordan* at Ft. Miles, Delaware; *Baldy Batson* selling insurance at Hartford, Connecticut; *Dick Lycan* with the Maint. Div. of the Air Material Command; *Bill McDowell* with the 498th Bd. Gp.; *Corp McFerren* at Ft. Benning, Ga.; *Jack Meals* on a big Air Corps job at Berkeley, California; *Jay Gee Merrell* with the Air Transport Command at Cincinnati, Ohio; *Benny Miller* at Barksdale Field, La.; *Danny Nolan* studying at the University of Michigan; *Herman Palmer* now with the 475th Bd. Gp., location unknown; *Herbie Price* eating sand and dust at Fort Bliss, Texas; *J. K. Ripert* with the R.&S.C. at Birmingham, Ala.; *Bob Rogers* at Hill Field, Ogdan, Utah; *Claude Shepard*, still a bachelor, at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; *Bud Stocking* at Lake Charles, La.; *Bob Studer* just finished one of those long ex-Jap P.W. leaves; *Paul Tuttle* visiting brother-in-law Anderson, '38, here at West Point; and *W. Paul Yale* (Yaletchko to you) is reported resting in a hospital at Plainfield, New Jersey.

It is sad to report that sixty-one of the class of 1939 have given their final service. In tribute to the class it can be said that obviously the men of '39 did not always seek the rearmost fox-holes. Two in the class received the nation's highest combat awards, the Medal of Honor, to *Bob Cole* and *Philo Vance*. The number of D.S.C., S.S., B.S.M. and Purple Hearts awarded to the class would run into many digits. In addition to those deceased, many have been retired for combat wounds. Others are in hospitals awaiting final action and statistics are presently unavailable. It would be my guess that sixty more are being retired for combat wounds.

Latest hot flash; McFarland has just wangled himself a big time job with the Army Advisory Group at Nanking, China!

Word has just been received that the following are located in Korea: *Funnell Farrell*, *Poncho Gilchrist*, *J. P. Kelley*, and *Jim Roosa*, all of the 7th Division.

I have been unable to get any late information on a large number of classmates. If those concerned will just sit down and write to the "Resident Secretary, Class 1939, c/o Association of Graduates", and give all the latest news of themselves and any other classmates near them, this column could be complete. Don't forget to get that newsy letter in by Sept. 10th!! Yours for more '39 publicity. —"Speedy" Hull.

## 1940

\*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 17.

Belt, R. L.  
Giesger, R. M.  
McKenzie, B. E.  
Pfeil, R. C.  
Strock, A. M.  
Wagner, F. B.  
Williams, J. F.  
Williams, R. R.

Information is scarce this time as not many of the poopsheets sent out came back. I have a roster of the class, mimeographed with a space under each name. I send it out and then wait for developments. The column could be richer and more accurate if the poopsheets came back. The usual case is that the person receiving the poopsheet has moved and is out of touch. If anyone feels that they are going to be in a place that will be near a source of news let me know and I'll dispatch a poopsheet to you for the next issue. Deadline will be 1 September.

Fanmail was small this time. A letter from *Bingham* sent from Berlin. He mentions seeing *Tom Monroe*, *Watrous*, *Spencer*, *Frontczak*, *Denno*, *Baker*, and *Howell* ex-'40. This is old news and changes have occurred. *Taylor*, *J. K.* writes from Fort Worth Military District at Fort Worth, Texas where he is in an Organized Reserve Office. By now he is on his way to California Institute of Technology for a course in Guided Missiles. Last members of the class he saw were *Coates*, *Wendt*, *Arnold* and *Dibble* in March at Field Artillery School. From Yokohama and the Eighth Army *Jim Maedler* reports the following: He is in Ordnance Section and completes his thirty months in early July. *Zeke Cullen* is still "G-ling" in G.H.Q. in Tokyo. *Cuyler Clark* "G-2ing" at I Corps in Kyoto. *Penney* is back in Japan with engineer section and his wife is expected to come over. *Gee* is acting Corps Engineer at Sendai. *Marsh* and *Parker* at G.H.Q. in Tokyo also *Silvasey* who is termed superman of statistics. *Cassidy* in Tokyo waiting for Annette to join him. *Francisco* in Field Artillery with 11th Airborne in Northern Honshu.

*Phil Loofbourrow* with 412th Fighter Group (P-80 Jet) writes from March Field. He says that *Lavell* and *Pat Davis* are assigned at Base Headquarters there. *Ridgell* was there but is now supposed to be at McChord Field. "Fat" *Jack Wright* is back in circulation after outlasting all the Japs and their prison camps could throw at him. Let me have your address *Jack*. *Sterling*, *W. C.* the same. Both *Sterling* and *Jack* are taking the P.O.W. reorientation course. *Pidgeon* writes from Quarry Heights, Canal Zone to say that *Sam Patten* was there and that *Summers* went through to his new station in Peru.

*Haseman* writes from Washington that he and *Rust* organized a class party on 20 April. Those present were: *Applegate*, *Mrs. Bagstad*, *Banks*, *Bengston*, *Campbell*, *Donohue*, *Ellis*, *Esau*, *Ferrill*, *Flanders*, *Fowler*, *Free*, *Gildart*, *Hazeltine*, *Haseman*, *Kenney*, *Kintner*, *Moore*, *Morrisey*, *Mueller*, *Porte*, *Raleigh*, *Rust*, *Smith*, *W. M.*, *Wetherill*, *Wilcox*, *Woodward*, *Yeuell*, and *McAtee*. *Tom Muller* also writes from Washington with various items.

The following information comes from the pages of the Army and Navy Register:

March 16th: *Mike Bavaro* transferred to U.S.F.E.T. Frankfurt, Germany. *Willy Buck* is taking a course in administration at Ohio State University. *Lemley* detailed member of G.S.C. and assigned G.S. with troops.

March 23rd: *Norris* reports for duty Headquarters First Army. *Bill Lewis* detailed member of G.S.C. and assigned G.S. with troops.

March 30th: *Gasperini* transferred from Fort Sheridan, Illinois to Fort McClellan, Alabama. *Schmaltz* to Q.M. at Fort Ord, California. *Olin Bell* transfers to Signal Corps from Field Artillery.

April 13: *Black* from Office Asst. Secretary of War Strategic Service Unit to temporary duty with Joint Task Force No. 1, Navy Department. *Hank Arnold* to Michigan State College, R.O.T.C. duty.

April 20: *Dubuisson's* resignation effective June 13. *Goodrich* from Headquarters Second Army to U.S.M.A.

April 27: Engineers go to school. *Graf*, *Clock*, *Flanders* go to California Institute of Technology. *Townsend* to U.S.M.A. *Hank Arnold* gets Legion of Merit as C.O. of 106th A.A.A. Air Warning Battalion.

May 4: *Osborn* resigns to accept civilian employment. *Bowlby* transfers from Cavalry to Infantry. *Cloke* at Columbia University en route to E.T.O. Taking staff course. More engineers to school. *Nosek* and *Dice* to M.I.T., *Burfening* and *Rust* to California Institute of Technology, *Fowler* to Texas A.&M.

May 11: *Brown*, *H. C.* to Harvard University and *Haseman* to Cornell University.

May 18: *Pillsbury* transfers from the Coast Artillery to the Engineers. *Beiser* goes to office of Asst. Chief of Staff O.P.D. *Krisberg* transfers from Signal Corps to Air Corps.

May 25: *Hazeltine* to M.I. service, Washington, D. C. *Kasper* to Graduate Study in Administration at University of North Carolina.

June 1: *Bennet*, *W. J.* temporary duty with Field Artillery at Fort Sill. *Baker*, *A. G.* (reported by Bingham) now on way to Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration.

June 8: *Fuller*, *L. J.* to school at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. *Wermuth* to U.S.M.A. *Davis*, *T. W.* to University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, to Business Administration.

The rest of the information below has come to me by various and sundry pipelines pumped mainly by *Devlin*, *Muller*, *Sullivan* and *Smith*, *W. M.* There may be clashes but this represents what I know at the present.

*Urey Alexander* is on the Staff and Faculty at Fort Sill. Applegate at Columbia University getting ready to teach juice. *Luther Arnold* is in Europe, as is *Aubrey*. *Banks* assigned to Manhattan Project. *Bagstad* with O.P.D. Took a trip to Alaska. *Bengston* with Ordnance in Washington, D. C. *Andy Budz* has attache job in Denmark. *Abbey* in the Pentagon Bldg. *Barnard* at Maxwell Field. *Dean Benson* with G-1 Section A.G.F.

There is a suspicion that *Brice* is in Europe. *Byrne* is with A.G.F. at Fort Knox, Ky. *Cagwin* still at Benning. *Cassibry* is with 15th F.A. Bn., Camp Swift, Texas. *Homer B. Chandler* at C.A. School at Fort Monroe, Virginia. *Clapsaddle* in Europe. *Colacicco* in Pentagon, something to do with Special Planning. *Belt* back in Germany after states leave. *Bierman* in Hawaii with family. *Couch* is almost well in Walter Reed. *Clizbe* on duty

in Washington. *Donohue* rumored to be dallying with retiring board. *Vic Conley* in 22nd Inf. at Camp Butler, N. C. "Big" *John Coontz* still at Fort Bliss. *Cordly* due back in states in September.

*Gideon* with O.P.D. in Washington. *Forbes, Free, Harnett, Hoffman, T. L., Kintner, Muller, Smith, W. M.*, living in the five sided building. *Ellis, Ferrill, Gildart, Ferry, Fisher, Kenney, Lemley, Moore, Morrissey, Roy Nelson, Parker, Sell, Scott, Wetherill, Jones*, are also in Washington. *Devlin* continues to mold character at U.S. M.A. *England, S. P.* with V Corps Artillery. *Farthing* with 528th F.A. Bn., Camp Hood. *Floyd* with 54th Training Bn., Fort Bliss, Texas.

*Freudendorf* is with Headquarters Second Army in Memphis. *Fritter* is at San Diego with a Tactical Air Force. *Ford, Fuller* still at War College in Mexico. *Greene, J. S.* with school troops at Fort Riley. *Gunster* at C.&G.S. School. *Hackett* is with Second Army in Memphis. *Heinemann* with A.G.F. at Fort Bliss. *Hennessey* at C.A. School, Fort Monroe. *Horton* in E.T.O. *Johnson* also in E.T.O. with 3rd Infantry Division. *Archie Knight* in Pentagon. *Burtie Lane* at 3rd Armd. Training Regiment at Fort Knox. *Locucus* on Staff and Faculty at Benning. Also *McDonald, McFarland* at Columbia University preparing to teach Chemistry at U.S.M.A. *McLean* at Headquarters, Third Army. *Mayo* and *Mendez* in Germany.

*Millican* with Staff and Faculty at Fort Sill. *Milner* thought to be in Europe. *Miner* awaiting reassignment. *Mullin* with 7th Inf. Division in E.T.O. *Munson* at Benning, and *Murphy* thought to be in the E.T.O. *Oglesby* on Staff and Faculty at Benning. *Oseth* also there. "Willy" *Porte* retired and working with *Sears Roebuck*. *Richards* with A.G.F. at Fort Monroe. *Rorick* retired. *Rosen* on leave. *Shockner* believed to be in the Pacific. *Sheetz* also in the Pacific and *Shoemaker* in Europe. *Stewart, D. B.* at C.&G.S. No. 27. *Stewart, J. G.* at Benning with A.G.F. *Strauss* with 9th Infantry Division in E.T.O. *Strock* on Staff and Faculty at Benning. *Wendt* at Fort Sill, *Wilderman* with V Corps Artillery at Camp Jackson. *Williams, R. R.* in Europe and *Yates* with school troops at Benning.

*Wynne* and *Norman* can be seen if you ever come in to Mitchell Field. *Munson* and *Oseth* are at Benning. *Cook* rumored to be at a Dodger-Philly game in New York. *Cibotti* on Iwo Jima on account of it is so much like Atlantic City. "Chuck" *Esau* in Washington and now there are three little *Esaus*. *Dwyer, J. P.* retired and living in Cincinnati. Please forward me address, *J. P. Horton* at Bolling Field. *Klunk* writing music on Saipan. *Kramer* reports for summer tac duty at U.S.M.A. Finished course at Columbia University. *Norvell* in E.T.O. *McCroskey* taking Russian with *Vanderhoff* at Columbia University. *Wohner* also at Columbia taking Post hostilities course. Latest reports have *Mendez* there too. *Rauk* at Merced A.A.B. in California. *Carey O'Bryan* and *Orman* taking juice course at Columbia. *Sullivan* with three offsprings in Washington. *Swank* goes back to Europe.

*Jacobs* on limited duty in states. *Noble* had leave in states and went overseas again. *Ray Sleeper* with A.A.K. personnel. *Sam Patten* assigned G-1 Section Headquarters Caribbean Defense Command. *Pidgeon* with same command but in G-4 section. *Woodward* with W.D.S.S., Civil Affairs Division. *Yeuell* communicate with me. Had a call from Mrs. *Miley*. *Hank* due back from Manila in September.

The following members of the class are at U.S.M.A.: *Moore, P. J., Dixon, Roedy, Barry, Devlin, Carnahan, Pillsbury, Wilson, Symroski, Tuck, Goodrich, Humphrey, O'Bryan, Stella, Leger, Spengler, Applegate, Orman, Downey, Dice, Brousseau, McFarland, Prann, Strong, Kramer, Townsend, and Shanahan*. *Sattem* retired early part of June.

Please let me hear from any of you. My address is Valley Forge Military Academy, Wayne, Pa.

—Hank Brewerton.

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\*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 17.

Ascani, F. J.  
Brown, E. W.  
Coleman, R. J.  
Connally, L. C.  
Curtis, G. S.  
de Silva, P.  
Due, K. O.  
Edgerton, B. W. P.  
Healy, J. C.  
Kaiser, J. L.  
Kramer, R. S.  
Lee, L. C.  
Magruder, S. B.  
Moore, G. B.  
Niles, G.  
Purdy, W. A.  
Rowny, E. L.  
Samz, R. W.  
Schremp, J. E.  
Seamans, C. S., III  
Singles, W., Jr.  
Stainback, F. P.  
Stainaker, G. W.  
Stillson, S. H.  
Sykes, J. R.  
Ward, T. M.  
Weidner, J. J.

The fifth reunion of black '41 was a success for those few able to attend. As usual it rained most of the week, but that failed to dampen the spirits. The highlights of the week were a picnic at Round Pond, and a dinner dance at Stewart Field. Private parties kept everyone quite busy otherwise. *McKee's* and *Watson's* were both good parties. I didn't get a chance to attend any of the others. I understand the stag party in the 59th div. was quite a riot.

Members of the class are still getting married. *George Adjemian* to Miss *Georgia V. Robinson* in Paris; *Spec Powell* to Miss *Clelia H. Pez, Paterson, N. J.*, recently discharged from the A.N.C. The wedding was held at the Cadet Chapel. *Tuttle, Bizz Moore, Gregg McKee, Waitt, and Michels* were ushers. *E. V. Brown* to Miss *Marion Cronin, Haverhill, Mass.*, his Cadet O.A.O.; *John Russell* to Miss *Jane Franklin* in Vienna; *Jack Bentley* to Miss *Barbara Bramlette* from *Gadsden, Ala.*; and *Jack Norton* to Miss *Chayney McNabb*.

Those having additions to the family are *Murray*, a daughter; *Michels*, a daughter; *Knowlton*, a boy; and *De Saussure* (?).

Those still in the E.T.O. are *Jack Millikin, Bill Clifford, D'Esposito,*

*Gleason, Kemp, Jones, McCool, M. J. L. Greene, Busbec, Al Meyers, and McElroy.*

On their way to the E.T.O.: *Curley, Jim Roy, Mrs. Greene, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. McCool, Mrs. Gleason, Mrs. Clifford, Mrs. Millikin, Mrs. Dixon, Mrs. Roker, and Mrs. Roy.*

On leave from the E.T.O.: *Bob Dixon, Sy Coker, Dick Scott.*

*A. R. Thomas* is under orders to Japan, and *Cooper* to Puerto Rico. *Knowles* and the Mrs. are in Brazil. *Potter Campbell* is at Camp Hood, Texas.

*Welles, Scott, Harding, Walters, Maxwell, Tanous, and Bud Thompson* were recent visitors to Washington. Those stationed there now are: *Rising*—G-4, W.D.G.S.; *H. W. Clark*—O.P.D., W.D.G.S.; *Jim Laney*—O.P.D., W.D.G.S.; *Ed Rowney*—O.P.D., W.D.G.S.; *Larry Green*—G-3, W.D.G.S.; *Bob Salisbury*—G-1, W.D.G.S.; *Hal Norton*—G-1, W.D.G.S.; *Charlie Schilling*—A.G.F., Eng.; *Herb Richardson*—Air—Eng.; *Bill Brier*—A.A.F., A-5, *Cliff Cole*—A.A.F., A-1; *Johnnie Richards*—O.P.D., W.D.G.S.; *John Easton*—G-1, W.D.G.S.; *Fred Stanford*—O.P.D., W.D.G.S.; *Borman, Q.M., A.G.F.*; *Buchanan, Q.M., A.G.F.*; *Baker, Pers., O.C.E.*; *Dunc Brown, O.C.E.*; *Maynard Moyer, Hist. Div., W.D.S.S.*; *A. Wray White, A.A.F.*; *John Henscke, A.A.F.*; *Johnny Brooks, A.A.F.*; *Gelderman, A.S.F., Q.M.*; *Upton, Q.M.C.*; *Charlie Flanders, G-2, W.D.G.S.*; *Al Dalby, A.S.F.*; *Jack Bentley, Bowling Field*; *Howard Felchlin, G-1, A.G.F.*; *Ted deSaussure, A.D.C.-C.G., A.G.F.*; *Liles, G-2, W.D.G.S.*; *Atkinson, A.A.F.*; *Levy, G-3, A.G.F.*; *Crow, A.A.F.*; *Edger, A.S.F.*; *Huffman, W.D.G.S., G-1*; *Clyde Thompson, A.A.F.*; *Coakley, O.C.E.*; *DeSilva, Engr.*; *Horace Brown, W.D.G.S., G-4*; *Spoos Maynard, Hist. Div., W.D.S.S.*

College boys: *Waitt* at U. of I.; *Schilling* at U. of Cal.; *Baker* at Texas A.&M.

—J. W. S.

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\*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 17.

Allin, G. R., Jr.  
Blair, R. M.  
Brandon, T. M.  
Corley, W. E.  
Crosson, W. H., Jr.  
Riedel, P. H., Jr.  
Ryan, J. A.

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Behn, M. A.  
Bruner, D. H.  
Bush, J. E., Jr.  
Camm, F. A.  
Costello, E. M.  
Dannacher, W. H.  
Farnsworth, F. H.  
Franklin, V. A.  
Heltzel, C. L.  
Huddleston, J. McC.  
Kajencki, F. C.  
Kemp, H. E.  
King, F. M.  
Kinney, G. B.  
Lewis, W. E.  
Linn, H. A.  
McKinney, J. A.  
Mallary, B. J.  
May, M. H.  
Pitta, W. F.  
Prince, A. E.  
Rader, R. J.  
Roberts, J. E.

Taliaferro, W. R.  
Thompson, W. M.  
Truex, R. J.  
Wade, A. P.  
Waters, F. B., Jr

*Chuck Alfano*, exec of a Branch in G-2, U.S.F.E.T. is trying to get *Moses*, of the 4th Armd. Div. there too. *Ander-son, J. R.*, with G-3 in Berlin. *Dewitt Armstrong* is in Heidelberg, G-2 Section of Third Army. *Hal Barber* is at Heidelberg as Sec. to General Staff. *Dick Batson* who is at Oak Ridge, Tenn. says he has a pretty interesting assignment there as well as enjoying life in general. *Joe Benson* is a S.C. Major, 1st A.D., at C.&G.S.S. *Roger Bertram* is in Paris. *Bischoff* is still at Heidelberg with Third Army Hq. *Doug Blue* is now with the 1067th Engr. Const. Co., A.P.O. 317, N. Y. *Buckner* is now with the Tactical Dept.; *Buck* married *Ann Sonfield* of N.Y.C. at the Cadet Chapel on the 24th of April. *Burr* is with a S.C. outfit at Bamberg, Germany. *Burlin* is in China-Peiping instead of Shanghai. *Frank Camm* is still C.O. of the 303rd Engr. Bn., Berlin. *Merle Carey* was up for June Week. *Vic Cherbak* is at the Istres Airfield near Marseilles. *J. B. Cobb* with U.S.A.F.E., Weisbaden, Germany, now home on R.&R. *J. J. Cobb* off to the Univ. of Michigan for a 2-yr. course in Automotive Engineering. *Jim* also has become engaged to a Washington girl. *Joe Conmy* with the Off. Director of Military Training at the Pentagon. *Bill Cook* is at Lechfeld. *Walt Cook* is with the Continental Base Section, Sig. Sect., U.S.F.E.T. *Dan Cota* is in London. *Myron Dakin* is at Hq. Signal Corps Engineering Laboratories at Bradley Beach, N. J. *Dake* has a little girl. *Draggy Doran* is at Heidelberg with the 301st Signal Battalion. *Moe Dworsk* was on Okinawa. *Paul Ellis* is with the 127th A./B. Engr. Bn., A.P.O. 468, San Francisco. *Tom Farnsworth* is a General's aide in Sophia, Bulgaria.

*Flip Feneli* sent me a list of those who attended the Founder's Day party at Kronberg Castle, Germany last March: *Chuck Alfano*, (G-2); *Bob Peden*, (G-2); *Upchurch*, (G-2); *McDermott*, (G-1); *Meyers*, (G-1); *Wade*, (G-1); *Greenberg*, (G-3); *Hoffman*, P.M. Section; *Michael, Knowlton*, St. John and *Walt Cook, Camm* and *Bill Cook, Roberts, Hackler, Gorman, Grace, Watson, Hetzell* and *Wood*. *Flip* says it was very successful.

*Flatley* is home on triple R from the 1st Div. Arty., Amberg, Germany. *Jim Frakes* and *Joe Hamilton* with A-3 in Washington. *Gatewood* is going on an Air Mission to Ecuador. *Mitch Goldenthal* was married 30th April in Frankfurt to *Eva Winterfeld*. *Upchurch* was best man, *Frank Shaw* stood up with the bride, *Chuck Alfano* was one of the witnesses. *Bill* and *Peggy Knowlton, Hank Mazur* were there too. *Jack Gorman* visited the E.T.O. on 60 days T.D.Y. from the War Dept. *Art Grace* is S-3 of the 290th Engr. Bn., Wurtburg, Germany. *Hank Greenberg*, G-3 Div., U.S.F.E.T., home on triple R. *Hackler* and his wife are at Kronberg, Germany. *Clarke Hain* is still at Stuttgart. *Les Hetzell* is S-3 of the 10th F.A. Bn., Friedberg, Germany. *Gregg Henry*, after 45 days T.D.Y. is again with the 777th A.A.A.

Bn. at Nurenburg. *Johnny Hine* is with Hq. VI Corps, Bamberg, Germany. *Hillman* is home on T.D.Y. *Hofmann*, while on T.D.Y., married *Sally Jane Fagerstrom* on May 11 at Evanston, Ill. *Hofmann* is stationed at Frankfurt, Germany. *Hoyt* is still in China-Peiping Hq. Grp. A.P.O. 912, San Francisco. *Jimmy Huddleston* was up from Washington for the Alumni Exercises.

*Bill Hume*, now at Wright Field, married *Jean Emmons* April 24th. *Johnny Catlin* was best man and *Gatewood, Bestervelt, Lane, Sheley, Saylor* and *Muldrow* as ushers. *Jim Huntley* and *Don Vlcek* are at Hq., P.A.C.W.S.A., A.P.O. 925. *Jim* is head of the Officers' Section. *Lee James*, after being home for 45 days T.D.Y., went back to Russelsheim, Germany with the 3rd Div. Hoped to take his wife, *Kathie*, with him. *Stanley James* is now in the Signal Corps and was expecting to go back overseas. *Frank Kajencki* is with Hq. XXIV Corps since his outfit, the 388th A.A.A. Bn. was inactivated. He was home on T.D.Y. *Killer Kane* with A-1 in Washington. *Sam Karrick* was off to China as aide to Gen. Gillem. *Jim Kelleher* was at school at Sill and is headed back to the 5th Div. *Kellogg* is now with the 869th Engr. Avn. Bn., A.P.O. 74, San Francisco.

*Bill Knowlton* has gone to G-2, U.S. F.E.T. *Lyle Lappin* is now at Lenz, Austria. He rejoined the 79th Air Force Group. His wife, *Claire Bardwell* of Richmond, Va., will join him as soon as possible. *Bill Lewis* is rumored to be married and at C.&G.S. School. *Jack Luther* is still Gen. Clarke's Aide in Vienna. *Mac Veigh* is with the 288th Engr. Bn., A.P.O. 403, N. Y. *Bob Marshall* is in the Engineering Section of Third Army at Heidelberg, (A.P.O. 403, N. Y.). *May* is at C.&G.S. School. *Hank Mazur* is at Frankfurt with U.S.F.E.T., in the athletic department. *Johnny McClure* is home on T.D.Y. *Johnny* is Exec of the 1915 Engr. Avn. Bn. *Bob McDermott*, (G-1 Div.) U.S.F.E.T. *Jim McKinney* passed through Frankfurt on his way to Istres Airfield, Marseilles after R.&R.ing. *Kidder Meade* up before a retiring board. *Stew Meyer* is at Frankfurt with G-1, U.S.F.E.T.

*John Michael*, O.M.G.U.S., Berlin, S-1, Hq. Cmd. *Minckler* just finished C.&G.S. School and has gone back to the Sig. Sect., Second Army, Baltimore. *Johnny Mitchell* is with G-3, Third Army. *Bob Muldrow, McClure* and *Jim Bestervelt* recently were promoted to Major; *Rippin*, to Lt. Col.

The *Muldrows* and "*Mac*" *Hatches* had their second boys this spring. *Bill Neale*, G-1 Div., U.S.F.E.T., home on R.&R. *Johnny Norris* at Amberg with the 1st Div. Arty. *Nygaard* is on a S.C. job at Washington. *Page* is with the 1901st Engrs. at Kimpo Airfield though he's a S.C. man. *Pete Pavick* is on R.&R., was with Seventh Army Hq. *Bob Peden's* wife and child are in Germany with him. *Bob* is with G-2, U.S. F.E.T. *Don Powell* is back in Marburg, Germany from 45 days T.D.Y. *Don* just recovered from being pretty badly wounded awhile ago, but put up a good fight and is now General Service. *Harry Pritchett* back in Germany after 45 days T.D.Y. *Harry* has a company with the parachute Bn. in Frankfurt. *Jim Rippin* with A-1 in Wash-

ington. *J. E. Roberts* is at Weisbaden with U.S.A.F.E. *Saari* with the 2nd Labor Supr. Area, A.P.O. 126, N.Y. *Saunders* with the Vienna Area Command, A.P.O. 777, N.Y. *Ed Scott* with A-5 in Washington. Incidentally, *Darrie Richards* gave a total of 45 in Washington—32 air, 13 grd.

*Boone Seegers* is at Frankfurt with U.S.F.E.T.—in public relations. *Johnny Shortall* is with the 28th Military Govt. Co. in Cholla Pukto province. *Fred Smith*, 73rd Repl. Bn. A.P.O. 105, San Francisco. *Frank Shaw* with G-2, U.S.F.E.T. *Buck Stahle* ran up against the same old thing on his physical in trying to get his regular commission. *Bill Starnes* passed out cigars a couple of weeks ago when his daughter, *Mary* was born. *Bill* has another child, *Billy*. *Stephens* was on the 8th Army Staff. *Bill Stewart, Bill Thompson, Kinney, Joe Huntley, Bob Hillman, Vlcek, Sylvester* and *Lloyd Fisher* had a reunion out in the Pacific way back in January. *Pat Stohl* was here at W.P. for June Week. *Adrian St. John*, O.M.G.U.S., Berlin, Hq. Command. *Upchurch* is now with G-2, U.S.F.E.T.

On 20 April at Friedberg, Germany, near Frankfurt, *Bill (A.P.) Wade* married *Ruth Dieckmann* an A.R.C. girl. *Les Hetzel* was best man; *Walt Cook* gave the bride away. Among those present were *McDermott, Stu Meyer, Chuck Alfano, Frank Shaw, Bill Knowlton, Jack Upchurch* and *Bob Wood, J. R. Mitchell* and *Don Wilbourn*. *Wade* is with G-1, U.S.F.E.T. *Pat Wardell* is at Garmisch with either the 489th A.A.A. Bn. or Third Army Hq. *Bill Waters* in Austria. *George Watson's, Penny St. John's* and *Johnny Robert's* wives have arrived in Germany. *Weart* married an Army nurse in Shanghai last February. *Wehrle* visited W.P. for June Week—being home on T.D.Y. from Korea. He's S-3 of the 20th Armored Grp. *Jack Wheeler*, back in Frankfurt from 45 days T.D.Y. at home. *Jack* is trying to get into the constabulary. *White* with the 198th Engr. Dp. Tk. Co., A.P.O. 660, San Francisco. *Wilburn* is with the General Staff of Third Army. *Jack Wood* and his French wife are now with the Embassy in Paris. *Bob Wood*, Engr. Sect. Hq., Third Army, A.P.O. 403. *George Young* with either the 644th A.A.A. Bn. at Kassel, Germany or Third Army Hq. Quite a few of the Engineers are going to school now: *Ed Bennett* is going to M.I.T.; *Bielecki* to Cornell, *Faust* to Texas A.&M.; *Harding* to Illinois; *Hogrefe* to Iowa State; *Richardson* to Harvard; *Starnes* to M.I.T., and *Stevens* to Harvard.

This is my last fling at *Assembly* as I'm leaving this summer. Keep on writing the poop and sending it to anyone here, or merely to *Assembly*.

—A. F.

## June, 1943

\*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 17.

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Burns, W. H., III  
Burr, Edward, II  
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Connor, E. H., III  
Cragg, E. T.

Detwiler, D. A.  
 Fredericks, E. J.  
 Hancock, R. M., Jr.  
 Hughes, H. D.  
 Hunt, W. P., Jr.  
 Hurley, P. J.  
 Kengle, L. F., Jr.  
 Johnson, E. A., Jr.  
 Lockwood, H. N.  
 MacMullin, R. J.  
 Martin, M. L.  
 Metts, A. C., Jr.  
 Nelson, J. H.  
 Norris, J. J.  
 Renth, E. J., Jr.  
 Richmond, C. W.  
 Shiely, A. R., Jr.  
 Smith, H., Jr.  
 Spieth, C., Jr.  
 Thomas, L. C.  
 Watson, L. M.  
 Whittemore, W. T.  
 Wilson, S. L., Jr.  
 Wright, L. F., Jr.

Here's your scribe once again to pass on the latest poop I've been able to collect. First of all I want to tabulate the results of the poopsheets which were sent out to all of you. Of the 442 living classmates 306 have replied to date. For them the breakdown is as follows:

Married .....	202
Single .....	104
Serving in the States.....	169
Serving Overseas.....	137
Lt. Col. ....	1
Major .....	29
Captain .....	226
1st Lieutenant .....	50
On Active Duty .....	434
Out of Service .....	8
Offsprings .....	116
Expected Offsprings .....	38

For specific information on anyone just drop me a card and I'll be glad to forward what poop I have. I'm trying to keep an up to date file of permanent addresses which are the lifelines for all other poop; therefore be sure to have your latest permanent address always on file with me.

Since the last issue the following additional K.I.A. have been confirmed. They are *Barnes, B. B.*; *Burns, W. H.*; *Conway, L. E.*; *Fitzpatrick, L. M.*; *Norton, J. H.*; *Smith, E. F.*; and *Thomas, J. R.* My apologies to *Bill Lutz* whom I erroneously listed as K.I.A. in the last issue.

*Lorres Thomas* married Miss Betty Mitchell in Evansville, Indiana, on April 3, and *Gordy Cantlay* married Miss Billie Davidson on April 27 in Washington, D. C. *Rollo Brandt* married Miss Janet Duncan in the Cadet Chapel on June 8. Also on the 8th *Frank Wood* and Miss Beatrice Wentura were married in Newark, N. J. On the waiting list are *Lem Blank* who will marry Miss Kathryn Ryan in Memphis on June 29 and *Dick Shaefer* who will marry Miss Caroline Cavett in Tennessee on July 3rd. Rumor has it that *Rip Collins* also is getting married in July before going to India for station.

The *Joe Boyles* had a daughter born May 20th at Benning—their second gal. Other recent parents were the *Jack T. Davises*—a boy.

*Zack Richardson* recently dropped by on his way back from Russia where he was Assistant Air Attaché. He just married Miss Tanya Ilovaiskaya in Moscow. Breaking his long silence Zack revealed that he will be stationed with the 610th A.A.F.B.U., Eglin Field, Florida.

*Gayle Madison* wrote from Hawaii that he intends to get married as soon

as transportation is available and he can get his fiancée over there. *Jim Wade* is now on the A.G.F. Board 2 in Rockwall, Texas. He and Madeleine will be glad to see any of you people who might be in the vicinity and can stop by. *John Beach* writes that he has been hospitalized since he was liberated in April, 1945, and has recently gone on a 90 day leave.

*Garry Black* recently returned to Germany after T.D.Y. in the States. He expects Midge and Gary, 3rd, to join him in July or August. He writes that *Maggie Saine*, *Jim Cain*, *Al Metts*, *Don Dargue*, *Marty Martin*, and *Art Holderness* are in the vicinity.

June Week here at USMAY was quite a success with an unusually large representation from June '43. *Lee* and *Ann Hogan* went to town and organized a class picnic at Constitution Island on the 3rd. *Hal Parfitt* supplied the transportation to and from plus a moonlight ride up the Hudson with *Arch Hamblin* and *Bud Bolling* entertaining all with their songs and parodies. Those present for the picnic were the following: *Wally* and *Peg Magathan*, *George* and *Olivia Campbell*, *Ivan* and *Barbara Grady*, *Hal* and *Merce Knowles*, *Ralph* and *Emmy Lou Scott*, *Dick Orphan*, *Dick Shaefer*, *Roger Ray*, *John* and *Marge Bowley*, *Joe Chaufy*, *Bill* and *Dickie Greenwalt*, *Cab Brannon*, the *Ace Parkers*, *Bud* and *Fran Bolling*, *Stukie* and *Cam Stevens*, the *Woody Woodsons*, *Johnny Buyers*, *Bernie* and *Ann Ellen Rogers*, the *Frank Sauls*, the *Howie Inghams*, the *Jack Neuers*, the *Walt Burnettes*, the *Bob Mathes*, *Hank Romanek*, *John* and *Joyce Stockton*, *Hal Parfitt*, *Bob deCamp*, the *Johnny Rawlings*, *Lou Nesselbush*, *Westy Westfall*, *Doug Deal*, *Dick Reitmann*, *Bill Spahr*, *Jack* and *Lois McGregor*, *Jack* and *Allayne Novak*, *Mary Jean Potter*, *Mac* and *Ginny McAdam*, and *Bob* and *Nancy Hoffman*. *Danny Cullinane* was here for part of June Week but had to leave before the picnic. We heard about many of you. Only wish that I'd had a dictaphone to pick up all of the hot poop that was passed back and forth. About many of you who don't write we heard the first bits of news in almost a year. Let's break down and periodically submit any news that concerns you—even if remotely.

*Arch Hamblin* brought back much news with him concerning the E.T.O. contingent—specifically those who attended the gala reunion May 6-7 at the Schless Hotel, Heidelberg, Germany. Forty shaftees of '43 appeared from all over France, Germany, and Austria for the first real overseas get-together since graduation. Because the account is much better in *Arch's* own words I'll let him relate his own poop.

Starting the fire works with a cocktail party and continuing with a banquet that was a stuff gut's delight, the rabble accompanied by *Arch Hamblin's* uke broke into a great song session that saw the "Persian Kitten", "Three Jolly Coachmen", "Benny Havens", and many others.

Most envied of the class present were *Walt Mitchell* and *Duane Tenny* and for good reason, too. *Walt's* wife, *Jeanne*, and *Duane's*, *Harriet*, both femmes fresh from the first boat load of wives to hit the E.T.O., were de-

lightful additions to the gathering. *Walt* and *Jeanne* live in Heidelberg where *Walt* is with the Third Army Headquarters. *Duane*, however, is now Exec and S-3 of the 1171st Engr. Combat Group in Frankfurt, so *Duane* and *Harriet* stayed in the bridal suite that night.

From Metz, France, came *Jack Elliott*, presently S-1 of the 83rd Ord. Bn. *Jack* fought with the 5th Armd. Div. and wears the Luxembourg Croix de Guerre. *Jack's* better half, *Theresa*, will be joining him in the E.T.O. after the blessed event.

*Wick Wickert* brought "la vie parisienne" to the rabble. Now with G-3, Western Base in Paris, he's getting quite adept at his oil paintings. *Wick* did his fighting with the 125th A.A.A. Bn.

*Carlos Young*, bon vivant and man about Camp Phillip Morris, brought fantastic tales of regal splendor in his S-4 Enclave at La Havre, France. *Carlos* was with *Wick* in the 125th A.A.A. Bn. during combat.

Representing the roost at Weisbaden, Germany, U.S.A.F.E. Hq., were *Buzz Bucher*, Majors *Buck Coursey*, *Hank Rosness*, and *Dick Stoddard*. *Buzz* dominates the A-3 Movement Section. Fighting with the 4th Fighter Group, *Buzz* earned the Air Medal with seven clusters. Wife, *Nan*, will join him in the E.T.O. in July. Both *Buck Coursey* and *Hank Rosness* are in the A-2 at U.S.A.F.E., and both fought with the 479th Fighter Group. *Hank* wears the D.F.C. and the Air Medal with three clusters; *Buck* the D.F.C., Bronze Star, and Air Medal. *Dick Stoddard* is in A-2 too. He mixed it up with the 371st Fighter Group during the war and came out wearing the Air Medal with eleven clusters.

Major *Ben Cassidy* came up with *Gabby Ivan* and *Wen Van Auken* from Austria. *Ben* came overseas with the 79th Fighter Group and is still with that group as a squadron C.O. and base adjutant in Linz, Austria. *Ben* wears the Silver Star, D.F.C., Air Medal with ten clusters, Soldier's Medal with cluster, and the British D.F.C.

*Gabby Ivan* is with Hq. U.S.F.A. in Vienna. Fighting with the 101st Inf. of the 26th Inf. Div., *Gabby* won the Silver Star, Bronze Star, and the Russian Medal for Bravery. *Brecky Ivan* should join *Gabby* in Vienna shortly.

*Van Van Auken* came to the reunion with his sister, *Cynthia*, who is a 1st Lt. in command of the W.A.C. Detachment, Third Army in Heidelberg. *Van* is still with the outfit he came overseas with, as a Bn. Exec of the 232nd Inf. of the 42nd Inf. Div., now in Austria. *Suzzane* and *Wendall G. Van Auken, III* should be over to be with *Van* any time now.

Frankfurt sent quite a delegation of pencil pushers to the clambake. *John Cochran* now with G-4, U.S.F.E.T., came overseas with the 66th Inf. Div. as a F.O. for which he holds the Bronze Star.

*Jim Darden*, now with Reports Section, F.I.A.T. in Frankfurt, came over with the 66th Inf. Div. too as a liaison officer. *Jim's* wife, *Honor* and their daughter *Honor Marie*, two years old, are due in the E.T.O. May 15th.

*Page Jackson*, now a supply officer in F.I.A.T., came overseas to join the

A-3 Sect. of IX A.D.C. Jean Jackson is on the way overseas.

George Newman, just over in the E.T.O. from a detail at Ft. Benning, now finds himself at Hq. U.S.F.E.T. George came overseas originally as C.N. Co. Comdr. 259th Inf. of the 69th Inf. Div. He holds the Bronze Star. Barbara Newman and their two-year old Janet will join George in the near future.

Al Orlian was another who's fresh in the E.T.O. from Ft. Benning. Originally, Al fought with the 29th Inf. Div. as a Hv. Wpns. Co. Comdr., back again in the E.T.O. he is Admin. Officer of the radio station, AFN Frankfurt.

Stan Ott, now with G-2, U.S.F.E.T., fought as a B.C. with the 924th F.A. Bn. of the 99th Inf. Div., during combat; he has the Bronze Star.

Bob Plett, man about G-4, U.S.F.E.T., came over with the 63rd Div., fighting as a B.C. in the 718th F.A. Bn. Bob has the Commendation Ribbon. Bob was sweating out Florence's arriving in the E.T.O. within a few days.

Bob Rooker, still the dapper little man, is presently a cloak and dagger man with G-2, U.S.F.E.T. As aerial observer of the 392nd F.A. Bn. of the 42nd Inf. Div., Bob won an Air Medal with two clusters. Bette Rooker and son Bruce are joining Bob muy pronto.

Ed Kreml and Al Ellis came down from Eschenstruth, Germany, where they are with the 644th A.A.A. Bn. Ed came overseas with the 135th A.A.A. Gun Bn. and fought as a Btry Comdr. Rosanne Kreml is E.T.O. bound shortly. Al Ellis fought overseas with the 457th A.A.A. Bn., as a Btry Comdr. Lavinia and son Thomas will be on the way over to join Al soon.

The Continental Base Section at Bad Nauheim, Germany, was represented by Tom Sawyer, Bob Griffin, and Major Bill Glasgow. Tom's with C.B.S.'s Control G-4 Section. He came overseas with the 295th Engineers, acting during the war as a Co. Comdr. and Bn. S-3, and he came out wearing a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart. Helen Sawyer joins the ole man in the E.T.O. in June. Griff is the flash about C.B.S.'s G-3 Sect. Coming overseas with the 491st Armd. F.A. Bn. of the 11th Armd. Div., Griff went through as Btry Exec. He won the Bronze Star and the Commendation Ribbon. Bill Glasgow is Engr. Supply Officer of C.B.S. Fighting with the 248th Engr. C. Bn., he held at various times positions as Bn. S-2, Bn. S-3, and Bn. Exec. Officer. He received the Purple Heart. Jane Glasgow will be E.T.O. bound shortly.

Slugging it out for the 1st Inf. Div. were Stan Staszak and Jim Keenan. Stan's in G-2 and Jim's in G-1 at Regensburg, Germany. Stan was with the 23rd Cav. Recon. Sqn., and Jim was a Btry Exec. with the 143rd A.A.A. Gun Bn.

Maggie Saine sang loud the praises of the 3rd Inf. Div. He joined that unit as soon as he came overseas and has been with it ever since. During the war he was a Hv. Wpns. Comdr., and he won the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and French Croix de Guerre. Now he's Reg'l S-4 of the 30th Inf. at Kassel, Germany, where

he expects his wife, Ruth, and son, James, to join him any day now.

Eddie McCabe came down from the 343rd Engr. G.S. Regt. at Ziegenburg, Germany, to join the fun. During combat, Eddie was a C.O. in the 172nd Engr. C. Bn., where he won the Bronze Star.

The Constabulary in Germany was represented by Bob McCanna and Don Spiece. Bob is S-1 with the 3rd Constab. Regt. at Wetzlar, Germany, while Don is a Troop Comdr. of the 51st Constab. Sqn. at Passau, Germany. Bob joined the 6th Armd. Div. overseas, became an Engineer and won the Silver and Bronze Stars. Beverly McCanna is joining Bob overseas soon. Don came over with the 633rd T.D. Bn. and ended the war as a Co. Comdr., holding the Silver Star.

From Heidelberg came many June '43 lads to join the festivities. Jock Barickman, Jim Canning, Jim Christy, Steve Gordy, Arch Hamblin, Norm Pehrson and Chuck Wilson all rooted and tooted.

Jock Barickman, presently with G-2, Third U.S. Army, came over with the 272nd F.A. Bn., and was all over the E.T.O. before the war was over.

Jim Canning, now with the 79th F.A. Group, came over with the 268th F.A. Bn., where he was S-2 and Asst. S-3. He wears the Bronze Star.

Smilin' Jim Christy is now C.O. of the 3708th Q.M. Truck Co. He came overseas with 28th Inf. Div. where he was a Co. Comdr.

Steve Gordy, another cloak and dagger man with the Third Army G-2 Section came overseas with the 738th F.A. Bn., where he was a Group Air Observer and an S-3. He holds the Bronze Star and Air Medal with cluster.

Arch Hamblin, 3rd Army, G-3 Section, came over with the 63rd Inf. Div., where as Hv. Wpns. Co. Comdr. he earned the Bronze Star with cluster plus the Purple Heart.

Walk Jamar, T.U.S.A., Engr. Section, saw combat with the 1104th Engr. C. Group as Gp. S-2, where he earned the Bronze Star. Walk goes back for reassignment in the States in June.

Doug Parham, another T.U.S.A. Engr. saw action as a Co. Comdr. with the 24th Armd. Engr. Bn. of the 4th Armd. Div. Marilyn and Doug are the proud parents of daughter Judith Lee.

Norm Pehrson, Engr. Sect., T.U.S.A., has been overseas since December '43 and fought with the 207th and 300th Engr. C. Bns., ending the war as a Co. Comdr. Norm will join his wife, Ruth, and son, Bruce, in the States soon when he goes back for reassignment.

Chuck Wilson now a Btry. Comdr. in the 387th A.A.A. Bn. (S.P.), came overseas with the 136th A.A.A. Gun Bn., where he was a Btry. Comdr. He also served in the 45th A.A.A. Group as Exec. and S-4.

Many were unable to attend but sent their blessing to the celebrating crew. Wilkie Wilkinson, now S-3 of the 571st A.A.A. Bn. in Karlsruhe, Germany, is expecting his wife, Ruth, and son, Wilkie, Jr., overseas shortly.

"Jug" Barrows is teaching in the Third Army Officers' School in Seckenheim, Germany.

Major Ralph Jones, at U.S.F.E.T., couldn't make it because his wife had just arrived.

Majors Pat Hurley and Bud Holder-ness, who call Weisbaden home, and Lt. Col. Marty Martin, with home base at Fritzlar, were all putting on an air show over Copenhagen; so they could not get down.

Shad Easley, normally of the Weisbaden crew, is now on T.D.Y. in the States.

Charlie Reed, with C.B.S. at Bad Nauheim, was expecting his wife over the weekend.

Ham Carter was simply snowed under with work as Exec. of the 10th F.A. Bn. in Germany, as was Bob Campbell, B. Btry. Comdr. in the same Bn. at Friedberg. Lib and Ham III as well as Mary Lou Campbell are awaiting shipping orders to join their mates.

Down in Austria, both Nick Parker and Fred Proctor were sitting tight to greet their wives.

Bill Calnan and Tom Johnston in Austria couldn't get away either.

Luke Wright, with the 627th F.A. Bn. was on the move with his outfit from France to Germany.

The Berlin crowd were all wife waiting: Rog Conarty, Del Perkins, Dave Davenport, and Charlie Crane.

Jack Kidder, adjutant of the 29th Inf. Regt. in Bremerhaven, was way over his head in work, as was Clyde Ernest, Exec. of the 1258 Engr. C. Bn. in Nuremberg, Germany.

Harry Schroeder, G-3, U.S.F.E.T., had just left for the States on T.D.Y.

Likewise, Allen Burdett was back in the States on T.D.Y. from G-3 Section, 3rd Army. Allen came over as a Co. Comdr. in the 63rd Inf. Div. and has received the Silver Star with cluster plus the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

Jim Phillips, presently G-3 Section, 42nd Inf. Div. in Salzburg, Austria, fought with the 402nd F.A. Bn. as a B.C. to win the Bronze Star. Preparing to go home for T.D.Y., he couldn't get up to the reunion. Jim's wife, Helen, and daughter, Alma Jean, probably will return to the E.T.O. with him.

Gordon Smith was too busy closing out his supply records as S-4 of the 627th F.A. Bn. at Gelnhausen, Germany, so he could go on T.D.Y. Smitty fought with the 725th F.A. Bn. as Asst. S-3.

Sure would appreciate it if others of you who manage to get together with a few classmates would write up the "minutes" of your gathering and send them on to me. Everyone would greatly appreciate hearing about such gathering I'm sure.

If there are still any of you who haven't sent in your vital statistics to me please take a minute off and drop me a line. Remember, Gang, your poop makes the column what it is; so keep it rolling in.

—B. deC.

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\*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 17.

Aurand, H. S., Jr.  
Barnett, L., Jr.  
Campbell, J. B.  
Gerhard, F. W., Jr.

Hale, F. J.  
Knoll, D. L., Jr.  
McPherson, J. R.  
Mitchell, C. A., Jr.  
Patton, O. B.  
Porter, F. B.  
Simmons, J. M.  
Walters, W. H.  
Wilson, L. A., Jr.  
Withers, M. B.

Received poop about many '44ers thanks to their families or the men themselves—the news is the most accurate and current we've had so far. The following alphabetical listing of the men includes their military address and/or station, rank, duty or job, marital status and children. When you reach *Zillmer* you will have come to the end of the chronological arrangement; the information we received for the remainder of the column was not as detailed; however, for the alphabetical info note the following: if a man has received his promotion, we will note his Captaincy; otherwise, it will be understood that he is a First Lieutenant.

*W. G. Allison*, O'Reilly General Hospital. He expects to finish a degree in Civil Engineering while awaiting retirement. March 10, 1946 he married a former Army Nurse, Lt. Gertrude Lewison, at Jackson, Minnesota.

*Almqvist*, Hdq. C.O.—3rd Bn., 325th Glider Inf. Reg., 82nd A./B. Div., Fort Bragg, N. C. Company Commander. Married to the former Kathie Whitmore.

*Anderson, C. B.*, Jackson Army Air Base, Jackson, Miss. A Base Engineering Officer. Single.

*Anderson, W. P.*, temporarily at the Raleigh Hotel, Washington, D. C. (permanent address: Flight Section, Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Alabama). Staff pilot at Maxwell, but has a temporary assignment to "Operations Crossroads". Single.

*Auringer* is at 325th Glider Inf., Fort Bragg, N. C. Unmarried.

*Andrews, Randolph H.*, Chief Officer of Supplies on Guam—28th Bomb Squadron—19th Bomb Group, A.P.O. 334, Care P.M. San Francisco. Bachelor.

*Babcock, Leslie E.*, newly assigned to Battery B, 41st F.A., A.P.O. 3, c/o P.M., N.Y. Unmarried.

Capt. *J. R. Bandy, Jr.*, a group air inspector, Hq. 49th Fighter Group, A.P.O. 919, Chitose, Hokkaido, Japan, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal. Married.

*Bartley*, awaiting shipment to E.T.O. in June—stationed at C.I.C. Center, Holabird Signal Depot, Baltimore, Md. Single.

*Bartz*, student in A.T.S.C. Post Graduate Course in Elec. Eng., leading to Master's Degree at Department of Electrical Eng., University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois. Married and has a son born 14 August, '45.

*Bell, Wm., 3rd*, 147th C.W. Gen. Ser. Co., Korea Base Command, A.P.O. 901, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal. Not married.

*Beukema*, Asst. Exc. to Director of Intelligence, O.M.G.U.S. at Berlin. . . Address: O.D.I., O.M.G.U.S., A.P.O. No. 742, N.Y. Married and has an 8½ lb. Junior, born 12 May '46.

*Black, F. H.*, Captain, 1st Div. Hqs., 16th Inf., A.P.O. 1, c/o P.M., N. Y. Reg.

Adjutant. Married the former Harriet Dewey.

*Bootz, C. R.*, Ordnance Dept., Watervliet Arsenal, Watervliet, N. Y. Married and has a daughter.

*Bottomly, Heath*, Captain at an Air Field near Tokyo, Japan. . . Address: 82nd T.A.C.-R.C.N. Sqdn, A.P.O. 994, c/o P. M., San Francisco, Cal. Married to the former Betty Simpson.

*Captain Brady*, Frankfurt, Germany is an Administrative Officer, Operations Branch of G-2, U.S.F.E.T. Address: G-2 Hdq. U.S.F.E.T., A.P.O. 757, c/o P. M., N. Y.

*H. G. Brickhouse, Jr.*, killed in Germany 15 April, 1945; survived by his wife and a 10 month old daughter, Mary Anne.

*A. C. Bridewell, Jr.*, with the Occupation Army in Germany—C.M.I. Sec. IX, A. P. O. No. 66, c/o P.M., N. Y. Married and has a 14 month old son.

*Bright, R. P.*, A.A.F., Liaison Office, Rec. Sta. 7, Ft. Sheridan, Ill. Married to the former Anna Rae Storandt.

*Brooks, A. Q.*, Hq. 1378 Engr. Base Depot (we believe that's at Knoxville, Tenn.). Not married.

*Jack Bruno*, on Okinawa with H.Q.S., 8th Engr. Sqd, A.P.O. 201, San Francisco, Cal. Not married.

*H. H. Burnett*, Bldg. 93, Ft. Riley, Kan.; may rejoin 38th Inf., Camp Carson, Colo. At Rcn. & Sec. School. Not married.

*Willie Burr*, "D" Co., 508th Pch. Inf., A.P.O. No. 757, c/o P.M., N. Y. Not married.

*Cabaniss, Jelks H., Jr.*, Commanding Hq. Btry., 42nd Div. Arty., A.P.O. 411, c/o P.M. N. Y. Single.

*Callahan, L. G.*, Captain—Battery C.O., Btry. "D", 866th A.A.A. (Au.) Bn., A.P.O. 74, Manila, P. I. Married to the former Annette Hodges.

*Callan, R. B.*, student, Post Graduate Elec. Course at Elec. Eng. Dept., University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill. Assigned to A.T.S.C., Wright Field. Married and has a Carolyn Louise born 12 February, 1946.

*Capka, Jerry G.*, 973rd Eng. (C.) Co., Fort Benning, Ga. Coaching the baseball nine of the 25th Combat Team. Single.

*Carlson, John H.*, Captain on Okinawa—5223rd Avn. Eng. Brig., c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal. Executive officer of the Brigade. Single.

*Carley, John W.*, Captain — Co. Comdr., 5th Inf., A.P.O. No. 541, Salzburg, Austria. Single.

*Cary*, Captain, Frankfurt, Germany. 6800th Field Information Agency Tech., M.S.F.E.T. Main A.P.O. 757, c/o P.M., N. Y. Married the former Rebecca Beverley Herbert.

*Cash, F. E., Jr.*, Captain. Supply and Construction Officer, 24th Cav., Recn. Sq., (M.), A.P.O. No. 174, c/o P.M., N. Y. Single.

*Charlson*, Hq. 21st Fighter Group 7th Fighter Command, A.P.O. 182, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal. Married.

*Ciszewski, L. F.*, Battery Commander, 9th F.A. Bn., A.P.O. No. 3, c/o P.M., N. Y. Unmarried.

*Cleveland*, completing a course as Pilot-Liaison Officer, Fort Sill, Okla., Air Training School.

*Clore* is in shipment to E.T.O. again—address not known. He is a Tank Plt. Ldr. Single.

*Codling, R. B.*, Captain, 43rd Engr. Const. Bn., A.P.O. No. 704, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal. Single.

*Conant, R. W.*, Captain, Headquarters, Engrs. Sect., 3rd U. S. Army Hqs., Heidelberg, Germany.

*Conlon, W. S.*, Hqs. Co., 3rd Bn., 511th Pch. Inf., A.P.O. No. 468, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal. He is on his way back to Japan after a 45-day leave. Not married.

*Cooch*, Company Commander, Anti-Tank Co., 26th Inf., A.P.O. No. 1, c/o P.M., N. Y.—Nurnburg, Germany. Married and has a boy—one year old 18 May.

*Dick Cowherd* died of battle wounds 21 April, 1945 in Germany. Was with the Armored Cavalry. Posthumously awarded the Silver Star.

*Bob Cowherd*, last address: Overseas Replacement Depot Shipment No. R.E.-C.H.9-(a) Camp Kilmer, New Jersey. He has been shipped to Germany (508th Pch. Infantry). Single.

*Crowell, Dean G.*, A.P.O. No. 719, 414th Fighter Group, c/o P. M., San Francisco (Philippines). Married and has an 8 month old daughter, Malinda.

*Dabrowski*, student at Ill. Tech., specializing in electronics, two year course. Address: 5320 W. Cuyler Ave., Chicago 41, Illinois (Hq. 2nd Army). Married and has a daughter, Alexandra Ann, born 28 March, '46.

*Dancy, Albert Guy*, transferred from Ft. Knox, Kentucky to Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa. Captain and a student in civil engineering. Married.

*Daniel, C. D.*, Captain, Hq. 47th Inf., A.P.O. No. 9, c/o P.M., N. Y. Single.

*Dart, Robert C.*, S.A.S.C. No. 3, Camp Philip Morris, A.P.O. No. 516, c/o P.M., N. Y. Single.

*Davis, G. A.*, Adj. at 316th Bomb. Wing, A.P.O. No. 239 c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal. Married and has a 13 month old daughter.

*Day, Bob*, Office Chief C.W.S., Washington, D. C. Single.

*Deakin, Bruce K.*, P.A.S.C. Supply Div., A.P.O. No. 323, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal. Single.

*Decker, E. R.*, Captain—executive officer—at 1901st Engr. Avn. Bn., A.P.O. No. 712, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal. (Korea). He and Margaret have a daughter, Kathryn Carney, born 22 March, '45.

*Deeter, C. L.*, Kunsan, Korea—Hq. Co., 3rd Bat., 63rd Inf., A.P.O. No. 6, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal. Single.

*dela Mater, L.*, Adjutant of Hq. Co., Hq. & Hq. Co., 70th R.D., A.P.O. No. 208, c/o P.M., N. Y., Furstentfeldbruck, Germany. Helen and Susan (their year old daughter) are preparing to join him in July.

*Denman, Dale, Jr.*, Captain. Instructor, U.S. Zone Constabulary School, A.P.O. No. 177, c/o P.M., N. Y. Married.

*Dennen, R. L.*, Hq. 8th Air Force, A.P.O. No. 239, San Francisco (Okinawa). Married and has a daughter born 14 March, '46.

*Dondanville*, Training Lit. & Repro., Fort Knox, Ky. Married.

*Douglas, Capt. J. S.*, 222d Inf., A.P.O. No. 411, c/o P.M., N. Y. Started his leave in U.S.A. 19 May, '46. Not married.

*Drake, R. E.*, Amphibious Equipment Branch, A.G.F. Board No. 2, Ft. Ord,

Calif. Married Adrienne Moffat 3 May, '46 in San Francisco. Has orders to attend a 2 year course in College of Engineering, University of Michigan—the course begins 27 June '46.

*Dunham, J. W.*, Captain, S-3, Hqs. No. 402nd F.A. Bn., A.P.O. No. 411, c/o P.M., N. Y. Married.

*Eiler, Captain K. E.*, E.T.O. for another year. Hqs. 3rd U.S.A., Office of the Sect. Gen's Staff, A.P.O. No. 403, c/o P.M., N. Y. Aide-de-Camp to the General of the 3rd Army, also Asst. Secretary to the Chief of Staff.

*Emley, Captain P. C.*, 18th Inf., A.P.O. No. 1, c/o P.M., N. Y. Married. *Faas*, 21st Ftr. Sqdn., 413th Ftr. Gp. (S.E.), A.P.O. No. 239, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal. Married and has a Junior 3 months old.

*Farris, S. A.*, Hq. 301st Ftr. Wing, A.P.O. No. 239, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal. (Okinawa). Single.

*Fitton, Captain*, assigned to P-80's at 414th Ftr. Gp. Hq., A.P.O. No. 719, c/o P. M., San Francisco, Calif. Married and has a David the 3rd, born August 15, 1945.

*Flynn, J. R.*, Hockst Det. Hq. Comd., U.S.F.E.T. A.P.O. No. 757, c/o P.M., N. Y. Not married.

*Flynn, Captain T. F.*, S.S.O., Hq. Third Inf. Div., A.P.O. No. 3, c/o P.M., N. Y. Single.

*Forthoffer, F. O.*, Captain, 1886th Engr. Avn Bn., A.P.O. No. 331, San Francisco, Cal. (Okinawa). Married to a former link trainer instructor in the Navy; Elaine expects to leave for Okinawa in June.

*Fowler, R. B.*, Hq. 5th Air Force, A.P.O. No. 710, Tokyo. Married to the former Mary M. McGinnis; they have a son Dick, 2nd, born July 4, 1945.

*Fullilove, Captain*, Clark Field, P. I., 437th F.&R. Sq., 414th F.&R. Gp., A.P.O. No. 719-1. Is Operations Officer there. Married and has a daughter, Susan K., aged 11 months.

*Gaffney, John W.*, Captain, Hq. 70th A.A.A. Group, A.P.O. No. 74, c/o P.M., San Francisco. Not married.

*Gallez, D. W.*, Hqs., 41st F.A. Bn., 3rd Inf. Div., A.P.O. No. 3, c/o P.M., N. Y. (Russelsheim, Germany). Unmarried.

*Gervais, Sq. Adj.* Box 365, 501st Bomb. Gr. Hq., A.P.O. No. 182, c/o P.M., San Francisco. Married and has a son, David Royal, born 24 March, '45.

*Giles, J. B., Jr.*, taking an advanced course at Ft. Benning—Address: 3d Co., Acad. Egt. T.I.S., Ft. Benning, Ga. Single.

*Glab, J. E.*, is Company C.O., 622nd Engr. Base Equip. Co., A.P.O. No. 72, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal. (Leyte, P. I.). Single.

*Gordon, R. L., Jr.*, last address: Overseas Replacement Depot, Ft. Lawton, Wash. Not married.

*Grant, Captain*, Service Co., 47th Inf., 9th Div., Kaufbeuren, Germany. Single.

*Greaves, F. L.*—Permanent Address: 2803 Ridge Road Drive, Alexandria, Va. Temporary Address: Motor Transport Bn., Hq. Comd. Office Mil. Govt. of Germany (U.S.) A.P.O. No. 742, c/o P.M., N. Y.

*Guild, W. A., Jr.*, is Co. Commander of Co. B, 1259th Engr. C. Bn., Fort Lewis, Washington. Married on 22 March, '46 in Oregon (Medfield) to Mimi Landis of San Francisco.

*Hall, Gerald D.*, A.G./T. Cavalry School Troops, Fort Riley, Kansas. Single.

*Harper, R. O.*, 252nd Ord. Bn., A.P.O. 227, c/o P.M., N. Y.

*Hayman, G. R.*, Hq. 37th F.A. Bn., 2nd Div., Fort Lewis, Washington. Unmarried.

*Hayward*, Hqs. 11th Airborne Div., A.P.O. No. 468, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal. As soon as wives go to Japan, Margaret and daughter, Alison will be going to join him.

*Hempleman, Sq. Adj.* at Sq. B., Kirtland Army Air Field, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Married the former Patricia Louise Morrill; they have a daughter, Suzanne.

*Henderson, F. D.*, Captain at Ashiya—north of Nagasaki—Kyushu Island. Address: 36th Fighter Sq., 8th Ftr. Group, A.P.O. No. 929, c/o P.M., San Francisco. He is Flight Leader—Squadron Adjutant. He married Pauline Patton.

*Hendrick, R. J.*, Captain, Engineer with Air Force at Co. A, 808th E.A.B., A.P.O. No. 611, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal. He married Beatrice Kieran 14 Oct., '44; left for So. Pac. Dec., '44; expected to leave Tokyo for States in May.

*Hennessey, J. J.*, Captain, 310th Inf. Regt. (Berlin), A.P.O. No. 78, c/o P.M., N. Y. Married.

*Hesse, Sam D.*, Hqs. 13th A.F., A.P.O. No. 719, Clark Field, Luzon, P. I. Single.

*Howe, Special Troops*, 1st Army, Fort Benning, Ga. Single.

*Howell* is taking a year advanced engineering course at Office of Chief of Engineers, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois. Married to A. J. Jaenichen; they have a son, Thomas Sayre, born 24 June, '45.

*Humma, W. J.*, with B-29's on Hawaii. Married Marilyn Gene Fitzgerald. They have a daughter, Marilyn Gene. Permanent address: Metropolis, Ill.

*Hyman* was married while home on leave from Japan (10 March, '46), Hqs. 511th Prcht. Inf., A.P.O. No. 468, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal. (Morioka, Japan).

*Ingram, C.O. Hqs. Service Co.*, Kimpo Airdrome, Korea, 1901st Eng. Avn. Bn., A.P.O. No. 712. Single.

*Jackson, Q. B.*, 3rd Photo Recon. Sq., A.P.O. No. 234, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal. (stationed on Guam). His wife and 4 month old daughter, Susan, plan to join him by fall.

*Janeczek, Ray*, Captain, Hq. V.B.C., A.P.O. No. 994, San Francisco, Cal. Single.

*Jones, L. V.*, 3rd Photo Recon. Sqdn., A.P.O. No. 234, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal. Not married.

*Jones, W. C.*, Vice Consul American, A.G.C. Hq. M.B.O.B., Munich, Germany, A.P.O. No. 170, c/o P.M., N. Y. He received this appointment in Jan.; after four weeks training in Washington, D. C. Single.

*Keifer, F. J.*, Co. Commander, Co. C, A.F.A.S.T., Inf. Bn., Ft. Sill, Okla. Widower; April 6, 1945 his wife and baby died.

*Kennedy*, attending Special Infantry School at Fort Benning, Ga.—Address: 504th Paratroop Inf., 82nd Div., Fort Bragg, N. C.

*Kimbel, F. J.*, Captain, Hq. 56th Eng. C. Bn., A.P.O. 74, San Francisco, Cal. Single.

*Klein*, Liaison Pilot, Field Artillery in Japan—Address: 11th Airborne—Air Section, A.P.O. No. 468, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal. His permanent address is Box 2148, Las Vegas, Nevada. Single.

*Kleist, Captain E. H.*, Co. Commanded of Philippine Scouts at Co. "A", 56th Engr. (C.) (P.S.) Bn., A.P.O. No. 74, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal. He and Mary Jane have a son, William Howard.

*Klinge, Captain L. R.*, departed for E.T.O. 9 Dec., '44; served in England, France and Belgium; departed from France for Asiatic Pacific Theater 10 July, '45—arrived Okinawa 30 August, '45. He is Depot Commander, Naha Q.M. Depot, Naha, Okinawa. Address: 4474 Q.M. Depot Co., A.P.O. No. 180, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal. He is marrying Therese Meehan 15 June at Brooklyn, N. Y.

*Kutchinski, Henry P.*, Company Commander, Co. I, 504th Prcht. Inf., Fort Bragg, N. C. On December 31, '45 he married Marge Hansen at Tremonton, Utah.

*Lindell, R. W.*, Captain, Btry. Comdr., Btry. "D", 5th F.A. Bn., A.P.O. No. 1, c/o P.M., N. Y. Married.

*Lisenby, J. T., Jr.*, pilot instructor at B.A.F. Hq., A.P.O. No. 719, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal. (Philippines). Married to the former Jean Buddinglo.

*McCoy, M. E.*, Captain, Hokkaido, Northern Japan. Address: 9th Ftr. Sqdn., 49th Ftr. Group, A.P.O. No. 919, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal. He is C.O. of 9th Fighter Squadron. Married.

*McGlothlin*, Halloran Gen. Hospital at the time of this writing, but will be assigned elsewhere when this is printed. He and Peggy had a son Dec. 5, 1945—William Christopher.

*McGuire, T. J., Jr.*, is in Berlin; Motor Trans. Bn., H.Q. Comd., O.M.G. U.S., A.P.O. No. 742, c/ P.M., N. Y. Unmarried.

*McLean*, Korea, Hq. 475th Ftr. Gp., A.P.O. No. 712, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal. Married to the former Bettie Allen of Phila., Pa.

*Mahin, Capt. Frank*, Historical Division, Hq. U.S.F.E.T., A.P.O. No. 757, c/o P.M., N. Y. Not married.

*Mahoney, T. E.*, Flying a B-29 when he isn't acting as Finance Officer for the Sqdn, 24th Com. Map. Sqdn., A.P.O. No. 719, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal. Not married.

*Maish, A. M.*, commands a company of map-making Engineers in Tokyo. Co. A, 64th Topo. Engr. Bn., A.P.O. No. 181, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal. Unmarried.

*Marks, S. S.*, taking a course in liaison pilot training—Sqdn. "U", 3706th A.A.F. B.U., Sheppard Field, Texas.

*Marshall, A. R.*, Capt., Yokohama, Japan; 8th Army Engr. Section, A.P.O. No. 343, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal. Single.

*Martin, C. C.*, Completing the graduate course in Jet Propulsion at Cal. Tech; 625 So. Hudson Ave., Pasadena, Cal. Expects to get Master's degree

in June (we believe he is the first in our class to do so). Bachelor.

*Maxon, G. E., Jr.*, Pacific Air Command Hqs., Captain; Box 15, Hq. P.A.C.U.S.A. (Admin.), A.P.O. No. 925, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal. Single.

*Melton, B. H.* "Buck" is an Ass't. Sales Manager at Echophone Div. Hallcrafters Radio. He and Miriam have a son, Michael Ward, born 13 March, '46. Their address is 7635 East End Ave., Chicago, Ill.

*Metzler*, student at Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa as of 1 June, '46. Married.

*Mills, R. S.*, expected home on leave 1 June, '46. Co. I, 508th Pch. Inf., Frankfurt, Germany, A.P.O. No. 757, c/o P.M., N. Y. Unmarried.

*Milam*, Captain at 508th Pch. Inf., A.P.O. No. 757, c/o P.M., N. Y. His wife, Doris, and son, John David, were in 10 May shipment to Germany.

*Millington, Capt. E. N.*, Heidelberg, Germany; expected home about 15 July for a 45 day leave. G-3 Sect. Hq., Third U.S. Army, A.P.O. No. 403, c/o P.M., N. Y. Not married.

*Mire, E. C., Jr.*, Clark Field, Philippines; 504th Bomb. Gp., 313th Bomb. Wing, A.P.O. No. 719, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal. He and Mary have a daughter, Camille Marie.

*Moore, F. E.*, Captain, Heavy Weapons Company Commander, Co. "H", 47th Inf., A.P.O. No. 9, c/o P.M. N. Y. (Bavaria). Single. Home address: 1015 Connor St., Paris, Texas.

*Moore, J. T.*, Captain, Hq. 8th Ftr. Gp., A.P.O. No. 929, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal. Married.

*Moore, T. E., Jr.*, Captain, G-4 Sect. 42nd Div. Hq., A.P.O. No. 411, c/o P.M., N. Y. Maudie joined him in 3 May shipment; both are living in Salzburg, Austria.

*Moulis, W. J.*, Captain, St. Martinville, La., T.D.Y. U.S.A. Single.

*Mulkey*, Captain, enroute for a leave to marry Josephine Flournoy at Columbus, Ga. in June; goes back to Germany in 45 days.

*Muller, Sq. "B"*, 1377th A.A.F.B.U., Westover Field, Mass. Single. He was flying P-51's in Hawaii; had a pretty bad crack-up in December—came home in March.

*Mullin, C. H.*, Clark Field Luzon—504th Bm. Gp., 313th Bm. Wing, A.P.O. No. 719, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal. Married Shirley Weed of Highland Park on 29 Dec., 1945.

*Myslinski, Cas*, is piloting B-29's at 874th Sq., 73rd Wing, MacDill Field, Florida.

*Nalle* went overseas with 16th Armored Div. (participated in invasion of Czecho Slovakia) as artillery forward observer; when 16th came home he was assigned to 79th Div., and when that Div. came home he joined the detachment guarding the war prisoners at the trials at Nurnburg. Now he is on a 45-day leave and hopes to take his wife, Ann, back with him when he returns to Germany. Hq. 6850th Internal Security Detachment, International Military Tribunal, A.P.O. No. 124-A, c/o P.M., N. Y.

*Neilond* is detailed with M.I.S. at Brussels; 6801 M.I.S.-X Det.—Brussels, A.P.O. No. 562, c/o P.M., N. Y. Unmarried.

*Nelson, J. R.*, Hqs. 40th Bomb. Wing (H), A.P.O. No. 66, c/o P.M.,

N. Y. Stationed in Erlangen, Germany. Single.

*Nelson, W. J.*, 51st Ord. Gp., A.P.O. No. 162, c/o P.M., N. Y. (near Nurnberg, Germany). His wife, Ruth, and son, Billy, Jr., are awaiting orders to join Bill in Germany.

*Nixon*, Captain—Co. Commander, Co. "C", 1258th Eng. C. Bn., A.P.O. No. 162, c/o P.M., N. Y. Single.

*O'Brien*, Captain, home on a 45-day leave at 48 Webster St., Newport, R. I.; overseas address Hq. Bd., A.P.O. No. 755, c/o P.M., N. Y. Not married.

*O'Connor, J. H.*, Hq. 20th A.F., A.P.O. No. 234, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal. Single.

*Parks, R. W.*, 42nd Div. Q.M. Co., A.P.O. No. 411, c/o P.M., N. Y.—Field Artillery, Salzburg, Austria. Single.

*Parson*, Captain, G-2 Ops. Br. Hq., U.S.F.E.T., A.P.O. No. 757, c/o P.M., N. Y. Not married.

*Petrone*, Rock Island Arsenal, Rock Island, Ill. Single.

*Pitts, K. P.*, Hq. 1st Cav. Div. G-2 Sec., A.P.O. No. 201, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal. Following liberation as prisoner of war in Germany, he volunteered as replacement officer in Japan in 97 Div.; transferred to 1st Cav. when 97th came home. Single.

*Pollin*, Captain, Hq., 42nd Div. Artillery, A.P.O. No. 411, c/o P.M., N. Y. (Linz, Austria). Jack is taking Jinnie back to Austria with him about 3 June.

*Prahl, Val E.*, 308th Bomb. Wing, A.P.O. No. 712, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal. (Seoul, Korea). Not married.

*Rhodes*, 363rd A.S.G., A.P.O. No. 182, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal. Married and has a son.

*Rivers*, Clark Field, 313th Wing, 504th Gp., A.P.O. No. 719-2, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal. Single.

*Rodden*, Troop Commander with 8th Engr. Squadron, A.P.O. No. 201, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal. (Tokyo, Japan). Single.

*Rogers, D. C.*, Hq. 42nd Div., A.P.O. 411, c/o P.M., N. Y. At present he is in U.S.A. on 45 days T.D.Y. The above address and job are ones held when he left Europe. Single.

*Rogers, H. L.*, is due to leave for overseas any day; just completed Inf. Off. Course No. 3 (5 months) at Benning; now at 9th Inf., 2nd Div., Ft. Lewis, Wash.

*Routh, R. K.*, about to complete a six months' course at Fort Bliss; Box 1173, Fort Bliss, Texas. Single.

*Schardt*, Office of the Provost Marshal, A.F.W.E.S. P.A.C., A.P.O. No. 707, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal. Married and has a daughter.

*Scoggin, J. F., Jr.*, Historical Div. Hq., U.S.F.E.T., A.P.O. No. 757, c/o P.M., N. Y. (Frankfurt, Germany). Single.

*Sellers, R. C., Jr.*, 9th Bomb. Hq., at A.P.O. No. 719, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal. (Clark Field, Philippines). Married the former Eleanor Eriksen.

*Shoemaker, R. M.*, B-29 pilot, Clark Field, Manila, 24th C.M.S., A.P.O. No. 719, c/o P.M. San Francisco, Cal. He has a month old daughter, Barbara Ann.

*Silver, D. L., Jr.*, Captain, U.S.F.E.T., M.I.S. Center, A.P.O. No. 757, P.M., N. Y. He married Betty Jane Shuster of Pitman, N. J., on 8 December, '45 while home on a 45-day leave. She sailed on the "Thomas H. Barry", 18 April, '46 with the first group of wives to go over. They are living near Frankfurt, Germany.

*Sims, L. H., Jr.*, Captain, Hq. U.S.A. M.G.I.K., A.P.O. No. 235, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal. Single.

*Smith, D. M.*, at Guam with 3rd Photo. Recon. Sqdn., A.P.O. No. 234, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal. Single.

*Smith, F. A.*, Captain, Salzburg, Austria; Hq., 5th Inf., A.P.O. No. 541, c/o P.M., N. Y. Not married.

*Snelling, W. H.*, Hq. 42nd Inf. Div., G-3 Sect., A.P.O. No. 411, c/o P.M., N. Y.—Salzburg, Austria. Single.

*Stahl, E. S.*, Captain, Hq. 49th Ftr. Gp., Chitose, Hokkaido, Japan (A.P.O. No. 919, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal). Married; he and Dolores have a daughter, Kathy, born 11 October, '45.

*Steger, W. E.*, B-29 pilot at Clark Field, P. I.; 99th Bomb. Sq., 9th Bomb. Gp., A.P.O. No. 719, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal. Not married.

*Stewart, J. H.*, G-2 Operations, U.S. F.E.T., A.P.O. No. 757, c/o P.M., N. Y.—Frankfurt, Germany. Not married.

*Strecker, R. H.*, Captain, with G-1, U.S.F.E.T., A.P.O. No. 757, c/o P.M., N. Y. He and Vera are in Frankfurt, Germany.

*Sullivan, W. R.*, at Guam; Hq. 501st B.G., Box 111, A.P.O. No. 182, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal. Married.

*Sullivan, J. S.*, Commanding Officer, Hq. Co., 15th Inf. Regt., A.P.O. No. 3, c/o P.M., N. Y., Captain. Not married.

*Swearingen, G. V.*, Clark Field, P. I.; 24th Combat Mapping Sqdn., A.P.O. No. 719, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal. Married Sophie Mae Peterson on 4 August, 1945.

*Tkacik, J. J.*, Philippine Scouts, Sp. Training; Co. B, 56th Engr. C. Bn., 12th Div., A.P.O. No. 74, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal. Single.

*Trimmer*, Hq. Btry., 10th F.A. Bn., 3rd Div., Friedberg, Germany. Married.

*Tuttle, W. B.*, 508th Pch. Inf. Regt., A.P.O. No. 757, c/o P.M., N. Y., Frankfurt, Germany. Married.

*Ware, R. S., Jr.*, Captain, at Dachau, Germany; Hq. 5th Constabulary Regt., (6th T.D. Gp.), A.P.O. No. 206, c/o P.M., N. Y. Single.

*Wear, G. E.*, went to England November, '44; to Germany December with 424th Div. of the 106th; badly wounded in the leg 16 December and returned to England on Christmas night; in hospitals for over 3 months then back to old outfit—they were sent to States on way to Japan when war ended. He was at Camp Shelby after a leave, then on back to Germany (Berlin). Service Co., 3rd Inf. Regt., A.P.O. No. 755, c/o P.M., N. Y. Not married.

*Weathers, J. W., Jr.*, Captain, is Aide to Gen. Woodruff at Hq. I Corps, 088 C.G., A.P.O. 301, c/o P. M., San Francisco, Cal.—In Japan near Kobe. His wife, Mary Jane, and his son, J. W., III, are going to Japan as soon as possible.

*Wells, J. T.*, 3rd, Co. Comdr., Fort Bragg, N. C., 82nd Airborne Div. He and Ann have a son, J. T. Wells, IV.

**Werner, J. M.**, Guam, 75th Air Service, Gp. 581st Mat. Sq., A.P.O. No. 182, c/o P. M., San Francisco, Cal. Not married.

**Wilkinson**, enroute to Korea. Address: Casual Personnel Sect., 14 Base Post Office, A.P.O. No. 815, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal. He is Aide-de-Camp to Maj. Gen. A. E. Brown. **Wilkie** is not married.

**Williams**, Guam, 33rd Stat. Control Unit, A.P.O. No. 234, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal. He and Jeanne have a daughter, Elizabeth Ann.

**Tarpley, T.**, Captain, 6800th F.I.A.T., c/o U.S.F.E.T., Main., A.P.O. No. 757, P.M., N. Y. He lives in Hoechst six miles out of Frankfurt am Main, Germany.

**Wallis**, Captain—Rifle Co. Commander. Co. "G", 5th Inf., A.P.O. No. 174, c/o P.M., N. Y., Steyer, Austria. Single.

**Walton, F. E.**, is C.O., Co. "D", 2nd Armored Div., 66th Tank Bn., Camp Hood, Texas. Single.

**Weston, A. E.**, Company Commander, Co. A, 65th Eng. (C.) Bn., A.P.O. No. 25, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal. Married Mary Louise McPherson of Mount Vernon, Mo.; they have a son, Alan Michael, born 26 February, '46.

**Wilhite, H. L.**, Hqs. U.S.F.E.T., A.P.O. No. 757, c/o P.M., N. Y. His wife, Bonnie, received Passport No. 1 and sailed for Europe 18 April on the "Thomas Barry"

**Wood, D. P.**, student in Physics at Princeton University, Princeton, N. J. Married.

**Zillmer, Dave**, home from Austria for 45 days R.&R. at the completion of which he reports back to U.S.F.A. (A.P.O. No. 411, c/o P.M., N. Y.—his address after June 22). Frank Moore came home on the same boat with Dave. Also 45 days R.&R. Frank has been a Hvy. Wpns. C.O. in the 47th Inf., 9th Div., Garmisch, Germany.

From here on in you're on your own—the alphabetical order ceases and names appear in the order that they were mentioned in letters and on tardy cards.

**Bill Walters** saw **Gilson**, **Bass Hanley**, **Swearingen**, and **George Davis** up on Okinawa in March. Walters sent a list of men in 314th and 315th Wings—also mentioned **Howie Tanner**, who had a plane crack up, but escaped with only a small cut on his face.

The 314th Wing at Guam includes: **Austin**, **Boning**, **Brown**, **G. A.**, **Burrell**, **Courtney**, **Gerhard**, **J. C.**, **Greenhill**, **Barnett**, **Boutwell**, **Brundin**, **Calhoun**, **Clayton**, **Cumberpatch**, **J. R.**, **Downs**, **Gregory** (Asst. Staff Postal Officer—he caught a lone case of measles), **Hammond**, **Ingersoll**, **Lisenby**, **Armstrong**, **L. E.**, **Bahls**, **Bingham**, **Brotherton**, **Callaghan**, **E. F.**, **Coble**, **Copper**, **Bradley**, **Bill**, **Kincaid**, **Peugh**, **W. E.**, **Sampson**, **Wilson**, **Vogler**, **O'Connor**. At North Field, **Bahls**, **Boning**, **Bingham** and **Gerhard** on housing project; **Callaghan** and **Calhoun** in Hq.

The 315th Wing includes: **Henderson**, **W. J.**, **Monihan**, **Murphy**, **E. C.**, **Norton**, **A. A.**, **Steffes**, **Werner**, **Gervais**, **Hennessy**, **F. B.**, **Milnor**, **Moore**, **J. P.**, **Murphy**, **G. F.**, **Reeves**, **Salzer**, **Schellenger**, **Smith**, **D. M.**, **Tisdale**, **Walters**, **Hamm**, **Glick**, **Howie**, **Lamp**, **McElvey**, **Minatra**, **Norman**, **L. S.**, **Pugh**, **L. R.**,

**Sanders**, **Symons**, **Thompkins**, **Weir**, **J. G.**, **Zott**, **Buckley** and **Cheadle**. At Northwest, 315th B.W., **Pete Moore** is Service Group Q.M. Officer. At Northwest 7th Ftr. Command are the hard-working peashooters, each holding down about four or five jobs. **Edmunds** is flight controller; **Algermisen** is a big wheel with the troops; **Sohn** and **Tanner** are big wheels in the fighter group.

**Geof Cheadle**, O-26506, at Guam—Address: Hq. 20th Air Force, A.P.O. No. 234, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal. His wife, Peggy, and 6 month old son, Junior, are preparing to join him in the first shipment.

**Sciolla** is in Berlin. Hear that **McArdle** is out of the Army (medical).

Transferred to the 533d Rocket F.A. at Camp Polk are **E. C. Parker** and **Capt. Bill Shirey**. **Parker** has been to Communication School at Sill. **Shirey** has completed Tracked Vehicle Course at the Armored School.

**Charley Johnson**, **Bill Boyles**, and **Charlie Nye** are at Fort Knox, Ky. on A.G.F. Board Number 2 awaiting overseas shipment. **Al McCoy** will attend a two year course on Electronics at Illinois Institute of Technology—starting 23 June.

**Tripp**, **Tully**, and **Dravo** shipped to the Far East. **Pickett** is at Benning in T.A.B.S. Men with the 82nd A./B. Div.: **Mahon**, **Hibbard**, **Todd**, **Staser**, **C. A. Mitchell**, **Wells**, **Bressler**, **Di Silvio**—they're at Fort Bragg, N. C.

Received a letter from **Snow** for the last column; it arrived too late, so its contents are disclosed here: Class of '44 held reunion at Clark Field in February. Present—**Irvine** (now in 1315th Engr. Const. Bn., formerly of 1637th Engr. Const. Bn.), **Knoll** (stationed at Fort Stotsenburg), **Snow**, **Kleist**, **Kimbel**, **Bethel**, and **Keller** (latter two of 1282nd Engr. Combat Bn. in Manila), and from the Air Corps at Clark Field—**Fitton** and **Fullilove**. **Spalding** at A.F.W.E.S.P.A.C. Engineer School on Luzon. **Snow** is at Hq., A.F.W.E.S.P.A.C., A.P.O. No. 707, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal.

Three of the B-29 boys, **Bobo Burns**, **Bud Hendrickson**, and **Bob Armstrong** were sent first to Eglin Field and from there flew three special B-29's to England by way of Puerto Rico, Brazil, Dakar, Casablanca and England. It looks like at least six months of T.D.Y. with the R.A.F. for them. **Armstrong's** address: c/o Col. F. F. Reed, Mil. Attache, American Embassy, London, Eng., A.P.O. No. 413, c/o P.M., N. Y.

**W. L. Kahn** (retired) is an R.O.T.C. Instructor at Cornell. **Jack Combs** is at Stewart with his wife and son. **Gynch Lynch** is at home—address: Tracy, California—awaiting final retirement.

**R. M. Andresen**, was just released from 533rd Rocket F.A. Bn., Camp Polk, La., and reports 10 June to Illinois Institute Tech., Chicago for a two year course in Electronics.

**Dave Blake** is at Guam—Address: Hq. & Hqs. Sqdn.—VI A.S.A.C., A.P.O. No. 264, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal.

**Ellis, L. C.**, is Adjutant at Hq. 87th Ord. Bn., Fort Bragg, N. C. He is married.

**Harris, D. L.**, is Ass't. S-3 at Hq. 1st U.S. Inf. Div. Arty., Amberg, Germany.

When the headquarters at Asaka, Japan burned to the ground, **Jack Bruno** jumped through a second story window and escaped unharmed, however, **Rodden** wasn't as fortunate—he got trapped, burned his lungs and contracted pneumonia . . . **Maish** saw **Rodden** some time later and writes that **Tex** is O.K. now.

**Captain Chuck Davis**: Supply Officer in the 1067th Engr. Gp. in Nagoya, A.P.O. No. 301. **Bill Graham** is in the 8th Army Engr. Sec. in Yokohama.

**Captain Ken Cooper**: Back on 45 days T.D.Y. from the 46th Engrs. in Yokohama. Battalion Commander for 5 months and now executive officer. Returning in June. **Ken** writes that **Bob Day** is going to M.I.T. this year to get his master's degree.

**Bob Morrison**, has been on Guam since February—Address: Hq. & Hq. Sqdn., 315th Bomb. Wing, A.P.O. No. 182, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal. He is married to the former Sally Buckner.

**Ollie Patton** is C.I.C. at G-2 Hq., C.I.C., U.S.F.E.T., A.P.O. No. 737, P.M., N. Y. He is married.

Here is a paragraph of very good news: **Pat Grace** and **Jean Greaves** sailed for Germany 18 April. **Suzie Wolfinger** and daughter, **Carolyn**, left for Europe to join **Wolf**. **Mabel Halstead** and **Frances Truman** were in the 10 May shipment to Germany.

**Captain Bob Samuel**, assigned to 3rd Div. Arty. is now home on 45 days T.D.Y. Was at Point with **Maxwell C. Murphy** when both came back for their leave. **Bob** will return to Germany; his wife, **Margaret**, will follow him.

**Ed Samuell, Jr.**, arrived in New York 21 May. He was a Company Commander in Germany. His new permanent address is: P.O. Box 547, Santa Barbara, Cal.

**Ruth Rhodes** is planning to join **Dusty** shortly after June 15 on Guam. Ditto all the other wives of the married men on Guam. Good luck, gals.

**Dunk Palmer** married an army nurse he met while he was in Korea. He was transferred from Ie Shima to Korea in October. Wedding bells chimed sometime in April.

**Fred Porter**, **Wally Moore**, and **Dick McPherson** are in the Philippines . . . no definite address, but believe they're with **Sellers** (address above). **Shelton** is at Hq. 505th Pchnt. Inf., 82nd A./B. Div., Ft. Bragg, N. C.

**Dick Erlenkotter** is at Hq. Co., 1190th Eng. Base Depot, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal. (A.P.O. No. 503). He and **Elizabeth** have a daughter, **Jeanne**, born 26 August, '45.

**F. J. Hale** is with the 29th Engr. Topo. Bn., A.P.O. No. 75, Manila, P. I. Single. **Stowell** is with Military Intelligence Division, W.D.G.S., Pentagon, Washington, D. C. Married.

**Staser** is with Co. "B", 504th Pchnt. Inf., 82nd Airborne, Ft. Bragg, N. C.

**J. T. Peterson**, Battery Commander, 53rd Int. Battery with 2273 A.A.A.C., A.P.O. No. 958, S.F., Ft. Shafter, Honolulu, T. H.

**W. F. Bradley** is Adjutant (same position and outfit occupied by Capt. Colin Kelly before his tragic death) with 28th B. Sqdn., 19th Bomber Group, Area A (Guam), A.P.O. No. 334, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal. He was married at Salt Lake City before leaving for overseas in December.

**O'Donnell** is Company Comdr., "B" Co. with 30th Engr. Base Topo. Bn., A.P.O. No. 957, Schofield Bks., Hawaii. Captain **Cushman** is Ex. O., 808th Engr. Bn., A.P.O. 611, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal.

Captain **Enos** is at Hq. Co., 188th Parcht. Inf., 11th Airborne Div. He is single. Captain **M. C. Murphy** is Aide to Lt. Gen. Geoffrey Keyes at Hqs. 3rd Army, C.G. Sect., A.P.O. 403. He is single.

**Max Marshall** married **Helen Louise Hawk** on 23 March in the post chapel at Fort Knox, Ky. They are now at Camp Hood, Texas. **John Sanders** married a girl from Ardmore, Oklahoma in May of '45. He is at 501st Bomb. Group, Box 317, A.P.O. No. 182, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal.

Captain **J. L. Susott** is with Group S-4 located at Fukuoka, Kyushu, Japan. **J. R. Geyer** is Asst. Gp. Adjutant same location as Susott.

**C. L. Steel** is with the 8th Army in Sendai, Japan . . . 1164th Engineer Combat Group; Steel's wife, Janet, resides at Quarters 28, West Point, New York.

At the Pentagon we find: **G. K. Heiss** (Field Service, Stock Control Div., Ord Dept.); **Joseph Losch** (Research & Development, Ord. Dept., Controlled Missile Research Dept.); **Bill Miller** (War Dept. Intelligence); **Roy Hoffman** (Field Service Executive Div., Ord. Dept.—his address: 30 Old Glebe Road, Building E, Apt. 105, Arlington, Va.).

**Daly** is at Letterman Gen. Hosp., S.F., Cal.—a patient. He is engaged to **Mary Gillem Ewell**. **G. E. Hoffman, Jr.** is Group Supply—Transportation & Communication at Wheeler Field, Hqs. 15th Fighter Gp., Honolulu, T. H. His wife, **Anne Patricia**, and son, **George Earl, III**, are enroute to join him at Honolulu.

"**Coots**" **Mitchell** is with Co. I, 504th Prcht. Inf., Fort Bragg, N. C. He writes that the A./B. Div. put on a demonstration jump for the Mexican Minister of War, and **Myslinski** and **Merritt** went up from Florida to help fly the A./B. men around. **Bob Pierce** is also down there at Bragg, but is leaving soon for a two year detail at N.Y.U. studying "Guided Missiles".

**M. E. Nolan**, too, is in the happily married class. He and Louise have a 10 month old miniature, Marshall d'Alary. **M. E.** checked out in an A-26 at Enid, Oklahoma; he is awaiting next assignment.

—**M. E. Nolan.**

**Catron, T. B., IV**  
**Catts, P. H., Jr.**  
**Chase, N. B.**  
**Crouch, J. G.**  
**Dexter, G. E.**  
**Farr, D. A., II**  
**Fingar, C. D.**  
**Gilbert, W. F.**  
**Lee, R. E.**  
**Meyers, O. C., Jr.**  
**Nichols, J. J.**  
**Ochs, W. V., Jr.**  
**Spear, S. G.**  
**Waddington, R. B.**  
**Wood, W. L.**

Congratulations are in order for all gentlemen. As of June this year you are no longer the youngsters of Usmay. A quick glance to the rear will show a new banner in the line. With that comforting thought in mind, rest easy in your chairs, stroke your graying beards and read on into the news of the wheres and whens.

Apologies to **Carl** and **Anita Fischer** who were married June 28. Their matrimonial relations were described by the last issue as being in the stage normally preceding the all inclusive act. **Fischer** and **Flum** are awaiting the arrival of their wives 21 June.

More marriages: **Lucien Truscott** to **Anne Elizabeth Harloe** at Manila, April 16. **Ira Coldren** to **Phyllis Ann Miles** at Uniontown, Pa., September 7. **Harvey Boyd** to **Virginia Donaldson** at Red Bank, N. J., 22 September.

Several letters have borne the sad news of casualties among the ranks of our class. **Rod Averill** suffered death as result of a plane crash during March in a P-38. The accident was in Korea. **Ed McCarron** died in an auto-train wreck in Japan in early March. **Zean Gassman** is missing, having failed to return from a flight out of Clark Field.

**Walt Carter** rode through a P-38 crack-up in March but was unhurt. **Fred Blesse** bailed out of a P-47N near Okinawa . . . was unhurt when rescued by an air-sea rescue crew. **Dave Crockett** is completely recovered from burns suffered in an accident in March.

Flying P-47N's out of Okinawa are: **Jesse Hearin**, **Jack Ray**, **Rufe Ramey**, **Ward Protsman**, **Fred Blesse**, **Bob Babin**, **Bob Stickman**, and **Davidson**.

In the 11th Air Borne (A.P.O. 468) **Dink Nelson**, assigned to G-3 of Div. Hq., checks in with the complete list of the fifty-odd '45ers in the Div. They are: **Campbell**, **Neison**, **Curtis**, **Brown**, **J. F.**, **Nelson**, **Zeider**, **Zeller**, **Waddington**, **Casey**, **Collins**, **Donovan**, **Fletcher**, **Gustafson**, **McDaniel**, **McMurdo**, **Moore**, **Morris Kochli**, **Hamilton**, **J. G.**, **Senger**, **Wheaton**, **Schwinn**, **Hoffman**, **Jones**, **G. S.**, **Herman Poston**, **Rehm**, **Ringler**, **Sawyer**, **Dubsky**, **Loudermilk**, **Love**, **Love**, **W. J.**, **Hussey**, **Napier**, **Stewart**, **Rattan**, **Ayers**, **Byrd**, **Gatsis**, **Neff**, **Hall**, **R. M.**, **Prescott**, **Cobb**, **Mackinnon**, **Van Hout**, **McCarthy**, **McCunniff**, **Halligan**, **Bruckner**. Of those mentioned above we find that **Chuck Curtis** has captured the laurels for the most recent exploit having married an Army nurse he met on the trip across.

From **Jim Patchell**, chief of the political section for Korea, comes various bits of choice gossip. **Bob Boehm** transferred to Engrs. . . is building roads and bridges near Chunchon.

**Johnny Ferguson** is a battery commander of the 48th F.A. . . is near Wonju. **Arch Arnold** is aide to his father. **Zook Johnson** is patrolling the docks in Pusan. **M. L. Price** is C.O. of a company south of Seoul. **George Benson** in southern Korea making a nuisance around the chaplain's office. He is trying to arrange a wedding ceremony. **Bert Prentiss** in Seoul is connected with the Signal Corps Photo Lab of XXIV Corps. **Smith**, **Ed Powers**, and **Bob Veely** on the outskirts of Seoul with Signal Companies. **Eddie** is on the night shift at message center. **Bob Tansey** returned to the States on emergency leave. He was transferred to Korea from the 1st Cav. near Tokyo. **Josey** is coaching the 7th Div. baseball team . . . makes his appearance in Seoul frequently. **Harry Shaw** with isolated outfits on the east coast. The Engrs. outside Seoul have **Rhett**, **Reynoldson**, **Lockard**, and **Bob Ives**, an old infantryman who now sports the castles. **Holdridge** is in command of a battery of 48th F.A. outside of Seoul. **Ed Pickett**, **Worthington**, and **Willie Blum** have companies in the 6th near Pusan. **Art Truxes** is somewhere in the south but no one has been able to locate him definitely. Come out of the woods Art. **Barney Schneckloth** and **Jones** are in Chonju with rifle companies of the 6th. **Tom Devlin** is with a company of the 7th near Seoul. **Wally Wittwer** is with the Counter-Intelligence Corps in Korea as chief of the Espionage and Sabotage section. **Jake Gutting** of the class of '46 is officer in charge of the Hauto Hotel in Seoul. The biggest news of all for those mentioned above in the Korea section is the heartening tidings that their wives will begin to arrive on the 8th of July.

**C. S. Hamilton** reports that the Mindanao Task Force is in Manila with the rest of the Black Hawks. At Schofield Barracks on Oahu, **Hap Adams**, and **Doody** are spending their first hitch. **Hap** is Assistant Post Engineer.

**Al Herman**, writing from the heart of Tokyo, advocates a Class Reunion there in the near future, since he has seen so many of the boys.

During a midnight O.D. tour at Nielson Field, Manila, **Jim Giles** and **Clair Whitney** took time out to report some of the activities of the A.A.F. The 6th T.C.S. in Manila is overflowing with a few frustrated A-26 men. These include the following: C-46 pilots—**Giles**, **Whitney**, **Preston**, **Munyon**, **Parker**, **Bowen**, **Thayer**, **Rutledge**, **Farris**, **Patrick**. Included in the same category, but with the 9th T.C.S. at Guam are: **Rafalko**, **Sherwood**, **Draper**, **Holtze**, **Lawrence**, **Joe Smith**, and **Liebel**. **Rafalko**, **Smith**, and **Liebel** were in Tokyo long enough to get the occupation ribbon. **Cummings**, **Nat King**, **McCaddon**, **Foley**, are at Clark Field. If you get a chance, ask **Foley** about starting to jump from that B-29 without a parachute. **Joe Linton** is on Palawan. **Pettee**, **Macur**, **Lake**, **McCance**, **Farrar**, and **Nelson**, and **Bill Wood** just arrived from stateside duty. **Soik**, **Hardin**, **Hartline**, **Slezak**, **Denz**, and **Kothrade** are with the 42nd Engrs. at Nicholas Field. **Pat Powers**, the **Root** brothers, **Miller**, and

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\*The following addresses requested, please! See note page 17.

**Bell, E. W.**  
**Braucher, E. P.**  
**Callahan, J. A.**

*Pinky* are in the 86th located on the outskirts of Manila.

*Al Sheppard* is with the Dependent Housing Section of Eighth Army in Yokohama. *Bill Gardiner* is S-4 of the 1180th Engr. Const. Group located at Tokorasawa. *Jim Mueller* is commanding H.&S. Company, 43d Engineers at Tachikawa. In the same company as Bn. Motor Officer is *Harry King*. *Larry Kluma* is administrative officer in the 43d Engrs. *Slade Nash* and *Tom Curtis* are both at Johnson Field, Irumagawa. Slade is the proud papa of a daughter, Toni.

Word comes from the home front of *Tom Maertens* who is stationed with the 1st Cav. in Tokyo. Tom will marry *Carrie Brooks Miller* late this summer in Tokyo.

*Geraldine Woods* is planning to join *Bob Woods* as soon as possible after completing school at Smiths this June. Bob along with *Truscott*, *Tanner* and *Wagonhurst* are stationed at Okayama, Japan. This group will soon be moving to Kimamoto.

Additional files seen in and around Tokyo are: *Jim Alfonte*, *Larry Jones* with the 61st F.A. Bn., *Tongue*, *Gross*, *Briscoe*, *Truby*, *Rasmussen*, and *Barnard*.

To supplement *Patchell's* report on the Korean neighborhood *Jack Harmeling* mailed us a long newsy letter. Some of the info therein follows. Stationed in southern Korea are *Harmeling*, *Schneekloth*, *Holland* and *Carrión* . . . all company C.O.s. *B. O. Lewis* and *Jack Reynolds* are fighting it out in a General Court the former being T.J.A. and the latter defense counsel. In the field both are platoon leaders, as is *Hutch Hutchison*. *Bob Lee* is Regt. S-2. *Adkins* and *Johnny Jones* are platoon leaders. *Joe Stanowicz* with the 20th is believed to have a company. *Walt Gellini* is a company C.O. with the 6th Engr. Bn. The following is a direct quote from *Harmeling's* letter, " . . . *Bill Zook* and I have run nip and tuck for our ten dollar bill. *Betty Lou Zook* presented him with *Bill Jr.* on 16 March. *Alice Harmeling* . . . came through just three days ago with *Jack Jr.*" *Zook* is with the 800th M.P. Bn. in Kyoto.

Thanks to *Rehm* for the news of the 11th A./B. Div. Most of the personnel was placed by *Nelson* with exception of that which follows. *Jim Hamilton*, who played on the Div. Olympic Championship football team, is now coaching the Regt. boxing squad. *Bick Sawyer* is expecting *Ronnie* in June. *Joe Senger* is "expecting". Also *Tom McDaniels* is expecting his wife in June.

E.T.O. sends in its story for the issue. From *Fowler* in Austria comes the report on the annual West Point dinner as celebrated by those in and near Vienna. Those attending from the class of '45 were: Engrs.—*Fowler*, *Taylor*, *Rocheport*, *Mahin*, *Barber*, and *Caffey*; Ground Forces—*Broughton*, *Willie Clark*, *Fehrs*, *Linden*, *Gilbert*, *Troxell*, and *J. B. Martin*; Air Corps—*Gatlin*, *Coulter*, *Wilcox*, and *Karr*, *Red Burton* of the 9th in Germany was also there. *T. J. Nichols* has moved from Vienna to Frankfurt with the 250th

Engrs. *Fowler* writes, "Our class is pretty well represented in Vienna, Linz, and Salzburg; so drop in and see us".

*Landrith* classifies the Molkankur Officers' Club in Heidelberg in the same category as the lobby of the Astor as an excellent place to meet the boys. Some of his meetings have gleaned the following information. *Ladenson* is Exec. of Hv. Wpns. Co. in the 39th Regt. With him in the same outfit are *Parr*, *Tolar*, and *Holcomb*. *Berny Rogers* went to the constabulary. *McChrystal*, *Bennett*, *Fuqua*, *Muehlke*, all in the 18th Inf. Regt. At Erlangen near Nurnburg is the 9th A.A.F. Svc. Co. to which are assigned: *Clarkson*, *Whitcraft*, *Bess*, and *Ned Barnett*. The 40th Bomber Wing contains *Richards*, *Jarrell*, *Sam Adams*, and *Max Johnson*. At the first stop for incoming airmen, *Furstenfelbruck* in Bavaria, *Partridge*, *Bailey*, *Mac Stewart*, and *Briggs* are assigned. *Chet Skelton* is located in Paris with the E.A.T.S. *Harry Walker* is also E.A.T.S. but his location is unknown. *E. W. Nichols* is in Munich. *Sam Lessey* is at Ansbach with a nice big office—Courts and Boards Officer.

*Kenny Paape* is S-4 for the 15th Engrs. Combat Bn. in Ausburg. *Bill Kratz* is with the 15th located at Wasserburg. *Dick McConnell* has been transferred from the 290th Engr. Bn. to the 1120th Engr. C. Group as H.&S. company C.O. Mac organized the baseball team for the unit before taking over his company. *George Bush* is still with the 290th. *Bill Stewart* has been transferred from the 16th Armd. Engr. C. Bn. to the 333d Engr. S.S. Regt.—the 16th went home as a carrier unit! Bill also has been on two leaves to Switzerland since reaching E.T.O. The 343d Engr. G.S. Regt. has been transferred to Continental Base Section. Members of the outfit are *Landrith* as Regt. Adj. and *Bill Barnes* as 2d Bn. Adj.

From *Jim Munson* comes the following bits of information of scattered parties in the E.T.O. Jim apparently has a system whereby he sends out several carbons of one letter with a wealth of info from all the correspondence he has received. Sounds like an excellent idea. Jim is training a cadre which will become functional as a constabulary—is located near Frankfurt. *Webster*, located near Munich with the 60th Inf., reports *Wilcox*, *Randy*, *Preston*, *Stetekluh*, and *Red Burton* are there also. They are guarding a civilian internment camp. Webster recently contacted *Bill Manlove* and *Bill Jarrell* in Munich. Also in Munich are *Knolle*, *Whitcraft*, and *Clarkson*. *McAlister* in the 60th F.A. Bn. is at Bad Sibling along with *Bill Wakefield*. *Pepsi Kohler* is in the same Div. assigned to the 26th F.A. From Berlin *Hero* reports *Rankin* and *Maynard* nearby, the latter pair being in the 303rd Engr. Bn. *Hero* is in the 309th Inf. *DeKay* of the 16th Inf. bemoans his assignment with the following words, "I'm stuck out here in the wilderness at Ostheim". *Johnny Linden* somewhere south of Munich "and moving"; is expecting to run some resort town—that is the S.S. camp nearby. *Charlie Greer* is strutting around with

a box of cigars. For more down to earth pastimes, *Chuck* is Bn mess officer, 508th Par. Inf. *Norm Mallory* is somewhere around and among *Aschfenburge*, *Wurtzburg*. Also in the 68th F.A. with *Munson* are *Harry Kelly* who has a battery and *McLendon* with *Baker Btry*.

Happy with his lot, *Jim Hayden*, reports of traveling extensively around Germany. Now at *Konig*, Germany in the C.A.C. Jim recently saw *Murray Ryan* in *Heilbronnen*. Reports *Dale Hall* with the 5th Constab. where he was playing lots of b-ball.

The home front reports that *Billy Hollis* married *Bobette Taylor* of Dallas, Texas on January 17. Bill sailed for Nurnburg, March 9. Also this reliable source reports on the activities of *Duncan Gault*. *Gault* married *Nicole Steel* at Montreal, Canada, 11 December. He left the States January for his station at Nordholdz, Germany.

From the 18th Inf. we have received word of the activities of *John Bennett*, *Lunney*, and *Driscoll* as well as those previously mentioned. With the 26th in Nurnburg are *Nick Carter*, *Pete Pratt*, and *Maggie McGee*.

For those who remember *Louis Gingras*, who was discharged upon graduation, we have the following news. *Gingras* reenlisted upon graduation, was admitted to *Benning* and received his commission in the A.U.S. 17 January. His first tour will be in E.T.O.

Two other wives who have received their sailing orders from W.D. are *Virginia Holcombe* who will join *Henry* in *Nara* in Japan, and *Jean Wuchter* who will meet *John* in Tokyo.

Engaged are *Chester Sargent* to *Shirley Mills* of Washington on 19 May, *John Stoer* to *Marjorie Ellen Mackie* of *Ridgewood*, N. J. on 31 March, *Gordon Allen* to *Betty Rose Mockler* of *Holyoke*, Mass., 10 May.

Family additions are *Richard Gerald* born to the *Ed Gudgels* March 26, *Joe*, II, born to the *Joseph McDonoughs* 6 June, and *Dale*, Jr., born to the *Dale Mahans* March 6.

I realize that all participants as well as innocent bystanders are eagerly awaiting developments in the award of the cup to the class godson. But hold your shirts, men. This little number will be your godson for eternity and there is no sense in rushing into this thing with careless abandon. So proud papas, think twice before sending in your frantic inquiries. The winner will be announced in due time.

There are dozens of files whose names have not appeared in an issues of *Assembly*. If you are one do not hesitate to send in some news of yourself. Obscurity is no virtue. May I suggest for news of the future that our column change slightly from a "where" column to a "what" column. Aside from the dozens mentioned above everyone is well located—let us find out what everyone is doing.

—George Lenfest.



By Joe Cahill

Our sports dynasty, tottering after a stormy spring season, will require a professional reupholstering this fall.

With the exception of some sporadic flashes in which individuals turned in superb performances, the five teams had, at best, a mediocre season.

After playing the New York Giants to a 2-2 stand-off in as good a game of baseball as you would see on any given day in the National League parks, Paul Amen's ball club seemed to come apart at the seams when they met the cream of the college ranks. Although losing to Navy, they managed to play better than .500 ball closing out with a won 9 and lost 7 record for the season.

Glenn Davis played his usual hustling game. He covered the outfield like a tent, batted at a .360 clip and was a scourge to opposing pitchers on the base paths. Dick Kinney, getting poor support in the field, pitched his heart out. Typical of the big righthander's bad luck is the Lafayette game. He limited the Leopards to a single base knock in the first six innings and gave them a total of four for the day. Yet he lost the ball game in the ninth when two infield errors produced the winning runs. Injuries also figured prominently throughout the season. Bobby Chabot was sidelined for five games with a broken toe. Charlie Simmons suffered a broken thumb and was heavily handicapped at first base. And, Johnny Nance spent more time in the area than in left field. Each of these men was a veteran of two and three years experience and collectively carried the team at the plate.

Davis and Kinney were among the first to be chosen on the first Inter-sectional all-star intercollegiate team that played a galaxy of stars from midwestern schools on June 14th. Since Davis was out on the coast on furlough, he did not play in the game, but Kinney pitched three impressive innings for the victorious eastern club.

The track and field team ran up against the finest competition in the country. They opened the season against a star-studded Oklahoma Aggie group including Bouncing Bob Fenimore, all-America halfback, who copied both the 100 and 220 yard sprints. Ralph Tate, Aggie hurdler, topped the Academy record with a :14.4 perform-

ance in the high hurdles, and then went on to win the 220 lows and the broad jump. With five first places between them, these two men fairly dominated the meet in which only winners counted in the scoring column. Final score: Aggies: 8½; Army 6½.

A week later, the Cadets missed a golden opportunity to retire one of the Penn Relay's coveted trophies when our shuttle hurdle entry was nosed out by Ohio State. However, Leo Novak's harriers walked away with the 2 mile relay with the most convincing triumph of the carnival. The quartet of John Hammack, Alan Brown, Jim Egger and Bernie Conor, versatile captain, finished twenty-five yards ahead of New York University.

Prior to breaking the world's record in the quarter mile, Herb McKenley tuned up on the North Athletic Field setting new standards in both the 220 and 440. The lanky, West Indian wheeled off the furlong in 20.8 and the quarter in 48.1 as Illinois, Big Ten Champions, rolled up a total of 80 points to Army's 58½ in a quadrangular affair in which Dartmouth and Columbia also ran.

Outscoring Navy by four and a half points, the Cadets won the Heptagonal Games at Princeton in the highlight performance of the season. Doc Blanchard and Ralph Davis, who finished one-two in the shot put, and Fred Knauss and John Fischer, who ran first and third in the 2-mile, were the stand-out performers.

DeWitt "Tex" Coulter is credited with the foremost individual effort of the campaign tossing the 16 pound brass a distance of 54 feet 7¼ inches breaking his own Academy record by a foot. This Herculean heave evinced the best shot putting in the Country in the past four years!

Ralph Chambers pulled one out of the hat when his tennis team subdued the Middles 5-4 in a thrilling match. Going into the game a distinct underdog, the cadets had to be good and they were. In fact, they saved us from a complete shutout against Navy who squelched the efforts of the lacrosse and golf teams as well as baseball and track.

## Can They Do It?

By the time this copy reaches your desk Earl Blaik and his staff will be looking over the new talent expected to fill the gaping holes left in our football machine.

Can he find four regulars to replace Dick Pitzer, end; Al Nemetz and Coulter, tackles; and Jack Green, guard? That would take care of the starting team very nicely. But, what about reserves? We still need two more tackles and another first rate guard or two to maintain full pressure against major opposition. Well, these are the basic requirements. I haven't mentioned the backs because Blanchard and Davis are still with us. But they can't go on forever! In the meantime, Blaik, Gustafson, Hickman, Holcomb and "Jabbo" Jablonsky will be out there screening every possible candidate in search of a winning combination. Can they do it?

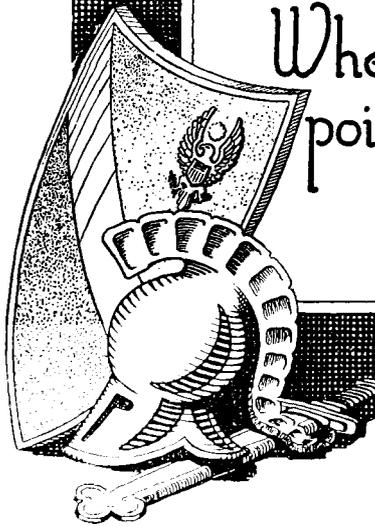
## Did You Know?

That Navy still has to bump heads again with Tex Coulter . . . the big all-America, a victim of the math department, will matriculate at Georgia Tech this fall. That Harvey "Jabbo" Jablonsky, former captain and one of West Point's grid greats of a little more than a decade ago, is back in coaching harness. That Marty Maher, although pensioned off for the second time, will bide his time in some capacity on the A.A.A. payroll. That Max Minor received the athletic award for the Class of '46. He will be remembered as an all-around track man as well as a first rate halfback. . . That Oklahoma U. will migrate a huge throng for their September 28th date at Michie Stadium. . . Special trains and boats have been chartered for the excursion. . . That football programs, a wartime casualty at the Academy, will appear again here this fall. . . That with a 50-50 break in the weather, the fairways of the new 18 hole golf course will be ready for action this time next year. . .



# *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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BABCOCK, D. S.	1923	JANUARY 23, 1915	13
BAEHR, C. JR.	1936	DECEMBER 15, 1941	22
BONHAM, F. H.	JANUARY, 1913	DECEMBER 18, 1945	27
BUCKNER, S. B., JR.	1908	JUNE 13, 1945	9
CASTLE, F. W.	1930	DECEMBER 21, 1944	16
CHRISTL, E. C., JR.	1944	MAY 4, 1945	32
CLEARY, J. A.	1934	JANUARY 16, 1942	18
CRAMSIE, W. E.	JUNE, 1943	APRIL 10, 1944	31
CRISSY, M. S.	1902	JANUARY 7, 1946	6
CURETON, N. C., JR.	1921	JUNE 20, 1945	13
DARBY, W. O.	1933	MAY, 1945	18
GARRISON, D. G. C.	1907	OCTOBER 1, 1945	8
HALE, H. C.	1883	MARCH 21, 1946	3
HELMICK, E. A.	1888	JANUARY 13, 1915	1
HETHERINGTON, R. R.	1941	DECEMBER 1, 1944	25
HILL, R. F.	1937	DECEMBER 15, 1944	24
KARNES, W. E.	1929	JANUARY 13, 1944	16
KELLAM, F. C. A.	1936	JUNE 6, 1944	22
KOEHLER, E. J.	1935	APRIL 16, 1945	19
KROMER, W. A.	1941	DECEMBER 30, 1944	26
MATTHEWS, C. M.	1928	DECEMBER 17, 1944	15
MILLER, L. S.	1897	MARCH 19, 1945	6
O'CONNOR, R. E.	1926	JULY 18, 1943	14
PATCH, A. McC. JR.	1913	NOVEMBER 21, 1945	12
ROONEY, R. J.	JUNE, 1943	MARCH 21, 1945	31
SELLERS, H. F.	1935	JANUARY 19, 1945	20
SPALDING, M. E.	1904	DECEMBER 20, 1945	7
STROH, H. R.	JANUARY, 1943	AUGUST 27, 1944	28
SWITZER, J. S.	1891	MAY 1, 1945	5
TRUXTUN, T.	1937	JUNE 6, 1945	25
WAUGH, R. R.	1936	OCTOBER 18, 1945	23
WILSON, J. N.	1935	JULY 11, 1944	21
WRIGHT, J. D.	JANUARY, 1943	JANUARY 6, 1945	30

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## Harry Clay Hale

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Died March 21, 1946, at Palo Alto,  
California, aged 84 years.

**MAJOR GENERAL HARRY CLAY HALE**, United States Army, retired, died at Palo Alto Hospital in California on March 21, 1946, at the age of eighty-four.

The son of T. Judson Hale and Sarah Pierce Hale, he was born on July 10, 1861, at Knoxville, Illinois. Receiving his appointment to the United States Military Academy in 1879, he entered West Point that year, the youngest in his class. On graduating in 1883 he was commissioned Second Lieutenant of Infantry, and joined the 12th Regiment at Fort Niagara.

While serving there in 1884 he was given as his first assignment, the somewhat gruesome duty of guarding the temporary tomb of the late President Garfield in Cleveland. In later years he used to describe, with characteristic dry humor, his feeling of importance in this independent command of thirteen men and his post inspections at dead of night among the tombstones.

Rejoining his regiment, he remained at Fort Niagara until 1886, when the 12th Infantry was sent west. That year he married Elizabeth Smith, the devoted wife who shared his Army life until her death in 1906. They had no children who survived, and Hale, cherishing her memory, never married again.

The last chapter of Indian warfare was about to be written. The redmen were not wholly conquered, and sullenly resented confinement to reservations. The massacre of Custer's command was a lurid memory, and in the Bad Lands of the Dakotas the Sioux still waited.

On the west bank of the Missouri, just below its junction with the Big Cheyenne in South Dakota, at Fort Bennett, was stationed the company in which Hale was second lieutenant. In the quarters there, lived the few officers' wives, with Betty Hale among them. Further north was Standing Rock Reservation, the camp of Sitting Bull, medicine-man of the Sioux.

In 1890 word came to the scattered Army posts to be prepared for a general uprising, which actually culminated in the bloody engagement of Wounded Knee, for Sitting Bull had incited his braves to their ghost-dance, the ominous preparation for an outbreak. His arrest was ordered, but the Indian police sent to take him, shot him instead. In the running fight that followed several Sioux and police were killed, but the band, numbering about one hundred and fifty, scattered and disappeared into the Bad Lands. Other bodies of Indians had broken from their reservations, and a massing for the war-path was expected at any time. General Nelson A. Miles asked for a detailed report, and in December Hale's company commander ordered him to go out alone to locate the roving bands.

Hale realized what might be in store for him if he did find the Sioux, cruel and adept in torture, with their smoldering sullenness now fanned into open hatred by the killing of their medicine-man, but he started calmly on his mission. Proceeding westward fifty miles in the bitter Dakota winter, up the Cheyenne and its tributary Cherry Creek, after several days' scouting he located the camp of Sitting Bull's band.

Though he knew the desperate risk that he was taking, Hale rode straight into the Indian camp, a solitary little figure in Army blue among the painted, armed Sioux. A council followed, with the warriors sitting wrapped in their blankets in a sullen circle in front of their tepees, while Hale urged them by signs and monosyllables to follow him back to Fort Bennett. Finally, through an interpreter he made his promise understood that if they would not join the other hostile bands, but go with him, they would not be made prisoners. They demanded confirmation by his "chief", and grudgingly



agreed to wait there twenty-four hours for it.

It was then that Hale made his ride that is still remembered in the Army—alone, in the bleak winter night, through the Bad Lands on a borrowed cow-pony, fifty-two miles to Fort Bennett in eight hours. Returning with the company commander, who gave confirmation of Hale's pledge and then departed, Hale at last prevailed upon the Indians, one hundred and fifty-four all told, to follow him. For three days, quite alone with them, he led the straggling column back over the trail he had ridden. The Indians were still in an ugly mood and suspicious, and Hale knew that one wrong move might cost him a shot in the back, but he got them all safely to Fort Bennett, and then across the frozen Missouri and down to Fort Scully, where he watched over them until the following April. He had become their "Little Black Chief", and his word was law.

For this exploit Hale was officially recommended for the Congressional Medal of Honor, but the very feature of his accomplishment that made it remarkable barred the award. Though

his life was in imminent danger, with the Indians virtually on the war-path heading for Wounded Knee, no shot had been fired, and the essential element of combat was therefore lacking. He did receive a citation "for conspicuous courage, fortitude, good judgment and tact in dealing with the hostile Sioux Indians at their ghost-dance camp near the mouth of Cherry Creek, South Dakota, which resulted in the surrender and disarmament of a large band of them". That same intrepid courage combined with sound judgment was typical of Harry Hale's long Army career.

In 1891 Hale was promoted to First Lieutenant, 20th Infantry, and made aide-de-camp to General Wesley Merritt. During the Spanish-American War he was promoted to Captain in the Regular Army and Major of the Volunteer Forces, and entering the City of Manila with General Merritt, participated in its surrender. (It caused him great satisfaction when that same city was wrested from the Japanese garrison by Lieutenant General Oscar W. Griswold, his former aide.)

After a short tour as aide to General MacArthur and again as aide to General Merritt on the Treaty Commission at Paris, Hale returned to the Philippines to command a battalion of the 44th Volunteers. For the next year he led his troops in almost continual action on the islands of Negros and Bohol in the Filipino insurrection. At the close of this campaign he was put in command of Bilibid Prison in Manila, and efficiently handled this rather unsavory assignment until the city was turned over to the administration of Governor General Taft.

Hale then rejoined the 20th Infantry with his permanent rank of Captain. In command of a battalion in 1901 on Luzon, his main achievement was the capture of Mount Maquiling. Leading the attack, Hale struck an arrow-trap. Though the barb penetrated his side, the poison did not take effect. Reaching the crest he drove the insurgents from their entrenchments there after a sharp engagement of three hours, utterly routing them. For this action he was cited by the Commanding General of the Philippines.

While on the original General Staff at Washington from 1903 to 1906, Hale was a member of the board that published the "Small Arms Firing Manual", used as basic instruction for many years. At the end of this tour he completed a course in the Naval War College, and in 1906 was again ordered to the Philippines, now as Major of the 13th Infantry. At Honolulu he got the crushing news of the death of his wife.

Detailed to the staff of General Bliss at Mindanao, Hale completed his Philippine service in 1909. Two years later he got his Lieutenant-colonelcy in the 17th Infantry, and in 1914 he proceeded to the Texas border in command of that regiment and later of the 20th, being made a Colonel in 1915.

Colonel Hale that year was sent to China to command the 15th Infantry, a picked regiment stationed at Tientsin. Conditions there became intensely serious when Chang T'sun sprang his coup d'etat, reseating the Little

Emperor on the throne, but by Hale's tactful diplomacy our government was not involved in the fighting.

When the United States entered the World War, Hale was promoted to permanent rank of Brigadier General and ordered home to organize the 84th Division, with temporary rank of Major General. He proceeded to Camp Zachary Taylor in Kentucky, and had started to train his freshly drafted men when he was sent to France on a tour of the front. After observing and absorbing the new technique of combat with characteristic adaptability, General Hale returned as soon as possible to the training of his Division.

The 84th was composed of troops drafted from Illinois, Indiana and Kentucky, states associated with the life of Abraham Lincoln—a fact which inspired General Hale to name it the "Lincoln Division", with its shoulder-patch the axe of the "rail-splitter". Under the driving energy of their commander the raw civilians were moulded into soldiers.

The efficiency of this training was evident in August, 1918, when the Division started on its way overseas, and at the embarkation-center General Hale got the welcome news that of the group of Divisions then proceeding to France the 84th alone had been selected as the combat unit. They had gone into billets north of Bordeaux and were preparing to take their place in the line when a crushing blow fell. Without warning orders came to tear apart the Division and to send the separate detachments forward as replacements in the Meuse-Argonne Offensive, as the result of General Pershing's decision—a wise one as ultimately proved—to press the advantage of St. Mihiel immediately into the Argonne, without the delay that would be involved in bringing newly-arrived Divisions into the line.

True soldier to the core, General Hale issued the orders that broke up his superbly trained command, with never a word of complaint that the fulfillment of the high ambition of his career—to take his Division into combat—had at the last moment been denied him. There could be no greater proof of his unselfish devotion to the service. In the ensuing action in the Argonne his men acquitted themselves gallantly, but the 84th never fought as a Division until, reactivated in World War II, it then made its splendid record, and General Hale, in the last year of his life, had the gratification of sending his felicitations to General Bolling.

General Hale's next assignment, just after the Armistice, was the unexpected command of the 26th Division. Because of certain changes that had been made there a month earlier, of which General Hale had had no knowledge, the situation was rather tense, and how well he handled it is best told in the History of the 26th Division itself: "There came to the Division a commanding general who, within an hour of his assumption of command, made his presence, authority, good-will, and ideals of discipline plainly felt. This was Major General Harry C. Hale. His position was for the moment a little difficult. And how General Hale, by energy, kindness, the exaction

of firm discipline on every officer and man, and by playing the game hard and squarely, put new interest, vigor and spirit into weary troops, would furnish interesting material to any student of the psychology both of armies and individual soldiers".

General Hale brought the 26th home in April, 1919, and then took command of Camp Dix. Reverting to his permanent rank of Brigadier General he was ordered to the Army of Occupation in Germany, commanding a brigade at Andernach. There he was promoted to permanent rank as Major General and returned to the United States in 1921 to command the 1st Division at Camp Dix, temporarily relieving Lieutenant General Bullard as commander of the 2nd Corps Area.

In 1922 General Hale received the Distinguished Service Medal "for exceptionally meritorious and distinguished services during the World War. By his ceaseless energy and closest personal supervision of the training, discipline and supply of his commands, he displayed rare qualities of leadership, organization, tact and judgment. His brilliant professional attainments, his steadfast devotion to duty, and his loyalty to superiors were reflected in the high standards maintained throughout the Divisions under his command"

General Hale took over his last command, that of the 6th Corps Area, in 1922, with headquarters in Chicago. There he promoted the development of the Officers Reserve Corps and the Citizens Military Training Camps, receiving the warm commendation of his old friend, General Pershing; then Chief of Staff.

In 1924 Knox College at Galesburg, Illinois, his boyhood home, conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. Then, on July 10, 1925, his colorful military career came to an end with his retirement at the age-limit from the Army that he had served so loyally for forty-six years. General Hines wrote to him as Chief of Staff: "In every position in which you have been placed you have exhibited the high qualities that distinguish the thorough officer and gentleman, the wise administrator, the courageous soldier and capable commander"

After his retirement General Hale at first spent much time at his new home at Key West, coming north for occasional visits to West Point and with old friends in New York and Washington. His loyalty to the Corps seemed to grow with the years, as did his interest in the Association of Graduates, evidenced by the provisions of his will. Ill-health, however, necessitated a complete cessation of activity, and he was hospitalized much of the time in his old age, finally going to the Pacific coast with his nephew, Major General Willis H. Hale. He was buried at Arlington with full honors beside his beloved wife. Gathered there for the last time were officers of his old commands in the Philippines, in China and in France, to pay their final tribute to the steadfast soldier who had been their leader and, above all else, their friend.

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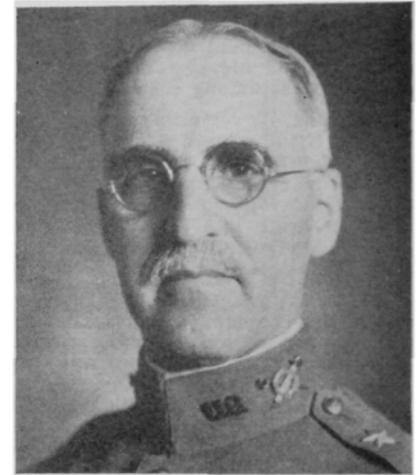
## Eli Alva Helmick

NO. 3276 CLASS OF 1888

Died January 13, 1945, in Honolulu, T. H., aged 81 years.

**T**HE death of General Helmick brought to a close a long and distinguished career.

His first American parental ancestor, Peter Helmick (his great great grandfather), of Chesterfield Court House, Virginia, fought in the Revolutionary War. His great grandfather, Jacob Helmick, of Hampshire County, Virginia, moved to Warren County, Ohio, in 1805, and fought in the War of 1812. His grandfather, Eli Helmick, was a Methodist Episcopal Preacher, Deacon and Elder of the Church from 1843 to 1888. General Helmick's father, Hiram Teter Helmick, by profession a doctor, married Matilda Anne Sargeant and moved shortly after his marriage



from his father's home in Decatur, Ohio, to Cherokee County, Kansas. General Helmick's mother was a descendant of an early Virginia settler, dating back to the Revolutionary War, and whose descendants migrated to North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Indiana, and Kansas. All branches of the Helmick family were devout Methodists, teetotalers, industrious, and ambitious.

General Helmick was born in Indiana in 1863. At the age of 16 his father and mother both died within three months of one another. At the age of 17 he entered the Kansas State Agricultural College at Manhattan, Kansas, and while serving as a sergeant in the Cadet Corps of this College, was appointed to the United States Military Academy, from which he graduated in 1888.

General Helmick married Elizabeth Allen Clarke, of South Carolina in 1889. Mrs. Helmick was a descendant of a long line of New England founders and settlers.

Upon graduation from the United States Military Academy, he was assigned to the Infantry. He served as

a Second Lieutenant in the 11th, 4th, 6th, and 2nd Infantry, and as a First Lieutenant in the 10th Infantry. He was a Captain in the 15th and 10th Infantry. He was promoted to the grade of Major in 1911, and was detailed to the Inspector General's Department in May of that year. Upon completion of the four year tour in the Inspector General's Department he was assigned to the 27th and later to the 28th Infantry. He was promoted to the grade of Lieutenant Colonel the 1st of July, 1916, and was again detailed to the Inspector General's Department in September. He was promoted to the grade of Colonel in May, 1917, while in the Inspector General's Department. He was appointed a Brigadier General in December, 1917, shortly after the outbreak of the First World War. He was appointed a Major General the 8th of August, 1918, and was assigned to Command the 8th Infantry Division. He was appointed a permanent Brigadier General of the Army the 5th of March, 1921, and appointed Inspector General of the Army with the rank of Major General the 17th of November 1921. He was retired 27 September 1927.

General Helmick showed outstanding qualities from the beginning of his Military career and was repeatedly commended for his various services by his Commanding Officers. As he progressed through the grades, he showed outstanding qualities of character, energy, good judgment, moral courage, attention to duty, and fairness in handling his subordinates. He was highly commended by General J. H. Wilson, Commanding the Department of Matanzas and Santa Clara, Cuba, for his work as Inspector General and Engineer Officer. General Wilson stated that this officer was "methodical, attentive to his duties, capable, had excellent judgment and was sure to rise to distinction in the service". Shortly thereafter General Helmick was in Command of a Provisional Battalion of the Regular Army in the Philippine Islands under Major General Samuel S. Sumner, during active operations against Moros near Ianao, Mindanao. General Sumner wrote the War Department of General Helmick's service as follows: "In the event of further organization of the Companies of Philippine Scouts into Battalions and the assignment to command thereof with rank of Major of Captains of the Regular Army, I have the honor to recommend for such assignment Captain Eli A. Helmick, 10th Infantry. I knew Captain Helmick as a lieutenant and he served under me in the field in the Philippine Islands as commander of a Provisional Battalion. From my personal knowledge, I unhesitatingly recommend him as well qualified for the position and I am sure that his assignment would be a benefit to the organization and to the service."

General Helmick was a distinguished graduate of the Army School of the Line in 1909 and a graduate of the Army War College in 1910.

Upon the completion of his first tour of duty with the Inspector General's Department, the then Inspector General, General Garlington stated in a letter of commendation: "The varied, important and complicated cases sub-

mitted to you for investigation have always been examined into with zeal, industry and discretion; your judgments thereon have disclosed close reasoning with fair, fearless conclusions. On the military side, your inspection of troops evinced a practical knowledge of the reasonable standard which our troops should attain". During General Helmick's second tour in the Inspector General's Department, war was declared against Germany in April, 1917. He was selected by the then Inspector General, General Chamberlain, to be one of three high ranking Inspector Generals to inspect all of the Military activities of the Army in preparation for the war effort. During the first year General Helmick personally inspected Regular Army, National Guard, and National Army Divisions and the various activities of the Ordnance, Medical, Engineers, Signal, and the Quartermaster Corps. General Helmick had arrived in France with the advanced elements of his Division which was enroute overseas when the Armistice was declared in November, 1918. Subsequently, he accepted the position of Commanding General, Base Section No. 5, France, which became the largest Port of Embarkation for the returning troops from France. Shortly after his return to the United States, he was made Inspector General of the Army, in which position he served with distinction until his retirement.

As a result of his distinguished service during World War I, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, and the Silver Star Citation. General Helmick was also awarded the French Legion of Honor and the Medal of Honor from the Italian Government. He was awarded an L.L.D. degree by the Kansas State Agricultural College in 1920.

After his retirement, General Helmick identified himself with civic activities in the District of Columbia,—was prominently mentioned for District Commissioner, was the President of the Cathedral Heights Citizens Association, and a member of the Citizens Special Committee on Zoning.

He died in Honolulu, Hawaii, January 13, 1945, at the age of 81. He was survived by his widow, Mrs. Elizabeth A. Helmick, now living in Honolulu; a daughter, Mrs. Forrest Pinkerton of Honolulu; and two sons, Brigadier General C. G. Helmick, who at the time of his father's death was commanding the 5th Corps Artillery of the 1st Army in France; and Lieutenant G. R. Helmick, Retired, manager of the Wahia, Oahu, branch of the Bishop National Bank.

Few officers have shown greater devotion to duty or a keener perception of right and wrong than General Helmick. He lived a vigorous, determined life. He was thoughtful and considerate of his subordinates and exacted the best from them; his loyalty to his friends was unbounded, to his superiors unflinching. He inspired many a young officer to be a better man. His fearless character, his thorough knowledge of his profession, his keen understanding, his devotion to duty, his loyalty to his friends and his family marked him as a great soldier, and an unusually fine gentleman.

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## John Singleton Switzer

NO. 3439 CLASS OF 1891

Died May 1, 1945, in Saint Johnsbury, Vermont, aged 78 years.

COLONEL JOHN SINGLETON SWITZER was born in Markleysburg, Pennsylvania, January 3, 1867, the son of Dr. and Mrs. Singleton Switzer. Before coming to West Point in June 1887, he had attended two Normal Schools in his native State.

As a cadet Switzer was quiet, serious, industrious and friendly. Applying himself assiduously to whatever duty came his way, he could always find time to assist one who might be having difficulties in his academic work. A classmate recalls an instance of that characteristic when he was involved in the intricacies of a somewhat obscure problem in analytical geometry. Happening to drop into



Switzer's room one morning, he mentioned the subject to him, and the two of them went to work on the solution. It soon developed that John knew considerably more about the matter than his visitor, and he was able to clear up a number of points for him. Later, when the solution of this very problem meant a great deal toward his passing the subject at an examination, John's visitor was able to negotiate it successfully, and he always felt a sense of gratitude to Switzer for his assistance.

After graduation John was assigned to the 4th Infantry, and he maintained his membership in that regiment up to the grade of colonel, excepting when on detail elsewhere. His service was rendered at Forts Leavenworth, Sherman, Sheridan, Brown, Clark, at Laredo, Tampa, in the Philippines (3 tours), Vera Cruz, England, France and Washington. He participated in strike duty at Couer d'Alene in 1892; the various activities of his regiment in the Philippine Insurrection; served on staff duty in France in the First World War, including Chief of Staff of the Advance Section, and later commanding that Section until its discontinuance in 1919.

Switzer was a distinguished graduate of Leavenworth in 1905. He early demonstrated an aptitude for staff duty, and performed duty as adjutant of battalion, regiment, two brigades, and two details in the Adjutant General's Department in important assignments and in Washington. After the World War he commanded the 17th Infantry at Camp Meade, and later commanded that camp. He was a graduate of the Field Officers' Course at Fort Benning.

Soon after graduation he married, and his union with Mrs. Ida Pearl Switzer was blessed with one son, Colonel John S. Switzer, Jr., and two daughters.

Switzer's last duty was as Instructor of the National Guard of Vermont, and after his retirement in 1923 he located in that State and engaged in successful industry. His death, on May 1, 1945, came suddenly when he appeared to be in the best of health and activity. An attack of mass thrombosis took him away in 48 hours without his regaining consciousness.

Throughout his career Switzer was a most painstaking, conscientious officer, enjoying the confidence of his superiors through his qualities of loyalty and devotion to duty. He was not one to seek preferment for himself or to invite intimacies, but his friendship was sincere and constant for those who were privileged to enjoy it.

—A Classmate.

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**Lawrence Sprague Miller**

NO. 3757 CLASS OF 1897

Died March 19, 1945, at Washington, D. C., aged 73 years.

**L**AURENCE SPRAGUE MILLER was born at Fort McHenry, Baltimore, Maryland, March 5, 1872. His father was Brigadier General Marcus P. Miller who was in command at the capture of Iloilo in 1898 and a veteran of the Civil War and three Indian Wars. His grandfather, on his mother's side was General Joseph Haskin, who served in the Mexican War, so his natural ambition was an appointment to West Point.

His schooling was that of the average army boy—attending schools at Angel Island; Presidio, California; Fort Monroe; West Point; District School, Bay Ridge; Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute; College of the City of New York; and the University of Vermont, at Burlington, Vt. There he joined the Sigma Phi Fraternity. From the University he was appointed to West Point.

He was a Cadet at the U.S.M.A. from 1893 to 1897, when he was graduated and promoted in the army as an additional 2nd Lieutenant of the 4th Coast Artillery.

He served at Ft. Washington and Ft. Hunt and in 1899 left, with Battery F, 4th Artillery, for duty in the Philippines where he served two and one half years in the field and took part in the Lawton Campaign in Central Luzon.

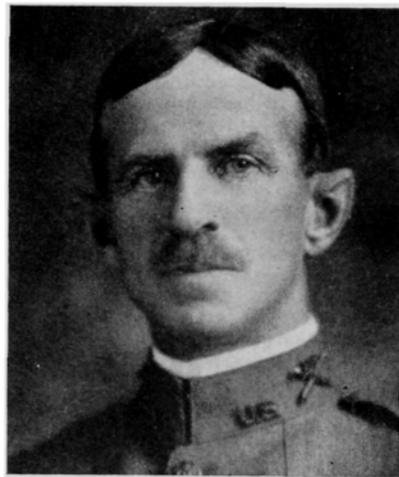
During his stay in Manila he was assigned to police duty in the Tondo District. It was well known that Ton-

do was the stepping stone to Malabon, the hot bed of insurrection. His speaking knowledge of Tagalog proved of use in secret service work in that district.

Early in 1900 while he was 1st Lieutenant of Battery E, 6th Coast Artillery and stationed at Mariveles, Bataan, word came to him that a Major in the troublesome army of General Mascardo wished to surrender.

At that time all Filipinos who would give up their arms and take the oath of allegiance to the United States were pardoned and set free. A handsome Spanish Philippine army officer in his early twenties appeared with two orderlies, one bare footed. The officer was bedraggled, sickly and hungry. He introduced himself as Major Manuel Kison, a name which later became famous as Quezon.

To Lieutenant Miller, Kison surrendered a few rifles, a foot long dagger with the initials "M.K." in a silver-plated sheath decorated with a cross-piece and collar insignia. Kison asked to keep his saber. Miller agreed



and Kison, very much in need of money, promptly sold it to an American photographer. This surrender to Lieutenant Miller was dramatized on the radio program, "March of Time"

July 6, 1900 he sailed on the steamship Australian on leave, first going to China and later to Japan. In his travels through Japan he learned enough of the language to manage without an interpreter and toward the end of his trip he lived in private homes and Japanese hotels, rather enjoying the novelty.

Returning to the United States in 1903 he served as Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the University of Vermont.

He was promoted to Major in 1917 and returned to Manila in the office of Chief Quartermaster. When he was relieved from Ft. Mills he was sent to command Ft. Preble, Me. Made a Lieutenant Colonel, Coast Artillery, National Army August 5, 1917, he was ordered on Border Service at Laredo, Texas. At Camp Upton, N. Y., he commanded the 306th Field Artillery. He served about a year and a half in France in the First World War as a Colonel; returned to the grade of Lieu-

tenant Colonel on July 10, 1919, and was retired for disability contracted in line of duty on April 19, 1920.

Colonel Miller was a Distinguished Graduate, Coast Artillery School, 1909; Graduate of the Field Artillery School and of Camp Songe, France 1918.

He never married but lived with his mother and sister in Chevy Chase, D. C.

He enjoyed his Class Reunions at West Point and attended them whenever possible.

Always fond of sports he played baseball and tennis and made several visits to Florida and Cuba where he enjoyed fishing and other outdoor amusements.

After the passing of his mother and sister he bought an apartment at 3900 Connecticut Avenue where he died of a heart attack on March 19, 1945.

All his life he was fond of young people and an impressive number of them attended his funeral in tribute to his unflinching kindness and sympathy and the assistance he gave them in their studies, examinations and amusements.

He was buried in Arlington Cemetery surrounded by the graves of many members of his family in the Military and Naval Services.

One of his friends in speaking of him and of his living and dying alone said: "He never wished to be a burden to anyone and he kept his troubles and worries to himself. In fact he died as he lived—a kind courageous gentleman".

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**Myron Sidney Crissy**

NO. 4091 CLASS OF 1902

Died January 7, 1946, at Joliet, Illinois, aged 67 years.

**O**UR good and friendly classmate, Myron Sidney Crissy, has passed on to his fathers. Always serene and with a cheerful grin, he wended his way through the four years at West Point with the good will and friendly regards of us all.

The Coast Artillery took his fancy, so in September, 1902, he found himself commencing to learn a modernized version of "In Battery; Heave" In January, 1907, as a First Lieutenant, he was assigned as a student officer at The Coast Artillery School at Fort Monroe, graduating in July, 1909. Then at Fort Winfield Scott he commanded a company until March, 1912, in the meantime getting his Captaincy.

Crissy always had an inventive mind, and was always tinkering at some device or other. Early in the days of military aviation, his mind ran to the intriguing idea of dropping explosive bombs from airplanes. An opportunity presented itself at the Tanforan Aviation meet at San Francisco in January, 1911. He had a number of bombs made to his own designs, shrapnel and shell, and dropped them from a Wright airplane. These bombs, dropped on January 17th, 1911, were the first explosive bombs thrown from airplanes in this country.

Then, three years in the Philippines and a couple of years in command of a Mine Company brought him to the time the U.S. got into the first World

War. Then he was well occupied with organization and training of Artillery units, at Camp Jackson, at Fort Sill, and at Camp Zachary Taylor, to September, 1918, when he sailed for France, by way of England, as a Lieutenant Colonel of Field Artillery, in command of 327th Field Artillery. Training kept him busy up to the Armistice, so he had to forego the risks and the honors of combatant service.

Then followed the usual assortment of post-war assignments, in Europe for a time, in connection with Rents, Requisitions and Claims Service and with Graves Registration Service. He returned to the United States in September 1921.

In addition to his earlier attendance at the Coast Artillery School, and at



the School of Fire for Field Artillery, he returned to Fort Monroe for the Field Officers' Course, and shortly thereafter, he attended the General Staff School at Leavenworth, graduating in June, 1926.

While taking a refresher course at Fort Monroe, in 1930, concerning Anti-Aircraft Artillery, he invented an anti-aircraft gun carriage. He had further service in Anti-Aircraft, as Acting Chief of Staff, Anti-Aircraft Artillery Group, Fifth Corps Area, and later in command of an Anti-Aircraft Regiment at Fort MacArthur.

While stationed at Fort Hayes, Crissy had a bad fall on the ice, which resulted in a broken bone in his back, and in the spring of 1934 he was retired for physical disability.

Out of active service, it was natural for Crissy and his charming wife, who some of his classmates will remember as Miss Frances Fitch of Yonkers, N. Y., to move to Dedham, Mass., where lived their only child, Mrs. Catherine Bridges and her four boys. Tom Casad may have gotten the class cup, but Catherine Crissy preceded him by several months, and but for the accident of sex, would have been entitled to the cup. While on this topic, it is interesting to note also that Catherine's first son was the first grandchild of the Class. This young man, Crissy Bridges, has been in China, a Sergeant of Marines.

Crissy became much interested in the study of Theosophy, so much so, in fact, that he held classes and gave lec-

tures in this ancient esoteric philosophy. As a young man, one would hardly have called Crissy a crusader, but if he acquired earnest convictions about anything, it was not easy to dissuade him from his beliefs, nor to compel him to remain silent about them. The spiritual science so fully set forth in the works of Madame Blavatsky interested him deeply, and the latter part of his life was molded upon it.

During the past winter, Crissy and his wife were with his Mother in Joliet, Ill. He had not been well for some time, and was favoring himself on account of a heart condition. On his 67th birthday he had enjoyed a quiet birthday dinner with his wife and his mother, when later in the evening he was stricken with an attack and died within a few hours.

Thus passeth a good soldier and a fine soul. His classmates and his friends will always hold his memory in affectionate regard.

—F. F. L.

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### Merrill Ellicott Spalding

NO. 4303 CLASS OF 1904

Died December 20, 1945, at Washington, D. C., aged 63 years.

**C**OLONEL MERRILL ELLICOTT SPALDING was born at Concordia, Kansas, February 21, 1882, the son of Hamilton and Martha (Sherman) Spalding and a descendant of Edward Spalding, who settled at Braintree, Mass., before 1633.

Shortly after his graduation from West Point in June of 1904, Merrill Spalding was commissioned in the Infantry and assigned to the Seventeenth Regiment. He reported for duty at Cottabato, Mindanao, P. I. in November and went into the field almost at once as an officer of the Provisional Company which, with similar companies of other regiments, was operating against the Moros in the Cottabato Valley. He was on duty later at Cudarangun and at Reina Regente, returning to the States with his regiment in July of 1905.

Lieutenant Spalding was with the Seventeenth, in turn, at Fort McPherson, Ga.; at Chickamauga during Maneuvers; at Ciego de Avila and Camaguey, Cuba; at Fort McPherson again; at Eagle Pass, Texas; at Columbus, N. M.; in Mexico with the Punitive Expedition, and at Fort Ringgold, Texas. While in this regiment, he was on detached duty at the U.S. Military Academy as an Instructor of English and History, 1910-1912, and at the Disciplinary Barracks, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, 1914-1915.

Early in 1917, Captain Spalding was transferred to the 25th Infantry in Hawaii and his long service with the 17th came to an end. War was near at hand and his days as a junior officer were numbered. Then in the prime of life he had, in his quiet way, made good use of those early years. A fellow officer, who was closely associated with him in the 17th Infantry, writes:

"There was nothing in the system of military education pursued by the Army at that time to stimulate the young officer to go beyond his daily garrison duty in preparing himself for

future usefulness, at least not very far beyond.

"However, Merrill Spalding, who loved the social life of the Army, and was very fond of tennis and riding, never let these diversions lead him away from certain hours of study each day directed toward increasing his value and efficiency in the service.\*\*\*"

The outbreak of the First World War found Captain Spalding at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. He was soon given the wartime rank of major and ordered to Washington for duty as a member of the General Staff. In June of 1918 he departed for France and attended the Army General Staff College at Langre. At the end of the course, then a lieutenant colonel, he was assigned to the 89th Division and served with this organization in Germany until he returned to the States in June of 1919.

In the course of the next fourteen years, he graduated from four service schools and was on other duty as indicated below:



- The Infantry Tank School, 1922;
- The Command and General Staff School, 1924;
- The Army War College, 1929;
- The Chemical Warfare School, Field Officers' Course, 1932.

He was in Washington, D. C., on the General Staff, 1919-1922 and 1929-1933; at Fort Meade, Md. as Executive Officer of the Tank School, 1922-1923; at Fort Snelling, Minn., commanding a battalion of the Third Infantry, 1924-1926, and at Fort Benning, Ga., as Instructor, Department of Tactics, Infantry School, 1926-1928.

In January of 1933, Lieutenant Colonel Spalding sailed for the Philippine Islands where he had command of Fort John Hay and then of the 57th Infantry at Fort McKinley. Returning to the States in 1935, somewhat impaired in health, he was assigned to the University of Vermont as Professor of Military Science and Tactics. His work there was invaluable, not only because he gave sound military training to young men soon to be engaged in war as officers, but because of his influence on them—this arising from his sterling character and sympathetic attitude. Many who were given encouragement by him at critical moments had en-

viable records in the war and some paid the supreme penalty.

In August of 1941 Colonel Spalding was ordered to Washington for duty in the Office of the Quartermaster General. Then his work came to a sudden and sad end. Stricken the day after he took over his new job, he was never able to return to duty but was retired for physical disability, May 31, 1942.

After retirement Merrill Spalding lived quietly in Washington, passing away at Walter Reed General Hospital, December 20, 1945. He is survived by his wife, Ella (Polly) Mace Spalding. Their only child, Merrill Junior, died at Fort Benning in 1929.

No graduate of the Military Academy ever conformed more closely to the motto, "Duty, Honor, Country" A staunch Infantryman to the last, he was visited, during his last illness, by another infantryman of very high rank to whom he apologized for his inability to take part in the war. This officer replied quickly that no man who had trained the 57th Infantry should feel that he had not done his bit in the war.

Possessed of an ordered, logical mind, Colonel Spalding was sound and fair in his decisions, quiet but effective in action. While a student officer at the War College, he wrote a Staff Memorandum which elicited a letter of commendation from the Commandant who referred to it as a "Work of Exceptional Merit". Another of his essays that received much praise appeared in the Infantry Journal in 1931. From this essay the following extract was taken:

"\* \* \* The graduate student may ask himself where he has received the impetus to his imagination, the call to alertness, the awakening of perception and action which, he has found in his historical reading, have times innumerable, changed the swing of battles and of campaigns. Let it not be thought for an instant that there is any suggestion of departure from our teaching that expounds and exemplifies our accepted tactical doctrine. The new student must be grounded in the principles we accept \* \* \*. Yet beyond this there is something that has distinguished successful leaders of the past, some discernment that will permit a departure from that which is accepted at the time, some insight that will penetrate the seemingly normal and divulge the characteristics that make a situation unusual and upon which a successful solution must be based.

"At the battle of King's Mountain, Ferguson, the commander of the British troops, aware of the approach of the American force, carefully selected an advantageous position and awaited an attack. The Americans, in spite of inferiority in numbers, completely surrounded the position, attacked it and annihilated the British force; not a man escaped.

"Had the commander of that American force been a product of our schools, I doubt if he could have torn himself free from past schooling and permitted himself to utilize an inferior force to surround an enemy completely. On the other hand it would appear that Ferguson, the British commander, in the selection of his posi-

tion and in the resort to the bayonet charge, \* \* \* followed the teachings of his day. But, we will say, that battle was unusual; the American force was made up of backwoodsmen, accurate with the rifle, and it remained only to take advantage of that asset and make the decision of its application. Somewhere in our instruction should be awakened in the mind of the student the habit of seeking to brush aside the camouflage that makes all situations resemble the normal and to determine amid the blended background that flash of color that makes the situation unique. \* \* \*

"Our graduate student \* \* \* may contemplate cheerfully his great increase in military knowledge obtained at our excellent schools \* \* \* yet he may wonder if his instruction has rounded out his training to give him that insight that will enable him to perceive the black fog of war and to distinguish in the haze those elements that yield the key to success. Weighing the imparted knowledge against his historical and tactical reading and reflecting on the many untrodden paths for historical instruction, the graduate student cannot entirely escape the conclusion that our schools have marched him a long way 'Down the Road' and, at the critical point, deserted him to seek his own salvation unaided."

All persons who have had the good fortune to know Merrill Spalding were charmed by his amiable, serene temper. He viewed this imperfect world without a trace of bitterness, seeming to have nothing but good will for all men. One friend has referred to him as one of "Nature's Noblemen" and another of long standing writes as follows:

"Now and then, not too often, as we pass through life, we encounter a man who combines outstanding ability, a sterling character, and a personality of exceptional kindness and charm—in brief, all the traits we desire to find in a human being. Merrill Spalding was such a man, and I am proud I could number him among my friends."

A good soldier, devoted husband, a man of the highest ideals, Merrill will always be missed by his many friends; his place in their hearts will never be filled, so rare are men of his type.

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**David G. Cleveland Garrison**

NO. 4622 CLASS OF 1907

*Died October 1, 1945, at Charles City County, Virginia, aged 61 years.*

**D**AVID GROVER CLEVELAND GARRISON son of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester C. Garrison was born July 15, 1884 in Centralia, Illinois, where he attended the public schools and received his early education. He was appointed to the Military Academy in 1902 and graduated in 1907. After graduation he joined his regiment, the 26th Infantry, at the Cuartel de Espana in Manila, P. I. He was engaged in the military survey of Luzon in 1908 and in 1909 until the return of his regiment to the United States.

He was stationed at Fort Wayne, Michigan, from 1909 to 1913 and was with his regiment at Texas City and Galveston, Texas, until 1914. He returned to the Philippines in the same year and was stationed at Fort William McKinley in Manila and Fort Mills on Corregidor with the 13th Infantry and 8th Infantry until 1917. He returned to the United States in September 1917 and was at Camp Dodge, Iowa until June 1918 when he was assigned to the Military Intelligence Section of the General Staff until 1920. He commanded a battalion of the 13th Infantry at Hoboken, New Jersey, until the latter part of 1921 and was with the 22nd Infantry at Fort Jay, Governors Island, New York and at Fort McPherson, Georgia until September 1922.

He was a student officer at the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia in 1922-23 and attended the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas in 1923-24. He returned to Fort Benning and served as instructor at the Infantry School for three years. He was on



National Guard duty at Augusta, Maine from June 1927 until March 1928 and was at Portland, Maine with the 5th Infantry from March 1928 to March 1930. He was in Boston with the Organized Reserves from March 1930 until August 31, 1932 when he was retired as Lieutenant Colonel of Infantry for disability incurred in line of duty.

Cleve was twice married. His first wife, Madeline Rafferty, daughter of the late Colonel Ogden Rafferty, Medical Corps U.S. Army and Mrs. Rafferty, died on July 15, 1923. On June 6, 1925 he married Royall Draper, daughter of the late Captain Herbert L. Draper, U.S. Marine Corps and Mrs. Draper, at the Washington Cathedral, Bishop Freeman officiating. His son, David Draper Garrison, is a Cadet at the U.S. Military Academy in the Class of 1948. His daughter, Miss Edith Draper Garrison is an art student in New York City.

After Cleve's retirement he lived at "The Rowe", Charles City County, on the James River in Virginia where he occupied most of his time in gardening and collecting historical tales of

that very interesting part of the country.

Cleve was a genial, likeable person and had a host of friends. He had an endless supply of stories and was at his best in a congenial group. His outstanding qualities were a level head, excellent judgment and common sense, all of which contributed to the high quality of his work as an officer.

Cleve was a fine loyal friend who will be long remembered.

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### Simon Bolivar Buckner, Jr.

NO. 4699 CLASS OF 1908

*Killed in action, June 18, 1945, near Mezato, Okinawa, aged 58 years.*

HE was the only son of the Kentucky soldier whose name he bore, and of Delia Hayes Claiborne of Richmond, Va. The Buckner home, where he was born, was built in the early nineteenth century by his grandfather, and is close to Munfordville, Ky.

His father was distinguished both in a military and a civil career. Graduating from West Point in 1844, the year after Grant, he participated in five major engagements of the Mexican War, and was brevetted for gallantry to captain of infantry at Molino del Rey. This war separated two details as instructor at West Point, first in Ethics, later in Tactics. In the Civil War, after joining the C.S.A. as a Brigadier General, the defection and virtual desertion of his superiors, Floyd and Pillow, with their commands, forced his surrender of Fort Donelson to Grant. After exchange a few months later, he served with distinction through the Perryville and Chickamauga campaigns as a Major General Commanding Divisions or Corps, and attaining rank of Lieutenant General in 1864 while in command of the Confederate forces of Eastern Tennessee. In high marks of his civil career, he appears as editor of the Louisville Courier, and as Governor of Kentucky (1887-1891), while never relinquishing his avocation as a gentleman farmer and scholar at his estate of Glen Lily where he died in 1914 at the advanced age of 91. After the Civil War he was a leading disciple of Lincoln's charge to "bind up the nation's wounds". He saw much of Grant in the reconstruction days, never lost that friendship begun while cadets, and was a pallbearer at Grant's funeral. At his death his fellow statesmen reverently called him "the leading citizen of Kentucky". During his son's cadet days, the old gentleman was a visitor at our summer camps and those of us privileged to gather around him afternoons out at the visitors' seats will never forget his distinguished, erect, and virile bearing although then over 80, his kindly manner, nor his stories of war days spun by the hour. His was a life and character to cast important influence on the career of his son; the lessons were well learned.

Simon Bolivar Buckner, Jr., was born July 18, 1886, the only child of his father's second marriage. Of his boyhood days he once wrote for an article appearing in TIME:

"I went barefooted, hunted, trapped, fished, swam, canoed, raised chickens, fought roosters, rode 5 miles daily for the mail, trained dogs, did odd farm jobs, learned not to eat green persimmons, and occasionally walked 8 miles to Munfordville to broaden my horizon by seeing the train come in, learning the fine points of horse trading, or listening to learned legal and political discussion on county court day".

After attending various schools near home, he spent two years at the Virginia Military Institute whence he received his West Point appointment from President Theodore Roosevelt, entering June 16, 1904 and graduating February 14, 1908, number 58 in a class finally numbering 108. He took his academic course in stride, holding his position about mid-class with little effort. In the battalion of that day, he was a corporal, a sergeant, and finally a lieutenant. Without excelling in athletics, he played scrub football, was a member of our indoor meet teams, and gave much time to boxing and wrestling under Tom Jenkins. He ranked high in "dis", earning all the



Christmas leaves possible under the demerit rules of that day, and had a standing date to spend each in Washington, where he was the bright spot of every party he attended. At each annual class meeting, he was always returned second ranking hop manager. He never enjoyed a joke better than when on himself. He was a great favorite at one of the quarters in Professors' Row and one afternoon was pointing out the virtues of Toby, a cocker spaniel, to the owner, his hostess. In a moment of confusion between the dog's name and the familiar name of the Professor, he remarked, "You know, ma'am, I think Gus looks almost human at times!" At every succeeding visit, company or no, this good lady would compel him to repeat the blasphemy, she foremost in the ensuing merriment save when the Professor was also present and himself took the lead.

Upon graduation he was assigned to the 9th Infantry. To show how earnestly he took his chosen career, he devoted part of his graduation leave to a trip to the Canal Zone where the job was approaching its maximum swing. Here he stayed with the Chief

Engineer who was very fond of him; he hiked for miles through the Cut and over the lock sites, rode dirt trains and pounded jungle trails for his first taste of what moving foot troops over such ground and in such climate would mean. Thus began the preparation for his supreme command. It might be said his whole career was ideally patterned for that climax but it will be enough in this sketch to name the more important details. He began to know the Philippines from a tour in Cebu from 1910 to 1912. After various details in the U.S., which included a year as Assistant Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds in Washington, he returned to the Philippines for another year in 1916, now with the 27th Infantry, spent between Manila and Baguio.

While on this tour he went on leave to marry Miss Adele Blanc of a well known New Orleans family, the wedding taking place in Louisville, Ky., December 30, 1916. Of this happy union were born three children: Simon Bolivar Buckner III at Louisville, Ky., November 18, 1918; Mary Blanc Buckner at West Point, N. Y., August 22, 1922; and William Claiborne Buckner at Fort Leavenworth, Kans., June 29, 1926. Simon is a veteran of World War II having come up through the ranks and served overseas with distinction through North Africa, Sicily, Italy and France with the 927th Signal Battalion, attaining the rank of Captain; he is now with an export-import firm in New York City. Mary graduated from Stanford University in December, 1945, and is presently with her Mother in San Francisco. William is a cadet at West Point in the class of 1948 which will be graduated just 104 years after that of his illustrious grandfather—a family span of years, bridging but a single intervening generation, unique in the annals of the U.S. Military Academy.

If Simon Buckner, Jr., was disappointed to miss action in the First World War, he contributed valuably to training the more fortunate, for at Kelly Field, Tex., as Major in the Aviation Section of the Signal Corps, he successively commanded and put through the traces the 5th Provisional Regiment, S.C., and other units including the 1st and 3d Training Brigades. In August 1918, he was with the Operations Section of the Air Service in Washington, becoming in October a student at the War College. The next 17 years were to find him schooling most of the time and on each side of the teacher's desk.

In May 1919, after assignment to the 83d Infantry, came his first detail to West Point as Instructor of Infantry Tactics, commanding a battalion of cadets. After four years of this came a detail as student at the Infantry School at Fort Benning, followed by the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, which he completed as a Distinguished Graduate, remaining to instruct for an additional three years. Then came another four years at the Army War College where, after completing the one year course, he remained as Executive Officer till 1932.

That year saw his return to West Point, this time as Assistant to the

Commandant of Cadets for one year,—then as Commandant for three years until June 1936. His rule is remembered for constructive progressiveness, with a share of severity tempered with hard, sound sense and justice. On prior summer practice marches, cadets were used to having the comforts of straw supplied for pup tents. In the first practice march he conducted, the first captain complained when none appeared, to be told promptly by Buckner "nobody had heard anything about straw this year", so the cadets slept on the ground. The growlers of that time later, silently thanked him when they came to the troop training courses of 1940 and 1941. When there was a kick about a punishment deemed by some cadets too severe, he addressed them in the mess hall and suggested, as a consideration for mitigation, they return from Philadelphia the following Saturday with the Navy's football. His regime, as Commandant thus high lighted and typified, marks him as an outstanding leader among those to fill that important office. To honor his service, Camp Popolopen, now the summer training camp for the cadets, has been redesignated and named Camp Buckner.

The succeeding four years found him on short details all over the country from Texas to Massachusetts: as umpire at maneuvers, taking refresher courses, organizing and training, attaining his colonelcy in January 1937. In July 1940 came his first real opportunity for important troop service when he was put at the head of the Alaskan Defense Command at Fort Richardson, attaining the rank of permanent Brigadier General on September 1st, one of the first of his class to wear the star with troops.

His work in Alaska was that of a pioneer. He built roads, bases, personally tested types of clothing, boots and sleeping bags, and maintained high morale despite weather and terrain. Fully appreciating the value of cooperation with the other branches of the service, he gave a fine example of team work with the Navy. He spent much time flying around the Aleutian chain. He became a Major General, A.U.S., on August 4, 1941. On June 4, 1942, his fliers and those of the Navy located a fleet of Jap carriers, cruisers and destroyers patently bound for Dutch Harbor and drove them back, despite fog and rain, with heavy loss and damage, thus defeating the nearest actual threat to security of the Pacific Coast region. His was the training of the Army task force which finally recovered Attu in May 1943. On the 4th of this month he was promoted to Lieutenant General, A.U.S.

During that summer of 1943 he made an official visit to Washington during which he was host at an impromptu class gathering held at Harvey's. It proved to be the last time that so many of us were to be with him. His strong class feeling was proven by his making office visits on those whose duties kept them away from his party—managing to get all these tucked in between official demands. We found him unchanged, in superb physical trim, boyishly jovial as ever, loving his assignment, preaching his hobby of going all the way to

instill into his troops the creed of co-operation with those in other arms of our service. He was so taken with the Alaskan country that he bought property at Anchorage for a permanent dwelling, and at Homer for a log cabin, planning to make the Territory his home after the war, an intention his family is proceeding to carry out. At Homer the American Legion Post has been named after him.

In June 1944, he was assigned to Central Pacific Area, Fort Shafter, T. H., where he began training of units later to constitute the Tenth Army. Here he was most exacting in the physical tests and fitness demanded of his officers and men, and in the following silent months he was whipping his command into shape for one of the most vital campaigns of the whole war—Okinawa. How well this was done is given in words of Secretary Forrestal in citation for the Navy Department's Distinguished Service Medal (Posthumous):

"Charged with training and equipping the Tenth Army for the Okinawa Campaign, Lieutenant General Buckner developed each unit to a high state of combat readiness, integrating the whole as a formidable fighting command. Rendering invaluable assistance throughout the planning phase, he subsequently cooperated wholeheartedly with amphibious commanders during landing operations and immediately established his lines of supplies and communications when the beach heads were secured. Skilfully coordinating the fire power of all branches of the armed services under his command, he boldly executed maneuvers designed to neutralize savage Japanese resistance and despite the difficulties of extremely rugged terrain and adverse weather which frequently delayed the movements of both men and equipment, relentlessly pressed onward toward the objective, constantly rallying his tired, depleted troops and waging furious battle. . . A dynamic leader and wise administrator, he had punctiliously established facilities for governing and care of thousands of the island's civilians and his superb generalship and valiant conduct throughout the bitterly fought campaign were major factors in the ultimate conquest of this vital strategic base and reflect the highest credit upon Lieutenant General Buckner, his gallant command, and the United States Armed Services."

In the combined operation for which General Buckner commanded the Army troops, he launched the offensive on the Ryukyus when his 77th Division landed on Kerama Retto on March 26, 1945, and in three days secured all small islands in that chain and brought Okinawa, the key island, within artillery range. Then on April 1st, the XXIV Army Corps and III Marine Corps established beach heads along the west coast near Kadena. After a drive across the island, the latter swung north and soon mopped up all the northern portion. The former, swinging south, ran into the stiffest, most stubborn opposition of the Pacific War requiring all the ingenuity and leadership of the commanding general to bring eventual success. The citation for his Distinguish-

ed Service Cross (Posthumous) says—

"After planning and directing all phases of his army's activities in the Okinawan operation, General Buckner had forced the Japanese to the southern tip of the island. Realizing that decisive action would undoubtedly result, he joined a forward regiment and proceeded to a battalion observation post approximately 300 yards behind the front lines closely to supervise the action of his troops. The inspiration attendant upon his personal presence gave great impetus to the attack, resulting in the annihilation of the enemy position. While in this advanced and perilous position (in vicinity of Mezato, June 18, 1945) General Buckner was killed by hostile artillery fire. The outstanding leadership, tactical genius, and personal courage of General Buckner thoroughly inspired his command, and culminated in final victory for the United States forces in Okinawa."

He had been struck by a shell fragment. Despite the efforts of a medical officer with him, General Buckner was pronounced dead ten minutes after being hit. Thus passed the officer of highest rank in the U.S. Army in this war to lose his life in action while exercising troop command. In a matter of hours the fighting in Okinawa was over, but it was written he might not witness the final victory. Had he been able so to read, his course would have been no different. He would not have complained. Through and through he was a soldier.

The next day he was laid to rest beside comrades in the cemetery of the 7th Infantry Division, near Hagushi Beach, where he had led his men ashore that Easter Sunday—there to "find a soldier's resting place beneath a soldier's blow"

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Simon Bolivar Buckner, Jr., while not as tall, was much like his father in face and manner. He had the same high forehead, blue eyes of unusual size and wide setting, slightly aquiline nose, finely moulded mouth, clear smooth skin, always in superb physical condition. He laughed with eyes as well as mouth and a boom that dominated the laughter of any gathering where he was present. His hair turned from deep brown to almost snow white, the sole change his intimates noted in looks as the years went by, and he never lost that unique spirit of exuberant boyishness while off duty and in their company.

Of the many traits of leadership he displayed, mention has been made of the "get along" spirit with which he inculcated his component of a mixed command. It is interesting to note the reaction of his Navy comrades. In the Alaskan days he worked closely with Admiral Thomas C. Kinkaid, and of this association the admiral writes:—

"If the Jap forces penetrated to the eastward of a certain meridian, Army interests were to be considered 'paramount'. If they remained to westward of that line, Navy interests were 'paramount'. In each case the other commander was to cooperate with and coordinate with, the commander having paramount interest.

"As all of the operations were to the

westward, the Navy was in direct command. General Buckner gave a full measure of cooperation. I could not have asked for greater courtesy and consideration.

"General Buckner and I were resolved to make things go with the least possible interservice friction. We announced in loud tones that we did not give a damn how things got done, or by whom, provided they got done. We agreed that we would not back up our own subordinates but would decide each disagreement on its own merits. After the first shock of surprise, our subordinates began to settle their differences on their own levels and very few complaints were brought to us.

"At General Buckner's suggestion, he and his staff joined my mess when we moved to Adak. This did wonders toward developing mutual respect and understanding. Many minor problems, which might otherwise have loomed large, were settled across the luncheon table.

"We made a point of consulting each other and of keeping each other informed. All important dispatches were discussed before sending, and they invariably ended with 'Buckner concurs' or 'Kincaid concurs' depending upon who was the originator.

"After the Japs were driven out of the Aleutians and we separated to other duty, I often expressed the hope that when the war was over General Buckner and I would find ourselves in positions where we could work together to advance mutual understanding and respect between the services.

"When General Buckner was killed on Okinawa I lost a friend whom I had learned to admire and trust, and the armed services lost a gallant and courageous officer of high integrity."

What a pattern to lay before those engaged in the study of future joint operations!

Admiral R. A. Spruance, in same vein, says:—

"During the planning for Okinawa, which lasted, so far as I was concerned, until my departure from Pearl Harbor the middle of January (1945), the relations existing between the naval commanders involved and General Buckner and his 10th Army were excellent. The detailed plans . . . were perfected between Admiral Turner, the Commander of the Joint Expeditionary Force, and General Buckner and their respective staffs with the greatest spirit of cooperation and good will.

"During the actual fighting for Okinawa, which was of a very tough and prolonged character, both ashore and afloat, I was impressed by General Buckner's stouthearted fighting qualities. He was active in getting about the entire area under his control and especially so in visiting the commands where the fighting was going on. . . .

"It is my opinion, strongly reinforced by the experiences of this war, that the primary requisite for a commander in contact with the enemy is a willingness and desire to fight. General Buckner had this to a high degree. His death in action so close to the successful conclusion of the campaign for Okinawa was a great loss to the Army and to our country. Those of us in the Navy who had come to know him felt that they had lost a

personal friend as well as a comrade in arms."

Admiral R. K. Turner, who became more intimately concerned with the development of the Okinawa plans and fighting, writes his impression in these words:—

"I am a great admirer and a good friend of General Buckner . . . I had never met him until, in the summer of 1944, he arrived in Saipan to observe our amphibious operations (which I commanded) for the capture of that and other islands of the Marianas group. His interest in the development of that adventure was, of course, very vivid and personal, as he recently had been assigned to command the Tenth Army. . . .

"My interest in General Buckner was equally vivid, since I had been designated to command the Joint Expeditionary Force, composed of Army, Navy, and Marine Corps contingents which were to undertake these future operations. (Okinawa). Though of the same relative grade (he a Lieutenant General, I a Vice Admiral), he was considerably senior to me by date of commission; however, no one ever was made aware of that fact by anything that Simon Buckner ever said or did. Our personal and official relations were invariably cordial, cooperative, and most pleasant.

" . . . Tenth Army plans were far-seeing, comprehensive, practical—and successful in the highest degree. The chief credit for the formulation and execution of these plans belongs personally to General Buckner, who showed himself to be a great military planner, and a leader who knew the secret of employing effectively all parts of his military machine. He enjoyed the complete confidence and devotion not only of his own Army troops, but also of the Marine Corps divisions and Navy land contingents which formed parts of the Tenth Army, and also of the naval and air forces operating in support of the Tenth Army. His strategic and tactful solution of the difficult problems confronting him was beyond all criticism.

"I am very proud to have been associated with General Buckner in the stirring and arduous conditions which obtained throughout the decisive Okinawa campaign. General Buckner's energy and courage were as boundless as his kindness and generosity. In fact, his courage, and his constant habit of taking the same chances as he required from his comrades-in-arms lost to his country and to his friends this great military leader and great man"

On June 19, 1945, on the floor of the Senate, this tribute was paid by Senator Chandler of Kentucky:—

"This ruddy-faced, white-thatched apostle of the vigorous life had seen the new United States Tenth Army drive deeper and deeper into enemy territory in Okinawa until at last he stood on the threshold of complete victory on that important battlefield. Fate deprived him of seeing the curtain run down on one of the most important acts that foretells the fall of Japan.

"He leaves behind him a heritage as rich as that received from his father. It was the will to win that characterized Simon Bolivar Buckner as he met

his death on Okinawa. A man who attacked life aggressively, he never asked the men under his command to do a job he would not do himself."

And Senator Barkley, first referring to the loss of 18 of our generals in this war, proceeded to add:—

"No one of them had rendered a greater service to his country, no one of them had a greater or more sacred background of military tradition, no one of them will leave a heritage of more glorious memory and accomplishment than Simon Bolivar Buckner, Jr.

"We in Kentucky especially today feel a deep grief because of his untimely death, and the tragic circumstances of it, but I am sure that all over America, and wherever men love devotion and sacrifice and self-abnegation, they appreciate the fact that, as we plant the grain in the soil to give forth a plentiful harvest in the years to come, we have planted in the soil of democracy the fertile seed which in the years to come will burgeon forth into a bountiful harvest of liberty and democracy and equality among the men of the earth. It is in that spirit that we reconcile ourselves as Kentuckians and as Americans to the death of this great man and outstanding general and soldier, Simon Bolivar Buckner"

The press of the nation widely paid him compliment in editorials and one of them brought to mind an evening near the close of his tour as Commandant of Cadets when conversation drifted toward the Spirit of West Point. He mentioned a favorite poem that appeared anonymously in a cadet publication soon after World War I, and which should be immortalized if only for his own admiration of it. It runs:—

"Oh Spartan Woman, I have peered behind  
Your stoic poise and found the  
Mother there  
At last—the proud grey eyes—the cool  
grey hair—  
The tender face a hundred years have  
lined

"With sorrow for the still straight  
sons returned  
Upon their blameless shields—the  
quiet pride  
That they had lived by you, went  
forth and died  
The Doric way. Grey Mother, they  
have earned

"Those shields. They have justified  
the trust  
You placed in them and come again  
to live  
And breathe as part of you. Today  
you give  
A burnished shield to me—to guard  
from rust—  
To hold before my heart—and bid me  
go.  
Stern Spartan, I salute you—but I  
know!"

And as if in perfect continuity of the sentiment, the *New York Sun* spoke editorially:—

"It was a bright, untarnished shield on which General Buckner was borne to rest beside his men . . . so far along the road toward the victory of which he was one of the major builders."

President Truman, in citation for award of the Purple Heart (Posthumous) sets forth that "in the unbroken line of patriots who have dared to die that freedom might live... he lives—in a way that humbles the undertakings of most men"

His classmates and friends who glimpsed the early signs of his promising qualities take pride in all the words of high praise which acclaim their realization. And as we broadly view his whole career and personality, we may also humbly add, as one of them suggests, those lines of Kipling:—

"E'en as he trod that day to God, so walked he from his birth.  
In simpleness and gentleness and honour and clean mirth."

—A Classmate.

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**Alexander McC. Patch, Jr.**

NO. 5187 CLASS OF 1913

Died November 21, 1945, at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, aged 55 years.

JUST after the burial services for his son, Mac, who was killed in action in France in October 1944, Sandy said to me: "Well, he is not cold and wet; and hungry". Now we say something similar about Sandy. He is at Rest, and does not have the worries of our old troublesome world to contend with; a thing which he did most ably while he was with us. Sandy, I am sure, has gone to the reward which he so justly and amply deserved. It is we, his relatives and friends who suffer, not Sandy.

Sandy was born in Fort Huachuca, Arizona on November 23, 1889. He was a son of Captain A. M. Patch, a graduate of the U.S.M.A. 1877, and of Annie Moore Patch. Captain Patch served with bravery and distinction in the Indian campaigns and lost his leg in action. Sandy's brother Major General J. D. Patch and Sandy's son, "Mac" both served the army and Uncle Sam with distinction and bravery in battle. At the time of his death Sandy was survived by his wife Julia Littell Patch, his daughter Julia Anne Drummond, and two grandchildren, A. M. Patch, IV and Julia Patch Drummond. Since then, "Little Sandy", A. M. Patch, IV, died very suddenly.

Early in Sandy's military career he was singled out as a leader. I remember that he, without previous military training, when we were plebes, was immediately selected as "Guide" And later he was chosen as our Cheer Leader by the Corps of Cadets. As a Cadet Sandy showed not only leadership, but individual skill as an athlete. As a student however, he did not "shine"—plenty of ability but no desire to attain scholastic honors.

As an officer with courage, tactical skill and leadership, unsurpassed by anyone in our, or anyone else's army, Sandy made a military record of which any living man could most properly be extremely proud. He served in the Mexican Campaign, against Villa in 1916, and as a battalion commander in France in World War I. In World War II, he was selected by the Chief of Staff, Gen. George C. Marshall, to command an expeditionary force on

what was considered a most dangerous and important mission; the defense of New Caledonia on our life line to Australia, at a time when the Japs were advancing southward without any defeats at a rapid rate. However the Navy stopped the Japs in the battle of the Coral Sea before they reached and engaged Sandy's force on New Caledonia. He however, faced and solved, with great skill and judgment, a very knotty diplomatic problem with international implications on New Caledonia.

In October 1942 Sandy was sent to Guadalcanal to eventually take over command of the American forces there in their fight against the Japs. Under the corps command of Gen. Van de Grift, and as commander of the Americal Division, he participated in defensive actions against the Japs, and in one attack which secured a crossing of the Matanikau River but failed to drive the Japs from the Island. Early in December 1942 Sandy took command of all forces on Guadalcanal, Tulagi and Florida Islands, including the



newly organized XIV Corps, which was made up of the 2nd Marine Div., the Americal Div. and the 25th Inf. Div. reinforced by auxiliary troops including anti-aircraft, air, and 155mm gun units. His supply problem was tremendous, and his command was very diversified including Naval units, Naval supply troops, Naval Constr. Bns., Marine, Naval and Army Air units, and Marine and Army Ground units. In spite of almost insurmountable difficulties of organization, weather and supply Sandy remained on the defensive only a short time, and on January 10, 1943 launched a well thought out and brilliantly executed attack which resulted in crushing all Jap resistance on Guadalcanal, killing thousands of Japs and capturing tons of equipment. After this most successful offensive Sandy remained on Guadalcanal in defense of that island and Tulagi, Florida and the Russell Islands. He was planning further Pacific advances, until May 1943, when he was ordered back to the U.S. to train troops and prepare for action in the European Theatre.

Early in 1944 Sandy went to North Africa, and was given command of the VII Army, still as a Major General.

He drew up the plan for the landing of Allied forces in Southern France. This landing when made was made so perfectly that it will henceforth furnish military students a model of amphibious operations. After the landing, the dash of the VII Army from Southern France northward was a shining example of daring and aggressiveness and the two brought to Sandy his third star. The VII Army advance was not slowed down until it reached the vicinity of Lunneville and the Vosges mountains. By this time (October 1944) all of the allied armies had been slowed down or stopped by enemy resistance and supply difficulties. Sandy's right corps was making slow progress through the Vosges when his left corps renewed its attack, and made a clean break through of the German defense and advanced many miles out in front of the attack of the army on its left. At this point Sandy's exposed left flank and rear was subjected to a vicious counter attack, which was foreseen, met and repulsed with heavy losses to the enemy. The advance reached and captured Strassbourg on the Rhine. Then the attack was shifted northward parallel to the Rhine. The advance was continuing and had penetrated the Maginot line and part of the Siegfried line, when the battle of the Bulge occurred December 16, 1944 and the VII Army was ordered to assume the defensive and take over the major part of the III Army front, so as to release this army to attack the southern side of the "Bulge" The VII Army on a very extended front after having extended over the major part of the III Army front was subjected to a vicious German attack January 1, 1945. This was repelled most skillfully. In March 1945 the attack of the VII army was renewed. Its advance across France, the Rhine and into Axis territory and to the German surrender was well conducted and rapid.

Sandy's services were repeatedly recognized by most complimentary citations and awards of many medals, but Sandy was a most modest fellow. He habitually objected to receiving awards. He refused to accept from Admiral Halsey, the Navy D.S.M. for his brilliant services on Guadalcanal. Sandy claimed he deserved no award. His reward was to be his "knowledge that he had satisfactorily done his duty". Admiral Halsey "pinned it on him" in spite of his objections. Again Sandy objected to General Devers making an award to him, but to cap the climax, when recommended for a D.S.C., he wrote the Theater Commander and asked that the recommendation be thrown out.

The undersigned has been an eyewitness to many acts of bravery on the part of Sandy. On one occasion I saw him walk up to a front and casually look the situation over at a range of 60 yards from the source of enemy small arms fire. I have seen him repeatedly disregard enemy fire and bombings when others sought cover. His habit was to totally disregard danger to himself, but always before each battle, to study carefully the best way of saving the lives of his men. There never lived a more sincere, a more determined and a more upright man than Sandy. As a friend he was without equal. His Duty was always

brilliantly performed. His sense of Honor was such that the course of Right was always followed regardless of consequences to himself or anyone else. He would gladly have given his life at any time to help a friend or in defense of his Country. West Point, I know, is proud of her son.

At Sandy's burial services, were the three of us; who together with Sandy made up the "plebe" rear rank of the squad of which Sandy was a member. We came long distances and from many directions to pay our respects to the man who lived up so well to the motto of our Alma Mater.

From the many comments I have gotten from our countrymen, in many different states, I am sure I can say truthfully that America says of Sandy: "Well Done. Be thou a Peace".

—A Classmate.

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**David Sherman Babcock**

NO. 7183 CLASS OF 1923

*Died January 23, 1945, in the Pacific Area, as a result of wounds received while a Prisoner of War, aged 45 years.*

**D**AVID SHERMAN BABCOCK was born on Staten Island, New York on September 28, 1899. He was the son of Philip S. and Lillian Clarke Babcock, and was named for his grandfather, Captain David S. Babcock, a well-known New England sea captain who commanded the *Swordfish* and the *Young America*, two of the famous clipper ships of the Nineteenth Century.

David III, who was called Sherman, or "Bab", grew up in Bronxville and Mt. Vernon, N. Y. and attended the public schools. In 1917, when a senior in Mt. Vernon High School, he enlisted in the Cavalry and served at Fort Myer, Virginia until his appointment to the United States Military Academy in 1919. After graduation from West Point in 1923 he was assigned to the Field Artillery. His first post was Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and his second assignment Schofield Barracks, T. H. In 1929 he returned to the United States where he served at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont, at R.O.T.C. at Michigan State College, and at other posts.

In 1938 Bab was married to Roberta Miner of Lynn, Indiana. At this time he was stationed at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana with the 19th Field Artillery. With the expansion of the Army which began in 1939 Bab was moved to Fort Knox, Kentucky, and in 1940 he was active in the maneuvers of the Fifth Division. In January, 1941 he went to Fort Custer, Michigan. In the summer of 1941 he was made Battalion Commander of the then experimental Tank Destroyer group. He developed tactics in this field, and an article by him on the subject of anti-tank work was published in the *Field Artillery Journal* in November, 1942.

After receiving orders to go to the Philippines, Bab left the States for this assignment on November 1, 1941. Prior to the fall of Bataan in April, 1942, he was commanding officer of the Southern Luzon 2nd Provisional Group, F.A., a battalion of 75 mm. guns mount-

ed on half tracks (self-propelled mounts). Colonel Arthur L. Shreve, who was Chief of Artillery of the Second Philippine Corps, has written: "Bab served with distinction during the difficult withdrawal from Southern Luzon and his battalion was an excellent one which he had gotten together on extremely short notice . . . serving in it were American soldiers, Philippine Scouts, Philippine army draftees, and even some patriotic Philippine civilians who drove Bab's vehicles. . . It was a great tribute to his leadership that he could hold so heterogeneous an organization together during the stress of battle". Major Jack Curtiss, who was executive officer of the 2nd Provisional Group, F.A. (and the only American from the unit to return), wrote that on December 31st the battalion kept the town of Bahwag under heavy fire, thus preventing the Japs from cutting off the withdrawal of the Southern Luzon Forces. The battalion also played a prominent part in the battle of Bataan.

In April, 1942, Bab was taken prisoner on Bataan. According to re-

ber 27th sailed again for Japan. On January 9th, 1945, while in the Harbor of Tacoa at Formosa this vessel was hit by Navy bombers and Bab was wounded in the left breast. The survivors were placed on a third vessel on which conditions were very bad, and of the 1,200 on board, only about 450 reached Japan. Bab died on January 23rd. Major Curtiss was on this ship and has reported that he saw Bab every day until his death and that Bab was cheerful and active in mind. Colonel Shreve, a friend of many years of Army service, was by Bab's side on shipboard when he died.

Bab had a great zest for life and many hobbies. During his early Army days he was active in polo playing and won several cups and trophies. He was a keen student of current events and international politics and intensely interested in world federation. This interest, and hope of reunion with his beautiful wife, sustained him during the years in prison. An officer of his battalion wrote: "There is no use of me telling you what a wonderful man he was and how much he meant to those of us who had the honor to serve under him"

—C. B. S.

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**Nathaniel Clay Cureton, Jr.**

NO. 7409 CLASS OF 1924

*Killed in action, June 20, 1945, in China, aged 46 years.*



**N**AT was born in Louisville, Kentucky, on July 18, 1898. He graduated from Louisville Male High School and was appointed to the United States Military Academy in 1920, graduating with the Class of 1924. He served with the Field Artillery until September 1, 1935, at which time he transferred to the Quartermaster Corps.

When the United States entered World War II, Nat expressed a desire for foreign service and combat duty. He believed that he could render maximum benefit to the war effort as an officer of the Field Artillery and, accordingly, transferred back to that branch of service.

During the period September 1944 to January 1945, Nat served with his brother, Colonel William H. Cureton, F.A., as an instructor at the Ramgarh Training Center, Ramgarh, India. He was appointed Inspector of Gunnery in the Armored Force section which was then busily engaged in training five battalions of tanks for the Chinese Army in India. Upon learning that those units would never see combat, Nat arranged for a transfer to be Senior Liaison Officer to the Fifth Chinese Artillery Regiment, 105 truck drawn millimeter howitzers, which was then scheduled for movement forward to Burma. Nat, elated at this chance for more active service and with his customary dry wit and quiet effectiveness dove into his new job. His obvious sincerity did much to overcome a very bad morale and disciplinary problem in that regiment which had just caused the relief of the Chinese commander. The conclusion of the campaign in North Burma resulted in Nat's regiment becoming the first Chinese artillery regiment to

turnees he was at Camp O'Donnell for about three months and then transferred to Cabanatuan (Prison Camp No. 1) where he remained until transferred to Bilibid Prison, Manila in December, 1944. At Cabanatuan Bab did a great deal to help the morale of the prisoners by organizing and running the camp library, which was formed by books brought in by the prisoners and later augmented by books from Red Cross. Bab distributed Churchill's speeches and other anti-Nazi works among the American prisoners by inserting them in copies of *Alice in Wonderland* and similar books and so hoodwinking the Japanese censors into stamping these books with approval. While in prison camp he also wrote a monograph on the subject of an international police force, one of the phases of world federation in which he was deeply interested.

On December 13, 1944 Bab left Bilibid with a large group of officers designated for shipment to Japan. Some 1,600 of this group sailed on the *Oryoku Maru* which was sunk by dive bombers in Subic Bay on December 15th. Bab was among those who reached shore safely, and on Decem-

motor over the Ledo Road into China. The regiment was moved forward to Hunan Province almost immediately and was assigned missions as battalions in the offensive operations scheduled to take place in August, but which never occurred because of the early end of the war.

It was while on reconnaissance, preparatory to these operations, that Nat ran into the great misfortune that was to cost his life. With several U.S. and Chinese Officers, Nat jeeped forward from Ishan toward Liuchow, then held by the Japs, to inspect the Chinese front line positions and learn at first hand their special characteristics, needs and methods of close-in artillery support. The road was built up over surrounding paddy fields and in some unaccountable way the jeep passed through the Chinese front line and up to a Jap road block which was thought to be Chinese. Upon dismounting, the party encountered Jap machine gun fire and dispersed into the bordering paddy fields and ditches. A few moments later Nat was seen



to have been hit several times in the body and was lifeless.

He was awarded the Bronze Star with the following citation—

**"CITATION**

Lieutenant Colonel NATHANIEL C. CURETON, JR., 015 684, Field Artillery, Regular Army, is awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious conduct in the performance of duty from 1 April 1945 to 12 June 1945, as Director of Training Battalions (Motorized), at the Field Artillery Training Center. He initiated the training of motorized Chinese Battalions at this training center. By his patient and tactful attitude toward our Chinese Allies, he effectively and smoothly accomplished notable results in a minimum of time. His thorough professional knowledge, close attention to duty and enthusiasm for the job in hand, were conducive to added efforts on the part of the Chinese. He ably supervised the preparation of training schedules and progress tests. His efforts contributed materially in the training of Chinese Motorized Field Artillery. His death was caused by enemy action while he was on reconnaissance near enemy lines".

Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Mattie H. Cureton, Louisville, Kentucky; his wife, Mrs. Catherine Etter Cureton, San Antonio, Texas; and his brother, Colonel W. H. Cureton, Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

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**Richard Edward O'Connor**

NO. 7986 CLASS OF 1926

*Killed in action, July 18, 1943, near Caltanissetta, Sicily, aged 38 years.*

DICK, as we all knew him, died a soldier's death on July 18, 1943, near Caltanissetta, Sicily. The circumstances surrounding his death can best be described by extracts from a letter to his brother written by Major General Terry Allen, the day he was killed.

"As you may know, Dick was one of a group of several officers from the Fifth Corps General Staff who joined the 1st Infantry Division in Africa prior to our departure for the invasion of Sicily. He was attached temporarily to the G-2 Section of the Division General Staff. In that capacity, he earned our complete respect for his efficiency and our complete affection because of his winning and likeable ways. He was always on the job, was alert and keenly intelligent, and was a tremendous help to the Division Staff.

"It happened that in all the landings, the American First Division encountered the most serious opposition shortly after the landing occurred. . . The 16th Infantry incurred particular difficulty from enemy tank attacks and suffered fairly heavy casualties among its officer personnel. As a result it was necessary to seek officers from every source for immediate officer replacements in the 16th Infantry.

"I asked Dick if he would like to go to the 16th Infantry in replacement of one of their infantry field officers who had been wounded, to act during this emergency as Regimental Executive Officer. . . He jumped at the chance and immediately went up to join the 16th Infantry. . . He was tremendously valuable to George Taylor, the Regimental Commander, because of his fearlessness, his devotion to duty, and his keen combat intelligence.

"There was considerable (enemy) tank activity and some infantry activity on the right front of the 16th Infantry toward the Canadian sector. . . Dick volunteered to supervise the functioning of mechanized reconnaissance patrols in that direction in order to quickly ascertain accurate information needed by the 16th Infantry. In doing so he went into a very exposed sector, the dangers of which he had been previously warned. Nevertheless, he boldly directed the reconnaissance elements towards this critical area and was instantly killed as the result of hostile machine gun fire of skillfully disposed enemy weapons.

"He died a hero's death as a result of having volunteered for a dangerous mission. In doing so, he set a very heroic example which won him the complete admiration of the 'Fighting First', which is a tough outfit and does not enthuse too readily. We admired him and loved him"

Richard was born in New York City,

October 2, 1904. Upon graduating from High School he received an appointment to the Military Academy from Representative Hamilton Fish of New York. Entering with the Class of 1926, on July 1, 1922, he followed the usual cadet course graduating neither a goat nor an engineer but in the good solid middle section that forms the backbone of every class. Commissioned in the Coast Artillery Corps, his first station was Fort Hancock, N. J. One of his early assignments was commanding the Army Mine Planter Ord which provided ferry service between Fort Sill, Oklahoma and New York.

In common with all Coast Artillery officers he was early ordered to foreign duty with station in Hawaii. During this tour he transferred to the Field Artillery on May 9, 1930. During the greater portion of this tour he was aide-de-camp to Major General Connor, the Department Commander. Returning to the mainland in 1931, Dick received his first artillery experience at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, attending the Bat-



tery Officers' Course. Having had no previous field artillery training, the course proved arduous, being designed for officers who had at least three years of battery duty prior to attending the school. However, diligent application overcame all handicaps, and Dick graduated with his class in 1932.

Then followed assignment with the 6th Field Artillery at Fort Hoyle, Maryland, and another tour of overseas duty in the Philippine Islands, from which he returned in 1938. While in the Islands he met Margaret Milne, daughter of Colonel Louis A. Milne, Medical Corps, and upon his return to the United States they were married in New York in January 1938. Then followed a tour with the 7th Field Artillery of the 1st Division at Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont and Fort Benning, Georgia.

The attack on Pearl Harbor found Dick at Camp Livingston, Louisiana, assigned to one of the new artillery units of our rapidly expanding Army. While on a short Christmas leave that eventful December, he received telegraphic orders to report to the New York Port of Embarkation, where he found overseas orders awaiting him. Thus he was one of our first officers to

go on overseas duty in the then unborn European Theater of Operations. He was assigned to the G-2 Section of General Hartle's Staff in Northern Ireland, this command being later known as the Vth U.S. Army Corps. In a letter dated December 6, 1943, Major General R. P. Hartle wrote of Dick as follows.

"It was extremely saddening to learn of Dick's loss in Sicily. He was a grand type and I was particularly fond of him from every angle. He went with me to Ireland in January 1942 as the G-2 of my composite force known as U.S.A. N.I.F. As such he was most aggressive and productive in a situation that required the maximum of tact and intelligence. During May 1942, the V Corps Headquarters reported in North Ireland and Dick became Assistant G-2 of the Corps. . . As such, I sent him to North Africa as an observer about June 1943. . . You have undoubtedly heard from many sources that he was a superior officer and possessed a brilliant future. Such was particularly true during the period of my observation, while he was occupying positions of great responsibilities. I grieve with you and other members of the family and the Government in his loss."

Besides his widow, Dick is survived by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Richard O'Connor; two sisters; and three brothers, Colonel William W. O'Connor, Infantry, Major Roderic D. O'Connor, Air Corps, and Captain George B. O'Connor, Field Artillery, all graduates of West Point.

Those who knew Dick intimately realized fully his high ideals. He lived literally to the motto of his Alma Mater, "Duty, Honor, Country". Truly, few men in this world have been better prepared to meet their Maker than Dick was, for he exemplified the Christian life to the highest degree and lived and died a soldier of God and Country.

—A Classmate.

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## Church Myall Matthews

NO. 8282 CLASS OF 1928

*Killed in action, December 17, 1944, in Eastern Belgium, aged 38 years.*

CHURCH MYALL MATTHEWS, Class of 1928, was killed in action in eastern Belgium on 17 December 1944 while he was serving as Chief of Staff of the 7th Armored Division. In a letter to Mrs. Matthews, Brigadier General R. W. Hasbrouck, Commanding General, 7th Armored Division, stated that on that date, a critical day in which the German winter counter-attack was gathering momentum, Colonel Matthews was on his way by jeep to the headquarters of one of the combat commands. He rounded a curve in the road and unexpectedly encountered a German tank. The tank fired, but missed. As the vehicle driver later recounted the event, he attempted to turn, but got the rear wheels in a ditch. He and Colonel Matthews then abandoned the jeep and entered a wood, where they became quickly separated. The driver said that Colonel

Matthews had gone up a hill while he had continued back along the valley the road followed. The way Colonel Matthews went led into territory then being overrun by the advancing enemy, and in which he was killed. Thus terminated on the field of battle the life of one who had been in every sense a worthy soldier and son of West Point.

Church sought and obtained appointment to the Military Academy, which he entered on 1 July 1924 and graduated from on 9 June 1928 as a second lieutenant of field artillery. His service included an initial assignment to foreign service in the Philippine Islands, normal domestic service as a battery officer, two student assignments to the Field Artillery School, some Civilian Conservation Corps duty, a Special Course at the Command and General Staff School, and a tour as instructor at the Military Academy. When the war was close in 1941, he was relieved as instructor at the Military Academy to join a new armored division for service with the field artillery. With the exception of a period during the invasion of Normandy, all



of his war service from 1941 till his death was with armored divisions.

Church was keenly interested in his profession and his branch. His interest in motors developed at a time when the field artillery was still largely horse-drawn and horse-minded. If one recalls that truck-drawn field artillery was new in 1934, one will realize that Church's attendance in the small Advanced Motor Course at Ft. Sill at that time indicated considerable vision as to the role of motor transportation in the modern army. Even during his period as an instructor at the Military Academy, Church kept up with motor transportation developments, serving when he could with the motor battery of the Field Artillery Detachment. It was natural therefore that when he left the academy that he should go to an armored division for duty with armored field artillery.

His work with the armored divisions started with assignment as adjutant to the 22d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, 4th Armored Division, which he subsequently commanded with distinction. In 1943 he was the recipient

of the following commendation from the commanding general of the division:

"Lieutenant Colonel Church M. Matthews, Commanding Officer, 22d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, 4th Armored Division, during the period January 6, 1942 to 25 May 1943, developed in his battalion, through his outstanding leadership and untiring attention to duty, standards equal to or better than those of any other battalion or similar unit in the 4th Armored Division".

He went overseas in command of this battalion and left it reluctantly for promotion and the command of the 3d Tank Destroyer Group. He crossed the beaches of Normandy on D-plus-2 with the group, commanded it until November 1944, then was assigned as Chief of Staff of the 7th Armored Division. He had served with the Commanding General in the 22d Armored Field Artillery Battalion.

Throughout his service Church Matthews was characterized as "conscientious, loyal and capable . . . diligent, most reliable, and efficient". From his first assignment Church was considered "a very promising young officer". Commander after commander said of him,

" . . . of high caliber mentally and thoroughly efficient and conscientious in the discharge of his duties".

" . . . shows great poise, common sense, and affability".

" . . . not afraid to accept responsibility".

" . . . quiet, unassuming, and extremely loyal to superiors and his units".

Church always demonstrated a keen, inquiring view of life. The HOWITZER of 1928 said of him as a cadet:

" . . . and Church is dangerous—to hypocrites; he is a positive menace—to champions of the outworn worm-eaten traditions. . . His is a gentleman's code, but he holds nothing too sacred to be beyond investigation".

This analytical trait is emphasized later by a commanding officer who stated, "He possesses an inquiring mind".

A mature appraisal of Church Matthews was made by a distinguished general officer under whom he was serving, who wrote of him not long before his death:

"An officer with a calm, frank manner, a dignified presence, a firm, quiet disposition, a serious, determined character, who is loyal and accepts responsibility. He has a practical, logical mentality; is well informed on professional matters, is energetic and diligent in application. Initiates action and accomplishes good results".

Church had a deep affection for West Point. His service there as an instructor tended to deepen his love for the academy and the ideals for which it stands. His duty as instructor he always considered as among the most desirable service he had accomplished. As an English instructor, Church brought to the cadets an exact, detailed knowledge combined with enthusiasm. He was conscientious in his preparation and thorough in his presentation. Church was in every way a fine English instructor, interested as

he was in everything contained in the field. One of his unfinished ambitions, which he formed at West Point, was to collaborate on a play on the life of Stonewall Jackson. He did, however, contribute materially to "West Point Today", by Kendall Banning, who expressed himself as indebted to him in many ways.

His posts and periods of duty were generally as follows: 24th Field Artillery (P.S.), Ft. Stotsenberg, P. I., 1928-1930; 4th Field Artillery, Ft. Robinson, Nebr. and Ft. Bragg, N. C., 1930-1932; Field Artillery School, Ft. Sill, Okla., Student, Battery Officers' Course, 1932-1933; Civilian Conservation Corps, Colorado, 1933; 18th Field Artillery, Ft. Sill, Okla., 1933-1934; Field Artillery School, Student, Advanced Motors Course, Ft. Sill, Okla., 1934-1935; 17th Field Artillery, Ft. Bragg, N. C., 1935-1936; United States Military Academy, West Point, N. Y., Instructor, Department of English, 1936-1941; 4th Armored Division, Pine Camp, N. Y., Tennessee Maneuver Area, Desert Training Center, Camp Bowie, Texas, 1941-1943; Command & General Staff School, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, Student, 4th Special Course, 1941.

He departed for overseas service, European Theater of Operations, 29 December 1943. He subsequently participated in the Normandy, Northern France, and Germany campaigns from 8 June 1944 to the date of his death.

Church M. Matthews was born 29 June 1906 in Maysville, Kentucky, the son of Dr. Edwin and Mrs. Frankie Power Matthews, the heir of a strong military tradition. He was married on 27 February 1932 to Carolyn Wildrick in Washington, D. C. In his marriage he proved himself to be a devoted husband and father. He is survived by his wife and a son, Church Jr. He is also survived by two brothers in the Navy, Commander Mitchell D. Matthews, U.S.N., and Pharmacist's Mate Frank C. P. Matthews, and by a sister, Mrs. Carroll M. Cushman, Frankfort, Kentucky.

Church was a loyal, generous, true friend, and attracted everyone who appreciated his sharp sense of humor, his conviviality, and affable, kindly manners. Everyone liked Church Matthews and joyed in his presence; his real friends felt deep affection for him. He was a fine, pleasant person to know, and one who will always be missed as a loyal friend and splendid officer.

—G. F. L.

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### William Ernest Karnes

NO. 8645 CLASS OF 1929

Killed in an airplane crash, January 13, 1944, in Italy, aged 36 years.

**T**HE Army in general and the class of '29 in particular suffered an irreparable loss when Colonel William E. Karnes was killed in an airplane crash in Italy on January 13, 1944.

Some of us knew him as Bill, others as Willie, and still others as Lucy, but

all of us knew him to be a wonderful friend. It was with a peculiar void feeling that we learned that Bill had joined the "long Grey line"

Born in Paducah, Kentucky, December 26, 1907, William E. Karnes spent his boyhood in and around this river town. He appeared in our midst July 3, 1925, a young boy it seemed to most of us, both in looks and in spirit. During his four years at West Point, Bill grew older in years and in responsibility but never in spirit. Fortunately that youthful spirit never failed him and never failed to charm those around him. The discipline at the Military Academy never got Bill down and studies didn't bother him so he passed four pleasant years at the Academy, graduating in the middle of the class.

During graduation furlough Bill was married to Virginia Lackey of Paducah, Kentucky. Together they reported to March Field for Flying School. They both were just irresponsible kids then, but as they served at Brooks, Luke, Post, Hamilton, Luke, Scott Fields and Washington in turn, they



lost none of their childlike charm but at the same time took on a thorough sense of responsibility. Bill's sense of responsibility is well illustrated by his action as a member of the Air Staff when he was in charge of the Reconnaissance Section, which he was rapidly placing on a firm basis. Rather than pervert a program already functioning by installing the untried system of an enthusiast, Bill asked to be relieved. With regret the Air Staff released him, and based upon Bill's ardent desire to have a command overseas, sent him to the Heavy Bombardment School. From there, late in 1943, he proceeded overseas to command the 98th Heavy Bombardment Group of Piacesti fame.

On January 13, when taking off on a bombing mission, Bill was standing in the passageway of a B-24 in order to better supervise his formation. The plane failed to gain altitude and was forced to crash land. Bill was hurled to the front and died of a fractured skull. Thus the Army lost a fine officer and we all lost a true friend and classmate.

—F. H. C.

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### Frederick Walker Castle

NO. 8792 CLASS OF 1930

Killed in action, December 24, 1944, near Liege, Belgium, aged 36 years.

**"CASTLE'S in the air!"**—That was the inevitable answer when one inquired for Fred at Headquarters, 4th Combat (Bombardment) Wing near Bury St. Edmunds, England. That's where he normally was when his previous command—the 94th Group—was engaged in dangerous missions. That's where he wanted to be, and that's where he was when he died.

A funny sort of officer, the unthinking correspondents said. Neither his eagles nor his star impressed him. When his pilots gained their rendezvous altitude high above East Anglia for their hardest and most difficult missions, they found their C.O. with them and heard his calm voice in their ear phones. Back on the ground, he was usually to be found eating with his crews.

Fred would have been the most astonished of the outfit if someone had indicated that such conduct was unusual. His adherence to the Academy's motto was staunch and steadfast. To him duty was the soldier's watchword, honor was his wealth, and country his pride. A leader's place, he believed, was with his men, and out in front.

Thus it was on that Christmas Eve of 1944. On the ground, Von Rundstedt gathered his forces and in that last final Nazi effort threw his remaining strength at the junction of the British and American armies. The "Battle of the Bulge" we called it. Brigadier General Fred Castle and the 4th Wing took to the air and headed for the front. Every plane, every man was needed. On that day, Fred and Fred's unit led the largest single effort—more than 2,000 heavy bombers—ever put in the air at one time.

It was Fred's 30th Mission. Approaching the target one motor conked out. Losing speed and altitude, he relinquished the lead. The rest of the story is told in the citation which accompanied the posthumous award of the Congressional Medal of Honor:

"... In order not to endanger friendly troops on the ground below, he refused to jettison his bombs to gain speed and maneuverability. His lagging, unescorted aircraft became the target of numerous enemy fighters which ripped the left wing with cannon shells, set the oxygen system afire and wounded two members of the crew. Repeated attacks started fires in two engines, leaving the Flying Fortress in imminent danger of exploding. Realizing the hopelessness of the situation, the bail-out order was given. Without regard for his personal safety he gallantly remained alone at the controls to afford all other crew members an opportunity to escape. Still another attack exploded gasoline tanks in the right wing, and the bomber plunged earthward, carrying General Castle to his death. His intrepidity and willing sacrifice of his life to save members of the crew were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service".

Fred's body was recovered and bur-

led in the American Military Cemetery at Henri Chapelle, Belgium.

Fred earned other decorations—the Silver Star, the D.F.C. (with 3 clusters), the Air Medal (with 3 clusters), the French Croix de Guerre, Russia's Order of Kutuzov, the Purple Heart, the Legion of Merit. They were fitting awards for a short but purposeful life. The War Department has further commemorated him by designating the airport at Merced, California, "Castle Field".

Born at Manila, 14 October 1908, on his father's first tour of foreign service, Fred was the class boy of the Class of 1907. His early life was not unlike that of many Army brats and he attended several schools in the States and in France and China.

After World War I, his father, Colonel Benjamin F. Castle, decided to leave the Army and go into business. Fred's final grammar schooling, therefore, was at Boonton and Mountain Lakes, New Jersey, from which state he entered the Academy in 1926. Graduating as an Engineer (No. 7) after wearing stars for four years, he took Air Force training and served as a pursuit pilot, mostly at Selfridge Field, Michigan, until 1934. In that year, he decided peacetime Army life, while pleasant, was not keeping him as busy as he wanted to be. Those were the days of limited military appropriations, the days when America forgot the necessity for military defense.

Fred entered business. Here his keen, analytical mind and his unflagging energy were applied first to the intricacies of the Allied Chemical and Dye Corporation. In 1938 he accepted a position as Assistant to the President of Sperry Gyroscope Co. and in four years carved an unusual niche for himself in that organization. In the planning for and design of the great Nassau, Long Island, Sperry plant which produced essential products for the armed forces during the war, Fred played a leading role.

His boss at Sperry, Mr. R. E. Gillmor, wrote this:

"To all of us who worked with him, Fred was a truly great man—as well as a dear friend. I feel that I learned more from him than he did from me. . .

"His loss is a particularly severe blow because I had hoped for a long time that Fred would come back to us and would eventually take over the leadership of this industry which was so much in the hearts of both of us. He had all the qualities and experience for it and would, I know, have carried it forward to greater and greater usefulness after those of us now at the helm retire to less active duty. . .

"Fred's heroism will, I think, go down in history as one of the great epics of the War. In this and in all that he did, his example will live for many generations. . ."

In January of 1942, with America at war, Fred's sense of duty to his country had called him back into service. He had kept up his flying as a reserve officer and with a 1st Lieutenant's commission joined General Ira Eaker in London to help create the 8th Air Force. General Eaker has this to say of him:

"Fred Castle was the possessor of a rare combination of characteristics

and qualities that carried him to positions of leadership in both the military and civilian worlds. Of his many traits I believe his great industry, his ability to organize and his studiousness were among the most outstanding. The Medal of Honor testifies to his devotion to duty and to his courage.

"Like every Commander about to be sent overseas to take a war time assignment I had given long and careful consideration to the selection of my staff. In January 1942 when I was ordered to England, Fred was one of the first officers I chose. He accompanied me as Assistant Chief of Staff for Supply.

"Fred was a natural choice for the job. . . Possessing a deep fundamental interest in economics, administration and planning he sought opportunities to study closely these subjects and to improve his understanding of the American way of life. He knew about the Army. He wanted to learn about civilian enterprise. His interest was so real that he felt he should follow these pursuits unhampered. So he re-



verted to Reserve status and went into business. . .

"But Fred never really left the Army. The war with Germany was only a few hours old when he told his employer that he planned soon to return to active duty in the Air Forces. The civilian background that he had obtained proved to be of inestimable value to the military service. For he coupled a sound understanding of the needs of the Army with a broad appreciation of the part that civilian enterprise was to play, particularly in building our air fields and other installations and in establishing our channels of supply.

"While serving in a staff capacity Fred had been a student of our operational doctrines. He had flown a number of missions so that I was not surprised when he came to me and asked for assignment to a combat unit.

"The rest of the story has been told. He took a badly hit Group and brought it to a high point of efficiency. As a Wing Commander his record was outstanding.

"Fred was a restless soul always seeking a way to do the job a little more thoroughly, a little better.

"Most of the men who accompanied

him on his last flight will tell you today that they lived because of his skill as an airman.

"And many another young Lieutenant or Sergeant gunner will tell you that he fought through the war and returned to America because of Fred's great qualities as a Commander.

"Fred was one of the most superior officers not only in the Air Force, but in the entire Army. His war record, both as a staff officer and as a Commander, stands as unique and unmatched".

In London, Fred's knowledge of, and his ability to organize and to handle supply matters, had made him, in the eyes of most of his fellow workers, the most important cog in the staff machine of the 8th Air Force. But, as General Eaker has said, staff work, to which he devoted unusual talent and a capacity for work which appalled his colleagues, began finally to bore Fred. He wanted combat. The call of the "wild blue yonder" stirred his blood. He asked for and obtained command, first of a unit which had lost several commanding officers and in which the morale was scraping bottom. He inspired it. He led it to new heights of achievement. He went on to higher command and his final assignment.

Fred never married. Besides his father, he is survived by his mother, Mrs. Winifred Walker Castle and his two sisters, Winifred (Mrs. John Millikin) and Hancey (Mrs. John Glidden).

Fred was a student and a thinker. In two articles written just before his death he discussed air power during the war and the peace. He pointed out the fallacies of "defensive mindedness," the necessity for flexible thinking, for development of new weapons, and for a world-wide security organization.

At the same time, he thought of his men and he wrote to Archibald MacLeish, then Assistant Secretary of State:

" . . . the fighting man knows he is fighting to prevent a small group of unprincipled men from taking over the world, and he knows that when he gets home, he wants to breathe a cleaner, freer air than that he inhaled before he left. He would like to have his leaders tell him how that is going to be done. So it does not reassure him to hear from home nothing but sulky grumblings and rantings. . ."

One of his brother officers wrote:

"Fred believed in a profound and prolonged study of every problem. He carried truthfulness to a point where it exceeded ordinary veracity and became a scrupulous solicitude for the correctness of impressions whether received or conveyed. . . He seldom argued; he rarely contradicted; if a person expressed an opinion that was manifestly silly or extreme, Fred would put on an expression of polite but somewhat pained astonishment and utter, on select occasions, a sort of 'umm' sound. . . Behind all this were his rectitude, his intelligence and his force. And in front there played the dappled sunshine of his charm"

A great man is made up of qualities which either make or meet the occasion. Fred was such a man. On his last flight, as he had so many times

before in his life, he met the occasion. This one, in his view, demanded he give up his life to save others. His action only emphasizes the gallantness and unselfishness which was his.

Browning, among others, expressed the thought: "Aim at the highest. At least you will soar."

Fred Castle soared as high as any man, for his aims were never short of the highest.

If a just and lasting peace can come of such sacrifices as Fred's, he will not have died in vain. His body rests in Belgium but his name rests with honor in the files of the Long Gray Line.

—R. J. W.

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### William Orlando Darby

NO. 9762 CLASS OF 1933

*Killed in action, May, 1945, in Italy, aged 3 1/2 years.*

**B**ILL DARBY, posthumously appointed a Brigadier General, was killed in Europe while serving as Assistant Division Commander of the 10th Mountain Division in Italy. While enroute on a global tour with General H. H. Arnold, Darby sought a chance again to lead troops in combat and took a command which was offered him when the Assistant Commander of the 10th Mountain was wounded. Shortly thereafter Bill was killed in the battle to clear the Germans from Italy two days before VE-Day. As one of the most seasoned and best loved combat commanders, Bill died as he had lived, "in action up front". General Lucian K. Truscott, Commanding General of the Fifth Army, wrote of his spearheading subordinate: "Never in this war have I known a more gallant, heroic officer".

Darby had become, early in World War II, one of our Army's greatest legendary heroes by activating, training, and then leading his American Rangers through four landings in the Mediterranean War—in North Africa, Sicily, Salerno, and Anzio—besides campaigning in the mountains of Tunisia and Italy. Though he had won ten decorations and wore the Purple Heart with two clusters, Bill Darby remained to the end a modest individual whose enthusiasm communicated itself to his Rangers as well as to Generals like Bradley, Patton, Truscott, Mark Clark, and Terry Allen. Enlisted men and generals alike applauded Darby's leadership, his insight into men's hearts, his desire to have his men trained to the highest pitch. He lived his teaching that no officer would ever ask a soldier to do in combat what he himself was not willing to do.

The rise of Bill Darby from a field artillery battery commander to assistant division commander was phenomenal. One of the early arrivals on European soil, he organized the first Ranger Battalion in northern Ireland. Moving to Scotland he trained them in the British Commando tradition in amphibious landings and in infighting. His exploits in Scotland, and later in the Mediterranean, soon made him a legendary hero to the British Commandos as well as to the Americans. Darby's unit made its first landing

at Arzew in the North African operation, clamping the eastern pincers on Oran in a well-executed and economical landing which vindicated his belief in stringent training and strong, personal leadership.

Later, Darby led small but highly successful raids into the mountains of Tunisia to gather prisoners and get information. One of the forays, forty miles within the enemy lines, would have elicited admiration from Major Robert Rogers from whom the modern Rangers derived their name. Other actions of Darby's in Tunisia included the daring night march to capture the gap below Gafsa, a tale recounted by Lt. Colonel Ralph Ingersoll under the title of "The Battle Is The Pay-off". (In this story Darby is the hero, "Chitenden".)

In July 1943 in the Sicilian invasion Darby led his Rangers, now expanded to three battalions, into Gela and Agrigento. Later he participated in the long march to Messina, forsaking his role as an amphibious expert to lead



his men over the hog-back mountains as right flank protection for the forces moving eastward along the northern shore of Sicily.

In the landing at Salerno, Bill Darby was at his greatest, for there as the commander of a combined force composed of his Rangers, American airborne troops and a British Armored Brigade, he protected the left flank of the Fifth Army forces in the mountains of the Sorrento Peninsula for twenty-one instead of the two days planned. Later he knew the bitterness of winter fighting in the Italian mountains and the stark tragedy of Anzio. After a story-book amphibious landing under fire at the front door of the Anzio Casio, he infiltrated his Rangers seven miles into the enemy lines to Cisterna. There they met tragedy far greater than that of the Alamo for their comparatively meager force without heavy weapons was trapped by a German paratrooper division supported by tanks. The true glory of the American soldier in this war has never been equalled by the gallantry and courage shown at Cisterna. Only a few of the men got out, Bill Darby among them. Subsequently, he commanded the 179th Regimental Combat Team of the 45th Div-

ision for several months before being ordered back to the U.S.

In the summer of 1944, Bill was returned to the U.S. and assigned to the Operations Division, War Department General Staff. There, Bill Darby evinced completely the characteristics of a true soldier and gentleman and proved himself equally capable and indispensable as a staff officer as he had been as a combat leader.

In the Spring of 1945 he embarked on the global tour which terminated in his assignment as Assistant Division Commander of the 10th Mountain Division and his untimely death in action.

Prior to the war Bill Darby's commissioned service followed a normal pattern for all field artillery officers—Ft. Bliss, Ft. Sill, Ft. Riley (drill, polo, horse shows, parties and life), until the preparations for war commenced. Then Bill started to the fore and his leadership drew him the more exciting assignments to the First Division Task Force destined for, but never committed, in amphibious landings in the Atlantic; and to maneuvers in Louisiana, where his leadership was noted by higher commanders and resulted in Bill's first overseas assignment as aide to the V Corps Commander which led to his assignment with the Rangers.

As a Cadet, Bill Darby was top-loved and respected by all with whom he came in contact. Although neither a goat nor an engineer, he had that fine balance of mental ability, leadership, and personality needed to attain highest success in his chosen profession. While Bill loved a bull session on a red comforter, he was also active—soccer team, hop manager (beloved by the femmes), 100th night shows, choir, glee club, etc. He was a company commander and a top leader during his first class year.

Graduates of the United States Military Academy, and of the Class of 1933, in particular, may be justly proud of this great soldier. Had he lived through the war, he would still be justly famous, and there is no ceiling to the heights that he might have attained. In death, he remains an inspiration to higher achievement for those more fortunate of us who live—for the spirit and the tradition of Bill Darby will never die or even dim; they will be enchanched through the years to come. To have known and been a friend and comrade of Bill Darby was one of the greatest privileges of life.

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### Joseph A. Cleary

NO. 10103 CLASS OF 1934

*Killed in action, January 16, 1942, in the Philippine Islands, aged 30 years.*

**J**OSEPH ALOYSIUS CLEARY was born March 19, 1911, at Jersey City, New Jersey, second son and third child of the late John W. Cleary and Mrs. Cleary. His youth was spent with his fine Irish family developing his outstanding character and becoming devoted to his home, family, and religion.

At nineteen "Joe" entered the Military Academy from New Jersey, his native state. Academics not causing him a great deal of trouble he devoted

most of his time to making the place brighter and happier for classmates and pebes—his ready Irish wit always coming to the fore at the opportune time and bringing smiles to those who were troubled with academics, love affairs, and demerits. "Gloom Period" was never such when Joe was near.

After graduation Joe was ordered to Fort Bliss, Texas, where he won the admiration and respect of all his superiors and subordinates. His stay there was for a period of about three years and was a very pleasant tour of duty for him.

After graduating high in his class at Fort Riley he took a short leave to visit his family in Jersey City. He returned to Fort Riley and married Elizabeth O'Donnell, whose Irish wit, character, and devotion matched Joe's perfectly. I visited them at Fort Riley and could see that Joe and Betty were probably as happy as any couple could be and that they both were trying to emulate their childhood learnings in their own home. Their two children, Kathleen and Elizabeth Marie, will be



great solace to their mother, as they are of the best.

As Joe was true to his family, home, and religion so he was true to Duty, Honor, and Country, and his last thoughts when he was killed in action must have been of all these things.

To a true friend, "good bye".

—G. C. T.

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**Elmer John Koehler**

NO. 10225 CLASS OF 1935

*Killed in action, April 16, 1945, at Nurnburg, Germany, aged 32 years.*

**L**T. COLONEL ELMER J. KOEHLER was born in Buffalo, New York, 28 November 1912. He graduated from the local schools and entered the United States Military Academy on 1 July 1931. Dutch, as he was known by his classmates, was outstanding as a scholar. He was one of the cadets chosen in his yearling year by the Superintendent to compete against the Harvard University mathematics team. He played football, basketball, and lacrosse. He was graduated from the

Military Academy on June 12, 1935, and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in Field Artillery.

He married Miss Dorothy Thompson of Washington, D. C., in August, 1935. He is survived by his widow and his daughter, Lynne.

Following his graduation, he served for the next eight years at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He graduated from the regular course of the Field Artillery School in 1940. He was one of the leading organizers of the sound and flash battalions, and in 1943 he was given command of the 961st Field Artillery Battalion, 155mm howitzers. He helped organize and train this battalion and took it overseas. This battalion did outstanding work throughout the European Campaign, and much of its credit can go to its commander.

Major John E. Rossell, Colonel Koehler's executive officer, in response to a request for information about Colonel Koehler's death, replied: "I have served since September 1943 with Colonel Koehler as his S-3 and later as his Executive Officer, and was for some time prior to that time, proud to be one of his close friends. He was the model of what a soldier and commanding officer should be, and was extremely popular with all officers and men of the battalion, as well as the entire corps artillery. Of course I do not need to tell you how we all felt when he went down. I have always thought that Colonel Koehler exemplified the highest ideals of the Military Academy, and that he bore out 'Duty, Honor, Country' in his every act".

Dutch Koehler covered himself with glory in the nine months he was in combat. He was awarded the Silver Star Medal, the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Distinguished Service Cross. On 13 September 1944 he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal "for heroic service in action on 13 September. While enroute to his bivouac area, he encountered a road block, and upon investigating this situation, discovered a group of armed Germans and a machine-gun position. By a combination of courage, boldness and speed, Lieutenant Colonel Koehler quickly reduced the machine-gun nest, captured four prisoners and the machine-gun, and withdrew successfully from this strong enemy position into which he had infiltrated. The machine-gun nest had been covering a road junction which our troops had to pass during their advance. Lieutenant Colonel Koehler's courageous and aggressive action reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service".

On the 17th of February, 1945, he was awarded the Silver Star "for gallantry in action. Lieutenant Colonel Koehler directed the fire of his artillery battalion in support of a river crossing, under circumstances requiring the highest degree of accuracy and coordination. He voluntarily took post within 70 meters of the fire as an example to the infantry, and remained in observation to coordinate the artillery fire during the crossing. Lieutenant Colonel Koehler's coolness and decisive action under fire was an inspiration to

the supported infantry. His actions contributed materially to the success of the operations and exemplify the finest traditions of the military service".

Again, on the day he was killed, he won the Distinguished Service Cross "for extraordinary heroism in action on 16 April 1945 near Odenberg, Germany. Colonel Koehler, while leading a small reconnaissance party forward in supporting an infantry attack, encountered German S.S. troops. He covered the withdrawal of the rest of his party and warned friendly troops. He killed two of the enemy, but was mortally wounded while advancing against a hail of fire. His extraordinary heroism and rapid reaction against the enemy resulted in timely warning to friendly troops and in the escape of his own group".

On the 18th of December, 1945, Colonel Koehler's daughter, Lynne, received the Distinguished Service Cross, the Silver Star, and the Bronze Star



that her father won in the European Campaign. Brigadier General Edward S. Ott pinned these decorations on Dutch's 9-year-old daughter and made the following speech: "I want to take this time to tell you a little of this man. Dutch, as we all came to call him, was a perfectionist, whether it was the wearing of the uniform or the most minute detail concerning the mechanism of firing. He insisted that all under him become as perfect as they were capable of becoming. His personal morale lifted his battalion out of many a dreary day. One of his batteries received severe shelling and Dutch personally supervised return fire—stayed with his men under constant shelling until he himself was wounded and evacuated. His battalion was largely responsible for reducing the city of Aschaffenburg to rubble. His aggressiveness and quick thinking became a byword with the XV Corps Artillery. I have given many medals, but never have I awarded any one man these three. It was an honor to have known such a man. Dutch lived fully, and I believe that if he had to go, he would have chosen this way. Lynne, your father was the most outstanding young officer with whom I have ever had the privilege to serve"

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## Harry Franklin Sellers

NO. 10449 CLASS OF 1935

*Killed in action, January 19, 1945, at*

*Pozorrubio, Luzon, P. I.,  
aged 34 years.*

**H**ARRY FRANKLIN SELLERS, the son of Harry Franklin and Edna Bowen Sellers, was born 26 November 1910 at Indianapolis, Indiana. He was graduated from Central High School, Minneapolis in 1929, and in 1931 received his appointment to the United States Military Academy. He entered the Academy 1 July 1931 and was graduated 12 June 1935.

While at the Academy Harry constantly sought more than the accepted amount of knowledge. Harry was never satisfied with the mere fact that this or that was the only answer. When he assumed his duties as an officer this insatiable desire to learn was an invaluable asset in everything that he did. It marked Harry as a thorough and energetic officer who disliked anything that was routine or static. His capacity for leadership and a desire to excel in all that was his mission allowed him to have pride in his work and a right to know that his command was always one that was unquestioned. This was particularly true when some assignment was given that did not allow free action or initiative, for then he unhesitatingly cautioned those who were about to commit the sin of interfering with the responsibilities of a commander.

After his Graduation Leave, Harry joined the 3rd Infantry at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, where he served for two years. He was married to Marie Anastasia McGrath, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher P. McGrath, of 3218 North Logan Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota. The ceremony was held in St. Paul, Minnesota, on 16 October 1937 at the Chapel of St. Therese.

His term of Foreign Service from 1937 to 1939 was with the 14th Infantry, Fort Davis, Canal Zone. From this duty he was reassigned to the 29th Infantry, Fort Benning, Georgia, in 1939. In 1940 he attended the Officers' Communications Course at the Infantry School and in the same year he was assigned to the 24th Infantry. During his Service with the 24th, he held the following positions: Antitank Officer, Communications Officer, Company Commander of Regimental Headquarters Company, Commanding Officer of a Rifle Company, Executive Officer of a Battalion and Regimental S-3. In July 1943 Harry requested transfer to the 43d Infantry Division and served as a Battalion Commander in the 169th Infantry until he was killed in action on Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 19 January 1945.

In early April 1942 the 24th Infantry left Fort Benning, Georgia, for San Francisco, California, from where it sailed on 13 April 1942 for parts unknown, not only to the average American, but also to most of the world. The Regiment as part of a Task Force, one of the first to leave the United States for the South Pacific, arrived at

Efate, New Hebrides, on 4 May 1942. Those were trying days, as the Battle of the Coral Sea had just started, and the future was even in the balance. At this time Harry was in command of a rifle company which was immediately assigned the mission of being deployed in the jungles along the shore covering one of the most important anchorages in the Islands. This he did by crossing the mountains over native trails and establishing defensive positions hewn out of the jungles. In the coming weeks Harry arduously informed himself of Efate by "hoofing it" over unknown mountains and through endless gorges and gulches. These reconnaissances earned him the name of "Hiking Harry" and no man ever more rightfully earned such a nickname. Through his untiring efforts, and especially later as S-3 of the Regiment, he became the best informed man on the Island, and therefore was able to give expert advice to his Commander on the defenses of the Island which in those days remained at stake



until the tide of battle on Guadalcanal turned in our favor.

When Harry joined the 43d Division on 21 July 1943, the going was tough but that did not phase him. The New Georgia campaign, fought in the heat and stench of the Jungle, was in its most critical phase. After the Munda Airfield was taken, the toughest part of the fighting was yet to come. Now in command of a battalion of the 169th Infantry, as a Major, he fought over difficult terrain and fought a most tenacious enemy in the battles for Baanga and for North Arundel. It was during the Battle for Baanga that Harry was wounded on 20 August 1943 and for which he received the Purple Heart. For his combat duties during the New Georgia Campaign he received the Bronze Star. It was also for his achievements and leadership in combat that he received his promotion to Lieutenant Colonel on 7 October 1943. The next few months found the Battalion in training for future combat and on an active mission of patrolling a portion of New Georgia proper. Again, after arriving in New Zealand in March 1944 Harry continued the training of his Battalion which within a few months, July and August 1944, was

involved in the fighting on the Drinimuir River, Aitape, New Guinea, under the command of another officer. During this time Harry was in the States visiting with his family. He had gone to the States from New Zealand and returned to New Guinea in time to help the acting Commander of his Battalion evacuate the wounded and dead under the most difficult conditions through the jungle swamps of New Guinea. He then again started training his Battalion for what became the invasion of Luzon on 9 January 1945.

The battle for the liberation of Luzon could not fail. It was something for which the most detailed plans had to be formulated. Harry and his battalion were there and the achievements that his unit helped write in history will always remain an outstanding episode in the battles of the Philippines. By the 17th of January 1945 his battalion had advanced to Papac Palac, North of Pozorrubio, on Highway No. 3, where it spent the night. Early on the morning of 18 January Harry received instructions to move his battalion North 7,000 yards along Highway Number 3, locate and destroy the enemy in his zone of advance and secure the Barrio of Bobonan. The battalion was enroute when about noontime a new mission was assigned. This mission was to advance 12,000 yards North of Bobonan, establish and hold a road block at the important "Y" road junction on Highway Number 3, East of Sison and South of Cauringan, denying the enemy the use of the highway for supplying, reinforcing and evacuating their troops engaged by an adjacent battalion West of Sison. In the early afternoon the battalion was North of Bobonan, still moving on its objective when enemy artillery opened fire from the East and West. Undaunted by this fire, the battalion reduced five road blocks, killed the defenders, saved a bridge from destruction and captured many large caches of supplies, ammunition and weapons.

By 1430 the objective was taken and a battalion perimeter established. The battalion was now out of range of supporting artillery fire and within good range of the enemy artillery from the East and West. The battalion's rapid advance created a salient into the enemy lines and hence was exposed to the enemy from North, East, and West. The Japs took advantage of their opportunity and used their artillery during the remaining hours of daylight.

At 0430 on the 19th the outposts heard the enemy on the road South of the battalion position. Other activity was reported in the vicinity of Sison. What was reported as foot troops, finally turned out to be track laying vehicles and a vehicular movement. By 0500 one of the fiercest battles in the Pacific Warfare developed and continued until daylight. The enemy had penetrated the outer perimeter from the South and managed to set up strong points near the center of the battalion perimeter. By this time, communications had been severed and it was necessary to establish a new line and direct operations. Harry moved aggressively in the area directing these operations, and was directly responsible for destroying many of the

enemy's strong points. By doing this he succeeded in re-establishing the weakened Southern flank of the perimeter. In the meantime a firelight developed on the western side of the perimeter. The enemy strength was undetermined but armored vehicles, field pieces and supply trucks were identified. Other members of the battalion staff being engaged on the Southern flank, it was necessary for Harry to move to the western flank to direct the action there. It was about 0600 when Harry was hit while enroute to this flank. He died instantly as a result of machine gun fire. The resulting fight went on until after daylight. The results of this action to the Japs will be recorded as one of the most costly, single engagements in the Luzon Campaign. Hundreds of dead Nips littered the battlefield. For his extraordinary heroism in connection with this operation Harry was recommended, posthumously, for an award of the Distinguished Service Cross. He was buried in the U.S. Cemetery near San Fabian, Luzon.

It was for this same action, which started at 0730 hours, 18 January 1945, that the 2d Battalion, 169th Infantry, was recommended for Presidential Citation, by the Division Commander. The closing statement of the recommendation reads as follows:

"The cold courage and fighting spirit exhibited by the Second Battalion under the most hazardous of conditions won the admiration of all those to whom they set their inspiring example of gallantry and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service".

The war in the Pacific was won by the courage and leadership of those, who like Harry, did not give their last measure of life in vain. It was they who urged us to fight on and not be content until the treachery of the cruel enemy was obliterated and paid back many fold.

Harry is survived by his wife, Marie, his mother and two children, John Marshall and Johanna Marie, all of Minneapolis.

The debits of war are, unfortunately, deaths in large numbers. Many beloved ones have lost their lives, probably in greater tragedies, but we make no comparison. To us Harry was a personal loss, a loss that is difficult to believe, for he shall live forever in the memory of those who appreciate the pangs of warfare. His leadership, courage and devotion to duty will always be a monument upon which the foundations of democracy are based. The cause for which he gave his life shall forever be remembered by free men the world over.

—N. G. B.

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**John Newton Wilson**

NO. 10276 CLASS OF 1935

*Killed in action, July 11, 1944, in Normandy, France, aged 30 years.*

**T**HE citation for the Silver Star which was awarded posthumously reads in part:

"When the infantry regiment, which his artillery battalion was supporting

directly, moved to its initial contact with the enemy, without regard for his own safety, Col. Wilson moved aggressively forward with the infantry commander's party as an example to his artillery liaison officers, forward observers and other troops on their initial day of combat, and in an effort to locate appropriate artillery targets, thereby assisting the advance of the infantry. His actions reflect credit upon his character as an officer and are in accord with the highest traditions of the military service".

Thus, Jack Wilson died gloriously in a manner befitting his background and the traditions of the service which he had sworn to uphold. He loved life and it is hard to realize that he is gone from us. His loss is keenly felt.

Jack's boyhood life was typical of most army children. Born at Fort Hunt, Virginia, November 26, 1913, the son of Major General (then Captain) and Mrs. Walter K. Wilson, he spent his life before entering the service at Army posts where the family was sta-



tioned. These included Washington, D. C., Fort Rosecrans, California, Fort Ruger, T. H., and West Point, New York. As a boy he had a propensity for outdoor activity. This was evidenced first by his interest in the Boy Scouts and later in the military. His grammar schooling was received in such widely separated places as Washington, D. C. and Honolulu, Hawaii. He attended Western High School in Washington, D. C. for three years and was graduated from Cornwall High School, Cornwall, New York in 1930. While at Western High he was a member of the High School Cadets and attained the rank of Sergeant Major in his third year. After a short term at the Stanton Preparatory School in Cornwall, New York, he won the competitive examination for West Point in the Third District of the State of Washington. He also qualified for a presidential appointment the same year. He entered West Point on July 1, 1931.

At West Point his military career was characterized by varied activity. Academics came neither easy nor hard. He considered academics in true proportion and still had time for many extra-curricular interests, not the least of which was athletics.

He was the kind of athlete everyone admires, playing the game for the pleasure of it and never taking sport too seriously. During his four years football, swimming, cross-country, and lacrosse all claimed his interest. As a lacrosse player he was one of the best. He won his major "A" for three years and in his last year he was elected to that inner circle of athletic great, the "All-American"

In addition to athletics Jack's activities included the Cadet Chapel Choir, the Cadet Orchestra, Monogram, Election Committee and Color Lines.

His roommate says of him "that he had a happy smile and a faculty for making friends. He was gifted with a keen wit and a ready sense of humor". These qualities made him very popular and gained him many firm friends.

During his Cadet Days Jack's parents, Major General (then Colonel) and Mrs. Walter K. Wilson were stationed on the Post. Their home and excellent hospitality were enjoyed and appreciated by many of his classmates.

Upon graduation his first assignment was the 72d F.A. Regiment, Fort Bliss, Texas. Here he met Carolyn D. Aleshire, daughter of Col. and Mrs. Joseph P. Aleshire, U.S.A. Jack and Carolyn were married on October 31, 1936.

After Fort Bliss Jack served in the 11th F.A. Regiment, Schofield Barracks, T. H., during the period March 1937—March 1939. He was considered one of the most promising and the most popular of the younger officers. Here again, Jack put to good use the natural athletic ability, which characterized his cadet days, in coaching extremely successful basketball teams. (Wilson Street in Schofield Barracks has been named in his honor.)

His next tour of duty took him to Fort Sill as a student. The Wilson's first child, Page Vidmer Wilson, was born at Fort Sill in November 1939. Upon completion of the Sill course Jack went to Fort Knox, Kentucky. It was there on April 8, 1941 that his beloved daughter, Page, died. This tragedy was a terrible blow to the young couple and was the primary reason for Jack's next assignment to the Presidio of Monterey, California, where he became aide to his father who commanded Third Army Corps and later the Ninth C.A. District.

Soon after Pearl Harbor he was detailed as a member of the G-3 Section of the Western Defense Command at Presidio of San Francisco. Later he was sent to Seattle as the Commanding General's personal representative at the Port of Seattle, to check shipment of personnel and materiel to Alaska.

He was assigned to the 35th Division in May 1942 and was directed to activate a battalion of Field Artillery at El Cajon, California, from increments furnished by three other battalions of the 35th Division. This battalion became the 219th Field Artillery Battalion which he activated, trained, and commanded until his death.

The Division assembled in January 1943. Jack's battalion joined the Division at Fort San Luis Obispo, California. A period of intensive maneuver training followed at Fort San Luis Obispo, California; Camp Rucker, Alabama; Tennessee Maneuver Grounds; and Camp Butner, North

Carolina. The Wilson's boy, John N. Wilson, Jr., was born on January 13, 1944 while Jack was preparing his unit for shipment overseas. In May 1944, his unit landed in England. The battle for which he had so long and carefully prepared was just across the channel. On July 8, 1944 the 219th Field Artillery Battalion landed on the Normandy beaches. At this time the main effort was being directed to the reduction and capture of the key road center of St. Lo in preparation for the breakout which was to come later. The going was extremely slow and costly. Jack's combat team entered the line in this sector on July 11, 1944. It was on this date, while making a forward reconnaissance with the combat team commander, that Jack met a soldier's destiny.

To those who knew Jack intimately, his death came as a great shock. One can't picture one so alive and with so many useful years ahead struck down when his brilliance was beginning to bloom. One can only say "well done" Like so many young Americans who have made the supreme sacrifice, Jack Wilson died that freedom may endure in the world.

With the hope that it would strengthen our determination to win the kind of victory which will assure the future freedom of our children and of generations of Americans yet unborn, Major General Wilson composed the following poem which expresses so well the ideal for which men gave their lives and reminds those of us who remain of our great responsibilities.

**THE PRICE OF FREEDOM**

In Normandy, my son was killed  
In battle. On the ground was spilled  
The blood of free men such as he  
Who died to save our liberty.  
Throughout the world, both far and  
wide,

Men, brave and strong, have fought  
and died.

They too loved life—not blood and  
gore,

But they loved freedom even more.  
For us who live—our task is plain  
To see their deaths were not in vain.  
We must, to match their sacrifice,  
Win Victory at any price.

No price can be too high to pay  
For Freedom. So—with faith we pray,  
Forgetting self, with all our might  
We work, we serve, we give, we fight.

In a letter of sympathy to General and Mrs. Wilson, the Secretary of War, Honorable Henry L. Stimson, expressed in great measure what is in the hearts of all who know the Wilsons.

"May I also express my admiration at the courage and lofty spirit which you have evinced in this bereavement as expressed in the lines which you made public yesterday on the subject. So long as this country has parents and children of the type that you and your son have proved yourselves to be, there need be no anxiety as to the future of the Republic".

The citation by the President of the United States for the Purple Heart awarded posthumously by the President describes his measure of immortality:

"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".

Survivors: Major General Walter K. Wilson, Class '02 (Father); Mrs. Walter K. Wilson (Mother); Brigadier General Walter K. Wilson, Jr., Class '29 (Brother); Carolyn Aleshire Wilson (Wife); John Newton Wilson, Jr. (Son).  
—W. J. B.

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**Carl Baehr, Jr.**

NO. 10628 CLASS OF 1936

*Killed in action, December 15, 1944, in Subic Bay, Luzon, Philippine Islands, aged 32 years.*

ON the fifteenth of December, 1944, Major Carl Baehr, Jr., was killed when American forces sank a Japanese transport in Subic Bay, off Luzon, Philippine Islands, with 1,600



Americans aboard. Carl's tragic death came as a deep shock to his family and many friends, ending as it did the life and promising career of one of the army's ablest and most highly thought of young officers.

Carl spent his entire life in the army and most of it in the field artillery which he loved. Born at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, on November 7, 1912, Carl, like all army children, attended school in many places. Grade school days were spent in Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, District of Columbia and Hawaii. High school days were spent in Hawaii and in Lawton, Oklahoma, where he was a member of both the National and Oklahoma Honor Societies. After a year at Millard's Preparatory School in Washington, D. C., Carl entered the Military Academy on July 1, 1932, through the Oklahoma National Guard. Typical of Carl's generous, fair-minded character, he had turned down a direct appointment in order to give another boy a chance and had elected to win his appointment in the stiff National Guard competitive examinations.

At West Point, Carl was a serious minded, excellent student. In athletics he won his numerals in track. During

his first class year he was a cadet lieutenant in B Company. Carl loved West Point and was very happy there. From early boyhood he had aspired to be a cadet. "Duty, Honor, Country" became his religion. His thoughtfulness and his unswerving loyalty to his friends made him one of the most admired and best liked members of his class.

Upon graduation from West Point in 1936 he was assigned to the 14th Cavalry at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, where he quickly won a reputation as a remarkably able and talented officer. He interested himself in all post activities, especially polo, horse shows and the Boy Scout troop.

In June, 1938, Carl transferred to the 3d Field Artillery at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, where for two weeks he served under his father, Brig. Gen. Carl A. Baehr, first captain of the class of 1909.

In April, 1939, he sailed for the Philippine Islands, from which he was destined not to return. At Fort Stotsenburg, Carl, with his quiet competence, built steadily upon his foundation of skill and reliability as an artilleryman. He served first with the 24th Field Artillery and then helped organize the 88th Field Artillery shortly before the Japanese invasion of Luzon. During the heroic defense of the Luzon central plain and finally of Bataan, he commanded the 1st Battalion, 88th Field Artillery, with great courage and distinction. After the fall of Bataan, Carl was a prisoner of the Japanese until his death. Survivors of the prison camp at Cabanatuan praise him for his leadership, fortitude and skill in many things during the more than two and a half years of starvation, disease and mistreatment there. An official report to the War Department has been made recounting his amazing work in improving the sanitation at Cabanatuan.

Those who knew Carl will always be uplifted by the memory of his constant unselfish devotion to duty and by the knowledge that, had he lived, he would have increased in military stature throughout his service. Few have equalled him in his love and devotion to family, friends and country—he never failed any of the three.

He is survived by his father and mother, Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Carl A. Baehr, and two sisters, Katherine and Betty.

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**Frederick C. A. Kellam**

NO. 10725 CLASS OF 1936

*Killed in action, June 6, 1944, in the European Area, aged 29 years.*

FRED KELLAM gave his life in Normandy, in the desperate early hours after our forces landed from the sea and the air. He went in by air, leading his parachute infantry battalion to seize and hold two key bridges until relieved by ground reinforcements. He did the job, and in doing it, paid the price of a soldier.

The biographical information could be that of any of hundreds of others who have brought honor to the Long Gray Line. Born at Pettit Barracks in the Philippines, where his army doctor father was stationed, he grew

up in Texas after his father's untimely death. With his mother and sister; he lived at different times in Brackettville (near old Fort Clark) and in San Antonio. After a year of preparatory school in Washington, D. C., he secured a presidential appointment to the Military Academy, entering with the Class of 1936 on July 1, 1932. After a normal cadet career, he was commissioned in the Infantry on graduation. Until 1939 he served with the 23d Infantry at Fort Sam Houston. He was graduated from the Infantry School, Regular Course, in 1940, served briefly in the 1st Infantry in the 1940 maneuvers, and then did a two-year tour with the 14th Infantry in Panama. He returned to Benning as an instructor in 1942, and shortly thereafter completed parachute training. He served in several parachute outfits, graduated from C.&G.S.S., Fort Leavenworth, and went to the North African Theater in 1943, in the 505th Parachute Infantry. He took part in the aerial invasions of Sicily and Italy, and then moved to England in command of his battalion. He participated in the aerial operations in Normandy on June 6, 1944. He was killed in action the same day. He was awarded the Purple Heart and the Silver Star, with the following citation:

"For gallantry in action on 6 June 1944 near \*\*\*\*, France. Landing in the scheduled drop zone on D-Day, Major Kellam assembled and organized all available troops of his battalion and personally led them through enemy held territory to their initial objective. Heedless of danger from intense artillery, mortar and machine gun fire, Major Kellam moved among his men, and by his courage and aggressiveness instilled within them the determination to withhold the numerous counterattacks from a numerically superior enemy. In moving to a more advanced point, from which to better direct his troops, Major Kellam lost his life. His gallantry and devotion to duty inspired his men to successfully complete their mission and aided materially in the success of the Airborne Troops".

As a result of this action a span over the Merderet became known as "Kellam's Bridge".

Those are the facts. But they paint an inadequate picture of Caesar Kellam. I saw him first, galloping along Rhode Island Avenue on his way to school, his gait as Texan as his wide gray hat. The grin on his face that day became a familiar sight in the years that came after. That grin came all the way out from inside. There never was a warmer-hearted, more tolerant, more generous file.

West Point came hard to Fred. To him academics were an ordeal, and a continuing one. By determination and hard work he won through to graduation, while many men who ranked him in the early months fell by the way. The 10th and 11th Division sinks have harbored Caesar on many a night long after Taps, while he listened for the Tac and battled against entropy and stress-strain relationships. He sacrificed many of those scarce leisure hours to study, and his effort paid off when the General of the Armies handed him his sheepskin on June 12, 1936.

Those of us who knew him best as cadets will always remember his barrack-room rendition of "El Rancho Grande", with ballet steps to match. As yearlings we frightened the new plebes with "Just wait, Mister, until Mr. Kellam gets out of the hospital!" And no one enjoyed their subsequent pleased surprise more than Fred. His hair-breadth connections with the Assembly bell were famous. His specialty was getting to bed just on the right side of Taps, and he worked it down to the finest of sciences. Hardly a man in "C" Company was not in Caesar's debt for favors cheerfully rendered. The Hundredth Night C.Q. tour he took over for me was typical. He was a devout Catholic, and his life reflected the depth of his religious beliefs. From over two years in the same room, I was honored with his full friendship, and there could be no finer friend.

Fred's service after Graduation was noteworthy because of the additional friends it brought him. In the summer of 1945, in a billet in Manila, some-



one mentioned "Caesar", and six men in a group of seven had known him. That gathering was not unusual. Each had his story of Fred, and they all gave richness to the picture—a good officer, with a strong feeling for duty, honesty, and leadership, a streak of generosity a yard wide, and a genius for bringing an affectionate smile to the faces of people who speak of him. Their stories crowd each other—when Caesar built the golf course at Fort Sam . . . when Caesar made his first jump . . . when I saw Caesar in Bizerte in '43.

On September 16, 1942, Fred was married to Hélène Houssiere, of Jennings, Louisiana. His son, Michael James, was born October 10, 1943, six months after his father had sailed for North Africa. They are now living in San Antonio, where young Michael's mother promises to raise him to be a more patriotic Texan than his Dad, if such a thing can be done. Fred's mother, Mrs. Mary Kellam, the friend of many of us in our cadet days, lives in the same city. His only sister, Betty, now the widow of John P. Tomhave, Col., Air Corps, Class of '39, was a pretty and familiar figure at Cullum Hops.

Life was pleasant to Fred. He lived it that way. Yet few men have worked harder to attain a goal than he did to win his commission. Few men have given so freely of themselves to make life happier for their friends. And Fred was repaid in the admiration and affection of all who knew him.

—J. B. L.

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### Richard Rawlins Waugh

NO. 10472 CLASS OF 1936

Died October 18, 1945, at Coral Gables, Florida, aged 34 years.

COLONEL RICHARD RAWLINS WAUGH was born at Omaha, Nebraska, 25 March 1911. He spent most of his early life in Jackson, Mississippi, and attended Millsaps College in that city.

Dick's military career actually began in 1930, when, after attending college for two years, he enlisted in the Regular Army to compete for an appointment to the United States Military Academy. Dick was first assigned to Battery "B", 13th Coast Artillery, Fort Barrancas, Florida. Very shortly thereafter he transferred to Atlanta, Georgia, where he attended the Fourth Corps Area West Point Preparatory School at Fort McPherson. Here Dick first met some of his future classmates—Phil Gage, Binx Billingslea, and Bill Macy, to mention only a few. His efforts at Fort McPherson were rewarded by his appointment to the Military Academy in 1932.

He reported to the Academy 1 July 1932, with his classmates, and received an enthusiastic though not over-friendly welcome from the class of 1935 which provided the Yearling Beast Detail.

Dick's previous military training earned for him, as it did for other members of the class of 1936 who possessed similar talents, the unwelcomed recognition of being an acting plebe corporal. This recognition by the Yearling Beast Detail was taken in stride by Dick although he received his share of hazing for his military accomplishments. His sense of humor frequently staved off many a crisis during Plebe Summer, particularly in 3rd Company, the first organization to which he was assigned in the Corps of Cadets. Having been found sufficiently proficient in performing "Squads east and west" in the approved manner Dick, and approximately 35 of his classmates, were assigned to "E" Company.

Dick, having proved his mettle in beast barracks proceeded to do the same in Plebe Academics. June 1933 found him, along with some eleven other of his classmates, wearing stars on his uniform in recognition of high academic proficiency. This distinction, he continued to merit for the next three years.

Throughout his four years at West Point, Dick participated in many activities. The Howitzer and Pointer Staffs benefitted greatly from his efforts. Dick's ready smile and friendly manner were known throughout the Corps of Cadets. He could always be

found enjoying the activities currently available at the moment, and whether it was the hop at Cullum Hall, a "bull session" on Fort Clinton Parapet, canoeing on the Hudson River, swimming at Delafield, or hiking to Crow's Nest, Dick contributed more than his share to add to the enjoyment of all concerned. This particular characteristic of Dick's was well known to all his classmates. His great personality was equal to every occasion, and he was always willing to contribute more than his share.

Dick's academic record at the Academy—he stood twelfth in his class—was far surpassed by the esteem which his classmates accorded him in view of his general good fellowship.

After graduation, 12 June 1936, Dick was stationed at Fort Du Pont, Wilmington, Delaware, where he served with the Engineers. It was there that Dick met Barbara Hall, sister of Fred Hall, class of '35. Dick and Barbara were married 27 November 1937. They



resided at Fort Du Pont until the fall of 1938 when Dick entered Cornell for his Engineer Corps Post Graduate studies. Dick and Barbara's son, Grant Reed Waugh, was born there.

Upon completion of his work at Cornell, Dick spent a year at the Engineer School, Ft. Belvoir, and was then assigned to the 21st Engineer Aviation Regiment, which was then only recently activated, and was the first unit of that type in the Army. He served with distinction in that organization. His ingenuity, resourcefulness, and clear thinking materially assisted and expedited the development of equipment and techniques which constituted the basis of subsequent air operations against the enemy.

When Dick's unit moved to Langley Field in 1940, he was brought even closer to the Air Corps. Only a few letters on the "eye card" had stood between Dick and his wings at graduation. By May 1941, he had overcome that obstacle, obtained his wings, and transferred to the Air Corps. That same year Barbara presented Dick with a daughter, Barbara Burdette Waugh.

7 December 1941 found Dick in the Eastern Flying Training Command engaged in the most important mission of the Air Corps at that period—training. Dick's specialty was gunnery. In this he excelled, as he did in everything he ever tried. Unfortunately for Dick—but fortunately for the success of the Army Air Force training program—he could not obtain a release for assignment to combat duty.

Dick was finally released for overseas assignment, however, and during January 1945 he went to the Mediterranean Theater of Operations. There he commanded the 2nd Bombardment Group (H.B.), based in Italy. He led his group, flying B-17's on many missions over northern Italy, southern Germany, and the Balkans. He was wounded twice, each time on a mission over Vienna. On 16 March 1945, Dick was shot down over Hungary. Fortunately, he landed behind the Red Army lines. Due to almost insurmountable transportation and communication difficulties it took Dick and other members of his crew six weeks to return to their base in Italy. The end of the war in Europe during May permitted Dick to rejoin his family for a well deserved leave.

The operation of the Army Air Forces reorientation program for the final all-out air effort in the Pacific placed Dick as Deputy Commander of the Army Air Base at Liberal, Kansas, where B-24 crews were checked-out for Pacific air operation. While on an inspection of Air Force Training Schools, he was advised by a flight surgeon that his own physical condition required checking. He went to the Miami Biltmore Hospital, Coral Gables, Florida. After conducting various tests, the doctors operated on Dick 19 September. It was found that he had a cancer which was so far advanced that he was estimated to have approximately six months left to live. The doctors were very shocked to find a cancer, since he had not complained of any pain or evidenced any of the other symptoms of cancer. Thanks to his brave wife and the excellent medical treatment he received he expected to recover his health. On 18 October however, about five months sooner than was predicted, Dick died. The unseen virus of cancer had done what the enemy could not do.

Dick was awarded the Silver Star, Purple Heart, and Air Medal, and one cluster for each in lieu of a second award, for his contribution to the war effort. This outward manifestation of our country's tribute to his courage, integrity, ability and leadership is appreciated by all his friends.

He was laid to rest in the Arlington National Memorial Cemetery, Washington, D. C., 23 October 1945. Of his funeral, his wife, Barbara, wrote to one of his friends, "I was very pleased that so many of his classmates were there. Six of them—Lee, Bess, Crawford, Furphy, Hiester, and Wildrick—were honorary pallbearers".

The Army has lost a great soldier, and we of '36 have lost a true friend whose memory we cherish.

—A Classmate.

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## Richard Frederick Hill

NO. 10917 CLASS OF 1937

*Killed while being transported on a Japanese prison ship, December 15, 1944, in the Philippine Area, aged 29 years.*

**R**ICHARD FREDERICK HILL was born in Laredo, Texas, August 31st, 1915, where his father, the late Major Joseph Andrew Hill, was stationed during the Mexican border troubles.

Like most sons of the Regular Army, Dick looked forward to a military career and all the activities of his boyhood reflected that ambition. He was a gay, friendly lad; loved riding, swimming and tennis, but never forgot that he must earn his appointment scholastically as well. After a rather sketchy and often interrupted primary education he entered Georgia Military Academy and was graduated in 1932.



That same summer he enrolled as a cooperative student at Georgia Tech and the following Spring was given an emergency appointment to West Point by Representative Ramspeck of Georgia.

"The Mahatma" as he was called by his classmates because of a striking portrayal of that character during his Plebe days, received his commission with the class of 1937 and was assigned to the 22nd Infantry at Fort McPherson, Georgia. In 1939 he was ordered to the Philippines where he served with the 57th Philippine Scouts at Fort McKinley. The following year his fiancée, Barbara Page of Atlanta, Georgia, joined him and they were married in the Cathedral of St. John and St. Mary in Manila. His groomsmen were classmates, all but one of whom were later killed in action. After a few short gay months Barbara was evacuated with the other Army wives and his brief married life came to a close.

During his service in the Philippines Dick was in quick succession Second Lieutenant, First Lieutenant, Captain, and when war broke out, Major. He was among those selected by General MacArthur to serve with the Philippine Army, first on Panay, then Negros

and finally Mindanao. He was Executive Officer of the 61st (P.A.) and was cited for gallantry in action on April 30, 1942, for which he was posthumously awarded the Silver Star. He was captured by the Japanese, starved, beaten, but never humiliated. He was killed while being transported on a prison ship which was bombed by our forces and sunk in Subic Bay December 15, 1944.

At the time of his death Dick was twenty-nine years old, the last of his line—a brave soldier and an honor to his class and country.

Dick's love of music was well known at the Point where it was said he had the finest collection of classical records of any cadet. He also had a flair for poetry and loved to dash off nonsense verses or more ambitious poems in his spare time. After a week on the rifle range at Fort McKinley shortly before war started, he wrote "The Rifleman's Prayer":

Some day I'll go to reap my last reward,  
Perhaps a life eternal in the skies.  
I'll ask the heavenly scorer there, the Lord,  
Not to run without some jawbone tries.

Preliminary work I've overlooked,  
Manipulation poor; I fear I jerk.  
I've felt the wind but never kept it booked.  
I'm not in practice for this heavenly work.

I'll qualify for life beyond the sun,  
But I'm Bolo Joe without dry runs before.

I'll pray the Lord for just one jawbone run,  
Before I start to shoot my record score.

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**Thomas Truxtun**

NO. 10790 CLASS OF 1937

*Killed in action, June 6, 1945, near Baguio, Luzon, Philippine Islands, aged 31 years.*

**L**T. COL. THOMAS TRUXTUN was killed in action June 6, 1945 by an enemy sniper while he was observing the fire of his artillery battalion near Baguio, Luzon, P. I.

So died Tom Truxtun, beloved by all who knew him; a great athlete, a fine and gallant soldier, and above all a great and true friend.

Tom was born in Washington, D. C. on January 21, 1914, the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Truxtun. His first love was the Navy and he went to Annapolis only to be found on physical disability after two years. Although this was a great disappointment, it did not defeat him as it might have a lesser man. As soon as the doctors pronounced him well, he started again and entered West Point in July 1933 and graduated in June 1937.

While a cadet his ready humor and firm integrity, his keen intelligence, and his willingness to help anybody that needed it, made him outstanding in the class. He played first string soccer and lacrosse for three years and in our first class year he captained the lacrosse team that ended a remarkable season by beating the Navy, thereby settling an old score for Tom.

Upon graduation he was commissioned in the Field Artillery and was stationed at Fort Bragg, N. C. While there he married Peggy Cruickshank of Cranford, N. J. They had two daughters; Julia, whom Tom never saw, and Mary Calvert. After four years at Fort Bragg he went to school at Fort Sill, and joined the 33rd Division at Camp Forrest in the spring of 1942. He stayed with the 33rd Division until he was killed, serving progressively as S-3 and Battalion Executive of the 124th F.A. Bn., S-3 of the Division Artillery, and finally as commanding officer of the 210th F.A. Bn. For his outstanding service and gallantry in action he was awarded the Bronze Star and the Silver Star (Posthumous). The esteem in which his division held Tom is shown by the following quotations from a letter written by the Division Commander: "When Colonel Truxtun first came to us, we were impressed by his fine soldierly bearing, his calm, quiet, unobtrusive manner; his immediately apparent intelligence; his ready smile



and ever present courtesy; his evident desire to work wholeheartedly and in earnest cooperation. These impressions, in the three years he was with us, were never changed, but were confirmed and added to. He constantly displayed a devotion to duty, professional ability, command ability, tact, resourcefulness, keen intellect, judgment, and practical sense far above average. I would name him without hesitation, an outstanding officer in the 33rd Division Artillery. He was a person of unquestioned integrity, fair, honest and just in all things, open-minded, yet combined excellent force and sound balance"

"In combat Colonel Truxtun was untiring, zealous, gallant to the highest degree, careful always of the welfare of his men, careless of his own welfare provided his men were taken care of and the attack was being pushed properly."

"Officers who knew Colonel Truxtun intimately under varying conditions both good and bad have never heard him speak ill of any man. I have never heard any man speak ill of Colonel Truxtun. I think this epitomizes his character."

"He was killed in the forefront of battle, doing his job, exposing himself to see that the job was done properly."

It is hard for those of us who knew Tom to realize that he is still not with us. But we all feel that in his particular Valhalla, Tom is still Tom, ready to take the lead in any task that is required, ready to join in any quartet that needs a voice, ready to lend sympathy or encouragement to the ones who need it, in short ready to continue being the magnificent guy we all loved.

—A. D. Surles, Jr.

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**Ralph Robinet Hetherington**

NO. 12457 CLASS OF 1941

*Killed in action, December 1, 1944, in France, aged 27 years.*

**R**ALPH R. HETHERINGTON was born August 2, 1917, at Harrisburg, Illinois. He was the fifth of seven children of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hetherington. He attended the public schools there and was graduated with honors from the Harrisburg Township High School in 1935. While attending Southern Illinois Normal University, he competed for and won a Congressional appointment to West Point.

Upon entrance, Ralph discovered that he was "Army", and he so remained. He was graduated from West Point in the upper tenth of the Class of 1941, and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the Field Artillery.

After advanced schooling at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, he was sent to Ft. Knox, Kentucky. Here Ralph was promoted to 1st Lieutenant, and with the expansion of Armored Field Artillery, he was transferred to Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. Here on June 21, 1942 he married Miss Elizabeth Walton Vaile of Ft. Smith, Arkansas. The Camp Chaffee paper said of him at that time that he was their most popular young officer.

He remained at Camp Chaffee, except for occasional trips to Ft. Sill as an instructor. On one occasion his Colonel took Ralph and a group of his men to Ft. Sill. Here for high ranking Army Officials and foreign dignitaries, they demonstrated the potentialities and possibilities of Armored Field Artillery, as well as their own preparedness. Ralph and his men received considerable acclaim through the Ft. Sill army newspaper. Soon afterwards the first of our A.F.A. were sent overseas.

Ralph burned to accompany them abroad, but "his excellence as an instructor", to quote his C.O. kept him here. In September 1942 he received his Captaincy, and the following March Ralph was promoted to Major. Finally, in August 1943 he was ordered overseas.

Ralph left a charming wife, a lovely six weeks old baby girl, and a proud and admiring family, two of whom were in the service. He was attached to the 69th Armored Field Artillery, which became one of the best known Battalions in the E.T.O. The first stop was at Oran in North Africa. He moved to Italy by way of Sicily and

was fighting at Cassino when his battalion was chosen for the Anzio invasion.

Due to his Colonel's illness, Ralph was acting C.O., and with the Colonel's return to the U.S. was promoted to Battalion Commander in March of 1944. He was in command of "every big gun on the beachhead", a ranking officer wrote back. The officer also wrote of Ralph's surprise and pleasure one day when General Devers stopped and walked over to his jeep saying, "I just want to shake the hand of the man who is C.O. of the 69th". After the Cassino breakthrough, Ralph moved with his battalion up through Italy and took part in the capture of Rome.

The 69th was chosen for the invasion of Southern France, and joining the 7th Army, Ralph moved North and East through France. The support of the 69th was much sought after by the various divisions comprising the 7th Army. Ralph had been decorated and promoted to Lt. Colonel in August 1944. The Colonel who took part in the ceremony wrote his wife, "I'll al-

loving family to come home to, he wrote from France that he had "seen conditions there that brought home the realization that there are things worth giving your life for". He did just that.

It has been said that most American soldiers know only what they fight against; Ralph knew what he fought for and gave his life for. He lived, fought, and died in the best West Point tradition and gave meaning to "Honor-Duty-Country". He was awarded the Bronze Star and brother officers say he had won other decorations which Ralph did not mention. Although he did not finish the Battle for Germany, his men write that "Ralph's memory and inspiration are leading us on". The spirit of Lt. Col. Ralph R. Hetherington is still marching on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

—His Mother.

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**William Annesley Kromer**

NO. 12564 CLASS OF 1941

*Killed in action, December 30, 1944, near Moircy, Belgium, aged 27 years.*



ON December 30, 1944 in one of the most significant actions of the Battle of the Bulge the bullets of a German machine gun cut short the life of Captain William A. Kromer. Leading his company—the advance guard of an infantry division—Bill died as he had lived, a true embodiment of the spirit of West Point.

Bill Kromer was born to the Army. His grandfather, Colonel John M. Stotsenburg graduated from the Military Academy in 1881 and served with distinction until his death in action in the Philippines in 1899. Major General Leon B. Kromer, Bill's father, a graduate of West Point in 1899, was Chief of Cavalry from 1934 to 1938. Young Bill inherited, then, a proud tradition when he was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee, on October 24, 1917. The fifth child and youngest son of General and Mrs. Kromer, it seemed natural to everyone that Bill should follow his older brother's (John Kromer, class of 1934) footsteps to the Military Academy. His varied schooling to prepare himself for West Point included two years at Trinity School in New York City, four years at Tucson High School in Arizona where he graduated in 1936, six months at the University of Arizona and four months at the Millard School in Washington, D. C. Bill, therefore had little difficulty passing the entrance examinations in 1937 when he secured his appointment from Senator Brown of Michigan.

At West Point Bill's tall stature, expert knowledge of military lore, and powerful voice made him known to every cadet early in his career. His own class was quick to recognize him as a true leader—a fact which was confirmed by his consistent advancement in cadet rank throughout his four years to become cadet captain and company commander of A Company. His ability on the gridiron and basketball court likewise made him known by many outside West Point. Always serious about soldiering Bill was still

no rigid martinet. "There is a time and place for everything—including a good share of fun" could be his motto. When Bill Kromer left West Point his goal was to live up to the spirit of "Duty, Honor, Country" His record shows that he did.

The class of June 1941 had a short graduation furlough. Already the rumblings of war in Europe and Asia had caused a sharp acceleration in the arming of America. Good officers were needed immediately. Accordingly, Second Lieutenant Kromer reported to the Infantry School at Fort Benning in late July for a basic course prior to joining a line outfit. He was accompanied by his wife, the former Jane Arnold Breakey, whom he had married on June fourteenth. At Benning, the Kromers, together with many of the other West Pointers of 1941 and their recent wives enjoyed to the fullest their brief taste of peacetime Army life. Bill knew he had made no mistake in the choosing of his career. The Presidio of San Francisco was Bill's next station where he joined the 30th

ways be glad I had the pleasure and honor of pinning Ralph's silver leaf on. I believe he was the first of his class to be promoted to Lieutenant Colonel"

Near Strasbourg on December 1, 1944 the peep in which he was riding struck an anti-tank mine. Ralph was instantly killed. He was doing reconnaissance work that he might have delegated to others. He was buried in an American cemetery in Southern France.

"I don't know of anything that hurt us as much as losing Ralph. He was the finest example of a Battalion C.O., extremely aggressive and loved by all who knew him"—so wrote a brother officer. All who wrote afterwards said only the finest things possible of him.

Although Ralph was very young, he had lived what he would term a full life. He had experienced the honor of a West Point graduation. He had enjoyed the love and admiration of soldiers that comes to all good officers. He had shared the affections of a large family. Most of all, he knew the happiness of a loving husband and father. Even though he had a brilliant future before him in the Army, and a fine wife and baby girl; and a

Infantry Regiment and was assigned to Company D. Two weeks after Bill joined the 30th, the regiment reported to the 3rd Division at Fort Lewis, Washington. Bill and Jane were fortunate in finding a small home in Tillicum, Washington.

When the war broke out Bill had already identified himself in his regiment as an outstanding officer. However, the need in the Army at that time to spread thin the few officers of the Regular Army brought Bill a transfer in March, 1942 to the I.R.T.C. at Fort McClellan, Alabama. His promotion to 1st Lieutenant followed on May first and on December first of the same year he was made Captain and Regimental S-3. Pamela Hamlin Kromer, the Kromers' first daughter, was born on December 28, 1942 at Fort McClellan.

In June 1943 while his promotion to Major was pending Bill was ordered to Fort Benning to take the Advanced Course. Because of his youth at the time of the recommendation his majority was withheld and at the completion of his course Bill joined the 345th Infantry of the 87th Division then at Camp McCain, Mississippi. Acting as Battalion Executive officer, Bill guid-

ed the First Battalion through two months of Tennessee maneuvers after which the Division moved to Fort Jackson, S. C.

Here, Bill took command of A Company, 345th Infantry, the men of which soon began proudly calling themselves "Kromer's Kadets". They lifted their chests even higher shortly after when A Company was selected as the honor guard company for Lieut. Gen. Ben Lear, Commanding General, Second Army. Some weeks later when Mr. Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of War, reviewed the 87th Division Captain William A. Kromer was assigned as the Secretary's Aide for the day.

But as one of our recent authors has said "the battle is the payoff". The 87th went overseas early in October of 1944 with Bill still at the helm of A Company. In the short period before combat that the 87th spent in England, Bill conditioned his men physically by long hikes over the hilly countryside and mentally by permitting them to relax when off duty. Football games with B and C companies and company parties on Saturday night were Bill's ideas to keep his company from getting stale prior to their first great test. It was at one of these parties that two of Bill's men introduced the song and skit entitled "That Mean Old Captain Kromer", the last two lines of which were, "The best damn C.O. of them all, that mean old Captain Kromer". This was the type of ballad men would labor over and render only for an officer they loved dearly.

These quiet days were short-lived however for on December 6, 1944 after a quick trip across the Channel and an even quicker trip across France, Company A, 345th Infantry engaged the enemy at Metz. It is typical of A Company's loyalty and discipline that the first man wounded would not permit himself to be evacuated until he had gotten permission from Captain Kromer. Bill guided A Company through its initial baptism of fire at Metz, its first attack at Rimling in the Saar Valley, and across the German border into Medelsheim. In three weeks the green company was turned into a battle tested combat unit. On the 23rd of December the 87th Division received orders to move to Reims in France—a more centrally located position for movement against the point of the German bulge. Christmas Day was spent on the road. In a field bivouac near Reims the Division spent three days before orders came to advance. Bill used every minute of the time available to correct the battlefield mistakes he had observed in his company. He was constantly striving for improvement. The men now recognized fully how valuable their training under Captain Kromer had been. They were still "Kromer's Kadets"—a title which meant more to them now. Here at Reims, Bill also made no secret of the fact that he wanted the war to end quickly—he missed his wife and two baby daughters, Pamela, and Marcia Annesley, born a month after Bill's departure from the States.

On December 29, the expected orders to move up came through—a long cold ride in open trucks to the vicinity of Libramont, Belgium, was immediately

begun. Plans were quickly drawn up—"Enemy believed preparing advance to the South—our cavalry holding a thin screen—87th Division attacks—pass through cavalry—drive enemy back—A Company will lead out—advance guard formation". Bill slept little that night. There was too much to do. "A" Company would be ready.

"A" Company jumped off on time. At the outskirts of Moircy, Belgium, the leading platoon became engaged in a fire fight with the advance German elements. Bill quickly deployed the rest of his company and informed the battalion commander of the situation. With Lt. Guy Allee, his forward observer, Bill then sought a point of vantage to control the attack of "A" Company. From a concealed O.P. the two officers watched the progress of the attack as "A" Company's weapons platoon began to take part in the action. A report was then received that the first platoon was having trouble with some German tanks in the town of Moircy. Unable to see the action taking place among the buildings of the town Bill decided to investigate personally. It was the last decision he ever made. As he stepped from his covered position a German machine gun cut him down. He died within a few seconds as an aid man feverishly attempted to stop the flow of blood. Bill was awarded the Silver Star posthumously for his gallant leadership in this action.

Some might say that Bill Kromer's story ended on that cold December day in that forgotten Belgian town. "He gave his life for his country—wasn't that enough?" But that would leave the story only half told. Bill Kromer may not have gotten up from the ground that day but his spirit marched at the head of "A" Company 345th Infantry throughout the war. The men he trained, fought with, and died for made him their model. Captain Kromer became a legend—a symbol of all that was soldierly in an officer and a leader whose presence could always be felt. "He trained us right" was the way his first sergeant put it. "There were times when we thought it was tough, but combat showed us how right he was and how necessary his training methods were. Captain Kromer was the finest soldier I have even known."

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### Francis Hamilton Bonham

NO. 13099—CLASS OF JAN., 1943

Died December 18, 1945, near Cedar Keyes, Florida, aged 24 years.

FRANCIS HAMILTON BONHAM was born November 6, 1921, at Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D. C. He was the son of a distinguished soldier and gentleman, the late Major Francis Graves Bonham (Class of April 20, 1917), and Louise Walker Bonham. His grandfather, 2nd Lt. William Butler Bonham, fought with the 29th Infantry, United States Volunteers, in the Spanish-American War and received a battlefield commission and the Silver Star for his gallantry during combat on Luzon, P. I. His great-grandfather, Milledge L. Bonham,

was a general in the Confederate Army and later Governor of South Carolina. His great-great uncle, James Butler Bonham, was one of the four famous leaders of the Alamo garrison massacred by General Santa Anna's Mexican Army in 1836.

"Ham", as an "Army brat", found his preliminary schooling in many places—grammar school in Gordonsville, Va.; Sparrows Point, Md.; Columbus, Ga.; Fort Leavenworth, Kans.; Fort Benning, Ga.; Gordon Junior High School and Western High School in Washington, D. C.—and his preparation for West Point, at Millard's Preparatory School in Washington, D. C.

Throughout the time prior to his entering the Military Academy he had prepared himself physically, mentally and morally for the task ahead. Taking advantage of the athletic facilities available on army posts, and through tenacity, he developed himself into a fine all-around athlete. At Western High School he was an outstanding tennis player. In academics he al-



ways rated at the top of his class, and the many hours spent in preparation enabled him to win a high place in the competitive examination for Presidential appointments to West Point in 1939. His abstinence from smoking, drinking and use of foul language never lapsed. His aim was to make himself worthy of wearing cadet grey and that aim he achieved, "a sound mind in a sound body".

On July 1, 1939, New Cadet Company 1 of Best Barracks found in its bewildered ranks a vigorous wielder of the brass polish cloth. He was speedily dubbed "Blitz" and the nickname stuck. Later as an officer, the manner in which he performed his duties was to lead many a war time acquaintance to believe he had acquired the nickname from its German usage.

In "Blitz" the Military Academy had good material on which to work. During his three and a half years in the Academy he garnered sundry honors. To prove he could do it, he won stars during his plebe year; thereafter he concentrated more on helping the "goats" of his class and those to follow. In athletics he captured his numerals in tennis and then concentrated on track; and after an uphill struggle for two years, during second class year

he emerged as Army's crack miler to win from Navy in 4:21.

During yearling year he was elected Class President and was an Acting Corporal. During second class year he was elected Class Vice-president and was a Corporal. Absent from the Military Academy on flight training during most of his last year, he was one of those made an Honorary Company Commander.

"Blitz" made use of his furlough to help those boys attempting to get into West Point via Millard's Preparatory School. His work during this period is best described by the following extracts from the letter Colonel Millard sent to the Superintendent of the Military Academy in September 1941:

"I am writing you in reference to one of your cadets who . . . was here in the capacity of assistant instructor in mathematics, and in charge of all discipline of the school. . . He was a former student of mine and knew the system under which I operate.

". . . While he was here he instilled discipline as is found in the Corps of Cadets only. . . ; he also instilled respect for authority which should be found everywhere. . . His instructing in class was superior; his attitude toward the students was superior; his popularity, in spite of the disciplinary action that he might have had to take, was superior. I believe that this young man is probably the best officer material that I have ever sent to West Point and also that I have ever seen while there as a cadet.

"The young man does not drink, has an extremely high sense of loyalty, responsibility, and he is always just. His many talks to my boys, as a class and individually, on the Corps of Cadets and its traditions, and conversations with him have proven to me that my selection could not have been better. "

"Blitz" chose the Air Corps for his life's work, perhaps partly because it was something new for him to lick and because he felt that to take the Infantry would expose him to undue favors from the multitude of friends of his father. Perhaps it was because above the clouds he felt closer to God. Whatever the reasons, the Air Corps gained and the Infantry lost.

On January 19, 1943 "Blitz" legally donned his hard earned 2d Lieutenant's bar and his silver wings. His life from that point led upward at a rapidly increasing rate.

Before his departure in November 1943 for England, he was stationed in rapid succession at Sebring, Fla.; Ephrata, Wash. (where on April 19th he received his promotion to 1st Lieutenant); Redmond, Ore.; Walla Walla, Wash.; Spokane, Wash.; and Harvard, Neb.

From November 1943 till February 1945 "Blitz" served in the 447th Bomb Group (H), 4th Wing, 3rd Division of the 8th Air Force in operations against Germany. During this time his assignments included flight commander, assistant group operations officer and squadron commander, and his awards included the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with two clusters. As flight commander he received his captaincy in January 1944, and as assistant group operations officer he

received his majority in September 1944.

During the period February—April 1945, he spent a well earned leave in the United States. Rested and heavier he returned to the group and was assigned as Deputy Group Commander. With VE Day, his combat missions ceased but promotions didn't. In June 1945 he donned the silver leaves of a Lt. Colonel.

Cessation of hostilities in Europe caused early redeployment of the 447th Bomb Group to the United States, and on July 4, 1945, "Blitz" flew into Bradley Field, Connecticut, from England. Six days later in Charleston, West Virginia, he and Mrs. Susan Haislip Jarrell of Logan, West Virginia, were joined in marriage.

Japan surrendered, and when demobilization of the 447th Group began, he was transferred to Army Air Forces Headquarters in Washington to serve as a Section Chief in the Officers' Branch of the office of Assistant Chief of Air Staff—1. On December 18, 1945, while on this assignment, "Blitz" started a routine flight to Drew Field, Tampa, Florida, via Charleston, South Carolina, in a C-45. Flying in an overcast at 8,000 feet on this night of the total lunar eclipse, at 7:00 P.M. he reported himself by radio as being 30 miles northeast of Tampa. Then God took over and asserted His will, and against His will all the efforts of the well trained pilot were of no avail. Sometime around 9:30 P.M., through a thunder shower, the drumming of a plane flying low and headed due east out of the Gulf of Mexico towards the mainland was heard from one of a small group of islands 95 miles north of Tampa. Apparently a few minutes later just as he reached the mainland, "Blitz" ran out of gas and attempted a crash landing on the beach. Against such obstacles the landing was unsuccessful, and all occupants died instantly.

And so the Lord judged his work on earth completed and took him unto His Kingdom. Nor could He have chosen one better prepared to meet his Maker than "Blitz"—"Blitz" the soldier, keen of mind, conscientious, tenacious, perfectionist who yet saw only the minor imperfections in his near perfect results, just and loyal always, proud of his uniform and his country, courageous—"Blitz" the human, unselfish, thoughtful, generous, sincere, kind and gentle, keen sense of humor never dulled, idealist whose eyes looked for and expected only good in mankind, vision that saw beauty in God's lowliest creation, slow to blame and quick to forgive, with his great personal charm, his clean-cutness of mind and body, the warmth of whose friendship moved all who came in contact with him—"Blitz" the deeply religious, humble in spirit, constantly seeking and finding the answers to his problems in the Bible, eyes ever turned to the stars.

This prayer, found among his papers, gives a little insight into that which moved him;

"Let me do my work each day, and if the darkened hours of despair overcome me, may I not forget the strength that comforted me in the desolation of other times. May I still remember the bright hours that found me walking over the silent hills of my child-

hood—dreaming on the margin of the quiet river, when a light glowed within me, and I promised my early God to have courage amid the tempests of the changing years. Spare me from bitterness and from the sharp passions of unguarded moments. May I not forget that poverty and riches are of the spirit. Though the world know me not, may my thoughts and actions be such as shall keep me friendly with myself. Lift my eyes from the earth, and let me not forget the use of the stars. Forbid that I should judge others lest I condemn myself. Let me not follow the clamour of the world—but walk calmly in my path. Give me a few friends who will love me for what I am, and keep ever burning before my vagrant steps the friendly light of hope. Though age and infirmity overtake me, and I come not within sight of the castle of my dreams—teach me yet to be thankful for life—for the memories that are good—and sweet—and may the evening's twilight find me, gentle still"

A corner of our hearts and our thoughts will always belong to "Blitz" We are better for having known him, and his influence remains with us. His work on earth was done, so he has gone ahead to smooth the way for those of us who "follow close order behind". And, as a classmate once said of him, "There goes a man!"

J. B. B. and M. C. C.

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### Harry Richard Stroh

NO. 13419 CLASS OF JAN., 1943

*Killed in action, August 27, 1944, near Brest, France, aged 23 years.*

**H**ARRY RICHARD STROH, the only son of Major General and Mrs. Donald A. Stroh, was born in Honolulu, Hawaii, on August 31, 1920. Life at Army posts in Washington, Georgia, Michigan, Virginia, Kansas, the Philippine Islands, Panama, and New York inculcated in him a strong love of the military and he bent every effort toward preparation for West Point. He won an appointment from the 7th Congressional District of Michigan by competitive examination, and entered the Military Academy on July 1, 1939 with the Class of 1943.

Never a brilliant student, Harry nevertheless was a determined plunger. His battles with the Academic Board were frequently close, but always successful, and by sheer determination and his overwhelming desire to secure a commission he succeeded. Although of slight build he was an ardent athlete, playing football in intra-mural competition with "H" Company, and twice on the goat team. He was assistant manager of lacrosse during the 1942 season, and would have been manager the following year except for the early graduation of his class in January, 1943.

During the spring of 1942 Harry elected to try for his wings in the Air Corps, and reported for primary training at Avon Park, Florida, on June 5. It was evident at once that he was temperamentally and physically fitted to become a crack pursuit pilot. He took his basic training at Shaw Field, Sumter, South Carolina, and his ad-

vanced work at Spence Field, Moultrie, Georgia, winning his pilot's rating there on December 7, 1942. His was the first class to wear their wings as cadets, and he was a proud and happy boy on his return to West Point for the last few weeks of academic work before graduation.

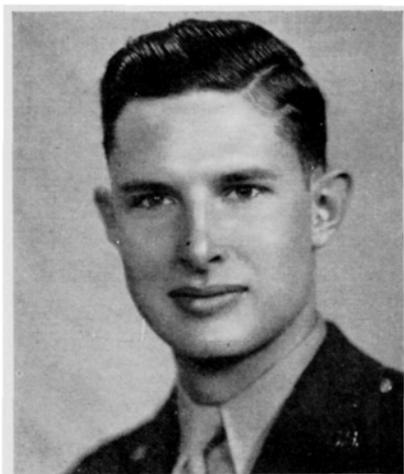
During February and March, 1943, he continued his fighter training with the 90th, 92d, and 382d Training Squadrons at Craig Field, Selma, Alabama. In April he was assigned to his first tactical command, the 326th Fighter Squadron of the 320th Fighter Group, based at Westover Field, Massachusetts. At this time he was selected for a course of instruction in advanced tactical operations at Orlando, Florida. Returning to Westover he remained until August 13, 1943, when he was transferred to the 378th Fighter Squadron, 362d Fighter Group, at Groton Field, Connecticut. He remained assigned to this famous outfit until his death more than a year later. Shortly before this transfer Harry had received his silver bars as a first lieutenant.

The 362d went overseas in November, 1943, and for the next six months was based near Colchester, England. Becoming operational in January, 1944, the group rapidly began to amass a reputation for efficient escort service for bombing missions over the continent. Harry participated in his first combat mission on February 12. With the invasion of the continent becoming imminent, selected air combat units were moved to advanced bases closer to the English coast. The 362d, now a part of the Ninth Air Force, was one of these. Its pilots and ground crews began to experience the rigors and hardships of field service, preparing them for the strenuous mission of direct support of the invasion which lay ahead. For a short period during these months Harry was appointed Assistant Operations Officer of his group, but since this assignment prevented him from participating regularly in air combat missions, he soon asked for reassignment to his beloved 378th Squadron, where he felt he could best serve and do his part. This desire for active participation in the excitement and danger of air combat was characteristic of Harry's entire active service.

Intensive combat missions were stepped up during the month of May, and when the invasion started on June 6 the 362d Group was in the thick of the battle, rendering effective and invaluable support to the ground troops. A few days later Harry and another pilot of his squadron had the distinction of becoming the first American fliers to land on the liberated soil of France. After completing a mission behind the German lines his Thunderbolt began to run short of gas. Realizing that he would be unable to reach his English base, he landed on an English air strip, still under construction, close behind one of the landing beaches. Here his plane was serviced by the British Tommies, and he took off again for the return flight. As the beachheads were extended inland the 362d Group, and others, were

moved to bases in France to increase their range. These bases were so close behind the fighting front as to be under hostile artillery fire.

Harry participated with his squadron in the massive air assault on the outer defenses of Cherbourg on June 21, which paved the way for the successful ground assault on that essential port. On this date Harry was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the citation reading in part as follows: "While taking part in a dive-bombing mission over the Cherbourg Peninsula Captain Stroh demonstrated outstanding flying skill and great courage when his squadron was attacked by six enemy aircraft. With complete disregard for the dangers involved in attacking the superior numbers of hostile planes, he fearlessly engaged the enemy and repeatedly pressed home his attacks in the face of great odds. His outstanding airmanship was in large measure responsible for the dispersal of the enemy



formation and the protection of his squadron."

In keeping with his habitual modesty and self-effacement Harry never spoke of this incident to his father when the two met on several occasions during the following weeks, and his parents did not learn of it until it was announced in orders two months after his death.

Following the capture of Rennes, Brittany, by the 8th Infantry Division, commanded by Major General Stroh, early in August, Harry's group, by a strange coincidence, was based there, and for the next two months was assigned to support the operations of the VIII Corps, of which the 8th Division was a part, on the Brittany Peninsula, including the capture of Brest. As the 8th Division moved toward Brest Harry's 378th Squadron provided air cover. After the assault on Brest commenced, on August 25, the 362d Group was constantly in the air over the corps zone, bombing and strafing the German installations in direct support of the ground troops. The effectiveness of this support is

attested by the statements from German prisoners, who feared the attacks of the Thunderbolts more than any other American weapons.

At this time Harry was assigned as Operations Officer of his squadron, but his love of combat, and his whole-hearted desire to do more than his share in the air caused him to volunteer for nearly every mission. During the last twenty days of his life he participated in sixteen combat missions, totaling nearly forty operational hours. On three of these days he participated in two missions each. Undoubtedly his knowledge that he was assisting materially the ground operations of his father's division caused him to fly unnecessarily often and unnecessarily dangerously.

His last mission was flown on August 27, the second of the day. The German lines were then along an arc some two miles north, east and west of Brest. Hostile resistance was very strong, and the ground troops were progressing only with the greatest difficulty, despite constant and effective American air support, which was on a status of "air alert", with small formations available to direct call of the ground commanders. Harry was leading a flight of four planes, which had dropped their bombs effectively in the zone of the 8th Division, and were ready to return to their Rennes base. Harry radioed to the division ground controller, asking if any other mission had been assigned. He was directed by the controller to reconnoiter a small patch of woods just behind the German lines, which was suspected to be the site of dangerous enemy installations. Disregarding his option of sending some other member of his flight to investigate, or to accomplish the mission with the entire flight, Harry came down from 3,000 feet to a dangerously low altitude alone, flew over the woods, gained altitude, and came down a second time to within 300 feet for another look. While gaining altitude a second time his plane was seen to explode in the air, probably hit by hostile antiaircraft fire, and crashed behind the German lines. His body was not recovered for about three weeks, after 8th Division troops had captured the area in which the crash occurred. Harry is buried in an American cemetery near St. James, Avranches Province, France, awaiting the day when he will return to join the Long Grey Line at West Point, which he loved so well.

At the time of his death Harry had more than 750 hours of pilot time to his credit, including nearly 200 hours of combat flying. In addition to the Distinguished Service Cross he had earned the Air Medal with eleven oak leaf clusters, and the Purple Heart. Announcement of his promotion to major was made a few days after his death. Harry died as he had lived,—courageous, modest, self-sacrificing and intensely loyal to the highest ideals. Universally loved for his own worth, and acknowledged by his contemporaries as the best pilot of his unit, he died with his face toward the enemy, generously giving his life for his father. Greater love hath no man than this.

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## James Dumont Wright

NO. 13158 CLASS OF JAN., 1943

*Killed in action, January 6, 1945, near  
Lierneux, Belgium, aged 25 years.*

SWITZERLAND County, Indiana, suffered the loss of many promising young men during World War II, but the death of none was felt more widely and deeply than that of Captain James Dumont Wright, or Dumont as he was known in his home town. When the tragic news "Killed in action" was received the community was profoundly shocked by a sense of personal grief. The local newspaper voiced the general feeling in the following editorial:

"Dumont Wright's death comes closer than many of the others because he was so well and widely known, because we watched him grow up from baby-hood, because he was a fine, clean kid, who always said 'Yes sir' and 'No sir'. So, he became one of our pin up boys and we followed his career with interest, during his years of college and beyond, to his West Point training, when he started on a course that might have made him general, had it not wound up all too soon in a 'Blaze of Glory' that makes our own hardened throat choke up with the pity of it all. He was the kind that spurned the safety of being an instructor, and chafed to be overseas, in action.

"A copy of his picture, published in next week's issue, will be pinned up on the wall in our own home where our own kids can see, and be told, 'There was a real American boy!' And we can teach them they can be no better citizen than this Vevay lad who did everything right—even to giving up his life for his country."

James Dumont Wright, born June 18, 1919, only child of James S. Wright, attorney, and his wife, Jane Dupraz Wright, was of English Irish ancestry on the paternal side and of French-Swiss stock on the maternal. His mother is a great grand niece of Mrs. Julia L. Dumont, well known, pioneer author and educator, and is also related to the family of Lincoln's wife.

Dumont grew up in a fine old homestead, one of Vevay's show places, erected by one of the town's founders, and in the process, unlike many children, gave his parents no cause for uneasiness. He was one of those unusual persons—an only child, totally unspoiled. This was partly perhaps because of the sensible training given him by his parents but largely because of a fine disposition. His father early made a companion of him and they were always devoted pals, and his mother never allowed her pride in him to overcome her judgment about what was best for him. And so he grew up a manly rather serious minded youngster whose unfailing courtesy and fine attitude made him a general town favorite with old and young, and popular with teachers and fellow students. He was a leader both in class room and on playground and after graduating from the Vevay High School in 1937 his high scholarship was maintained at Indiana University. That was just

cause for pride to his family and friends during the two years he spent there before receiving his appointment to West Point, where he maintained his high standard of achievement.

This appointment realized for him a dream he'd had since childhood when an ancestral sword had inspired his interested admiration, and he liked nothing better than to be allowed to handle it. He was a born soldier, and how proud the town was of him, its only West Pointer! When he came home in his uniform, tall and handsome, he was a gallant figure, the ideal hero of his little cousins, who regarded him with the small boy's adoration; yet he was always engagingly modest and unassuming and nothing shook his quiet poise.

He graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in January, 1943 with the rank of Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Regular Army. He was promoted to First Lieutenant the following May and to Captain in August, 1944. He had the degree of B.S. conferred on him in 1943



and was a graduate of the Basic Course, Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga., 1943.

He entered upon active duty January 19, 1943, and was assigned to duty with the 13th Company, Headquarters, 1st Student Training Regiment, Ft. Benning, Ga.; assigned to duty as Heavy Weapons Platoon Leader, 330th Infantry, 83rd Division, Camp Atterbury, Ind., 16 May, 1943; and served with that organization as Infantry Platoon Officer, Executive Officer, and Assistant Regimental S-2, and later at Camp Breckinridge, Ky., to 6 April 1944 when he departed from the continental limits of the United States with the same organization and arrived in the European Theatre of Operations, 11 April 1944. He served as Executive and Commanding Officer, Rifle Company, with the 330th Infantry, 83rd Division in the European Theatre of Operations to 6 January when he was killed in action in Belgium. His command was part of the fluid line defending Belgium and France in the terrific fighting of the Bulge.

His platoon sergeant writes: "Your son's name will always live with those who knew and fought with him. From

the very first day of our combat duty together, he was loved and respected, as a hero, by us all. I was lucky enough to be with him every day. He took charge of our company the 3rd of July last year when our old company commander was killed. At that time he was wounded by shrapnel in the neck but stayed with the fight and got medical attention from company aid men. He had no regard for his own personal safety whatsoever but always looked to the safety of his men. From July on he led his company in every battle skillfully and efficiently without any serious mishap until December when again he was hit in the neck with shrapnel. He was awarded the Purple Heart with a cluster for the two wounds received. January 6 we had moved into a small Belgian town, when in a German artillery barrage he received the fatal wound which for the third time, was in the neck. If anything could have been done to save him, he would have been saved for the medics were at his side immediately. I do not know how his Bronze Star citation read but anything it said could not have been half good enough for him. I speak for every man in the company when I send you our deepest and most sincere sympathy"

The citation accompanying the medal awarded to Captain Wright for his achievement of July 3rd is as follows:—"For distinguishing himself by heroic action in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States \* \* \* \* Captain Wright led a patrol a quarter of a mile into enemy's lines to obtain information as to enemy's position and if possible to bring back a prisoner. The patrol was subjected to withering fire all the way but without regard to his own safety, although he was wounded, he continued to lead his men on to their objective. He was unable to bring back a prisoner but returned with important papers taken from the body of an enemy, killed by the patrol, and also information of many enemy positions and gun locations that greatly assisted the battalion in making plans for the next day's attack. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Captain Wright merit the highest praise"

The Commander of Company F, 330th Infantry writes:—"I was one of your son Jimmie's closest friends in this man's war. He was sure a fine officer and a real swell fellow. He showed no fear of battle and from the day he took over his company was a wonderful leader. His men loved him and had a great deal of respect for his judgment. To all of us who knew him and fought beside him, it was a sad day when we lost him—a real blow to our whole regiment. He was killed during the Battle of the Bulge, just outside the town of Lierneux. Not more than five minutes later he was in our Battalion Aid station which had just moved forward into the town, but in spite of instant care he died in a few minutes. We all felt very bad over our loss; we had been through so much together. He was buried in Belgium where the people were the nicest of all the Europeans"

His Commanding Colonel writes: "I trust it will be of some comfort for

you in your hours of sorrow to know your son fought honorably and gallantly and that his Supreme Sacrifice has not been in vain. May I join with the officers and men of my command in extending our most sincere sympathy?"

Another officer writes: "As a soldier who knew Captain Wright quite well I can assure you that no man was more devoted to his men than he. His many courageous deeds in leading his command will long be remembered".

His chaplain says:—"I've known your son since he first joined our unit in the States and it was a real grief to me when he was killed. Believe me when I say your son was one of our most trusted and capable officers. He was held in highest esteem both by his superior officers and those who served under him"

Another chaplain: "Your son is at rest in our United States Military Cemetery No. 1 Henri Chapelle, Belgium; appropriate rites were observed at the burial by a chaplain of Protestant faith".

Captain Wright was awarded a Purple Heart under the provisions of General Orders No. 1, 83rd Infantry, dated January 3, 1945; and an Oak-leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart, General Orders No. 1, 83rd Infantry Division, dated January 3, 1945; the Combat Infantry Badge, General Orders No. 8, 330th Infantry, dated 14 August, 1944; a Purple Heart, Posthumously, 23 February, 1945, and the Bronze Star Medal, Posthumously, General Orders No. 44, 83rd Infantry Division, dated March 5, 1945. He was entitled to the European - African - Middle Eastern Theatre Service Ribbon with three bronze campaign stars for Normandy, Northern France and Rhineland Campaigns.

Captain Wright is survived by his parents.

The premature death of these many exemplary young men who died willingly for the Cause of Liberty and Right, is our greatest incentive to bend every effort to secure permanent peace, so they shall not have vainly made the Supreme Sacrifice.

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**William Edward Cramsie**

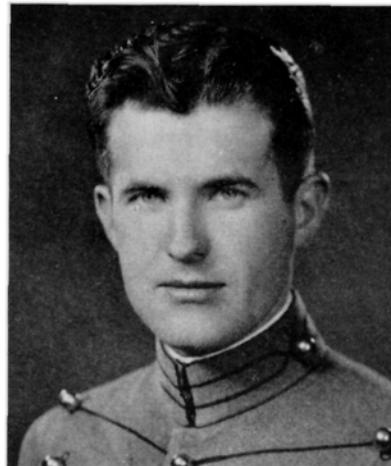
NO. 13487 CLASS OF JUNE, 1943

*Died April 10, 1944, over the English Channel, aged 24 years.*

**W**ILLIAM EDWARD CRAMSIE was born in Marysville, California, on May 31, 1919. As a young boy he attended the Notre Dame Convent of that city. Later, the family moved to Applegate, where Bill completed his elementary education and entered the Placer Union High School at Auburn. By that time Bill was known to his teachers and friends as a young man of exceptional intellectual brilliance and gifts. He excelled in every academic subject and was considered the most gifted musician in the school orchestra. He also found time to act as manager of the school basketball team. In his senior year he was awarded the American Legion medal, having been selected by the

school faculty as the most outstanding member of the graduating class.

Bill had from early boyhood the one great ambition to enter West Point. This lifelong ambition was fulfilled when he was appointed by the late Congressman Englebright from a large list of applicants. He then spent a year at Fort Scott in San Francisco in preparation for entrance to West Point. Shortly after graduating in June 1943, he was sent overseas. The following excerpt from a letter written by Captain Richard Wheeler also of the class of 1943 throws light on Bill's courage and the circumstances under which he lost his life. Both men were assigned to the 671st squadron in the 416th bomb group during their pre-operational training. "Bill was very sociable and democratic. Consequently, he was very popular with the other officers in the group as well as with his own classmates. As a pilot, he was tops, in fact all of us in the Squadron conceded the point that Bill could fly better formation than any of us. . . . We always ran into an abundance of flak from the time we entered the French coast until we left



it. Our targets were mainly the launching sites for the buzz-bombs. Bill was after one of these targets, located near St. Omer, France. He was flying on the left wing of the group leader as the formation approached the target and started the bombing run. The sky was black with flak when Bill received a hit in one of his engines—but the formation did not drop, he stayed right in his position for the second run, and again the formation failed to drop and had to make a third run. Bill's engine was hit again and he was forced to feather it to prevent a fire. It was becoming increasingly difficult for him to hang on to the formation with only one engine, and all this time the flak was getting thicker. It was quite a feat for Bill to keep his ship in formation for three runs on one engine. By so doing he burned out his remaining engine which had to be at full power all of this time. After leaving the target Bill was forced to pull out of the formation and could not maintain altitude. He lost altitude steadily on the way home and was very low approaching the English Channel. There was a layer

of clouds hanging low over the water, and Bill was last seen going into the clouds, his ship still under control."

Thus ended prematurely the career of a brilliant, gifted and devoutly Christian young man. Left to mourn him are his parents, a sister Ruth, who is now a graduate nurse, and Robert, an elder brother recently returned to civilian life after three years service in the European field.

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**Robert John Rooney**

NO. 13696 CLASS OF JUNE, 1943

*Killed in action, March 21, 1945, in Belgium, aged 23 years.*

**F**OOTBALL fans will remember Robert J. Rooney, who starred as a right guard with the Jesuit Blue Jays, played against St. Stanislaus in the Toy Bowl Game, wore the Maroon of Loyola on the gridiron and later played as a pebe at West Point. He was graduated from West Point with the Class of June 1943, in the Air Corps.

Before entering Jesuit High, he graduated from St. Dominic's Catholic School of Lakeview.

Bob was a good football player, aggressive, steady, hard charger and with a cool head on top of it all. He won a lot of honors on the field of sports.

And he didn't do so badly on the more important field of battle, or above the field of battle, for Captain Robert J. Rooney won the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Purple Heart, the Air Medal with eight Oak Leaf Clusters, and all that at twenty-three years of age.

Young Rooney won his Distinguished Flying Cross when he crash-landed his A-20 Havoc Light Bomber. The plane had been shot up by flak and Rooney and his gunner had both been wounded. Bob could have bailed out despite his injury, but he saw that the gunner couldn't, so the former football guard called the signals. His landing gear wouldn't work and the Lieutenant had only one arm he could use but he came right on down after having nursed the plane for miles and miles crossing the English Channel. It was a rough landing, but a safe one and two more men lived to fight again. The story of the young hero who was killed in action March 21, 1945 over Belgium comes to us from the Ninth Air Force Headquarters in France and it tells us that Lieutenant Rooney, now Captain, who was a pilot of an A-26 Invader Bombing plane took part in the bombardments group's 200th raid against German targets.

The Ninth Air Force's Invaders attacked Nazi Troops and gun positions ahead of the British-Canadian salient at the northern end of the Siegfried line. More than ninety-five tons of bombs were dropped by the invaders on the Nazi lines. Captain Rooney had completed sixty-five such missions with the 416th Bombardment Group. Their operations were directed against bridges, supply lines and communications centers behind the German lines as well as against fortified villages and strong points in the path of the ad-

vancing allied troops. In his career as a bomber pilot Captain Rooney went overseas in June 1943.

A young flying officer in the Army Air force and a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, he was a New Orleans boy, Captain Robert J. Rooney, twenty-three years old, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rooney, 311 Harrison Avenue, New Orleans.

One of his brothers, Lieutenant (J.G.) James H. Rooney, Jr. is now back from Pacific duty with the Navy. His other brother, Pat D. Rooney, is now playing left tackle for the Jesuit's Blue Jays.

Captain Lowell E. Geffinger, Air Corps, writes and says as follows:

"Once when an airplane crashed into our officers' living area killing one of our officers, Bob rushed to the scene and helped get the trapped pilot out, totally disregarding his own safety. At the time he did not know whether or not there were bombs in



the airplane which might explode nor did he have any reason to believe that the airplane would not burst into flames, however with his usual coolness, determination and efficiency he worked at the wreckage and was able to direct others when they arrived at the scene. That too was typical.

"On another occasion just after the enemy breakthrough at Ardennes in December, Bob helped us work out a better ground defense plan. Fortunately, we never had to use it, but Bob's help was invaluable and the Nazis would have had a hot reception on their hands if they reached us"

Bob had completed his 65th and last mission and was flying home into the setting sun when another flight leader, also blinded momentarily, changed to an intersecting course and the two leaders collided unwarned.

Robert stayed with the crippled plane in effort to gain control and permit the crew to escape but only the bombardier had time to chute to safety. He was a good leader, comrade and Christian and we shall always remember the friendly spirit-lifting place he filled in our hearts and lives.

After being seriously wounded July 18, 1944 he returned well and back to fight again September 20, 1944.

He was buried with a Catholic military service at a United States military cemetery in Margraten, Holland.

Captain Rooney was killed on 21 March 1945 while returning from a successful bombing mission on the Vreden Road Junction in Germany. The mission had been completed. It was Bob's 65th mission, which constituted his tour of combat duty. His interests in the squadron were varied. Because of his unusual ability and understanding of the problems of a tactical squadron he was given the job of squadron tactical inspector which he did in a superior manner. That too was typical.

The following letter from the War Department, The Adjutant General's office under September 1, 1945 signed by Major General Edward F. Witsell which says:

"Dear Mr. Rooney:

"I have the honor to inform you that, by direction of the President the Air Medal, two Silver, and one Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, representing eleven additional awards of the same decoration have been posthumously awarded to your son, Captain, then First Lieutenant Robert J. Rooney, Air Corps, the Citation is as follows:

"In recognition of meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in the European Theatre of Operations he having participated in the required number of operational sorties against the enemy"

As written after his death, in a letter received by his father from West Point:

"We and your son have all been schooled in the same mold. To all of us has been given a creed, so to speak, in our motto, "Duty, Honor, Country". If one of us is called to make the supreme sacrifice it is not as though he had left us he has simply become a member of that long grey line which stretches through the years of a century told.

"His spirit will always be with us".

—His Father.

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**Edward Charles Christl, Jr.**

NO. 14082 CLASS OF 1944

*Killed in action, May 4, 1945, in Austria, aged 24 years.*

**W**E, of Ed's outfit can never forget the passing of our dear friend and comrade, killed May 4th, 1945, at Eferding in Austria while leading a body of Infantry Troops forward to the attack against holdout S.S. Forces. Yes, Ed met his death in one of his many gallant acts above and beyond his duty as an Artillery Forward Observer.

He joined us in the Fall of 1944, eager of spirit and sure of himself, so much so that he could not fail to inspire those with whom he worked or played. It made no real difference to Ed that he was the only 2d Lieutenant in our Battery, and thus was assigned

all the menial tasks to perform. Each job to him was an important rung to climb upward toward the big job ahead.

Ed was a true leader of men and he inspired their following. Their comfort and safety always was uppermost in his mind, and everyone, Officer and Enlisted Man as well, loved him like a brother.

We thought that we knew Ed well before we left the States, but we found that night in the cellar at Battalion Headquarters near Saarlautern, Germany when Ed asked for the most dangerous forward observation post. He knew no fear. All his enthusiasm shone forth and he was simply trying

to say that it wouldn't be so tough after all.



For those who were with him constantly the name of Altmarschen, Muhlhausen, Regensburg, and Eferding will long be remembered as the places where Ed gave his best for all that he believed to be right, and in finality gave even his life.

To those who loved and knew him his ventures need not be extolled. Even the doughboys with whom he worked knew it. "Call the tall Lt., he'll get us Artillery Fire" or "Ask Lt. Christl, he knows". It was Ed who swam the cold Fulda River to do the job of reconnaissance for the doughboys. And at Eferding one little infantryman was heard to mutter to himself "I'd have killed a dozen of those S.S. \_\_\_\_\_ with my bare hands if I'd known they got that big Lt."

Those who knew Ed will never forget his inspiring courage and devotion to duty and we who loved him so dearly will never forget his kind, considerate and generous nature and ready smile. It is with deep personal sorrow that we bid you farewell, Ed. Our loss is irreplaceable.

—G. W. T., Jr.